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What, Me Need Insurance?

Why should a young single person buy life insurance? He or she doesn't have the same needs as a married person with young children; income protection for the family, a fund for the children's college education, mortgage insurance, income for the spouse during a readjustment period, etc.

Nevertheless, there are some excellent reasons why a young single person should start a life insurance program.

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The Wise Daughter by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a young king who wanted to get married.

"I'll travel far and wide to find the wisest woman there is and I don't care if she is rich or poor. None of that really matters!"

And so, the king took off his royal clothes and donned plain ones and set out to find the woman of his dreams.

On his way he met an old man who was walking to his home.

"Good day," said the disguised king. "Do you mind if I walk with you?"

The old man did not know it was the king he was walking with and agreed to walk together with him.

After a while, the king asked the old man, "What do you say, shall I carry you or shall you carry me?"

The old man said nothing, but thought, "Does that man think I'm nothing but a fool to carry him on my back?"

They continued to walk until they came to a field of wheat.

"What do you say," asked the king to the old man, "has the wheat been eaten or not?"

Again the old man said nothing, but thought, "This man is a fool! Can't he see the wheat is growing right under his nose and he asks me if it's been eaten!"

The disguised king and the old man continued on their way in silence until they came to a town.

Passing through the gates they saw a funeral procession.

"What do you say," asked the king to the old man, "is the man in the coffin dead or alive?"

Once more, the old man did not answer, but thought, "This is the most foolish young man I have ever set eyes on. How could he imagine that person inside the coffin would be alive!"

Finally, fed up with the young man's company, he turned around and said, "I've reached my home and this is where we say goodbye!"

The king bowed and said, "Make sure to knock before entering your home!"

The old man did not pay any attention and pushed the door open without knocking, banging his daughter in the head as she was mopping the floor.

"Oh, dear," he sighed. "I should have listened to what the young man said!"

"What young man is that?" asked his daughter.

"Someone I had met on my walk," replied the old man.

"Where is he now?" asked the daughter, eagerly.

"Outside, walking someplace," replied the old man. "But still the rest of what he told me was just nonsense!"

His daughter looked puzzled. "What do you mean?"

"Well," began the old man, "when we first met he asked me if I could carry him or should he carry me?"

"My goodness," said his daughter. "What he meant was: shall I tell you a tale or shall you tell me one?"

"What are you talking about, child?" asked the old man.

"Traveling always seems shorter and easier if one tells stories," replied his daughter. "It's as if the storyteller was carrying the listener!"

"Perhaps you are right," said the old man.

"What other nonsense did this young man speak?" asked his daughter.

"Well," began the old man, "when we passed a field of growing wheat he wanted to know if it had been eaten or not!"

"Father," sighed his daughter. "He was talking about the harvest. If it's already been sold it's as though it were eaten, but if it hasn't been sold, then the farmer and his family can eat it themselves!"

"Hmmm," said the old man, nodding. "I think you are right again."

His daughter moved closer. "Did this young man say anything else?"

"Well," began the old man, again. "When we entered the town we passed someone's funeral and he asked if the person inside the coffin was dead or alive. Now what could be more foolish than that?"

His daughter smiled. "Nothing could be more simpler. If the man left children behind, it's as if he were still living himself because his line will survive. But if he was childless his death is final as there is no one to come after him!"

"You are absolutely right," said the old man. "I am going to find that young man right now and apologize to him for my rudeness!"

So the old man went out and looked until he found the disguised king and said, "My dear fellow. Now I completely understand everything you said to me."

"Oh," said the king. "And who helped you to do so?"

"My daughter," replied the old man. "I would very much like you to meet her."

"I would be delighted to," said the king, with a smile.

And so, the king went home with the old man who asked him to stay for supper.

When the king sat down at the table, the daughter brought out a chicken on a serving platter and asked him to carve it.

The king took a knife and cut the bird into four parts: He gave the legs to the old man's wife; the wings to the daughter; the head to the old man and the rest to himself.

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The old man turned red and thought, "The nerve of this young man — to give me just the head where there isn't any meat!"

His daughter, seeing her father's anger said, "Don't be upset, Father, as our guest knows exactly what he is doing. He gave you the head because you are the head of the family. He gave mother the legs because she is on her feet all day. He gave me the wings because soon I'll marry and fly away from home and he took the rest for himself because there wasn't anyone else to share it with!"

The king's eyes lit up when he heard this for he then realized that at last he found the wise woman he had been searching for.

He immediately asked her father for her hand and the old man agreed and then the young man informed them that he was their king, whereupon they all lived quite happily and wisely ever after.

Danish Immigrant Museum Receives Grant

Tuborgfondet (the Tuborg Foundation) of Hellerup, Denmark, has presented The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, with a grant of \$5,000 to assist the interior construction of its new facility. This grant represents the largest Danish foundation gift given to the Museum.

"This recent grant raises the total gifts for the Museum building project to over \$2 million of the \$5.4 million needed," according to Charles Frederiksen, Museum President. "We are pleased that the foundation of this major Danish brewery has also seen fit to support our effort in America."

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DBIA Members Need Assistance

On August 8, 1991, the father of three young members was killed in an automobile accident. Richard Larsen of Cheshire, Connecticut, was stopped at an intersection waiting for a break in traffic so he could cross the intersection, when an out of control car became airborne and broadsided Mr. Larsen. He was killed instantly.

Mr. Larsen was a self-employed carpenter and his wife Donna did not work outside the home. They have three daughters. Jennifer is a college student and her two sisters, Sarah and Steffanie are eleven years old. The three girls are members of Lodge No. 32 in New Haven, Connecticut.

In the past, when a tragedy such as this has struck a fellow DBIA family, we have responded with overwhelming response. That is our nature. As a benevolent fraternal organization, we realize what we must do and we take action.

We remember the promise we made during our initiation ceremony — "to stand by each other when illness or sorrow comes to our homes." The Larsen daughters and their mother need our support now.

Situations like this are unfortunate. Fortunately, these three girls are members of a caring, sharing, giving organization. An organization made up of members who will do what they can to provide needed support. A special fund for the Larsen daughters has been established at the National Headquarters. Contributions should be sent to: Danish Brotherhood in America/Larsen daughters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

Through our united support to this family, we prove the benevolent and fraternal spirit of the Danish Brotherhood is alive and well.

Attention Americans in Denmark

The American Women's Club in Denmark is pleased to announce their Cultural Award of 1992. The financial award of 7,500 DKK will be given to an American working or studying in Denmark to support a program of study.

Please call the Danish Brotherhood in America National Headquarters for an application (1-800-553-1937). Completed applications must be sent to The American Women's Club in Denmark, Attention: Alana Rosshirt, P. O. Box 34, 2800 Lyngby, Denmark, by March 20, 1992.

Applications and supporting documents must be in English (with the exception of magazine or newspaper articles which need not be translated) and in triplicate to facilitate the committee's study.

Applications will be evaluated in terms of: (a) the applicant's recognized ability and achievement in a given field; (b) the project's potential to promote the understanding of Danish culture; (c) the project's potential to contribute to Danish culture; and (d) the applicant's financial need.

The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the American Women's Club of Denmark on May 12, 1992.

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1992 Danish Brotherhood Lodge Directory

NOTE: Information for this list is in this order — number and location of the lodge, the secretary's address, the meeting date and meeting place of the lodge. Where no city is mentioned in the secretary's address, it is the same as the city in which the lodge is located. The zip code is given in parenthesis. Secretaries who find an asterisk (*) behind their lodge number are asked to send their 1991 annual lodge report which includes their 1992 lodge officers to the Home Office as soon as possible.

CALIFORNIA

- 39 San Leandro, CA Aage Lundquist, 1159 Island Drive, Alameda, CA (94501). First Friday, 16490 Kent St., San Lorenzo.
- 49* San Francisco, CA Kenneth N. Larsen, 4175 Berdina Rd., Castro Valley, CA (94546). Fourth Wednesday, Odd Fellows Bldg., 26 7th St., San Francisco.
- 67 Fresno, CA L. S. DeLaurant, 1505 N. Lafayette (93728-1123). Second Thursday, 2540 E. Floradora, Fresno.
- 95* Ferndale, CA Francis Sweet, P. O. Box 195, Petrolia, CA (95558). Fourth Tuesday, Danish Hall, Ocean Ave., Ferndale.
- 126 Los Angeles, CA Betty Seale, 708 N. Avon St., Burbank, CA (91505). First Thursday, Alamo Hall, 6401 Ruby St., Los Angeles.
- 143 Petaluma, CA Henry C. Brown, 302 West St. (94952). Third Friday, Petaluma Veterans Memorial, 1900 Petaluma Blvd. So., Petaluma.
- 184* Hayward, CA Signe Ann McNeil, 40759 Creston St., Fremont, CA (94538). First Friday every other month, members' homes.
- 230 Arcata, CA Judith Kjer Denney, P. O. Box 195, Bayside, CA (95524). Third Thursday, Dows Prairie Grange, McKinleyville.
- 255* Selma, CA Walter Hoegh, 1071 E. Nebraska Ave. (93662). First Tuesday, Odd Fellows Hall, Selma.
- 299 Solvang, CA Bruce Pedersen, P. O. Box 1475 (93464). Second Wednesday, Veterans Wing-Memorial Hall, Mission Blvd., Solvang.
- 306 San Diego, CA Lillian Suda, 755 Prescott Ave., El Cajon, CA (92020). Second Wednesday, members' homes.
- 319 Bakersfield, CA William J. McDonald, 1600 El Portal Drive (93309). First Thursday, Labor Hall, 200 W. Jeffery St., Bakersfield.
- 322* Santa Barbara, CA Carl Lauritsen, 2162 E. Valley Rd. (93108). Third Tuesday, 1232 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara.
- 332* Ripon, CA Ann Stowers, 1617 Landes Ct., Modesto, CA (95350). Third Friday, Eagles Hall, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto.
- 345 Orange County, CA Geraldine Olsen, 16410 California Ave., Bellflower, CA (90706). Second Saturday, 14272 Hoover St., Westminster.
- 346 Riverside, CA Nancy Nielsen, 1291 W. Sunset Dr., Redlands, CA (92373). First Saturday, Grand Terrace Community Center, 22130 Barton Rd., Grand Terrace.

COLORADO

- 43* Denver, CO Susan Jensen, 10201 Riverdale Rd., #265, Thornton, CO (80229). Second Tuesday, Eastern Star Building, 225 Acoma St., Denver.
- 254* Brush, CO Lance S. Christensen, 20101 Rd 27 (80723). First Monday, members' homes.
- 261* Fowler, CO Mike Pharr, 32973 County Rd. 9 (81039). Second Thursday, Danish Hall, 3 1/2 miles west of Fowler, on Dutch Road.

CONNECTICUT

- 32 New Britain, CT Barbara No. Carlino, 119 Fairdale Ave., Portland, CT (06489). Second Friday, 300 E. Hilltop, Mendon.
- 37 Bridgeport, CT Erik Garde, 20 Brookhaven (06604). Second Tuesday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Cemetery Dr., Shelton.
- 41 Derby, CT Allen C. Miner, 184 River Rd., Shelton, CT (06484). Third Friday, members' homes.

- 314* Hartford, CT James W. Elliott, 368 Monaco Lane, Glastonbury, CT (06033). First Wednesday, 302 White St., Hartford.

FLORIDA

- 257 St. Petersburg, FL William B. Steffensen, 7055 Monte Carlo, Pinellas Park, FL (34665). Third Thursday, American Legion Post #104, 7550 60th St., N., Pinellas Park.

IDAHO

- 264* Pocatello, ID Shaun Watson, Rt. 1 N., Box 68 (83201). First Saturday, 1365 N. Main, Pocatello.

ILLINOIS

- 17 Chicago, IL Albertice C. Nylan, 97 Carriage Rd., Barrington, IL (60010). First Thursday, 5844 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.
- 34 Dwight, IL Margaret Goodwin, 304 E. James St. (60420). Second Monday, V.F.W., Old Route 66, Dwight.
- 35 Chicago, IL Frank Connery, 340 Virginia Ave., Glenwood, IL (60425). Third Friday, 9701 S. Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park.
- 64 Rockford, IL Sofus T. Sorensen, 3126 Nadine Ave. (61111). Third Wednesday, Baltic Lodge, 1524 9th St., Rockford.
- 92 St. Charles, IL Andrea Krueger, 6N899 Crestwood Drive (60175). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, 2nd Ave. & E. Main, St. Charles.
- 107* Chicago, IL Wilbur Jensen, 3110 W. 114th Place (60655). Second Tuesday, Harold Petersen's Hall, 14537 Chicago Rd., Dalton.
- 182* Waukegan, IL Janet Petersen, 1933 N. Jackson (60087). Second Friday, Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County, Waukegan.
- 340* Wood Dale, IL Janet Villacci, 7231 S. Wolf Rd. C-8, Indian Head Park, IL (60625). First Friday, members' homes.

INDIANA

- 245 South Bend, IN Donald B. Lynch, 405 Sugar Pine Dr., Mishawaka, IN (46545). No meeting.

IOWA

- 3 Davenport, IA Carl Christensen, 528 W. 12th Ave., Milan, IL (61264). Second Thursday, American Legion Hall, Davenport.
- 10 Council Bluffs, IA E. A. (Bud) Grunberg, 2315 S. 11th St. (51501). Second Tuesday, members' homes.
- 15 Des Moines, IA Goldie Sorensen, P. O. Box 558, Altoona, IA (50009). Second Monday, American Legion Hall, 68 & Douglas, Urbandale.
- 62 Sioux City, IA Charles W. Boulden, 3226 4th Ave. (51106). Last Saturday of April, June, August, October and December, 1801 4th St., Sioux City.
- 134* Ringsted, IA No meeting.
- 144 Dike, IA Lyle R. Refshauge, Box 272 (50624). Second Monday, Dike Community Hall, 540 Main St., Dike.
- 147 Newell, IA Elmer Jensen, RR 1, Box 5 (50568). Third Wednesday, Allee Building, Main St., Newell.
- 217* Humboldt, IA Violet Bergeson, 1108 N. 15th St. (50548). Second Monday, Senior Citizen's Building, Humboldt.
- 219 Clear Lake, IA Kathleen Sossalla, 801 Crestview Dr., Webster City, IA (50595). Second Saturday, I.O.O.F. Hall, 309 1/2 Main Ave., Clear Lake.
- 220* West Branch, IA Judith Nealsen, RR 1, Box 108, Lone Tree, IA (52755). First Saturday every month, members' homes.
- 231* Mount Pleasant, IA Alice Strimmon, RR #2, Box 65, Atlantic, IA (50022). First Monday of even numbered months, alternating with 2nd Thursday.
- 247 Cedar Rapids, IA Otto Wail, 362 E. Post Rd. S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA (52403). First Thursday, 600 7th Ave., Marion.

349 **Atlantic, IA** Evelyn Rechtenbach, 1607 Olive (50022). Second Monday every other month, Rolling Hills Bank, East 7th, Atlantic.

MICHIGAN

30***Muskegon, MI** David B. Weller, 1742 W. Norton Ave. (49441). Fourth Tuesday, Moose Lodge, 2330 Barclay Ave., Muskegon.

51***Ludington, MI** Robert Jensen, 5416 W. Chauvez Rd. (49431). First Wednesday, 1014 S. Madison St., Ludington.

70 **Greenville, MI** Darwin Noah, 2769 W. Sidney Rd., Sidney, MI (48885). Second and fourth Friday, DBS Hall, 126 W. Grove, Greenville.

106***Trufant, MI** Mary L. Nielsen, 121 First St. (49347). Fourth Saturday, DB Hall, Second St., Trufant.

227 **Detroit, MI** Karl Larsen, 6535 Kingsbury, Dearborn Heights, MI (48127). Second and fourth Wednesday, Danish Inn, 22711 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

MINNESOTA

45 **Minneapolis, MN** Harold Chrysler, 1449 Angelo Dr., Golden Valley, MN (55422). Third Friday, 4200 Cedar Avenue So., Minneapolis.

75 **Albert Lea, MN** Grace Tomson, 711 North Shore (56007). First Saturday, Senior Citizen's Center, 146 W. Clark St., Albert Lea.

121***Tyler, MN** Hilda Hansen, 441 S. Tyler St. (56178). First Saturday, Senior Citizen's Center, Tyler.

263***Askov, MN** Edna Petersen, Box 85 (55704). First Wednesday, Partridge Cafe, Askov.

MISSOURI

56 **Kansas City, MO** Otto M. Larsen, 328 N. 13th St., Kansas City, KS (66102). Third Saturday, Senior Citizen's Center, 13425 Walnut, Lenexa.

MONTANA

273 **Dillon, MT** Helen Tommerup, 2100 Sawmill Rd. (59725). First Saturday, 9th N. Idaho, Dillon.

283 **Dagmar, MT** Gregg Nielsen, 329 W. Boundary, Plentywood, MT (59254). Second Monday, Lodge Hall, Dagmar.

NEBRASKA

1 **Omaha, NE** James Christiansen, 3012 S. 126th Pl. #62 (68144). First Tuesday, Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st St., Omaha.

16 **Minden, NE** Marie Nelson, 122 N. Nebraska (68959). Third Thursday, Community Center, 403 N. Colorado, Minden.

26***Fremont, NE** Larry L. Ludvigsen, 1619 E. 16th St. (68025). When called.

84 **Lincoln, NE** Erik Hansen, 3912 J Street (68510). Second Saturday, Odd-fellow Hall, 1155 N. 56th, Lincoln.

110***Winside, NE** When called. No officers.

117***Plainview, NE** Louis Petersen, RR 1, Box 226 (68769). Third Tuesday, Legion Club, Plainview.

125***Weeping Water, NE** Kenneth Lauritzen, Rt. 1, Box 9 (68463). Second Tuesday, secretary's home, Weeping Water.

161***Ruskin, NE** Glennis McCutcheon, RR 1, Box 152, Hardy, NE (68943). Second Saturday, Ruskin Community Room, Ruskin.

177 **Cordova, NE** Faye M. Petersen, RR 1, Box 42, McCool Junction, NE (68401-9719). Third Thursday, members' homes.

195***Omaha, NE** Edward Krause, 1308 S. 165th Ave. (68130). First Thursday, American Legion Hall, 61st and Maple Streets, Omaha.

206 **Blair, NE** Helen McNichols, 1406 Butler St. (68008). Fourth Monday, River-view Grange Hall, 21st and Jackson St., Blair.

211***Grand Island, NE** Vera Petersen, Rt. 1, Box 120, St. Paul, NE (68873). Last Thursday, Blue Flame Room, 515 W. Third, Grand Island. No meetings in June, July and August.

213***Ord, NE** Marlea Kittle, RR 1, Box 42 (68862) When called

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288 **Cotasfield, NE** Doris Simpson, RR 1, Box 4 (68829). When needed, members' homes.

NEVADA

339***Las Vegas, NV** April Gerrity, P. O. Box 72211 (89170). Last Monday, 3527 Montego Dr., Las Vegas.

NEW JERSEY

46 **Perth Amboy, NJ** Kenneth Nielsen, 95 Ira Ave., Colonia, NJ (07067-2434). Second Wednesday, 855 New Durham Rd., Edison.

116***Newark, NJ** Donald Heckmann, 32 Rector St., Millburn, NJ (07041). Fourth Friday except July and Aug., Continental Masonic Temple, 37 Spring St., Millburn.

NEW YORK

71 **Penn Yan, NY** Clarence Jensen, 1179 Townline Rd. (14527). Third Saturday, Lodge Home, 100 E. Elm St., Penn Yan.

164 **New York, NY** Debra Sorensen, One Lufberry Ave., New Brunswick, NJ (08901). Third Saturday, Danish Athletic Club, 735 6th St., Brooklyn.

183 **Troy, NY** Harry B. Jensen, Jr., 50 McDonald Dr., Cohoes, NY (12047). Second Saturday, DB Hall, 37 112th St., Troy.

190 **Schenectady, NY** Carl Christensen, 1357 Wemple Lane (12309). Third Wednesday, Van Dyke Restaurant, 237 Union St., Schenectady.

300***Oneonta, NY**

325 **Nassau County, NY** Karen Witt, 48 Broad St., Williston Park, NY (11596). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, Franklin Ave. and Legion Place, Malverne.

OHIO

170***Rocky River, OH** Richard A. Zeager, 2812 Northview (44116). First Friday, American Legion Hall, 695 Cahoon Rd., Bay Village.

225***Canton, OH** Audrey Pedersen, 3615 Frazier Ave. NW (44709). First Friday, First Federal Savings Bldg., 1000 N. Main St., North Canton.

301***Akron, OH** Tage Hojfeldt, Pres., 1516 Hilton Dr. (44313). Third Saturday, 2074 W. Market St., Akron.

OREGON

167***Portland, OR** Kathrine Jensen, 814 NE 4th St., Gresham, OR (97030). First Wednesday, Norse Hall, 111 N.E. 11th Ave., Portland.

194 **McMinnville, OR** Bonnie Hansen, 7802 S.E. Amity Rd., Amity, OR (97101). First Monday, 133 Adams, Lafayette.

268***Junction City, OR** Einar Skovbo, 93710 Prairie Rd. (97448). First Tuesday, 195 W. 5th St., Junction City.

348 **Eugene, OR** Susie Staats, 805 Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg, OR (97446). Second Thursday, 1836 Alder, Eugene.

PENNSYLVANIA

172 **Philadelphia, PA** Knud Koefoed, 1004 Orienta Terrace, Pitman, NJ (08071). First Friday, Masonic Lodge, Woodland Ave., Rt. 420, Springfield, PA.

202***Warren, PA** Lawrence A. Andersen, 179 Davis St., Youngsville, PA (16371). Second Wednesday, Warren Grange Hall, Crescent Park, Warren.

242 **Erie, PA** Henry Jensen, 2656 Sigsbee St. (16508). Third Wednesday, Danish Club, 1146 W. 8th St., Erie.

342 **Bucks County, PA** Betty Jensen, 44 Roundabout Lane, Levittown, PA (19055). Third Friday, Sons of Norway Hall, 187 State Rd., Andalusia.

RHODE ISLAND

102***Providence, RI** Erling Braumann, Treasurer, 115 White Ave., Warwick (02886). Once a month at members' homes.

SOUTH DAKOTA

139 **Viborg, SD** Deborah Pederson, RR 3, Box 80A (57070). First Thursday.

VERMONT

294***Barre, VT** Helen Lunde, 5 Beech St. (05641). Second Tuesday, Barre Senior Citizen's Center, 135 N. Main St., Barre.

WASHINGTON

- 29 **Seattle, WA** Clyde R. Langsted, 12215 11th Ave. N.W. (98177). First Wednesday except July and August, The Danish Center, Meridan Office Bldg., 1833 N. 105th St., Room 204, Seattle.
- 33 **Tacoma, WA** Signe Wenness, 1213 N. Verde (98406). Second Saturday, 3025 Pacific Highway E., Tacoma.
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- 14 **Kenosha, WI** Ronald Jensen, P. O. Box 4205 (53141). First and third Tuesday, 2206 63rd St., Kenosha.
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- 344* **Janesville, WI** Alice Barlass, RR 1, County A E (53545). Fourth Thursday, V.F.W. Club, Janesville.

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- 148* **Cheyenne, WY**

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- 328 **Vancouver, B.C.** Peter Jensen, 1721 Laurier Ave., Port Coquitlam, B.C. (V3B 2C3). First Wednesday, 5762 Sprout St., Burnaby.

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Denmark's Freedom Museum

by Beatrice Levin

Denmark's Freedom Museum was opened to the public on October 15, 1957, and a decade later, in 1967, a hut in the Froslev camp, a former German prisoners' camp in south Jutland, was brought to the Museum. Thus, in 1992, two events may be observed: the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Museum itself, and the twenty-fifth of the addition of the ugly hut.

Lest we forget, the museum displays a memory urn with these moving words by Otto Gelsted:

"You passing through this hall
Stop here and think a moment
Of those who in their sacrifice
Gave us this reward.

And go again your own way
But remember yours is the choice
To waste their blood
Or honour it in the flame of life."

On April 9, 1940, German bombers dropped proclamations written in a bungling mixture of Danish, Norwegian and German as Nazi troops disembarked in Danish ports and a Nazi division crossed the Danish-German frontier. Denmark, defenseless against the German military might, had to accept "Nazi protection."

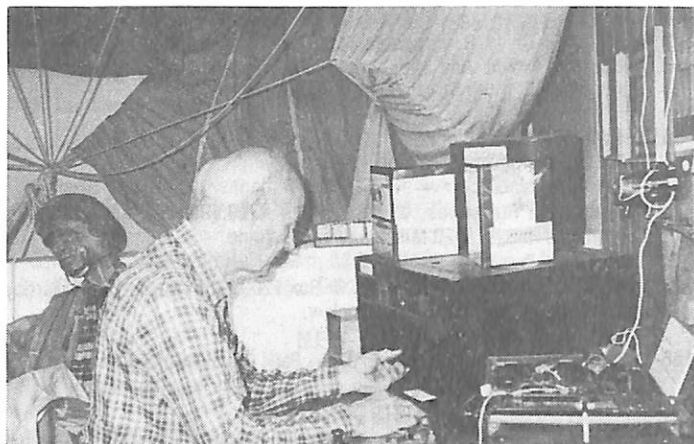
King Christian X became a symbol of Denmark's resistance. On his 70th birthday, September 26, 1940, Danes gathered throughout the country to sing patriotic and religious songs. An entire population turned out to demonstrate by wearing "King's badges" or caps in RAF colors. From that time on, an illegal press interpreted the struggle against the Nazis. From 1940-1945, almost 25 million pamphlets and newspapers, many with cartoons or humorous articles became an instrument to defeat the dour Germans.

Ironically, the Resistance invaded a printing shop that had originally been used by a Nazi collaborationist. The Danes carried off paper, printing ink and all the paraphernalia to the underground in 1944. From that time on, there was a cat-and-mouse game between the Nazis and the Danes. Evenings at a dental clinic, the local edition of "Frit Danmark" was set in type and printed. Reports of successful sabotage appeared regularly to boost Danish morale. The Museum displays the printing press that was used. It had to be moved four times when the Gestapo almost located it. Those who worked on the illegal paper, "Frit Denmark" and the shop itself escaped detection although the press had to be dismantled and smuggled out repeatedly. In the last months before liberation, the press issued the first copies of the "Liberation Song," which became a triumphant hit after the occupation.

"Frit Danmark" was only one of many underground publications, some printed on primitive duplicators.

In Denmark, as elsewhere in a world at war, people had to black out their homes and the street lamps. Danes could not import coffee, tea, spices, tobacco or cloth. When gas was no longer available, the Danes manufactured gas generators for cars. Horsedrawn cars and trucks became a common sight. Even bicyclists had to be innovative, substituting rods made of wood for tires.

Stories of Danish heroism endure. Danes who lived abroad volunteered for special training to be dropped as parachute agents in Denmark. About sixty Danes were dropped and they organized sabotage against Nazi occupation. Allied planes also



In the Museum of Denmark's Flight for Freedom, a Dane who fought for freedom during the 1940-45 war taps out a message on the illegal transmitter that had contact between Danes and the Swedish Island Hven in the Sound.

Innocent-appearing baby carriages, loaded with weapons or parachutes, were pushed through Copenhagen streets.

dropped containers of arms and radio transmitters. Wire operators established communication between the Resistance and Britain. An ingenious Danish engineer constructed a practical "Telephone Directory" that fit into a briefcase.

England dropped parts for submachine-guns that sabotage groups were able to reproduce in Danish workshops. Blueprints for the Stenguns were camouflaged as ordinary machine parts. The Danes made "saboteur's nails" for puncturing tires, and flame-throwers, hand grenades and bombs. Sometimes German soldiers, asked to help load the heaviest cases on the rail cars, cooperated (to the amusement of the saboteurs).

The Longebro (Long Bridge) in Copenhagen was blown up to lock up 17 merchant ships in the Copenhagen harbor, thus preventing the Germans from sequestering the ships.

Even youngsters played a role in sabotage. Holger Danske had about 500 members. The RAF Club was launched in 1941 by Odense school boys. A group of boys in Aalborg considered the resistance too weak and calling themselves the Churchill Club, targeted firms working for the Nazis and German ships, airfields and rails. Teenagers destroyed Nazi telephone cables, set fire to cars and manufactured incendiary bombs.

One of the first successful sabotages of a German train was on Nov. 6, 1942. Sabotage of railways in Jutland prevented the transfer of 40,000 Nazi troops who were required to remain behind just to guard the train routes.

Although threatened by severe German reprisals, in August 1943, the Danes intensified the sabotage and began disturbances and strikes throughout the country. In retribution, German troops attacked the Danish Army and Navy. The Danish government deliberately stopped functioning. After a brief, hopeless, resistance at Army barracks, Danes were disarmed and interned. The Navy, however, managed to sail some ships to Sweden, and they sank the rest before the Germans could confiscate them.

The Nazis promised to intern Danish politicians and well-known individuals in a "better situation" at the Horserod Camp in North Zealand if the Danes would build the camp. The Danes refused. In the Froslev Camp, Danes in crowded cells lived in constant fear of torture and interrogation. The prisoners learned to signal at walls and water pipes to contact others.

Prisoners arriving at the concentration camp were stripped of everything. They were given ill-fitting shoes and prison uniforms. Hair on the head and body was shaved, and saved for

Nazi war production. German thrift. The average life expectancy in a German concentration camp was three months, because of cruel treatment and a starvation diet.

As the news that the Nazis were losing the war, Danes feared that all the prisoners would be murdered. Under the leadership of Count Folke Bernadotte, an organization of Swedes, Norwegians and Danes succeeded in persuading the Heinrich Himmler to bring all the Scandinavian prisoners to a section of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp near Hamburg. They were evacuated from there to Sweden. Thousands of men and women were carried away from the chaos of the dying Nazi empire in "White Buses" from Sweden and from the Danish Jutland Corps.

Early on, in the outbreak of the war, the King had insisted that Danish Jews were Danish citizens, and he declared that no one would be forced to wear a yellow Star of David in Denmark.

In the fall of 1943, a Nazi shipping attache inadvertently revealed to some Danish politicians, plans to arrest Jews and deport them to a concentration camp. The Jewish Community was alerted, and families quickly found refuge with Christian friends. The Danes organized a rescue operation for ten nights, spiriting Jews across the dark waters in fishing crafts and small boats to Sweden. Across these very waters in these same crafts, the Danish underground had transported arms and resistance

couriers. Now, in the dead of night, almost seven thousand Danish Jews, leaving behind all they owned in the world, were hidden in private boats that sailed to neutral Sweden. Babies were carried by strangers and little children were helped along with the aged to Sweden. There the refugees were welcomed with warmth and shelter.

The ship "Anne" carried weapons and fugitives from the port of Copenhagen to Sweden. Through Sweden, the Resistance had vital communication with the Allies. Perhaps as many as 20,000 Danish refugees were sheltered in Sweden, provided with clothing, jobs and a new life. Sweden set up schools for Danish youngsters.

The Museum exhibits uniforms worn by the "Danish Brigade" of 5,000 young men and women who had military training in Sweden where women eagerly joined the "Danish Women's Voluntary Army Corps."

Throughout Denmark, there are memorial parks and monuments for those who fell to the Nazi terror. Danes everywhere have reason to be proud of the role played by their nation in the fight for freedom. In the courtyard of the Museum of Denmark's Fight for Freedom, (1940-1945) Halfdan Rasmussen's words are engraved on a wall:

"His friends are here tonight
His dreams are ours forever."

Our Lodges in Action

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Officers for 1992 are as follows: Past President, Rudy Vida; President, Lawrence Charneski; Vice President, Darrell Larsen; Secretary, Rudy Vida; Treasurer, Emil Larsen; Trustees, Fred Matheny, Henning Nord and Merle Kinder. An installation of officers and banquet will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Restaurant, E 5615 Trent Road.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The first time after the New Year that we had a chance to get together was Saturday, January 11, at the Embassy Suites for an installation party for our new officers. We had over 100 persons enjoying a wonderful Danish dinner, a Nordlys Scandinavian Dancers presentation and folkdancing with all the members. It was enjoyed by all.

Jens Jensen recently presented Herbert Fahl with his 50-year membership pin. Herb served as president of our lodge in 1945.

The best idea for March goes to Lodge No. 186, Luck, WI. See page 15.



Congratulations to 50-year member, Herbert Fahl!

The annual district bowling tournament will be held in Enumclaw on March 21. Notice the date has been changed. Everyone needs to bowl three games to establish an average. You don't have to be a good bowler to join a team. The bowling starts in

the afternoon with dinner, awards, dancing, etc., to follow in the Enumclaw Lodge Hall. It's an opportunity to get to know fellow district members. This is always a fun event and the lodge hall and bowling alley are within walking distance of the motel. Call Debbie Johnson if you are interested.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — On January 18, the Brotherhood held their annual smoker. There were 94 Brothers/wives and escorts in attendance. When the Brothers arrived, they enjoyed a nice punch being served. The food was prepared by Henny Andersen and her staff. The meal was served by Megan, Susan, Celi and Evan. Everyone danced to the music after the wonderful meal.

During the evening, Peter Praegel was presented with his past president's pin and Børge Eskesen was presented with his 25-year membership pin.

This was the last party given by our old Fest Committee of 1991. We would like to thank them for a job well done.

The sixth annual Danish-American soccer tournament will be held in Spokane, Washington, on Saturday, July 11. Please

mark your calendar for this weekend and make plans to attend.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — We began our January 9 meeting with a social hour in the parlor of the Sons of Norway Lodge followed by a feast prepared and served by Sonja's Daughters to 74 of us. We were delighted to have several guests with us, namely Peter and Kate Praegel, Presidents of the Pacific-Northwest District Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and Herluf and Bente Pedersen, Pacific-Northwest District Fraternal Coordinators. Henning and Mona Kristiansen also brought guests from Canada and Denmark. Carl Nielsen of Junction City also dined with us. Our other special guests were Howard and Beverly Loseth of Eugene. We closed our meal with a round of applause and song of appreciation for the talented Sonja's Daughters who fed us so very well.

Our business meeting began with initiation of our first two new members for 1992, Marilyn Sird and Ellen Barthel. We all rose to welcome them.

We also marked our calendars for the upcoming outing to the Very Little Theatre on March 15 for a matinee performance of "Once Upon A Mattress," with dinner to follow at a local restaurant. We had some discussion of the district bowling tournament that will take place in Enumclaw on March 21 and the national bowling tournament. We also learned more about Operation Care and Share. Scott Stefansen advised that our donations are usually taken to the Warehouse of Food for Lane County and distributed by them to needy folks throughout the region. President Nyegaard encouraged us to be even more generous with our gifts in 1992.

The final business of the evening was the installation of our officers for 1992. Peter Praegel presided over the official installation of Past President, Scott Stefansen; President, Al Nyegaard; Vice

President, Glenn Matson; Secretary, Susie Staats; Treasurer, Kris Sand; Conductor, Martin Taekker; First Trustee, Jim Larson; Second Trustee, Anita Lyngaard; and Third Trustee, Sharon Medart. Once installed, President Nyegaard asked us to continue inviting people to become members, and to increase the average attendance at meetings. With business completed, we adjourned to the dining room for more good fellowship.

As we enjoyed coffee and cookies, we were presented useful information by Herluf Pedersen about potential lodge activities.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST DISTRICT**



Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — President Doris Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. A moment of silence was observed for two of our members who have recently passed away.

Secretary Betty Seale was absent from the meeting so Sofie Christoffersen took the minutes of the meeting.

Two new members were initiated: Oluf Pedersen and his wife, Bonnie Pedersen. Welcome to Lodge No. 126!

President Doris welcomed all the members of the former Alhambra Lodge and these members are officially members of our lodge. Our lodge grew stronger by about 30 members and we welcome all of you.

The president and vice president thanked all the members and friends that helped with the Christmas party. The children had such a great time and it was delightful to see 45 of them enjoying themselves. We would like to thank Lloyd Christensen for being Santa Claus. We

would also like to thank the Soldiers' Society for letting us use their beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Past President Karl Duus suggested that we have a contest for our membership drive. After some discussion as to the contest prizes, a motion was made and passed that \$100 be paid to the member that brings in the most members, \$50 will go to the member bringing in the next highest number of new members and \$25 to the third highest. The contest runs from January 1, 1992, to December 31, 1992. This includes both insured and social members.

The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m. and refreshments followed. Thank you Doris for making all the cakes and cookies.

Congratulations to the new slate of officers for 1992 and to the 1991 officers for all the hard work you put in. The new officers are as follows: Past President, Karl Duus; President, Doris Christensen; Vice President, Karen Rowse; Secretary, Betty Seale; Treasurer, Owen Miller; Financial Secretary, Harold Mathiasen; Conductor, Tommy Bristing; Trustees, Ove Hansen, Roy Christoffersen and Erik Kofod and Guard, David Seale. **Anne Kofod, Cor.**

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — Our installation of new officers was held on February 1 at the Petaluma Golf and Country Club with 70 guests attending. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather. The festivities began with a happy hour at 5 p.m. This was followed by dinner with the food being prepared by our own Sisters. Toastmaster for the evening was Dr. Jim A. Larsen.

Installation ceremonies were then held. We were fortunate that our own "Big Jim" Larsen, President of the California-Nevada District, and District Coordinator, Karl Duus of Arcadia, were both able to attend our ceremonies and perform the installation of our officers. An escort team of four young ladies from our local Sisterhood lead the officers to their stations.

1992 DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

| District | Host Lodge | Date |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Pacific-Northwest | Lodge No. 268, Junction City, OR | May 1-3 |
| California-Nevada | Lodge No. 299, Solvang, CA | July 30-Aug. 1 |
| Iowa-Minnesota | Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA | September 11-13 |
| Midwest | Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL | September 25-27 |
| Nebraska | Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE | August 21-23 |
| Michigan-Ohio | Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI | May 16 |
| G.C.E.L. | Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ | September 4-7 |

The slate of officers for 1992 are as follows: Past President, Dr. Jim A. Larsen; President, Frank Taddei; Vice President, Larry Parks; Secretary, Henry Brown; Treasurer, Walt Miller; Trustee, Jack Cameron; Conductor, Tom Wilson; and Guard, Jack Hansen. We were honored by the presence of National Director Ebba Norby.

Following the installation ceremonies, dancing was enjoyed until 11 p.m. On Sunday morning, there was a breakfast at Carrow's Restaurant. It was a pleasant way to end the weekend. Our officers, together with the Sisterhood officers, will hold a meeting to plan our year's activities.

On January 25, fifteen Petalumans traveled north to Arcata to attend Humboldt Lodge No. 230 and Gimle Lodge No. 95 of Ferndale's joint installation. As usual, the hospitality was warm and we enjoyed a weekend of wonderful fellowship with our good friends in the north. On Sunday, approximately 25 of us enjoyed breakfast together at Samoa Cookhouse before we went our separate ways.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — Due to lack of participation, we were forced to cancel our installation dinner last month.

Due to some difficulties we have encountered with the Norway Hall, we will not be meeting there any more. We have vacated the building and all of our belongings are in storage. We will be meeting on March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rick and Margaret Carlson.

Lillian Suda, Sec.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Our joint installation of officers at the Jolly Roger Inn on January 11 was quite a success. Our evening began with a cocktail hour. We had members from Orange County, Riverside, Los Angeles, Alhambra, and Petaluma in attendance. Following dinner, the installation of officers took place. Many thanks to District President Jim Larsen and District Conductor Karl Duus for the fine job they did in installing the new 1992 officers of our lodge, along with Riverside Lodge No. 346.

We really had a special evening because many district officers were in attendance. District Past Presidents, Howard Kjellsen, Karen Rowse, and Sue Patterson, extended words of greetings to the group. We were also pleased to have District Secretary-Treasurer Owen Miller and District Inner Guard Gary Gossett with us. District President Jim Larsen's wife Donna and District Conductor Karl Duus' wife Louise were also present.

District Fraternal Coordinators, Jim and

Donna Larsen and Ken and Gerry Olsen took the opportunity to address the members on a few topics of importance including the Fraternal Fund.

Many thanks to the 1991 board of officers for donating the lovely raffle gifts for the installation.

Completing the evening, disc jockey Bill Horton kept the music going for several hours while many danced and had fun.

Special thanks to President Jim Wiegandt for being the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and to both Jim and Ardythe Wiegandt for organizing the entire evening.

Also Holger Danske membership would like to express our sincere thanks to our Past President Jim Wiegandt for the fine job he did as our 1991 president!

Operation: H.O.P.E. projects this year will include: support of and donations to the Christian Temporary Housing Facility; collecting the tabs from aluminum cans for donation to the Ronald McDonald House; collection of women's clothing for donation to the battered women in Fullerton; collection of no-longer-used eyeglasses for recycled use; and collection of canned goods at the December meeting for donation of holiday baskets.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Thirteen members attended our first Board meeting of the year on January 4. It was a great turnout and we got a lot accomplished.

Twelve members of our lodge attended our joint installation with Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 at the Jolly Roger Inn in Anahiem. District President Jim Larsen came down from Petaluma and installed the officers of both lodges with District Conductor Karl Duus from Los Angeles assisting. We had a very nice dinner followed by the installation and a dance. Holger Danske made a very nice evening for us and we thank them very much. Mange tak and congratulations to all the new officers of both lodges.

At a district officers' meeting on January 18 in Solvang, some new ideas were brought up, one being the organization of an R.V. group camp out. District Vice President Johannes Jaeger is sending out a questionnaire to lodges for input and interest. He will suggest three possible locations for the first camp out. The campgrounds suggested are centrally located with things to do and see. Please let one of the officers know how you feel about this idea.

March 7 will be a busy day with the

regular meeting, Board meeting, St. Paddy's Dinner and white elephant bingo. Our May 2 meeting will include open face sandwiches and a 4th of May Liberation Day film.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

NEBRASKA

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — New officers for this year are as follows: President, Duane Hansen; Vice President, John Norton; Secretary, Jim Christiansen; Treasurer, Svend Greve; Chairman of Trustees, Lois Hansen; Second Trustee, Ruby Welna; Third Trustee, Ted Stollard and Conductor, Charles Johnson. We congratulate the officers and pledge to them our support for the new year.

President Duane Hansen thanks Andy and Annette Andersen for being our newsletter editors in 1991. We appreciate all your work. We welcome back Ruth Nielsen who will be our Viking Vista editor.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — On January 18, 41 members and guests enjoyed the annual soup supper and a most interesting film, Discovering Denmark.

Herb Nielsen opened the meeting and new officers for 1992 were installed. All nine officers were present.

Our 1992 president, Glen Haselbarth, conducted the business meeting, discussion of lodge dues increase, scholarships being available, fund raisers and how committees for 1992 were appointed and their duties.

Bill Jorgensen told of his part in the humanities program at Minden High School to approximately 20 teachers. He told of Danish ethnic things such as language, church, names and some of the cultures. All were pleased to hear his report.

On December 19, Marie Nelson hosted our 1992 officers meeting with 12 in attendance. Yearbooks were planned and fund raising was discussed.

Bill and Merrielle Jorgensen were appointed chairman of the 1992 Nebraska District Convention to be held in Minden on August 21-23.

Marie Nelson, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our annual family Christmas supper was well attended by 41 members and guests. It was a potluck with the lodge furnishing pork roast and turkey and members bringing the trimmings. It turned out to be more successful than our previous restaurant suppers. We had a

wide variety of foods and plenty of it. Following supper, all adjourned to the upstairs to enjoy the evening. Jerry Christensen led us in Christmas carols and he also sang a number of solos. Presents were passed out to the children and also to the adults who had participated in the gift exchange.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

Fraternal Office Notice

Operation Care and Share and/or Operation: H.O.P.E. reporting forms should be sent to the Home Office no later than March 15, 1992. Reporting forms received prior to March 15 will receive recognition in the American Dane magazine. We want to share your projects and ideas with other lodges.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — President Harlan Nelson called the meeting to order at the Senior Citizens Center at 7:30 p.m. on February 1. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

The secretary's report, treasurer's report and report of the auditing committee chairman, Alton Neve, were read and accepted as read.

A motion was made that we, as members, make the customary pre-convention loan of \$100 to the hosts of the 1995 National Convention.

A discussion was held with regard to our 98th anniversary banquet on May 2. We are making reservations for the site of the banquet to be at the American Legion Club Rooms.

President Nelson reported that the "Miss Albert Lea Mermaid" statue group is progressing in their plans and that memorials and contributions are now being accepted.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ernest A. Andersen.

A most fitting slide presentation by Marie and Bidne Bergie was presented, showing slides of buildings and businesses of the early Danish settlers and in many cases, was able to show the continued businesses and present day appearance of these same buildings. A special tribute was made by President Nelson to Bidne Bergie who is now retiring from many of his volunteer positions. They state they will continue their wonderful slide presentations to the people of Albert Lea and Freeborn County.

Hosts for the evening were Orva and Phil Sorensen and Alvina and Waldo Smith.

Grace Tomson, Sec.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — Our lodge, together with Sisterhood Lodge No. 176 met in January and in addition to routine business, we discussed plans for the upcoming Iowa-Minnesota District Convention which Dike will host on September 11-13. It will be at the Red Fox Inn in Waverly, Iowa. Some tentative arrangements have been made for the program dance band and food.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec

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| Pamela A. Ford | 167 | Portland, OR | Jens N. Jensen |
| Robert C. Jensen | 167 | Portland, OR | Jens N. Jensen |
| Dane R. Jensen | 167 | Portland, OR | Robert C. Jensen |
| Donna J. Jensen | 167 | Portland, OR | Robert C. Jensen |
| Emma J. Snodgrass | 167 | Portland, OR | Pamela A. Ford |
| Julia C. Fahl | 167 | Portland, OR | Herbert R. Fahl |
| Laura J. Leineweber | 167 | Portland, OR | Morris H. Stansbury |
| Stephen D. Leineweber | 167 | Portland, OR | Morris H. Stansbury |
| Meghan J. Leineweber | 167 | Portland, OR | Morris H. Stansbury |
| Regina V. Nielsen | 172 | Philadelphia, PA | Mogens Hempel |
| Lowell D. Mathison | 268 | Junction City, OR | Mogens Pedersen |
| Taylor E. Nielsen | 283 | Dagmar, MT | Eric K. Nielsen |
| Arthur C. Lund | 342 | Bucks Co., PA | Inger Bente Ferguson |
| Helga A. Lund | 342 | Bucks Co., PA | Inger Bente Ferguson |
| Marilyn J. Aird | 348 | Eugene, OR | Mogens Pedersen |
| Aleen A. Weaver | 349 | Atlantic, IA | Gladys P. McCrory |
| John W. Jensen | 600 | Omaha, NE | Wayne Mouritzen |
| Harry E. Nelson | 600 | Omaha, NE | Eigil M. Andersen |
| Harry S. Sutton | 600 | Omaha, NE | Eigil M. Andersen |
| Robert S. Hansen | 600 | Omaha, NE | Eigil M. Andersen |
| Robert E. Hansen | 600 | Omaha, NE | Eigil M. Andersen |
| Jannette M. Hansen | 600 | Omaha, NE | Eigil M. Andersen |
| Jennifer L. Weck | 600 | Omaha, NE | Carl E. Kristensen |
| Courtney E. Weck | 600 | Omaha, NE | Carl E. Kristensen |
| Logan G. Weck | 600 | Omaha, NE | Carl E. Kristensen |
| Annalise M. Weck | 600 | Omaha, NE | Carl E. Kristensen |
| Charlene E. Jensen | 600 | Omaha, NE | Henning S. Jensen |
| Deanna J. Rhodes | 600 | Omaha, NE | Mogens Pedersen |
| Tracy L. Schultz | 600 | Omaha, NE | Dean E. Hansen |

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — Memories of our annual Christmas dinner have faded away. But not the Barber Shoppers renditions of song and Loren Nelsen's informative explanation and examples of what makes for good barber shopping.

Our new officers for 1992 have taken over their duties as follows: Past President, Ernest Espelien; President, Lauritz Jensen; Vice President, Darlene Jensen; Secretary, Phyllis Christensen; Treasurer, Eileen Jensen; Trustees, William Nichley, Harry Jensen and Arlee Hansen; Conductor, Carol Weitz; and Inner Guard, Marion Jensen.

It has been a heart warming experience with our Operation: H.O.P.E. project. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen moved to Pioneer Nursing Home because of health and age. All their belongings were sold at an auction. Then after Mr. Olsen's death 14 months later, their funds were exhausted. Mrs. Lydia Olsen, at age 87, has regained her health and wanted to move back to her little house. Lodge No. 186, with the help of friends and neighbors, found furniture, curtains, kitchen supplies, etc., making it possible for her to live by herself. Since then, members stop by to visit and bring a good variety of groceries for which she is thankful. Lydia's father, Peter F. Petersen, was a charter member of our lodge in 1903. Members are continuing to drop by with groceries and donations. We plan to have a painting bee in early summer.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — The last meeting of 1991 was a delicious roast turkey potluck supper on December 9. Members brought gifts or cash to be given to the YOUR Office, the Humboldt County Food Pantry. Our delegates, Marvin and Lucille Christensen, who attended the National Convention in Portland, gave an interesting report.

At the January meeting, current officers were re-elected. A song entitled "Goodbye to 1991" was sung.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — At our January meeting, the members decided to send a loan of \$100 to Wisconsin for the next National Convention in 1995. There was a lengthy discussion on insurance and the new dues structure. The members voted to send a donation of \$75 to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. Steve Sorensen will be writing an article about Chris and Petra Sorensen. These names will appear on the Wall of Honor at the museum. Their names had been sent in by family members. Chris Sorensen had been an active member of

our lodge. Most of his children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren are members of the lodge. Beverly Sorensen reminded members to call and invite someone to the next lodge meeting. Steve Sorensen has invited a young lady to come and show slides of Denmark.



Senator Alvin Miller, Connie Sorensen, Helen Bergman and Francis Miller make Smørrebrød as instructor Tammi Sonsalla looks on.

Following the meeting, Tammi Sonsalla presented a "working demonstration" on smørrebrød. She gave a talk about the sandwiches and then had each member come and make their own attractive smørrebrød (sandwiches). She reminded them that the Danes eat with their knife and fork and do not put them down. Some of the members gave up and ate them the "American" way. Pumpernickel bread was used but we also had white fancy bread available for those who preferred to use it. We had many toppings to choose from. It was fun creating our own sandwiches and also eating those made by Tammi.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — Our meeting on January 16 shall not be forgotten. After the American and Danish national anthems were sung, minutes from the last meeting were read, old and new business was taken care of. We had an unforgettable program ahead of us.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Peter Teahan from Teahan's Mortuary in Cedar Rapids. His subject was the "Sioux City Airplane Crash" which included a slide presentation. This was one of the most dynamic and touching programs we had ever had at our lodge. Everyone seemed spellbound for the entire hour. Later there was a question and answer period. Mr. Teahan reported that lots of miracles had taken place at the crash scene. I truly wish I could relate his wonderful speech to all the lodge members in America. Mr. and Mrs. Teahan spent seven days in Sioux City together with many other morticians, doctors, nurses and numerous local residents, trying to ease the pain of the survivors and relatives of the victims.

A big thank you to Mary Mortensen and Bob and Betty Block for the open faced sandwiches, pastry and cookies. 'Twas the end of a memorable evening.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — We held our annual Christmas dinner at the Atlantic Meeting Center on December 9 with 54 members attending. A buffet dinner was served with delicious homemade Christmas cookies prepared by the committee.

President Ken Hoegh held a short business meeting. The committee for the Christmas party was thanked for a great job.

We sang the favorite and traditional Christmas carols and then played musical gift exchange. Everyone brought a grab bag gift suitable for either a female or male. We formed a large circle and as Eileen Denne played the piano, the gifts were passed around the circle. When the music stopped playing, you received the gift you had in your hands. Lots of fun, food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Thank you committee.

The January committee invited all members to a 6 p.m. buffet of sandwiches, Danish pastry and coffee. The buffet and meeting was held at the Rolling Hills Bank meeting room. Fifty-three members and three guests, Evalyn Gross, Esther Larsen and Ed Furne, attended the buffet and meeting. President Ken Hoegh opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved. A committee of Vice President Ken Hoegh and three trustees, Robert Nelson, Gail Nelson and Paul Williamson was appointed. The new officers for 1992 are as follows: President, Chet Holland, Vice President, John Nelson; Secretary, Evelyn Rechtenbach; and Treasurer, Harvey Hansen.

Doris Bell, Sec.

MIDWEST

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

Payment to Board Members

FEBRUARY

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$238.05

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — New officers for this year are as follows: Past President, Wayne Kavaliauskas; President, Jeffrey Christiansen; Vice President, Glenn Nyboe; Secretary, Daniel Christensen; Treasurer, John Mollerskov; Conductor, Douglas Larsen; Guard, Kenneth Janssen and Alternate, Erik Raahaage.

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas party. A special thanks to Sisterhood Lodge No. 5 for furnishing 10 poinsettias for table decorations and door prizes along with a delicious Danish layer cake for dessert. Also to Erv Johnson who entertained us with his music. We all had a wonderful time.

At our last meeting, we set a schedule of events for 1992. Some of them include regular lodge meetings on March 11, April 8 and May 13, and the Torsk Dinner of April 11.

Let's all participate in our events and concentrate on bringing some potential new members. We need to reach out to the community to get new members.

Also, at our last meeting, we enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Dan Christensen.

Jeffrey Christiansen, Pres.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Welcome new members, John Mongrieg, John Cahill, Paul Johnson, Curtis Wilson, Henry Anderson, Roy Dupuis, William Evans, and Richard Misch. We received \$100 from Alfred Kolmos in memory of Chris Kolmos. Thank you.

A repeat of last year's successful New Year's Eve party took place with 152 in attendance having fun. The kitchen crew carried on in great fashion to present a fine meal. The Night Shift Band did their usual great job for dancing. Favors, hats and horns were given out and balloons dropped at midnight. Hot snacks and coffee were then served and the dancing continued on. Thanks to our ever reliable committee of Rudy and Glori Bernhardt, Roger and Virginia Nelson, Jerry and Darlene Wamboldt, Clarence Duffin, Rick Wade, and Bob Batten.

Installation of 1992 officers took place on January 6 with Midwest District President Virgil Holzhauser and Trustee Dick Perschnick from Lodge No. 34 in Dwight installing. We thank them for making the long trip to be with us. Our 1992 officers are as follows: Past President, Rick Wade; President, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.; Vice President, John Hosmanek; Secretary, Ron Jensen; Treasurer, Bob Ibsen; 1st Trustee, Todd Bernhardt; 2nd Trustee, Jim Bohn; 3rd Trustee, Todd Barnett; Inner Guard, Dean Hansen; Outer Guard, Harold Bordeaux; and Conductor, Jeff Bernhardt.

A big thank you was received from the Shalom Center for our food and clothing donation received at our Christmas party.

The new bar stools are in and look great. Thanks to the Rathskellar group for the \$500 donation toward the stools.

The 1992 national DBIA bowling tournament dates are March 1 to June 1. Get your

teams together and bowl three games at your convenience and turn the scores into Rich Walker. There is no entry fee. Top twenty teams will receive prize money. Teams can be mixed, but all must be members of the Danish Brotherhood to take part.

March activities include: a wine and cheese party on March 8 from 4-8 p.m. - tickets are \$7.50; corned beef and cabbage dinner followed by dancing on March 14, cocktails begin at 6 p.m. - tickets are \$9.00 - reservations a must; Midwest District Target Shoot and lunch on March 21 in Dwight; and a beer bust at the hall on March 29 from 1-5 p.m. with proceeds going to the Youth Committee.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — President Merle Nysten gavelled the meeting to order promptly at 8 p.m. and called the membership to rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Sixteen members were present on Thursday, February 6. A hearty welcome was given to new member Burt Peterson and his bride, Kittie LaPointe.

Albertice Nysten, Secretary-Treasurer, read several pertinent letters which were acted upon. We voted in favor of participation in the bowling tournament in Dwight on April 4 at the cost of \$50 per team. There will be three teams from our lodge. June Raymond was appointed to be chairperson.

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 |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1-7-92 | —Rolland C. Larsen | 74 | Viborg, South Dakota | 139 | Viborg, South Dakota | 1990 |
| 1-2-92 | —Sarah Rasmussen | 80 | Amherst, Wisconsin | 343 | Waupaca, Wisconsin | 1976 |
| 1-3-92 | —Martin F. Luther | 81 | Marshall, Wisconsin | 36 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 1966 |
| 11-30-91 | —Dagny Nielsen | 87 | Denmark | 17 | Chicago, Illinois | 1984 |
| 12-27-91 | —William E. Schwidde | 77 | Iowa | 345 | Orange County, California | 1979 |
| 1-12-92 | —Einar Cook | 80 | Clovis, California | 67 | Fresno, California | 1962 |
| 1-15-92 | —Paul H. Nielsen | 88 | Ølgod, Denmark | 227 | Detroit, Michigan | 1982 |
| 1-14-92 | —Gustav Karch | 88 | Budapest, Hungary | 49 | San Francisco, California | 1954 |
| 1-2-92 | —Antonie I. Henningsen | 90 | Gedser, Denmark | 126 | Los Angeles, California | 1983 |
| 1-17-92 | —Naomi L. Jensen | 82 | Arlas, Wisconsin | 186 | Luck, Wisconsin | 1978 |
| 1-14-92 | —Kai G. Hansen | 73 | Skovshoved, Denmark | 46 | Perth Amboy, New Jersey | 1977 |
| 9-12-91 | —Viola M. Ward | 83 | Spokane, Washington | 42 | Spokane, Washington | 1961 |
| 2-5-92 | —Elray C. Jacobsen | 74 | Petaluma, California | 143 | Petaluma, California | 1971 |
| 1-5-92 | —Lois L. Lee | 69 | Viborg, South Dakota | 139 | Viborg, South Dakota | 1989 |
| 12-8-91 | —Burge Larsen | 79 | Eagle Center, Iowa | 600 | Omaha, Nebraska | 1963 |
| 1-3-92 | —Ernest Andersen | 91 | Freeborn County, Minnesota | 75 | Albert Lea, Minnesota | 1925 |
| 12-22-91 | —Gordon H. Kuhl | 76 | Plainview, Nebraska | 117 | Plainview, Nebraska | 1962 |
| 1-3-92 | —Ferris A. Merlington | 77 | Sand Lake, Michigan | 106 | Trufant, Michigan | 1964 |
| 1-9-92 | —Ernie Laursen | 83 | Dannebrog, Nebraska | 600 | Omaha, Nebraska | 1962 |
| 1-14-92 | —Hans Nielsen | 84 | Kenosha, Wisconsin | 14 | Kenosha, Wisconsin | 1926 |
| 1-19-92 | —K. Richard Henriksen | 85 | Ringkjøbing, Denmark | 45 | Minneapolis, Minnesota | 1934 |
| 12-28-91 | —Kristian E. V. Sorensen | 90 | Haralsted Logn, Denmark | 126 | Los Angeles, California | 1940 |
| 11-18-91 | —Donald B. Moon | 77 | Albany, Illinois | 64 | Rockford, Illinois | 1966 |
| 1-24-92 | —Harry C. Jensen | 89 | Eugene, Oregon | 194 | McMinnville, Oregon | 1936 |
| 6-21-89 | —James H. Hansen | 51 | Detroit, Michigan | 675 | Omaha, Nebraska | 1963 |

May 17 was selected for a Danish outing on the Fox River. The lodge is looking for interesting social activities and fund raisers. If you have any ideas, please contact Chris Steffansen.

After enjoying Rosie's luscious Danish sandwiches, we said Farvell!"

Kit Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events. March 21 is the Midwest District Target Shoot at Streator with lunch following at the VFW. Kenny Anderson will be the contact person. April 4 is the date of the Midwest District Bowling Tournament at 17-47 Bowl in Dwight, with a banquet and dance at the Parish Hall. The cost is \$50 per team for bowling and \$12 per person for the banquet. If needed, Dwight teams will bowl on Friday night. Get your teams lined up. Bud Goodwin will be taking care of this again. Ken Jensen, with committees, has everything lined up. Entries have been mailed to all Midwest District Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges. An aebleskiver breakfast is scheduled for April 12.

National President, Woody Petersen and his wife Elsa, and Paul and Jodi Sloth were guests at our meeting. Woody and Paul did the installation of the 1992 officers.

Shirley Holzhauser has been asked by Bob Ibsen to help with the next National Convention which will be sponsored by the Midwest District and held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We are looking into buying our own big aebleskiver pans.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Our January 17 meeting was opened by outgoing President John Jorgensen. A moment of silence was observed by all in memory of two departed members.

About 70 members attended the meeting. There were several visitors including Marianne Ryrholm of Sweden who was visiting her uncle, Helge Johnson. Also with us were Virgil and Lori Holzhauser, Dick Perschnick and Shirley and Ray Holzhauser all from Lodge No. 34 in Dwight. They were all made welcome by John.

Installation of officers then took place. Virgil Holzhauser, Midwest District President, installed our officers while Dick Perschnick acted as his conductor. Installed were: Past President, John Jorgensen; President, Al Iversen; Vice President, Eric Jensen; Recording Secretary, Doris Peterson; Financial Secretary, Frank Connery; 1st Trustee, Minnie Richard; 2nd Trustee, Ethel Orszulak; 3rd Trustee, Dick Sabey; and Conductor, Mario Mauro. President

Iversen then thanked Virgil and Dick for conducting the installation and also the outgoing Board members for their services this past year.

A 1992 budget was distributed as recommended by the Financial Committee. The budget passed as presented. It was also recommended that \$20,000 be sent to the National Headquarters for the Fraternal Fund. This motion also passed.

Wanda and Ray Nielsen and Grethe and Henry Jepsen announced their retirement as District Fraternal Coordinators. They have been at this for four years and would like to give someone else a chance. They were given a round of applause for the excellent way they have handled the job.

Much discussion followed about the raise in dues. Members were informed that the Board has decided to pick up their dues for this year, but not to count too heavily upon it next year. There will be a further explanation in our newsletter on how this will be handled.

After the business meeting, a "Dane For The Night" was honored. After donning his gold crown adorned with Danish flags, Jorgen Laurson was interviewed by Paul Sloth. Jorgen was born in Aarhus, Denmark, and came to this country at age 14 with his parents. He met his wife Judy in Washington, D.C. They have three children, ages 17, 16 and 4. It was an interesting interview.



Jorgen Laurson, "Dane For The Night," interviewed by Paul Sloth.

As usual, our open-face sandwiches and refreshments were then enjoyed by all.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — We have a slight change in our officers for 1992 since our last report. They are as follows: Past President is now Albert Larsen; 2nd Trustee is now Barbara H. Larsen; and 3rd Trustee is now Robert W. Rasmussen. The rest of the officers remain the same. Thanks to Alice T. Andersen who conducted the installation of officers and to

Lars W. Andersen who acted as Conductor.

Thanks to Elsie Hein for the evening's delicious refreshments.

The Midwest District offers many events during the year. Attend and join in the fun. There will be a bowling tournament in Dwight on Sunday, April 4. Bowling entry blanks and money for bowling and the banquet must be in Dwight no later than March 15 with checks payable to Lodge No. 34. Any inquiries should be directed to Ken Jensen, 304 Linden Street, Dwight, IL 60420.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our monthly meeting was held January 22 at Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Woody Petersen, National President, honored us with his presence. President Melda Mortensen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, after which we observed a moment of silence in memory of our treasurer, Sarah Rasmussen.

Nominations were then taken for a new treasurer. Jean Lundorf received the honors. Woody Petersen was called upon to install the new officers for 1992.



Members celebrate with Esther Engbretsen.

Members helped fellow member Esther Engbretsen observe her 96th birthday at Bethany Home. She received a certificate of merit and a beautiful bouquet of pink flowers from the Home Office. Esther was one of our charter members when it was organized in 1976.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Please mark your calendars for our March activities. They include our general membership and dinner meeting on March 11 and a social night on March 25. For this social, we will be entertained by Mr. Gordon Drapper and his slide presentation of Eastern Europe. Those of you that have seen his work will surely want to see this one.

April activities include our dinner meeting on April 8 and a social night of bingo on April 22. The game and prizes will

be organized by Carol Christensen and Linda Niemi. Bingo is free and prizes are unique. Refreshments will be at hand for a donation. Please plan to attend and join in the fun!
Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — It is time the lodge consider making changes to the bylaws. As the lodge keeps getting smaller, changes should be made so that the remaining body can make the decisions necessary to continue or consolidate with another lodge.

There are a few copies of the 1991 GCEL yearbook available. If you would like one, come to the next meeting or contact Secretary Don Heckmann.

Officers for 1992 are as follows: President, Janet Ifversen; Vice President, Paul Ifversen; Treasurer, Chris Mogensen; Secretary, Open; Conductor, John Jensen; Trustees, Viggo Nielsen, Art Habberbush, and Carl Ingeholm; Delegates to Home, John Jensen and Ib Olsen; and Alternate Delegates to Home, Chris Mogensen and Don Heckmann.
Don Heckmann, Cor.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — There was an excellent turnout for our installation of officers meeting on January 18. Our new officers expressed their willingness to serve and their hope for continuing success in recruiting new membership for our lodge.

Outgoing President, Ray Leth, and his wife Grete were surprised with gifts of crystal sculptures from the members of our lodge. Ray has served as President for over ten years and Grete has been his helpmate throughout his tenure.

It was decided that as part of our fund raising effort for our "Helping Hand" fund, we would build and furnish a doll house to be raffled at a future date. Florina Lund, Gloria Jacobsen and Lorraine Hendrickson volunteered their talents in building the house and various members of the lodge undertook the furnishing of individual rooms. This should prove to be a fun project.
Maggie Cull, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — Our kitchen committee came up with an excellent idea for our January meeting by serving Danish soup and all the good things that go with it. Thirty-five members showed up for the treat and to play bingo afterwards. We have not played the game for a few years but it went off without a hitch. All were later treated to coffee and cake.

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We hope you have marked Friday, March 20, on your calendar. It is the day for the grand installation party hosted by our lodge at the Springfield Masonic Lodge. Barry Edmonds, National Director, will be the installing officer with Chris Simonsen, District Fraternal Coordinator, serving as his conductor for the installation of the 1992 officers of Sisterhood Lodge No. 86, Brotherhood Lodge No. 342 and our lodge. It will be an evening with food, music, dancing and fun but Len Gottliebssen must have your reservation by March 6! Group reservations are available.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — The ceremony of installing the 1992 officers was performed by past president of the GCEL, John Hjulmand, at our January 10 meeting. John also presented resigning president, Niels B. Hansen, with the past president's pin and thanked Niels for his many years of service to our lodge as secretary, vice president and president.



Welcome Aase Melendez.

We welcome our newest member, Aase Melendez. Hope to see you often!

Many members brought in large bags of clothing for Operation: H.O.P.E. The clothes will be delivered to a charity by President Helen Kofod.
Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — Members of our lodge donated gifts to the residents of the Danish Home in Edison, New Jersey. There are nine residents presently residing at the home. Each one received a large Christmas bag filled with items ranging from game books to personal items. The expressions on their faces as they went through the bags reinforced the joy and pleasure of giving. Our delegates to the home, Ulla and Geert Pedersen, Princess Marie Lodge delegates, Tove Bobman and Ann Carver, and Loretta and Richard Trust attended the Christmas dinner and party.

Friday, March 20, is the date for the joint installation of officers of Sisterhood Lodge No. 86, Brotherhood Lodge No. 172 and our lodge. Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 will be the host and it will be held at the



Residents of the Danish Home in Edison, New Jersey, are presented with Christmas gifts.

Springfield Masonic Lodge. Barry Edmonds, National Director, will be the installing officer with Chris Simonsen, District Fraternal Coordinator, serving as his conductor. It will be an evening with food, music, dancing and fun. Reservations are a must by March 6 with Len Gottliebssen. Group reservations are available. Due to the conflict with our March lodge meeting, it will be canceled so everyone can attend the installation instead.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.
Richard Trust, Pres.

FLORIDA

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our annual Christmas party was held December 12 in our meeting hall and enjoyed by 30 members and guests.

Prior to our celebration, we had a business meeting. Our President, Howard Hansen, bid us all welcome. A special welcome was given to our National President, Woodrow Petersen, and his wife Elsa, who honored us by their presence. Woody spoke later about the changes in the bylaws.

Officers for 1992 are as follows: Bob Jorgensen, Vice President; Howard Hansen, President; Bill Steffensen, Secretary; and Gil Behling, Treasurer.

At our January meeting, we discussed the new bylaws enacted at the National Convention in Portland, Oregon, in October.

The officers and members of Cimbria Lodge wish all members of the Danish Brotherhood the very best for 1992!

Bill Steffensen, Sec.



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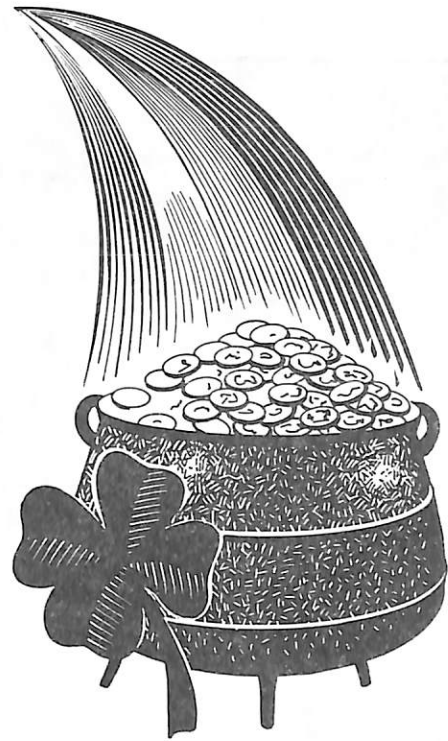
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Please send me more information about the Wall of Honor. To register additional names, list each name, city and state on a separate sheet of paper.



New Bylaw Books Available

The new Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw books are being distributed to Lodge Secretaries, National Board of Directors, National Convention Delegates and National Convention Alternate Delegates by American Publishing Company in Askov, Minnesota. These books contain the bylaw changes made at the most recent National Convention held in Portland, Oregon, in October, 1991. You may request a copy of the bylaw book from your lodge secretary or contact the National Headquarters for a copy.

SemiAnnual Board Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood will begin on April 24, 1992, at the National Headquarters in Omaha, NE.

1992 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

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

Prize money will be awarded for the 20 highest teams, high men's individual game, high men's individual series, high women's team, high women's individual game, and high women's individual series.

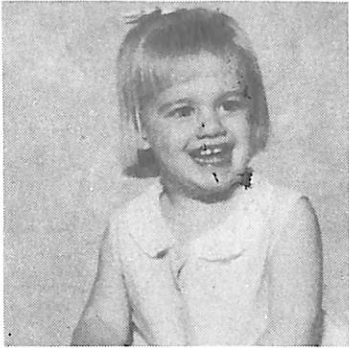
The winning Young Viking team will be awarded a certificate to avoid conflict with eligibility requirements for school athletics.

All teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members of the Danish Brotherhood. A lodge may enter one or more teams. No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Introducing . . .

Kelly Nicole Wahl, one of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 600 in Omaha, Nebraska, and has this to say:

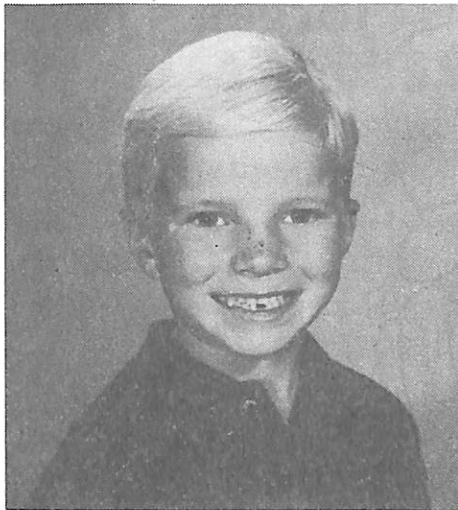
"Hi!" My name is Kelly Nicole Wahl. I was born March 30, 1990. I am a member of Lodge No. 600 in Omaha, Nebraska. My great grandparents are Danish. They are Alfred and Ulla Raae and Otto and Mary Damgaard."



and

Adam Stary, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 17 in Chicago, Illinois, and has this to say:

"Hi!" My name is Adam. I will be seven years old on April 17, 1992. I am in first grade and I like school. I also like to go fishing and hunting with my Dad and brother Brent. I like to ice skate and I am on the hockey team. I know Judo and I also collect baseball



cards. I like to play with my big brother Brent and all my pets.

My mother Judy and my brother Brent are also members of Lodge No. 17. I joined the Danish Brotherhood because 95% of my family belong. My grandfather Meryl Nylen is president of Lodge No. 17 and my grandmother Albertice Nylen is secretary of the lodge and secretary-treasurer of the Midwest District. I feel privileged knowing that my great-great-grandfather immigrated to this country in 1895 from Odense, Denmark. His name was Nels Oluf Hansen and he belonged to Lodge No. 107 until his death.

My great-grandfather John Hansen

immigrated to this country from Aarhus, Denmark, in 1916 and also belonged to Lodge No. 107, and then later transferred to Lodge No. 17. My family has always been very active in lodge work and enjoy keeping the Danish culture and heritage alive.

When I grow up, I hope that I can do as much as my grandfathers and maybe be president too."

Welcome Kelly and Adam!

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.

National Board Holds Drawing

The National Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America announced Eric Brown of Lodge No. 46 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, the winner of a free round-trip economy airline ticket.

During their most recent Annual Meeting, the National Board held a drawing among all delegates to the 33rd National Convention. The free ticket was available as a result of the arrangement with Pihl's Five Star Travel and United Airlines. Pihl's Five Star Travel had been named the travel agent of record in conjunction with the National Convention.

Four Generations of Danes



Pictured are four generations of the Jensen family of Lodge No. 268, Junction City. They are: front, Rachael; back row left to right, grandfather T. R.; father, Peter and great-grandfather, Ted.

It is important to mention, Ted's father, Mads Peter Jensen, was a charter member of Lodge No. 268.

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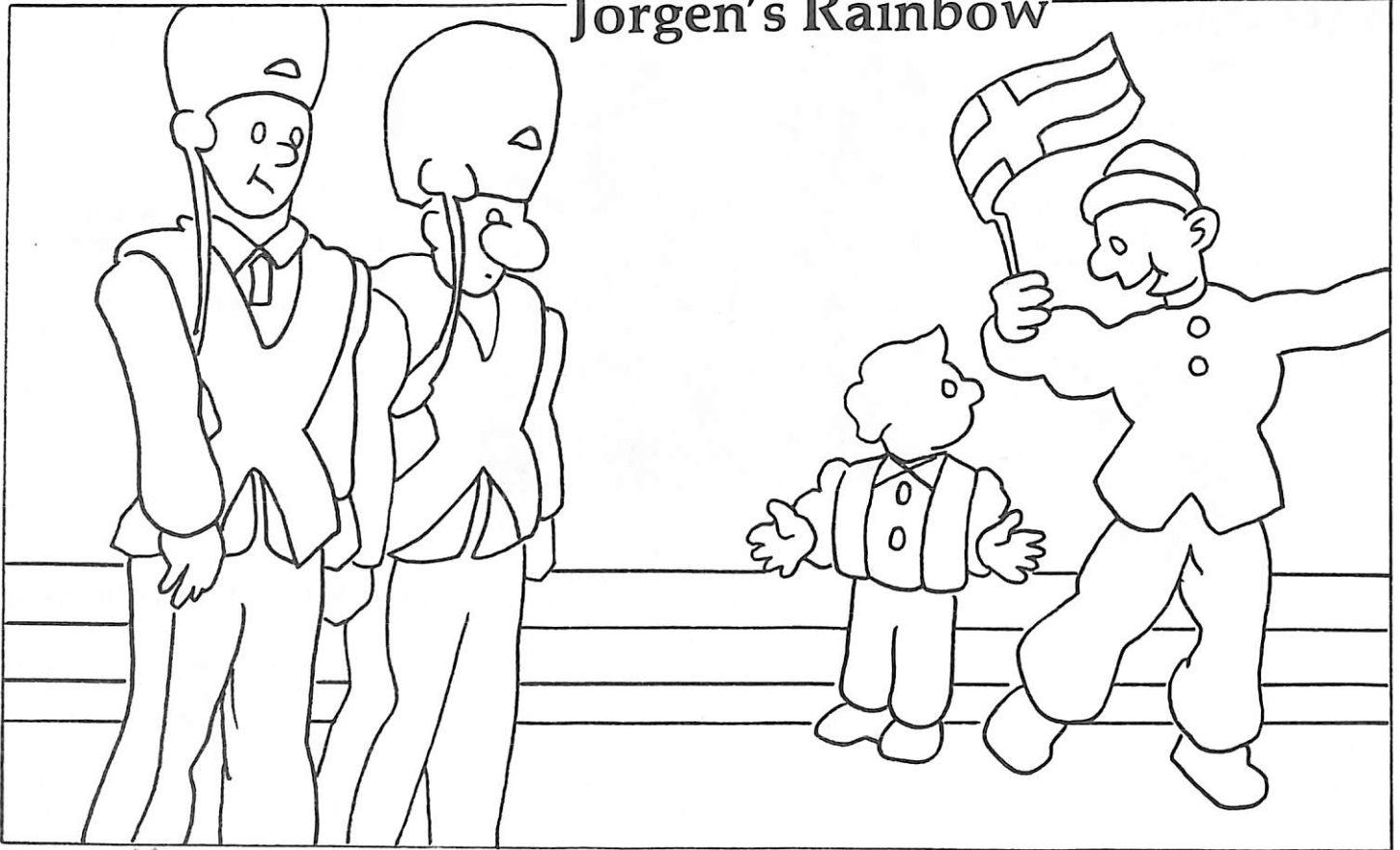
It's Time For Camp

Every year The Danish Brotherhood awards camp grants to youngsters to help them attend a camp of their own choosing. Your application for a grant must be received by April 15. Request the form from: The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

The camp grant program provides you with a cash award to be used to help reduce the cost of the camp you will attend.

The camp grant program is not related to the Skovsøen grant program being sponsored by local lodges of The Danish Brotherhood.

Jorgen's Rainbow



Festivities are about to begin in the capital city's palace square. It is the Queen's birthday and the Royal Life Guard have put on their bright red uniforms. Many citizens of Copenhagen will soon be arriving to wave the flag and cheer for their queen. Queen Margrethe's birthday is April 16. Jorgen still can't find Bifrost who is liable to soon get underfoot!

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.

February winners: Mallory Olesen, Jennie Adolf, Hans Andersen and Claire Lakatos.



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I am doing research on these objects and am attempting to locate as many as possible. I would like to hear from anyone who knows the whereabouts of these objects. If you have information you are willing to share, please contact Dr. Shelly Madson, 6009 Walnut Drive, Edina, MN 55436 or call (612) 938-2986. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Grandma's Kitchen Remoulade

(Danish Tartar Sauce)



Gunild Ostergaard

- 2 cups chopped bread & butter pickles
- 1 small onion, grated
- 1 tbsp. prepared mustard
- 2-3 tbsp. whipping cream (whipped)
- 1 tbsp. chopped chives
- 1 tbsp. tarragon
- 2 tbsp. parsley, chopped

Mix and put into a jar and refrigerate. (Good for 3 weeks).

Viking Adventures

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



Edward C. Madsen
National Director

Director Ed Madsen was elected to the Danish Brotherhood in America's National Board at the National Convention in Portland, Oregon, which was held in October, 1991.

We have Vernon Madsen to thank for this Board member. It was Ed's brother who invited him to join the DBIA in 1975. Vernon was president of Lodge No. 299 at the time. Ed admits when he first joined the DBIA it was for social reasons. He says that attitude changed. "I rapidly developed a concern for the organization

and a desire to see that our heritage is sustained through the Danish Brotherhood."

He has served his lodge as vice president, trustee and president. On the district level he has held all offices. Currently he is a trustee.

That experience he took to the National Convention in Portland, Oregon, where he decided to run for the National Board of Directors. "I think that the DBIA is in a critical situation and that I have leadership and business skills that can be put to good use. I have served at the lodge and district levels and now I want to help the organization as a whole."

He has been appointed to the investment committee, auditing and securities committee, local lodge bylaws committee and he is chairman of the retirement committee.

A graduate from the University of California, Santa Barbara, Ed is employed by **3M Company** in Goleta, California. He is a plant superintendent with manufacturing and engineering responsibilities, making special lenses which are implanted in the eye to restore vision following cataract surgery.

Ed's family includes his wife Betty Jane and their children: Pamela, Robin, David, Daniel, Larisa, Kim and John.

Ed has this advice for members, "While it is certainly important for each of us to consider the financial situation of the DBIA, and convert small policies to annuities or larger policies to make the insurance program more profitable, the foundation of the Brotherhood is at the lodge level. Become involved! Attend meetings, work on projects, bring in new members, serve as lodge officers. Do whatever you can to vitalize and/or rejuvenate your lodge."

Bumper Stickers and Lapel Stickers Available

Bumper stickers and lapel stickers are available through the Home Office. All of these stickers are of red and black print on a white background. All boast the Danish Brotherhood along the bottom and are available at a discount to members.

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| "Mor Dig Godt!" | _____ | _____ |

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| "Kiss me, I'm Danish" | _____ | _____ |
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| "Viking Power" | _____ | _____ |
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