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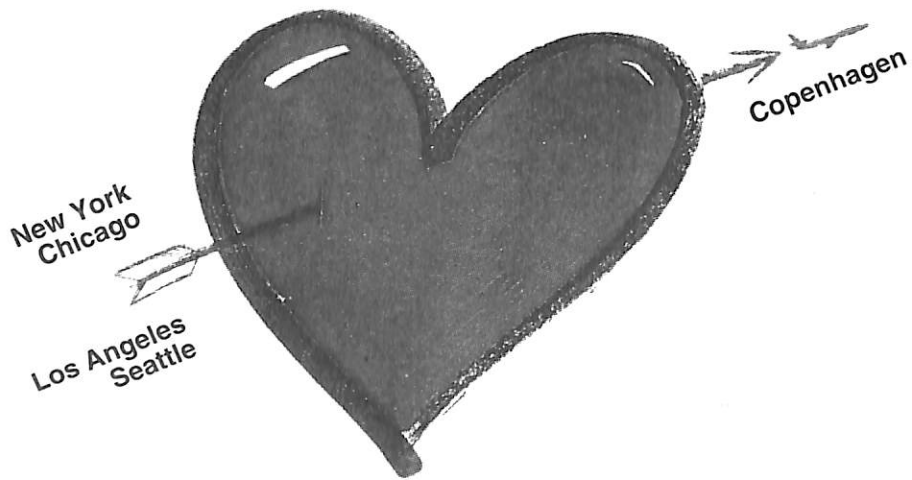
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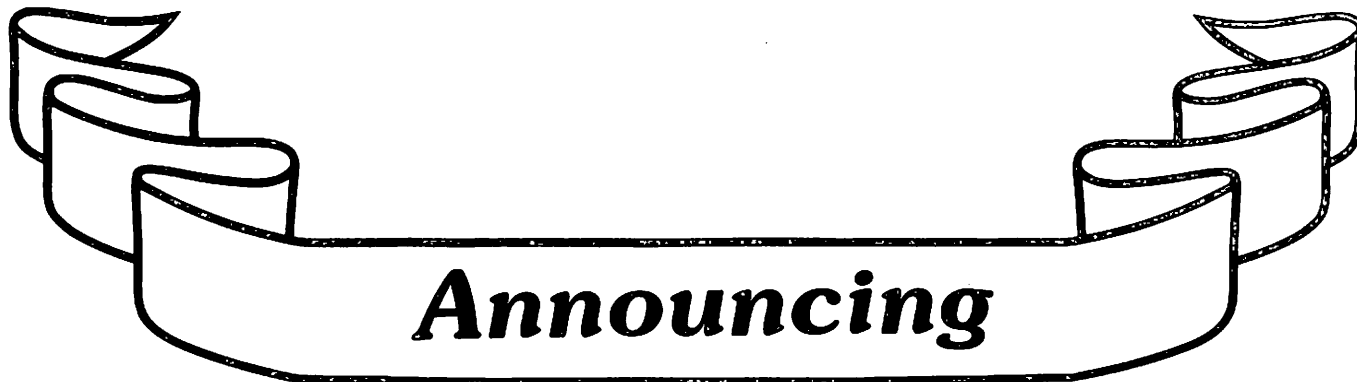
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New Insurance Plans

TEN YEAR LEVEL TERM* — To supplement our Five Year Level Term, our 20 Year Decreasing Term, Decreasing Term To Age 65 certificates and riders, the Danish Brotherhood has now introduced a Ten (10) Year Level Term. The Ten Year Term may be issued at smoker or non-smoker rates as a certificate or as a rider to the Ordinary Life or Life Paid Up At Age 65 certificates at issue ages 16 through 65. The amount of term insurance remains level. However, rates increase every 10 years. Conversion to a plan of permanent cash value life insurance may be made any time prior to age 70 regardless of health condition.

When issued as a rider, the Term Insurance may be on the life of the primary insured (person insured under the base certificate) or on the life of a second insured such as a spouse.

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As a Modified Endowment; loan or cash surrenders will be treated as taxable income to the extent that there is a gain in the contract.

*Not available in all states.

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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen
National President

In my first column as President of the Danish Brotherhood in America, I expressed a desire to keep the membership up to date on the progress of our organization. With this in mind, I would like to discuss some important topics.

We have a great start on the new year in terms of insurance, with 67 certificates (policies) written for a total of \$850,000 in life volume and \$82,446 in annuities. This is just through February, 1992. March of 1992 should prove to be quite successful as well. Our **Five Year Plan** is working! Your participation is the key to our success. The assistance of members who provide names of prospective members to our insurance representatives and the Home Office is much appreciated and helps both the local lodge and the society as a whole.

On the fraternal side, our Lodge and District Savings Program is off to a positive start. Three lodges are currently participating in the program with a total of \$71,000 deposited. If your lodge needs clarification on how this savings program works, contact the Home Office at 1-800-553-1937. Jennifer and Jerry stand ready to answer any questions you may have. I personally encourage other lodges to participate.

We have received several inquiries regarding General Liability Insurance. If your lodge secretary will turn to page 48, Section 67, in the new **Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws**, he/she will find this mandatory insurance fully explained. It is a protection many lodges and districts have been asking for for a number of years. This very important benefit was adopted at the National Convention in Portland, Oregon, October, 1991.

Now I call your attention to page 6 of the March, 1992 **American Dane**. You will see DBIA members are in need of assistance. In the past, our organization has responded overwhelmingly to the special needs of members. The National Board has very carefully considered the needs of this family. I ask each lodge and individual member to sincerely consider helping them with whatever donation can be made. Donations can be sent to the Danish Brotherhood in America/Larsen Daughters Fund, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844. Let us continue our fine record of people helping people.

Lodge No. 186 in Luck, Wisconsin, is to be commended for their heart-warming gesture to Mrs. Lydia Olsen. They moved her home from a nursing home after her husband's death. Lodge members helped furnish her house and continue to help with groceries and visits. This is a beautiful example of Operation: H.O.P.E. in action. My hat is off to the members of Lodge No. 186.

As summer approaches, so do District Conventions. My wishes for successful and productive meetings go out to each district.

The Danish Brotherhood has an outstanding National Board working hard. We continue to ask for support as we respond to your needs and strive to grow. Please feel free to contact any Board member with questions or concerns. Our function is to make sure your needs and concerns are being met.

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

Annual Report of the Lodges

December 31, 1991

Lodge No.	Location	Insured	Social	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance	Fraternal Benefits	Total Assets
1	Omaha, NE	98	84	DB	470,457	552.00	42,104.75
3	Davenport, IA	10	17	DB	55,000	—	1,647.30
4*	Racine, WI	77	20	DB	81,845		
9*	Oshkosh, WI	9	0	1.77	8,500		
10	Council Bluffs, IA	48	7	DB	60,750		2,300.00
14	Kenosha, WI	181	262	DB	822,244	6,130.00	200,332.42
15	Des Moines, IA	66	70	DB	324,000	493.00	30,696.07
16	Minden, NE	111	64	DB	685,250	884.06	304.09
17	Chicago, IL	42	25	53.56	181,000	467.00	391.75
26*	Fremont, NE	13	0	DB	15,750		
29	Seattle, WA	151	43	15.12	368,255	1,325.00	153,661.14
30*	Muskegon, MI	31	5	1.37	28,625		
32*	New Haven, CT	61	10	10.96	110,047	825.00	21,347.53
33	Tacoma, WA	18	22	DB	16,904	40.00	7,357.46
34	Dwight, IL	184	54	DB	282,000	1,320.79	1,727.06
35	Chicago, IL	102	106	DB	419,882	5,708.00	66,738.07
36	Milwaukee, WI	40	28	2.18	122,750	394.25	3,490.42
37*	Bridgeport, CT	15	0	12.63	27,000		
39	San Leandro, CA	38	5	4.58	90,625	1,089.50	52,324.00
41	Derby, CT	12	1	4.83	8,875		3,270.05
42	Spokane, WA	39	12	11.72	49,125	150.00	1,355.40
43*	Denver, CO	45	45	DB	54,125		
45	Minneapolis, MN	32	40	8.93	20,256	833.00	19,425.99
46	Perth Amboy, NJ	41	97	5.38	107,750	4,000.00	44,964.30
49	San Francisco, CA	41	22	15.72	22,125	222.85	21,628.52
51*	Ludington, MI	144	84	20.53	193,705		
56	Kansas City, MO	29	31	1.08	31,500	1,500.00	3,400.82
62	Sioux City, IA	12	15	1.32	22,750	—	6,923.41
64	Rockford, IL	20	7	DB	57,125	87.00	742.00
67	Fresno, CA	29	21	30.35	53,875	—	30,757.26
70	Greenville, MI	50	12	13.27	70,375	695.00	19,572.00
71	Penn Yan, NY	53	7	36.83	82,500	100.00	52,900.00
75	Albert Lea, MN	43	67	37.17	93,750	500.00	1,687.29
84	Lincoln, NE	38	24	DB	99,519	100.00	9,163.08
89	Superior, WI	8	12	.70	6,000	132.75	343.62
90	Port Reading, NJ	5		1.77	4,500	—	—
92	St. Charles, IL	70	19	6.73	464,625	1,630.53	54,587.23
95	Ferndale, CA	64	29	DB	176,750	195.00	68,439.93
102	Providence, RI	20	2	6.09	85,625		558.00
106*	Trufant, MI	52	1	40.92	53,500		
107*	Chicago, IL	6	0	DB	4,500		
110*	Winside, NE	8	4	DB	7,000		
113	Enumclaw, WA	14	11	1.93	13,855	1,250.00	84,398.84
116	Newark, NJ	53	6	5.80	74,125		25,632.62
117	Plainview, NE	37	0	DB	32,375	104.83	900.87
121	Tyler, MN	7	25	DB	5,750	60.00	214.83
125*	Weeping Water, NE	13	2	DB	25,174		
126	Los Angeles, CA	111	86	36.02	140,875	2,385.34	101,256.04
134*	Ringsted, IA	7	0	DB	7,500		
139	Viborg, SD	55	33	DB	110,000		11,076.42
143	Petaluma, CA	45	41	6.58	54,125	200.00	12,919.00
144	Dike, IA	65	15	DB	107,500	615.00	14,282.75
147	Newell, IA	21	10	DB	66,500	147.65	2,712.66
148*	Cheyenne, WY	9	0	DB	12,000		
155	Bellingham, WA	16	9	DB	13,500	60.33	2,927.99
161	Ruskin, NE	60	44	DB	97,500	150.92	3,458.55
164	New York, NY	24	63	DB	33,625	100.00	
167*	Portland, OR	245	89	6.86	1,981,044		
170*	Rocky River, OH	19	45	22.90	30,250		
172	Philadelphia, PA	51	26	DB	205,186	310.00	17,080.00
177	Cordova, NE	22	5	7.97	23,500	20.00	868.80
182	Waukegan, IL	28	16		226,249	2,000.00	8,344.34
183	Troy, NY	30	6	22.99	32,125		29,351.73
184	Hayward, CA	36	7	28.29	66,500	3,250.72	9,124.30
186	Luck, WI	14	56	DB	111,000	610.00	73,617.66
190	Schenectady, NY	41	5	16.61	49,625	250.00	
194	McMinnville, OR	13	8	7.70	11,500	35.00	1,170.72
195*	Omaha, NE	14	4	DB	19,500		
202*	Warren, PA	15	3	DB	14,604		

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206	Blair, NE	26	54	DB	247,415	199.40	6,337.14
211	Grand Island, NE	29	30	DB	104,500	55.00	753.06
213*	Ord, NE	4	0	DB	6,500		
217*	Humboldt, IA	16	26	DB	72,000		
219	Clear Lake, IA	20	13	6.40	54,875	85.00	1,478.42
225*	Canton, OH	63	2	36.76	205,125		
227	Detroit, MI	171	68	63.20	280,270	2,500.00	530,984.93
230	Arcata, CA	11	11	16.54	8,500	242.45	15,181.70
242	Erie, PA	61	5	5.09	86,625		200,682.08
245	South Bend, IN	21	0	DB	14,750		636.60
254*	Brush, CO	2	0	DB	1,500		
255	Selma, CA	12	0	.25	6,500		648.38
257	St. Petersburg, FL	3	30	DB	42,000	55.00	581.40
261*	Fowler, CO	62	17	15.50	82,375		
263	Askov, MN	93	4	8.97	77,000	300.00	5,922.49
264*	Pocatello, ID	9	0	DB	8,750		
268*	Junction City, OR	36	26	9.13	293,875		
273	Dillon, MT	55	24	53.31	80,500		3,754.10
283	Dagmar, MT	73	7	10.65	114,750	675.01	11,022.92
288	Cotesfield, NE	14	1	1.43	13,000	—	367.25
294	Barre, VT	63	15	21.64	75,250	1,042.29	14,703.47
299	Solvang, CA	87	56	DB	368,861	2,200.00	
300*	Oneonta, NY	7	0	DB	5,000		
301*	Akron, OH	40	2	134.64	119,250		
306	San Diego, CA	33	8	4.66	44,875	—	20,440.07
314*	Hartford, CT	41	7	DB	42,000		
318*	Copenhagen, DK	0	8	DB	—		
319	Bakersfield, CA	19	7	16.93	19,500	205.00	6,496.90
322*	Santa Barbara, CA	23	17	16.40	14,375		
323	Alhambra, CA	25	14	7.66	20,875	925.00	186.28
325	Nassau County, NY	52	45	107.78	92,250	905.00	6,207.27
326	West Branch, IA	15	7	DB	20,625	165.00	606.51
328	Vancouver, BC	3	125	DB	2,500	1,528.00	37,475.00
332	Ripon, CA	52	14	DB	177,125	195.00	16,415.07
339*	Las Vegas, NV	10	1	DB	16,500		
340*	Wood Dale, IL	9	2	DB	15,500		
341	Kmbilt-Elk Horn, IA	30	94	DB	67,000	620.00	2,059.66
342	Bucks County, PA	41	24	DB	62,750	140.00	14,270.34
343	Waupaca, WI	2	55	DB	26,000	287.05	1,099.95
344*	Janesville, WI	14	25	DB	33,500		
345	Orange County, CA	51	52	DB	184,000	2,166.32	4,800.61
346	Riverside, CA	35	19	DB	104,237	286.94	9,585.72
347	Cedar Rapids, IA	15	35	DB	17,000	350.00	1,218.00
348	Eugene, OR	70	78	DB	588,425	260.97	3,040.81
349	Atlantic, IA	2	65	DB	3,000	200.00	5,277.66
600	Omaha, NE	1,627	87	DB	5,222,331		

NOTES TO ANNUAL REPORT

The report for 1991 was not received, or was received too late. Secretaries who find an asterisk () after their lodge are asked to submit their 1991 report to the Home Office as soon as possible.

"DB" All lodge members are direct billing.

The above listing gives 115 lodges, membership consisting of 6,368 insured and 3,169 social; a total monthly assessment of \$1,046.10 and a combined amount of insurance of \$17,649,765. Insured and social membership is 9,537.

Lodges reporting for 1991

Paid fraternal benefits \$ 54,712.95
Cash and other assets \$2,245,712.87

The total of insurance assessments paid to the local lodge treasurer not yet remitted to the Home Office is not included in total assets as reported on the annual lodge report. All such assessments must be accounted for, and belong to the Home Office. However, all other assets belong to the local lodge and the Home Office has no claim on these.

The average insured age attained as of December 31, 1991 is 52.

JEROME L. CHRISTENSEN
Chief Executive Officer and
Secretary-Treasurer

Payments to Board Members

MARCH

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$238.05

The Honorable Thief — A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Sverdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a very good and kind man, but he did not have a trade or occupation. He was such a failure at everything he did that he couldn't earn a living and couldn't keep hunger from his door.

One day, he met a fortune teller.

"I can see by your sign that the best profession for you is to be a thief!" she said.

"No, no," said the man. "Please don't say things like that! I hope that you are only joking!"

And the man walked quickly away from the fortune teller feeling more miserable than before.

Much time passed and the man and his family were starving. He didn't know what to do about it. He thought and thought, "Perhaps if I borrow some money from someone and return it as soon as possible my family won't starve."

And so, that night he broke into a store, took one gold coin and locked the door behind him.

When he got home, he wrote in a ledger, "One gold coin stolen."

The man and his family lived quite well off the money for quite some time.

When the money was gone he broke into another store at night and stole another gold coin. This, too, he recorded in his ledger.

Unfortunately, this went on for quite awhile and the merchants in the town were amazed by the thief who robbed them, but stole only one gold coin from each.

This strange story finally reached the king who couldn't understand how or why the person wasn't caught. The king asked his guards, but they told him that no one had ever seen the thief, and so, the king told them that if they couldn't catch the thief, he would.

The king dressed himself up in plain clothes and spent the evenings lurking about the marketplace, but he did not see anyone either.

But on the third night the thief came along, broke into a shop, took a gold coin and left.

Just as he was locking up behind him, the disguised king grabbed him and said, "Aha! I've got you at last!"

The thief pleaded to be let go. "Please!" begged the man. "I'm not what you think I am! I'm just borrowing money for my family so that they can eat! I promise to pay everything back just as soon as I can! I record what I take in a ledger. I'll show you!"

"I don't care what your motives are!" said the king in disguise. "I'm turning you in to the king! Stealing one gold coin is just as bad as stealing a hundred!"

"Oh, please, please!" cried the thief. "If you let me go I promise never to steal again even if my family must starve!"

The king thought about that and had an idea.

"Come with me to a large stash of money," he said. "You must steal it and we'll divide it between us! Then I'll let you go! Is it a deal?"

"No!" cried the thief. "I've already told you that I only borrow the money. I've been driven to it by poverty. I know that what I do is wrong, but I'll correct the wrong as soon as I can!"

"I'm not interested in your sad tale," said the king, disguised. "Either you do as I say or I'll hand you over to the king. And you surely know what that means!"

The thief did not have a choice.

He knew that one sin leads to another and he didn't want to get involved in this crime, but he didn't want to be turned over to the king and thrown in prison.

And so, he followed the disguised king who brought him to the royal treasury through a secret passageway.

The king pointed out just where all the gold and silver was and told the thief, "You can steal as much as you want, but leave through the passageway quickly!"

The thief looked puzzled.

"How did you know about this place?" he asked.

"Never mind that!" replied the disguised king. "Just hurry up and remember the deal I made with you. Steal as much as you want and then we will divide it between us. I'll be outside as a lookout!"

The thief sighed and went over to the treasure.

Just as he was about to stuff his pockets with the gold and silver he heard two guards coming.

The thief hid in the shadows.

Then he heard the guards talking to each other.

"I'm sick and tired of taking orders from the king!" said one. "And besides, I don't get paid very much to feed my family!"

"I don't either," said the other. "We can't quit. We'll be thrown in prison for life. What can we do?"

Both guards thought and thought.

"I know," whispered the other guard. "Why don't we poison the king's drinking cup tomorrow. Then with all of the commotion going on, we can come down here and fill sacks with gold and silver and leave forever!"

The thief overheard their plan.

When the guards had left the treasury, the thief made his way through the secret passageway to outside where the disguised

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king was standing.

"Well," he said. "What and how much did you steal?"

"I didn't steal anything," replied the thief, "because the guards came into the room and I overheard something dreadful. We should go to the king and tell him what I heard!"

The disguised king moved closer. "What did you hear?"

And the thief told him, who was most happy to be warned of this deadly plot.

The next day, when the guards brought the king his morning tea, he said, "Why don't you have a sip first?"

Reluctantly, the guards did and fell dead to the floor.

Instantly, the king sent for the thief who appeared before him not realizing the king had been in disguise the day before.

"Tell the court," ordered the king, "why you stole only one gold coin from each shop you broke into and what you stole last night!"

The thief explained his misdeeds and said, "Last night, I stole nothing, but I did hear something!"

And he told the court what he had heard.

"You saved my life!" said the king. "I'm giving you half of my treasury as a reward!"

Then the thief returned everything he had stolen and lived an honorable life ever after.

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Accumulated Premium Amount	Interest Rate
\$ 0.00 to \$ 999.99	4½ %
\$ 1,000.00 to \$ 4,999.99	5½ %
\$ 5,000.00 to \$ 9,999.99	6 %
\$10,000.00 to \$24,999.99	6¼ %
\$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99	6½ %
\$50,000.00 and up	6¾ %

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DBIA Loses Friend



Donald B. Moon

March 13, 1914 - November 18, 1991

When Donald B. Moon died in November, 1991, the Danish Brotherhood in America lost part of its past.

Donald B. Moon was born March 13, 1914 in Albany, Illinois. He became a member of Lodge No. 64 in Rockford, Illinois, in 1966.

As a dedicated member of the Danish Brotherhood in America, he served the Danish Brotherhood at all levels. He held all offices in his local lodge. He served as President of the Midwest District and was a member of the Midwest District Past Presidents' Club. He went on to serve the Danish Brotherhood in America at its highest level.

In 1971, Donald served as a delegate to the National Convention held in San Diego, California. He was elected to the National Board of Directors as Second Trustee and served on the National Board until 1975.

Donald married Gladys Rorbeck in June, 1947. They were the proud parents of a daughter and proud grandparents of three grandchildren.

He had a distinguished career in the United States Air Force. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the Pacific Theater and China. He also served during the Korean War. Donald retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1965.

Gladys would like to thank all of Donald's former colleagues and the many friends they made during his years with the Danish Brotherhood in America.

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A Lingering Legacy

by Ove R. Nielsen

Onkel Troals and Tante Hannah, to me, an uncle and aunt with distinguishing characteristics, were loved by all their many children. Their means were modest but their home had special quality. It told of a caring family. On this day Onkel Troals lay in bed at midmorning, for he had developed a fever that came and went with the flu during winter months on South Dakota farms.

Tante Hannah was in the kitchen boiling clothes in the copper boiler. That valued container stood prominently on the hot cook-stove, covering more space than two stove lids could accommodate. She stood there in the steamed heat, poking her laundry stick around in the boiler, moving clothes about to be certain that all would be saturated with water made slippery by sliced bars of homemade soap. Having poked the clothes in that boilerful enough, she walked through the dining room where several children were scurrying about noisily at play and entered the bedroom to spend a moment with her sick husband.

Seeing him lie there, she leaned over and looked into deep wells of his eyes. They were quickly drawn to hers so the love of the two sparkled like miniature stars reflected in clear pools.

Onkel Troals lifted his right arm so it nearly encircled Tante Hannah's back, then drew her head and shoulders down until a cheek of his caressed one of hers.

"Whordan goer et Troals? (How goes it Troals?)" she inquired.

"De wed ae et, whans trower doh? (I don't know, what do you think?)" It was typical of the people who spoke the dialect from a small section of Denmark's Jutland peninsula to answer a question by asking another. It was the Thy dialect.

Tante Hannah smiled. Her eyes twinkled as she returned to her work in the kitchen. Onkel Troals prepared to wait out the ending of his temporary illness, but resolved to utilize some of the time to reflect upon his life, the only one he would ever have. As a farmer with children and chores there had been too little time for that. By mental process he would journey back in time for nearly half a century, some time longer than he had experienced. It would be an interesting journey, he thought. It would also help to pass the time of day as he lay there, but that was only incidental.

In reminiscing he thought about both he and his wife having been born of immigrant parents. He remembered that in the latter decades of the nineteenth century, when part of America's midwest was known simply as Dakota Territory, so named for Indians better known as Sioux, there had been land to be acquired as a result of homestead legislation passed by the U.S. Congress in 1862 and signed by President Lincoln.

He had been told by his parents that homesteading opportunity provided incentive for them and others from the Thy region to emigrate. While the first of such settlers had come in 1868, he knew, his own parents and those of Tante Hannah had not come until more than a decade later. Each pair of parents had wed in America. That had been the case for most of those new residents. The ones who came in the early 1880s were most often younger siblings. They all came to where Indians had hunted buffalo (actually bison) not so long before and prairie wolves still made their presence known. Uncle Troals punctuated that in his mind with an exclamation point. He chuckled when remembering that when his mother had placed her small children in a wheelbarrow to transport them to the home of a neighbor where she would do a bit of visiting, she would on occasion need to set down the wheelbarrow, remove her hands from its handles, and pick up stones to throw at the pesky animals. That would shoo

them away.

Those particular decades, Onkel Troals ruminated, were years in which people who had emigrated from Thy could realistically raise their sights for achievement high above that which would have been consciously perceptible in the homeland at the time. They could anticipate experiences unimagined by even their immediate forebearers. **They could own their own land.** In a limited sense, each man in the new setting had been given a unique opportunity to become a "lord of the manor," even if not an aristocrat.

The homestead legislation, he knew, had provided that anyone who was either the head of a family, twenty-one years old, or a veteran of fourteen days of service in the U.S. armed forces and was a U.S. citizen, could qualify to acquire 160 acres of land in the public domain. Few, if any, of these particular immigrants, he was convinced, had served in the U.S. armed forces. In fact, he knew that an added incentive for leaving Denmark had been to sidestep a stint in kongens tjeneste (the king's service).

As the people who immigrated from Thy had not come as U.S. citizens, one more thing in the homestead legislation had been critical. It provided that anyone who had filed an intent to become a U.S. citizen could apply for the coveted quarter section of land. That had sprung open the door of opportunity to people who otherwise would have been shut out.

Onkel Troals reflected upon his knowledge that the immigrants had borne names such as Stine, Peder, Karen, Kresten and others common in Denmark to identify ordinary folks. On the Atlantic crossing, his father had met and liked a man whose first name was Troals, and so had named this one of his sons. So doing had gone a bit beyond cultural boundaries of those particular people, but no problem had ensued.

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As Tante Hannah boiled additional loads of clothing and the acrid aroma of her action drifted into the bedroom like mist over a swamp, Onkel Troals gave thought to language and especially the Thy dialect the two of them had spoken not many minutes earlier. They could have conversed in English equally well, but this dialect was seen as a particular heritage and appreciated as such. Not only was it distinctive; it conveyed unique mellowness of expression like creek water moving without haste over anchored stones.

Onkel Troals' parents and others, after preempting the quarter section of land that would become their own after five years of "proving up," he remembered, had built houses of sod. Sod was grassy surface soil held together by the matted roots of grass and weeds. While such huts provided protection from winter cold and excessive heat of summer, their walls and ceilings were easily infested by vermin. They could on occasion also be preferred habitation for rodents. Therefore the parents of Onkel Troals and their neighbors replaced them with buildings of boards and nails as soon as these were affordable. In his mental journey he reasoned that homes made of lumber might also have been seen by some as status symbols.

The bedridden man smiled as he remembered an incident described by his mother. It had related to his first day in school. She had set aside a gallon pail, probably having contained molasses in the first instance, to be his "dinner pail." When his mother had asked how many sandwiches he had wanted along to school, he had said, "Dow ka jo saa jarr fyll ae spand. (You can as well fill the pail.)"

As those immigrants gave birth to many children, there were several schools, one-room buildings with a teacher for each. It was in one of those that Onkel Troals had learned the "three R's: reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic." Taxes had been levied on

settlers to pay for rudimentary education of their children.

With churches it was different. In Thy, as in all of Denmark, the church had been a state institution. Lutheran, it had in its environment seemed to Troals' parents somewhat remote and impersonal. In America they had found there was separation of church and state. That made support of churches a voluntary matter. Nonetheless, before it was wholly settled, the community had been visited by pastors who also had come from Denmark. They had encouraged conduction of devotional services in homes through morning and evening prayers, as well as at mealtimes, and to build churches for common worship. Most of those immigrants did, to a larger or smaller extent. Among them the churches became relevant. They became focal points for the community.

While Onkel Troals pondered events Tante Hannah continued the process laundering entailed. He recalled that none of those pastors had spoken the Thy dialect. That meant the settlers had needed to listen to the word in words that to them hinted at being a foreign language. Without any derision intended, they had referred to that as paen dansk (pretty Danish). They worshipped in their churches faithfully and, in time, supported the consuming work of full-time pastors. Close to the churches they built forsamlingshuse (gathering houses). In these, lectures were heard. These buildings were also venue for social events. Onkel Troals relived for a few moments the wedding reception in one of those when he and his bride exchanged vows. The forsamlingshus had been filled to capacity.

He considered that the Danes from Thy had prospered. Some more than others. Lingering family illnesses had been impediments for several families. A few of the more fortunate eventually became owners of several farms and had been able to bequeath one to each of three or four sons. That had not been so for the father of Onkel Troals, but he had been a good father, and adequate provider and had developed his homestead in good order.

As he lay there, and Tante Hannah had by then completed her boiling of clothes, Onkel Troals' thoughts lingered for some minutes on a momentous decision the two of them had made after several years of marriage and almost as many children. They had decided to buy a farm so they could have one all their own on which to raise their growing family.

Unfortunately, as Onkel Troals had so often remembered, they had bought at a time when land prices had been artificially high. In following years of declining prices it had become increasingly hard to make required payments. The down payment had been substantial. So had the agreed-upon annual payments. Buying a farm when they did had been a judgment call. It turned out to have been the wrong one. The need to cede the farm to its previous owner had been recognized and acted upon. It had been painful, but neither of the two people had ever complained about their "fell clutch" of circumstance. Dignity prevented that. After ceding the farm the two people had once more become renters, paying one-third of the crop each year for use of land and buildings. The opportunity to gain equity, something for when they would be too old to farm, had been forfeited.

Onkel Troals let his hand slide across his fevered brow as he remembered all that. Moving that hand, he sensed that someone had entered the bedroom. It was their son Hertug. He had been among the children playing heartily in the dining room. The boy wanted to know how his father was doing. Placing his two hands on one of those of his father, he asked, "Will you soon be well, Papa?"

"Yes, Hertug," came the response. "In a couple of days I should be as good as new. This kind of flu does not last so very

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"Is there anything I can do to help?" Hertug wanted to know.

"Not that I can think of right now," said Onkel Troals, "But thank you for asking."

Hertug rejoined the other children at play. Tante Hannah completed the week's wash and in a few days Onkel Troals was up and about.

II — For years he continued to plant and harvest, feed livestock, milk cows, and the numerous other things farmers did to earn a living. Always foremost was the welfare of his family.

While the children became adults, most bade their parents fond farewell. Several moved to the west coast. All established good homes. Nearly all became active in church and in their respective communities.

Hertug became a meat cutter, earned good wages, and managed well.

When it was time, Onkel Troals and Tante Hannah took inventory of their livestock, farm machinery, and tools. That completed, they had sales bills printed to advertise all that would be sold at auction so these could be posted in coffee shops and grain elevators in towns out around. An ad was placed in the county newspaper, as was customary.

On the appointed day, which was in the spring before field work was to get underway, many came to hear the auctioneer chant his repetitive words and a few came to actually buy. They also came because a farm auction was a social event inviting their presence. All things advertised were sold. When the last such item had been disposed of, Onkel Troals drew an imaginary curtain across his mind to separate the past from the future. He drew an audible sigh as teams of horses that had served faithfully for years were led away by new owners to other barns and fields. Enough money was realized from the auction to buy a modest house in town. The two of them soon made the house a home.

Children came home for visits periodically. In time they brought their spouses and children with them. Before so many years the two aging people began annual bus trips to the west coast. On the first of these, while they were visiting in Hertug's home, an occasion arose so the father and son were alone. Utilizing the opportunity, Hertug spoke up.

"Papa, you and Mama raised a big family."

"I guess you could say that, Hertug."

"You and Mama worked very hard."

"Yes, I guess you could say that, Hertug."

"It took a lot of food, a lot of clothing, a lot of medicine. It took a lot of coal in winter."

"Yes, Hertug."

"There were doctor bills to pay. There will have been costs that we children never even knew about. How can there be anything left for the two of you to live on?"

"We have gotten along, Hertug. We have been neither hungry nor cold."

"That's true, Papa, or you wouldn't have said so." Hertug spoke gently. "But Papa, I make good money. So does my wife. So does the rest of the family out here. All of us would like to help..."

"If we ever need help, Hertug, I'll let you know."

"Okay, Papa. Thanks."

After that when the parents made their annual visits Hertug would seek an opportunity to look searchingly at his father until catching his attention. He did it without staring and without the knowledge of others in the room.

When Onkel Troals would become aware of Hertug's searching eyes, he would return the look, but without any searching in the eyes that were his own. Then he would say, but barely above a whisper, "Not yet, Hertug." And then he would smile just a little.

III — Onkel Troals grew older. He also grew weak. The time eventually came when he lay on his deathbed in their home. When that happened, Tante Hannah stood at his bedside and leaned over him. He tried to lift an arm to encircle her but there was too little strength. She took hold of the arm and raised it as best she could. He smiled appreciation.

"Hannah," he said. "Soon I will die."

"Yes, Troals, you will," she said, as though he had said he was going to take a walk over to the gas station or the grain elevator.

"When the kids all come home for my funeral and they are all together with you in the funeral home the night before my funeral, they will be talking quietly in small groups as they visit with each other and with friends, as is always done."

"Yes, Troals."

"When they are doing that and you see Hertug come and stand by my coffin and look searchingly into my face, please tell him..."

"I know," she broke in gently. "I'll say, 'Not yet, Hertug.' And then I'll smile just a little."

Tante Hannah bent down and softly caressed his cheek with hers. Then she lifted her head just enough to look deep into the wells of his eyes where she could see miniature stars reflected. He looked into the pools that were hers.

The eyes of each held those of the other.

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
1-20-92	Robert H. Tronier	93	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1934
2-9-92	Merlyn D. Hansen	58	Viborg, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1968
2-8-92	Earl R. Andersen	67	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1946
2-13-92	Jens P. Andersen	82	Bergninge Holbak, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1941
12-19-91	Arne Nissen	79	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1946
1-13-92	Henry W. Sorensen	86	Roge, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1925
2-19-92	Alfred T. Nelson	91	Taar Hjorring Amt, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1936
2-2-92	Norman A. Sorensen	78	Waukegan, Illinois	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1947
1-8-92	Magda V. Andersen	91	Aalborg, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1966
12-4-91	Carl S. Hagner	81	Kalmar, Sweden	346	Riverside, California	1978
1-20-92	Willy A. Nielsen	75	Fyn, Denmark	155	Bellingham, Washington	1987
1-26-92	Karen Toftemark	78	Vilstrup, Denmark	348	Eugene, Oregon	1981
1-10-92	Anders Hermansen	69	Esbjerg	35	Chicago, Illinois	1979
2-18-92	Thelma D. Jorgensen	74	Tyler, Minnesota	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1987

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General Information

1. Grade levels 4 through 8 refer to the grade completed as of Spring 1992. Enrollment is limited and registrations should be received by May 15 to reserve a space.
2. At *Himmelbjerget* you can look forward to sports, swimming, singing, folk dancing, woodworking and crafts, and acquiring language skills.
3. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26.
4. Campers depart at 11:30 following breakfast and the closing program on Saturday, August 1.
5. Camper will receive information from the Camp Director prior to camp regarding what to bring, etc.



6. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend the closing program at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 1.
7. Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of camp participants. Please arrive on time and arrange for prompt departure on closing day. Camp closes at 11:30 a.m.
8. Campers may wish to pursue grants and scholarship assistance. Application forms may be requested from Northwest Danish Foundation Scholarship Program, 1833 N. 105th, Suite 301, Seattle, WA 98133-8973, and Danish Sisterhood of America, 1992 Lake Ave., #B12, Lima, NY 14485. Contact local Danish Sisterhood lodges and other organizations for possible camp grants. **Campers should contact organizations soon regarding deadline dates for applying.** Some deadline dates are as early as April 1.

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- a. If your Danish Brotherhood lodge awards you a \$100 scholarship, the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters will match that amount for a total scholarship of \$200.
- b. Members, children of members or grandchildren of members of Danish Brotherhood in America may apply.
- c. Complete and sign the attached application form.

- d. Submit the completed application and a letter explaining why you would like to attend *Himmelbjerget* to your lodge secretary, who should then forward the lodge scholarship funds, the application and health information form and your letter to the National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.
 - e. The National Headquarters will forward the above materials and a matching fund scholarship to *Himmelbjerget* in your name.
 - f. The scholarship application deadline is June 1, 1992.
9. Campers may receive mail addressed to:
Himmelbjerget
Menucha Retreat and
Conference Center
P. O. Box 8
Corbett, Oregon 97017
 10. Early registration is encouraged to reserve space at *Himmelbjerget*.

How to Register

1. Fill out the form in ink and sign both registration and health forms at the appropriate places.
2. Detach and mail the completed form with your check or money order in the amount of \$206.00 or \$212.00 to:
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410 Laurel Street
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4. If you have questions, please telephone (503) 998-8288, (503) 485-5030, or (503) 689-0639.

1992 *Himmelbjerget* Health Information (please print)

Camper _____ Birth date _____ Emergency Phone (_____) _____
Family doctor _____ Telephone (_____) _____
Present medications _____
(Camper must bring medications to camp)

Special diet requirements: Explain _____

Physical, behavioral or emotional concerns. Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please attach explanation to this form.

Allergies _____ Bee Sting _____ Penicillin _____ Other _____

Date of last tetanus shot/booster _____

Family health insurance company _____ Policy No. _____

If you want your child to be given aspirin, if needed, please initial here _____

Medical/surgical release: I understand that every effort will be made to contact me if my child needs emergency medical/surgical treatment, but if it is impractical to do so, I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION to the physician selected by the camp staff to secure proper medical treatment, to hospitalize, to order injection, anesthesia, X-rays, or surgery for my child as named above.

Signature of parent or guardian _____

1992 *Himmelbjerget* Registration Form (please print)

Camper _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Grade _____ Completed _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____

Person to contact if parents cannot be reached _____

Phone (_____) _____

Person bringing camper to Camp Sunday, July 26 _____

Person who will pick up camper Saturday, August 1 _____

What musical instrument does camper play? _____

Does camper speak Danish? _____ (level) Beginning _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Camper has attended Himmelbjerget (list years) _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

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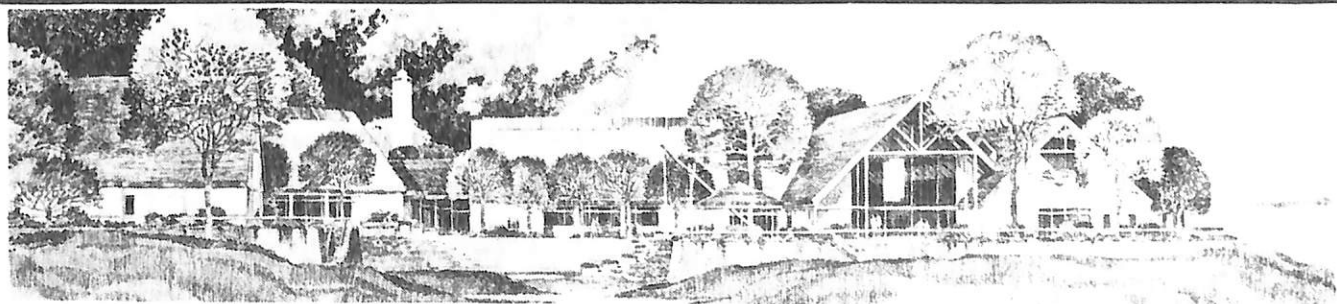
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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — Our last meeting was opened by President Frank Poulsen at 7:30 p.m. with 30 members present. A new member, Kurt Rasmussen, was initiated and welcomed. Landon Jensen, son of Assistant Secretary Jeff, was introduced. Frank urged everyone to become involved and work together this year. He invited all members to submit ideas to the Board of Officers for discussion.

Mel Hollister reported on a very successful installation dinner. A super dinner was prepared by Gunnar and Else Sorensen. Frank also thanked Robert Riley for an excellent January meeting and program.

Mel Hollister was nominated for the prestigious "Howard E. Christensen Award."

Lem Petersen, Ove Kilgren and Jerry Jensen were appointed to the Himmelbjerget Scholarship Committee with Lem as Chairman. Mel Hollister moved and Lem Petersen seconded that we provide three scholarships for Himmelbjerget. The motion carried. It was also moved by Ove Kilgren and seconded by Lem that our lodge donate \$500 to the Himmelbjerget program. That motion carried also. Ove Kilgren announced that the Danish Brotherhood is planning a day camp for kids prior to Himmelbjerget.

The lodge moved to take a full page ad in the district convention booklet in the amount of \$100. It was also approved to loan \$100 to the 1995 National Convention Committee.

A question arose on dues, both local and national. Clyde Langsted explained the differences and what it was all about and why. Eventually, billings, except for local lodge dues, will be handled through the Home Office and it is possible they may handle local lodge dues as well if we wish.

Fred Nielsen was recently presented his 60-year membership pin by Kris Jorgensen.

The Danes of Vancouver will meet the Danes of Seattle on May 30 in Seattle for the next soccer match. The 6th Annual Danish American Tournament will be

The best idea for April goes to Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA. See page 15.

hosted by Spokane on Sunday, July 11.

Clyde Langsted, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The February 5 meeting was called to order with 54 members and guests present. All officers with the exception of Darlene Voss, Conductor, and Kris Roley, Young Viking Chairman, were present. President Norm Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Mortensen, Past President, explained the symbols.

The following people were initiated into the lodge: Joel Chase, Lyle Ford, Pamela Ford, Emma Snodgrass, Charles Creamer, Vagn Petersen, Robert Jensen and Donna Jensen. The meeting was interrupted for a short intermission to welcome the new members.



New members were initiated.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as written. Bills were read and approved to be paid. Correspondence was read which included a letter from the National Headquarters awarding our lodge the 1991 President's Award for Best Single Civic Activity and special recognition for hosting the 1991 National Convention. Enclosed with the letter were certificates of merit and a \$100 check. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Debbie Turner reported that the Scan Fair was very successful and we had a \$266.50 profit. She suggested that we divide the profit 50/50 and donate half to the Scandinavian Heritage Building Fund and half to the Portland State Language

Studies Program. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to follow the recommendation. Debbie also reported that the sisters will have a cake walk at the next meeting. She reported for Kris Roley that the Young Vikings Snow Bunny trip was canceled due to lack of snow.

A special presentation of the Bing and Grondahl Christmas plate was given to Dane Jensen for the purchase of the Young Viking life insurance. Dane's parents, Donna and Robert Jensen, accepted the plate for him.

Two fifty-year members, Robert Wiren and Herbert Fahl, were recognized with fifty-year membership pins. Herbert Fahl is also a Past President, who served our lodge in 1945. Valdemar Johansen and Erik Voldbeck, who were unable to attend the meeting, were also recognized for 25 years of membership. They will be awarded their pins at a later date.



President Norm Powell presents Herbert Fahl and Robert Wiren with their 50-year membership pins.

President Powell recognized Jens Jensen who was featured in the Harbor Highlights newsletter from the Home Office for earning the Representative of the Year Award for the 14th consecutive year. Congratulations Jens!

Norm introduced new business which included nominating a member for the "Howard E. Christensen Award." It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to submit Lisa Mortensen, Past President, as our lodge's nominee.

Debbie Johnson from the Sisterhood was admitted to the meeting to make some announcements. Debbie presented a motion from the Sisterhood to share in the expense of an ad with the Brotherhood to be placed in the district convention program thanking everyone for their help at

the National Convention. Total cost of the ad would be \$100. The Sisterhood also said they would like to help in April with the sandwich dinner.

June Pihl reported that there were no applications last year for the lodge scholarship.

President Powell announced the Northwest District Convention would be May 1-3 in Junction City. He also reported that the Home Office is changing its President's Awards to a Lodge Rating and Awards Program. The intent is to recognize more lodges for their activities and to encourage more lodges to participate in more activities in their communities.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to share the cost of the \$100 ad with the Sisterhood thanking everyone for their help and support at the National Convention. Phil Baker volunteered to have the ad typeset if he is given the exact wording to be in the ad. Jens Jensen introduced Lyle Ford, a new member, as an entertainer who would be willing to share his talents at one of our sandwich suppers.

Please note, the date for the potluck dinner/bingo party has been changed to Sunday, April 26. Mark your calendars!

Kathy Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, BC — There were 45 Brothers attending the last meeting. We had the pleasure of having Asbjorn Fisker, National Director, in attendance. We accepted a new application from Frede Laursen. President Jens Peder Vestergaard then gave the floor over to Asbjorn Fisker. Asbjorn explained to the members the reason for the bylaw change to increase the national social membership dues from \$5.00 to \$15.00. President Vestergaard thanked Asbjorn for coming to our meeting and trying to help us.

The meeting continued with a discussion of a new hall. There was no snaps served at this meeting due to the change from the Board of Granly. Our president had looked into a new hall. A motion was made to change our meeting place to the Slovenian Hall. This motion carried.

We elected our delegates to the Pacific Northwest District Convention in Junction City on May 1-3. They are Peter Jensen, John Mikkelsen, Leo Pedersen, and alternate, Karl Kristensen.

The Sports Committee reported that the soccer exchange against Seattle will take place on May 30 in Seattle. The Sixth Annual Danish American Soccer Tournament will be held in Spokane on July 11.

Again this year, there will be a bus trip to Reno sponsored by our lodge. Your tour guide will be Herluf Pedersen. Herluf has informed us that the bus will be leaving Vancouver on September 26 and returning on October 2. For more information, please contact Herluf Pedersen.

After the meeting, everybody enjoyed sandwiches and beer. **Peter Praegel, Cor.**

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — The following sentence was inadvertently omitted from our lodge news for December: "Lois Tofte-mark of our lodge was instrumental in arranging for Pastor Muller to come to Eugene to conduct the Lillejuleaften worship service."

We gathered before our regular meeting on February 13 for a potluck dinner. Joining us for the evening were D. J. Faulken and Diana Golz.

We draped the charter in remembrance of Karen Tofte-mark, one of the founding members of our lodge. Knud Tofte-mark thanked everyone for the care and concern shown to him and his family.

President Al Nyegaard led us in the opening ceremonies and encouraged each of us to make it a goal to memorize the words in "Det er et Yndigt Land." We also sang happy birthday to Martin Taekker, Chris Christensen and Elisabeth Engelman.

Secretary Susie Staats read a letter from the Junction City Lodge which is hosting the 1992 District Convention on May 1-3 at the Shilo Inn in Springfield. Tickets are available for separate events as well as the convention package. The President also advised that information is available about the camp grants available through the Home Office. The deadline is April 15, however.

We voted to adopt Operation: H.O.P.E. Bettie Matson proposed a fund raising project for the lodge called, "Make it, Bake It, Sew It, or Grow It." We will set aside one day in the fall for this event which may include both sale and auction of items. We might also sell lunch or other refreshments. We voted in favor of the concept.

At the close of the business meeting, we were treated to lively musical entertainment by Harvey Hansen and several of his colleagues from the Gleemen. Led by Wesley Schick, the group sang several numbers. Lodge members chimed in with Row, Row, Row Your Boat and Frere Jacques. What a delight to hear this fine group at close range!

We then rejoined the Young Vikings for coffee and cake. Al Nyegaard capped the evening by presenting a 25-year membership pin to Poul Oleson, a charter member and past president of our lodge.

Nearly 20 members and guests returned on February 28 to enjoy an evening of conversation, games and refreshments. The group played board games and various card games. Glenn and Bettie Matson put everyone to work solving pictograph brain teasers. With such a great turnout, we hope to schedule a similar event in the future.

We will meet on April 9 at the Sons of Norway Lodge. A potluck supper is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. This date marks the 52nd anniversary of the invasion and occupation of Denmark in 1940 by Hitler's Germany. **Diana Pedersen, Cor.**

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — President Doris Christensen opened the meeting at 8:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by roll call.

Secretary Betty Seale read the minutes of the last meeting. **A thank you was received from the Salvation Army Center for the food and toys delivered to them. The lodge collected close to 100 food items and some 50 toys. Not bad for the short time we had to collect these items. Many members shared in this project and the President says "thank you" for your help.**

Brother Secretary read a letter from Solvang regarding the dates of the California-Nevada District Convention to be held on July 30-August 1.

A letter was received from the Home

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Office explaining the Lodge Rating and Awards Program.

Brother Secretary also read a letter on the liability insurance for each lodge. This has been under discussion at the district conventions for some time and now it has been finalized and there is coverage.

Karen Rowse is the new chairperson for the Entertainment Committee for 1992. Our first social should be in April.

The trip to Laughlin is sold out.

The joint installation, hosted by the Sisterhood Lodge No. 68, went very well. Some 75 people attended. Joan Petersen and Marie Jaeger were installing officers for the Sisterhood and Jim Larsen and Karl Duus for the Brotherhood. We had many guests from out of town. We would like to thank the Sisterhood lodge for hosting the installation. You did a super job! Congratulations to all of the new officers!

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — Our first meeting of the year was preceded by a "Recession Banquet" planned by Dick and Betty Hansen. We enjoyed a recession cocktail before dinner, the cocktail being a ginger ale and grapefruit juice mix. We sat at tables which were set with all recyclable items and decorated with such items as packets of vegetable seeds and gladiolus bulbs, which were later given to those who had winning tickets. Our food was a delicious bean stew served from large tin cans, other goodies, and for dessert cookies from paper bags. Stories were told of memories from the depression years with prizes going to those who told the best stories.

Our plans for the year were made when the officers of our lodge and the local Sisterhood met at the home of Frank and Pat Taddei on February 8. We feel that 1992 will be filled with fellowship and good times to remember.

Several of us traveled to Modesto to celebrate the Ripon Lodge No. 332's 45th anniversary and we all enjoyed their warm hospitality and shared many memories with them.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — On January 25, members and friends of Lodge No. 95 in Ferndale and our lodge, along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 31 of Ferndale, gathered at the Arcata Masonic Temple for their annual installation.

A lovely dinner was spread before the service. We then moved into the lodge room for a very impressive display of precision drill work by the ladies of the Azalea Patrol, White Shrine of Jerusalem from

Eureka, California. Some of these ladies were above the age of 80.

The officers of the three lodges were then installed in their respective stations by Jim Larsen, District President, and Walter Miller, Conductor from Petaluma. They were assisted by four lovely ladies also from Petaluma, namely Lil Miller, Pat Taddei, Inge Brown, and Betty Hansen. They did a wonderful job! They were assisted by Eunice Sanborn on the piano.

During the presentation of gifts, Emma Dudal was given her Past President's pin along with a silver platter. Laura Schuler was presented with a silver serving platter in commemoration of her 23 years as lodge secretary.

Judy Denny, Sec.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The month of March marked our 77th anniversary.

Let's try to get new members. We hope to have a new meeting place for the April meeting.

Lillian Suda, Sec.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Last month, our regular lodge meeting date and location had to be changed at the last minute. Many thanks to Ken and Gerry Olsen who opened up their home for our Fastelavns party.

Our February meeting was attended by over 30 members and friends. We want to thank those board members who chipped in and made last minute telephone calls to the membership informing them of our change. President Ken Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were introductions of five guests.

We received a thank you note from Karl Duus for the installation gift. It was voted upon to send a loan of \$100 to the 1995 National Convention Committee. It was voted on to place a \$40.00 ad in the upcoming district convention program. The convention will be held in Solvang on July 30-August 1. A letter was read from the National Headquarters in reference to lodge and district liability insurance which will cost \$1.50 per member. It was voted to pay this liability premium for our lodge. It was also decided to discontinue having a monthly door prize except for special occasions or for a special fundraiser to be decided on at the discretion of the board. We will still continue to have our usual 50/50 raffle hoping everyone will purchase more now that we will be offering the raffle exclusively. It was voted that our lodge membership dues for 1992 will be \$12.00 per person (social or insured and aged 16 and older).

Following the meeting, the social activity of knocking the cat out of the barrel took place. Kaleena Chappell was the lucky

winner and crowned Cat Queen and she chose Lonnie Watson as her Cat King. The balloon bust game that followed was very exciting. Many thanks to John Kotnik for organizing the game and Betty Christensen for purchasing the gifts. Thanks to the ladies who brought the delicious cookies that went with the ice cream which was provided by Gerry Olsen. Many thanks to Ken and Gerry Olsen and Committee #3 for doing a great job at the February meeting.

Operation: H.O.P.E. Chairman, Vivian Schuette, gave an end-of-the-year report. For the year 1991, we donated the following to the Christian Temporary Housing Facility: gasoline vouchers totaling \$60.00, bus passes totaling \$20.00, lunch vouchers totaling \$25.00, forks and spoons totaling \$50.00, cleaning supplies totaling \$50.00, and cereal bowls and regular bowls totaling \$50.00. We would like to thank Vivian for doing such an excellent job as chairperson purchasing and delivering these items to the facility.

Recycling chairman, Helga Bjorn, reported that she is still collecting aluminum can tabs for donation to the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to those who brought in a huge supply at the February meeting. Helga is also still collecting used eyeglasses to be recycled and distributed to those in need, so if you have any or know someone who does, please bring them to our monthly meetings for collection. Many thanks to Helga and the work she is doing in this recycling effort.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Thirteen members attended our Board meeting just prior to our regular meeting on February 1 and we made our plans for upcoming activities.

Thirty-two members and guests were in attendance for our Fastelavns party and chili dinner. It was a very good dinner.

After dinner, we had our regular meeting. It was voted to send a donation to the California-Nevada District Scholarship Fund in memory of Carl Hagner. We received word with regard to our upcoming convention in Solvang. We discussed the new dues being paid to the National Headquarters and we decided that at one of our upcoming activities, we would have a raffle to raise money to pay for the new liability insurance coverage that the National Headquarters has for the Brotherhood to cover all the lodges. We, as well as our guests, have been covered by the insurance as of January 1, and the fee is so small that we think we can handle the bill with a raffle.

After the meeting, Bill Johansen set up our Cat in the Barrel which was made by our "little Old Barrel Maker" Vikki Garrison and the children who attended had a great time trying to knock the cat out. The costume winners were Helene Piehl in her Danish costume and Doris Thompson's grandson as a very clever looking clown. There were some good costumes and it was really hard for our judges, Kaja Del-Grippo and Bill Jones, to pick just two. We decided that next year we plan to give all the children some kind of an award for participating.

The puppet show for the children was really something. Our puppeteers were Doris Thompson and her daughter Marcie.

Thanks to everyone who made it a fun evening for the kids. Thanks to our bartenders, Tom Loveday and Bill Del-Grippo.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

NEBRASKA

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — A special thank you to Vice President John Norton for presiding at the February meeting. You did a great job!

We will celebrate round birthdays at the April 7 meeting. Please come and find out what is involved in a round birthday!

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — Thirty-four attended the February 20 Valentine box supper. There were many goodies. The business meeting followed. The Nebraska District will provide two scholarships for 1992. Applications are available.

We held a fund raiser and the proceeds were great. Thanks to all who helped.

Following the meeting, a Valentine quiz and "Name That Tune" were on the program by the committee consisting of Wes and Violet Nielsen, Robert and Wanda Borggaard, Dora Hansen and Merle and Mabel Haselbarth.

Marie Nelson, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our January meeting was conducted by Vice President Jerry Christensen in the absence of the President. Routine business was carried out. We voted to donate \$50.00 this year and \$50.00 next year to Dana College in memory of Paul and Lil Strand. This money is to come from interest paid on our CD. We voted to loan \$100.00 to the 1995 National Convention Committee. New officers were installed and persons with January birthdays were honored.

Heleen McNichols, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — On February 10 we enjoyed a jog down memory lane with George Falk, one of the famous "Ironmen" of the University of Iowa 1939 football team.

Our annual Fastelavns party was well attended on Sunday, February 23, including several children who were first time participants. There were some very clever and imaginative costumes. Newcomer Christopher Burkett was crowned King for breaking open the barrel. Brian Lindsey got the first break. Little Casady Christiansen won the best girl costume and was especially cute in her Alpine mountain climbing outfit. Dennis Boerre won the best boy costume dressed as a rich, older lady and was part of a team with his older brother, Lasse, dressed very formally as the older husband. Young and old alike had a very enjoyable time observing the events and enjoying refreshments. Special

thanks to Rae Ann Lary for telling the kids about Fastelavns and to Doug and Rae Ann for all they did to prepare the barrel and obtain the goodies and the fabulous prizes for the four winners.



Christopher Burkett was crowned Cat King.

VELKOMMEN!

In recognition of DBIA members who are participating in the growth of the Danish Brotherhood in America by recommending their family and friends.

Lodge

Member	No.	Location	Sponsor
Roy B. Peterson	17	Chicago, IL	Kittie V. LaPointe
Michael K. Emmick	29	Seattle, WA	Melvin N. Hollister
Adrienne L. Hollister	29	Seattle, WA	Melvin N. Hollister
Garret N. Hollister	29	Seattle, WA	Melvin N. Hollister
Katrina E. Harley	29	Seattle, WA	Melvin N. Hollister
Jessica M. Morrison	29	Seattle, WA	Melvin N. Hollister
Knud E. Frederiksen	29	Seattle, WA	Knud Hansen
Natasha N. Nelson	29	Seattle, WA	Ralph A. Nelson
David L. Nelson, II	29	Seattle, WA	Ralph A. Nelson
Carter S. Moore	144	Dike, IA	Svend V. Koch
Levi P. Moore	144	Dike, IA	Svend V. Koch
Amber M. Wittmer	144	Dike, IA	Svend V. Koch
Jacob A. Wittmer	144	Dike, IA	Svend V. Koch
Jeffrey J. Autrey	161	Ruskin, NE	David L. Autrey
Heather MacHaffie	167	Portland, OR	Ingeborg MacHaffie
George P. Sorensen	227	Detroit, MI	George Sorensen
Kristin C. Heins	268	Junction City, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Bonnie L. Mathison	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Kathryn A. Harris	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Christopher Harris	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Amanda J. Harris	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Eli K. Harris	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Alexandra M. Harris	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Brian P. S. Nielsen	600	Omaha, NE	Egil M. Andersen
Douglas B. McCoy	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Naomi D. McCoy	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Sarah F. McCoy	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Andrew D. McCoy	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Mark C. McCoy	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Rachel J. McCoy	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Timothy D. McCoy	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Rudy L. Scott	600	Omaha, NE	Lewis A. Petersen



Lasse Boerre and his brother ("wife") Dennis and "The President."

The program at our April 13 meeting will feature antique dealer Roma Agan sharing insights on railroad watches, semi-precious stones, jewelry, diamonds and a variety of collectibles.

Our lodge is currently raising funds for our new Scholarship Fund through a raffle of a \$200 gift certificate from the HyVee Food Stores.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — DBIA scholarships to Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village in Moorhead, Minnesota, are due June 1. Ruth Jensen, a member of our lodge, has cooked at Skovsøen several summers. She has fond memories of many campers. She likes to share her stories with others. In fact, a story about Ruth and Little Hans was written by Ruth's cousin in California for a college assignment.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — We will meet April 11 at 4:00 p.m. for our regular meeting. A potluck supper will follow. Bring your own table service. We will be making plans for the ethnic fair so please bring your ideas and suggestions.

At our February meeting Thorvald Sorensen reported that the Ethnic Festival will be held the first Saturday in May. We will again serve aebleskiver. Help will be needed for this.

Jerry and Kathy Sonsalla were presented with their 25-year membership pins. Thorvald Sorensen gave a brief history of the lodge and information about the Danish Brotherhood for the visitors.

Tracey Olesen gave a presentation on Denmark. She had attended a camp in Denmark in July and August. The camp was sponsored by the Lions Club. There were young people from many countries attending this camp. She had also visited relatives in Denmark. Tracey showed slides and answered questions. We enjoyed having Tracey and her mother with us for this program. A potluck supper followed the meeting.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met February 24 at the Kimballton Town Hall. There was no business meeting due to the absence of officers. About 40 members enjoyed a Valentine party.

Lucille Wiges read an article on how Valentine cards originated, followed by the members playing board and card games. A lunch and cookies were enjoyed by those present.

Our next meeting will be April 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elk Horn Town Hall to celebrate the Queen of Denmark's birthday. A potluck supper will be held.

JoAnn Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — Our February 20 meeting was quite an eye-opener for us all. After the minutes were read and various business matters were taken care of, Bob Block gave a speech regarding his family history which was accompanied with pictures from his and Betty's trip to Denmark.

Our speaker of the evening was Rev. Alton Chapman who came all dressed in a clown suit, much to everyone's surprise. He introduced himself as "Snooky" and explained why he chose to come as a clown. He is a volunteer from St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. At the present time, there are approximately 30 clown volunteers. The Clown Connection is a unique group of men and women who have been especially trained to visit patients, families and visitors of St. Luke's Hospital. This organization has been a tremendous success. Other hospitals have sought information about the Clown Connection. All this information was indeed an eye-opener and hopefully the clowns will succeed in many more hospitals in America.

Thank you to the refreshment committee for all the goodies.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

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. Nylen, 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.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — We got off to a good start in January with a new member being initiated. We all welcome Lance King to our lodge and look forward to many good

times with him. Let's all continue to help our lodge grow in membership.

Don't forget April 11 when we will have our Torsk Dinner.

Thanks to Edna and Erik Raahauge for a delicious lunch.

Jeffrey Christiansen, Pres.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Mark your calendars for the aebleskiver breakfast to be held on Sunday, April 12. Jackie Gernantez has offered again to head up this committee. She needs workers and supplies. Please do your share and give Jackie a call. She needs flour, milk, eggs, coffee, etc.

A Cubs ball game has been added to our schedule on Sunday, September 6. Cost will be approximately \$20 per person which includes the bus and game.

The Conklin Theater date will probably be moved up a week to October 11.

We will be buying our own aebleskiver pans but need the gas burners to go under them.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — President Al Iversen kept the February meeting fairly short so members and friends could get to the Fastelavns fun planned for the evening. Highlights of the meeting were a vote taken regarding the selection of Ray Nielsen as our nomination for the "Howard E. Christensen Award" which passed. Ray was given a certificate of merit from President Iversen on behalf of the lodge for his excellent support and hard work through the years. John Jorgensen was also honored and given a Past President's pin and thanked for all he has contributed to our lodge. Both men received a big round of applause.

After the usual meeting, 80 members, friends and children participated in the Fastelavns activities. There were quite a few good costumes. Among them were a pair of Siamese twins, Popeye and his Olive Oyl, grown-up Christmas elves in their red suits and bowls of rice porridge, clowns and many more. Popeye and Olive Oyl (Eric and Joyce Jensen) were selected by the impartial judges as having the best adult costumes while Kristopher Jensen in bandages and twins Aaron and Joshua as Siamese twins won in the selection of children's costumes. The adults received wine and the children got cash prizes. When it came to knock the cat out of the barrels, there was a slight hitch. The cats had been replaced by bunnies. The barrels were whacked again and again by blindfolded adults and children. Jason Stierle finally succeeded in knocking the bunny out and chose as his junior partner Robyn Sven-

ningsen so they were the young version of Cat King and Queen. Lillian Mauro swung hard and was the adult Cat Queen with hubby Mario as her King. The children were the real winners as they got to load up on all the candy that flew out of the barrels. They had a wonderful time.

It was a good evening. The committee led by Marion and Ed Eriksen served beautiful sandwiches and Fastelavnsboller.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Many items were discussed at our February 24 business meeting. We thank Alice and Lars Andersen for the tasty refreshments. Also thanks to Al and Carol Larsen for their donation of a set of Danish and American flags for use at our meetings.

Rudolph Bernhardt, Jr., President of DBIA Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, has extended an invitation for us to attend their 100th anniversary on Saturday, May 23. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

The Board of Directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, will meet in Milwaukee on June 12-14. A presentation regarding progress on the building will be made for interested persons. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening, June 13.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our February meeting was held on the afternoon of February 27 with 24 members present. We regretfully accepted the resignations from Randy and Dorothy Hansen, Everette and Marjorie Hanson, Dorothy Johnson and Kenneth and Eva Townsend.

After a short business meeting, Pastor and Mrs. Leder showed slides from Norway and Denmark taken last summer on a visit to their daughter and family in Norway. They were enjoyed by everyone. Lunch was served followed by a bit of socializing.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — In February, Past President Henning Jensen was presented with a plaque for his term in office.

Delegates for the Michigan-Ohio District Convention were selected as follows: Don Boyd, Paul Carlsen, Torkeld Nielsen, George Petersen and Ken Rehan. The convention will be held in Detroit on May 16.

In observance of St. Valentine, candy hearts were given during our good and welfare.

At our social night in February, all enjoyed aebleskiver and a video on Denmark.

In April, 25- and 50-year membership pins will be presented to members at our dinner meeting. On our social night we have Gordon Draper's slide presentation of Eastern Europe scheduled.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On January 10 we held our installation of officers. We were very fortunate to have Eric Brown, President of the GCEL, drive up from his home in New Jersey to be with us and install the officers. We also welcomed his wife Doris and daughter Amanda. The installation was held after a ritual type meeting. Most of those attending thought it was a good idea to have a ritual meeting every so often to remind us of times past. Thanks to Vera Holmes and Gerda Sorensen for supplying most of the open faced sandwiches.

Haabet Lodge will be participating in two International Festivals this spring. The first is the Connecticut Historical Society annual festival to be held on April 12 from 1-4 p.m. This is the fifth year that we have participated in this festival and it is always an active day.

The other festival is the New Haven International Festival being held in Moorefield House at Southern Connecticut State University for the first time. It will be held May 23-24. Help us celebrate our heritage with others.

May 10 we are planning our first potluck sit-on-the-floor picnic. Please bring your own blanket as well as a hoist to get you off the floor.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — Our February meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. with President Eric Brown presiding. Our charter was draped and a period of silence was observed in memory of our departed brother Kai Hansen.

Two applications for the lodge scholarship were received. Officers for 1992 were installed. A lengthy discussion was held on the changes in per capita taxes and dues and also the procedure for billing.

The Fastelavns potluck dinner and festivities were held in the afternoon at the Danish Home in Edison, New Jersey. A buffet and a sociable afternoon were enjoyed by 75 members and guests. The symbolic cat was knocked out of the barrel after many attempts. Also enjoying the festivities were Sisters from the Perth Amboy and Newark lodges. Compliments to the committee and to all those who came with their goodies.

Our next planned event is our trip to Atlantic City with Eric Brown in charge of reservations. Reserve soon, tickets are going fast!

Jens C. Jessen, Cor.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — Over 60 people turned out for our annual codfish dinner which was held on February 22. The promised authentic Danish mustard sauce was delicious and abundant. We enjoyed after-dinner dancing to the music of Ruth and Gus Johnson, who played many traditional Scandinavian pieces. We enjoyed having ten members of Lodge No. 46 at our dinner. It was a most successful evening, both socially and financially.

The committee of Florina Lund, Gloria Jacobsen and Lorraine Hendrickson is hard at work on the doll house project. The house itself is a miniature work of art with yellow outside walls and white railings, porches and woodwork. The six rooms are almost completely finished with most of the furnishings being handmade. This project will be our major fundraiser for our new Helping Hand project.

Maggie Cull, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — It was nice to see 48 people at our codfish dinner in February. Everybody had their fill of fish and all the trimmings.

Mogens Hempel started out early in the morning, when it was still dark outside, to land the catch. Bendix Christensen, an old sailor, cleaned the fish before Birthe Olesen and Anny Hempel took over preparing the beauties for our enjoyment.

It was a super evening for everybody and we thank the people who did all the hard work.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — Those of you who missed the February meeting missed not only some great smørrebrød prepared by Ulla Pedersen and Anne Carver, but also some great entertainment.

But first there was the award to Hans and Ida Andersen for ten years of representing the Viking Lodge at the Home for the Aged at Edison, New Jersey. The certi-



Hans and Ida Andersen were recognized for their service.

ficate of appreciation was presented by Eric Brown, president of the Home, at the regular meeting.

Elected as delegates to the GCEL District Convention were Geert Pedersen and Tage Kvist, with Bente Ferguson and Niels Malmquist as alternates. The event this year will take place in Edison, New Jersey.



Our own Viking cheerleaders.

Following the meeting, the Viking cheerleaders stormed into the room in their red and white outfits and set the tone for an unusually festive evening.

Master of ceremonies, Tage Kvist, dressed in a dramatic Viking costume, then brought on Ulla Pedersen and Bente Ferguson to sing the Fastelavns bolle song. Ulla was dressed as a bunny in a top hat.

Maren Novotnie and Geert Pedersen each took the stage as stand-up comics. And each demonstrated their unknown talents in delivering some amusing jokes. Tage introduced Sharon Kvist and Peggy Ramsey as "Elton and Kiki," fresh from Steel Pier, words can't describe this act, you have to see it to believe it. June Kristensen and her dad, Poul Pedersen, sang at the piano.

Everyone had a wonderful time.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Danish American Contest

Young women and young men ages 18 through 24 years of age are invited to join the Danish American National Youth Contest to become the '92 Danish American Junior Ambassadors.

National winners go to Denmark, all expenses paid, to celebrate the American Independence on July 4, 1992, at Rebild National Park. National winners to Denmark will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Contestants must be unmarried and have lived in the United States on a permanent basis a minimum of three years prior to January 1, 1992. Other rules apply. Please write to the address below for more information.

Applications will be accepted until April 30, 1992. For more information, send your name and address to DANYC, P. O. Box 682, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550.

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Lodge to Celebrate 100 Years

Denmark Lodge No. 56 in Kansas City, MO, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on April 24, 1992. Over 100 Danish Americans and descendants of Danish immigrants will gather at the Homestead Country Club in nearby Mission, Kansas.

The event, recognizing the lodge's continuing efforts to preserve the Danish heritage, will feature Scandinavian music, "The Story of the Danish Immigrant" presented by June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum and displays of photographs and other memorabilia.

Denmark Lodge No. 56 has a long history of supporting ethnic activities in the greater Kansas City area and is a continuing donor to the Danish Immigrant Museum. In addition, the lodge raises funds at festivals through the sale of "Danish Delights" prepared by the membership. These funds are donated to local charities.

For more information about Denmark Lodge No. 56, contact President Carolyn Baker, c/o Otto Larsen, Secretary, 328 N. 13th St., Kansas City, KS 66102.

Bob Wallace, Correspondent

Foundation Conducts Survey

The Cultural Education Foundation is conducting a global survey of food rituals, prayers and sayings.

Adrian Butash, foundation director, explained, "What we seek are utterances, incantations, songs, blessings, or prayers said before partaking of food."

Anyone with knowledge of folklore encompassing these rituals, prayers and sayings, past or present, are asked to contact the foundation. Please write to: Cultural Education Foundation, P. O. Box 286, West Stockbridge, MA 01266.

Agency Staff Change

The sales agency has experienced staff changes recently. Deborah Dahlke, agency secretary, has returned to the nursing field. Lynne Swingen is now the agency secretary.

Skovsøen Offers Increased Scholarships

Increased scholarships are available for Skovsøen Danish Language Village. Skovsøen, Inc. is now giving \$150.00 for the two-week session, and \$300.00 for the four-week session. In the past, only \$125.00 were awarded for either session.

This year's two-week session of Skovsøen is scheduled for August 10th through 22nd. The four-week session, for which students earn high school credit, will take place July 27th through August 22nd.

Anyone interested in attending this year's camp is urged to apply as soon as possible, because scholarships are awarded on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information and applications contact Skovsøen, Inc., c/o Danish-American Fellowship, 4200 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407 or call the Danish Brotherhood toll free 1-800-553-1937.

Are You Wondering?

Has your DBIA membership anniversary past and you haven't received a National dues notice? Did you think perhaps you were missed this year?

Don't be concerned. We are experiencing complications within that particular computer program, such that members with paid-up certificates, members on thrifamatic system for payment of premium, and those who have paid premiums in advance for their certificates, have not yet been billed for the National dues. Not to worry! Once we have ironed out the bugs, those of you who should have received a National dues notice by now will receive one.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 1-800-553-1937.

Introducing . . .

Matthew, Jennifer and Kimberly Orth, three of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 39 in San Leandro, California, and have this to say:

"Hi! My name is Matthew. I am in Little League baseball. When I am at my grandfather's nursery, I like to drive the small tractor."

"Hi! My name is Jennifer. I like gymnastics and school. My great-grandfather John Mottoros helped us become members of the Danish Brotherhood."

"Hi! My name is Kimberly. I like gymnastics and school too. Our parents are both half Danish. I think it is great that great-grandpa Mottoros sponsored our membership in the Danish Brotherhood."

and

Dane Jensen, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Dane Jensen and I am in the seventh grade. I like skiing, fishing and video games. I hope to attend the U.S. Space Camps Aviation Challenge this summer. My parents are Bob and Donna Jensen. I have an older sister named Devonee. My grandfather was born in Copenhagen and moved to the United States when he was 21.

The reason I joined the Danish Brotherhood is because my Mom and Dad joined. It would have also made my grandfather very proud. Dad tells stories about Grandpa Jensen growing up in Denmark."

and

Taylor Eric Nielsen, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 283 in Dagmar, Montana, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Taylor. I am seven months old and my mommy's name is Cindy and my daddy's name is Eric. I am named after my daddy.

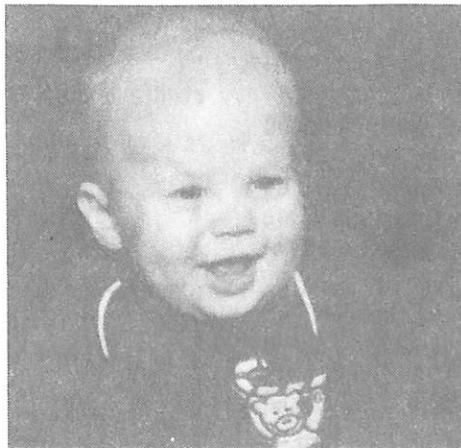
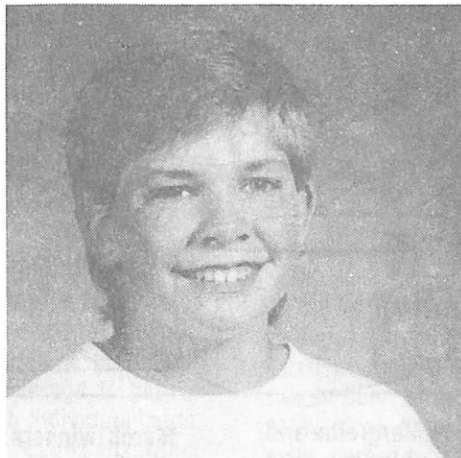
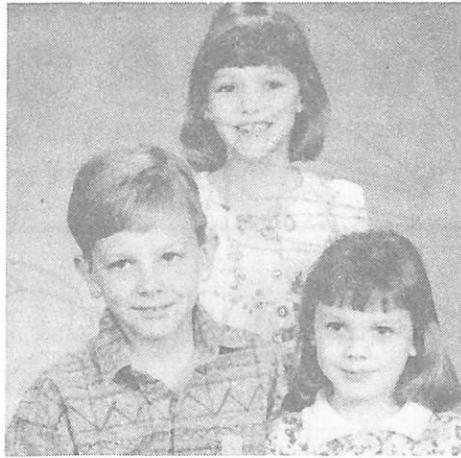
I don't crawl quite yet, but I can creep around the floor. I love to play peek-a-boo.

I joined the Danish Brotherhood because my daddy is an active member of Lodge No. 283 in Dagmar, Montana. I thought I better become a Young Viking to make him happy."

and

Julia Carolyn Fahl, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Julia Fahl. I am 10 years old and attend the 5th grade at



Westlake School, in Santa Cruz, California. My favorite subjects at school are reading, math, and art. I enjoy music and sports like gymnastics, track and field, swimming, and basketball.

Both my mother and father have Danish ancestry and have visited our relatives in Denmark. I hope to go there someday, too. My grandfather, Herbert Fahl of Portland, Oregon, bought me some life insurance which included membership in the Danish Brotherhood."

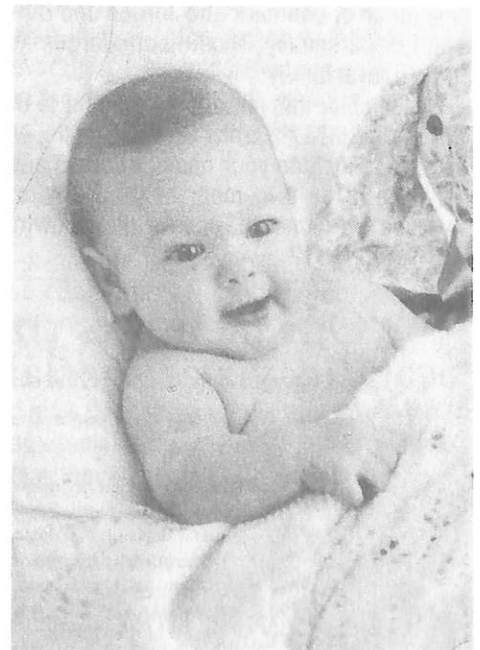
and

Katherine Langhorne, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 600 in Omaha, Nebraska, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Katherine Langhorne. I was born September 21, 1991. My parents are Jim and Pamela Langhorne. I don't have any brothers or sisters yet, but I'm sure Mom and Dad will take care of that by the time I'm old enough to help.

I was just two weeks old when my Mor Far, Ed Madsen, sponsored my membership in the Danish Brotherhood. I can hardly wait to meet all those Vikings. They look so strong!"

Welcome Matthew, Jennifer, Kimberly, Dane, Taylor, Julia and Katherine!



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.

Jorgen's Rainbow



In Amalienborg, the private residence of Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik, Jorgen finally finds Bifrost sharing birthday cake with the Queen. Her Majesty's birthday, April 16, is a happy time for all of Denmark and Jorgen and Bifrost are glad to share it with her personally. Next month Jorgen learns more about Denmark's royal family.

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.

March winners: Christopher Arnold, Katey Ann Miller, Nick Cuolahan and Morgann West.

Spring hangs her infant blossoms on the trees, rocked in the cradle of the western breeze. — Couper

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Grandma's Kitchen

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Gunild Ostergaard

1 cup flour
½ quart buttermilk
2 eggs
1 ounce sugar
dash of salt
a small pinch of sodium bicarbonate (equals ½ tsp. baking powder)

The flour, eggs and sugar are stirred with most of the buttermilk, and a pinch of salt is added. Just before the dumplings are to be baked, the baking powder is stirred into the remainder of the buttermilk, and mixed into batter. The pan is put over with a little grease/oleo in each depression, which is thereupon filled halfway up with batter. While the dumplings are still liquid inside, they are turned over and based on the opposite side.

Viking Adventures

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

Public Liability for Local Lodges

Recently, the National Headquarters of the Danish Brotherhood arranged for a Commercial General Liability insurance policy covering all local lodges of the Danish Brotherhood which are located in the United States and Canada. This insurance policy provides coverage for claims against local lodges and their members for bodily injury or property damage which arise out of the activities of the local lodges.

The purchase of this insurance accomplished several objectives. First and foremost, the coverage is designed to provide uniform coverage throughout the lodge network, taking advantage of the purchasing power of volume buying. In virtually every case, the coverage is significantly less costly than that available to an individual lodge. Second, the coverage is provided by the Cigna Insurance Group, an insurance company which is financially sound, and represented throughout the country. Third, the policy was arranged by Frank B. Hall Insurance Brokers, Inc., one of the largest worldwide insurance brokers. Finally, the policy provides protection to the National Headquarters for claims which may be made against the Headquarters' organization arising from lodge activities.

Although the policy coverage terms are very broad, there are certain claims which are not covered. These include claims which arise out of the following activities:

**Health or athletic clubs
Gun or hunting clubs or ranges
Fireworks, carnivals, or fireworks displays
Amusement devices, hot air balloons, or animal rides
Cheerleading
Injury to athletic participants
Trampolines
Ownership or operation of real estate
Ownership of automobiles or watercraft
Ownership or use of aircraft**

There are other standard liability exclusions as well. A copy of all policy terms and conditions is available for your review by calling Frank B. Hall at 1-800-444-3017.

In addition, your Headquarters has arranged for you to purchase Liquor Liability at very competitive rates. Call Frank B. Hall at the number above for the cost for your lodge.

One of the standard exclusions in all liability policies excludes coverage for claims arising out of the legal liability which exists for certain activities surrounding the sale of beer, wine, and alcoholic beverages. The standard policy does provide "Host Liquor Liability," but specifically excludes claims which arise from serving such beverages which can be construed as a business. The definition of "business" varies from state to state. Therefore, we recommend that if your lodge activities include the sale of alcoholic beverages, even in conjunction with a dinner or other function for which a charge is made, or for which a donation is solicited, then you should purchase this important coverage.

Finally, you will be pleased to learn that Frank B. Hall has the ability to issue certificates of insurance on your behalf certifying coverage for both the General Liability and the Liquor Liability. These certificates are often required by owners of facilities in which your lodge may be holding an event. Simply call Frank B. Hall Insurance Brokers, or fax your certificate requirements to 612/893-6642. We will issue the certificate within 24 hours.

We are pleased to have been able to obtain this insurance coverage on your behalf, and we are anxious for your comments on this program. Feel free to contact us at any time you have questions or comments on this new insurance program. As well, Frank B. Hall Insurance Brokers is available to answer your questions at any time.

*—Submitted by Richard Kroeger; Vice President;
Frank B. Hall Insurance Brokers*

Dannebrog Earrings Available

These unique Dannebrog earrings are now available to members and non-members. Each earring is made of tiny red and white beads creating the image of the Danish flag. They are approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " and available in clip-on or french hook styles. These attractive earrings are the perfect accessory for every Danish outing and for any occasion. Order now, these earrings are not available in stores.

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(prices include shipping and handling)

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Proud To Be A Dane?

We're proud of our Danish heritage and would like more information about The Danish Brotherhood. We understand we can become members even though we may not be near a local lodge. We will receive *The American Dane* each month as members and be eligible to apply for other membership benefits. Please send information to:

Name _____ Age _____

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