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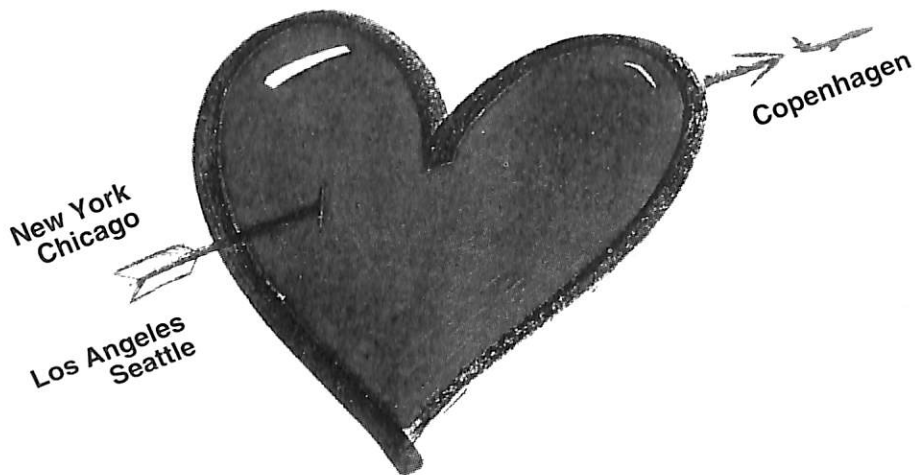
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Proclamation

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors have organized under the banner of National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counsellors; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors are dedicated to support and maintain the principle of Legal Reserve Fraternal Life Insurance and to promote the adoption and application of high standards of ethical conduct in the profession of Fraternal Life Underwriting and the services of Fraternal Life Insurance; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors strive to increase the knowledge of Fraternal Field Representatives concerning Legal Reserve Fraternal Life Insurance, to develop more successful sales methods and to render adequate services to Fraternal Members; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors afford the opportunity of exchange of ideas among leading Fraternal Field Representatives; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors endeavor to make it possible to bring before Fraternal Field Representatives the experience and knowledge of successful life underwriters; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors pledge to uphold the highest of ethical standards toward their clients and to remain loyal to the Society to which their profession and service is dedicated; and

Whereas, the constancy and tirelessness of the Fraternal Insurance Counsellors continue to be the lifeblood of the fraternal benefit system.

Now, therefore, do I, Jacqueline J. Sobania, President of the National Fraternal Congress of America, proclaim

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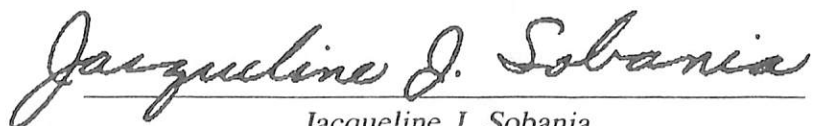
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and urge all fraternalists throughout the United States and Canada to join with me in heralding the accomplishments of Fraternal Insurance Counsellors and to note our gratefulness with pride.

April 1992



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Jacqueline J. Sobania
President
National Fraternal Congress of America



President's Page

Annual Report to the Membership

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

Every May the DBIA National President gives an account of events and actions taken by the Board of Directors during the previous year. In this case, it would be for 1991. These items are not necessarily in chronological order.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Past National Director Donald Moon. Donald served from 1971 - 1975. He passed away on November 18, 1991.

The Danish Brotherhood in America experienced a substantial growth of 761 new members from January 1990 - July 31, 1991. This growth was largely due to many members who recommended members for the Growth By Sharing campaign.

Operation: H.O.P.E. — Helping Others and Protecting our Environment, replaced Operation Care and Share as our national cause. The new program focuses not only on the fraternalism we share with others, but calls our attention to the environment. Lodges are encouraged to participate in at least one Operation: H.O.P.E. project each year. The following lodges completed reporting forms for their OPERATION: H.O.P.E. projects as well as Operation Care and Share projects: Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI; Lodge No. 35, Milwaukee, WI; Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA; Lodge No. 186, Luck, WI; Lodge No. 325, Malverne, NY; Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA; Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI; Lodge No. 345, Westminster, CA and Lodge No. 349, Atlantic IA.

The National Board appointed a Law Committee for the 33rd National Convention. That committee consisted of James Christiansen, Nebraska District; Svend Christensen, Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA; Shirley Holzhauer, Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL; Niels Nedergard, Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, WA; Knud Koefoed, Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA; Otto Pedersen, Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI; Karen Rowse, Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, CA; Helen Kofod, Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY; David Nealson, Lodge No. 326, West Branch, IA. These fine members assumed the responsibility of reviewing and updating the Bylaws and recommending changes. These changes were presented to the delegates at the National Convention for approval.

October 3-5, 1991 the National Convention was held in Portland, Oregon, hosted by DBIA Lodge No. 167 and DSS No. 81. These two lodges hosted the function in a most professional and gracious way.

Leonard Thompson, our consultant, was asked by the Board to speak at all District Conventions. Leonard discussed the status of the Brotherhood and our future.

Johannes Jaeger Nielsen of Lodge No. 299, Solvang, California, received the Howard E. Christensen Award. This is an award of great prestige and all nominees are to be congratulated for being nominated by their fellow members.

Four lodges reached the century mark in 1991. They were: Lodge No. 43, Denver, CO; Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, MN; Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, CA and Lodge No. 51, Ludington, MI. My congratulations to all on attaining this milestone.

1992 finds two lodges celebrating 100 years. They are Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI and Lodge No. 56, Kansas City, MO. Celebrating 110 years in 1992 are: Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE; Lodge No. 3, Davenport, IA and Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI. The Board extends congratulations to these lodges.

Two deserving members received the Axel Skelbeck and Fred K. Holm Awards. They were Deborah Mortensen and Amber Combs, respectively.

The National Board of Directors elected at the National Convention in October, consists of: Past President, Clyde Langsted; President, Woodrow T. Petersen; First Vice President, Erling Braumann; Second Vice President, Paul Carlsen; Directors: Barry Edmonds, Ebba Norby, Asbjorn Fisker and Ed Madsen. Alternates are: Bill Jorgensen, Jr., David Nealson, and Jerry Sonsalla.

Several new programs were introduced at the National Convention. Each lodge should have information about all of these programs. The Lodge Rating and Awards Program replaces the District and National President's Awards. It is designed to recognize more lodges for their involvement and activities. A matching funds program is available to lodges. This program will match up to \$250.00 per lodge per year for fund raisers held to benefit others. The Lodge and District Savings account is a benefit several lodges have taken advantage of. With the redesigned Fraternal Fund, the Fraternal Department will be truly using fraternal generated dollars.

The National Convention delegates also voted on an increase in dues and a change in the National dues structure. Liability insurance was passed for all lodges. This was something many lodges have been asking for quite a while. A possible name change for our society was unanimously defeated.

If you have questions about any of these topics, do not hesitate to contact the Home Office or a Board of Director. They can be reached toll free 1-800-553-1937.

Jerome L. Christensen heads the Home Office staff and has a new title, Chief Executive Officer. We, as a board, are proud of the efficiency of the Home Office staff. In addition, a few changes have taken place. One member has left the staff, agency secretary Deb Dahlke. She returned to her nursing career. Lynne Swingen, a previous employee in the insurance department, is back with us in her former agency secretary position. To learn more about Lynne see page 10. National Fraternal Director, Jennifer Denning married Steve Kock, changing her name to Jennifer Denning-Kock (pronounced cook). A data processing manager/programmer has been hired. John Reuss joined the staff in December.

The Five Year Plan is working. It will be updated at the Annual Board Meeting in October.

In August, three young girls lost their father in a tragic automobile accident. As in the past, the Board has asked our lodges and members to assist fellow members in need. I am proud of the support we have extended to Jennifer, Sarah and Steffanie Larsen. To date, \$2,000 has been donated to the Larsen daughters. Donations should be sent to the Home Office.

Last but not least, our Executive Assistant Lori Mitera and her husband Dale, are the proud parents of a baby boy. Matthew Dale was born on March 19. The family is doing just fantastic.



The Danish Brotherhood in America

Balance Sheet December 31, 1991 (Note 1)

Note: Failure of items to add to totals shown is due to rounding.

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Admitted Assets			
Bonds, at amortized cost	\$ 9,932	\$7,937,091	\$7,947,023
Real Estate, at cost: Land, Building & other improvements, net of depreciation of \$133,191	—0—	198,636	198,636
Certificate Loans	—0—	180,536	180,536
Cash, including \$40,000 of C.D.'s & Savings Accounts	3,731	202,585	206,316
Short-Term Investments	32,538	929,937	962,475
Electronic Data Processing Equipment, at cost, net of depreciation of \$54,697	—0—	7,986	7,986
Investment Income Due & Accrued	294	137,171	137,465
Other Assets	—0—	57	57
Total Assets	\$ 46,496	\$9,593,996	\$9,640,492
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Aggregate Reserve for Life Certificates & Contracts (Note 4)	\$ —0—	\$7,655,899	\$7,655,899
Reserve for Employee Retirement Plan - Group Annuity (Note 3)	—0—	174,044	174,044
Supplementary Contracts Without Life Contingencies	—0—	—0—	—0—
Certificate & Contract Claims	—0—	13,222	13,222
Refund Accumulations	—0—	80,542	80,542
Estimated Refunds to Members for 1992	—0—	59,670	59,670
Premiums Received in Advance	—0—	69,942	69,942
Liability for Premium Deposit Funds	—0—	51,171	51,171
Accrued General Expenses	—0—	25,464	25,464
Accrued Taxes, License & Fees	—0—	8,518	8,518
Other Liabilities	—0—	2,103	2,103
Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—0—	57,740	57,740
Total Liabilities	—0—	8,208,033	8,208,033
Fund Balances	46,496	1,385,963	1,432,459
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$ 46,496	\$9,593,997	\$9,640,492

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

For Year Ending December 31, 1991

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Income:			
Premium & Annuity Considerations	\$ —0—	\$1,146,491	\$1,146,491
Considerations for Supplementary Contracts with Life Contingencies	—0—	—0—	—0—
Considerations for Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingencies & Refund Accumulations	—0—	9,924	9,924
Net Investment Income	27,060	669,892	696,951
Fraternal Donations	4,716	—0—	4,716
Miscellaneous Income	445	204	649
Total Income	\$ 32,220	\$1,826,511	\$1,858,731
Benefits and Expenses:			
Death Benefits	—0—	86,020	86,020
Matured Endowments	—0—	11,191	11,191
Annuity & Old Age Benefits, including \$5,362 in Retirement Benefits under Employee Group Annuity Contract (Note 3)	—0—	97,989	97,989
Waiver of Premium Benefit	—0—	486	486
Surrender Benefits	—0—	127,890	127,890
Interest on Certificates or Contract Funds	—0—	3,983	3,983
Payments on Supplementary Contracts with Life Contingencies	—0—	7,056	7,056
Payments on Supplementary Contracts without Life Contingencies and Refund Accumulations	—0—	6,282	6,282

Increase in Reserves for Life Certificates & Contracts, SCNILCs and Refund Accumulations	—0—	969,716	969,716
Commissions	—0—	60,354	60,354
General Expenses, per accompanying Statement	27,046	564,166	591,212
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	—0—	33,616	33,616
Depreciation Expense/Data Processing Equipment	—0—	10,543	10,543
Total Benefits & Expenses	\$ 27,046	\$1,982,292	\$2,006,338
Net Gain from Operations, before refunds to members	5,174	(152,781)	(147,606)
Refunds to Members	—0—	59,477	59,477
Net Gain (Loss) from Operations	5,174	(212,258)	(207,084)
Net Realized Capital Gain (Loss)	—0—	13,887	13,877
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 5,174	(\$ 198,371)	(\$ 193,197)
Fund Balances, beginning of year	367,755	1,269,223	1,636,978
Net Income (Loss) from Operations	5,174	(198,371)	(193,197)
Change in Non Admitted Items	—0—	(2,404)	(2,404)
Change in Mandatory Securities Valuation Reserve	—0—	(8,919)	(8,919)
Transfer Between Funds	(326,434)	326,434	—0—
Fund Balances, end of year (Note 2)	\$ 46,496	\$1,385,963	\$1,432,459

Statement of General Expenses

For Year Ending December 31, 1991

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Rent	\$ —0—	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500
Salaries & Wages	—0—	162,358	162,358
Insured Benefit Plan for Employees	—0—	31,093	31,093
Contribution to Employee Retirement Plan (Note 3)	—0—	8,892	8,892
Legal Fees	—0—	4,509	4,509
Medical Examination Fees	—0—	2,957	2,957
Travel Expense	—0—	30,329	30,329
Advertising	—0—	1,285	1,285
Postage, Express, Telegraph & Tele.	—0—	31,953	31,953
Printing & Stationery	—0—	36,207	36,207
Cost or Depreciation of Furniture & Equipment	—0—	4,394	4,394
Fraternal Products/Lodge Supplies/Cultural Heritage Programs/American Dane Card, net of \$8,291 in sales	—0—	(2,654)	(2,654)
Books & Periodicals	—0—	2,177	2,177
Bureau & Association Dues	—0—	3,328	3,328
Insurance, except on Real Estate	—0—	3,315	3,315
Collection & Bank Service Charges	75	7,453	7,528
Sundry General Expense	102	4,381	4,483
Field Expense Allowance	—0—	17,699	17,699
Official Publication	—0—	41,608	41,608
Expense of National Convention	—0—	18,814	18,814
Actuarial/Consultation Fees	—0—	95,611	95,611
Audit Fees	—0—	14,400	14,400
Data Processing Expenses & Fees	—0—	23,618	23,618
Membership Awards	—0—	2,551	2,551
District Fraternal Coordinators Prog.	—0—	7,379	7,379
Fraternal Aid (Special & General)	4,387	—0—	4,387
Scholarship Awards	22,483	—0—	22,483
Fraternal Donations	—0—	—0—	—0—
Total General Expenses	\$ 27,046	\$ 564,166	\$ 591,212

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1991

(1) The Danish Brotherhood in America is incorporated in the State of Nebraska as a non-profit fraternal benefit society. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. These financial statements are unaudited. The applicability of general accepted accounting

principles to financial statements of fraternal benefit societies has not been determined. The principal accounting practices followed by the Society are as follows:

- Commissions and other costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred. Premiums are reflected in income in the periods in which they are earned.
 - Policy reserves are based on statutory mortality and interest requirements without consideration of withdrawals.
 - Investments in bonds are carried at amortized cost, preferred stocks are carried at cost and common stocks are carried at market value.
 - The mandatory securities valuation reserve is reported as a liability.
 - Certain assets designated as "non-admitted" assets (principally furniture and equipment) are charged to surplus.
- (2) The fund balances at December 31, 1991, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal	\$ —0—	\$ 46,496	\$ 46,496
General	686,739	699,224	1,385,963
	<u>\$ 686,739</u>	<u>\$ 745,720</u>	<u>\$ 1,432,459</u>

The contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with the bylaws of the Society for the following purposes:

- to provide for fluctuations of assets, mortality, interest earnings, expenses, etc.
- to provide for the continuation and future expansion of the membership and charitable and educational activities.

(3) The Society has a retirement plan for employees meeting certain minimum eligibility requirements. The plan is funded through a group annuity contract with the Society. Contributions for 1991 were \$892.

(4) The Society reinsures certain of its business with other insurance companies. The retention limit is \$20,000. Under the primary reinsurance agreement, the reinsuring companies agreed to accept automatically all amounts on any one life in excess of the retention limit not exceeding 400% of that retention. Amounts in excess of 400% of the Society's retention may be applied for facultatively.

The amount of insurance in force ceded under the agreement was \$3,987,319 as of December 31, 1991. To the extent that the reinsuring companies are later unable to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreements, the Society would remain liable.

(5) The Society is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.



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1990			1991		
Lodge No.	Total Membership		Lodge No.	Total Membership	Gain or Loss
1. 14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	425		1. 14 Kenosha, Wisconsin	443	+ 18
2. 167 Portland, Oregon	290		2. 167 Portland, Oregon	334	+ 44
3. 227 Detroit, Michigan	262		3. 227 Detroit, Michigan	239	- 23
4. 34 Dwight, Illinois	235		4. 34 Dwight, Illinois	238	+ 3
5. 51 Ludington, Michigan	228		5. 51 Ludington, Michigan	228	0
6. 29 Seattle, Washington	223		6. 35 Chicago, Illinois	208	- 4
7. 35 Chicago, Illinois	212		7. 126 Los Angeles, California	197	- 1
8. 126 Los Angeles, California	198		8. 29 Seattle, Washington	194	- 29
9. 1 Omaha, Nebraska	192		9. 1 Omaha, Nebraska	182	- 10
10. 16 Minden, Nebraska	180		10. 16 Minden, Nebraska	175	- 5
11. 328 Vancouver, British Columbia	143		11. 348 Eugene, Oregon	148	+ 35
12. 299 Solvang, California	141		12. 299 Solvang, California	143	+ 2
13. 46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	140		13. 46 Perth Amboy, New Jersey	138	- 2
14. 15 Des Moines, Iowa	129		14. 15 Des Moines, Iowa	136	+ 7
15. 341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	127		15. 328 Vancouver, British Columbia	128	- 15
16. 75 Albert Lea, Minnesota	117		16. 341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	124	- 3
17. 348 Eugene, Oregon	113		17. 75 Albert Lea, Minnesota	110	- 7
18. 161 Ruskin, Nebraska	104		18. 161 Ruskin, Nebraska	104	0
19. 345 Orange County, California	104				
20. 4 Racine, Wisconsin	100		19. 345 Orange County, California	103	- 1
263 Askov, Minnesota	100				
325 Nassau County, New York	95		20. 4 Racine, Wisconsin	97	- 3
			263 Askov, Minnesota	97	- 3
			325 Nassau County, New York	97	+ 2

The Fifth of May

by Barbara Cherne

The grey fog floating outside the restaurant window reminded Helle of Hambrosalle at home, in Hellerup, when the dense sea fog veiled the aisle of tall linden trees and concealed the dark, tumbling waves of the Sound. But here, in another country, in a city of hills overlooking the Pacific, the greyness was gradually becoming more diaphanous as the sun rose higher.

On their fifth day here, she and Mette were lingering over the remnants of breakfast, crumbs of tasteless American bread and big, awkward cups of coffee, a weak, bitter brew. At home, one drank strong mocha-java with swirls of heavy cream, in graceful porcelain cups, and ate fresh bread and good Danish cheese. All of this she had missed during the past week, but it was a trivial lack.

She watched Mette scanning the morning newspaper. Mette more confident in English than Helle was, although Helle knew more German, and Mette did not know Italian at all. Just now, as Mette lifted up the paper and unfolded it so the front page stared at her, and she saw the black headlines and the date — May 5, 1955 — the greyness outside became intensely bright, as if it were glazed, then was scattered by sunlight. Sunlight filled the sky and washed over the table; Helle placed her hands flat on the table's surface, dipping them into the golden light. In Denmark, the sun would be illuminating the translucent green ovals of new-sprung beech leaves. To Helle, there had always been something deeply spiritual about the beech woods in early May, and the way the light shone through the pale green leaves like stained glass, and the fluttering shadows they made. Even

during the war — especially during the war — she had felt it when she and Franz had walked in Charlottenlund or Dyrehaven on the weekends. It occurred to her that this day was the anniversary, ten years ago, of the day the war ended.

Why think of that now? she wondered, looking across the newspaper's indifferent facade. When the war ended, and the Germans left, she was mourning for a girlhood shadowed by danger and loss.

Mette folded up the paper. She looked at Helle and saw something which made her hesitate. "Do you want to read it?"

"No," Helle said. "Did you see the date?"

"It is May fifth." Mette smiled, as if to mitigate her uncertainty. "The end of the war, you mean?"

Helle nodded, no words could at that moment rise above the heavy residue of memory. She looked out the window at the blue sky spread out like bright wings, a different light than at home. "Would you like to take a walk?" she asked.

Outside, the sky seemed as open and friendly as the faces of the Americans they had been meeting all week. A cool breeze, lifting off the ocean, soared up the hill to meet them. Wordlessly, they started walking downhill, and Helle was charmed by the lovely light colors of the buildings, white or pale yellow or lavender, like a summer garden, unlike the grey stone and dark red brick of Copenhagen. There were no trees to filter the sunshine, only the buildings angled along the steep sidewalks. But a block or so later, they passed a narrow yard enclosed by a green wooden fence, and a splash of purple flowers glowing in a far corner. She remembered a profusion of golden laburnum spilling over the back fence on Hambrosalle, a bright summer day in 1942 captured in the photo of Franz her father had taken against the back wall of the house, which was white, so that the whiteness of Franz's student cap was not as noticeable as it might have been. Nevertheless, its whiteness had contrasted with the curly brown hair escaping beneath it, his tanned face, the blush of pinkness along his cheekbones. When he smiled for the photograph, and everything about his face converged in a radiant perfection that transcended his ordinary comeliness, it was like the radiance of a god. She had been dazzled by it, his godly brightness.

They reached an intersection, waited for the light to change. Helle felt herself breathing in shallow anxious gulps, which was the reason she never permitted herself to think about Franz before she was going to sing. This prohibition made those thoughts retreat, only to regroup and assail her some other time.

The light changed, and they crossed the street. Mette was smiling, walking with her face lifted to the sun like a needy plant. Mette enjoyed herself when they traveled, she was eager to leave the confinement and self-regard, as she called it, of Denmark. "I am a different person when I travel," she often said, and perhaps it was true. But Helle had never felt that way. She thought of herself as evolving from a series of earlier selves, even the numbed, grieving self she had become when Franz was killed by the Germans. She stopped singing for a year. She finished her last year at gymnasium and was graduated, although she did not go to any of the graduation parties because it had always been understood that Franz would go with her.

She did nothing after graduation, until the next spring. When she resumed her singing lessons, she discovered that as long as she was singing, she could escape. At other times, life still concealed unknown dangers, lurking provocations — riding into downtown Copenhagen on the day she resumed her lessons, she had forgotten that the train would pass the cemetery where he was buried until they were rumbling past it. After that, she was careful to sit on the other side of the train. Sometimes she

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studied a score all the way from Hellerup to Vesterport Station without letting herself look up.

They had reached the center of the city. The noise and density of the crowds lifted her out of her pensiveness, she moved into another key altogether, full of alertness and curiosity. They were walking past a grand hotel, which impressively occupied an entire block, facing a small park. They crossed the street and walked east, stopping to look at some department store windows. The mannequins wore light-colored summer dresses, but on the street, the women wore beautifully fitted suits and an aura of assurance and savoir-faire.

"One would never see clothes like that at home," Mette said as they crossed the street again. The brilliant sun skimmed the tops of the buildings and plunged towards them; in the shadow of another department store they looked at each other and went inside.

There was a different kind of noise inside, voices rising upward into the light, domed space of a large rotunda. Helle raised her eyes to the glass dome and wondered how her voice might sound there, rising and echoing, but when she dropped her glance to the floor of the rotunda she saw, in its center, the humped shape of a shiny new Volkswagen. Moving forward slowly alongside Mette, she saw the flags, the banners with their black eagles, the displays of leather goods, cameras, clothing, porcelain. Customers were wandering among the displays, the same kind of exquisitely confident women — they were mostly women at this hour — she had seen outside. She felt her stomach twisting with revulsion.

Mette had stopped, she was holding herself tautly erect and watching everyone with a tense alertness. Helle leaned close to her, quietly she said, "Don't they remember here?"

"It was not the same for them here," Mette answered. She looked at Helle with a solicitous regard.

She means well, she must be right, Helle thought in the moment before reason and propriety were consumed in a burst of devouring anger. The anger spoke, in English, filling the rotunda with its luxurious resonance. "Today is the day the war ended. Don't you remember how people suffered?"

All other sounds were dispelled for a moment. People turned and stared at her with curiosity and astonishment. They were frozen, as in a photograph, and it seemed as if they were waiting for something more, some other utterance or outrageous act. Then some began to look away, the flow of voices resumed, and she was aware of Mette's hand on her arm, and a voice, speaking in Danish — was it her own? No, it was Mette's voice, "Kom nu saa, kom nu," turning her around, guiding her outside into the bright spring sunshine to lean against the cold wall of the building for a moment and feel the strangeness of this place, and her detachment from it.

"I want to go back now," she said. They started walking back the way they had come, past the park and the grand hotel and the rising slope of Powell Street, but she saw none of it, she was remembering the springtime woods at home, where one's feet trod winter's old dead leaves even as the new leaves hovered, like notes, high in the air.

The end

MAY ASSESSMENT 1115
is Due and Payable to the Lodge Treasurer
May 1, 1992
And Must Be Paid Before
June 1, 1992
Members failing to pay their local
lodge treasurers as per above will be
considered in arrears.

District Fraternal Coordinators Meet



From left to right: Ken and Gerry Olsen, California-Nevada District; Chris Simonsen, GCEL District; Herluf Pedersen, Iowa-Minnesota District; Bill and Merrie Jorgensen, Jr., Nebraska District; Herluf Pedersen, Northwest District and Ken Rehan, Michigan-Ohio District. Not pictured are: Jim and Donna Larsen, California-Nevada District; Dave and Judie Nealson, Iowa-Minnesota District and Bente Pedersen, Pacific Northwest District.

The Annual Meeting of the District Fraternal Coordinators was held March 7, 1992 in Omaha, Nebraska, at the Home Office.

Also in attendance was National Board liaison First Vice President Erling Braumann and members of the home office staff. Together they assessed the District Fraternal Coordinator Program, discussed new programs and how to improve the Danish Brotherhood in America.

District Fraternal Coordinators attending the meeting are pictured above.

The District Fraternal Coordinators are dedicated members who volunteer their time, energy, talents, and expertise to assist DBIA lodges in all aspects of their fraternal endeavors. We hope you will contact them for their assistance and support. The District Fraternal Coordinators are enthusiastic and committed to the Danish Brotherhood in America. They play an important role in the DBIA and we heartily thank them for their support.

To contact the District Fraternal Coordinators, simply call the home office. Call toll-free 1-800-553-1937.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin "Discover Our Charm" Site of the 1995 National Convention October 5 - 6 - 7, 1995

The Midwest District Lodges, hosting the 1995 National Convention, invite all DBIA lodges of the United States, Canada and Denmark to come to "Wisconsin where you are among friends."

All convention activities will be held at the Marc Plaza Hotel in downtown Milwaukee.

Watch for future announcements in the American Dane.

Agency Secretary Returns



Lynne Swingen has been rehired as the Agency Secretary at the Home Office in Omaha.

Lynne was employed at the Home Office from January, 1985 to December, 1990. She left the position to pursue a career in the music field. She most recently worked in customer relations for a food service company.

When Deb Dahlke, former agency secretary returned to her nursing career, National Sales Director Andy Andersen gave Lynne a call and asked if she was interested in returning to the DBIA. Lynne's "second-first day" at the DBIA Home Office was March 2, 1992.

Lynne is a Nebraska native. She grew up in Ralston and attended Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska, where she received her bachelor's degree in general music education. She has also taken several FLMI courses.

As agency secretary, Lynne is primarily responsible for providing assistance to Andy. Name and beneficiary changes are also her responsibilities. She also provides members with cash value information and calculates the insurance representatives' commissions.

Obviously she enjoys her job or she would not have returned. She says she especially likes the variety her position offers. She also likes the people. "It's just great to be back."

Lynne has a request for members, "Please be patient. I'm refamiliarizing myself with procedures and I plan to have things running smoothly soon." In the meantime, if you have a question, give her a call, she'll be happy to assist you in any way she can.

When Lynne isn't working she can be found playing the piano or singing, working in her garden, hiking, enjoying the wildlife or spending time with her pets. Her "family" includes: two Siberian Huskies, Sonja and Hannah; two cats, Yogi and Boo Boo; and KoKo, a cockatiel.

Welcome back Lynne!

The Love for Three Pears *A Danish Folk Tale*

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a king who was terribly worried. He had been a good king for he was very popular and rich and his people were happy, but all the same he was worried because suddenly in his old age just when he wanted to hand over the kingdom to his handsome son, the prince was always ill.

One day the prince had headaches, the next day he had pains in his back and every time he went to sleep he had nightmares.

Finally, in desperation the king brought together the most distinguished staff of medical experts to find out just what was wrong with the prince.

The doctors took turns examining his son. They poked his ribs and made him say "Ah" over and over again.

But they couldn't find anything wrong with him and told the king that the prince was perfectly healthy; however, they did prescribe that he should be less of a prince and more of an ordinary lad and then his illnesses would disappear.

They felt that laughter would cure all of the lad's problems and suggested that they find someone who could make him laugh.

"But my son doesn't ever laugh," said the king. "Now that I think of it, I've never ever seen him laugh. But if laughter will cure him, we shall certainly make him laugh. Bring in the clown!"

Having heard of the king's command, the clown stayed up the whole night practicing tricks until they were perfect.

He went to the palace and crept into the prince's room and took him by surprise.

The clown jumped all around the room and made funny faces, but the prince said, "Go away! You bore me! And besides I have a terrible headache!"

But the clown continued to jump, juggle and sing, but the prince did not once smile.

By nightfall, the clown was exhausted and feeling just as sad as the prince.

The next day, the prince didn't want to get dressed and go outside to see the festival his father arranged for him, but with much persuading he did go and watched the horses perform tricks while the people from other villages danced.

The prince was bored and begged his father to let him go back to bed and by sunset the king took pity on his son and let him return to the palace, when suddenly a great commotion arose just below the royal box.

The king sent his guards to find out what was going on.

In a few moments the guards returned, dragging an old woman dressed in rags. The woman struggled so hard that when they let go she slipped, turned a complete somersault into the air and fell down with a THUMP.

The scene was so funny that the prince burst out laughing.

What a happy moment that was for the king.

Soon everyone was laughing, except for the old woman.

She stood up and said, "I'm really an evil troll. And because you have laughed at me, especially this little runt, I'm going to put a curse on you, you foolish prince! You are going to fall in love — but not with an ordinary princess. Instead, you will fall in love with three pears! That's right! Three pears! You must ride miles to reach them and you will not be happy, ever, until you find them! There! That should teach you a lesson to laugh at me!"

And in a flash she disappeared.

The young prince shook his head. "Three pears? I must find

them miles away? Quick, clown, you must come with me and I want the court magician to join in the search, too!"

They all traveled far and wide, by land and by sea, by day and by night in search of the three pears.

Finally, they came upon an old man walking through the land.

The prince asked him if he had ever heard of the three pears.

"Ah, yes," replied the old man. "And when you find them, don't cut them open without some water handy. Now I must leave you to your search. But beware of the evil troll!"

And he suddenly disappeared from whence he came.

All three men continued on their search day and night, night and day until they came upon a fantastic castle.

The prince told the clown and the court magician, "Wait here! I'm going inside to the palace kitchen to look for the three pears!"

He went passed the guards and found the kitchen easily enough and once inside it was easy to find the pantry.

There at the end of the room lay three huge pears.

They were so big the prince had to cradle his arms to carry them out of the castle.

"Quick!" said the clown. "Let's start for home before we see the evil troll again!"

And off they went, over mountains and into the desert before the evil troll could catch them.

But the trip was tiring and all were burdened by the extra weight of the pears which seemed to grow bigger and heavier each day.

Soon they ran out of water and they grew very thirsty, but they remembered that they couldn't cut open the pears without having water.

However, the clown cut open one pear only for it to disappear and when the court magician did the same it vanished without his magical powers.

With only one pear left, the prince was certain that it contained the object of his love. He cut it open carefully and before him stood a lovely princess.

"Where is the water I must drink if I am not to vanish?" she asked.

"Oh, my lovely," said the prince. "I have been searching the

world over and how happy I am to have found you!"

"I feel that way, too," said the princess, "but if you don't give me some water in the next few seconds I will surely disappear forever!"

Fortunately, the clown was observing the prince's dilemma and quickly appeared with a bucket of water, whereupon the prince gave some to his lovely princess.

"You have saved my life!" she said, "and I shall be forever grateful to you!"

Meanwhile the evil troll who created this turmoil in the first place appeared and upon seeing the prince and princess together became so enraged she turned herself into an apple and later was eaten up by a wild horse that went riding by.

The prince and princess returned to his kingdom to celebrate their forthcoming marriage by eating apple tarts and drinking apple cider.

It's Here! It's New!

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Yes. Send me more information about the special "drop-in rider."

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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
2-11-92	James H. Young	42	Akron, Ohio	301	Akron, Ohio	1967
2-19-92	Elmer S. Jensen	74	Winnifred, Montana	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1950
3-6-92	Victor V. Hansen	86	Fowler, Colorado	261	Fowler, Colorado	1944
3-11-92	Arthur G. Jager	84	Detroit Lakes, Michigan	268	Junction City, Oregon	1939
3-10-92	Olaf R. Juhl	92	Gellerup, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1939
2-29-92	Walter H. Rasmussen	78	Dagmar, Montana	29	Seattle, Washington	1953
11-8-91	Charles H. Portier	80	Hillyard, Washington	29	Seattle, Washington	1950
1-2-92	Marius Pedersen	84	Almstok Ranbøl, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1937
3-4-92	Svend S. Sorensen	78	Viborg, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1946
3-13-92	Louis J. Jacobsen	93	Kyndby, Denmark	319	Bakersfield, California	1940
2-5-92	Robert Holm	71	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1941
3-3-92	Clara N. Torring	76	Ruskin, Nebraska	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1962
10-25-91	Laura H. Hansen	81	Norman, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1979
11-29-91	Hazel H. Pedersen	76	Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1974
3-13-92	Lydia M. Christensen	92	Hastings, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1975
3-8-92	James H. Sharon	85	Kansas City, Missouri	261	Fowler, Colorado	1971
8-25-91	Hans Nielsen	84	Taulof, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1962
3-8-92	Reuben Litz	71	St. Paul, Minnesota	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1990
8-4-91	Bruce A. Hansen	66	Butler, Montana	237	Dillon, Montana	1977
2-26-92	Owen B. Nelson, Jr.	75	Bakersfield, California	319	Bakersfield, California	1971
8-18-88	Margaret A. Christensen	83	Lincoln, Nebraska	43	Denver, Colorado	1980

Larsens Receive Donations

In the March issue of the **American Dane** we told you about three young members who lost their father in a tragic automobile accident. Many individuals and lodges have contributed to the Larsen Daughters' Fund. It is times like these we continue the tradition which has been at the heart of our society since our conception — people helping people.

The following people have sent contributions to the Home Office which were then sent to Jennifer, Sarah and Steffanie Larsen.

Woody and Elsa Petersen
Laurids and Judi Pedersen
Beatrice Hinrichsen
Lodge No. 348 - Eugene, Oregon
Hervert and Mourine Fahl
Folmer and Vera Nyby
Lodge No. 314 - Hartford, Connecticut
J. K. and J. H. Jespersen

Arthur Peterson
David and Helene Besso
Lodge No. 39 - San Leandro, California
Steve and Jennifer Kock
Per Hvid
Clyde R. Langsted
Lodge No. 29 - Seattle, Washington
Lodge No. 34 - Dwight, Illinois

Dr. Robert S. Hansen
Carl and Nancy Sorensen, Jr.
Lodge No. 14 - Kenosha, Wisconsin
Howard and Erma Johnson
Lodge No. 35 - Chicago, Illinois
Donald and Audrey Scott
Lodge No. 1 - Omaha, Nebraska
Lodge No. 32 - New Haven, Connecticut

Thank you for your contributions.

Contributions can be sent to the DBIA Home Office, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

VELKOMMEN!

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

Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
John E. Leivick	14	Kenosha, WI	Walter L. Stein
Earl E. Sande	15	Des Moines, IA	Curtis C. Sorensen
Ruth E. Sande	15	Des Moines, IA	Curtis C. Sorensen
Christopher P. Burkett	15	Des Moines, IA	Shirley Larsen Burkett
Megan M. Burkett	15	Des Moines, IA	Shirley Larsen Burkett
Pearl A. Johannesen	16	Minden, NE	Marie H. Nelson
Kristina M. Nelson	29	Seattle, WA	Ralph A. Nelson
Stephen J. Nelson	29	Seattle, WA	Ralph A. Nelson
Lille K. Peters	32	New Haven, CT	Barbara A. Larsen
Leonard A. Thompson	45	Minneapolis, MN	Harold J. Chrysler
Axel Vikjaer	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Axel S. Munk
Henry G. Peterson	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Elmer A. Beck
Victor Little, Jr.	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Elmer A. Beck
Alan H. Lauritsen	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Elmer A. Beck
Richard H. Christiansen	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Kenneth L. Nielsen
William Wind McKim	56	Kansas City, KS	Robert Wallace
Richard K. Nelson	75	Albert Lea, MN	Donald M. Levisen
Karen A. Rasmussen	143	Petaluma, CA	Harvey P. Rasmussen
Christian M. Jeantet	172	Philadelphia, PA	Joseph E. Jeantet
Dennis A. Jeantet	172	Philadelphia, PA	Elin Jeantet
Paul F. Petersen	211	Grand Island, NE	Arne S. Espersen
Dennis M. "Mike" Mathison	268	Junction City, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Liesl M. Heins	268	Junction City, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Forest Moomey	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Lori A. Larson	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Tamsen L. Mosiello	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Shelly Y. Johnston	268	Junction City, OR	Dennis "Mike" Mathison
Kristen A. Petersen	283	Dagmar, MT	Alvin K. Petersen
Poul A. K. Pedersen	322	Santa Barbara, CA	Carl R. Lauritsen
Olfert V. Hansen	325	Nassau County, NY	Helen Koford
Joan Hansen	325	Nassau County, NY	Helen Koford
Dennis N. Nissen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Irene Boose
Jacci M. Durrant	343	Waupaca, WI	Woodrow T. Petersen
Kelly R. Durrant	343	Waupaca, WI	Woodrow T. Petersen
John R. Kotnik	345	Orange County, CA	Gerry Olsen
Virginia A. Thompson	600	Omaha, NE	Egil M. Andersen
Jody L. Larson	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Gary A. Sakstrup	600	Omaha, NE	Gordon A. Sakstrup
Jennifer E. Merklin	600	Omaha, NE	Lewis A. Petersen

DAHS Awards Prize

Norma Shirck's article "A Land Conquered: Nebraska's Mirage Flats, 1919-1948" has been selected as the best article submitted for the \$300 award by the Danish American Heritage Society (DAHS). The article, which will be published in the Spring, 1992 issue of **The Bridge, Journal of the Danish American Heritage Society**, tells of the environment, the people and the responses which allowed the community to survive.

The three major criteria used by the committee in making its decision were that an article submitted should:

1. make an important contribution to the study of Danish immigrants or their descendants in North America;
2. have historical value in its own right, and make good use of historical documents; and
3. show appreciation and understanding of Danish heritage.

All articles were also judged on the basis of how well written the articles were, and to what extent they captured human interest.

Several of the articles achieved high ratings on all the above categories. The Danish American Heritage Society thanks all of those people who submitted articles and appreciates the time and effort the writers took in entering the contest. Most of the articles will appear in future issues of **The Bridge** with thanks for the contributions to the history of Danish Americans.

Our Lodges in Action

Material for publication must be received at the Danish Brotherhood in America National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844 by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue.

The American Dane is mailed by the sixth day of the month.

The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — President Frank Poulsen opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with 33 present. Borge Schlegel introduced Ninina & Ray James, guests from Chicago. Ninina shared a story about her father with us. It was very touching.

Mel Hollister was given special recognition by the membership for his continuous and outstanding efforts in all that he has done for Lodge No. 29. Mel has been nominated for this year's Howard E. Christensen Award. Congratulations Mel.

Delegates elected to the Pacific Northwest District Convention in May are: Frank Poulsen, Poul Hansen, and Ken Kromann. Alternates are Clyde Langsted, Gerry Jensen and Jeff Jensen. **Lexie Sorensen, Cor.**

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — The installation of leaders to serve the lodge this year took place at the Town and Country Restaurant, amidst Danish decorations on March 7. Officers are: Past President, Rudy Vida; President, Larry Charneski; Vice President, Darrell Larsen; Secretary, Rudy Vida; Treasurer, Emil Larsen; Trustees, Fred Matheny and Henning Nord; Conductor, Merle Kinder.

Congratulations are in order for the Larsens, Mary and Emil, for conducting the ceremonies.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The March 5 meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. with 33 members and guests present. President Norm Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Mortensen, Past President, explained the symbols.

Eva Christensen was initiated into the lodge and the meeting was interrupted for a short intermission to welcome her. Jens Jensen introduced his guests and prospective members, Janet Grisby, Berl Stowe, Jan Johansen and Lizbeth and William Pickthorn.

Lisa Mortensen was presented with a certificate from Omaha in recognition of being our lodge's nominee for the Howard

The best idea for May goes to Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ. See page 17.

E. Christensen Award.

Minutes for the February meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. Correspondence was read and acted upon which included a request from the National Convention committee in Wisconsin for a \$100 refundable loan. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to send \$100 to the National Convention Committee. A letter from Helene Hirsch with a recommendation for the Brotherhood to donate \$500 to the Northwest Outreach Center for a large screen TV and VCR was read. The Sisterhood has already approved to donate \$500 to the project. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to donate \$500 to the Oregon Outreach Center.

A request was shared from the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, for a donation. After discussion and concern about supporting local museums and organizations, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to decline the solicitation. However, individuals are more than welcome to send donations.

A letter from Jerry Christensen of the Omaha office was read concerning the liability insurance which all the lodges are required to purchase at the rate of \$1.50 per member. The lodges also have the option of purchasing a liquor liability coverage for an additional \$300. Total cost to the lodge for both coverages would be \$735. This will be less than the amount we are now paying for just the liability coverage through State Farm. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to purchase the additional liquor coverage with the required purchase of liability insurance. Bills were read and approved to be paid and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Brotherhood earned \$35 from the cake walk held before the meeting. The Sisterhood also received \$35.

President Powell requested nominations for delegates to the Pacific Northwest District Convention in Junction City. Four delegates and four alternates are needed. The following members were nominated, Diane Fisker, Lisa Mortensen, Norm Powell, Upton Hansen, Elvin Kasch and Del Strand. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to have the first four nominated be delegates and the last two be the alternates. District dues of \$.45 per member need to be paid. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to pay the district dues. **Kathy Jensen, Sec.**

Lodge #328, Vancouver, BC, Canada — There were 51 brothers attending this meeting. This was the first time that we conducted our meeting in the Slovenian Hall.

A draft of the new bylaws was presented from the Bylaw Committee, so the brothers had a chance to review them before the next meeting.

A report from the Soccer Committee was given by Kjeld Christensen. We start our summer season very shortly. There were three teams participating: Over 30, 40 and 50. The Seattle Exchange in Seattle will take place on May 30. The Danish/American Soccer Tournament will take place on July 11, in Spokane, Washington. An invitation will be sent to sons and friends from the Brotherhood to try to put a young team together.

As we have no representative to the Community Center, we elected Villy Andersen.

We were told by the Casino Committee that they had put together an application which was sent to Victoria.

A long discussion regarding the increase of dues to Omaha and a letter was drafted to be presented to Omaha. Herluf Pedersen will bring this to Omaha.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — The Young Vikings left following the opening ceremonies of the March 12 meeting for their own activities with Education Chairman Scott Stefansen. Derek Faulkenberg joined us as a guest of Susan Engelmann.

Otto and Bernice Jensen and Jim and

Ada Larsen volunteered to chair our fall fundraiser. Bernice urged everyone to participate in the "Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It" sale and (possibly) auction. Betty Christensen will supervise sandwich making for the accompanying luncheon.

We discussed Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp. We voted to donate \$200 to the camp. We also approved scholarship applications presented on behalf of Christopher and Elisabeth Engelman.

We elected Susan Staats, Glenn Matson and Martin Taekker delegates to the Pacific Northwest District Convention. Al Nyegaard, Anita Lyngaard, and Lois Toftemark will serve as alternates. We authorized the purchase of a full page ad in the convention program. We also briefly discussed the 1995 National Convention. It was voted to loan \$100.00 to the host district.

President Nyegaard called our attention to Richard Larsen's family, reported in the **American Dane**. We voted to donate to the fund for the Larsen daughters.

Following the business meeting, we rejoined the Young Vikings for a traditional Fastelavn celebration. As the adults looked on, each young person was blindfolded and given a chance to break open the papier mache "cat in the barrel." All of the children collected candy, peanuts and oranges when the barrel broke open.



Young members of Lodge 348 demolish barrel at Fastelavn Party.

On March 15, 39 members and guests attended a matinee performance of "Once Upon a Mattress." This musical was inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's tale of the "Princess and the Pea." Following the production, the group enjoyed dinner at Ralph's Diner.

Svend and Lois Toftemark led a team of bowlers to Enumclaw on March 21 to



Lodge 348: Scott Stefansen teaches Danish games to Young Vikings.

represent our lodge at the Pacific Northwest District Tournament. A good time was had by all, though first place eluded us this time around.

Our next meeting will be May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Eugene.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA — The change to a new dues system and assessments has been accompanied with a few difficulties, but we feel we have made it and now we can go on to equally important matters of a different nature.

Installation of officers of Lodge 67 was scheduled for February 13 and preparations for this event moved along beautifully. Officers and guests from the south were unable to attend because of flooding. We were honored by a group from Modesto including National Director Ebba Norby. Three of our elected officers were absent, so substitutions were arranged.

Jim Larsen from Petaluma came and with his infectious enthusiasm and cheerful dignity he made this installation a memorable event. We are most grateful to Jim for his excellent service to our lodge and order.

Once more DBIA Lodge 67 and DSS Lodge 149 plan a celebration and frika-



District President Jim Larsen (third from right) with lodge officers and "stand-ins."

deller dinner to mark the anniversary of the founding of the two lodges.

L. S. DeLaurant, Cor.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — President Doris Christensen opened the meeting at 8:17 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by Secretary Betty Seale, and approved as read. Following the report a moment of silence was observed in memory of our departed brothers. Donations will be made to the Danish Church's Memorial Fund, in memory of our departed brothers. Aere vaere deres Minde!

We had one transfer member from Solvang Lodge, Karl Olsen.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read. Treasurer Owen Miller suggested that we take \$5,000.00 out of the checking account and put it into the Fraternal Fund. It will help "National" and still be available to us to get the interest for the scholarships. This was approved by the membership.

Nominations for the Hans M. Andersen Award should be made by June 1. This award goes to an outstanding member in the local lodge. All proposed changes in the Bylaws are to be submitted 35 days before the Convention.

It was suggested we sponsor a dinner at the Danish Lutheran Church, as part of their fundraising to build a new church in Yorba Linda. It was voted on and accepted that we sponsor a dinner at the Danish Church sometime in the fall.

We had 34 members present plus two guests at our last meeting.

Inger Acton Dix, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — March 4, members and guests of Holger Danske Lodge gathered for their monthly business meeting and to play bingo. We had three visitors. Minutes for the previous month were read and a treasurer's report given.

Kaj Bjorn designed and presented two choices for the greetings we will place in the District Convention Program. Both drawings were excellently done. One depicts the American and Danish flags and

the other shows a Viking in a Viking ship. The membership chose the Viking and this ad will be sent to Solvang. Many thanks to Kaj for all the work he did in designing this ad.

A letter was read with regards to the District Officer Meeting held on January 18. The letter included information about a possible RV weekender, program and questionnaire. A District Membership Drive was also proposed which would run from April 1, 1992-March 1993. A reminder of the District Convention packets was made.

Nationally speaking, it was announced that there will no longer be National President's Awards. A new Lodge Rating and Awards Program will replace the National Awards Winners. This new program sounds very interesting. Holger Danske Lodge voted to adopt and participate in this program. President Ken Olsen explained the Matching Funds program. This is where National will match up to \$250.00 per year to any organization or individual we, as a lodge choose to help. The purpose of the Matching Funds is to promote and involve the DBIA in community activities.

Next, Conductor Helga Bjorn passed around the new 1992 password. There was one application for membership given out to John Kotnik. OPERATION: H.O.P.E. head coordinator, Vivian Schuette, reported that she bought supplies for the Christian Temporary Housing Facility. OPERATION: H.O.P.E. special projects coordinator, Helga Bjorn delivered several hundred pairs of used eye glasses to an optometrist in Mission Viejo who recycles them for use by those in need. Also to add to our OPERATION: H.O.P.E. projects, Gertrude Nielsen will be collecting canceled

postage stamps which the veterans are collecting. In addition to stamps we are still collecting the tabs from aluminum cans and at our last meeting \$16.58 was turned in to the lodge treasury from aluminum can recycling. Whenever you donate money or usable items to organizations in the name of Holger Danske Lodge, please remember to ask for a receipt. These receipts need to be turned into Secretary Gerry Olsen.

Our bowling team was organized at the March meeting and these bowlers will be representing Holger Danske Lodge: Gary, Toni, Maxine, Bryce, and DanNeil Gossett, Helga Bjorn, Kandy Chappel, Soren Christensen, Cal Christensen, and Jim Wiegandt. Jim Wiegandt is the bowling chairman so any questions should be directed to him. Secretary Gerry Olsen has organized sponsors for our bowling team. She has gathered the funds to keep our bowlers in action for 8 weeks. She also arranged to have league shirts donated to our bowlers.

Following the business meeting about 20 games of bingo were played. Many thanks to Kandy Chappell for organizing the evening, Harold Bastrup for calling the bingo numbers and those on Committee #2 for providing the delicious refreshments.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
Lodge #346, Riverside and San Bernardino,
CA** — On March 7 we had 33 members and guests at our St. Pat's Day dinner meeting. Our President Darlene Petersen presided over the Board meeting and our regular meeting.

After our board meeting we had a good Irish meal. Thanks to our "Irish" cooks.

Thanks to Lisa "O'Piehl," Lindy "McLindberg," Sue "McPatterson," Norma Loveday, and Doris Thompson. President Darlene brought a birthday cake to celebrate the birthday of our token Irishman, John McCarver!

During the evening we set up our Silent Auction which we had to raise funds for the Danish Church Relocation Fund. We raised \$106.00. We were surprised we did so well with so little effort. Thank you for your donations.

We held our regular meeting after the dinner and among many things brought up was the RV gathering. Jim Patterson gave us an update and passed out a sign-up sheet for the fishing trip in July. It was also decided to return to having an attendance drawing at our regular meeting. At our upcoming "Hard Times" party we will have a raffle to raise money for our liability insurance. We received offers of donations but we would greatly appreciate a few more items. If you have something you would like to donate please give Kaja or Sue a call.

After the meeting we played many games of Bingo. We really had a very full evening and ran out of time. We decided to save some of the white elephants for another game. Thousand thanks to everyone for donations, cooking and to our barkeep Tom Loveday who is always kept busy during the evening.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — Our March meeting was well attended by 57 members and five guests. Our aebleskiver and ham supper with pig cake was served at 6:30.

Edith Thomsen led the group with the table grace.

Glen Haselbarth presided over the business meeting and matters of business were completed.

Our lodge welcomes Pearl Johannasen into membership.

A map of Denmark was given to the lodge for anyone wishing to use it. Bingo was enjoyed by all.

Marie Nelson, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our last meeting was well attended with 26 present. There were some questions about the revised dues. The 1992 Nebraska District Convention will be held in Minden on August 21-23. Lodge No. 16 will host this event.

Discussion was held on possible participation in the "Gateway to the West" celebration this year. The dates are June 18-21. We were told the cost of renting the Eagles' Hall is now \$100.00. The cost of

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kringle has also increased. No decisions were made.

Laurids moved we send \$50.00 to the Tim Welch Fund. (Tim is a 14 year old boy who lost an arm and leg in a train accident in Blair.) Motion seconded and carried.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — Forty-five persons, including several guests, enjoyed our March 9 potluck supper and membership event. The food was the greatest. The music of Helga Larsen Wells was appreciated by all, and attracted young and old to the dance floor. This included our newest Young Vikings, Christopher and Megan Burkett. We also were pleased to welcome new members, Earl and Ruth Sande.

The door prize, a beautiful Bing and Grøndahl Mother's Day plate was won by one of our guests, Ruth Glascock.

Several members located and marked the hometowns of ancestors on a map of Denmark provided for that purpose.

We are looking forward to our May 11 meeting when we will be entertained by the Central Chapter Polka Club of Iowa. Our members and guests will be invited to join in the dancing.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — The Albert Lea, Minnesota Lodge No. 75 met March 7 for their monthly meeting with President Harlan Nelson presiding. After the business meeting new member Richard T. Jensen was escorted to the center and initiated. President Nelson presented Richard with a membership pin.

Don Levisen reported on the progress of the Miss Albert Lea Mermaid statue; the group has viewed a huge rock which will be transferred to Fountain Lake to hold the statue.

A most interesting program was presented by Laverne Rasmussen, a physical therapist from HEALTHREACH, who told of the methods of treating and successes in the fields of sports, heart attacks, strokes, injuries, burns, handicapped and congenital problems as well as industrial injuries.

Hosts and hostesses for the evening were Lettie and Lyle Andersen, and Mabel and Milton Larson.

Grace Tomson, Sec./Treas.

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — Lodge No. 147 and DSS No. 109 held their Christmas



Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kremin, Lilie Pedersen, Karen Philipsen and Jens Pedersen; kneeling: Mr. and Mrs. Kremin's daughter.

party at the Fellowship Hall of the Lutheran Church of Newell.

After a potluck supper we were entertained by foreign exchange student, Karen Philipsen of Aabenroa, Denmark, who gave a very interesting presentation of her life in Denmark and here in Iowa. She sang several songs in Danish. After that, games were played and the traditional dance around the Christmas tree.

Karen attends high school in Manilla, Iowa, where she lives with the Steve Kremin family.

Elmer Jensen, Cor.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — After our Torsk dinner on April 11, we have some important dates to remember. Lodge No. 4 will share a promotional booth with Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 5 at the Danish Kringle Festival. The dates of the festival are June 12-14. Why not volunteer to spend a few hours in the booth? Call John Mollerskov.

The date of our annual picnic is July 8. The co-chairmen for the picnic are Wayne Kavaliauskas and Glenn Nyboe.

Thank you to Ruth and Ken Jensen, who provided the lunch for the March meeting. Also, thank you to Lance King who furnished two delicious pizza kringles.

On June 28 Sisterhood Lodges No. 20 of Kenosha and Lodge No. 5 of Racine will host an afternoon at Dairyland Greyhound Park. Sisterhood members, Brotherhood members, relatives and friends are welcome. We will meet at a designated area. The races start at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

After the races, we will have a dinner at the Danish Brotherhood Hall in Kenosha. Cocktails begin at 5:30 followed by dinner.

Jeff Christiansen, Pres.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — The Wine and Cheese Tasting Party took place on March 5th. The hall was donated for this purpose to help the fund for renovating the Lighthouse on Simmons Island. The committee from the lodge that worked on this was Ed Werner, Ralph Pfarr, John Hosmanek, John Sullivan and Ron Zieth.

Unfortunately, the Midwest Target Shoot had to be canceled as the shooting range in Streator closed.

Our ever popular Corn Beef Dinner and Dance was held on March 14. The hall was nicely decorated with the green. The food was good and everyone enjoyed the evening. Dancing was provided by Brother Jay Nelson and his trio. Thanks to our new committee on this one, Kevin and Ione Gleason, Jim and Laura Gleason, Todd Bernhardt, Annette Sopata, Paul Naydihor, Jay Nelson and Tim Callaghan.

Bob Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — A Cub's baseball game trip is planned for Sunday, September 6. Get your reservations to Roy Hoegger. Plan now to go. Cost will be \$20 per person. Snacks and refreshments will be served on the bus. Seats are terrace, reserved on the third baseline.

Margaret Goodwin, Cor.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Martin Christensen was honored at the March meeting of DBIA Lodge No. 35. President Iversen called Martin and his two sons, "Marty" Jr., and Norman forward. Martin celebrated his 95th birthday on March 1. President Iversen wanted everyone to know how much Martin has given to No. 35. He served two terms as president and later as treasurer. He received a standing ovation and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to him. His sons brought a cake which was enjoyed by all.

Amateur Night was a big hit at the last meeting. Entertainers ranged from hilarious stories with Swedish accents, a rendition of "The Legend of Sam McGee," other humorous stories and jokes, beautiful vocal and keyboard presentations. The evening's entertainment was topped off with the TOPS CHORUS singing a parody of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" accompanied by kazoos. The audience was very quiet throughout, attesting to the fact that they enjoyed a great program. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Also at the meeting, it was moved that our lodge donate \$100 to the Larsen sister fund and private donations were encouraged.

Our Scholarship Dinner this year will consist of Frikadeller and will be held on

May 15. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. After dinner, Frank Tintari will entertain with his accordion for listening and dancing.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our members enjoyed a "fork-lifting" evening partaking of the tasty foods at our potluck supper on March 23. We thank all who participated. We are fortunate Ernie and Jeanette Norquest brought Danish exchange student Soren Svennum to our March 23 meeting. Following our potluck supper, Soren gave an interesting presentation. His home is Jeslev, North Jutland, Denmark.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Lodge No. 343 of the Danish Brotherhood met Thursday afternoon, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church. President Harold Rasmussen called the meeting to order. After a short business meeting the Elwood Isentrauts gave a very interesting slide presentation of their recent trip to Jordan, Israel and Egypt. After the presentation a delicious lunch was served by Mae Stockee, Inga Polly, Lucille Johnson and Dale Bonikowski. The remainder of the afternoon was spent socializing.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — At our regular meeting in March, George P. Sorensen was installed and welcomed as our new member.

Many prizes were won playing bingo at our social night in March. Sandwiches were enjoyed by members and family.

May 13 is our regular dinner meeting. May 16 we are hosting the Michigan-Ohio District Convention. Come and join in on the festivities Saturday evening, May 27. A video will be shown at our social night.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

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Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On February 14 we held our first Fastelavn. We had a pinata that the children had a chance to try to break. Peter Christensen was the lucky one who managed it and became King. He

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Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$238.05

then chose Andrea Mitchell as his queen. What a cute couple. Most everyone came in costume making it a festive evening. Special thanks to Vera Holmes who was in charge of the evening.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — Twenty members made an appearance at our March meeting. President Brown opened the meeting and then proceeded with the initiation of Henning Christensen to membership in our lodge. The minutes and reports of the officers were received and accepted. **The Home Committee reported several members had pooled their talents and made several radiator covers for the residential area of The Home.** The sick committee reported on several members who are ill or confined. Four applications were received and approved. This year Thor Lodge will be host to the District Convention and the Landmark Inn will be the hub of activities.

Jens Jessen, Cor.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — Fremad Lodge No. 116 will not meet in July and August. Currently we are without a secretary. This is a very important job no lodge can afford to be without. This is just one of the many problems facing Lodge No. 116 at the moment. In the meantime any correspondence can be forwarded to the president. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Donald Heckmann for the wonderful job he did for us as our secretary over the last several years.

Paul Iversen, Vice Pres.

Lodge #164, New York, NY — Our March meeting was well attended. Raffle tickets for our OPERATION: H.O.P.E. project, our dollhouse, were distributed. Florina Lund has a supply of extra raffle tickets for anyone desiring them. Our project this year will benefit the Danish Athletic Club, where our lodge meets each month. This organization is well known in philanthropic circles in New York because of its long history of aid and support for blind and handicapped children. We hope to raise enough to help them maintain their efforts on behalf of these children.

We are looking forward to continued good attendance at our lodge meetings.

Maggie Cull, Cor.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — The Philadelphia Lodge did a grand job of staging the installation of officers for 1992.

Officiating as installing officers were Barry Edmonds and Chris Simonsen of New Haven. Installed as presidents were Anne Carver of the Sisterhood, Len Gott-



Presidents Gottlieb and Trust.

lieb for the Philadelphia Lodge and Rick Trust of the Viking Lodge. All are second term presidents.

The evening began with a cocktail hour followed by a buffet dinner set up by the women of the Philadelphia lodge. Many compliments are due.

Dancing continued to midnight. All had a great time.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #325, Long Island, NY — At our March meeting President Helen Kofod presented Hans Pedersen with a certificate from Omaha for his nomination for the Howard E. Christensen Award. Following the meeting and dinner we had an evening of bingo run by Niels Hansen and George Jacobsen.

Many of our members join the festivities each year when we celebrate the Danish Constitution Day at the Danish Home for the Aged in Croton-on-Hudson. This year the celebration is scheduled for Sunday, June 7. Leif Pedersen announced that the Danish guest speaker Minister of Education Bertel Haarder and country western singer Tamra Rosanes, also from Denmark, will be part of the all day program.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge to Celebrate 100 Years

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on Saturday, May 23, 1992.

The gala event will include a banquet and dance. The festivities will be held at the Hertiage House Inn. Cocktail hour is to begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner. Dancing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m. The John Wagner Band will be playing all the favorites.

Heinrich Produces Prints of Rescue

A limited number of woodcut prints have been produced by Dana College Art Professor Milton Heinrich which commemorate the International Rescue of the Danish Jews conference held at Dana in 1990.

Heinrich created the woodcut while on sabbatical leave last semester. According to Heinrich the project was undertaken to commemorate the important Danish/Jewish event and to show his appreciation to Dana for allowing his sabbatical.

Heinrich explained that the print symbolically depicts the flight of the Jews as they were secretly smuggled out of Denmark to neutral Sweden. The story of this heroic act lives in the prideful history of the Danish people even today.

This limited edition woodcut print, entitled "The Escape," was inspired by drawings of the European artist Kathe Kollwitz who lived and suffered through the two world wars of this century. The boat depicted is a loosely interpreted cross-section of a Viking ship.

Dr. Heinrich's collage combined the ship and figurative images from two different periods of history to create a symbol of all those that have fled their homeland for the



Left to right: Senator Paul Simon, Dana President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, Art Professor Milton Heinrich.

purposes of safety and freedom. The first of the limited edition was presented by Dana College to Illinois Senator and Dana Regent Paul Simon in recognition of his extraordinary efforts to help organize

the conference, "The Rescue of the Danish Jews," on Dana's campus.

According to Dana officials, a print of "The Escape" will be on display at Dana soon.

Introducing . . .

Caitlin Mary Runland, one of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 113 in Enumclaw, Washington, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Caitlin Mary Runland. I am a new member of the Danish Brotherhood. My Daddy enrolled me. I am probably one of the youngest members. I was born January 5, 1992. I live in Enumclaw, Washington, with my Mommy and Daddy, two dogs and two cats."

and

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

"Hi! My name is Robert Erik Hansen. I am 14 years old. I live in Towanda, Pennsylvania, along the Susquehanna River. I am interested in reading and learning about different types of history; world history, American history, Polynesian history, Danish history (of course!), and the history of the US Virgin Islands (formerly the Danish West Indies). I joined the Brotherhood because I am proud of my Danish heritage. My great, great grandfather was in the Danish Army. I am



also interested in other benefits, such as a possible college scholarship."

and

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

"Hi! My name is Jannette Mary Hansen. I am 11 years old. I have many interests and hobbies. I'm in 4-H and I play the piano and clarinet. I'm in three different choirs, and I take jazz, tap and ballet dance classes. I also like to do crafts and cook. I joined the Danish Brotherhood because of my Danish family and for the benefits such as a possible scholarship for college and the Danish language camp."

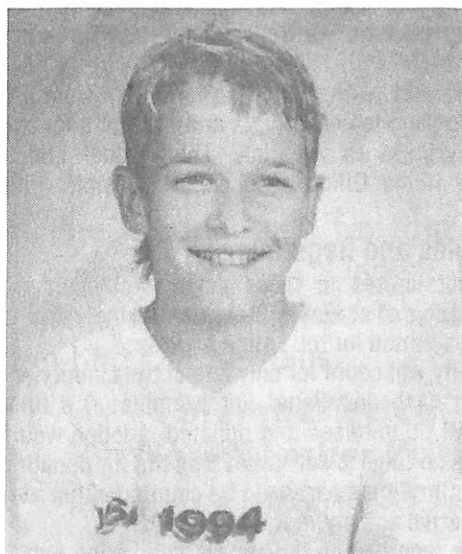




and

Natasha Nelson, another of our newest Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington, and has this to say:

"Hello! I am fifteen years old. I'm a freshman at Sehome High School. I enjoy reading, jogging and weightlifting, of course, I like shopping also. My parents' names are David and Linda Nelson. I have one brother, David. I am in Spirit Club at school."



and

David Nelson II, is another of our newest Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington, and has this to say:

"Hi! I'm almost 11 years old. I go to Carl Cozier Elementary School. I'm in the 5th grade. I can't wait until next year when I go to Jr. High. I have played soccer for six years. I play for the F. C. Bellingham Rangers. I have a dog, Princess, and two turtles. I also play basketball, I play point guard. My number is 5."

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ANNOUNCING

DBIA Lodge Rating and Awards Program

Purpose:

The Lodge Rating and Awards Program is designed to recognize more lodges for their activities. It will replace the District President's Awards and the National President's Awards. Districts may, on their own, continue to award District President's Awards.

This program is not designed as a contest among lodges. It is designed to encourage lodges to participate in more activities and to become a visible and valuable organization in their community. This new program provides lodges with incentives to achieve recognition from the lodges in their district and nationwide.

Special certificates will be awarded indicating which award the lodge has received. Bronze, silver, and gold seals will reflect which award the lodge has received. This will allow the lodge to display the certificates in any way they choose.

Lodges will receive a letter from the National Headquarters notifying them of their award. An announcement will be made in the **American Dane**. Awards will be distributed to the appropriate lodges at their district conventions. The first awards will be given out at the 1993 district conventions.

There are three levels of awards, the Gold Lodge Award, the Silver Lodge Award and the Bronze Lodge Award, with the Gold Lodge Award being the highest.

Points will be awarded based on the quality and quantity of activities held during a calendar year. This program begins with activities held January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992. Lodge awards for 1992 activities will be announced at 1993 District Conventions.

A lodge must have earned 800 - 1,499 points in a calendar year to be awarded the Bronze Lodge Award.

1,500 - 1,999 points in a calendar year earns a lodge the Silver Lodge Award.

The Gold Lodge Award will be given to those lodges earning 2,000 or more points in a calendar year.

*Points may vary from year to year.

Definitions for Lodge Awards

1) **Family Lodge** — a family lodge is one which welcomes the entire family to become members of the lodge - male and female.

2) **Legal Business Meeting** — one in which a quorum is met, minutes taken and recorded. Five members shall constitute a quorum in lodges with membership less than fifty. In lodges with larger membership, a quorum shall be seven members.

3) **Fraternal Activities** — activities which benefit the lodge or its members. Examples of acceptable activities include programs, parties, dances, dinners, picnics, and assistance to members in need.

4) **Community Projects** — those that benefit the local community, either through financial or volunteer assistance. For example: donations, service projects, parades, beautification,

community improvement projects.

5) **Interlodge Activities** — those which involve at least two DBIA lodges. Interlodge activities include conventions, picnics, tournaments, etc.

6) **Youth Activities** — those that benefit the youth, such as Christmas parties and St. Hans Aften, etc.

7) **Charitable Donations** — financial donations given to charities in a year. Possible charities include: Salvation Army, United Way, American Heart Association, scholarships, fire department, library fund, schools, etc.

8) **District Fraternal Coordinator Support** — meeting with the DFC(s) responsible to your lodge with the members. This is to be an informational and educational presentation. This requirement will be waived if no DFC is responsible for your lodge.

9) **Lodge Newsletter** — an informative newsletter must be available to members at least quarterly.

10) **Operation: H.O.P.E.** — Helping Others and Protecting our Environment — any project which at least 10 lodge members participate in to help other individuals or to promote our environment. Food, furniture and cash collections can only be counted once. For example, if your lodge has collections at regular meetings, this is only counted as one activity, not for each collection.

11) **Annual Lodge Report** — the reporting form sent from the Home Office to lodges, used to collect data and statistics for the National Fraternal Congress in America. The Annual Lodge Report is due in the Home Office as soon as possible after December 31.

Rules and Regulations

1) Activities are not limited to those listed. Activities are based on the participation of at least 10 members. Individual's activities are not to be counted for the Lodge Awards.

2) Each lodge activity will count for only one of the categories, except in the case of cash donations. For example: If a fund raiser is held and \$150.00 is raised and donated, a lodge would receive 100 points for the fund raiser, and 25 points for donating \$150.00. However, a Christmas party can be counted either as a youth activity or a fraternal activity, but not as both.

3) Projects must be recorded on the appropriate Lodge Award application. Verification of these projects can be made through articles in "Our Lodges in Action," local publications, community newspapers, etc. Lodge minutes may also be used. **Verification of activities is the responsibility of the lodge. Verification materials must accompany the reporting form.**

4) The National Board of Directors will evaluate those lodges wishing to be considered for the Lodge Award at their semi-annual Board meetings.

5) Lodge Award applications must be submitted with all supporting material no later than March 1 of each year. Late applications will not be considered.

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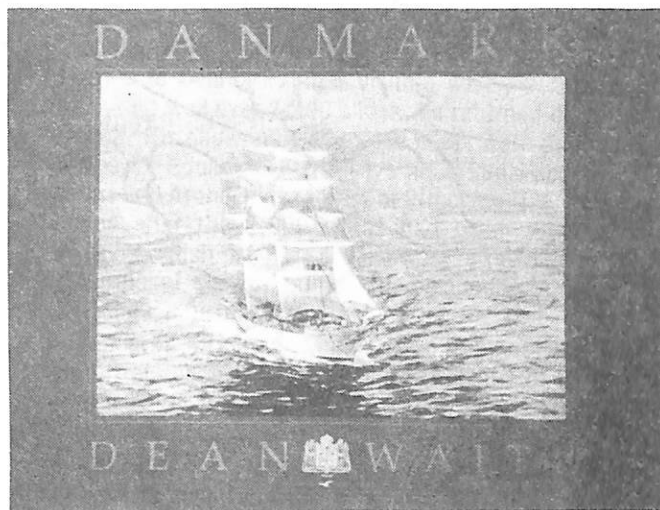
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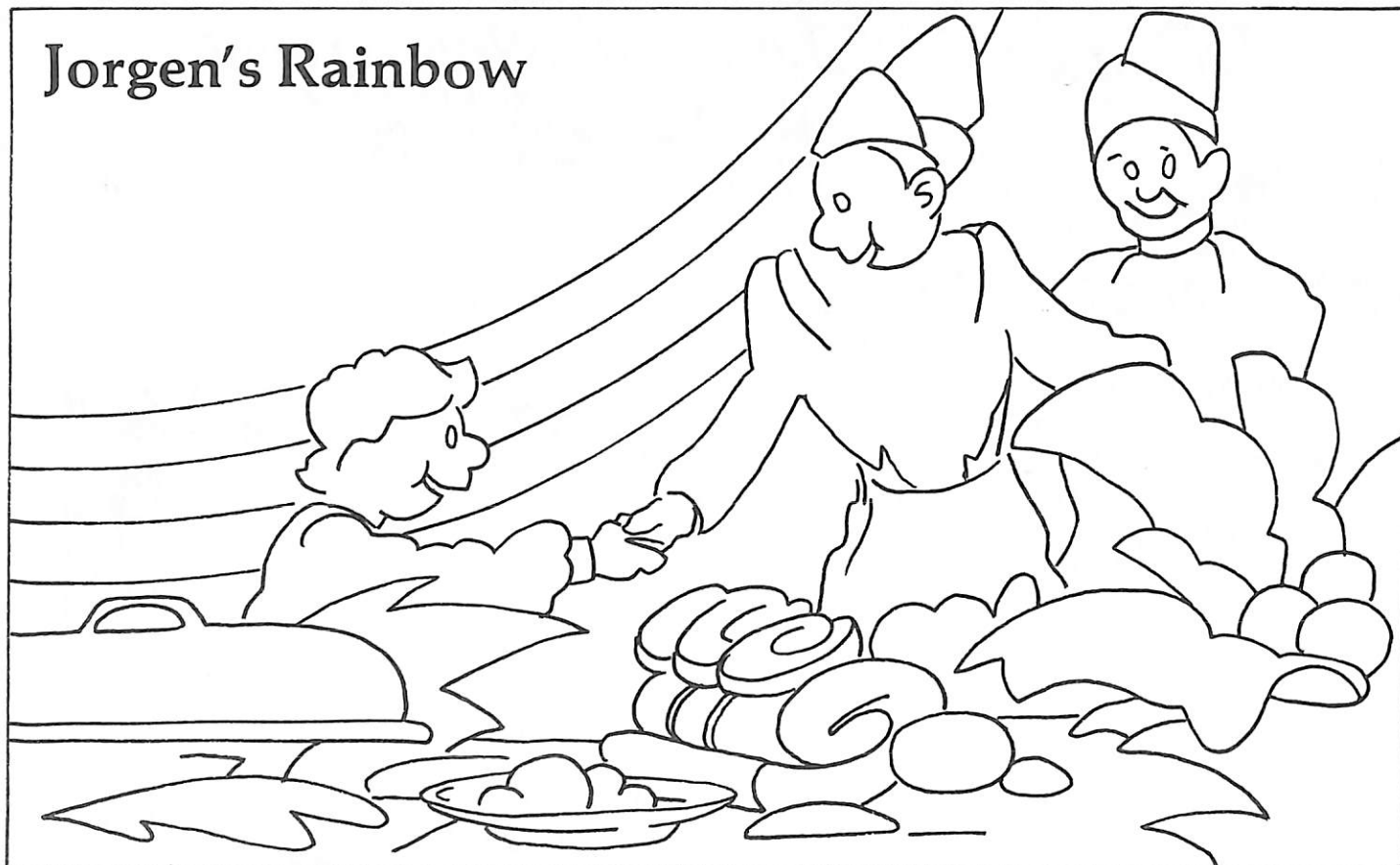
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Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen meets Queen Margrethe's two chefs in front of a table filled with traditional Danish dishes as well as those of the French. Why French? Prince Henrik is French and enjoys his native foods and beverages! Can you find and color the "Lamb Rullepølse" a tasty Danish meat dish?

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.

April winners: Ana Lisa Lopresti, Nicholas Eitzmann, and Rhiannon Olsen.



Grandma's Kitchen



Gunild Ostergaard

Kringle

Dough:

- | | |
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| 1 cup cold milk | ½ cup butter or oleo |
| 2 cakes yeast | ½ tsp. salt |
| 2 eggs | 2 cups flour (Sapphire |
| ½ cup sugar | flour preferred) |

Method of handling dough: Mix ingredients to a medium dough, not too soft. Spread dough to 8" by

12" on a flour dusted table. Dab ½ lb. oleo mixed with ½ lb. butter on ⅓ of the dough. Fold over 3 times then roll out to the same size again. Repeat this twice. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Take out and cut four strips lengthwise. For 4 kringles, roll out strips in length about 13" by 2½". Spread filling in the middle and fold over. Sprinkle with any kind of fruit or nut. Form into an oval ring. Let set in a warm place for 45 minutes to rise. Brush over with egg and milk mixture. Sprinkle with granulated sugar and crushed nuts. Bake at 380° to a light brown, about 10-15 minutes.

Filling:

- ½ lb. soft butter or oleo
- 1 lb. brown sugar
- ½ tsp. cinnamon or cardamom
- ½ tsp. salt

Method of preparing filling: Mix ingredients until smooth and fluffy. For almond filling, add ½ cup of almond paste to one cup of filling. Work to a smooth paste.

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Past President of Lodge No. 325 Niels B. Hansen presented Dr. Mills a National Presidential Certificate for his work to preserve Danish culture.

Dr. James Mills, of Lodge No. 325, Long Island, New York, received recognition from Danish Brotherhood in America National President, Woodrow T. Petersen, for his research of Danish churches.

While Dr. Mills is a renowned instructor and researcher of the sciences, he has also found recognition for his work researching Danish churches.

His interest in the subject first came about in 1968 when he and his wife traveled to Sorø to celebrate his wife's parents' 50th wedding anniversary. "When visiting Sorø . . . I saw the picture of Christ carrying the cross on the wall of the south side nave. Even without a knowledge of art history, I recognized the painting had an Italianate influence."

Upon his return to the States, he attempted to research Danish wall paintings. However, his search at the New York Public Library was unsuccessful. The Metropolitan Museum of Art was the source of one book relating to the topic which would keep him busy well into his retirement days.

He decided he would learn more about wall paintings during his next trip to Denmark. He located a book, **Danmarks Kalkmalerier**, which he says became his "bible." After taking 1,800 photographs of Danish church wall paintings, Dr. Mills and his wife returned to the United States. With his "bible" and 1,800 photographs, Dr. Mills began doing what he knows well, writing papers and lecturing. He had articles published and presented papers. The C. W. Post College of Long Island University was the site of an exhibit of his photographs and a lecture on the wall paintings.

After retiring in 1979, Dr. Mills found he had more time to dedicate to his new "subject." Realizing his collection of photographs was not quite adequate for study, he returned to Denmark. After visiting nearly 220 churches and taking well over 3,000 slides, he returned home to get to work. His slides as well as the index were published in "Films for Educators." He says his original set is now in the Art and Archeology Library of Princeton University.

Even after the 3,000 slides had been published, he realized English scholars are unaware of the many medieval art forms of Danish origin. He decided to pursue this subject even further.

Danmarks Kirker, or **Denmark's Churches**, is a collection of reference volumes, an encyclopedia of Denmark's churches, if you will. These references are detailed descriptions of the churches in Denmark. Each selection gives a short history of the church. From there, the details are laid out, from the floor plans and architecture, to reconstruction and artwork. Dr. Mills said the only item not included in the descriptions are the hat pegs. This work is so intense that only half of the churches in Denmark have been recorded.

With such a volume of detailed information, it is easy to understand the need for an index of such information. This is where Dr. Mills comes in. He has developed an iconographic index. Dr. Mills explains it this way, "An iconographic index consists of the listing of every object having an aspect of religious symbology. For example, the cover of a baptismal font might have a carved dove, symbolizing the third aspect of the Trinity, the Holy Ghost. Under the topic "Holy Ghost," you find the name of the church, the volume and page the item is found in **Danmarks Kirker**, the date, and any other important information concerning the font cover." **An Iconographic Index to Danmarks Kirker 1100 - 1600, Part I, Jutland** has been published. **Part II, Zealand, Lolland, Falster, Møn and Bornholm** is in the process of being published. **Part III** will span 1600 - 1800. However, he says, "Part III will have to wait until 1993."

Dr. Mills has been working on an illustrated research document which deals with the roods, or chancel crosses, and this latest project is almost complete. Roods are large crosses three to fifteen feet high found in many of the Danish churches.

Born to Irish immigrants in 1913, Dr. James Mills, is a proud and devoted member of the Danish Brotherhood in America. His dedication to Danish medieval church art is a great contribution to the perpetuation of Danish culture.

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