

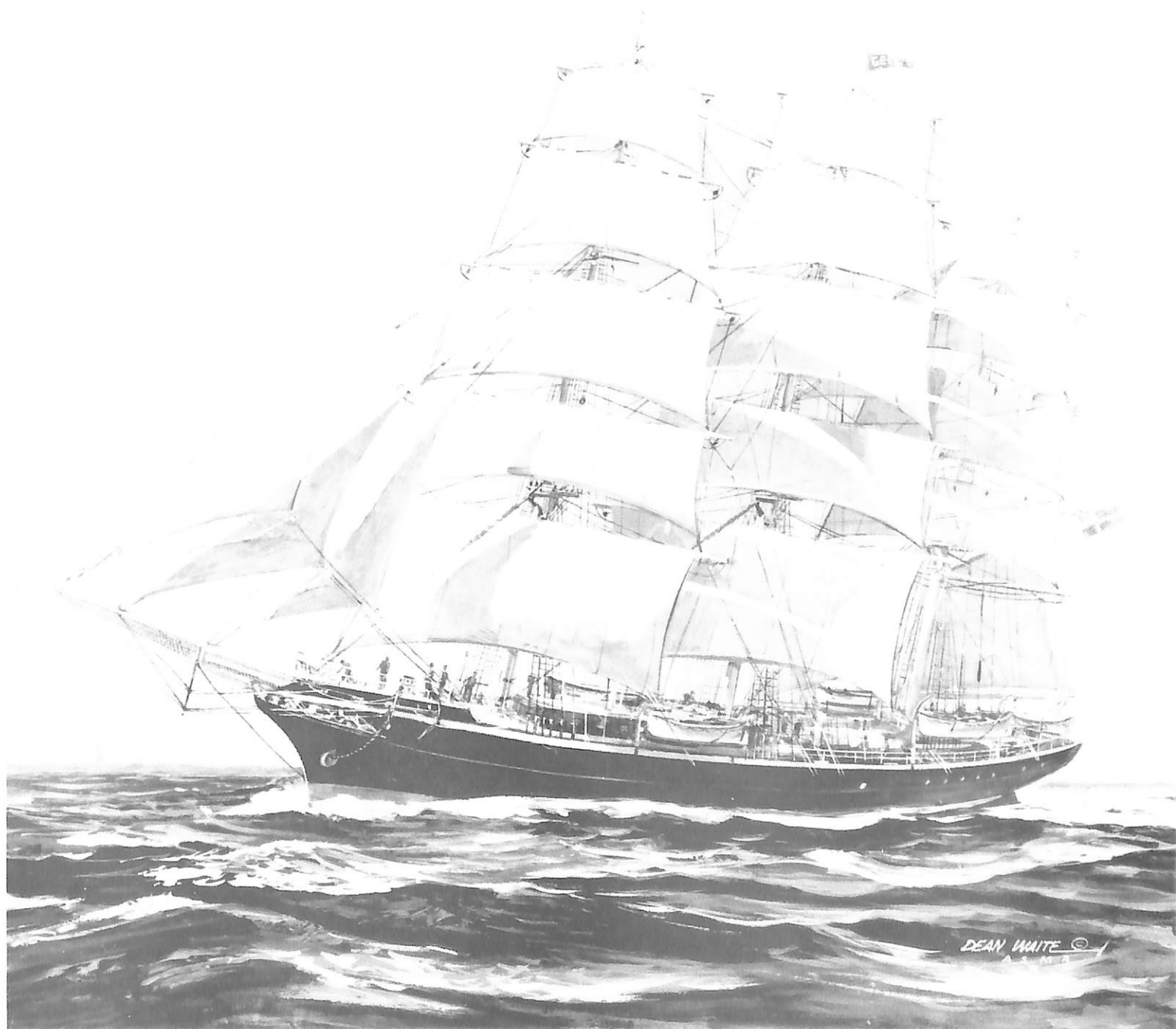
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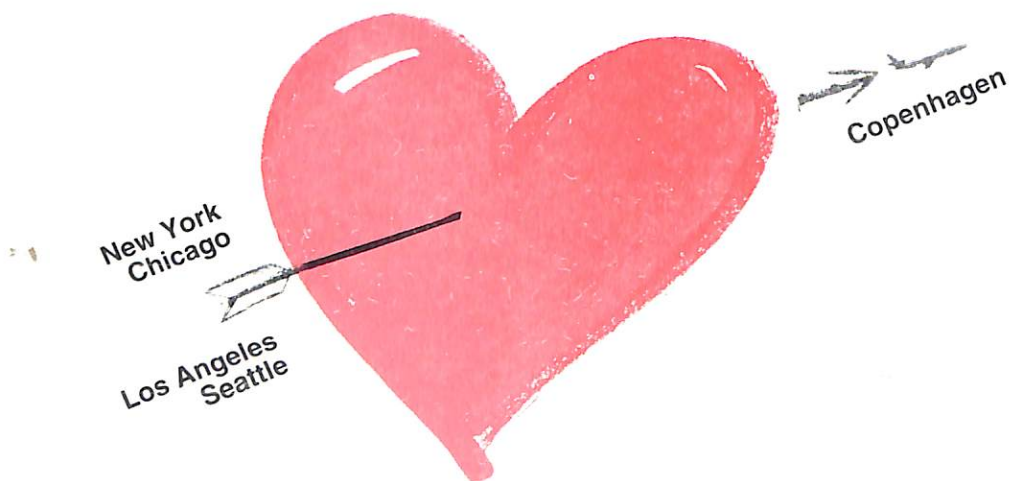
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# President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

As a result of the 1991 National Convention many positive and necessary changes were implemented. Much has yet to be done and much has yet to be accomplished for these programs to be considered successful. The most important underlying cause and effect is the survival of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

We are not "out of the woods" as this is written.

It is apparent that the motives for these changes are little understood by a preponderance of our membership and confusion exists, though not intentional.

A letter was received at the National Headquarters from a concerned member stating the position of his lodge's membership. Based upon this and other feedback we feel his statements might be representative of our membership as a whole.

It is our responsibility to ensure that the membership does understand the purposes of these changes. In respecting the letter writer's right to anonymity, we would like to present excerpts of his well-written letter and our response.

Letter from a lodge secretary to the National Headquarters:

"The new national bylaws were discussed again. I regret to inform you that the \$15.00 dues to the head lodge (National Headquarters) for social members cannot be accepted as all of our members are against it. I know that some members will cancel their membership right now.

"We are almost all senior retired members. Our members do not feel like paying \$15.00 just to belong. We have nine meetings a year and no other activities and for this we should pay \$54.00 per year for insurance (liability insurance)?

"If no other way can be found, it seems that we will have to dissolve the lodge."

Response to the lodge secretary:

Dear Brother Secretary:

"I am in receipt of your letter regarding your lodge not being able to accept the \$15.00 National dues for social members. I certainly sympathize with your members' views, but I must also admit that I take offense that your members 'do not feel like paying 15 dollars just to belong to the Danish Brotherhood'.

"National dues for social members have been \$5.00 per year for over 12 years. At that rate, the expenses per social member exceeds the income generated for each. Yes, we experience a loss for every social member that we have at \$5.00 dues per year. How many businesses can exist on the sale of a product for which they cannot adjust the price for over 12 years?!!

"Although it may appear that we are trying to discourage social membership, we are actually simply trying to cover fraternal expenses such as the monthly magazine and the maintenance of membership records and a National Headquarters. A portion of the dues also represents national affiliation in the largest Danish Fraternal Organization in the country. Fifteen dollars per year is not an exorbitant amount and is much less than the membership fees of dues for many other organizations.

"The National Conventions of the past, up to the most recent one last year, have considered alternative ways of raising funds. The bottom line is, if we want our National Organization to continue its existence, everyone must pay their way. And let's face it, \$5.00 per year, per social member, just doesn't cut it.

"Unfortunately, we cannot make exceptions or exclusions for the national dues or the general liability program. If members 'do not feel like paying 15 dollars just to belong,' then I guess they have answered their own question. Naturally, we would like to retain our membership. However, we have come to the point where we cannot lower our dues to the extent of economical loss just to retain members.

"I apologize if my letter sounds cold and heartless. Again, I sympathize with the circumstances of your members, but there is nothing I can do to change those circumstances. If I can answer any questions upon receipt of this letter, please let me know."

Fraternally

Jerome L. Christensen, FLMI  
C.E.O./Secretary-Treasurer

These letters confirm that predicaments have been created for both sides of this issue. We will cover liability insurance questions in another issue of the *American Dane*.

In the meantime we must continue our course as it has been set. There is an anonymous saying, that "when the wind does not blow our way we must adjust our sails." We hope all of you will join in and sail our course with us.

# A Tale of Two Ships

## The Georg Stage Story

by Suzanne McMurray Ko

For 110 years it's been the same. The training ship *GEORG STAGE* rests for the winter as guest of the Royal Danish Navy at the naval yard in Copenhagen. Then one day in April, a group of cadets come and meet her for the first time. They're probably disappointed because she's been stripped of her yards, ropes and sails. But under the supervision of her officers, that soon changes.

The cadets are first given a number from 1 to 60, which indicates the place they will have in the rigging. The biggest and heaviest cadets are given the lowest numbers and man the lower yards; the smaller and lighter cadets find themselves higher aloft. The group is then divided into two watches—port and starboard—each watch consisting of three mess groups.

Now they surrender all their money and valuables to the captain. Later he will distribute a small allowance to each cadet on each day of shore leave. Finally they are assigned to their places in the two cadet compartments, learn to properly hang and lash their hammocks, and stow their private gear in the small chest beneath their seats.

Up until 1937 cadets were permitted aboard as young as 14. At that time the age was raised to 15, and from 1973 a cadet had to be at least 16 years of age. In 1982 the ship received nine girls as cadets for the first time. The girls have applied themselves with even more determination than their brothers, giving

### About the Artist . . .

Dean Waite, a member of the American Society of Marine Artists, has also had his work appear on the covers of *Yachting* and *Motor Boating* magazines. His paintings are presently part of a show being presented by the Mystic Seaport Gallery, Mystic, Connecticut.

Prior to devoting his time entirely to painting, Mr. Waite was art director of several companies in the East, as well as staff artist for the Associated Press in New York and technical artist for the Boeing Company in Seattle.

Mr. Waite resides in East Hampton, Connecticut.

the boys something to live up to.

Cadets are uniformed. Discipline is strict but fair. There are 22 rules that each cadet must learn by heart—and live by. Most agree that the rules are necessary for the ship to function successfully.

### In the beginning

It all started back in 1882. Danish shipowner Frederik Stage had lost his only son Georg, a victim of tuberculosis. The father established the Georg Stage Foundation as a memorial to his son, and with the advice and support of prominent colleagues in the Danish shipping industry, he had a small square-rigger built for training young boys who wanted to go to sea.

The first ship was designed by Christian Erik de Thurah, a 23-year-old designer with Burmeister &

Wain in Copenhagen. On March 11, 1882, the ship was launched. That year 80 cadets were selected from among 120 applicants. In addition to the captain, there were two mates, one engineer, two teachers, one cook, a fireman, and four able-bodied seamen (among whom were a sailmaker and a carpenter).

From the beginning, the captain and officers were "loaned" to the ship by the Danish Navy. They had the necessary experience to make the operation successful. This tie with the Danish Navy lasted until 1914 when the training program was interrupted by the First World War. Thereafter the captain and officers were selected from the Danish merchant marine.

The ship's first training program was created by Rear Admiral C. Bruun, the ship's first master. "They shall learn discipline, order, cleanliness and love for our beautiful red flag with its white cross," the admiral said. "To the best of their ability, they will develop their characters. In *GEORG STAGE* they will get a good ballast before they set out on life's voyage." Although the admiral had to be an authority figure, he tried to be a fatherly friend as well, since most of the boys were very young and away from home for the first time in their lives.

Every spring the cadets would join the ship at the naval yard. Then a tug would tow the ship to an anchorage in the Danish Sound off of Vedbaek, where three weeks of in-

tensive training would take place. At regular intervals, the board of directors of the Georg Stage Foundation would come aboard to witness the boys' ability. At first the ship would sail only in Danish waters; then permission would be given for it to cruise up in the Baltic; finally at the end of the summer, it would sail across the North Sea to Leith, Scotland. In later years, some of the older boys were permitted to sign on English merchant ships during the call at Leith, while the remaining boys returned to Copenhagen, where the cruise concluded the first week in September.

### Disaster strikes

All went well for the first GEORG STAGE, except for one summer evening in June 1905. The ship was homeward bound to Copenhagen, returning from a cruise in the Baltic, when she was rammed by the English steamer ANCONA—that ship failing to follow the Rule of the Road and alter course for the sailing ship. The GEORG STAGE sank and took 22 boys to the bottom with her. Later that year the ship was raised and resumed training without further incident.

### A new ship

By 1930 it was becoming apparent that the ship would need a major overhaul. Analyzing the costs involved, the foundation decided it would be better to build a new ship. The designer would be Aage H. Larsen, chief engineer of the State Office of Ship Inspection and also the designer of the new state training ship DANMARK, and the contract would go to the Frederikshavn Shipyard and Floating Dock at the cost of 400,000 kroner (\$68,000).

In 1934 the old ship was sold to Australian author Alan Villiers for



Broken dishes litter the kitchen at the Danish Hall in Ferndale.

## Quake hits Lodge

Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, California was in the middle of an øbleskiver feed when the quake hit the Danish Hall there on Saturday, April 25. The community suffered even more damage as additional quakes rocked through the area within twenty-four hours.

According to Jimmie Thomsen, a member of Lodge No. 95, "Structurally, the hall survived in pretty good shape." However, Jimmie explained a piano was thrown to the floor, a heater was torn from the wall, windows were broken as well as most of the dishes. He also reported that sheet rock was torn loose, wallpaper cracked and a light fixture fell to the floor. Jimmie says, "We have no exact figure on damage yet, but it is expected to exceed \$2,000." He said damage to lodge members' homes ranges from minor to major.

At the Pacific Northwest District Convention May 1 - 3 the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood donated money to help rebuild the Danish Hall in Ferndale.

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30,664 kroner (\$5,213). He renamed her the *JOSEPH CONRAD* and together with a group of English cadets sailed her around the world, returning to New York by way of Cape Horn. Millionaire Huntington Hartford then bought the ship to be used as luxury yacht. During the Second World War the ship was used to train American cadets and eventually found its way to Mystic

Seaport Museum, where it lies today and has recently undergone an extensive restoration to return it to its appearance as a Danish training ship.

The new *GEORG STAGE* was ready for the spring cruise of 1935. So successful had the old *GEORG STAGE* been that it was decided the new ship should be almost identical. There were of course quite a

few changes. Some of the more obvious were that the new ship was built of steel instead of iron, had double topsails instead of single ones, rigging screws instead of deadeyes and lanyards, and her length and breadth were increased some but not much.

### The German occupation

April 9, 1940, was a dark day for Denmark. In a few short hours Nazi Germany invaded and occupied the country. *GEORG STAGE* lay at the naval yard ready to commence her cruise on April 12. The foundation decided to cancel. The following year the ship sailed inside the Isefjord, north of Copenhagen, anchoring near Nykobing. In 1942 and 1943, four-month cruises were also conducted in the fjord.

The war dragged on and Danish resistance increased. In August 1942 the ship had returned to the naval yard for rigging down. On August 29 at 4:00 a.m. the Nazis stormed the naval yard and arrested both naval and civilian personnel, including those aboard *GEORG STAGE*. All were rounded up for interrogation. The *GEORG STAGE* boys brought up the rear of the group and when the smaller boys had difficulty keeping up with the demands of the Nazi soldiers, they were pushed and prodded by rifle butts and bayonets. After several hours at the naval air station outside of Copenhagen, they were released. A few days later, the foundation decided to take the ship out of the naval yard and back to Nykobing. The following year, 1944, the ship remained stationary for the first time in its training history.

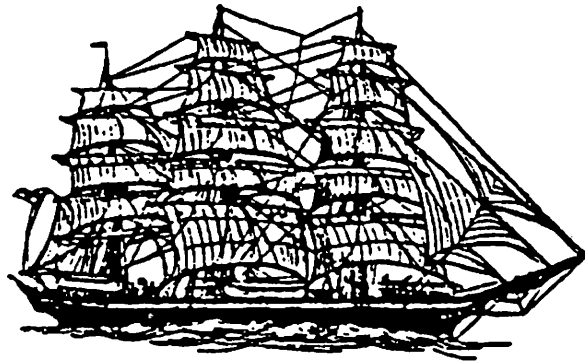
### The postwar years

Following the war, the foundation offered two cruises of three

months each in an effort to supply the Danish merchant marine with more young men. However, the cruises were restricted because of the danger of mines, and provisioning the ship was difficult due to rationing.

In 1951 *GEORG STAGE* crossed the North Sea for the first time in 13

years and received a hearty welcome from the residents of Leith, where she and her boys had become so well known. In 1955 the ship commenced sailing in the Baltic once again, and that same year it paused at the spot where the old *GEORG STAGE* had sunk 50 years ago to honor the 22 boys who had



## 1992 Cruise Training Ship Georg Stage

March 24	Cadets report on board
April 30	Depart Copenhagen
May 10	Arrive Canary Islands
May 12	Depart Canary Islands
June 10	Arrive San Juan, Puerto Rico
June 14	Depart San Juan, Puerto Rico
July 3	Arrive New York, New York
July 7	Depart New York, New York
July 7	Arrive Kings Point, New York
July 10	Depart Kings Point, New York
July 17	Arrive Baltimore, Maryland
July 20	Depart Baltimore, Maryland
August 12	Arrive Ponta Delgada, Azores
August 15	Depart Ponta Delgada, Azores
September 4	Arrive Copenhagen
September 26	Cadets dismissed

drown and to spread flowers in their memory. In 1956 *GEORG STAGE* was the only Danish training ship to take part in the first international tall ships races from Torquay, England, to Lisbon, Portugal, sponsored by the Sail Training Association. She has been a proud member and faithful participant of that association ever since.

### Major overhaul

Over the years, as money became available, improvements were made to the ship. But in the winter of 1973-74, she underwent a major overhaul at Helsingør Shipyard thanks to a gift of 2.8 million kroner from the Estate of Danish American oil millionaire Alfred Jacobsen. Cadet compartments were altered to take 60 instead of 80 cadets; crew compartments were improved; central heating replaced stove heat; cold salt-water showers on deck became warm freshwater showers under deck; the pantry and galley were modernized; and two auxiliary engines were added along with modern navigational equipment.

### Into the 90s

In a break with longstanding tradition, *GEORG STAGE* made its first transatlantic voyage in 1989. After calling at all three U.S. Virgin Islands, she proceeded up the East Coast to Norfolk, where she was received by Danish Ambassador Peter Dyvig and his wife. Then there followed a whirlwind tour of Long Island Sound, including visits to the old *GEORG STAGE* at Mystic Seaport Museum, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, and finally a call at South Street Seaport Museum in New York.

Failure by the Danish government to increase the ship's subsidy in 1990, as well as the necessity to install holding tanks to comply with the provisions of the Baltic Convention, created a crisis situation for the ship and the foundation. The shipping agency of Wonsild and Son came to the rescue with a well-orchestrated campaign that brought in 3 million kroner, providing the ship with the financial stability it needed for its future operation.

Now in 1992 *GEORG STAGE*, its officers and cadets proudly join the OpSail fleet for the voyage across the Atlantic in observance of the Columbus Quincentenary, with calls at San Juan, New York, Kings Point and Baltimore.

Suzanne McMurray Ko is editor and publisher of *Dansk Maritime*, seafaring news from Denmark. McMurray Ko wrote maritime news previously for *Den Danske Pioneer* from 1987-91.

Upon experiencing an ancient Danish celebration on the longest day of the year when bonfires burn witches and celebrate sending their spirits abroad.

## *Impressions from Sankt Hans Taarbaek, 1990*

*The waiting pyres on the strands  
Were made with care by willing hands.  
The witches' image soon to burn  
Their joyous flames the curses spurn.*

*The tall and stately ships of yore  
Create an image from the shore  
Incongruous as the centuries meet  
With modern seacraft slim and sleek.*

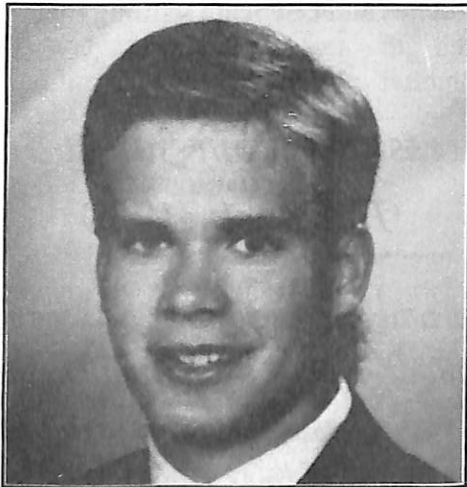
*Appearing as a painting might  
Illuminated by the light  
Of late-night sun just dimming low  
That casts o'er all a rosy glow.*

*And then the darkness comes at last  
Revealing sparklets on each mast.  
A stranger in this Nordic land  
Engraves the image as a brand.*

*Preserves as in a painting grand  
The magic moments then at hand  
Etched forever in the mind  
Forever set and to remind.*

Sandra Hjorth

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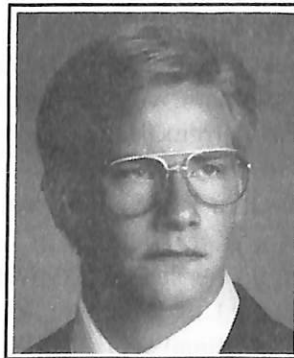
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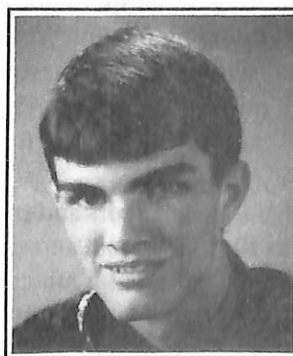
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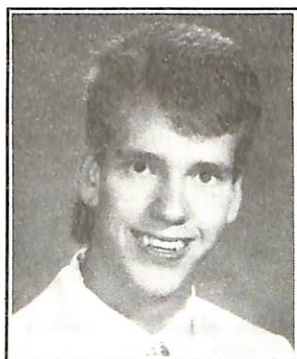
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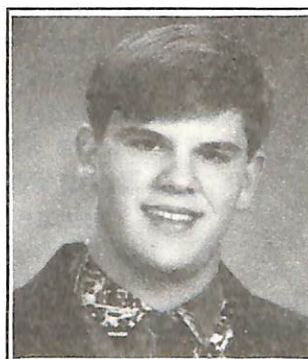
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## You can just bet!

by Edith M. Emmons

You can just bet that when your sixteen year old son asks "Dad, can I use the. . ." his next words WON'T be, "the lawnmower".

You can just bet that when your insurance agent says, "I'm sorry to inform you. . ." the next words WON'T be, "your rates have dropped".

You can just bet that when your brother-in-law says, "can you lend me. . ." his next words WILL be, "some money".

You can just bet that when the garage mechanic hands you the estimate his next words WON'T be, "It's just a minor thing, a couple of dollars will fix it".

You can just bet that when your teenage daughter says, "Mom, can I borrow. . ." her next words WON'T be, "your casserole recipe".

You can just bet that after eating dinner your husband's next words WON'T be, "That was delicious dear, would you like to take in a movie?"

You can just bet that when teenage brother answers the telephone his next words to his sister WON'T be, "This is your friend Bill".

You can just bet that when public speaking, our Washington Senators and Congressmen WON'T say "Since the American median income isn't \$85,000 plus a year we WON'T ask for a raise until it is".

You can just bet that when a wife tells her husband there's a big sale going on, her next words WON'T be, "and I want to pass it up".

# 1992 Camp Grant Winners

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## Larsen Daughters Fund

The response of Danish Brotherhood in America members to the Larsen Daughters Fund has been generous. The following letter was sent to Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut. Attached to the letter was a donation to the fund.

"On page six of the March, 1992 issue of *American Dane* I read of the tragedy suffered by the Larsen family. Once again, we are all reminded of the shortness of life and the lack of assurance of its continuance.

"Most distressing in a tragedy such as this is the sudden astronomical burdens placed on the shoulders of the mother, and of equal importance, the young girls losing their father at a time when they most need him for guidance.

"As the article pointed out, situations like this are unfortunate. Some consolation may be had that the girls are members of a caring organization. Even so, if what we now provide were doubled, it would be a poor substitute for girls who now have no father they can look up to, and who's love he had for them, there is no substitute.

"I therefore challenge you, brothers and sisters, those of you who are able to, without material injury to yourselves or family, to match my small contribution or whatever you feel comfortable in giving.

"I urge you to be as generous as you can be within your limitations. By so doing, we will demonstrate by our works, rather than just by words, that we are a caring organization."

Fraternally yours,  
Theodore E. Sorensen

In addition to those people listed in previous issues, the following people have sent contributions to the Home Office which were then forwarded to Jennifer, Sarah and Steffanie Larsen.

### Thank you for your contributions!

Lodge No. 116 - Newark, NJ  
Lodge No. 343 - Bucks County, PA  
Loyal and Jean Lundorf  
Lodge No. 322 - Santa Barbara, CA  
Theodore, Vivian & Janet Sorensen  
Laurice & Agnes DeLaurant  
Lodge No. 172 - Philadelphia, PA  
Lodge No. 143 - Petaluma, CA  
Jim & Donna Larsen  
Lodge No. 341 - Elk Horn, IA  
Lodge No. 36 - Milwaukee, WI  
Lodge No. 42 - Spokane, WA  
Lodge No. 268 - Junction City, OR  
Lodge No. 139 - Viborg, SD  
Lodge No. 273 - Dillon, MT  
Jack Walrad

## Payment to Board Members

April, 1992

**Semi-Annual Allowance:** Clyde Langsted, \$250.00; Erling Braumann, \$250.00; Paul Carlsen, \$250.00; Barry Edmonds, \$250.00; Asbjorn Fisker, \$250.00; Ed Madsen, \$250.00; Ebba Norby, \$250.00.

**Semi-Annual Board Meeting:** Woodrow T. Petersen, \$614.00; Erling Braumann, \$759.50; Paul Carlsen, \$639.00; Barry Edmonds, \$756.00; Asbjorn Fisker, \$748.00; Ed Madsen, \$757.00; Ebba Norby, \$703.00; Clyde Langsted, \$718.00.

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# Our Lodges in Action

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Pacific

Northwest

**Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA:** President Frank Poulsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with 29 members present. Applications for membership for Stephen and Kristina Nelson, Nini James and Donald Hansen were read and approved. Brady, Jason and Landon Jensen, sons of Jeff Jensen, were introduced.

Jerry Jensen commented on a proposed cruise sometime in August. After checking around, the "Spirit of Puget Sound" still looks best at \$25.00 per couple. More details later.

Jerry Jensen volunteered to take over Operation: H.O.P.E. after the death of Martin Rasmussen. Over \$40.00 was donated to Operation: H.O.P.E. which Jerry will take to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Otto Brask brought the anonymous receipt of an old Danish flag to the membership's attention. It came from Washington Hall. It was decided to donate the flag to the Danish Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

Leonard Thompson and Mogens Pedersen were introduced. Both spoke briefly on the progress the Danish Brotherhood is making in membership in the Northwest and Leonard outlined some of the forthcoming positive new programs. **Lexie Sorensen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, WA:** At our March meeting we initiated new members William and Paula Drake. Their five children became Young Vikings. They are Brandin, Brittan, Cali, Kindsay and Lans Drake.

We hosted 101 bowlers at the district bowling tournament on March 21. A good time was had by all. We had teams from Portland, Vancouver, B.C., Enumclaw, Seattle and Eugene. Top bowling team was the Vancouver Canucks team. In the evening, a banquet was held in our hall followed by distri-

The best idea for June goes to Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA. See Page 17.

bution of prizes to teams and individuals. Following this was dancing to the music of disc jockey David Cool. We would like to thank everyone who helped put this tournament together.

**Harry Krogh, Pres.**

**Lodge No. 167, Portland OR:** The April 1 meeting was called to order with 27 members and guests present. The charter was draped in memory of Silvano Hansen. Six officers were absent. President Norm Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Mortensen, Past President, explained the symbols.

Minutes for the March meeting were approved with the following corrections. The \$500 contribution from the Brotherhood for the large screen television and VCR for the Oregon Outreach Center should have stated that the funds would come from the profits of the convention fund when it is finalized. The Sisterhood is also donating \$500 from the profits of the convention fund. President Powell stated that he had been in touch with the Seattle office of the Northwest Foundation and their suggestion was to purchase the large screen television and VCR rather than donate the funds to the Oregon Outreach Center. This would expedite the center obtaining the equipment. Lisa Mortensen stated the money is available now but the convention fund won't be closed for a while to allow for three lodges to cash checks of \$100 each. There was also a correction on delegates to the district convention. Elvin Kasch is a delegate and Upton Hansen is the alternate.

Bills were read and approved to be paid and the treasurer's report was read and approved. Then Treasurer Jim Chase

stated that the local dues were due the first day of the year, but not many have come in so far.

Kris Roley reported on the Young Vikings. She stated that there were 11 people who went to the Winter Hawks game and had a great time.

President Powell introduced two guests, Peter and Deborah Larsen, who are new to the Portland area.

There seems to be some confusion about when the dues need to be in. Treasurer Jim Chase will write an explanation to be published in the newsletter.

President Powell stated that a decision was made at the officers meeting to have initiations on even numbered months (April, June, etc.). Hopefully this will help expedite the meetings. Anyone with topics and concerns they wish to bring before the membership, please notify Norm before the officers meeting. They will be discussed with recommendations brought to the regular meetings.

Lisa Mortensen moved that we purchase a \$25.00 (1/4 page) ad for Kenosha, Wisconsin Lodge No. 14's souvenir booklet. It was seconded and unanimously passed.

Asbjorn Fisker also explained a little more about the dues because of the confusion. There are two dues - local and national. National dues will be billed directly from Omaha, Nebraska, and local dues need to be in at the first of the year. There will be no billing for lodge dues.

A suggestion was made by Frank Dally to encourage more members to come to the meetings. Change the meeting time to 6:30 p.m. and have the dinner and socialtime after. President Powell requested everyone to think about it and that we must also consider the Sisterhood and what they would like to do.

An important date to mark on your calendar is the Sankt Hans Fest on June 27 at Hug Point Park (near Cannon Beach).

The meeting was closed in the usual manner. **Kathy Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 268, Junction City, OR:** Our officers for 1992 are as follows: Past President, Carl Nielsen; President, Einar Skovbo; Treasurer, Don Johnson; Secretary, Axel Nielsen; and Conductor, Harvey Nielsen.

We have given financial aid to the Eugene Mission, the Junction City Local Aid, the Meals on Wheels program, and helped send a star high school football player to England to compete in the Oregon-England Classic game. We also helped send Melissa Nelson, an exceptional Junction City High Junior student to Washington, D. C. to attend a conference around a theme of "The Leaders of Today Meet the Leaders of Tomorrow."

Two of our members celebrated 65 years as members of the Danish Brotherhood. They are Joen Bodtker and Theodor Jensen. **Axel Nielsen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B. C.:** There were 44 Brothers present at our last meeting. We accepted a new application from Hans Hansen.

Kjeld Christensen reported from the Sports Committee stating that we had teams participating in over 30, 40 and 50 leagues.

A long discussion took place regarding the changes in our bylaws. Everyone has received a copy.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed a few sandwiches, beer and snaps.

**Peter Praegel, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR:** We enjoyed a potluck supper before our April 9 meeting. Our guests included Camille Mathisen, from Hellerup, Denmark, and Nicolai Hansen, from the local area. Gerald Rasmussen of Lodge No. 268 and his wife Sigrid also joined us.

Our first order of business was the initiation of Sigrid Rasmussen and Curt and Barbara Nelson. We were delighted to welcome them to our lodge.

We voted to send a card of congratulations to Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, for their 100th anniversary.

We approved a Himmelbjerget Language Camp scholarship application for Jesse Taekker.

We discussed our fall "Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It" fundraiser. It is now set for October 3 at the parish hall of Bethesda Lutheran Church. Lois Toftemark suggested we call it Høstfest,

the Danish term for Harvest Festival. We adopted her suggestion.

Sharon Medart offered to organize a magazine renewal and subscription service for lodge members. The lodge will receive a percentage of the money Sharon collects. We approved the concept and authorized Sharon to set up a system for orders and payments.

After the meeting we enjoyed coffee and refreshments. Camille Mathisen entertained us with a slide show about Denmark with many interesting personal comments.

Our annual picnic is set for June 7 at Armitage State Park, beginning at noon. We plan to celebrate St. Hans Aften on June 20 at Misty Meadows with a picnic supper and traditional bonfire.

Our next business meeting will be held on June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge.

**Diana Pedersen, Cor.**

## California

## Nevada

**Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA:** Our April meeting started off with a no-host bar at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:15 p.m. The "old" Alhambra Lodge No. 323 treated both Brotherhood Lodge No. 126 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 68 to a chicken dinner as a thank-you for "taking them in."

Thirty-five members attended and all expressed their thank you for a wonderful dinner. The dinner was planned by First Vice President and Program Chairman Karen Rowse and her committee.

Karen Rowse, President Pro-Tem, opened the meeting at 8:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by roll call. Four board members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Betty Seale and approved as read. We had one new member join the lodge, Anker Juel Nielsen. He was sponsored by his wife Kate. Welcome aboard!

We received a thank you from the Danish Lutheran Church for the donations received on behalf of our departed Brothers, Jens Andersen and Axel Springboard. **Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, CA:** Our April meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner prepared by members of the Sisterhood. After our dinner, we en-

joyed slides of Canada shown by Jack Weddle.

Our annual picnic will be held at Penngrove Park on July 19.

Some of us were in Eureka on April 25 when the Humboldt County earthquakes began. No harm was done where we were, except for some jangled nerves. Our friends in Ferndale and the surrounding areas suffered great losses. Our friends were fine physically. Loss and damage to property is another matter and our thoughts and prayers go to our northern neighbors!

Happy Father's Day to all!

**Alice Rasmussen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield, CA:** The annual breakfast was held on April 5 at Sycamore Canyon Golf Course in Arvin and was well attended. We thank Verner Stenderup who was chairman. Arvin is famous for the profusion of wildflowers and the timing was perfect as the lupine covered the hillside.

The St. Hans Picnic will be held on June 18 at Jastro Park with Bill and Inge McDonald as co-chairmen.

**Dorothy Peterson, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA:** Last month's potluck dinner was plentiful and delicious. All of you who participated deserve a big thank you for the delicious food that was brought.

Following the dinner, President Ken Olsen conducted our usual monthly business meeting. Visitors were introduced. They included Kira Leisan, Jens Johannsen, Rodger and Shane Nielsen and Ebba and Dick Wainwright. It was nice to have so many visitors joining us for the evening. First order of business was to initiate two of our newest members, John Kotnik and Ellen Smith. Welcome to both of you!

Our bowling chairman, Jim Wiegandt, reported on the ten member bowling team which has been bowling for three weeks. He thanked Gerry Olsen for her efforts in securing bowling shirts and financial sponsors for the team.

Operation: H.O.P.E. coordinator, Gertrude Nielsen, is continuing to collect used postage stamps. Remember to tear off the upper right corner with the stamp from your letters and bring them to our meetings. These stamps will be given to the Veterans. Special projects coordinator, Helga Bjorn, is still collecting aluminum tabs, used clothing and used eyeglasses. Any of these items

will be accepted at our monthly meetings.

Next came a reminder for the district convention to be held in Solvang on July 30-31 and August 1. Ticket books are on sale now and if paid by June 15, the cost will be \$60.00. Thereafter the price will be \$72.50. Take advantage of this and make your purchases and reservations early. Those chosen to be delegates to this convention were Ken Olsen, Ozzie Schuette and Jim Wiegandt. Youth delegate will be DaNeil Gossett. The delegate allotment for this year will be \$157.50.

It was voted to take donations up at two meetings for the Larsen family who desperately needs our financial aid. At our July meeting we will be accepting donations.

Gertrude Nielsen, sponsor for the evening, then introduced the two Danish exchange students that she arranged to have speak to us. Kira Leisan and Jens Johannsen spoke about themselves and held a 45 minute question and answer session. It was a very interesting and informative evening. Many thanks to Gertrude for organizing this event.

**Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA:** On April 4, fifty "beautiful people" of Kodan Lodge and their friends and families attended Kodan's Hard Times party. Most everyone came dressed for the occasion which caused a great deal of concern for my neighbors who thought the neighborhood was going to pot. We had a good time considering property and income taxes were due within days of the party.

We had several new guests, three of whom were Jens and Dorothy Jensen from Palm Desert and Nina Sorensen who is an au pair from Denmark who is working for a family in Riverside. We were so glad you joined us and we hope to see you again. We also voted in a new member, Darlene Iversen from Santa Maria. Welcome Darlene!

Following the attitude adjustment hour, Chef Jim Patterson with the assistance of Richard Perez served the tri tips and a good dinner was had by all. Following dinner, we had the raffle drawing which brought in enough funds to pay for our liability insurance premium for this year. Thanks to all of you who bought chances and to those of you who donated, the Del Grippos, Lynda Jones, the Petersens and the Pattersons. A

special thank you to the Petersens for putting the gifts together for the best costumes who, by the way, were won by Nancy Nielsen as best bag lady and Pete Petersen as the best man. He had one white shoe and one black shoe. Pete's grandson, Dale, won the best boy's and guest Lisa Mitre's daughter won best girl's.

Ellen and Lloyd Christensen and Mitt Ostergaard were the folk dancers who came out to our gathering and so many thanks have to go to them for making the night the success it was.

Thanks to everyone for coming and supporting our activity and joining in the fun by dressing up. Thanks to Bill and Lynda Jones who came early and helped set up tables and chairs, to the Lovedays for the use of tables and chairs and bartending and all of you who came early to help set up and those of you who helped clean up after the party.

Don't miss Kodan's 14th anniversary party on September 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to be celebrated the old-fashioned way with a hayride, dinner and dance at Riley's Farm and Orchard. The price is \$20.00 per person; \$10.00 per child 12 and under. Kodan will have a tail-gate bar offering beer, wine and soft drinks for a nominal charge. After first making apple cider and shucking our own fresh corn, dinner is served in a beautiful rustic barn. The hayride will take you through the historic apple orchards which should be gorgeous during the fall. Plan now to attend. Dust off your old civil war uniform, launder and starch your gingham dress, or "jist" wear your favorite overalls, jeans or other western wear. But whatever you do, don't miss the fun. Reservations deadline is July 30. Please send your check payable to Kodan Lodge No. 346 to Kaja Del Grippo, 2017 Benedict Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506.

**Sue Patterson, Cor.**

## Colorado

**Lodge No. 43, Denver, CO:** A copy of our Heritage Book was sent to the National Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska. National President Woodrow Petersen had the opportunity to review it while he was in Omaha for the Semi-Annual Board meeting. He thought the book was a great idea and nicely done.

## Nebraska

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE:** March 31 marked the 75th anniversary of the sale of the Virginia Islands by Denmark to the United States. Flo Hansen and Ruth Nielsen were present. The day was filled with emotion as church services were held in the morning and the actual transfer day re-enactment was relived in the afternoon.

**Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE:** We met at the Community Center on April 23 with 32 members and two visitors present. Eight officers were present. A thank you from Area 3 Special Olympics was read. A report was read about the art camp to be held June 8-9 in Minden. We will be giving \$100.00 to the camp.

A musical game was played. Mabel Meier gave a reading entitled "A Flower for Mother" followed by a sing-a-long.

Ris-a-lamande, cookies, coffee, tea and candy were enjoyed by all.

**Marie Nelson, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, NE:** On Saturday, April 11, we held our monthly meeting at the I.O.O.F. Hall. Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 helped us celebrate our 97th anniversary of our Lincoln lodge. Gladys Sorensen was Mistress of Ceremony.

Again this year, we enjoyed a banquet. Quentin and Marie Johnson were host and hostess to their annual "Johnson Fish Fry." Everyone enjoyed it. Thank you, Quentin, for catching the fish and then preparing them for us. Thank you, Marie, for the lovely table decoration, and to Clarence and Vera Hansen for assisting. The rest of the members brought accompanying food and their own table service.

After the delicious meal, we were favored by a few Danish stories by Hans Christian Andersen (Darrol Larsen of Cordova, Nebraska) and a slide presentation of their trip to Denmark by his wife, Carol Larsen, who is a teacher in a rural school near their home.

**Don Lehn, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE:** Our last meeting had 28 members in attendance. Jerry Christensen explained more about the dues schedule and answered questions.

The Nebraska District picnic will be

hosted by Lincoln Lodge No. 84. Information will follow at a later date regarding the time and date.

The Nebraska District Convention will be held in Minden on August 21-23.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Iowa

Minnesota

**Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA:** Following our April 13 business meeting, we enjoyed an interesting and delightful presentation by antique dealer Roma Agan, about unusual antique jewelry and its history. Members and guests were given the opportunity to closely examine and ask questions about a broad assortment of rare pieces.

On Sunday, May 3, many Brotherhood members enjoyed the popular Annual Champagne Brunch hosted by the Des Moines Danish Sisterhood Lodge. We owe their members mange tak for their hard work. This occasion was used to draw the winner of the \$200 gift certificate from HyVee Food Stores. The lucky recipient was our own member, Frank Watson. This raffle project proved quite successful in raising funds for our local college scholarship fund.

Many from our group are devoting much time to the preparation for the All-Scandinavian "Midsommarfest '92" festival to take place on the Grand View College campus on Sunday, June 21.

Several of our members have been preparing breakfast casseroles for the Salvation Army "Feed the Homeless" project. We continue to contribute cash at our meetings for the Des Moines Area Emergency Food Pantry.

The program for our June 8th meeting will feature Ruan Grand Prix Race Chairman, Ron Sharp, who will discuss all of the behind-the-scenes planning and preparation for this exciting annual Des Moines summer event.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

**Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN:** We gathered for our monthly meeting on April 4 at 7:30 p.m. It was called to order by President Harlan Nelson. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was followed by roll call of officers and trustees with 100% responding.

President Nelson requested a com-

mittee to consider and prepare a float for Lodge No. 75 in the Albert Lea July 3rd parade and the Alden Morin Lake Days parade on July 18th. Arnold Levisen volunteered to study this participation.

Reservations were taken for attending our 98th anniversary celebration of Lodge No. 75.

Officer William Barber of the Crime Prevention Division of the Albert Lea Police Department presented an informative slide and helpful tips program to help safeguard ourselves and our property against burglary and injury.

Marge and Alton Neve and Grace and Jim Tomson served lunch following the meeting.

In celebration of the 98th anniversary of the founding of our lodge, members and friends gathered for a festive banquet at the American Legion Club Rooms on Saturday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. President Harlan Nelson extended a warm welcome to all present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The Rev. Fred Jacobsen recited the Danish table prayer which was repeated by all joining together to sing or hum the prayer in Danish.

A special guest at our banquet was member Soren J. Sorensen who has been a member of our lodge for 79 years and who celebrated his 101st birthday in May.

Following the banquet, we were charmed and entertained by a musical trio of Dorie Schou on the piano and Chris Johnson and Arlene Little harmonizing old favorites.

President Harlan Nelson completed the program by singing a song in Danish.

Donald Levisen announced that donations are being accepted for the construction of the "Miss Albert Lea Mermaid Statue" which will be placed in Fountain Lake adjacent to Lincoln Park.

Names were drawn for the winners of the door prizes, climaxing an enjoyable evening.

Grace Tomson, Sec-Treas.

**Lodge No 144 Dike, IA:** The April meeting was a potluck supper as well as the 30th anniversary for the Dike Sisterhood. We had a very good vocal musical program with six of Mrs. Jean Loger's students singing various arrangements, some in foreign languages. After that, the Easter bonnet parade was on,



Lyle Refshauge, Svend Koch and Axel Madsen

with the men modeling the creation of the women. Rabbits were a favorite top adornment, with ribbons and colored eggs a close second. Some of us just didn't carry it off as well as others, so the first prize went to Harris Jorgensen, but the ladies had a difficult time judging this one!

Gordon Sloth reported that they had a successful Iowa-Minnesota spring board meeting hosted by Dike. He said there were some applications for the district scholarships.

Our oldest member, Axel Madsen, was presented a certificate of merit by lodge Brothers upon the occasion of his 96th birthday. Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

**Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA:** At our March meeting the members received a thank you from The Danish Immigrant Museum for the \$75.00 donation.

President Sorensen went over items in the national bylaws that we should be thinking about. He suggested everyone should read these over and be sure to talk about them. President Sorensen was presented with a certificate of merit for being nominated for the Howard E. Christensen Award by our lodge. The members voted to send a 1/8 page congratulatory greeting to Kenosha, Wisconsin Lodge No. 14 on the celebration of their 100th anniversary. This will be put in their souvenir booklet. Jerry Sonsalla will check into the price of a bus trip to the Elk Horn and Kimballton area to visit the Windmill and Danish Immigrant Museum site.

At our April meeting, we welcomed a new member into the lodge. Evelyn

Gutterman has transferred her membership from Lodge No. 600. She was one of the first women to join the Danish Brotherhood on October 6, 1962. She and her husband live in Mason City.

There was some discussion on whether or not we would have a float in the July 4 parade. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the next meeting.

**Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

## Midwest

**Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI:** Our members will be billed by our lodge for dues up to their anniversary date (the month you joined). Dues are \$20.00 per year to age 65, then \$15.00 per year. Our treasurer will be billing and collecting local lodge dues. Remember the national dues will be billed directly to you from National Headquarters. They are not due until the anniversary date of membership.

**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI:** The beer bust took place on March 28 in the Rathskellar. This event is a fund raiser for our youth projects. We thank Todd Bernhardt for his efforts on this along with Jeff Bernhardt, Todd Barnett, Bryan Bernhardt, Nick Fanning and Jeff Wamboldt.

Seventeen people traveled to Dwight, Illinois, for the Midwest Bowling Outing hosted in grand style by Lodge No. 34. We came away with two winners- Virginia Nelson, 1st high game scratch and Glori Bernhardt, 3rd high game handicap. Thanks to Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. who took care of all the details for our lodge.

The Lodge No. 14 Gold League had its organizational meeting and have filled the team spots but are in need of members who wish to be subs. Please call Warren Piehl if you are interested.

The Midwest District Trap Shoot is scheduled for June 13 in Dwight. The price is \$8.00 each for five man teams. Half of the fee will be paid by our lodge. Lunch will follow at \$6.50 each. Please call before June 8.

We're going to the dogs- Greyhound dog racing that is. It is planned for Sunday, June 28. The first race is at 1:00 p.m. Dairyland Park tickets are \$3.00 each; dinner tickets are \$9.00 each. The dinner will be held at Lodge No. 14 Hall. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. fol-

lowed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are needed by June 15. This event is being sponsored by Sisterhood Lodge No. 20 in Kenosha and Sisterhood Lodge No. 5 in Racine. For tickets, contact Joyce Greenwald, Marie Walker or Margaret Nation. **Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL:** We had a net profit of \$542.00 with the kringle sale. A total of 460 kringle were sold. Mange tak to Marge Lauritsen and Ray Holzhauser for taking orders; to Ray and Dick Perschnick for picking them up; to Ethel Perschnick, Joanne Von Qualen, Ray and Shirley Holzhauser, and Herman Perschnick for doing the packing and selling. It was another successful lodge event.

Over 500 people were fed by a lot of hard working people at our delicious aebleskiver breakfast. Jackie Klehm, again this year, did an outstanding job of getting all this together. For this we give her a "Big Thanks". There are too many names to mention but a thank you to all the workers, donators, etc.

Twenty-five teams (11 from Dwight) participated in the bowling tournament. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Ken Jensen for organizing this event with the help of many; Bud and Margaret Goodwin for getting the Dwight teams lined up; Margaret for doing the typing and mailing; to Les Jensen for taking off work, making all the posters, and consolidating the scores on Saturday; to Virgil, Bob Anderson, Bob Weller, Rick Sullivan, Dick Perschnick and Ray Holzhauser. An excellent dinner was catered by Millie Doran and Carl Johnson. Thanks to all who donated raffle prizes.

The Dwight women's winners are as follows: 1st place team- Foxy Danes; single scratch second place- Donna Hoegger; third place- Marlene Perschnick; single handicap first place- Jessica Janicki; series scratch second place- Carol Clavey; third place- Donna Petry; series handicap first place- Sharon Mortensen; second place- Sheri Perschnick.

The Dwight men's winners are as follows; first place team- Dwight Kids; second place team- Pinbusters; fourth place team- Pony Express; fifth place team - Party Time #34; single scratch first place- Rick Nelson; second place- Glen Humbert; third place- Jeff Perschnick; single handicap first place- Steve Dorsett; second place - Harold Lithgow;

series scratch first place- Jim Petry; second place- Craig Feddersen; third place- Rick Stevenson; series handicap third place- Bill Clavey. A lot of winners- a lot of fun!

Plan to attend the Cub ball game on September 6. We have a good terrace reserved on the 3rd base line. Ray Holzhauser has the sign-up sheet. Get your name in now!

Do we need to think about changing meeting places? The VFW has given us a letter effective January 1 that all rental, storage, kitchen use, etc. at the VFW has gone up.

A motion was made to send \$100 to Kenosha for using their aebleskiver pans. We will be buying our own pans. Just need to get a couple details ironed out. Still looking for entertainment for our Christmas party. Any ideas? Rick Kelly was approved for membership.

The trap shoot date has been changed from June 27 to June 13 due to conflicting activities. **Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL:** President Iversen opened the April 10 meeting in the usual way. He then welcomed Irving Iversen. Minnie Richard said that four teams participated in the Dwight bowling tournament. Two teams won honors, the "Baker's Special" won third place and "Ed's Marines" won second. June O'Flynn won first place in the ladies scratch event and third place went to Shirley Gritzenbach in that event. Everyone had fun and the Dwight lodge should be thanked for a good time.

Woody Petersen said plans are coming along for the golf outing to be held in August.

Mario Mauro encouraged all to purchase chances on the copier machine.

Ray Nielsen said the Bylaw Committee made up of John Jorgensen, Al Iversen, Eric Jensen, Paul Sloth, Woody Petersen and Ray have met and gone through the bylaws and corrections and changes will be made shortly.

A motion made at the last meeting to transfer \$500 from the general fund to the scholarship fund was brought before the meeting and passed.

It is announced that anyone who is not up-to-date with his/her dues will be taken out of the membership drawing.

Woody Petersen stated that contributions are still being taken for the Larsen Girls Fund by the Home Office. He encouraged giving whatever each of us can to this very worthy cause and

thanked those who have already contributed.

After the meeting, the committee served great sandwiches and kringle. Quite a few folks stayed for visiting and games.

We are holding a raffle for a cash drawing at the June 19 meeting. The proceeds of this raffle will go toward a new copier. First prize is for \$650, second prize is for \$250 and third prize is for \$150. Fourth through seventh prizes are for \$25 each. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events: Midwest District Trap Shoot on June 13 and Midwest District Picnic on August 23 hosted by our lodge. **Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI:** All attendees enjoyed a very tasty potluck supper served at our April 27 meeting. We thank all who participated.

The Board of Directors of The Danish Immigrant Museum will be holding its regular June meeting in Milwaukee and they extend an invitation to all interested individuals to come to a festive evening on Saturday, June 13, at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel. Reservations must be made with The Danish Immigrant Museum, Box 178, Elk Horn, IA 51531 (1-800-759-9192) by Wednesday, June 10.

Our lodge awarded a scholarship to Christian Schoewe to attend the Danish Language Village, Skovsøen, during August 10-22.

Dwight Lodge No. 34 will host the Midwest District Trap Shoot on Saturday, June 13, at Pontiac Sportsman's Club in Pontiac, Illinois.

Our membership will continue the collection of cash donations at each meeting, plus supporting other worthwhile programs like Operation:H.O.P.E **Albert Larsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, IL:** April was a busy month for our lodge. We sent two teams to the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Dwight on April 4. We all had a good time bowling in the afternoon and enjoyed the delicious meal served at the banquet that evening. Although we relinquished our 1991 first place trophies, we look forward to better luck next year.

Our annual torsk dinner was held at our April 10 meeting. Over 20 members and guests enjoyed the delicious

meal prepared and served by Dave Hunecke and his committee. A free-will donation was accepted from those present and will be contributed to our local food pantry to purchase food for the needy. Our special guest speaker was Leonard Thompson who spoke to us about the future of the Danish Brotherhood and how we can all help with growth. **Carol Hunecke, Cor.**

## Michigan

## Ohio

**Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI:** During our regular meeting in April, President George Petersen presented Al Pedersen his 50-year membership pin and to George Sorensen his 25-year membership pin.

All who attended our social night enjoyed the slide presentation by Gordon Draper.

Our Grundlovs Fest Picnic is June 7 at Middle Straits Lake. It will start at 10:00 a.m.

June 10 will be our last dinner meeting until September. June 24 will be the lodge social night.

Come and watch the Tigers play against Texas. See Paul Carlsen for reservations. This will be a Michigan-Ohio District outing sponsored by our lodge. Come and support the lodge on June 27. The bus leaves at 12:15 p.m. from the Danish Inn.

Also, on July 18 we have a bus going to the district picnic in Muskegon. Round trip is only \$15.00 per person.

**Ken Christensen, Cor.**

## GCEL

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT:** After our last meeting, President Barbara Larsen read a letter from the firemen stating they were going to increase our rent to \$100. Barbara has got in touch with the Mix District Fire Station. They are willing to charge us \$65.00 a month to rent from them. We also checked with the Branford Motor Inn. They wanted \$95.00 but would set up and take down for us.

The convention will be Friday, September 4, at the Landmark Inn. When making reservations, please tell them you are with the Danish Brotherhood. From 7:00-10:00 p.m., they will have a

hospitality room for a get-acquainted party. Registration will be held on Saturday from 9:00-11:45 a.m., with the opening being held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., a bus will bring us to Atlantic City and pick us up at 12:00 midnight to return back to the hotel. The meeting will continue on Sunday from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and again from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour. A brunch will be held on Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Our June meeting will be a Clam Bake held at Gail and Victor Mitchell's home. Barbara Larsen will make clam chowder and they will have hotdogs for the children as well as clams for the adults. We need to get a count for this event so please contact Gail or Barbara as soon as possible so they can get an idea on how many will attend. We will also draw the names of two children to receive camp grants from our lodge for \$100.00.

On August 1, Wilbur and Francis Knudsen have invited lodge members to their home in Jamestown, Rhode Island, at 12:00 noon.

**Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA:** We welcome two young brothers as members of our lodge, Christian and Dennis Jeantet, sons of Elin and Joe Jeantet. They were approved for membership and will be initiated when they reach age sixteen.

Our lodge will be represented by delegates Joe Leis and John Keegan, with alternates Mogens Hempel and Joe Jeantet, at the GCEL District Convention on Labor Day weekend in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Olympic committee chairperson Joe Leis did an outstanding job arranging and conducting very interesting games at the meeting. But due to the increase in the outside temperature, the skiing and bobsledding event had to be canceled. Inside games like golf and basketball went off without a hitch. We had a good time and it was a fun evening.

Please note on your calendar that our regular monthly business meeting for June is canceled. Ea and John Keegan have graciously extended an invitation to the members of our lodge to come to their Landenberg estate on June 20th for the celebration of St. Hans night.

Plan now for a grand day at the Danish Grundlovs day at the Home in

Croton-on-the-Hudson which presumably will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6.  
**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY:**  
 Our monthly meeting was held April 10. Our guest speaker was Chris Simonson, District Fraternal Coordinator.

President Helen Kofod represented our lodge at the Danish booth at the Super Cities Walk for multiple sclerosis held on Sunday, April 5. Helen thanked Birgit Jacobsen and Joan Olfert Hansen for their donation of food and added that our Danish food was very well received by the participants in the walk.



**New members Olfert and Joan Hansen.**

George Jacobsen and Stanley Kofod were elected delegates to the GCEL convention to be held in September in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Birgit Jacobsen is our alternate.

Our traditional and always enjoyable Easter egg roll contest took place after dinner under the watchful eyes of George Jacobsen. Winners of the contest were Mariana Andersen and Birgit Jacobsen.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Joan and Olfert Hansen, who were initiated at our April meeting.

**Karen Witt, Sec.**

## Call for Papers

Call for papers to be discussed at the **Midwest Session of the 1992 International Conference on Folk/Popular/Adult Education**, October 17, 1992, in Elk Horn/Kimballton, Iowa.

Papers should address the theme, "**Human First, Then Christian: Implications of Grundtvig's Beliefs for the Survival of Social Democracy.**"

Papers will be selected by a review board drawn from the organizers/sponsors of the Midwest Session of the International Conference. Submit papers to: Rudy Jensen, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.



## 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	Lodge Birthplace	No.	Location	Year Joined
3-12-92	Hans Rasmussen	83	Majbolle Sogn, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1936
3-1-92	Harold R. Lindholdt	72	Seattle, Washington	29	Seattle, Washington	1953
3-28-92	Johannes I. Kinch	89	Byrium Laeso, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1928
3-5-92	David A. Christensen	46	Geneva, New York	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1958
3-29-92	Leonard E. Haugaard	61	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1954
4-11-92	Hans S. Petersen	82	Exira, Iowa	299	Solvang, California	1953
4-11-92	Jens Jensen	93	Menominee, Michigan	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1916
4-2-92	Hans Nielsen	88	Alsted, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1953
10-27-91	Bent Jensen	72	Slangerup, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1988
4-4-92	Edith Nielsen	74	Elk Horn, Iowa	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1982
4-5-92	Joy Holechek	73	Cotesfield, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1986
4-25-92	Agnes K. Hansen	89	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1972
4-19-92	Nels H. Kaermark	74	Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1981
5-1-92	Richard D. Johnson	62	Eau Claire, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1976

## Introducing. . .



**Mindy, Travis and Kristen pictured here with their grandparents, Walt and Vee Petersen.**

**Travis Morgan**, one of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 268 in Junction City, Oregon, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Travis Morgan. I am 6 years old and in kindergarten in the Junction City school district. One of my favorite things to do is play soccer."

**and**

**Mindy Morgan**, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 268 in Junction City, Oregon, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Mindy Morgan. I am 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Oaklea Middle School and I really like it. I play the trombone in the school band and I also play basketball and baseball."

**and**

**Kristen Ranzoni**, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 268 in Junction City, Oregon, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Kristen Ranzoni. I am 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Oaklea Middle School. I play the clarinet in the school band. I also play soccer."

**Welcome Travis, Mindy & Kristen!**

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.

# Velkommen!

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

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## Jorgen's Rainbow

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Jorgen calls to Bansen as he points at his find of "rav". "Rav" means "Amber" in Danish and is pronounced "row". Amber is what the two friends as well as Bifrost the rainbow have been looking for along this western Jutland beach. Amber has historically played an important part in the craftsmanship of the Danes. "Næste måned" (Next month) Jorgen will learn about a different kind of craftsmanship.

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.

May winners: **Amanda Lary and Sierra Pagh**

## Grandma's Kitchen



**Gunild Ostergaard**

### TAPIOCA PUDDING

1/2 cup tapioca (not instant)  
3 cups milk  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/3 cup sugar plus 2 tbsp.  
2 eggs (separate whites from yolks)  
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Soak tapioca in milk for 20 minutes. In a 2 quart saucepan, add remaining 2 1/2 cups milk and salt, bring to boil. Add sugar slowly and reduce to lowest simmer for 5 minutes. Put beaten egg yolks in large bowl, very gradually add hot tapioca mixture to eggs stirring carefully so as not to curdle. Return mixture to saucepan. Bring to boil stirring constantly. Reduce to lowest heat and cook for 3 more minutes. Remove from heat and add hot mixture slowly to beaten egg whites (do not overheat); Add vanilla. Serve warm or chilled. Garnish with whipped cream or fresh fruit.

This recipe is often taken to friends or family when there has been a baby born. It is carried in a container called Barselpot, a round glazed clay pot with a handle and lid.

# Viking Adventures

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

## The man behind the scenes

Artist-writer Richie Prosch sees his work as springing from a creative awareness of his Scandinavian heritage while yet adhering to a cultural diversity. "The two are not mutually exclusive," says Prosch who created "Jorgen's Rainbow" for the pages of *American Dane*. "I work with a diversity of media and subject matter because life is variety. However," he adds, "there must be a structure, an underlying theme to the work, upon which it may rest. For me that structure is a strong sense of spirituality and personal background."

The artist, who traces his maternal roots back to Jonkoping's Ian Smaland, Sweden, grew up on a farm in northeast Nebraska. It was while attending high school in his home town of Bloomfield that Prosch was originally contacted by the adventure traveller Danny Liska. "It was with Liska that my career really got started," he says. Liska eventually published several of the artist's illustrations in his 1987 book, *Bigfoot*. By this time Prosch was a senior at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. At the suggestion of his professor, Dr. Milt Heinrich, he contributed the first pages of "Jorgen's Rainbow" to *American Dane*.

After graduating from Dana valedictorian of his class with a BA in Commercial Art and English, Prosch moved to Laramie, Wyoming with his wife, Gina. While she worked at a Master's Degree in English, Prosch proceeded to "bloom where he was planted." Early in his Wyoming

stay he completed illustrations for Craddock Publishing's *Schoolbook For Parents*, displayed work at The Melville C. Brown Gallery, and saw his written work published in *Marriage & Family Magazine*.

In April of 1990, the artist produced a successful one-person show for The Artisan's Gallery in Laramie. Following this, Gina accepted a position at South Carolina's Presbyterian College, and the couple moved to Laurens, where Prosch continues to work. In July of 1991 he constructed a free-standing nativity scene for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lohman, Missouri, and was reunited in the fall with two fellow Dana alums for the traveling exhibit, "Art Hoops."

Currently the artist is busy making preparations for a dramatic presentation he's producing for PC based on his script, *The Last Rose of Summer*. "The show is based on the life of my Great-Aunt Rose who went to work in downtown Bloomfield around 1919, so here again I'm dealing directly with my heritage." Prosch has also recently been given the chance to contribute further pages of "Jorgen's Rainbow" to the *American Dane*, a task he's enthused about. "A friend of mine recently returned from Denmark," says Prosch, "suggesting to me some exciting possibilities for the character. I think Jorgen can promise his readers some fascinating new adventures in the months to come."



Richie Prosch with Friend

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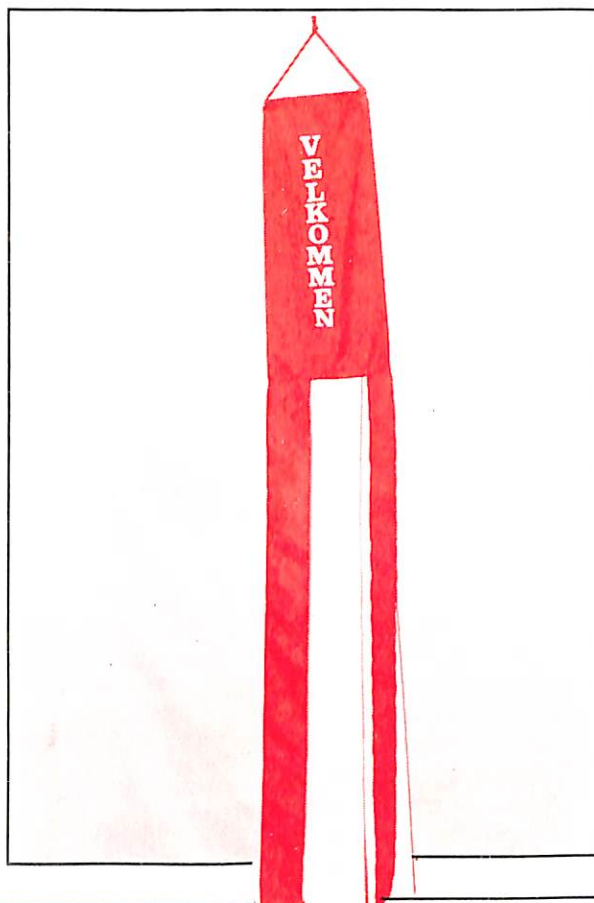
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