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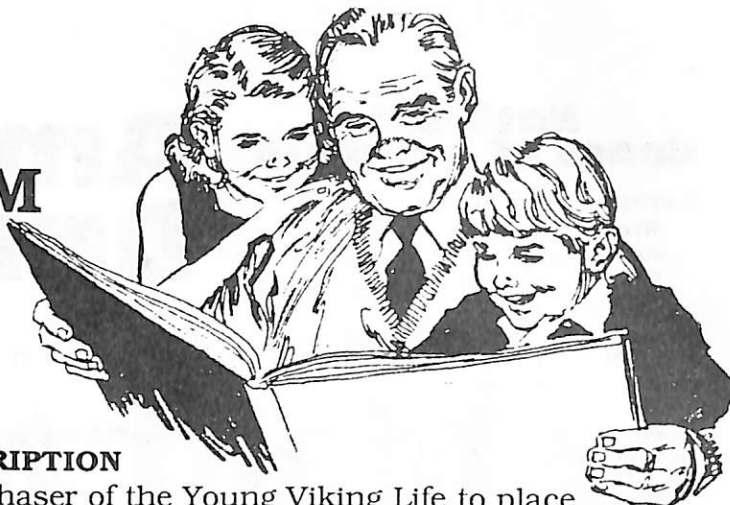
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Cover Photo: A carved stork, believed to bring good luck, guards a roof top in Solvang, California's Danish community.
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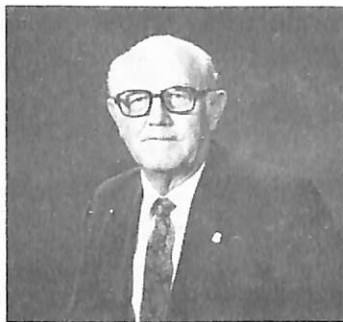
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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

Although this page is entitled President's Page, I tend to think of it as the "National Board Page". The topics I discuss are generally those which we as a National Board feel are important and should be presented to the membership.

Therefore, this month National Past President Clyde Langsted has taken the time to present a very important message in regard to the Five Year Plan and the future of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Within the last five years many new ideas have been initiated and presented to the membership, some in theory and others actually being adopted at the National Convention in Portland and becoming reality.

Our Five Year Plan was a commitment to do whatever we could to ensure the future of the Danish Brotherhood in America; streamlined yes, but nonetheless, the fraternal organization as we know it to be.

The Board of Directors committed themselves to the future of the DBIA and we asked the same commitment from the membership. Some of you have enthusiastically endorsed these new concepts. I emphasize SOME of you!

The leadership of this organization stem from the combination of the Board of Directors, the Home Office and ultimately, the convention of delegates. It is time that the leadership squarely inform the membership of what is happening and what should take place and what the consequences will be if we remain complacent. We have talked about this a great deal but somehow the message does not seem to be coming across as we would like it. It is time for action!

Prior to the National Convention, proposals from local lodges and from the Board of Directors were consolidated into the convention booklet. The membership and especially the delegates, should have been aware of what was to take place and what the recommendations would be. The vast majority of the proposals were adopted at the convention. I must remind you that this was not a decision made by "Omaha"; it was a decision made by the delegates. . . representatives from your lodges presumably speaking for their membership. The Board will stick by its proposals and enthusiastically support them. As a former President once wrote, "many lodges didn't even get a report from their delegate in the past" and it is apparent that it was true then and based upon the fact that so many members are not aware of what took place let alone why, it is apparently true today.

Leonard Thompson, DBIA consultant, spoke at all the District Conventions outlining programs, what was happening, what our situation was and the consequences of not doing anything about it. He came with a more powerful message at the National Convention and continues to discuss these proposals and solutions even today.

So why am I writing this? Our problems continue to exist in spite of our message and one of the biggest problems is, as I see it, the fact that our membership does not believe we have any problems. Simple yet profound. Some of you may recall that Lodge 33 in Tacoma, Washington, made a proposal which was presented at the National Convention in Philadelphia, that we eliminate our insurance program and create a dues structure for the membership. While their proposal had merit, the amount of dues needed at that time would have been substantial. In 1991 we finally had a convention of delegates who responded by increasing the dues to a modest amount while still maintaining our insurance status. We will continue the concept of fraternal protection through insurance. We have also made a proposal to provide benefits to all members when our fraternal fund is a distinct, different fund, based upon income earned from sources other than insurance. When that time comes, we will be able to provide scholarships and other special programs to social as well as insured members. Many social members have expressed that they are made to feel as 'second-class' members. While that was never the intent for social members, we are now attempting to make everyone have the same status and have all the same benefits. Is this unreasonable? You be the judge. We cannot provide benefits to all at the expense of premium dollars and we must operate on a sound fiscal basis.

The problem seems to be one of misunderstanding about the dues increase. Is it in addition to lodge dues? Is it a substitute for lodge dues? Why is it paid to Omaha "when they have lots of money anyway?" Simply put, it is an addition to the local lodge dues. It is not a substitute and no, Omaha "does not have lots of money."

Everything you, the membership, have placed in trust with the Danish Brotherhood is sound and protected. There is no problem in that area and I want to make that point as clear as I can. Your investment and insurance with us IS safe and protected and will continue to be.

The question is: Do we survive as a national Danish organization? Do you really want us to? Do you really care? I'm sure most of you do but with all the negative comments I hear and continue to hear, I have a strong feeling that some of you would like to see us fold our tent nationally with each lodge then becoming a self-contained local unit. I could be wrong. If it is to be otherwise, I would surely appreciate hearing from that silent majority. Time is of the essence. So many important decisions have to be made that we no longer have the luxury or availability of time. Action is taking place now and your participation and support is needed. It didn't end in Portland. Stop the rhetoric and negative commentary. I support what is being done and I ask you to do likewise. We are in a time of crisis and we are at a time when positive steps need to be taken. I am hoping we can count on you. Our future depends upon it.

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Raymond Nielsen, Recipient of 1992 "Howard E. Christensen" Award

The National Board of Directors is proud to announce Ray Nielsen, of Lodge No. 35, Chicago, the recipient of the 1992 "Howard E. Christensen" Award.

Ray Nielsen has been a Danish Brotherhood in America member for 37 years. He has held all offices at the local and district level except for district secretary-treasurer. He has also served the Midwest District as a District Fraternal Coordinator. In addition he has been a delegate to several national conventions.

Ray and his wife Wanda served the Midwest District as District Fraternal Coordinators from 1987-1991 with Henry and Grethe Jepsen. Acting as a team, they assisted a lodge to join a closer district, helped another lodge become active within the Midwest District and become involved in district and national activities. Through this assistance, most lodges have become more knowledgeable of lodge and national activities and programs.

According to fellow lodge members, Ray readily becomes involved in the lodge activities from charity drives to decorating the Danish Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and Industry. "Ray is always ready to help and take charge when needed." Through his leadership and example, he has shared the Danish Brotherhood and Danish traditions with the community.

As chairman of Lodge No. 35's Bylaw Committee, he had a lodge bylaw booklet printed so that each member of the lodge had access to a copy. "Lodge members can read the bylaws, understand them and have a more active role during business meetings."

Ray has also devoted time to other organizations. He has been a deacon and trustee for the First Presbyterian Church in Homewood. He has held the junior and senior steward positions in the Masons.

Ray retired from Illinois Telephone Company in 1985. In 1956 he was awarded the Theodore N. Vail Award in recognition by Bell Telephone System. Theodore N. Vail, a former



Raymond Nielsen

president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, was a strong supporter of responsibility for public service. This fund was established to award telephone people who exemplify public service.

Ray received the award for saving a man's life. Ray was returning from a service call when he came upon an automobile accident. He placed a call to the State Police and then proceeded to aid one of the victims who had a deep gash on his head. He applied two four-inch compresses to the wound. Ray also attended to the other two people involved in the accident, who had no open wounds but were

bruised and shaken.

Members of the hospital staff and ambulance attendants praised Ray for his attention and first aid. According to reports, "the attending doctor commended Ray, stating 'his efforts may have saved the man's life...'"

Ray and Wanda, his wife of 42 years, are the parents of two daughters, Peggy and Janice. Their son Michael passed away in 1980. They are the proud grandparents of three granddaughters, one grandson and expecting another grandchild in the near future.

Ray says when he learned he was the recipient of the "Howard E. Christensen" Award, he was speechless. "Wanda said it was the first time in my life I had nothing to say."

"I am very honored and proud to have been chosen for this most prestigious award. There are many other members who are deserving of it."

It is with this award Ray is recognized for his years of outstanding dedicated service to the Danish Brotherhood in America, his family and to his community. The entire DBIA membership appreciates and congratulates Ray for his commitment.

The Board of Directors would like to show their appreciation to all who were nominated for this award. The Board realizes that it is members like these who keep the Danish Brotherhood alive and growing.

The following were nominated by their local lodges:

Annette Andersen
Lodge No. 1

Bob Sorensen
Lodge No. 227

Clarence Jensen
Lodge No. 71

Raymond Nielsen
Lodge No. 35

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Lodge No. 325

The Noble Orders and Decorations of Denmark

by Major Jack M. Walrad, Jr.,
USAF, Retired

Perhaps we news and feature writers, especially those of us who write for readers of several nations, have been remiss. Perhaps we assume too much. A case in point might be the way international photojournalists, such as I, photograph and report royal events.

All too often we file reports, along with eye-catching photographs of reigning kings and queens, members of their families, and other dignitaries, all attired in such a way as to command our immediate and deep respect, and perhaps even awe.

What is it about that attire that so intrigues us? And, are the uniforms so often seen in the photographs really indications of royalty?

One might ask why we photojournalists seldom explain by our typed photo captions what the dignitaries are shown wearing. Why don't we state the significance of the colorful sashes? And the glittering badges? The rows of medals?

There is no quick answer. Perhaps the contributing photojournalist doesn't know. Or he foolishly presumes that most of his readers know.

The uniforms are easy to explain. No, they are not, in themselves, the special attire of royalty. The uniforms are those designated for wear by officers of the various armed forces. His Royal Highness Prince Charles of the United Kingdom wears the uniform of a captain of the Royal Navy. That's because he is a captain of the Royal Navy. He has earned the right to wear that uniform and to wear decorations, medals and other accouterments that have been awarded to him. His mother wears the various uniforms that reveal her inherent and traditional appointments as the head of the specified units of the armed forces of the United Kingdom, and as the head of all of the armed forces of the Kingdom.

So, if it is not the uniforms that so intrigue us, then what is it?

Perhaps it might be the sense of utmost formality projected by the dignitaries. Still, many persons in the public eye are equally noble in appearance. Many have similar medals. And decorations.

After ruling out the uniforms, the rows of medals, the distinguished bearing, all that remains to puzzle us, and to capture our imagination, is the sash. That superbly beautiful, sash.

Usually about six inches wide and draped from one shoulder to the opposite hip, the sash is the ubiquitous symbol of the orders and their decorations throughout the realms of royalty.

Each sash represents a royal decoration, an order of



Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik of Denmark are pictured wearing the famous blue moire sash, and all other essential elements, of the Royal Order of the Elephant, along with all essential elements of the highest degree of the Royal Danish Order of the Dannebrog. (Photo courtesy of the Royal Danish Government.)

monarchy. And the Monarch of Denmark awards two of the most coveted of royal decoration. They are: The Order of the Elephant; and the Order of Dannebrog.

The Order of the Elephant is the oldest royal Danish honor to be awarded by the monarch. The decoration of the order consists now, as it did when the order was founded, probably on June 8, 1464, of a white-enamelled gold elephant, bearing on the obverse a cross of diamonds, and bearing on the reverse the monogram of the reigning monarch, or sovereign. At the elephant's back is a castle. On the elephant's neck is a

depiction of a Moor holding a spear.

The decoration of the Order of the Elephant is usually worn in Denmark on the Day of the Order, which is January 1. The decoration is also worn on the date of the birthday of the reigning sovereign. It may also be worn on the date of the birthday of Valdemar II, the Victorious, June 28.

The decoration of the OE is suspended from a gold chain on such occasions. The chain consists of alternate castles, with alternate elephants, and with the latter bearing a blue cover with gold fringes decorated with a "D" for Dacia, the medieval Latin word for Denmark.

When the OE is worn on occasions other than the traditional ones, aforementioned, it is worn on a blue moire sash, over the left shoulder, extending to the opposite hip. It is that kind of sash that immediately catches the eye of the beholder and is often mistakenly believed to be an accouterment of royalty. In fact the sash, along with the badges and other elements of the Order, may be worn by any person so decorated.

In statutes proclaimed by Christian V on December 1, 1693, the maximum number of persons to be awarded the honor was set at thirty. Since then, however, the number has increased.

The Order of the Elephant has been bestowed on sovereigns, Danish as well as foreign, and prominent persons of Danish nobility. It has also been bestowed on a few exceptionally meritorious commoners, including Professor Vilhelm Thomsen (1912); H. N. Andersen, founder of the East Asiatic Company (1919); and Professor Niels Bohr, physicist (1947).

Since the bestowal of the OE on Queen Louise by Christian IX on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary in 1892, the honor has been extended to several other most distinguished women.

In 1958, Frederik IX ruled that women should have the right to receive all elements of the Order.

The full insignia, to which Frederik IX referred, and which previously had been worn only by those recipients designated as Knights of the Order of the Elephant consists of:



Essential elements of the Royal Order of Elephant. (Photo courtesy of the Royal Danish Government.)

- a. An eight-pointed silver "star" with smooth rays, the central portion of which contains a Latin Cross formed from six silver pearls enclosed in a silver wreath. The "star" is worn on the left breast;
- b. The sash, as aforementioned;
- c. The elephant, as aforementioned;

Foreign Knights of the Order of the Elephant have included a President of the United States, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower (1945); Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery of the United Kingdom (1945); Sir Winston Churchill, also of the United Kingdom (1950); and the President of France, General Charles de Gaulle (1965).

The Order of Dannebrog was instituted in 1671 by Christian V and was awarded for the first time on July 2, 1671. The creation was called a restitution of a similar order founded earlier by Valdemar II, the Victorious.

The original Order was founded in connection with the Danish National Flag Day. The National Flag had descended from heaven in 1219, according to early Danish beliefs.

The statutes of the Order, like those of the Order of the Elephant, were proclaimed in 1693 on December first.

Initially the Order of Dannebrog was limited to 50 persons, plus the King and his son.

The decoration of the Order was a

white-enamelled gold cross, with a red border, set with 14 table-cut diamonds with the central diamond being the largest.

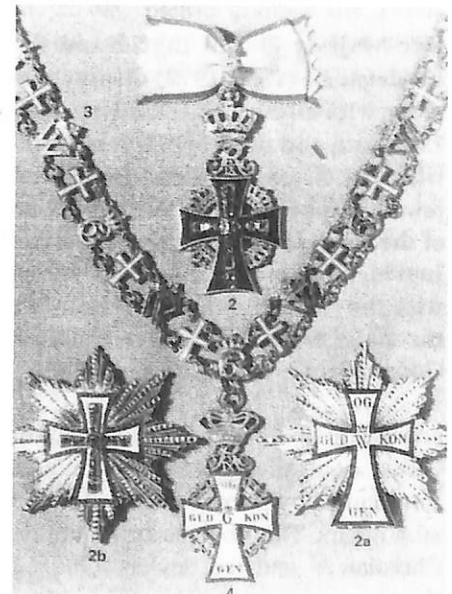
At the time, it was to be worn on a white ribbon with red edges over the right shoulder and extending to the left hip.

A silver eight-pointed "star" bearing a silver cross with the monogram of Christian V and the word "Restitutor" was to be worn on the left side of the breast.

Knights of the Dannebrog were often called "the white knights" to distinguish them from the "blue knights" of the Order of the Elephant.

The Order of Dannebrog, as we know it today, developed on June 28, 1808, when Frederik VI made several changes from the original version. He ruled that the honor might be bestowed on any person and that the Order would be awarded in one of four classes. They were:

- a. Grand Commander;
- b. Commander, Grand Cross;
- c. Commander;
- d. Knight.



Pictured here are some of the various insignia of the Royal Danish Decoration of the Order of the Dannebrog. (Photo courtesy of the Royal Danish Government.)

A decree of October 10, 1951, made the Order available to women.

The decoration, as we know it today,



Her Majesty Queen Ingrid and the late Majesty King Frederik IX (1899-1972) display the coveted moire sash, along with all essential elements of the Royal Order of the Elephant, and the Royal Danish Order of the Dannebrog with The Grand Commander's Cross, some of the crown jewels of the Danish monarchy, and other accouterments of the royal Danish family. One June 7, 1972, HM Queen Ingrid, mother of HM Queen Margrethe II, was invested with the same rights to the regency as direct heirs to the throne of Denmark. (Photo courtesy of the Royal Danish Government.)

consists of a white-enameled background with a gold Latin Cross, or a silver cross for knights, with a red border, surmounted by a royal crown over the reigning sovereign's monogram. The obverse bears the crowned monogram of Christian V and the device "Gud og Kongen" (God and King).

On the reverse are the crowned monograms of Valdemar II and Frederik VI, together with the dates 1219, 1671, and 1808.

Decrees on March 21, 1864, and March 21, 1952, divided the commander and the knight classes into two categories.

The decoration of Commander, First Class, has 14 table-cut diamonds instead of white enamel on the obverse, as well as diamonds in the embellishments of the cross.

The reverse bears the crowned monograms of Valdemar

II, Christian V, and Frederik VI.

The Grand Commander's Cross is worn on a chain, or on a white ribbon, with red borders, over the right shoulder, and is accompanied by a breast "star."

The Commander's Cross is worn by men around the neck on the ribbon of the Order; and by women of the Order on a sash tied by the ribbon of the Order over the left breast.

Commanders First Class who are women also wear a breast cross, a badge with a diamond-studded silver ground, instead of enamel.

Knights of both classes wear the decoration on the ribbon (men) or on a breast sash (women).

The Order also includes the Cross of Honor of the Dannebrog.

In the accompanying photographs all the elements of the two Royal Danish Orders are shown.

In the photograph of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Royal Highness, Prince Henrik, the blue moire sash is worn by both.

The elephant may be seen at the lower part of the sash worn by HRH Prince Henrik. The "star" of the Order of the Elephant may be seen just beneath the Grand Commander's Cross of the Order of the Dannebrog, worn by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II. HRH Prince Henrik is also pictured wearing the Grand Commander's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog.

The late Majesty King Frederik IX (1899-1972) is pictured wearing the highly coveted blue moire sash of the Order of the Elephant, along with the Grand Cross "Star" of the Order of the Dannebrog, beneath the breast "Star" of the Order of the Elephant. His uniform is that of a vice admiral of the Royal Danish Navy, the most senior officer of the RDN.

Her Majesty Queen Ingrid is pictured wearing the well known blue moire or the Order of the Elephant, the breast "Star" of that Order, and some of the Crown jewels of the Danish monarchy.

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Earthquake Update

Jimmie Thomsen of Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, California, has informed us that the initial estimate of damage done to their lodge hall during the earthquakes in April was quite low. A structural engineer recently took a look at the building and has determined that a main beam has twisted and cracked. In addition to replacing wallpaper, paint, etc., several of the walls must be brought back in. It is now estimated that the minimum amount of repairs will be \$6,000.00.

Donations can be sent to the Home Office made to the order of Danish Brotherhood in America/DBIA Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, CA. Your assistance would be deeply appreciated.

Payment to Board Members -

MAY: Woodrow T. Petersen, Michigan Ohio District Convention, \$243.20. JUNE: Woodrow T. Petersen, Allowance, \$238.43.

A Great Dane Stops For Coffee

Victor Borge was a guest for afternoon coffee at The Danish Immigrant Museum's historic home, Bedstemor's House (Grandmother's House), on Sunday, May 10, in Elk Horn, Iowa. Mr. Borge was traveling between concerts in Omaha and Des Moines. Everyone enjoyed Mr. Borge's everpresent wit and humor!

Victor Borge and his son Ron toured the museum site and viewed the artifact storage and family history area in the 8,000 square foot basement of the national museum which is now under construction.

Mr. Borge serves on the Advisory Council, is a long-time member, building fund contributor and artifact donor to the Danish Museum and international cultural center.



Museum Director, June Sampson, with Victor Borge.

Photographs and Articles Wanted

The editorial staff of *American Dane* is currently accepting photographs and feature articles relating to Denmark, Danish traditions, customs, heritage or of Danish "flavor" for possible publication in the 1993 issues of *American Dane*. If you or someone you know is interested in submitting material for the

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Date of Death	Name	Age	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
4-14-92	Valdemar Christensen	90	Copenhagen, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1928
3-4-92	Ove B. Petersen	82	Overby, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1950
5-1-92	John Groot	92	Lerup Sogn, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1927
4-19-92	Svend C. Rasmussen	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
5-1-92	Doris K. Timm	77	Warren, Pennsylvania	202	Warren, Pennsylvania	1964
5-10-92	Bert R. Nielsen	72	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1946
4-1-92	Stanley L. Johnson	79	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1971
10-18-91	Stanley C. Matson	84	St. Charles, Illinois	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1985
3-10-92	Silvano Hansen	96	Copenhagen, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1929
6-30-85	Harold A. Christensen	79	Hartford, Connecticut	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1957
2-29-92	Edwin Jensen	69	Humboldt County, Iowa	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1975
3-31-91	Edna A. Rostrup	71	Brooklyn, New York	325	Nassau County, New York	1982
12-31-90	E. Asmund Andersen	93	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1990
4-1-92	Charles H. Muskett	71	England	164	New York, New York	1983
5-25-92	Charles W. Havens	88	Poland	71	Penn Yan, New York	1962
5-9-92	Sophus R. Christensen	85	Kenosha, Wisconsin	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1974
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Stephen Nelson, one of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Stephen Nelson and I just turned 7 years old. I live in Killeen, Texas, but we are preparing to move to Germany. I attend 1st grade at a Christian school. I like to bowl, roller skate and I take karate classes. My grandma and grandpa, Ralph and Margaret Nelson, signed me up as a Young Viking and I'm proud to be part of it!"

and



Kristina Marie Nelson

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

"Hi! My name is Kristina Nelson and my Grandpa and Grandma Nelson also signed me up as a Young Viking! I live in Killeen, Texas. I will be 3 years old in September. I like to do all kinds of things, especially have fun. I attend a Christian pre-school but my family will be leaving for Germany soon."

and

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Christopher and Megan Burkett

Christopher Paul and Megan Michelle Burkett, more of our newest Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines, Iowa, and have this to say:

"Hi! My name is Christopher Paul Burkett. I am 8 years old and ready to begin 3rd

grade at Hubbell School in Des Moines, Iowa, in the fall. I just recently became a Bear Cub Scout, and I like school, baseball and four square. I also like to go fishing with Grandpa. At our Lodge No. 15's annual Fastelavns Party on February 23, I was crowned King for breaking open the barrel.

My three-year-old sister, Megan Michelle, is also a new Young Viking. She likes puzzles, makeup, coloring, dressing herself and helping Mom with her housework. We became Young Vikings because our Grandpa and Grandma Burkett are Brotherhood members."

Welcome Stephen, Kristina, Christopher and Megan!

Are you a new Young Viking member? Is so, everyone would like to meet you, too! Just send a picture and a short article describing yourself and the hobbies and activities which you enjoy with why you joined the Danish Brotherhood and mail to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

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Pacific

Northwest

Pacific Northwest District

The 43rd annual convention of the Pacific-Northwest District commenced on Friday, May 1, 1992, with a joint opening attended by officers, delegates, alternates and guests from both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges.

Following the joint ceremony, the business meeting of the Brotherhood was called to order by President Peter Praegel, Vancouver, B.C. After a brief welcome by the president of the host lodge, Junction City Lodge No. 268, Einar Skovbo, the district president instructed the secretary to call the roll.

Past Presidents in attendance include: Ed Hirsch, Portland; Kristen Jorgensen, Seattle; Niels Nedergaard, Enumclaw; Emil Larsen, Spokane; Poul B. Christensen, Vancouver, B.C.; Elith Marcussen, Vancouver, B.C.; Herluf Pedersen, Vancouver, B.C.; Karen Bruun, Bellingham; Clyde Langsted, Seattle; Walter F. Reinhard, Eugene; Gerald Jensen, Seattle; and Kris Sand, Eugene.

There were 28 delegates and alternates in attendance representing nine lodges.

Following the roll call, Past President Asbjorn Fisker explained the symbols and the signs of the society.

The president then introduced the national officers and guests: National Director Edward Madsen of Solvang, California, and National Sales Director Andy Andersen of Omaha, Nebraska. Also acknowledged was immediate Past National President, Clyde Langsted of Seattle, and National Director Asbjorn Fisker of Portland.

Also introduced was National Past President Kristen Jorgensen of Seattle who upon request agreed to serve as parliamentarian.

The president then asked all present to rise and observe a moment of silence for those brothers who have died since our last convention.

To serve as First Trustee in the absence of Mel Hollister, Seattle, the president appointed Gerald Jensen, Seattle.

Upon request, the secretary read the minutes from the 1991 convention. It was then moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented and submitted to the trustees for auditing.

The best idea for July goes to Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI. See page 19.

The president brought to the attention of the delegates that a Home Office sponsored District President's Awards Program no longer is in effect. However, each district may maintain the awards program at its own expense. It was moved and seconded that we continue to sponsor a District President's Awards Program. Motion passed.

Next, the appointment of committees were made.

The president gave the floor to National Past President Clyde Langsted of Seattle. He thanked the Portland lodges for the superb job they did hosting the National Convention in October. He also thanked Poul B. Christensen for serving as the parliamentarian. He recognized the two new National Board members. One is Asbjorn Fisker of Portland and the other is Ed Madsen of Santa Ynez, California.

National Director Ed Madsen expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the convention and brought greetings from the National President and the rest of the Board of Directors. He reminded the delegates of the warnings given by Leonard Thompson at the last convention and stated that although progress is being made, we are far from "out of the woods" yet.

The president yielded to a special friend of the district, National Sales Director Andy Andersen of Omaha. He brought greetings from the Home Office and found it very exciting to be back in the Pacific-Northwest.

The president then asked for the presentation of the individual lodge reports.

President Peter Praegel called the Saturday, May 2 meeting to order. Past President Asbjorn Fisker explained the symbols and the signs of the society. After the flag salute, the secretary called the roll and nine officers, twelve past presidents and 27 delegates and alternates answered present.

Having been informed that we had visitors from Lodge No. 95 in Ferndale, California, the president introduced James Thomsen, Shirley Thomsen, Margaret Jacobsen and Beryl Nielsen. James Thomsen explained the recent earthquake had played havoc with their homes and belongings as well as the Brotherhood hall in Ferndale.

Time, effort and financial expense would be required to restore the hall.

Al Nyegaard of Eugene reported on Himmelbjerget Language Camp.

National Director Ed Madsen then addressed the convention. He stated that the news he was bringing wasn't necessarily good if viewed on the background of Leonard Thompson's message last year. He stated however, that being elected to the Board had brought a new awareness of the situation and made him believe that there is hope for the future. He then listed the ways the lodges could help the society survive: through the lodge district savings program, a new improved lodge program guaranteeing 1% gained on the investments will go to the Fraternal Fund.

The Fraternal Fund is another program established during the National Convention. The purpose of this program is to build a fund large enough to support the fraternal programs already offered and no longer use money from the insurance funds.

General liability insurance is also a new program implemented this year. The premium is very reasonable at \$1.50 per member annually. He also mentioned the annual Howard E. Christensen Award, Operation: H.O.P.E. and the matching funds program.

District Fraternal Coordinators, Herluf and Bente Pedersen of Vancouver, B.C., were complimented on their efforts to assist the local lodges.

Then Asbjorn Fisker commented wearing his hat as National Director. He expressed his appreciation for the support he received during the National Convention resulting in his election. He commended Ed Madsen for his presentation. He also expressed his desire to visit the lodges to help alleviate the apparent confusion about the dues, although the question in reality is very simple. It is called: pay - pay! You pay to the local lodge and you pay to the Home Office. He also clarified the question about camp grants and matching funds to both Himmelbjerget and Skovsøen.

Clyde Langsted reminisced on his tenure as a national officer. He challenges each of the delegates to go back to the lodge and refer to the initiation of the Five-Year Plan and the commitment made as a lodge as to what you were going to do for yourself during the five-year period.

It should also be remembered that any insurance carried by the Danish Brotherhood is always secured. This is not the case

with many commercial companies.

A lot of new provisions generated at the National Convention might seem confusing, but for lack of time, needed to be implemented. Leonard Thompson's warning that by year 2000, the Danish Brotherhood might be gone is still valid. In conclusion, Clyde expressed his appreciation for all the support he always has had from the Pacific-Northwest.

The president then introduced District Fraternal Coordinator Herluf Pedersen of Vancouver, B.C. During his three years as a coordinator, it has been his responsibility to advise and assist the lodges in maintaining and developing activities that would help sustain and improve the lodge. Herluf reported on the new Lodge Rating and Awards Program which is replacing the National and District President's Awards.

Following a coffee break, the president called for the committee reports.

The Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of officers for 1992-93: Past President, Peter Praegel of Vancouver, B.C. #328; President, Svend Toftemark of Eugene #348; Vice President, Jens Peter Vestergaard of Vancouver, B.C. #328; Secretary-Treasurer, Niels Nedergaard of Enumclaw #113; 1st Trustee Scott Stefansen of Eugene #348; 2nd Trustee, Carl Nielsen of Junction City #268; 3rd Trustee, Leo Madsen of Tacoma #33; Conductor, Norman Powell of Portland #167; Inner Guard, Robert Laursen of Bellingham #155; and Outer Guard, Ken Kromann of Seattle #29. It was then moved and seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of proposed officers. Motion carried.

The Resolutions Committee presented their resolution. It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

The trustees reported that the treasurer's financial report was audited and was found to be in order. Considering the fact that the financial report from the hospitality room at the National Convention showed a balance of \$435.00 in the Brotherhood's favor, Diane Fisker made a motion that this sum be donated to the Fraternal Fund. Niels Nedergaard seconded the motion which carried.

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills. Motion carried.

National Sales Director Andy Andersen mentioned some of the new insurance products. He stated that 1991, which was the second year of the Five-Year Plan, had been the best year in terms of new insurance and annuity applications.

Scott Stefansen of Eugene addressed the question of financial support to Himmelbjerget Language Camp. He made a motion to support the camp with \$250. Svend Toftemark seconded the motion and it passed.

On behalf of Enumclaw Lodge No. 113 and Tacoma Lodge No. 33, Niels Nedergaard invited all to participate in the 1993

district convention to be held at the Executive Inn in Tacoma on May 21-23, 1993.

The 1994 convention will be hosted by Portland Lodge No. 167; 1995 hosted by Seattle Lodge No. 29; and 1996 hosted by Eugene Lodge No. 348.

Frank Poulsen of Seattle thanked the Enumclaw lodge for hosting the 1992 district bowling tournament and announced that Seattle will host the affair on April 4, 1993, in conjunction with their 105th anniversary. Herluf Pedersen of Vancouver, B.C., made a motion that we support the bowling tournament with \$100.00. Ed Hirsch of Portland seconded the motion which passed.

Peter Praegel then expressed his appreciation for all the hospitality that had been extended to him and Kate during the past year. He had enjoyed serving the district as president and having the opportunity to visit many of the lodges and to participate in various functions. He also thanked his fellow officers for serving with him.

Einar Skovbo made a motion that the district donate \$250.00 to Ferndale, California Lodge No. 95 for renovations and repair. Niels Nedergaard seconded and the motion carried. James Thomsen expressed his gratitude for the district's generosity.

Robert Laursen of Bellingham announced that their lodge will be celebrating its 90th anniversary on November 7.

Before adjourning, the president thanked the delegates and officers as well as the honored guests for their contributions to a successful convention. It was then moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. **Karen Bruun, Sec-Treas.**

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA — President Frank Poulsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with 35 members and five guests present. Nini James introduced her husband Ray, Gretchen Pembroke introduced her friend Jim Trollinger, Don Hansen introduced his wife and Louis Christensen introduced his wife Anne. Susan Dolland of the Northwest Danish Foundation was introduced. An application for membership of Michael Moon was read and approved.

A \$250.00 donation was approved to help sponsor a Danish Language and Heritage Day camp on August 10-15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Danish Center for pre-Himmelbjerget youngsters.

In support of the Danish Brotherhood's new Lodge and District Savings Program, the lodge voted to make a substantial deposit in the funds in Omaha.

Lem Petersen reported on a new development regarding Himmelbjerget, that the Home Office will possibly be adding to the scholarship fund.

A letter was read from Martin Metzon about a group of Danish gymnasts and folk dancers that are looking to entertain in our area.

Frank Poulsen gave the district convention report. He complimented Ed Madsen, new Board member from the Solvang area, for a job well done. The district supported the Fraternal Fund by donating leftover funds from the "watering hole" at the National Convention. The district also supported Lodge No. 95 in Ferndale, California, with a contribution to defray earthquake damage expenses. A true example of fraternalism at work.

Louis Christensen discussed the German occupation with some very interesting tales about what went on in Denmark during those dark days along with the joy of liberation.

A total of \$57.00 was donated to Operation: H.O.P.E. and Jerry Jensen will deliver these funds to Immanuel Lutheran Church's food bank.

Join the fun on a cruise of Puget Sound on Sunday, August 16. There is a limit of 50 people at a cost of \$25.00 per couple (\$12.50 individual). This will be a brunch cruise for members and spouses. The boat sails at 1 p.m. and returns to port at 3 p.m. Contact Jerry Jensen for reservations.

**Clyde Langsted, Sec.
Jeff Jensen, Asst. Sec.
Lexie Sorensen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, WA — Our lodge was represented at the Pacific-Northwest District Convention on May 1-3 in Junction City, Oregon, by our delegates, Emil Larsen and Sharon Kinder.

The annual picnic will be held at the Larsen's residence in August. Mark your calendars!

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR — The May 6 meeting was called to order with 29 members and guests present. The charter was draped in memory of Erik Enevoldsen following a moment of silence. The following officers were absent: Kathy Jensen, Secretary; Darlene Vose, Conductor; Karsten Walther, 2nd Trustee; Debbie Turner, Activities; and Kris Roley, Young Vikings. President Norm Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Mortensen explained the symbols.

Minutes for the April meeting were approved. Correspondence was read from DBIA National Headquarters in Omaha regarding Richard Larsen, who was killed in an automobile accident. It was approved to send \$100.00 to the Larsen Daughter's Fund. Also, we received information on Himmelbjerget, Danish Language Camp, which will take place from July 26-August 1. Bills were read and approved to be paid and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Several people shared some special moments with us regarding Erik Enevoldsen. It was approved to send June Enevoldsen \$25.00 to go to Meals on Wheels in Erik's memory.

Frank Dally suggested that we try to change the meetings. He suggested that we have our regular meetings first and then our social time afterwards, hopefully this would bring more members to our meetings. Debbie Turner and Phil Baker suggested that we try it. It was approved to start it in September, due to the summer months, and we would try it for four months. It was also suggested that we would try to get to the members that cannot provide transportation for themselves and offer them rides if necessary.

President Norm Powell reported on the district convention in Springfield.

Asbjorn Fisker announced that he would give us a more detailed report from his visit to the Home Office for the semi-annual Board meeting next month.

The meeting was closed in the usual manner.
Bodil Hansen, Cor.

Lodge No. 268, Junction City, OR — Our lodge, along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 122, hosted the 43rd Annual Pacific-Northwest District Convention held May 1-3 at the Shilo Inn in Springfield.

Co-chairpersons for the conventions were Carl Nielsen and Jean Reerslev. Working for the past year on the various committees were Don and Marcia Johnson, Walt and Phyllis Reinhard, Floyd West, Walt and Vee Petersen, Karen McCumsey Nielsen, Flemming Pedersen, Brooks Mikkelsen, Thelma Loth, Agnes Olsen, Clarice Jeppesen, Norman Christiansen, Marie Aasted, Ellinor Borgaard, Hank Mortensen and Einar Skovbo.

Attending from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and California were 176 lodge delegates and visitors. Representing the National Board was Ed Madsen. Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, represented the Home Office.

Svend Toftemark of the Eugene lodge was elected as the next President of the district. Carl Nielsen of Junction City was re-elected as a trustee.

The meetings were well attended, the meals were outstanding, and the program Friday night with the Faith Troop, and Saturday night with the J. C. Scandinavian Dancers and the J.C. Community Chorus (all in costume) were extremely popular. Following both evening banquets, there was dancing Friday night to Ralph Wigham and his band, and Saturday night to Eldred Glaspey's band, both long-time favorites for the Junction City area.
Axel Nielsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C. — There were 52 Brothers attending our last meeting. We installed three new members, Hans Jensen, Jens Madsen and Finn Pedersen. We then had a minute of silence for the passing of Brother Anker Sorensen.

Our President, J.P. Vestergaard, informed us that our lodge was celebrating its 61st

birthday this very evening. A round of applause was given.

A notice had been sent out and all the members had received one. We went through point by point for any changes. A few changes were made and a vote was taken. The new bylaws will be sent to Omaha and Victoria for approval.

The newsletter editor, Peter Praegel, informed us that after six years, he would resign from the newsletter. That would give the Board three months to replace him.

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

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR — We had 67 members present at the May 14 meeting. Kathleen McAlexander joined us as a guest. We were pleased to learn that our lodge moved up to 11th in membership in 1991 compared to 17th in 1990.

We discussed the Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp which is being held from July 26 to August 1. Six members of Lodge No. 348 serve on the Himmelbjerget Board of Directors and Scott Stefansen will be a counselor this year. We approved a scholarship application presented on behalf of Karen Nielsen's granddaughter, Rose Ann Sockol. Susie Staats read a letter from the National Headquarters presenting matching grants to three campers to whom we previously awarded scholarships: Jesse Taekker and Elizabeth and Christopher Engelman.

Sharon Medart reported that the lodge's magazine subscription/renewal fundraising project has brought in \$100.00 so far. It was also reported that a total of \$145.00 was donated to the Larsen Daughters Fund.

Martin Taekker, one of our three delegates to the district convention, reported that Svend Toftemark of our lodge is the newly elected President of the Pacific-Northwest District. Scott Stefansen was elected First Trustee of the district.



Svend Toftemark, center, newly elected Pacific-Northwest District President, with Peter Praegel and Jens Peder Vestergaard.

Many of us were able to attend the convention. Among the activities was a report by Al Nyegaard about Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp.

Following the meeting, we gathered for refreshments. The Norsemen entertained us with their singing.

Our next scheduled event is our Seventh

Annual Oregon Coast Getaway, beginning at noon on Saturday, August 8. We will meet at Hanne and Martin Taekker's cabin off Rhododendren Drive in Florence and expect to spend the day enjoying the beach, before we dine together at the Elks Lodge.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA — President Doris Christensen opened the May meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by roll call. Absent from the Board were Erik Kofod and David Seale.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by Secretary Betty Seale and approved as read.

We had one guest, Anne Winther. She is Danish, lives here and is married to an American.

The lodge decided to send a donation to the "Larsen Daughters Fund" to help in the loss of their father.

The treasurer's report was read by Owen Miller and accepted as read.

Delegates elected to the California-Nevada District Convention in Solvang include Doris Christensen, Kate Krake Nielsen, Betty Seale, Karen Rowse and John Kristensen. Alternates are Poul Dalby Andersen and Sofie Christoffersen.

Approximately 40 members and friends attended the May 15 social. The evening started with a potluck dinner. This was followed by the memorial service led by Pastor Ib Helgestad, assisted by Harold Mathiasen and Marilyn Marshall. Following a short interval, Lloyd and Clarice started up the folkdancing with "easy" mixers. Almost all present joined in. We had a lot of fun. This was followed by coffee and kringle. This social was planned by First Vice President Karen Rowse and her committee. Thank you Karen!
Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 299, Solvang, CA — On May 13, members gathered for their monthly business meeting and had a wonderful chicken barbecue hosted by Mark Andersen, Howard Petersen, Max Hanberg and Keven Petersen. After dinner, the meeting was called to order by our newly elected president, Steen Weber. Minutes for the previous month were read by Secretary Bruce Pedersen and the treasurer's report was given.

Three scholarships were given to local high school seniors who were very grateful to receive them.

Plans and preparations are well under way in anticipation of the California-Nevada District Convention to be held in Solvang on July 30 - August 1. Delegates were elected to represent our lodge during the convention and it sounds like it's going to be a great time. All of us at Lodge 299

hope to see you and your families for what is sure to be a wonderful convention here in the Danish capital of America.

For any questions or information regarding the convention, please write to Lodge No. 299, P.O. Box 1475, Solvang, CA 93463.

Rodney Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA—Lillian Suda and Bessie Jacobsen are our delegates to represent our lodge at the California-Nevada District Convention in Solvang. Phil Jacobsen is an alternate. Tina Hogan will be the youth delegate from San Diego. Also, Bill Jensen is Outer Guard on the General Committee and Hans Jensen is an Honorary Member. That means we will have four votes on any issues that arise. If you have any issues you want brought up, let them be heard.

On September 19-20, El Cajon is hosting an International Friendship Festival of all cultures. Our lodge will host a booth headed up by Rick and Margaret Carlson. They are going to need some help so if you are free that weekend, please contact them and offer your assistance.

Lillian Suda, Sec.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA—Around 30 members attended the Mother's Day Banquet on Saturday, May 9. We were served wonderful pot roast dinner with all the trimmings including chocolate mousse pie. The service was great and the Garden Room was set up nicely.

After finishing the dinner, DaNeil Gossett read a nice poem entitled "That's What a Mother is Made Of" and Gary Gossett read the classic, "She Walks in Beauty." The awards presented from the lodge were as follows: youngest mother, Kandy Chappell; oldest mother, Erna Andersen; and mother who has belonged to the lodge the longest, a three way tie between Betty Christensen, Pat Christensen, and Erna Andersen. Mother of the Year certificates were then presented along with carnations and since we have so many outstanding mothers in our lodge, it was decided that each mother should receive a certificate.



Holger Danske bowling team.

Our 15th anniversary barbecue will be held on August 8. This will also be our Operation H.O.P.E. fundraiser night benefiting the Christian Temporary Housing Fa-

cility. Please plan on joining us for this very special evening.

Our Holger Danske bowlers have finished their bowling series. Thanks to our men's team - Cal Christensen, Soren Christensen, Jim Wiegandt, Gary Gossett and Bryce Gossett; and our women's team - Kandy Chappell, Helga Bjorn, Maxine Gossett, Toni Gossett, DaNeil Gossett; and sponsors - Ken and Gerry Olsen. Thanks also to those who showed up to cheer them on. Your support was very much appreciated.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA — We had 18 members attend our May meeting and Board meeting. Vice President Bill Johansen sat in for our president. Thanks Bill. Eric Piehl had his mother Jane along as a visitor and we enjoyed having her visit and join us in our smørrebrød.

One of our younger members, Shane Adkins, made a suggestion that we should have a silent auction twice a year as we did so well with the last one. Good thinking Shane!

We held our elections for delegates to the district convention in Solvang. Lisa Piehl and Vikkie Garrison are our delegates and Eric Piehl and Pete Petersen will be our alternates.

After our smørrebrød, Inga Mathiesen told us about her experiences during the occupation of Denmark and her recollections of May 5, 1945, Danish Liberation Day. It was very interesting to hear what went on in her everyday life. A few years ago, Eric Mathiesen told us and showed us a film he had taken during the occupation about how things were for him where he was working and his participation in the underground. Thanks for sharing, Inge!

Sue Patterson, Cor.

Nebraska

Nebraska District

During the Danish Brotherhood State Convention which will be held in Minden, Nebraska, on August 21-23, 1992, the Danes will come in all their finery.

The meals will be served at Shays Goodtime Inn and the convention business meetings will be held at the Minden Community Building.

Room reservations must be made early as this is the busy season for the Pioneer Village and many of our Minden members will need to host the entertainment that is going to perform during the convention.

Rooms at the Pioneer Village Motel are from \$36.80 to \$45.28 for double. There phone number is 1-800-832-2750.

A Danish smørrebrød will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening followed by enter-

tainment. The Danish Dancers from Marquette, Nebraska, and Viborg, South Dakota, the Swedish Dancers from Gothenburg, Nebraska, and a Czech accordion player from Wilcox, Nebraska, will perform at different times during the convention.

The business of the convention will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, noon lunch will be on your own. We hope to have the afternoon session completed by 3:00 p.m.

On Saturday morning, H. C. Andersen stories will be told to the children, so bring your children and grandchildren. We'd also like to have them in the parade.

This will give everyone time to get into your Danish clothes for the 5:30 p.m. Danish parade and Danish banquet to follow. We will march 4 1/2 blocks ending in front of Shay Inn. Come dressed for the occasion. Ideas are: dark pants, white shirt and red grograin tie for the men and dark or flowered skirt, white blouse and a lovely white apron for the women. Prizes will be given for the best dressed in four divisions. Convertibles will be on hand to carry the 1991 King and Queen and the 1992 candidates. After the installation of the new officers, there will be music by the Verl Stratman Band of Kearney to listen and dance to.

A Danish specialty breakfast of æbleskivers and Medistøpølse will be served on Sunday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

A Danish "Jorgen's Rainbow" quilt (block designs taken from the **American Dane**) will be raffled off and the winning number will be drawn during breakfast.

Church service at Fredericksburg Lutheran Church begins at 10:45 a.m.

If everyone does their part to make this a Danish affair, it should really be a special time for remembering.

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—President Duane Hansen called the May meeting to order. The conductor led the Pledge of Allegiance. Past President Walt Granholm and Conductor Charles Johnson were absent for roll call. There were 36 members and guests present.

The minutes or the April meeting were approved. Bills were read and allowed. Correspondence was shared with the members. The treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit. The application for membership from Fred Nash was approved.

Operation H.O.P.E. was discussed. President Hansen appointed a committee composed of Andy and Annette Andersen, Ray and Joyce Strong and Ruby Welna.

An honorarium in the name of Svend Christensen of Des Moines was sent to the Danish Immigrant Museum. Svend spoke at our April banquet.

Vennelyst Park Association has suggested that all of the organizations using the park facilities for their meetings have a combined Christmas party. No date has been

set for the party as yet. Lodge No. 1 approved a motion to join in the joint Christmas party.

The meeting was adjourned and turned over to Annette Andersen. She introduced Joyce Stickman, who spoke on the Cardinal Family Project and the different ways that any organizations can get involved.

The July 7 meeting will be an informative one beginning at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be "What's New in the DBIA?"

August activities include a lodge meeting on August 4 and the Nebraska District Convention in Minden, Nebraska, on August 21-23.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.
Jim Christiansen, Sec.

Lodge No. 16, Minden NE—Sixty-eight members and guests met at 6:30 p.m. on May 21 at Shays Banquet Room for our Mother's Day Banquet. Table grace was led by Mina Newbold. A family style Danish meal was enjoyed by all.

Following the banquet, excerpts from "My Fair Lady" were performed by the Minden Community Players. A short meeting was held with eight officers present.

Marie Nelson, Sec.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—Dwight Nelson has been selected again this year to receive a Danish Brotherhood camp grant. Congratulations Dwight!

As most Danes know, there is another day which is celebrated in Denmark - St. Hans Aften. This night signifies the end of winter and the beginning of summer. Traditionally, this celebration has a burning of the witch of darkness, the witch of winter. We don't usually stay up all night as some do in Denmark, but the longest day of the year is at least recognized by most of us.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Missouri

Lodge No. 56, Kansas City, MO—The lodge had a gala celebration of its 100th anniversary on April 24. Danish immigrants, Danish-Americans and friends and relatives joined the large group at the Homestead Country Club in nearby Mission, Kansas.

Danes and Danish Americans from near and far helped the lodge celebrate. Honorary Royal Danish Consul Elcar Nielsen presented certificates from the Danish Consul General recognizing the lodge's anniversary and contributions to local and national charity organizations. Elcar also shared early experiences with local Danish Americans. Ejlf Schmidt, a Danish immigrant himself, told the group about his experiences immigrating to America which involved new experiences. He had his first ride in an automobile, his first banana and rode on a train and a boat in traveling to a new life in

America.



Pictured here left to right: Norm Danielsens, Lola Danielsens, Ejlf Schmidt, Lillian Nielsen, Elcar Nielsen, June Sampson, Carolyn Baker, Pastor and his wife.

June Sampson, Executive Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum, told about the museum's objectives and presented a program on the construction project. Karen Sorensen, among other members, shared many photographs and other memorabilia with those attending the celebration. The lodge is looking forward to many more years of sharing their fellowship.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

Iowa

Minnesota

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA—We were entertained at our May 11 meeting by the Polka Club of Iowa, Central Chapter. It was great fun to watch the lively demonstration of many polkas and other dances. Many of our members and guests joined in.

We took care of several matters at our June 8 meeting. Howard Thompson was presented with his 25-year membership pin. We announced that a DBIA national scholarship was won by member, Bjarne Olesen. Three of the four Rudisill children who are 1992 camp grant winners were present to accept their certificates and checks. Junior and Barb Bartlett and Kirsten Lundgren were presented a check for \$25.00 for their leadership in raffle ticket sales for the very successful Lodge Scholarship Fund Drive. We also acknowledged the recognition and \$10.00 check from the Home Office for the Best Idea Award for the month (donating breakfast casseroles for the homeless and cash to the food pantry).

We enjoyed a talk by Ruan Grand Prix Race Chairman, Ron Sharp, about the upcoming 4th annual race in downtown Des Moines and about his own racing activities.

For our July 13 meeting, we will enjoy dinner and entertainment at the popular Viking Inn Restaurant and Lounge. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA—Preparing for the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention were on the agenda of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodge No. 176 May meeting.

We approved a donation to the Larsen Daughter's Fund.

Invitations to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention were sent to all district Brotherhood lodge secretaries as well as all district Sisterhood officers. If anyone else desires the information flyers, please advise Lyle Refshauge at Box 272, Dike, IA 50624.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, IA—We enjoyed a potluck supper. Carl Hansen reported on the book, "Mysteries of the Ancient America," that we have purchased in memory of Edwin Jensen and Niels Schultz. It will be put in the Humboldt library.

Our guest speaker at our last meeting was Leonard Thompson, Consultant for the DBIA. Julian Johnson, age 7, entertained us with several piano solos.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA—The 1992 North Iowa Ethnic Celebration was held May 2 in Mason City. Our President, Thorvald Sorensen, has been a very active committee member of the celebration's planning committee. Our lodge had two booths. The food booth served cebleskiver and Danish pastries. The women all worked very hard preparing and serving the food. Thorvald Sorensen was in charge of the information booth. Les Graversen also helped at this booth.



Edith Skene, Evelyn Gutterman, Betty Graversen and Magda Bowen serving at the food booth.

The festival included Scandinavian songs, stories and instruments by Judith Mahlberg, Irish songs, cloggers, Orgami demonstrations, Japanese tea ceremony, French accordion, bagpipes, and Mexican dancers. Countries represented were Denmark, Norway, France Greece, Italy, India, China, Mexico, Ireland, Holland, America and Germany. Over 2,000 people attended.

Thanks to all who gave their time and talents to the festival and to Les and Betty Graversen for the use of the stove.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge No. 349, Atlantic, IA—Forty-one members and one guest attended our meeting on May 11 at Rolling Hills Bank. President Holland introduced our guest, Martha

Pedersen.

Our meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Our lodge voted to send \$50.00 to the Richard Larsen family fund. Priscilla Hansen reported on the "Friends of Museum Food Fair" which was held on April 11 in Elk Horn.

Our speaker for the evening was Herluf Pedersen, District Fraternal Coordinator, who along with his wife, answered questions and informed us of some events which are to take place in the future.

A delicious lunch was served by the committee. **Evelyn Rechtenbach, Sec.**

Midwest

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—We thank the committee on the Beer Bust for their \$50.00 donation toward the Children's Christmas party.

Do you have a business card or know of someone who does? Please drop any you can get a hold of at the hall. Todd Bernhardt is collecting them for a young man who is terminally ill who wants to get into the Business Book of World Records with the most business cards.

A successful Men's Smoker was held on April 23. Two new members - Duane and David Kreier chaired this event and did an outstanding job with advice from Louie Mellone along with other helpers - Harve Cecil, Al Aceto, John Sullivan, Jim Johnson, Warren Piehl, Carl Swanson and Bob Ibsen.

Our annual Scotch Doubles Bowling found 25 couples at Guttormsen's West for an afternoon of fun and back to the hall for a nice lunch. Thanks to the committee of Jim and Ladora Bohn, Mike and Mary Jane Anony, Harold and Vi Kubart and Bob and Connie Batten.

At this writing the DB #14 softball team is 1 and 1.

A meeting of the Steering Committee for the 1995 National Convention was held at the hall to get things in motion. Lillian Andersen and Bob Ibsen along with John and Betty Mollerskov from Racine are the Co-Chairmen. Rick Wade and Joyce Greenwald will be representing the Brotherhood and Sisterhood in Kenosha. Our lodges will be responsible for all the entertainment at the big event.

Our annual family picnic and potluck is free to members and their families. A special welcome goes to all children and grandchildren. It will be held on Sunday, July 19, beginning at 11 a.m. in Kennedy Park. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, ice cream and plates will be provided. Please bring your own silverware and a dish to pass! Monetary donations will be accepted. Games and fun for everyone!

The Arlington Park horse race bus trip is scheduled for Sunday, August 2. Be at the

hall by 10:30 a.m. Bloody Marys, beer, wine, and soda will be served on the bus, seats are reserved. A buffet will be held at the hall afterwards. Tickets are \$30.00 each.

The Midwest District golf outing will be held in Chicago on Saturday, August 8. Non-golfers are welcome to attend the banquet and dance.

The annual Corn Roast - Brats is scheduled for Saturday, August 22. Serving time is 6 - 8:00 p.m. with dancing to Betty Jean and Country Express following. Guests are welcome. Tickets are \$8.00 each.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—Lots of Frikadeller were consumed at the May Scholarship Benefit Dinner held on May 15 by Lodge No. 35. More than 180 members and friends were in attendance and seemed to enjoy the delicious meatballs prepared by various members of the lodge. Scholarship recipients served the dinner. Everyone who helped make the evening a success deserves a big vote of thanks. The young people served and helped with the clean-up. Frank Tintari played his accordion afterwards and everyone enjoyed dancing to his excellent music. Best of all, the Scholarship Fund was richer by \$916.43.

The Midwest District golf outing will take place on August 8 at Urban Hills Golf Club in Richton Park, Illinois. It is hoped that there will be many golfers out to enjoy the day, hosted by our lodge.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI—Our thanks to Lillian Jensen, hostess for our May 18 meeting. It was held at her residence.

Two Danish exchange students gave most interesting presentations with slides and commentaries about their families and home towns. The school year would soon be over and they would be returning home. Marie Sandvei is from Nordborg, Denmark, and attended Wauwatosa High School. Soren Svennum is from Jerslev, Denmark, and attended a Lutheran High School. We thank Ernie and Jeanette Norquist for bringing the students to our meeting.

We are pleased to report that two of our lodge members have received their commemorative membership pins: John E. P. Jacobsen, a 50-year pin, and Dr. R. Bruce W. Andersen, a 25-year pin. Congratulations are extended from the membership of Lodge No. 36 and the Home Office.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI—We met Thursday, May 28, at Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall. President Harold Rasmussen called the meeting to order. Our participation in the Waupaca July 4 parade was discussed. Carol Jensen was appointed chairman.

Following the meeting, Harold Hanson

showed slides from Germany and Denmark, giving an interesting description of each. Lunch was served. **Vera Yorkson, Cor.**

Michigan

Ohio

Michigan-Ohio District

The 1992 Michigan-Ohio District Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan, on May 16. The convention was opened by host lodge President George Petersen who welcomed all of the delegates and guests after which he turned the gavel over to district President Henning Jensen.

Roll call of delegates showed 18 delegates were present representing five district lodges.

A moment of silence was held to remember our departed Brothers. The minutes of the last convention were read and approved.

The President appointed an Audit Committee composed of Ron Cooper, Delores Labriola and Dave McCarthy to go over the treasurer's books during the afternoon break.

The treasurer's report was read. Bills were read and ordered paid. All correspondence was read.

Lodge reports were presented by Lodge No. 70 in Greenville, Lodge No. 51 in Ludington, Lodge No. 30 in Muskegon, Lodge No. 225 in Canton, and Lodge No. 227 in Detroit.

A motion was made and passed to transfer money from the General Fund to the Scholarship Fund to cover costs of the scholarships that were awarded. Thanks to the Ludington lodge for their donation to the fund and also to Woody Petersen and Jerry Christensen for their contributions to the same fund.

Otto Pedersen gave a report on the items that were of particular interest of the district at the recent National Convention. The bottom line being that our goals were reached.

Rob Jensen brought up the cost of dues and insurance rates and the effect it is having on their lodge in getting new members. Much discussion took place on this matter and some thoughts were set forth as to possible solutions but nothing can be resolved in a short time. Both Woody and Jerry stressed that a pure fraternal organization is possible but there would be nothing in return for our money as we now have. Otto stated that social clubs survive because there are a few workers and the rest of the members merely ask "What can I get out of it without doing anything?"

Bob Pedersen once again suggested that the father of a family be allowed to join as a social member and then try to get the rest of the family as insured members.

Jerry suggested that a committee be formed to come up with a plan or proposals on this subject. He said he can get informa-

tion to aid such a committee.

Jerry also stated that we are at a crossroads right now because the insurance funds can no longer support the fraternal side of our organization. Therefore, new ways must be found to support the fraternal side, hence the dues increase recently passed at the convention along with some new proposals for increased income.

The Ludington lodge invited the convention to their city for the 1993 convention. The offer was accepted.

The Scholarship Committee reported that there were twelve applications and each applicant was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$125.00.

The election of officers was held with the following results: President, Mike Bray, Ludington; Vice President, Wesley Thomsen, Greenville; Treasurer, Otto Pedersen, Detroit; Secretary, Robert Sorensen, Detroit; and Alternate Officer, Clare Thomsen, Greenville.

National Secretary-Treasurer and CEO Jerry Christensen then took the floor and began his statements by saying that the dues increase has not made himself or others very popular but he went on to explain the need for the increase. He then went on to talk about several different items such as clearing up the confusion caused by the increase and the need for all members to understand that they must pay local dues as well as national dues. He spoke about the Five-Year Plan and the progress made since its inception. The efforts being made to maintain membership, new insurance programs and to watch the **American Dane** magazine for future information and he mentioned Leonard Thompson and the ideas he has offered for progress in different areas of the Brotherhood.

Tom Christensen suggested the possibility of lifetime memberships and Jerry said he would look into that as a possible way to help solve the financial situation.

National President Woody Petersen stated that he was very happy to be able to be with us at our convention and stressed that the people at the Home Office as well as the National Board members have an objective only to try to fulfill the goals of the local lodges. He stated that the insurance side or division is doing fine but the fraternal division is in trouble and needs help. He spoke about a new Lodge/District Savings Plan that has gone into effect to try to help the situation. He hopes that all members will have a thumbs-up attitude on the future. He also stated that lodges are now covered with liability insurance during any functions being held by said lodge.

Woody announced that Ray Nielsen was awarded the 1992 Howard E. Christensen Award. Ray is from one of the lodges in the Chicago area. He also talked about the District Fraternal Coordinator Program and the effort these people make to try to help lodges

progress. District workshops are a possibility for 1993.

Otto Pedersen talked about the changes being made in the Brotherhood and how important it is to support said changes.

The newly elected officers were installed by President Petersen assisted by Second National Vice President, Paul Carlsen.

The jackpot was won by Don Boyd of Detroit who promptly donated it to the Scholarship Fund.

Newly installed President, Mike Bray, presented outgoing President, Henning Jensen, with a Past President's pin and thanked him for a job well done.

The President then declared the convention meeting closed. **Robert Sorensen, Sec.**



GCEL District

This year the GCEL District Convention will be sponsored by the Perth Amboy, New Jersey Lodge No. 46. It is but a short drive from the Philadelphia area.

Activities will begin on Friday, September 4, with a happy hour from 7 - 10:00 p.m. and continue with a trip to Atlantic City on Saturday for dinner, gambling, and a show. The annual dinner dance will be on Sunday evening.

Convention headquarters will be the Landmark Inn in Woodbridge, New Jersey. It will be a good idea to make you reservations early.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT—At our May meeting, we decided to look for different meeting locations as well as prices on different meeting halls, so in September, we will be able to have a new meeting hall that is within our budget. Our old meeting hall, Shepherd Ave. Fire Station, is available at \$65.00. Vera Holmes found the VFW hall in Branford for \$35.00. Both halls have pros and cons.

Information on the GCEL District Convention on Labor Day weekend is still sparse. More information will be passed along as it is received. Our delegates are Kris Larsen and Bernadette Gaudino.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ—President Eric Brown called our meeting to order. The charter was draped and a period of silence was observed in memory of our recently departed Brother, Stanley Johnson. President Brown then initiated and welcomed four candidates to lodge membership. They are Victor Liddle, Jr., Axel Vikjaer, Henry G. Petersen and Alan H. Lauritzen.

The Atlantic City bus trip was a huge success - the bus was filled to capacity.

While casino results were not available, refreshments on the bus were thoroughly enjoyed. Carl B. S. Pedersen reported on the benefit walk at Liberty State Park where our representatives served Danish cheese sandwiches to the many participants.

Our May meeting was well attended with 35 members present. One application for an insured membership was approved. The Home Committee reported on work activities. The fall Convention Committee reported on plans. Arnold Nielsen and Kenneth Nielsen were elected delegates. Two scholarships were awarded.

Jens Jessen, Cor.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, NJ—Plan to attend the Harvest Festival to be held at the Home for the Aged in Edison on Saturday, September 12. Raindate is September 13.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that our lodge would pay the national dues for all our members. This has been done for 1992.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—May's meeting was "Ladies Appreciation Night" and ladies, if the hard work by many of our men is an indication, we truly are appreciated. Thank you fellows for a great evening. Tak for the excellent food, the clean up and last, but not least, the slide presentation by Lou Karman. He shared with us a bit of history from his ancestral land, Albania. Thank you all.

We were happy to see four new people who became members at our meeting. Lisbet and Dave Naber who live in Ambler and Birgit and Kjeld Krag-Jensen from Landenberg. Lisbet was born in Copenhagen, Dave in Buffalo. Birgit is from Roskilde and Kjeld from Odense. Welcome to all four of you.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY—Vice President Leo Jensen conducted the May 8 meeting in the absence of President Helen Kofod. Thanks to Leo, we have beautiful new curtains behind the stage and in the coat room to match the window drapes which Leo put up last year.

The secretary read a letter from the Home Office in Omaha about the Larsen Daughter's Fund and it was decided that our lodge would send an immediate contribution.

Having enjoyed a delicious Danish meal, we ended the evening with the viewing of a video about Victor Borge's 80th birthday. Arrangements for the showing of the video were made by Helen and Stanley Kofod.

Many of our members have expressed their concern with the long term future of the lodge. One of the problems we are facing is the insurance requirement on the national level for members under the age of 50 which makes it especially difficult for us to get new members in that age group.

Karen Witt, Sec.

The Magical Dust

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME the people in Denmark decided to send a gift to their king as a sign of their loyalty. They wondered just whom they might send on this mission and finally agreed to send Goran because he had experienced miracles.

So the people gathered together a box full of precious stones and sent Goran on his way to see the king with their heartfelt good wishes.

It was almost night time when Goran reached an inn where he planned to stay overnight.

The innkeeper and his wife saw the box Goran brought with him and wondered what it held.

That night when Goran was asleep, the innkeeper and his wife stole into Goran's room and took the box which they carried to their own room. When they opened it they were dumbstruck to find that it was filled with thousands of precious stones.

Of course, they wanted the gems for themselves and thought and thought what they could place inside the box once they removed the jewels.

"I just swept the inn," said the wife, "and there is plenty of dust to fill the box! That should do it!"

Quickly, she and her husband removed the precious stones and packed the box with lots of dust. Then they placed the box back in Goran's room while he slept.

When the morning came Goran went on his way to see the king with the box, not suspecting that he had been tricked.

He was a trusting person who expected people to be good and felt that whatever happened, no matter how awful it seemed, he would always say, "This too is for the best!"

In due time, Goran reached the kingdom. He told the guards that he had come to deliver a gift to the king from his people.

Instantly, he was shown to the throne where the king awaited him.

Smiling, the king opened the box in the presence of Goran and when the king saw that the box was filled with dust he was furious.

He began to shout that his people were making fun of him and threatened to imprison them all.

Goran remained calm and kept repeating, "This too is for the best!"

It was at that very moment when a miracle took place. Someone gallantly appeared at the king's court and approached the king and said, "Perhaps there is more to this than meets the eye!"

The king looked at the stranger and said, "Who are you?"

"I am just a friend," replied the stranger. "And I don't believe that your people would be so unkind to insult you and endanger themselves with such a gift!"

The king thought about that and nodded. "Then what do you think this box of dust means?" he asked.

The stranger moved closer. "I once read that a king received a similar gift a very long time ago," he said, "and threw the dust into the air. The dust turned into weapons of every kind which eventually defeated this king's enemies."

Goran listened eagerly as did the king.

The stranger continued. "Perhaps your people have given you this magical dust for this same reason," he offered. "Why not test it and see if this is true!"

The king nodded and decided to test the dust before he would take the next step.

So he took a pinch of dust and threw it into the air and right before everyone's eyes the dust turned into an array of weapons.

All of those who tested the weapons agreed that they were the finest anyone had ever seen and whoever used them would certainly conquer their enemy.

The king then realized that his people had given him a most precious gift, more precious than any jewels or gold.

He realized that dust could be carried in a little bag and that when the soldiers reached battle, they just had to toss the dust into the air and victory would be won.

The king was very grateful to Goran for bringing him such a priceless gift from the people, though he hoped never to use it.

In turn, he filled the box with gold and silver as a sign of his appreciation and told Goran to bring his gift back to the people.

Later that day, Goran left the kingdom to travel back to his home when he came upon the same inn where he had stayed overnight on his way to the kingdom.

The innkeeper and his wife were somewhat startled to see him, for they thought that he had found out that they had stole the gems and filled the box with dust.

But Goran didn't say anything about being tricked because he didn't know that he was and said nothing.

The innkeeper scratched his head and asked Goran about his travels and Goran told him.

"My, my" said the innkeeper. "What did you take with you that so pleased the king?"

Goran smiled and said, "What I took from here I brought to him. It's as simple as that!"

Later, the innkeeper and his wife thought to themselves, "That dust he brought was our own! It must be very precious! What fools we were! We can reap the benefits, too!"

The next day, after Goran had gone on his way with the box now filled with gold and silver, the innkeeper and his wife gathered up all of the dust from their inn. They filled hundreds of trunks with the dust and brought it to the kingdom.

They told the guards that they had brought a gift for the king and were immediately brought before him.

Surrounded by all of these trunks, the innkeeper and his wife told the king that the dust which had been brought to him earlier was really their's.

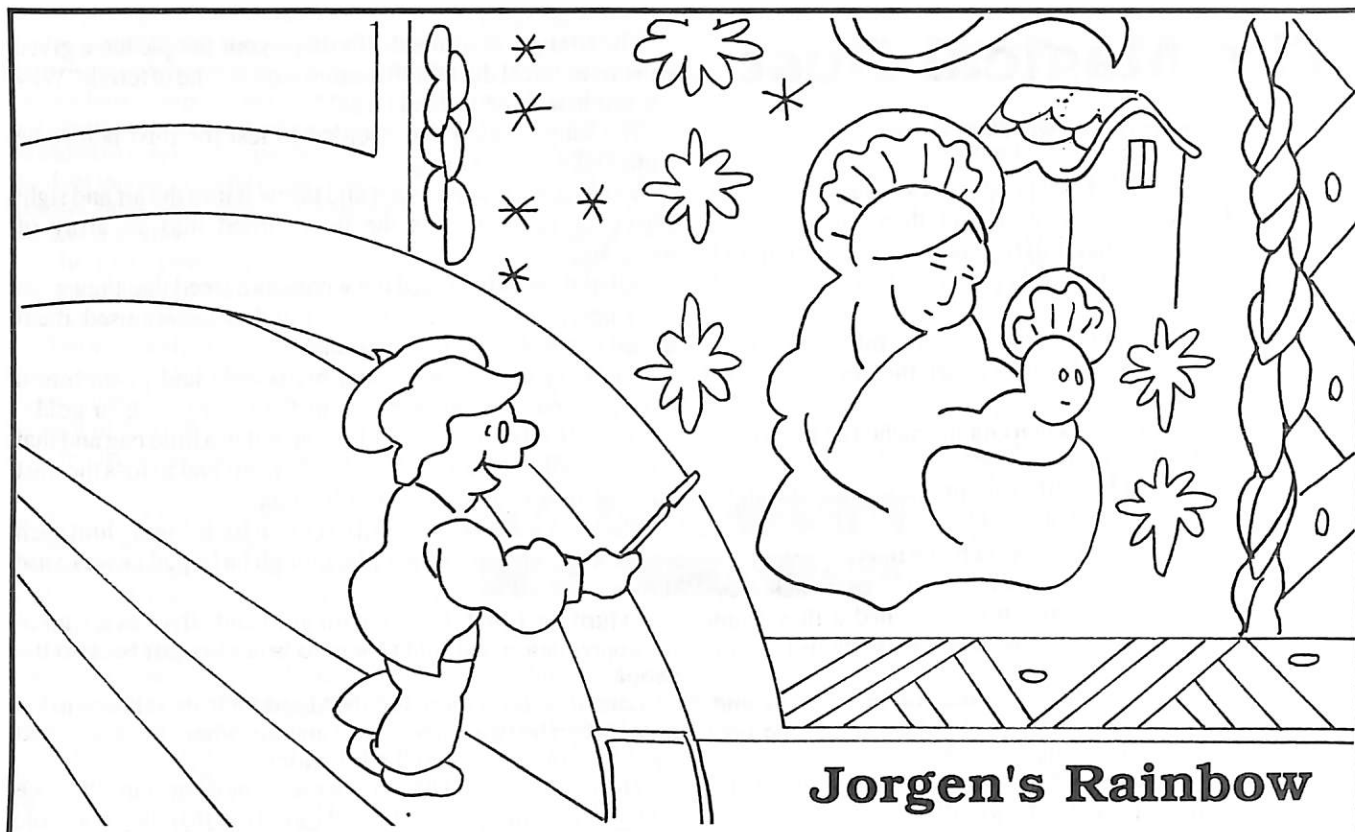
The king was a bit bewildered by all of this and when he threw a pinch of the dust into the air nothing happened, for of course, the dust was not magical.

The king became very angry and ordered the innkeeper and his wife to prison.

Confused, the couple were led away.

Meanwhile, Goran arrived at his village and showed the people the box filled with gold and silver that the king sent in thanks for their special gift.

The people didn't understand what had happened since they weren't there when Goran presented the gift and couldn't figure out how dust got into the box instead; but they all shrugged and smiled and lived happily ever after.



A "fresco" is a type of water and egg based painting which is done on fresh plaster fairly quickly. Jorgen knows that such paintings adorn the interiors of many old Danish village churches. He enjoys their bright colors and spiritual as well as folk subject matter. The Danish word for painting is "malerier".

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Broth-

erhood 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.

June winners: Krista Rasmussen and Kevin Jones.

Grandma's Kitchen



Gunild Ostergaard

MACAROONS

1 3/4 cups confectionary sugar
1 cup granulated sugar
1 pound almond paste
5-6 egg whites

Work almond paste with 1/4 of egg whites until no lumps, gradually add another 1/4 egg whites and 1/2 granulated sugar. When this is worked in, add another 1/4 egg whites and balance of sugar left. Add remaining 1/4 egg whites and work until smooth. When dropped by spoon, the macaroons should not run. Drop macaroons about the size of a quarter on baking paper with the point in the middle. To remove the point, press with a damp cloth before baking. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool. To remove the macaroons, wet paper on the bottom.

Viking Adventures

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

The "Jorgen's Rainbow" Quilt

by Bill Jorgensen
Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska

Editor's note: Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska received written permission from Richie Prosch to use several of the drawings from "Jorgen's Rainbow" for a quilt. The following story represents what Jorgen is doing in each square of the quilt. Lodge No. 16 will be raffling off the queen size quilt at the Nebraska District Convention on August 21-23.

Jorgen's rainbow takes him on a grand tour of his homeland, his beloved Denmark. On his travels, he visits first with the five swans of Scandinavian Unity which includes: Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland. Three large land areas make up Denmark. These are Jutland, Sjælland and Fyn plus many small islands. Much of Denmark is coastal area. Never is Jorgen more than 35 miles from the sea so he can go fishing whenever he wants. On Sailor's Street Jorgen sees a large anchor, in memory of seamen who died during World War II.

Cycles are everywhere. They are the best and cheapest mode of travel. Next Jorgen stops by the sea to visit the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen Harbor. Then it's on to see the Runic Stones which were erected by Grom the Old and his son. Jorgen's schedule is very busy but he does stop long enough to say "god dag" before he travels to Tivoli Garden to spend a sunny afternoon. While there, he sees Victor Borge perform.

His travels continue to Legoland where a complete miniature town is built of Legos. At Randers he sees the storks returning at winter's end to nest on the chimneys.

Flying over the countryside, he sees straw roofs being repaired and a lot of cows and pigs. He stops to see many big and beautiful churches; most of them of Lutheran faith. At Vestervig the largest country church in Denmark, he sees a bride placing a piece of kransakage on Linden Kirsten's grave, "a symbol of love". On the way back to Copenhagen, he sees

an "Ugly Duckling" swimming on a small lake near Odense, Fyn where Hans Christian Andersen lived.

The Danes for any reason love to celebrate. If a "Vimpel Flag" is flying in the breeze, it means "stop in, for the coffee is on". An open faced smørrebød sandwich is a delight of every Dane.

In Spring, Fastelavn is celebrated. This festivity ends with

the breaking of a suspended barrel filled with candy and a cat. On July 4 many, many Danes gather at Rebild Park to celebrate America's 4th of July. In late summer, Danes celebrate Saint Hans Night by burning witches. This is an old symbol to protect the crops.

Christmas is a very special time of celebration. "Glædlig Jul" is heard over and over. The Christmas tree might be decorated with hearts, string flags, straw ornaments and candles. Many folks join in dancing and

singing around the tree. After eating the roasted goose and all the trimmings, it is important to remember to set out rice for the Christmas "Nise".

Continuing his travels again, Jorgen stops to see the many Danish castles. At Kronsberg Castle, Jorgen visits the dungeon where he sees a large statue of Holger Danske who is the Danes' "war god". It is said he only comes out when war breaks out.

On his way back to Copenhagen, Jorgen sees many children enjoying different kinds of sports. Jazz festivals are also popular in Denmark. It is almost noon when Jorgen stops at Christianborg Castle where the Royal Guard is about to perform. Jorgen is just in time to see Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik getting into a carriage which is about to leave the palace grounds.

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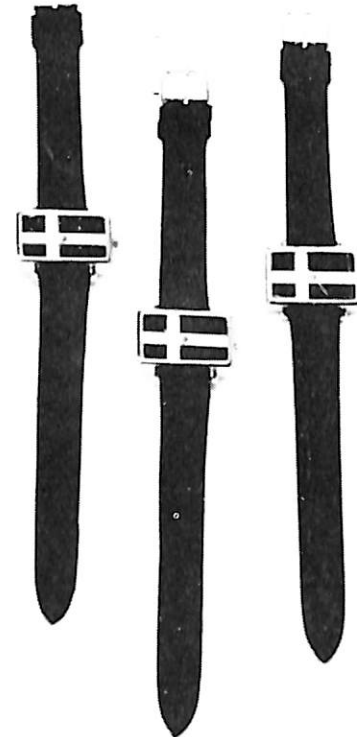
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