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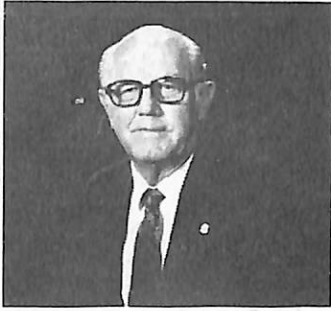
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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

Charitable Giving and the Fraternal Fund

This month I want to cover, in brief, some of the exciting ways for our members to take part in fund raising for our Fraternal Fund. In future months I will discuss these ideas in some detail. You may be pleasantly surprised at some of the programs now available through the Fund, and you might find them interesting enough to want to take part in them.

Americans, including Danes, of course, are very charitable minded, giving a total, in recent years, in excess of \$100,000,000,000 annually to a wide variety of charities. Our members, and our lodges, are no exception. Fund raisers, grants, scholarships, community assistance programs, etc., are regular fare in most, if not all, of our lodges. In addition, many of our members make regular individual gifts and also leave substantial amounts of money through their wills to various charities.

The U.S. Government, through its tax laws, encourages charitable gifts. It recognizes it cannot meet all of the needs of the people, and it needs the help of foundations, churches, volunteer organizations, fraternal societies, etc., and is willing to make tax benefits available for those who wish to give. President Bush talked of volunteer efforts needed by the country in his "Thousand Points of Light" emphasis some time ago.

Gifts to our Fraternal Fund are now tax deductible to those who itemize. Gifts are not limited to cash, but may also include appreciated property such as stock, bonds, real estate, etc. Any capital gains taxes that would otherwise be payable to the government are waived for the donor, and the Fraternal Fund will not be required to pay these taxes when the property is sold. Since there are limitations and restrictions on the amounts and types of gifts, it is always advisable to consult a tax advisor before making the gift, to make sure the contemplated gift will be deductible for you.

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On another subject—we're excited about the new lodge being formed in the Corvallis/Albany/Lebanon area of northern Oregon. If you know of anyone living in this area who might be interested, call Andy at 1-800-553-1937 right away since the lodge will be chartered on October 24.

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One Brief Moment

A short story by Don Peyer

Over a thousand years ago, and some time after the Vikings had invaded and settled the Danish islands and peninsulas, and as tales such as these were handed down from fathers to sons by word of mouth, there rose up a king they called Orluf the Fierce, who was more powerful than all other kings in that part of the world. His castle was the finest in the land, his fleet of ships the most seaworthy, and his men at arms the most fierce.

Orluf's ambition was to bring together under his rule all of that area now known as Denmark. He had tried military force but that did not work. As good as his soldiers were, the other kings and nobles banded together and defeated his efforts by attacking his flanks or by cutting his supply lines in the rear. The fierce king decided that he must accomplish his goal in some other manner.

One day, the king sent for his son, Rasmus Bigfeet. Although Rasmus was almost worthless as sons go and inclined to think of only himself, he was also the most hated man in the kingdom because Orluf had given him the job of collecting the taxes. Rasmus not only had big feet, as his name implied, but he was, you might say, a king-sized package of his father. His mother died when he was born, so he lacked the training that only a mother can give. Instead, he was brought up among the coarse men-of-arms surrounding the king. He acquired all the bad habits given to men who are left to themselves without the female influence. Orluf had tried to find a mate for him several times, but his reputation preceded him, and women took flight when they saw him coming.

"Rasmus," said the king. "It is long past the time that you should marry. I have found a prospective bride for you, the daughter of King Harald." What he did not tell Rasmus was that the king in question was also powerful, and that through this marriage Orluf hoped to unite the power of the two kingdoms into a force that could not be resisted. Then, if something tragic should happen to King Harald, which was also in his plan, nothing would stop Orluf from uniting the two kingdoms into one super kingdom under Orluf's control.

King Harald was excited when he received the proposal of marriage between Rasmus and Myrla because Myrla, an only child, was quite ugly and without suitors. King Harald wanted a male heir who might some day take over his kingdom.

When the prospective bride and groom were brought

together for their first meeting, Rasmus took his father aside. "This woman," he complained, "is ugly and so much older than I. Do you think we could find one more pleasing to look at?"

Orluf placed his arm about Rasmus. "My son, it pains me to say this, but you have been turned down many times yourself and — and —"

"I know," said Rasmus, "I forget that I'm ugly too, but I will be a king some day, and a king must have a young and pretty bride."

"I understand, Rasmus," said King Orluf, "but consider this. Some day, you will inherit both our kingdom and King Harald's kingdom. You will collect taxes from the peasants in each. You will be the most powerful king around, powerful enough to unite all of the islands and peninsulas in this land. Your heir will also rule over both kingdoms. You must think of your heir, Rasmus."

"I suppose so," said Rasmus, succumbing to his father's will.

The building of a castle was begun on a section of land that had been in dispute between the two kings and was designated as a free realm. King Harald was elated that his heirs would rule both kingdoms and had no suspicions that King Orluf might have aspirations of his own. When the castle was finished, Rasmus and Myrla were married with much pomp and ceremony. They called upon the gods, Njord, Freyja, and Tyre, and especially upon the chief god, Odin, creator of the world, god of war, husband of Frigga who was second in power, and father of Thor. It was believed that Odin had only one eye, that he had given the other eye in exchange for knowledge. They asked for his help.

Now, as legend tells us, with Rasmus and Myrla married, and the two kingdoms seemingly within his grasp, Orluf made a plan to kill Harald and take control of both kingdoms. After consulting with the castle wizard, Estrith, regarding a propitious time to carry out the deed, Estrith told him to take advantage of the coming new moon with the night cloaked in darkness at the approach of the winter solstice. When the time of the new moon came, Orluf set out in the cold and darkness of late autumn with twelve of his most trusted horsemen for Harald's castle.

In the meantime, Rasmus had grown to love his new bride. He looked beyond her homely appearance and saw someone that was always at his side, and who loved

him unreservedly, and often rode with him to collect the taxes. Often she softened his dealings with the people, pleading the cause of those hard pressed to pay the demanded tax. The people loved her, and because of her, had a new respect for Rasmus who was now more willing to listen to their troubles.

At the very time that Orluf was setting out to attack King Harald, Myrla discovered that she would have a child. She told Rasmus and he was ecstatic.

"Let us go tell my father," he exclaimed.

"Yes," Myrla said, "But first we must ride to tell my father and mother. Then we will go to your father."

"Done," said Rasmus, who was so happy that he didn't care what order the telling was done.

King Orluf and his men reached the hills above King Harald's castle the next morning. "We will wait

until dark," he said, and they made camp among a stand of beech trees and a cluster of rock where they spent the day. "Tonight we ride with scarves across our faces to protect our identity. Surprise will be our ally, and some other tribe will be blamed for the deed. When Harald is dead, we will ride out again as we came, rather than continue the battle and risk revealing our identities."

At the castle, Rasmus and Myrla had announced the good news of the coming birth of their child which made Harald so happy that he ordered a feast be prepared and served that evening at the long table in the main hall of the castle. That night, the hall was filled with friends, relatives, and a score of stalwart warriors who had fought for and won so many battles for their king. During the feasting and revelry, a shout came from the courtyard, and then the great hall where two guards had engaged a dozen men who climbed

the outer wall and gained entry to the castle.

Harald's stalwarts unsheathed their weapons and joined the battle. Rasmus led the charge with his heavy sword, and the invaders, realizing they were outnumbered, tried to retreat with their backs to the entrance, slashing with their swords to hold off the counterattack. Rasmus lunged toward one of the invaders, who seemed for a moment to be confused. The man hesitated and uttered the name of Odin, but Rasmus had already swung his sword, striking the man on the side of his head, sending him to the stone floor with a thud. On seeing this, the invaders dropped their weapons and ran for their lives.

When Rasmus pulled the scarf from the man's face, he realized the reason for the disguise. He was anguished to see that he had felled his own father. Orluf moaned and reached for Rasmus who knelt down

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to hear his last words.

"I did it for you, my son," he said, and then his arm fell across his chest.

"Why?" Rasmus asked of the dead man. "Why? I didn't even get to tell you about —"

Harald and Myrla tried to console Rasmus while the others pursued the retreating attackers. The celebration was over. Rasmus and Myrla carried Orluf back to his own land where he was buried next to his dead wife.

Rasmus, with the help of Myrla, and being out from under the shadow of Orluf the Fierce, became known as Rasmus the Kind. Except for the brief moment surrounding Orluf's death, the two lands lived in peace. After King Harald's death many years later, their oldest son, Bjørd, was sent to rule over that land, and later still, after Rasmus died, Bjørd united the two lands. A few years later, Bjørd died in a battle against the peoples from the east who destroyed the three castles and scattered his people, bringing to an end this brief episode in history.

9 Tricks for Halloween Fun

by Pamela Kleibrink Thompson

- ◆ Hazards can be avoided on Halloween by taking the following precautions:
- ◆ Adults or older children should accompany young ghosts and goblins on their hauntings.
- ◆ Light-reflecting costumes or orange reflecting tape will insure no one is mistaken for the invisible man. Flashlights can also brighten the path.
- ◆ Look both ways before crossing the street and obey all traffic safety rules. Walk, don't run, avoid fractures to little skeletons.
- ◆ October can be cold and damp; find a flame-retardant costume that provides protection from the weather.
- ◆ Work your own neighborhood. There will be fewer tricks among the treats from people you know.
- ◆ Eyes work best when not blocked by masks. Paint and makeup can create great effects.
- ◆ Every piece of candy should be checked by a parent for tampering. Throw away all unpackaged goodies including cookies and apples.
- ◆ Never go trick or treating alone, always say thank you.

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The Lost Bean

A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a poor old man. One day he went rummaging through his pockets and found a penny. "What can I do with one penny?" he wondered.

He went to the market and bought some cooked beans.

As he went walking along he ate the beans until he came to a well and by that time he had only one bean left.

Just as he was about to pop it into his mouth, the bean fell into the well.

"My bean! My bean!" wailed the old man.

Quickly, a troll appeared from the well. "What are you making such a fuss about old man?" he asked.

"I want my bean back!" snapped the old man.

The troll dived back into the well, but came up empty-handed. "Sorry," he said, "it isn't down there, but I will give you something even better!"

The old man moved closer. "Like what?" he asked.

"A magic pot!" replied the troll. "Whenever you are hungry just ask it for as much food as you want and you'll get it! And if you think I'm lying to you, you know where I am!"

The old man took the pot and went home.

"Pot," he said, "I'm hungry!" And all at once the pot filled up with beans to overflowing.

"No, No, No!" said the old man. "I want beef and potatoes, not beans!" And he got his wish.

Feeling satisfied he went over to see his neighbors and what do neighbors often talk about? Food.

Everyone told the other what they had eaten until the old man told them about his feast. They didn't believe him so he went home to his pot, gave it a tap and said, "I want a meal for seven and it better be fantastic!"

"Where did you get this from?" they asked.

"Ask all you want in the way of food, my friends," said the old man, "but don't ask me where it came from for that is my secret!"

Just then a nasty old gossip joined the neighbors and wanted to eat, too, and the old man went home to get more food and was followed, unnoticed, by the old gossip.

The old man stepped inside his home and she peeked through the keyhole and saw him take out a pot, give it a tap and ask it for food that filled up lickety-split.

Then he put the pot away and brought the food over to the neighbors who plunged right in again.

Meanwhile, the gossip snuck into the old man's home, stole the pot and replaced it with one of her own.

After a while, the neighbors wanted more food and the old man gladly went home, got the pot, gave it a tap, but nothing happened.

That made him so angry he ran to the well and yelled, "My bean! Give me back my bean!"

Up came the troll again. "What are you yelling about now?" he asked.

"I want my bean back!" said the old man.

"What do you want from me?" asked the troll. "I already gave you more than you bargained for!"

"This pot is no good!" said the old man. "It stopped doing what you said it would do!"

The troll studied the pot. "This is not the one I gave you! Someone must have stolen it and given you this one instead!"

"I live with good people," said the old man. "They would not steal from me!"

The troll just shrugged and dived into the well and came back with another pot. "Here's a new one," he said. "And you better not lose it, for it will give you not only food, but gold and silver, too!"

The old man went home, shut the door and tapped the pot.

Out popped a genie who said, "What can I do for you?"

"I want to eat," replied the old man, "and I want some money, too!"

The genie nodded and quickly placed food before the old man along with gold and silver coins.



The old man took everything and went to see his neighbors and passed the food, silver and gold amongst them.

When the old gossip saw this, she thought, "He must have something better than the pot I stole. I've got to have it!"

And she followed the old man home and stole the pot and replaced it with another one.

Relaxing at home, the old man got the pot, tapped it and nothing happened.

Raging, he went back to the well and screamed, "My bean! My bean!"

Once again, the troll emerged and said, "What is it now?" You are giving me a headache!"

"You can't make fun of me!" snapped the old man. "Here, take your pot! I don't want anything else from you! Just give me my bean!"

The troll sighed. "I've given you two magical pots," he said, "and that should have made you happy the rest of your life. It's not my fault that you have a thief in your neighborhood. This is the final time I'm giving you anything! It isn't a pot. It's a device to detect a thief!"

The old man moved closer. "How does it work?"

"Give a party," instructed the troll, "and have everyone sit in a circle. Place the device in the middle. Then the detector will land on the head of the thief."

The old man took the device and gave a party for his neighbors. He did not invite the old gossip because he really didn't know her that well. But she stood in the street peeking through the window watching just what was going on.

The old man put the detector in the middle of the room and the device circled all of the neighbors and then jumped outside onto the old gossip's head.

"I admit I stole your pots!" she said. "Please let me go!"

She gave the old man back his

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pots, but also went to the king and told him about the old man who had magical pots that only a king should own.

The king sent his guards to bring the old man to him along with his pots and detector. He took them for himself.

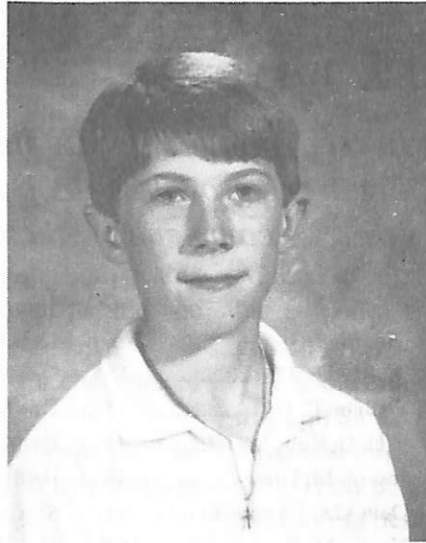
The king used the pots which gave him great wealth.

Then one day he decided to try the detector and put it on the floor, whereupon it jumped right onto his head.

The king asked to see the old man again and requested that he tell him the whole story; and the old man told him how he had lost a bean in a well and how a troll had given him magical pots in exchange for it and how a wicked old woman stole them from him.

The king was amazed by the strange story, but but gave the pots back to the old man and put the gossip old woman in prison.

Introducing...



Michael Moody, one of our new Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 29 in Seattle, Washington, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Michael, but my friends call me Mike. I am 15 years old. I like to ride my bike, but

most of all, I like to play soccer. I have been playing for almost ten years. Currently, I'm taking driver's education so I can get my license soon. I am going to be a sophomore at Inglemoor High School in Bothell. I will be an Inglemoor "Viking". I also play the trumpet in marching and jazz bands. My grandfather, Ralph Nelson, sponsored me as a member of the Young Viking Club. Thanks, Grandpa!"

Welcome Michael!

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 and activities which you enjoy with why you joined the Danish Brotherhood and mail to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

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	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
7-23-92	Vagn Elbeck	71	Skanderborg, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1963
7-5-92	L. Kendall Small	79	Berkeley, California	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1941
8-12-92	William H. DeCamp	67	York, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1962
8-13-92	Jens N. Jensen	73	Portland, Oregon	167	Portland, Oregon	1971
7-22-92	Clemens C. Bertell	83	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1958
8-6-92	Wilson L. Pringle	74	Weathers Field, New York	106	Trufant, Michigan	1965
6-28-92	Niels L. Lauritsen	95	Kansas City, Kansas	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1921
8-21-92	William A. Nielsen	71	Bridgeport, Connecticut	37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	1941
7-28-92	Walter E. Christensen	74	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1979
4-22-92	Otto C. Mogensen	99	Copenhagen, Denmark	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1916
8-16-92	Nils E. Sondergaard	76	Luck, Wisconsin	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1978
6-23-92	Ray F. Madsen	67	Minot, North Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1990
8-20-92	Elmer W. Christensen	97	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1975
9-8-92	Leon A. Christiansen	66	Clinton, Wisconsin	344	Janesville, Wisconsin	1976
8-29-92	Karl C. Larsen	103	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1964
8-11-92	George E. Hopkins	58	St. Paul, Minnesota	299	Solvang, California	1981

Our Lodges in Action

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Pacific

Northwest

Pacific Northwest District

Mogens Pedersen, Regional Sales Manager of the Pacific-Northwest, will be presenting seminars on financial planning free of charge. Here is a chance to get good information and to ask questions. The topic for these seminars are as follows: October 22 - Medicare and long term health care: facts vs. fiction - "Don't let the nursing home become your poor house"; November 12 - Estate planning - wills and living trusts and how to use them; November 20 - Charitable giving. Mo will conduct these seminars during five sessions. Space will be limited so please call the Oregon Outreach Center to reserve your place and to allow for ample materials to be prepared.

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA—Sisterhood Lodge No. 19 and Brotherhood Lodge Nos. 33 and 113 have had three meetings pursuant to our upcoming convention in Tacoma at the Executive Inn in Fife, Washington, on May 21-22, 1993.

Our meetings have been well attended by volunteers from all three lodges. All involved have been very enthusiastic and have come up with an abundance of ideas.

It will behoove all members of our various lodges to consider a trip to Tacoma next year for this event. The Pacific-Northwest is a great vacation area. You will enjoy the beautiful scenery, our many parks, lakes and the majestic Mount Rain-

The best idea for October goes to Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA. See page 16 for details.

ier. Then, too, there is the Pacific Ocean nearby.

Niels Nedergard of Lodge No. 113 presides at our meetings. Myra Brochner, president of Lodge No. 33, and Ulla Lorenz, president of Sisterhood Lodge No. 19, are very active participants.

Signe Wenness, Sec.

Lodge No. 167, Portland OR—We are making plans for an æbleskiver breakfast on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church. All young Vikings and Himmelbjerget campers and alumnus are invited to help make the æbleskiver, set tables, and clean up afterwards. Mark your calendar!

We had another successful Seamen's Center Fair over in Vancouver. We made our investment back plus a little for the Seamen's Center. Thanks to the following people who gave of their time and effort to help make it a success: George and Hazel Larsen, Buck and Cam Jensen, Pete and Jan Christensen, Don and Jo Bogh, Jim and Kathy Chase, Phil Baker, Steve Sorensen, and last but not least, Emma Powell.

Just a little correction to the front page story in the last "Portland Dane" - the author was asking about meetings every two months. The bylaws of the DBIA require ten meetings per year. Therefore, that suggestion would not hold up. Sorry

about that, but we do need some suggestions that would help improve attendance.

Norman Powell, Pres.

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—At our August meeting, 35 Brothers were present and Chris Hansen was initiated. A motion to pay our Omaha dues and new liability insurance was carried.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed the usual refreshments.

The second annual Seattle/Vancouver golf tournament was held on Saturday, August 15, at Anacortes Golf Club. After the golfing, we had dinner at the Farmhouse Inn and the following prizes were awarded: Team combined low score - #1) Chris Maudslien and Rod Novion and #2) Karl Kristensen and Tom Johansen; Men's low score gross - shared by Jesper Dahl and Michael Nielsen; Ladies low score gross - Ulla Thillerup; Ladies longest drive - Theresa Novion; Men's longest drive - Jesper Dahl; Ladies closest to the pin - Patricia Hunter; and Men's closest to the pin - Tom Johansen. It appears that Seattle has an edge over Vancouver, but way to go to Patricia, Karl and Tom. After dinner, we did some dancing and enjoying the evening. Nice tournament and well organized, Arne!

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge No 348, Eugene, OR—In August, we enjoyed our seventh annual Oregon Coast Getaway. We gathered at noon on August 8 at Fredensbo, Hanne and Martin Taekker's summer house in Florence. Fifty-five of us enjoyed a

traditional Danish lunch with all the necessary accompaniments, including good fellowship and fine conversation.

We were blessed with a perfect day for playing at the beach. After a relaxing afternoon enjoying the nearby seashore and other local attractions, forty of us regrouped for dinner at the Florence Elk's Lodge. More than 20 stayed over in the area on Saturday night and returned to Fredensbo for Sunday breakfast and a cozy get-together. Many thanks to Hanne and Martin for organizing and hosting this splendid and highly popular weekend.

We will hold our next regular business meeting on October 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway lodge in Eugene.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA—President Doris Christensen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. This was followed by roll call. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Karl Duus talked about a possible trip to Las Vegas but no date has been set yet.

Ken and Gerry Olsen, District Fraternal Coordinators, visited to talk about the new Fraternal Fund and a membership drive.

It was noted that our lodge has three members on the district board: Karl Duus, First Vice President; Owen Miller, Treasurer; and Karen Rowse, Trustee.

It was decided to update our bylaws as it hasn't been done since 1984.

We will sponsor a dinner for the Danish Lutheran Church sometime in 1993.

It was decided to donate half our profit from the upcoming fish/bingo

dinner to be held on November 20 to the Fraternal Fund.

The barbecue/swim party held August 8 at President Doris Christensen's home was a great success, attended by 32 members and friends. Everyone had a great time. Thank you Doris. Also a big thank you to Karen Rowse and her committee!

The combined Brotherhood and Naver Picnic held August 16 at the Naverdalen in Monrovia also was a big success. About 66 people turned up regardless of the hot weather. The food was wonderful and we had fun playing games or just visiting with friends.

On December 6, our Christmas party will be held at the Alamo, so reserve that date now.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, CA—

We were pleased to great 250 adults and children at our annual chicken barbecue held at Penngrove Park on July 19. It was a perfect day of good food and fellowship. The committee did an exceptional job and we say "tusind tak".

July 11 found 17 Petaluma lodge members (Brotherhood and Sisterhood) gathered at the Lake Tahoe home of Vernon Olsen of Lodge No. 332 for the installation of new officers. This was followed by an outstanding steak barbecue with all the trimmings. Some of us spent several days at the Olsen home on South Shore.

August 21 found us observing "Welcome Home, Delegates Night" chaired by Harvey and Alice Rasmussen. The theme was "Danish Night" to honor our culture and traditions. The main feature was a potluck specializing in Danish food. We can be proud of our good cooks! Another feature was a table where members could display any Danish items they might wish to share, and there were many varied objects to see.

Following the dinner, a short slide presentation was given by Hospice regarding their local "Sacks Thrift Ave." thrift shop. During our meeting, our delegates gave their reports. We were pleased to have as guests for the evening Kaj Kristensen of San Francisco and Aage Lundquist of Oakland.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge No. 299, Solvang, CA—Members gathered for our August business meeting. We were treated to a wonderful tri-tip barbecue prepared by Bob and Rob Petersen. Drinks were supplied by member Phil Larsen as he was celebrating his birthday.

The meeting was called to order by President Steen Weber with all but one officer in attendance. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by the reading of the previous minutes submitted by Secretary Bruce Pedersen. We received three thank you letters from recipients of our lodge scholarships.



California-Nevada District Convention attendees.

The main talk of the evening was, of course, the California-Nevada District Convention held in Solvang. It was reported by all members to have been a great success. The convention was very well attended with over 200 people at Friday's country western barbecue in Hans Christian Andersen Park. Rumor has it that our own Chris Beehler won the La Purisima golf tournament. The banquet held Saturday night was the highlight of the convention. It was truly a wonderful evening.

Special thanks were given to President Steen Weber, committee co-chair persons Edward Madsen and Else Lassiter, newly elected district presidents Johannes and Marie Jaeger and Kenny Fitzgerald for all their time and effort in making this a wonderful convention. Thanks also to all of you committee members whose names weren't mentioned but helped to make this the success that it was.

We here at Lodge No. 299 would like to thank all you delegates, friends and special guests for coming and making this year's convention one of the best ever.

Rodney Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA— Fifteen of our members attended the California-Nevada District Convention in July in Solvang. Tina Hogan, speaker for the Youth Group at the convention, was elected chairman of the group. Her dynamic personality was appreciated by all. More young people are needed for this group. Cal Tina for more information.

Bess Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange Co., CA— Our meeting began with a very delicious barbecue dinner. Thanks to all who brought the dishes that went with the barbecue. Thanks to Betty Christensen for furnishing the dinner rolls and Irene Nielsen who furnished the anniversary cake.

We had time to visit after dinner and before the business meeting. John Kotnik had taken numerous convention pictures and customized them in an album with titles, convention programs and other literature pertaining to the convention. It was nice to see how the convention went.

The business meeting began at 7:30. Visitors introduced were Tim Johnson, Nikki Norvell, Kristi Schweers and Aaron Dye.

Gertrude Nielsen, co-chairperson for Operation H.O.P.E., gave a report on places that she and Marian Aymar had checked on for our new Operation: H.O.P.E. recipient. It was decided to start our new program by supporting the South Orange County YWCA. At the Board meeting, the officers decided to have several points clarified to the membership before we actually begin with this program. We will be establishing points such as length of support, amount of support and needs of the YWCA.

Convention delegates Jim Wiegandt and Ken Olsen both gave brief convention reports to the membership. Closing the meeting, past president Gary Gossett presented the Spencer Nielsen Award to this year's winner, Gerry Olsen. He expounded on many of her fine qualities which made her a most deserving winner.



California-Nevada District youth representatives with Gary Gossett, Chairman of Youth Committee.

As soon as possible, the 1994 district convention committee will be forming. Our lodge will be hosting it. Please plan on being prepared to help out on a committee. There will be a general meeting soon and several chairpeople need to be elected. We already have two willing volunteers, Kaj Bjorn and Betty Christensen, and we thank them for their willingness to help out. Every member is needed.

Our Danish language classes resumed on September 2. We meet at the Westminster Mobile Home Park

recreation room at 7:30 p.m. Kaj Bjorn is the instructor. Please remember we must have a minimum of ten people in attendance each month to make it worth Kaj's time to continue this class. So, everyone come out and join us. You'll learn something and have a good time in the process.

Operation: H.O.P.E. special projects chairman, Helga Bjorn, delivered ten pounds of aluminum tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in August. Helga has been delivering the tabs our members bring to the Ronald McDonald House for over a year now in our continuing support of this project. Our many thanks to all our members who faithfully remember to collect these tabs and to Helga who delivers them to the facility.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA— On July 18, the fishing trip out of Oceanside was held with 23 members, family and friends in attendance. Everyone caught fish and was all smiles on this trip! Thanks to Jim Patterson for the time put into this outing for the lodge.

Seven members of our lodge attended the California-Nevada District Convention in Solvang in July. It was a very good convention. We were represented very well by Pete Petersen and Vikki Garrison. National Director Barry Edmonds and National Fraternal Director Jennifer Denning-Kock were at the convention representing the National Board and the Home Office giving us an opportunity to put a face with a name. They were more than willing to answer any questions on and off the convention floor.

On August 13, President Darlene Petersen called a Board meeting. We are trying to finalize the plans for the upcoming installation in January and to discuss the 1993 district convention which we will

be hosting. Ken Nielsen accepted the responsibility of Convention Chairman. Darlene Petersen and Sue Patterson will be busy getting information to present to him at his first meeting with regards to where we might have it.

The lodge has received several donations in memory of Carolyn Lindberg and it was proposed and voted on to create a special Youth Fund in Carol's name with these monies.

President Darlene also brought up something that sounds like fun and would help our Operation: H.O.P.E. project. The American Diabetes Association is having a Walktoberfest. As Carolyn Lindberg died of diabetes, we thought we could do this in her memory and get sponsors as a group. It is a 5 or 10 mile walk (we went for the 5 miles).

Sue Patterson, Cor.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—If you are volunteering in any way, please make the Operation: H.O.P.E. committee aware of your work. Hours you serve can count towards the efforts of Lodge No. 1 to work for others. Flo Hansen and Ruth Nielsen are working in the archives at Dana College. What are you doing?

The ice cream at the August meeting was superdelicious. Thanks to the committee for their good work.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—Good news! At our last meeting, the membership voted to eliminate payment of local dues to the lodge for the fiscal year 1992-1993. We will still be paying the national dues to the Home Office. There are adequate funds in the lodge treasury to

pay this year's expenses.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE

We had a picnic on August 11 at the St. Paul City Park to honor our member, Douglas Kosmicki. President Clyde Barth presented Douglas with the Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence plaque on behalf of the National Headquarters. Douglas is attending Nebraska Wesleyan University at Lincoln.



Douglas Kosmicki and President Barth.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

Iowa

Minnesota

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA

We had several guests join us at our August 10 Card Party meeting on the special occasion of the presentation by President Wilber Williamson of the first installment of \$250 to Lodge #15 scholarship recipients Laura Kay Hild and Amy Christensen. They are the initial winners of the first annual local lodge scholarships for members or children and grandchildren of members. Another \$250 will be presented at the beginning of the second semester.

Laura Kay is a senior at Grand View College and Amy a sophomore at University of Iowa. We extend to them congratulations and best wishes with their studies.

The annual Brotherhood-Sisterhood picnic took place Sunday, August 23, at Saylorville Lake, Cherry Glen picnic area. We were pleased to have several children among those in attendance. They enjoyed a first class water balloon fight which proved entertaining for the adults.



Some of the "water balloon warriors."

Our October 12 meeting will include a presentation by representative of "Our Primary Purpose", an outpatient treatment program for adolescents suffering from chemical dependency.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA

Our next regular meeting followed by a video of the Ethnic Festival will take place on October 10 at 7:30 p.m. Lunch will follow the meeting. Bring something to share. Halloween costumes can be worn.

We met at 5:00 for a picnic at Clear Lake in July. An application for membership was filled out by Kenneth Gutterman. Thorvald Sorensen, Edith Skene and Tammi Sonsalla were elected delegates to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention. Helen Bergman was the alternate selected. Thorvald Sorensen, President, discussed proposed bylaw changes for the district.

We met at Central Park in Clear Lake for a potluck picnic in August. We discussed the letter from the Home Office suggesting a fund raiser for the Fraternal Fund. The district bylaws were again discussed and

questions raised on some issues to be discussed at the district convention by the delegates.

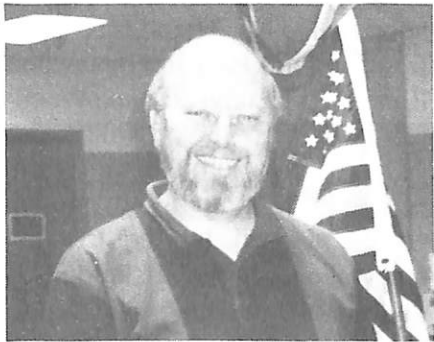
Velkommen to Kenneth Gutterman, our newest member. His wife, Evelyn, is also a member. Kenneth shared some excellent pictures he had taken at the Ethnic Festival and they were used in **American Dane**. We are happy to have Ken and Evelyn as members of our lodge.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge No. 341, Kimbalton-Elkhorn, IA—We met August 24 at the Senior Citizens Center in Harlan, Iowa, for a 6:30 p.m. potluck supper with 25 members present.

President Elmer Jensen presided and opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Dennis Nissen was initiated into the lodge. We voted to be a supporting sponsor for a Museum Benefit held in Harlan.



New member Dennis Nissen.

A short business meeting was held before we adjourned to meet again in October for an æbleskiver supper.

Alice Simonsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA—On August 15, we had our annual breakfast in Squaw Creek Park which turned out to be quite successful. Our breakfast is always the last outdoor event in any given year. No business was conducted this time.

We had a guest from Denmark, Henrik Rugaard, who just arrived.

He is an exchange student at Kirkwood. We wish him lots of luck and hope by the end of his school year, he will return to Denmark with a good impression of the American way of living.

We wish to thank the brunch committee of Harold and Erma Jorgensen, Steve and Karla Labs and Anker Severinsen, for making this brunch a successful one. Many other members brought baked goodies and fresh fruit. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the gathering.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

Midwest

Midwest District

The Midwest District Dart Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, October 24. It will be sponsored by Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, from 9:00 a.m. until late afternoon. The cost is \$6.00 per person for darts and \$6.00 per person for lunch. Teams to be determined by the "luck of the draw" to form two-person teams. Coffee and kringle will be served at the time of registration. Cash bar will be available. Full payment for entries and lunch must accompany entries by October 20. Make checks payable to DBIA Lodge No. 14 and mail to Danish Brotherhood in America Lodge No. 14, 2206, 63rd Street, Kenosha, WI 53143. For further details, contact Todd Barnett or Bob Ibsen.

Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI—The annual picnic was a big success and we wish to thank all who participated. A special thanks goes to Chairman, Glen Nyboe, and the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 5.

Our semi-annual Torsk dinner will be held on October 17 at D.D.R.'s Pub. This will be the tradi-

tional family style Torsk dinner. A bottle of beer and an akvavit is included. Make your reservations early as seating will be limited. Tickets are \$11.50 per person. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. Reservations must be received by October 10. Send your reservation request with check to John Mollerskov.

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 9. We encourage all members to attend and to invite guests.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—The video tapes of the 100th anniversary are available at the hall for you to take home and return. We have a 30-minute cable (t.v.) version and the entire three hour tape. Our thanks to Ed Werner and Dr. John Hosmanek for their work on this project. We also have compiled a scrapbook with the pictures taken.

On Sunday, August 2, 117 people went to Arlington Park. Refreshments and snacks were served on the buses. We had reserved seats, very wet racing and a great meal back at the lodge. Thanks to General Chairman Ed Zydowsky who did his usual great job and bus leaders Bob Ibsen and Dan Greenwald and all of their assistants.

We have three booths available in the Rathskeller for the Jule Fest Craft Fair on Saturday, November 7. Please call Shirley Rodgers.

August 8 found 20 of our members and wives at the Midwest District Annual Golf Outing hosted by Lodge No. 35 in Chicago. Bernie Sura was low net winner; Ken Learmont, Bernie Sura, Jerry Wamboldt and Roger Nelson were the third place team; John Deom won for the longest putt; Ken Learmont was closest to the pin and Don Servais tied for first in putting game prior to golfing. We thank Dan Greenwald for chairing this event for our lodge.

Woody Petersen wanted to give special thanks for attending. We had five of the 11 teams participating.

Jim Bohn is still taking orders for our new lodge shirts.

The delegates to the Midwest District Convention are Ben Peterson and Dan Greenwald. Alternates who will attend are Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. and Todd Barnett.

A big thank you to the Rathskellar group for their generous donation to purchase the new telephone.

Men's Smoker Night will feature card games galore! It is set for Thursday, October 29 from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Beer, soda, food, and coffee will be available, for only \$4.00. Tickets are available at the meeting or at Rathskellar.

Our Halloween party is set for October 31. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will take place from 8:00 p.m. until midnight, with costume judging at 8:30 p.m. Call Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. or Jim Bohn.

Please note, Rathskellar is now open one half hour prior to all Packer games.

Bob Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 17, Chicago, IL—On July 18, Merle and Albertice Nylen hosted a Splash Party at their home in Barrington for members of the Danish Sisterhood, Danish Brotherhood, and the Danish Settlers. Their heated pool was perfect, leading many guests to jump in. Some of the swimmers included Lee and Ed Hansen, Virginia and Caroline Christensen, Kristie and Bruce Mendez, Karen Nylen-Swidergal, Merle Nylen, Ken Duckmann, Solskin Krogh, Elsa, Linda and Elizabeth Steffensen, and Alice Vitacco.

A potluck dinner followed the fun in the sun. Karen Nylen-Swidergal grilled hot dogs and hamburgers to accompany the many salads and side dishes brought by guests.

Karen then became the auction-

eer during the brown bag auction. Beautiful as well as silly items were concealed within the brown bags from pottery to Hamburger Helper. Over \$118.00 was raised for a worthy cause.

Albertice Nylen, Sec.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL—Workers are needed to spruce up the Viking boat float. Please contact Virgil for the date. Hagar and Helga "went back to Denmark" so we need someone to represent us on the float. How about a couple of Vikings?

If you are interested in getting a lodge shirt, contact Jackie Klehm. She will order again if enough are interested.

The Midwest District golf outing was held on August 8. Twenty-four from Dwight journeyed north for the tournament and the team of Robert F. Weller, Harry Johnson, Paul Schou and Devareaux Jensen brought home first place. Special prizes went to Roy Hoegger for longest drive and to Dev Jensen and Harry Lund for the best put.

Ron Colebank was voted on and approved for membership. Keep that link growing!

The Trap Shoot on June 13 only lured 25 shooters from Lodge Nos. 34, 35 and 92. Rick Sullivan provided a great meal.

The Conklin Theater outing was cancelled. The price per person has been raised from \$19.50 to \$26.50 and the Board felt that this was too much, especially if you are paying for a couple. The increase was due to "name" people stars in the shows.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—The Midwest District annual golf outing was held at Urban Hills Country Club in Richton Park, Illinois, and hosted by Lodge No. 35. Those who attended were treated royally due to the generosity of Wilson Sporting Goods who donated a visor for

everyone who played and a sleeve of golf balls along with numerous other prizes for raffle gifts. It was a beautiful day and the greens were great. The dinner which followed was enjoyed by all. A team from Dwight won the traveling trophy.

At the August 21 meeting, Ray Nielsen read proposed bylaw changes which will be printed in the next newsletter and voted upon later. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Carole Kost who passed away recently. Charles Jespersen announced that Christ Mortensen, the eldest member of the DBIA and a member of our lodge, was honored on the occasion of his 110th birthday on the "Today" show in August.

A total of 228 members, friends and children signed in at the Midwest District annual picnic on August 23. This event was sponsored by Lodge No. 35 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 and was held at Izzak Walton Park in Homewood, Illinois. Ray Ludvigsen and Woody Petersen were busy cooking hot dogs. Everyone brought a casserole or salad. The children enjoyed many games planned by the Connery family and Minnie Richard. Gertrude and Ray Ludvigsen chaired the event and did a great job, along with the many members it takes who work so hard to make such an event a success. Thanks to all.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI—Our lodge will be giving assistance to Sojourner Truth House, a refuge for battered women and their children. Bring your donations to the next meeting. Suggestions include soap, toothpaste and brushes, combs, deodorant, shampoo, slippers for adults, booties for children, rain hats, sleepwear such as pajamas, robes and nighties, but not other clothing due to lack of space.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI— We had our annual picnic on Thursday, July 23 at Riverside Park. After a delicious potluck meal, Loyal Lundorf auctioned off items that were brought for sale. Everyone had an enjoyable time trying to overbid each other. Money made from the sale went to our treasury.

Our August meeting was held Thursday, August 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church. There was a discussion on serving doughnuts and coffee at the Waupaca Fall Festival. Ella Gudmandsen offered to make some doughnuts. Melda and Henry Mortensen announced that they had made a donation of \$50.00 in the name of Lodge No. 343 for a plaque being placed at the Danish cemetery at Bear Creek. After our meeting, Dennis Edwards of the police department, gave a talk on keeping our homes more safe, especially when we are gone. This was followed by lunch.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

Michigan

Ohio

Lodge No. 225, Canton, OH—



President Belinda James with Rev. Mark Nodo.

Mark W. Nodo, past president of our lodge, received a gift from president Belinda James on behalf of all

his friends in the Canton lodge on the day of his ordination into the Lutheran Ministry. Rev. Nodo will be serving The Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington, Ohio. We wish Mark, his wife Kathryn, and their daughters, Abby and Jamie, well in their new life serving God and man.

Art Boring, Treas.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—In August we held our social night at Rotary Park in Livonia. Our attendance was good. George Petersen got a standing ovation for one of his many trips for coffee and hot dogs for the grill.

On August 21, many enjoyed an evening of music provided by the Skaelskør Naval Band from Denmark. The band consisted of 42 young Danes ages 10-18.

A dinner meeting at the Danish Inn is scheduled for October 14.

On October 24, we will celebrate our 87th year at Machus Sly Fox in Birmingham. A fun evening is planned by the committee. Please reserve early. For details, contact Paul Carlsen or Ken Christensen.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

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The 68th annual convention of the General Committee of Eastern Lodges was held over Labor Day Weekend, September 5-7. The convention was hosted by Thor Lodge No. 46 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and was held at the Landmark Inn in Woodbridge, New Jersey. Ken Nielsen, Convention Chairman, opened the convention and introduced Eric Brown, President of Lodge No. 46 and the GCEL. Eric promptly introduced Asbjorn Fisker, National Director representing the

National Board of Directors; Jerry Christensen, CEO/Secretary-Treasurer from the National Headquarters in Omaha; Erling Braumann, National First Vice President; Barry Edmonds, National Director; and George Jacobsen, Past National President. The balance of the Saturday meeting was officer and lodge reports. Saturday night we boarded two buses and headed to Atlantic City for six hours of losing money.

The convention meetings began on Sunday morning and continued throughout the day. Asbjorn Fisker and Jerry Christensen both made presentations to the delegates. Many questions were brought up concerning national dues, Fraternal Fund contributions and the overall expenses of the Brotherhood. Both Asbjorn and Jerry were commended on the fine way they responded to the questions.

Sunday night was the banquet and installation of officers. Newly elected officers for 1992-1993 are: President, Eric Brown, Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy; Vice President, Helen Kofod, Lodge No. 325, Nassau County; Secretary, Winnie Edmonds, Lodge No. 32, New Haven; Treasurer, Rick Trust, Lodge No. 342, Bucks County; and Trustee, Carl Sorensen, Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Connecticut. Congratulations to the new officers.

During the banquet Sarah and Steffanie Larsen from New Haven Lodge No. 32 addressed the members and guests present and thanked the Brotherhood for the contributions they have received since the death of their father last year. They are very proud to belong to such a caring organization as the DBIA.

The convention weekend ended with a breakfast at the Danish Home in Edison. Everyone said their good-byes until next year when we will return to Perth Amboy for the convention.

Winnie Edmonds, Sec.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ— At our August meeting, Convention Committee Chairman Ken Nielsen updated us on the schedule of activities arranged for the GCEL District Convention. He urged all the members to partake in the activities on the agenda.

Our annual potluck picnic had approximately 40 people in attendance. A good time was had by all. Those present were able to inspect and appreciate the size and the perfection of the alterations involved resulting in new kitchen facilities on the Danish Home grounds.

The meeting closed at an early hour for refreshments.

Jens C. Jessen, Cor.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia,

PA—We look forward to our October meeting and reports from the GCEL District Convention from Joe Leis and John Keegan.

It was on June 20 that 60 members and guests assembled at Ea and John Keegan's home in Landenberg, PA, to celebrate midsummer and "burn the witch". The number of people attending was exactly the same as the year before, and we enjoyed Ea's fabulous culinary creations and John's cooled down drinks before we stretched our legs and worked our way up the hill where the witch was on her broom, ready for her flight.

It was a perfect launching, and the remote ignition engulfed her in a ball of fire instantaneously and she was off to her convention on

Blocksbjerg.

Those who stayed behind enjoyed the bonfire and sang our homeland's songs for the occasion. Thank you to Ea, John and all their helpers for a memorable evening.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.



Langsted Honored for Service

Clyde Langsted, National Past President, was honored by the 1992 Seattle, Washington All-Danish Community Picnic Committee.

A special certificate was signed and presented by members of the committee representing nine Seattle area Danish organizations. Clyde was cited for "being a masterful Master of Ceremonies. . ." and for his many contributions to the success of the picnic. The certificate also named him "Seattle's GREAT Dane."

He has been involved in the Brotherhood since his father joined Lodge No. 29, Seattle in 1937. 1992 marks Clyde's 25th year of membership. In addition to his National Brotherhood responsibilities, he has held many offices at the local and district levels. Clyde currently serves as the secretary of DBIA Lodge No. 29, Seattle.

He also serves as secretary of the Nordic Heritage Museum Board of Directors and is an active member of the Northwest Danish Foundation and the Ballard Cochrane post of the American Legion.

The third annual All Danish Community Picnic was held in Edmonds, Washington, this past summer. About 500 people were in attendance. Organizations participating in the picnic include: Danish Brotherhood, Northwest Danish Foundation, Danish Sisterhood, Harmonien, Danish Soccer Club, Danish Club of Seattle, Danelag, Happy Danish Singers, and the Seattle chapter of Rebild Society.

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Barry Edmonds, \$658.00, California-Nevada District Convention.

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Facts About Denmark

Area: 16,632 square miles
 Population: 5.146 million people (1990)
 Capital: Copenhagen
 Government: Constitutional Monarchy since 1849
 Queen Margrethe II
 Prime Minister - Poul Schlueeter
 Folketing - Unicameral Parliament
 Largest Political Party - Social Democratic Party
 Member of NATO and United Nations
 U.S. Ambassador: Richard Stone (January 1992)
 Religion: 97% of the population is Evangelical Lutheran
 Per Capita Income: \$24,250
 Economics: Inflation rate of 2.2%
 60% of all exports are manufactured products
 7.6 hour work days

General

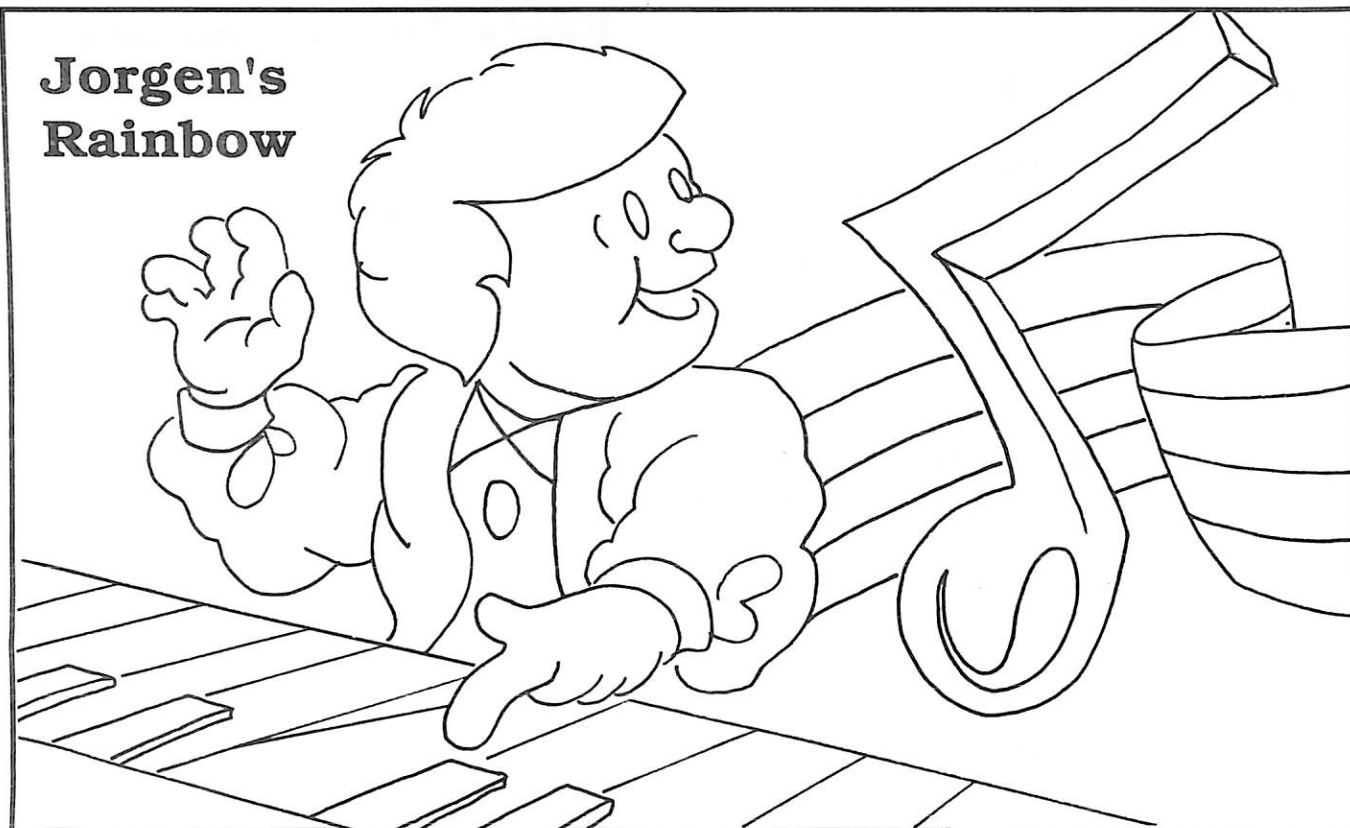
Information: 225 U.S. firms have offices, affiliates or subsidiaries in Copenhagen
 99% literacy rate
 Birthplace of Soren Kirdegaard - philosopher; Hans Christian Andersen - author; Victor Borge - entertainer.
 Valued Product: "Royal Copenhagen" - fine porcelain

*Source of information: "Countries of the World and Their Leaders Yearbook"

Facts and Figures About Danish Immigration

- *Immigration of the Danes was largely due to the promise of the land.
- *Nine-tenths of all Danish emigrants chose to relocate in America.
- *Danish immigration peaked in 1920 with a total of 189,000 immigrating that year.
- *Over 380,000 Danes immigrated from 1820-1932.
- *Source of information: "The Dream of America"

Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen hits an eighth note as Bifrost dances to the music. Danes love music and Denmark is famous for its wondrous organs. Jorgen is playing the oldest one in the country here at a church in Mogeltonder. Does your local church have a nice organ? Do you think you could play it?

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.

September winners: Kristine Marie Jensen, Heather Porter and Jenni Lind.

Grandma's Kitchen

HVIDKAALSUPPE (CABBAGE SOUP)

2 lbs. meat (lamb, salt pork
or hambone)
2 onions or 4 leeks
1 head cabbage
4 carrots diced
4 potatoes diced
salt and pepper to taste



Gunild Ostergaard

Cover meat with cold water and boil until tender, 3-4 hours. Cut up cabbage and onions and cook separately until tender. Cook potatoes and carrots together. Add all the cooked vegetables to the broth just before serving. Serve the meat on a side dish dipped in prepared mustard and slice of bread.

Viking Adventures

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

Meet the Olsens, Southern California-Nevada District Fraternal Coordinators

Ken and Gerry Olsen have been members of the Danish Brotherhood in America since 1980. Ken's parents were Danish and he was interested in meeting other Danes. His two brothers who belong to the Danish Brotherhood encouraged him to join. Gerry's interest in the Danish heritage and community were reasons she joined the DBIA. They are a 100% DBIA insured family of Lodge No. 345, in Orange County. This includes their three children, their children's spouses, eight grandchildren. Gerry's brother, John Kotnik, is their lodge's most recent member.

Ken has held the offices of president and vice president. He has been lodge president three times. He currently serves the district as outer guard. Gerry has been the lodge secretary for the last eight years. To top it off, they serve the Danish Brotherhood in America as a District Fraternal Coordinator Team for the California-Nevada District. The lodges they

have agreed to serve include: Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles; Lodge No. 299, Solvang; Lodge No. 306, San Diego; Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield; Lodge No. 345, Orange County and Lodge No. 346, Riverside.

They have been involved in this program since 1990. They say, "We have a desire to see the Danish



Gerry and Ken Olsen

Brotherhood in America continue to grow and become an outstanding Danish organization. One way to do this is to promote the Danish Brotherhood by visiting other lodges on behalf of National Headquarters. As fraternal coordinators, we can accomplish this."

The advice they have is this, "Don't let your heritage fade away. Get involved in the soci-

ety, take part in lodge activities, take an interest in your heritage."

"Be enthusiastic because enthusiasm is contagious."

Something for the Little Ones

Li'l Dane t-shirts are now available. These white t-shirts have red sleeves and trim. Li'l Dane is also printed in red on the front of the t-shirt. They are 50% cotton/50% polyester and machine washable. All t-shirts are size 18 months.

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