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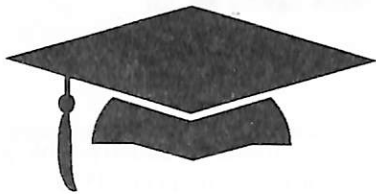
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Cover Photo: Valloe Castle, south of Copenhagen, is a distinguished Renaissance structure from 1586. Established in 1737 as a home for unmarried ladies of rank by Queen Sophie Magdalene. The castle is surrounded by a wide moat, and a fine park which is open to the public. **Photo courtesy of Danish Tourist Board.**

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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

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In my first message as president of the Danish Brotherhood in America I stated I would not be writing articles for **American Dane** every month. However, it seems important for me, with the help of our consultant, to continue to clarify our programs, as we have done in the last two issues. The Danish Brotherhood is in need of your help. I hope your response to the various programs we offer will be positive.

Most of our members have a deep interest in, and commitment to the purposes of our society — those of providing help to members in financial need, providing educational scholarships to people who can use financial assistance, providing grants to give youngsters an opportunity to attend either a Danish language camp or a summer camp of their choice, providing income to orphaned children as a result of the untimely death of both parents, and much more.

Now that the National Convention delegates voted to have our Fraternal Fund provide the money for these grants, it is up to us, the members, to raise the needed funds to not only keep the grants at the current levels, but to expand programs if possible.

I'm calling on you to help raise substantial amounts of money in the next few weeks. It does not take a lot of money from a lot of donors to add up to goodly amounts. We could do wonders if a lot of members would give modest monthly amounts. As an illustration, if 100 families (out of a total membership of nearly 10,000 people) would give \$25 per month, in one year we would raise \$30,000, and by National Convention time in 1995 about \$100,000 would be raised. If 250 families would sign up, about \$250,000 would be raised! You can start or stop at any time, of course. The home office staff will assist you in an automatic withdrawal plan. One-time gifts in any amount would be welcome and deeply appreciated, whether it be \$5, \$10, \$1,000 or more.

Remember, gifts to our Fraternal Fund are income tax deductible to itemizers, subject to maximums set by the IRS (usually 50% of your adjusted gross income). For 1992 tax credit, gifts must arrive at the home office by no later than December 31.

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Artistic What?

by Mary Ellen Cooper

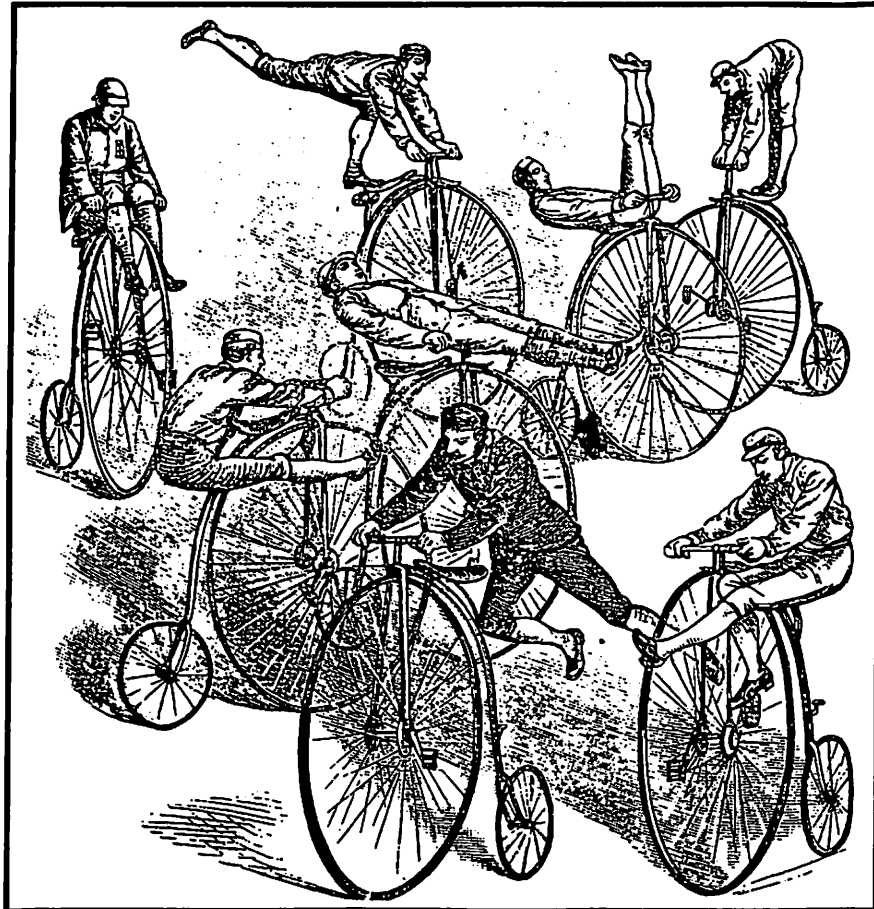
As graceful as ice skating, as demanding as gymnastics, as thrilling to watch as any circus stunt is the sport known as Artistic Bicycling. It all started in 1866 when riders from Denmark, other countries of Scandinavia, Europe, and the U.S. competed in Germany for world stunt records.

Performing on the old high wheel or 'ordinary' cycle, the riders balanced, standing on the seat, riding backward, balanced on one leg, etc. The prizes were gold medals and one thousand dollars (a considerable amount in those days).

The first competitors were all men, but it wasn't long until women got into the act. Annie Sylvester was the best known of the women riders in the 1890's. Performing in a short skirted uniform with tights, she amazed audiences. She rode around sitting on the seat backward, then standing on the seat and finally balancing on her head on the seat. (And this on a seat which was six feet high in the air!)

The 'safety' or two wheeled bicycle that is familiar today was introduced in the late 1890's and for a time, bicycle mania ruled the land. Except for trains, bicycles were the fastest machines around. Bicycle racing drew crowds of thirty to fifty thousand people. In the intermission between races, masters of trick bicycle riding performed for the crowd's entertainment.

With the introduction of the automobile in the early 1900's, both Danes and Americans threw themselves into a love affair with cars that has never ended. Bicycle production plummeted, with many manufacturers turning to automotive-related production.



In Denmark many people continued to ride bicycles, and the sport of balanced or artistic riding grew apace. It became organized with strict rules, judging as complex as any Olympic event, with nations striving to produce teams that will defeat their rivals.

Today, if you visit Europe during the international competition, which goes on for two weeks, you may see teams from all over the world, including Asia, compete for honors. It is similar to the Olympics, in that when the winners are announced, the national anthem is played as the riders receive their medals.

The rule book lists figures for individual performance. A rider may perform twenty-eight figures, with descriptive names, such as; handlebar seat reverse, sidestand with both feet on one pedal, sidestand with one knee on saddle, saddle-handlebar handstand, and saddlestem level (that is using one hand on the handlebar with the elbow supporting body, both legs stretched back horizontally!) The riders are judged for six minutes by a minimum of three judges both on the difficulty of the figures, and the grace and smoothness with which they perform.

Pairs perform balancing figures like those mentioned, but with the added difficulty of holding hands during these maneuvers, and of course, keeping time with the music.

In addition to the individual and pair exhibitions, there are teams who perform, sometimes balancing twenty-one people on three bicycles! Then there are spirited cycle-ball games played by teams on bicycles. (It is similar to soccer, except they hit the ball with their front wheels.)

The bicycles appear not much different than ordinary bicycles, with these exceptions: the handlebars turn straight

up, (the better to perform handstands), they are all direct drive, (with no gears), and the bicycles have straighter forks and a shorter frame geometry than ordinary bicycles. Also, there are stops welded on the frame, axles, and forks to balance on.

Training for artistic bicycling is much like other gymnastics training. The men and women ride and practice until the bicycle feels a part of them and they can then concentrate on the graceful and artistic aspects of their sport.

If you're traveling to Denmark or Europe, consider adding to your list of activities, an afternoon of watching artistic bicycling. You'll come away amazed at what the superb young athletes can do with a two wheeler!

Photographs are courtesy of Heinz Pfeiffer, former three times world champion, currently coach of the German team.

Your travel agent may want to contact the headquarters of the artistic cycling club in the country you choose to visit.

Union of Cyclists International is: 6 Rue Amat, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland, tel. 002-322914.

Danmarks Cycle Union, Idraettens Hus, 2600 Glostrup, Denmark. tel. 02-45616.

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Pictured at right: Heinz Pfeiffer and wife perform an artistic bicycling act. On the previous page is an illustration circa 1881.



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Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Article V, Section 58, Paragraph 5.

Scholarships are available to Danish Brotherhood in America members only. Scholarships are awarded only for attendance at United States accredited colleges, universities, technical or vocational schools. Scholarships are not granted for graduate study. The Board will consider scholarship applications for attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark.

The Flower Princess

A Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a king who had one daughter.

When his daughter was very young, his wife had died and he remarried.

The new wife pretended to be kind to the king's daughter but in time when the new wife had a daughter of her own she started to behave in a hateful way towards the princess.

The new wife made life unbearable for the king's daughter until the girl couldn't take it any longer.

The king did not know about this for he was busy ruling his kingdom.

Finally, the princess ran away from home. She ran and ran until she came to a pool of water surrounded by trees.

Now the princess did not know it, but this was an enchanted pool, for all kinds of strange things were said to have happened there: a bird that had dived into the pool was said to have become an eagle; a frog was said to have emerged as a swan, and so on.

The princess knew nothing of the pool's magical powers. Sleepily, she climbed up one of the trees and fell asleep.

The next day, a prince who lived in a kingdom nearby went riding on his horse and came upon the pool. He glimpsed at the reflection of the girl in the pool and when he stepped closer he saw that she was very, very beautiful and fell in love with her right then and there.

The prince was afraid for a moment that the reflection might exist just in the water, for he had heard of demons that made their home in the pool.

But when he looked up in the tree and saw that she was a real person, even more lovely than her reflection, he was speechless.

He asked the beautiful girl if he might help her down and she took his hand and

climbed down the tree.

The prince then asked the girl what she was doing up there and she told him all that had happened to her ever since her father, the king, had remarried.

The prince heard all of the hateful things the stepmother had done and agreed that the princess had no other choice but to leave the kingdom. And he promised that he would protect her from all harm.

The princess and prince fell in love at that very moment, and the prince filled with such joy, that he told the princess that his father and mother would gladly accept her and welcome her to their home.

He removed a silver charm that he was wearing and placed it around her neck and told the princess that he would now depart, but would come back soon with his family so that they could welcome her properly.

Then he galloped away and the princess sat down on a large rock overlooking the pool.

Soon, a maid from the nearby city came by the pond to fetch some water. Now the water of the pool wasn't used for drinking because of all the tales about it, but since the closest well had become muddy there had been no other choice but to make use of the pool.

The maid was not a nice woman and envied those prettier than herself; and when she sat down next to the princess she stared at her beautiful gown as well as all of the jewels the princess wore.

The maid pretended to be friendly even though she was raging with jealousy. She asked the princess why she was sitting there and the princess told her that she was waiting for her prince who would return very soon.

When the maid heard this she was

filled with hatred and vowed that it would be her and not the princess whom the prince would marry.

The maid told the princess that she had never seen such a lovely dress before and asked to try it on. The princess who was extremely generous agreed and let the maid wear it.

The maid then asked for the princess's jewels to try on also and finally when the maid was wearing everything that had belonged to the princess she shoved her into the pool.

No sooner did the princess touch the water, then she became a wreath of flowers which floated on the surface of the pool.

Just then the prince rode up and when he approached what he thought was the princess, he almost fell off his horse.

This girl, who was really the maid, was wearing the same gown and jewelry, but she didn't appear to be the same person he had met earlier.

The prince was in shock and asked the girl, "What has become of your silken hair?"

The girl just shrugged.

"Why are your legs so crooked?" asked the prince moving closer.

The girl shrugged again.

"And why are you crossed-eyed?" he asked, biting his lip.

The girl sighed and shrugged once more.

The prince found it hard to believe that this was the same girl he had fallen in love with, but he was a man of his word and he felt that he had no choice but to take her with him.

As he lifted her up on his horse he looked down into the pool and saw the beautiful wreath of flowers floating around the water. The beauty of the

flowers only reminded him of the lovely princess he had met there and he reached down and picked up the wreath and took it with him.

He kept the wreath in his room and cared for it himself and he somehow felt much happier with the wreath than with the maid who pretended to be the princess.

The maid saw how the prince loved the wreath of flowers and became full of hatred and jealousy. So one day when the prince was not there, she crushed the flowers.

But when she did this, the petals arranged themselves in the likeness of the princess. And no matter how hard the maid tried to destroy the petals, they would always take the shape of the princess.

When the prince entered the room and saw the petals, he realized that a spell was placed on his beloved princess by the maid and he cast her into a dungeon and threw away the key.

Quickly, the prince gathered up the petals and clung them to his heart, whereupon at that very moment the spell was broken and the princess was freed from the wreath and restored to her own form forever.

The prince and princess were overjoyed and he took her with him through the palace to tell the good news to his parents.

Not long afterwards the two were finally wed with an array of flowers throughout the kingdom.

Danish Emigration Book Available

The Danes Worldwide Archives, in collaboration with the Danish Society for Emigration History, has published a new book, *Danish Emigration to the U.S.A.*, edited by Birgit Flemming Larsen and Henning Bender. The 260 page, hard bound, illustrated volume contains essays on various aspects of Danish emigration to the United States, the activities of these immigrants in the New World, and efforts to collect and preserve their history. There is also a Danish-American bibliography, supplementing those previously published.

The book may be purchased by writing The Danish Immigrant Museum at Box 178, Elk Horn, Iowa, 51531. The price is \$15.00 (12.50 for Museum members). All orders should include \$3.00 postage and handling per book. For wholesale prices and to place large orders, call The Museum at 1-800-759-9192.

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MARTIN BJARKLEV, Sønderopten 115, DK-2630 Taastrup, Denmark, would like to correspond with anyone by the last name of Gandrup. His mother's name was Gandrup and her mother's last name was Kirkegaard. He is interested in finding out more about his relatives, especially the Gandrup families. If anyone can assist this young man, please contact him at the above address.

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I love fishing and my Dad and I go often to a nearby lake. Daddy has a truck so we use our C.B. a lot - my handle is "The Little Fisherman".

My Mom, Cindy, is Grandma Audrey Christiansen's daughter. I also have a great grandma who I call Gi Gi. Grandma and Gi Gi both belong to Lodge No. 35 in Chicago. I live in Aurora, but I always go to the lodge Christmas party. It's a wonderful time, especially when Santa arrives.

Thank you for the Viking certificate. It will be very valuable as I grow older."



Welcome Erik!

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 Danish Brotherhood in America and mail it to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, 68131-3844.

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4-5-92	Frieda J. Abernethy	86	Hjørring, Denmark	273	Dillon, Montana	1986
9-5-92	Jens Alfred Pedersen	92	Dojringe Saro Amt, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1942
9-18-92	Bent Hansen	58	Handry Fyn, Denmark	64	Rockford, Illinois	1960
9-22-92	Viggo Sorensen	88	Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1951
9-16-92	Niels S. E. Jensen	94	Slagelse, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1923

Our Lodges in Action

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Pacific

Northwest

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA—President Frank Poulsen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Since it was Veterans Night, he then turned the meeting over to the acting President, Jim Langsted.

Letters were read from the National Headquarters regarding the new Fraternal Fund and goals for lodges to build the fund. Correspondence was also received from Anna Marie Broback and Erik Jensen who received scholarships from our lodge to attend Himmelbjerg. Ferndale, California Lodge No. 95 thanked all the lodges for their financial assistance after their recent earthquake.

Jerry Jensen reported that 31 people had a very fun time on the cruise. Gert Wolff commented that the picnic was a great success with over 400 participating. Mel felt it was a great opportunity to recruit prospective members. Mogens Pedersen also commented that he agreed with the idea and spoke briefly on expanding the membership. Flemming Sorensen reported on his recent visit to Vancouver for their soccer tournament and Harvest Party. Again, Seattle won all but one of the five games. Jerry Jensen was given an award from the lodge for all his past work on committees, conventions, etc. Good job, Jerry!

25-year membership pins were also presented to Jim Langsted, Frank Larsen and Clyde Langsted with the latter being presented by Flemming Sorensen in view of the fact he initiated Clyde into the lodge 25 years ago. 60-year pins were presented to Ted Kofoed and Chris Andersen. Ted gave an interesting recounting of his lodge initiation 60 years ago. It was also noted that Jens Nielsen

The best idea for November goes to Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL. See page 18 for details.

had been a member of DBIA since 1938, having joined the lodge in Vancouver, B.C., before transferring to Seattle. His longevity had never been recognized and so he was presented with a belated 50-year pin.

The meeting adjourned followed by fellowship and open-faced sandwiches which were prepared by Lillian Wolff, Anne Hol

lister and Dee Cronander to which we offer a special thanks.

Clyde Langsted, Sec.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—The September 2 meeting was called to order with 31 members and guests present. President Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Past President Lisa Mortensen explained the symbols.

The charter was draped and the lodge took a moment of silence to remember Jens Jensen who will be greatly missed by Lodge No. 167.

Minutes were dispensed with as there was no August meeting. In correspondence, two letters were read. The first was a thank you from the Danish Language Camp for our financial support, and the second was a request from the National Headquarters to pledge fund raising monies for the national organization on a scale based on membership. Bills were read and approved to be paid and the treasurer's report was approved as read.

President Powell reported that the Seaman's Fair profit was \$435.77 and suggested that we give a portion to the Seaman's Fair and keep a portion for

the lodge. It was moved and seconded to give 25% to The Fair. A majority vote passed the motion.

President Powell also brought the officer's recommendation of moving part of the Dreyfus account into a savings plan with the National Headquarters to the membership for approval. There was much discussion on the matter. A motion was made and seconded to move money to the DBIA savings plan. Half of the interest will go back to the principle and half to the lodge for operations. A majority vote passed the motion.

Pete Christensen reported that the Christmas dinner is planned for December 20 at 1:00 p.m. Bodil Hansen suggested the children's Christmas party be held in conjunction with the dinner. Bodil and Pete will coordinate the event. Pete also reported that the Scan Fair will be two days this year and we plan to serve a Danish meal.

The 1994 district convention will be in Portland and plans need to get underway. President Powell asked for volunteers to work with Alma Johnson and the Sisterhood to select a site. Ed Hirsch and Mel Pihl volunteered to work on the committee.

Kathy Jensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—

There were 49 Brothers attending our last meeting. Poul Sorensen reported that there had been 106 people attending our soccer party; also that everything had gone great. A financial statement would be ready at the next meeting.

Axel Jensen reported the results from our tournament against Seattle. It was nice to see so many people from Seattle making the trip up. We had four Brotherhood teams, also with a coed/women's team. The Young team this year con-

sisted mostly of sons/others of our lodge Brothers. It was also reported the new winter season had begun and we would have teams in the Over 30, Over 40, and the Oldtimers, Over 50 leagues.

From the Community Center, it was reported that their hall in Cloverdale had work parties every weekend and if any Brothers would like to volunteer their help, they should contact Gerry Elmsberg or just show up.

The Brotherhood/Sisterhood bingo party will be held in November.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR—We started our fall season with a ham and turkey potluck dinner preceding our business meeting on September 10. Our guests for the evening included Steve and Bettina Jole and their sons Alden and Alexander, Todd Taylor and Leonard Thompson.

We began the business meeting by approving seven new applications for membership. We then initiated six new members: Harold Schyberg, Jr., and Corina and Richard Hall and their three children, Autumn, Kyle, and Zoe. Miranda Biswell who was also accepted as a new member will be initiated at a later meeting.



New members Kyle, Autumn, Zoe and Corinna Hall join Knud Toftemark at the business meeting.

The secretary read letters from Rose Ann Sockol and Christopher and Elisabeth Engelmänn thanking the lodge for awarding camp grants for their attendance at Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp.

Kathleen Thompsen reported that the Sunshine Committee acted on behalf of National Headquarters to send a floral arrangement and card to Hans Lynning on September 3 when he celebrated his

96th birthday. President Nyegaard reported that Hans is now exempt from paying local and national dues, one of the privileges of being an elder of the lodge.

Todd Taylor made a presentation explaining how the Entertainment Book can serve as a fund raiser for the lodge. After discussion, we voted to sell Entertainment Books on behalf of our lodge. Sharon Medart reported the magazine subscription/renewal fund raiser would end on October 31 and had raised \$289 so far for the lodge.

On behalf of all members, the lodge extended its thanks to Knud Toftemark for the wonderful St. Hans Fest at Misty Meadows and to Martin and Hanne Taekker for the delightful coast weekend at Fredensbo. We also congratulated Susanne and Kevin Rainey on the occasion of their recent marriage.

Following the meeting, we adjourned for coffee and dessert. Mo Pedersen introduced the evening's speaker, Leonard Thompson. As a Consultant for the Danish Brotherhood, Leonard described the steps that have been taken to improve the Danish Brotherhood. He explained the need to increase the size of the Fraternal Fund and how local lodges must assist with that growth. He also talked about the need for more members and invited everyone to attend the installation banquet for the newest Danish Brotherhood lodge which was chartered last month in the Albany-Lebanon-Corvallis area.

Our next regular meeting will be held on November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge, in Eugene.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

California

Nevada

California-Nevada District

The 71st annual convention of the California-Nevada District was held on July 30 - August 1 in Solvang, California.

President Larsen introduced the two national guests: Barry Edmonds, National Director; and Jennifer Denning-

Kock, National Fraternal Director. Healso introduced the National Directors from California, Ebba Norby of Modesto Lodge No. 332 and Edward Madsen of Solvang Lodge No. 299. President Larsen also introduced his Parliamentarian, Al Tunsen, of Modesto Lodge No. 332.

Roll call of officers by the secretary showed nine present and one absent. President Larsen announced that he appointed Ebba Norby to fill in for Owen Miller, Secretary-Treasurer, who was in Barcelona, Spain, for the Olympics, and Karen Rowse, Past President of the district, to fill in the Trustee chair for Ebba Norby.

The trustees reported that all the delegate certificates were in order. Roll call was answered by 36 accredited delegates and five honorary life members. President Larsen then introduced 13 district Past Presidents who were present. The honorary life members were asked to stand and be recognized. They included Harold Mathiasen, Walt Miller, Johannes Jaeger, Hans Jensen, Al Tunsen and Vernon Olsen.

The President appointed the members to the Resolutions and Bylaws Committees. The minutes of the previous annual convention were distributed to the delegates along with the financial report for the current year and a list of the donors to the Scholarship Fund.

The Treasurer's report for the current year was reviewed. All lodge dues are current. The minutes were approved as written.

President Larsen reported on his travels throughout the state to install the new officers. He related some of the high points in his travels throughout the state. He thanked all the lodges for their hospitality and the district officers who assisted at the installations. He also had a beautiful picture album that was passed around.

Trustee Ed Madsen reported that the trustees had audited the treasurer's books and found everything in order. Acting Secretary Norby read greetings from Owen Miller.

Johannes Jaeger of Solvang Lodge No. 299 reported on the Museum in Solvang. He indicated that the museum needed gifts of Danish items that they

can put on display. The Golf Committee report was given. Jim A. Larsen was closest to the hole; Chris Behler had low gross; and Kaj Kristensen had the most strokes.

Gary Gossett of Orange County Lodge No. 345 reported on the Youth Committee. Due to scheduling conflicts, they were unable to have a mid-year meeting. However, a Youth Welcome Party had been scheduled for Thursday afternoon in Solvang. Eleven youths participated and had a fun time.

Gary reported the youth convention package this year was more than the adult package and we would have to do something to defray these costs to keep the interest and attendance. A raffle was scheduled by the youth for this convention to pay for the Welcome Party and for funds for next year's convention activities. The funds for this purpose are to be kept separate. It was noted that San Leandro Lodge No. 39 and Ken Larsen of San Francisco Lodge No. 49 had donated to this fund.

Gary introduced his committee: Vikki Garrison, Ed Madsen, Sue Patterson, Ken Olsen, Gerry Olsen, Lillian Suda, Bill Jensen, Soren Christensen, Betty Christensen, Toni Olsen Gossett and Gary Gossett. He then presented the youth donation money to Acting Secretary Norby, along with bills for the Welcome Party, raffle prizes and a copy of notes and letters from the past year.

Ebba Norby reported the National Convention hospitality room was a huge success. All the lodges contributed and many Sisterhood lodges contributed. After all the bills were paid, the remainder of money held was sent back to the Brotherhood and Sisterhood districts with a suggestion it be placed in their respective scholarship funds.

Johannes Jaeger had responses from ten lodges regarding forming an R.V. group. The first outing date will be scheduled this fall at King City. King City was suggested on the responses because it has motels nearby.

The Trustees noted that the Scholarship Fund investment funds were placed in the National Lodge/District Savings Program along with monies from other districts and local lodges. A change in the program to improve it and benefit

the National Fraternal Fund at the same time was implemented and they felt the money would benefit in all directions if the district changed to the new program.

President Larsen asked District Fraternal Coordinators Ken and Gerry Olsen of Orange County Lodge No. 345 to inform the delegates of their activities the past year. President Larsen then told of his District Fraternal Coordinator activities in northern California. Their program is working very well and they urged all lodges to feel free to call upon them at any time.

President Larsen introduced National Director Barry Edmonds from New Haven, Connecticut. Barry updated the convention delegates on the progress of the DBIA since last year's talk by Leonard Thompson, Consultant for the DBIA. He indicated the funds in the Fraternal Savings Plan were stemming the flow of monies from the insurance fund but that more money was needed in the fund so only the interest needed to be used. He requested more donations and more savings money be given to the Fund by the lodges and districts. He reminded the delegates of the many benefits available through our membership and helping our organization to help us and remain the strong and viable organization we have been for 110 years.

President Larsen then introduced Jennifer Denning-Kock, National Fraternal Director. Jennifer enlightened the delegates on the many ongoing programs, such as the new Matching Funds Program and the new Lodge Rating and Awards Program.

A motion was passed to change the Scholarship Fund to the new program, as recommended by the Trustees. A motion was made and passed to pay the bills.

Barry Edmonds thanked the convention for payment of the convention package but wished to donate the funds back to the Scholarship Fund.

Jennifer Denning-Kock thanked the convention for payment of the convention package and the lovely luncheon with the Past Presidents, but wished to donate the funds plus a little more back for the Youth Fund.

After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to take the golf and

bowling money and put it in the Youth Activities Fund. It was determined that since most of the participants in these events were interested in fun and fellowship, prize money was not really expected. An amendment to the original motion was presented to give \$500 to the Youth Activities Fund. This amendment was passed unanimously.

Riverside Lodge No. 346 invited the convention to their city for 1993, and Orange County Lodge No. 345 invited the convention for 1994.

The following officers were elected: President, Johannes Jaeger, Solvang Lodge No. 299; Vice President, Karl Duus, Los Angeles Lodge No. 126; Secretary-Treasurer, Owen Miller, Los Angeles Lodge No. 126; Trustees, Ed Madsen, Solvang Lodge No. 299; Ebba Norby, Ripon Lodge No. 332; Karen Rowse, Los Angeles Lodge No. 126; Conductor, Gary Gossett, Orange County Lodge No. 345; Inner Guard, Bill Jensen, San Diego Lodge No. 306; and Outer Guard, Kenneth Olsen, Orange County Lodge No. 345.

The Bylaws Committee was selected for the coming year. President Larsen announced that Laura Schuler of Arcata Lodge No. 230 was the recipient of the Hans M. Andersen Award for her service to her local lodge.

It was reported that Cecil Hedrick from San Leandro Lodge No. 39 is very ill and unable to attend the convention. A card to be sent to him was passed around for signatures. Henning Jensen of San Francisco Lodge No. 49 also is very ill. The convention asked that a card be sent to him from the district.

Gary Gossett had the youth delegation come to the front of the convention and speak. Tina Hogan from San Diego Lodge No. 306 was the spokesperson. Tina reported that they made \$417.00 on their raffle and were planning a mid-year get together so the youth can stay in touch with each other. Tina thanked the convention for the support in their activities and programs. They wish to have a raffle each year and asked that each lodge, to further support the youth group, donate a gift for this endeavor. The youth delegation was introduced individually and a big hand was given by the convention delegation.

The Resolution Committee gave their report. Installation of officers was held at the Bethel Lutheran Church Hall. Barry Edmonds, National Director, was the installing officer with the assistance of Al Tunsen, Past National Director, as Conductor. A drill team consisting of Johannes Jaeger's eight grandchildren assisted in the installation.

The new President, Johannes Jaeger, closed a successful convention.

Ebba Norby, Acting Sec-Treas.

Lodge No. 39, San Leandro, CA—On October 2 we had 37 Brothers, Sisters and guests present at the traditional Italian dinner. Following supper, we had a short business meeting. One item of discussion was the letter received in July from National President Woody Petersen concerning the fund raising from our lodge to the Fraternal Fund. It was decided to have a fund raiser sometime in the future to live up to a suggestive annual goal of \$250.00, based on our lodge membership. It was announced that nominating of officers for 1993 would take place at the November 6 meeting.

It was also brought up that our Christmas Party this year would be held on December 11. It will be a potluck supper with Tove and Aage in charge. The evening will start with a cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m. at our meeting hall. There will be no business meeting in December.

The installation of newly elected officers for 1993 for Lodge No. 39 together with Hayward Lodge No. 184 will be held on February 5, 1993. Please mark your calendar.

Aage Lundquist, Sec.

Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, CA—At last we have received a bid on earthquake repairs to our hall. The bid was \$15,000 and work could not start until next year as the contractors are still working on people's homes.

Our hall Board consisting of members from our four lodges have decided to do the work in stages as time and money becomes available. The first project will be repairing the foundation and putting the south wall back in place. A lot of the inside work can and will be

done by our members.

At this time, we in Ferndale would like to thank all the lodges and individuals who have given us financial and moral support in this disaster. Mange tak!

We are also reminding everyone about the Niels Sovndal Memorial Plaque. Anyone wishing to place a friend or loved one's name on the plaque may do so by giving a donation to the Danish Hall in Ferndale, P.O. Box 195, Petrolia, CA 95558. You need not be members of our lodge.

Our dance team has been busy. First a trip to Aldersly for their Tivoli Fest. made possible by the hospitality of Harvey and Alice Rasmussen who put us all up in their home in Petaluma. Tak! Then a trip to Turlock for their Scandinavian Festival. Many Danes approached us with questions. Most did not know of our organization.

Francis Sweet, Sec.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA—Before our September meeting, we enjoyed a delicious smorrebrod dinner. Everyone brought plenty of sandwiches. The meeting was called to order by President Doris Christensen. After roll call, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Poul Dalby and Judy Andersen had brought guests. Adam Waynert joined us for the meeting. Correspondence was read. Treasurer Owen Miller had a complete report for the last two months.

Vice President Karen Rowse reported on the fun swim party at Doris Christensen's home. It was a great day for a party and a swim. The steak dinner with salad bar was delicious. A big birthday cake honoring Henry Olesen's 70th birthday made the day. Karen also told of a profit from that party of \$287.00. Thanks to all who worked on it!

Owen Miller explained that there had been a change in the DBIA Lodge/District Savings Program. It should help the lodges and districts earn higher returns on their funds and generate earnings for the new Fraternal Fund. As we have \$5,000 invested in this plan, we voted to make this change.

A trip to Las Vegas was discussed. As the year is coming to a close before

long, it was suggested that we try to plan a trip in late January, 1993, and perhaps stay at the Golden Nugget.

Installation of officers is scheduled for the third Saturday in February, 1993.

Kate Krake Nielsen requested we look into purchasing a folding machine as we are now sending out over 200 newsletters each month. We asked Poul Dalby to look into this and we will also ask Kate to inquire at the printing place where she gets the newsletter printed.

Our fish dinner/bingo will be held on Friday, November 20, at the Alamo.

Coffee was served after the meeting and the Sisterhood provided cake. The Sisterhood then invited us to join them for "A Day at the Races" at the Hollywood Park on Thursday, November 12. The price is \$5.00 and lunch can be purchased there.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA—The International Friendship Festival 92, hosted by Margaret and Rick Carlson, was a huge success. The theme was "Valuing Ethnic Diversity." The booths from other countries displayed fine art work, dancing, singing and food.

Margaret and Rick manned the Danish education booth. A Danish craft booth was manned by Margaret Hansen, Anne Goldman, Oda Audish and Margaret Moller Perfecto. Many thanks to the House of Denmark members for their help and participation.

Bess Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA—In the absence of President Ken Olsen, our Vice President Bryce Gossett took over the meeting which he called to order at 7:35 p.m. Minutes and all correspondence were read. Visitors, Aaron Dye, Greg Turlis, Tim Johnson and Melissa Chadwick were introduced. Please take note that all our visitors recently have been aged 18 and younger. We need to invite friends and family to our meetings.

Operation: H.O.P.E. co-chairman Gertrude Nielsen gave a report on the YWCA of Santa Ana. She clarified several points which were unclear or had not been answered. These points include supporting the YWCA for one

year. We will give \$100 cash donation towards the YWCA during the year but the money will be given to Gertrude to purchase items that the YWCA is in need of. Lastly, we will be asking the lodge members to donate specific items on a monthly basis which Gertrude will deliver to the facility.

We would like to thank and recognize both Bryce Gossett and Ardythe Wiegandt for filling in for our vacationing president and secretary. Our young Vice President Bryce Gossett did a fine job of running the meeting and he proved himself to be very capable of his position.

Upon closing the meeting, Bryce turned the evening over to Jim and Ardythe Wiegandt who organized our social event - the cake walk. Cakes were brought in by our members and this event proved to be a good fundraiser for our treasury. Many thanks to Kaj Bjorn for supplying our marching music. The lucky cake walk winners were Bryce Gossett, Erna Andersen, Cal Christensen, Marian Aymar, Ruth Jorgensen, Dorris Sparks, Jamey Gossett, Kaleena Chappell and Melissa Chadwick.

Many thanks also to those ladies who supplied the delicious desserts for the evening and the organizers, Jim and Ardythe Wiegandt.

In 1993, as District Conductor, Gary Gossett will be traveling to different lodges within our district. He will be assisting District President Johannes Jaeger to install the officers of our individual lodges. Gary and Toni would like to invite any of our members who are interested or who are able to attend these installations with them.

The Nominating Committee will be submitting a list of nominees for officer positions for 1993. If you would like to volunteer for an office or be put on the ballot, please contact Toni Gossett, Betty Christensen or Jim Wiegandt. We will be voting for our 1993 lodge officers at our November meeting.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA—We got a lot of business done at our September 11 meeting. Jim fixed shark on the barbecue for us. We had hot dogs and homemade ice cream also. Thanks to

those of you who brought side dishes to accompany our meal.

We initiated our newest member, Darlene Iversen, who came down from Santa Maria.

We had a report from our treasurer on our upcoming hayride. We could do with a few more reservations. It was decided to have a raffle to defray the cost of our ad in *Bien* as the activity is not a money maker and we are charging the actual cost of the activity.

A motion was made to have a 50/50 drawing at our future meetings with half going to our youth fund. It was voted on and passed. The treasurer reported that the lodge made a little more than \$200 profit from our annual fishing trip. Thanks Charter Master.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—The Christmas party of several Danish groups will be held the afternoon of December 13 at Vennelyst.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE—Our September 17 meeting was conducted by Glen Haselbarth. Both local and national dues were discussed and Glen explained what it was all about and why. Billings except for local dues will be handled through the Home Office.



Nebraska District Queen and King in front of the Jorgen's Rainbow quilt.

We had a very good convention. An estimated 170 individuals were in attendance. Elected Queen and King of the district were Helen Jensen of Cozad and Chauncy Mickelsen of Ruskin. A big

thank you to all who made the convention and our fund raiser of the Jorgen's Rainbow quilt a big success.

Congratulations goes to our lodge president, Glen Haselbarth, as the new District President.

A most interesting program of Show and Tell of Danish items and family heirlooms was enjoyed by all.

Marie Nelson, Cor.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—We were pleased to see 36 people in attendance at our ice cream social in August, four of whom were guests. Three were visitors from Denmark and one was the new Danish instructor at Dana College. Delegates who had attended the Nebraska District Convention gave a report to those present. Then we enjoyed the delicious ice cream and other goodies while we visited.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE—We met September 21 at the Blue Flame Room. Special guests were Bill and Merrie Jorgensen of Minden and Florence Spieks of Grand Island. Arne and Mae Espersen and Bill Jorgensen reported on the state convention held in Minden.

Our member, Herman "Hammy" Elstermeier of St. Paul, told about his trip to Denmark last June with his two granddaughters and sister Florence. They attended a silver wedding and visited with many relatives. He displayed many pictures and souvenirs.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

Iowa

Minnesota

Iowa-Minnesota District

Danes and a few other nationalities mixed in, from Iowa, Minnesota and Luck, Wisconsin, met at the Red Fox Inn in Waverly, Iowa, on September 11-13 for their recent district convention, hosted jointly by Dike Brotherhood Lodge No. 144 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 176.

Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 10 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, had the impres-

sive memorial service.

Special guests in attendance were National Director Ebba Norby, National Fraternal Director/Editor-in-Chief Jennifer Denning-Kock, and National Sales Director Andy Andersen. Also in attendance were District Fraternal Coordinators Dave and Judie Nealson and Herluf Pedersen.

Our district decided to continue for this past year and award the District President's Awards with the award monies coming from the district treasury. The winning lodges were: Best Single Social Activity, Albert Lea Lodge No. 75; Best Single Civic Activity, Askov Lodge No. 263; Best Annual Activity Schedule, Clear Lake Lodge No. 219; and Best Newsletter, Luck Lodge No. 186. The traveling "Super Lodge Rug Award" went to Des Moines Lodge No. 15.

A special "certificate of merit" award went to Jerry Sonsalla of Clear Lake Lodge No. 219, for all he has done for the Danish Brotherhood on the local and national levels. Jerry truly is a "Great Dane" and so deserving of this award.

Scholarship recipients for 1992-1993 were Susan Mikkelsen, Atlantic Lodge No. 349; Kara McLaren, Cedar Rapids Lodge No. 347; and Renee Swanson, Elk Horn-Kimballton Lodge No. 341. Congratulations to these three young ladies.

An invitation was extended from the Luck Lodge No. 186 to host the next district convention September 10-12, 1993. A long-range invitation was extended from Albert Lea Lodge No. 75 to host the 1994 district convention. A weekend will be selected later. This convention will be in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of their lodge.

The big item on the agenda for the delegates was the revising of the district bylaws. The delegates voted to change the name of our district from "Iowa-Minnesota District" to the "Heartland District" as the name will encompass more of the surrounding states.

Officers elected for 1992-1993 are as follows: Past President, Howard Christensen; President, Gordon Sloth; Vice President, Steven Sorensen; Secretary, Deloris Ross; Treasurer, Harlan Johnsen; 1st Trustee, Judie Nealson;

2nd Trustee, Harvey Andersen; 3rd Trustee, Ed Melzark; and Conductor, Eileen Jensen.

On Saturday evening, about 135 delegates, guests, and local members attended the banquet. Many raffle and door prizes were given away. The banquet speaker was Delores Jespersen, who narrated some of Hans Christian Andersen's "Fairy Tales in Quilt Blocks". It was a very interesting and different program. Dancing for everyone followed the banquet.

All the delegates and guests had a "fun" weekend, many meeting and making new friends for the first time, others getting re-acquainted with friends they had not seen since last year's conventions.

Mange tak to Dike Brotherhood Lodge No. 144 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 176 for jointly hosting a very good and successful convention.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA—Our September 14 meeting featured our own Svend Christensen sharing with our members and guests his unique experiences during the German occupation of Denmark. Svend's talk emphasized the daring rescue of Danish Jews and his brave personal involvement. It was a great message of brotherhood humbly and sincerely presented by Svend, who reminded us that it is important that we continue treating all people with equality, love and respect and that we refrain from practicing discrimination and prejudice. A reporter from the Des Moines Register was present and interviewed Svend and several members and took several photographs. Refreshments were furnished by Russ Jensen, Harvey Andersen and our new member, Marilyn Gift. We were pleased to have our Canadian brother and sister, Richard and Ester Hansen, present.

Our November 9 meeting will feature election of lodge officers and also a program by Wilber and Cleo Williamson showing slides and telling about their summer excursion to Alaska. This will include Cleo's personal account of her confrontation with a 500 pound bear. Don't miss it!

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, MN—On Friday, August 21, we celebrated Elmar Hansen and Nathalia Markusen's 96th birthdays at the fellowship hall. We had a refreshment hour followed by the serving of Danish sandwiches and the singing of Happy Birthday prior to cutting the cake. Many Danish songs were sung and memories were brought to light. Present were families of the honorees and many friends of the lodge. Everyone had a good time, especially Nathalia and Elmar.



The honored guests.

Harold Chrysler, Sec.

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN—Our annual Couple's Anniversary Banquet was held Friday evening, October 2, at the American Legion Club Rooms.

President Harlan Nelson extended a velkommen to all present and the Rev. Fred Jacobsen gave the invocation before partaking of a delicious turkey dinner.

President Nelson appointed a nominating committee to report their selection of new officers to the November meeting: Maurine Levisen, Laverne Clausen, Norval Nelson, Lois Steele and Jim Tomson.

Don Levisen of the Miss Albert Lea Mermaid Group gave a report on the progress of their work and announced that tickets for the December 13 pancake breakfast are being printed for distribution at the November meeting.

Two couples were honored for the occasion for having reached their 50 year anniversaries in 1992 - Carol and Cliff Petersen and Carmen and Lewis Opdahl.

Lloyd (Ole) Allen of Alden, Minnesota, presented a program on his keyboard, playing many foot stomping old favorites and vocalized with several Danish songs as "Hils fra mig der

lyemme”.

Grace Tomsen, Sec-Treas.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA—Our lodge enjoyed hosting the 1992 Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held the weekend after Labor Day in Waverly, Iowa. Gordon Sloth of Dike was installed as President of the district.

Action was taken at the business meeting to okay a number of bylaw changes. Also, a change will be made in the name of our district if approved by the National Bylaw Committee. The new name will be “The Heartland District.”

Children present were entertained by Leah Hansen and volunteers including Karina Hansen and Ryanna Olsen. They made t-shirts and had fun doing it.



National Director Ebba Norby poses with her “prize”.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge No. 186, Luck, WI—Our September 21 meeting was well attended. The highlight of the evening were the reports by Edna Lawsen and Eileen Jensen of the district convention held at Waverly, Iowa, and hosted by the Dike lodges. The five members who attended wish to thank Dike for such an enjoyable convention.

Micky Johnson entertained us with his singing, accompanying himself on

the piano.

The fall committee served open faced sandwiches and coffee.

Esther Nies, Sec.

Lodge No. 349, Atlantic, IA—Forty-five members attended our September 14 meeting which was held at the Rolling Hills Bank meeting room. President Chet Holland led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After the short business meeting, Melanie Perry from the Cass County Conservation System presented a most interesting slide program entitled “This is Your Land.”

Delicious refreshments were served by the September committee.

Evelyn Rechtenbach, Sec.

Midwest

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—Did you do your good deed for the lodge by bringing in a new member this year? If not, time is growing short. To be eligible to attend the Membership Dinner on December 10, you need to sponsor a new member. Applications are available at the lodge.

An enthusiastic crowd came to the Annual Corn Roast/Dance and had a very good time. The food and dancing were great. Thanks to chairman Dan Ervin along with Laura and Heidi Ervin, Margaret Fosbinder, Todd and Annette Bernhardt, Jeff and Chris Bernhardt, Todd Barnett and Bob and Elaine Ibsen. It was noted by our Board of Officers that the National Convention Committee will be looking for a place to hold a fund raiser each year. They would like the Midwest District to consider the Corn Roast/Dance for that purpose next year. Hopefully it will draw more people from around the district plus our own group.

On Friday, September 11, after golf we had a Beano which combined brats and sauerkraut, beer and pop, plus all the condiments such as ketchup, mustard, onions and peppers. The committee of Don Servais, Harvel Cecil, Chuck Woelffer and Warren Piehl did a great job.

Bob Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—At the recent Midwest District Convention, Ray Nielsen received the Howard E. Christensen Award.



Ray Nielsen receives the 1992 Howard E. Christensen Award from National Second Vice President Paul Carlsen..

At our September meeting, Ray Ludvigsen and his wife, Gert, were given a big hand for the excellent job they did in chairing the last three meetings and also our picnic. Ray announced that a profit of about \$73.00 had been made at the picnic. This was due to the excellent support given by those who brought raffle prizes and those who bought the tickets. The amount of items on the raffle table was really overwhelming and lots of people deserve a big thanks for their support.

Lillian and Mario Mauro gave a brief synopsis of what is going to happen at the next three meetings. They are the chairpersons for the last three months of this year. Mario told us that the 103rd anniversary dinner/dance of Brotherhood Lodge No. 35 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 will take place on November 7 at Surma's Restaurant in Homewood. The cost will be \$16.00. Dance music will be provided by Hansen's Band. Mario promised excellent food also.

On December 11, our usual Christmas party will take place. Tickets may be reserved or purchased from Ray Nielsen or Lillian Mauro.

Following the meeting, a Brown Bag Auction was held. The profits from the auction were to have gone to our Scholarship fund but upon approval from the Board and also all the members, it was decided to give all profits to the hurricane victims through the Salvation Army or Red Cross. About \$160 was realized. The

auction was a lot of fun - one hasn't the slightest idea what is in the brown bag he or she purchases. Lots of surprises! Thanks to all for their generosity.
Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI— Thanks to the attendees at the September 28 meeting who brought items for Sojourner Truth House.

During the meeting, delegates Al and Carol Larsen reported on the 41st Midwest District Convention held in Bradley, Illinois, on September 25-27. It was co-hosted by Dwight DBIA Lodge No. 34 and Chicago Sisterhood Lodge No. 11. We thank them for a very well run and successful convention.

We thank Grace Gertz who served refreshments following the meeting.

A supper in celebration of our 103rd anniversary will be held on Monday, November 9, at Nativity Lutheran Church, 6905 West Bluemound Road, in Wauwatosa. Our chefs Alice and Lars Andersen are preparing the supper to be served at 6 p.m. It will be a free will offering.

Please note the November 23 meeting is cancelled.

As a fund raiser, we are conducting a non-bake sale! You do not have to bake a cake, cookies, etc., and bring them to a meeting to sell. Or go from door to door in your neighborhood to sell! Instead of using your valuable time and efforts in baking, we are asking that you mail a check or money order (please be generous) written to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 36 and mail to Treasurer Albert Larsen.

President Gertz appointed Paul Sorensen and Ernie Norquist as our Nominating Committee for the 1993 Board. Contact them if you would like to serve in 1993. The election of officers will take place during the December business meeting.

We always enjoy answering telephones for Public Television station, Channels 10/36, when they have a fund drive. We thank the following members and friends who so generously gave up their August 30 Sunday afternoon to serve: Elsa Berlin, Nancy Churchill, Duane Dixen, Diane and Christine Dixen, Elsie Hein, Grace Gertz, Sally

Jorgensen, Al and Carol Larsen, Gordon and Betty Martinson, Robert Rasmussen, Margaret Schoewe and Paul and Sandy Sorensen.

It was a pleasant get together at a luncheon on September 15. We car pooled and in no time at all, we were at the restaurant in Delafield. It was great to visit with guests, Ozzie and Luella Christensen, friends of Lodge No. 36

Al Larsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI—Our monthly meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on September 24. Plans for our annual Morten goose dinner were discussed. Reservations have been made at the Waupaca Country Club for Saturday, November 7. After the meeting, the remainder of the evening was spent socializing with lunch being served by Carroll and Vivian Jensen.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

Michigan

Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—Twenty-four shooters showed up at Multi Lakes Conservation Club on September 27. Torkild Nielsen became Bird Champion for 1992-1993. Everyone enjoyed breakfast before the shooting started and prizes were won by other challengers.

Please be present at our dinner meeting on November 11. It is time for election of new officers.

December 6 is the children's Christmas party and December 9 is the adult's Christmas party and ornament auction.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

GCEL District

The Second Annual Harvest Festival at the Danish Home in Edison was a huge success. Ray Leth made 12 loaves of leverpastej and his wife Grete was involved with the smorrebrod. Hot dogs, hamburgers, plates of frikadeller and potato salad were offered. Many beau-

tiful examples of the arts and crafts of Denmark were available at very low prices. The children all enjoyed the hayride and pony rides. Scandinavian music was provided by Bert Stromholm's band. We all had a marvelous day and are already anticipating next year's picnic.



Elizabeth Pedersen and Birgit Jacobsen of Lodge No. 325 worked the arts and crafts booth.

Maggie Cull, Cor.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT—On September 11 we had a regular business meeting at our new hall with 20 members present. A report on the convention was given by our delegate, Bernadette Gaudino.

Our November meeting will be a turkey dinner and bingo. Please bring a food item we can put in a food basket for a needy family. Bring extra and we will give it to the food bank. We need a few prizes for our bingo. Any help would be appreciated.

In December, instead of having our children's Christmas party on our meeting night, we will hold it on Saturday, December 12, from 5-7 p.m. Please give the names and ages of the children to Berit Mann or Winnie Edmonds so they can tell Santa what gifts to buy. We will have a magician to entertain us. It was great fun for everyone.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ—September was a busy month for Thor Lodge. Hosting the GCEL District Convention is a considerable undertaking and the know-how of the committee headed by Ken Nielsen was evident. From accommodations, to dinner dance, to trip to Atlantic City, the weekend was a success. So much fun that Thor Lodge will again host the convention in 1993.

Work on the conversion of a garage to kitchen facilities at the Danish Home in Edison is completed and in use. The improved facilities made preparing and serving food much more convenient. The test run was catering to the large attendance at the Harvest Festival on September 12 and in which several of the GCEL lodges participated.

Those who gave of their time, labor and skills are to be commended for the excellence of their efforts and the attractiveness of the new facilities. Those involved were Einar Sorensen, Glen Sorensen, Viggo Restrup, Arnold Nielsen, Kenneth Nielsen, Joe Billich, Axel Munck, and Elmer Beck. Also in lieu of labor, a generous cash gift was given by Ray Sondergaard.

Jens Jessen, Cor.

Lodge No. 164, New York, NY—Our lodge had its meeting on September 19. A report of the GCEL District Convention was given by Ray and Grete Leth.

We were very pleased to receive a "matching funds" grant from the National Headquarters to donate to the Danish Athletic Club, our Project H.O.P.E. recipient for 1992.

We all look forward to our November meeting when we will have our semi-annual white elephant sale.

Maggie Cull, Cor.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—The Friday evening before Labor Day weekend is not the best time for many members to attend our first meeting of the new season. We had a good turnout attending. A great interest and lively discussion of our "New Fraternal Fund" and the investment of our financial assets ensued.

Everybody enjoyed the efforts of our bar committee, as well as our kitchen elves and we thank them all.

We will celebrate with a family Christmas party on December 18 at our regular meeting place. There will not be a joint party with Lodge No. 342 this year. Our party will be a family party with emphasis on the children and young people.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge No. 294, Barre, VT—On September 12, fifty-two adults and children came to the Jockey Hollow Restaurant to celebrate the 80th anniversary of our lodge. A delicious dinner was served. A cake decorated in the Danish colors was served with ice cream for dessert.

A welcome was extended to all by our President, Brother Stanley Christiansen. He also introduced Brother William Matson from White River Junction, the oldest member of our lodge.

After dessert, Brother Harry Mikkelsen read from a paper which was written in 1912 concerning the origin and first meeting of our lodge. This was most interesting. Brother Harry also gave a report of the GCEL convention which was held over Labor Day weekend. He reported that it was an excellent convention with every event being very well planned.

Visiting and reminiscing brought this pleasant event to a close.

Helen Lunde, Cor.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY—Having held no meetings in July and August, our first meeting after the summer was held on September 11. John Hjulmand and George Jacobsen were elected to serve on the committee to update our bylaws. An announcement was made that our 66th annual dinner dance will take place on Satur-

day, November 21.

Following the meeting, Treasurer George Jacobsen ran a bingo game to benefit our lodge and Birgit Jacobsen arranged a wide variety of prizes.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA—We will again be collecting for annual season of giving with the Brotherhood's Operation: H.O.P.E. Bring non-perishable items to our next meeting for distribution at Thanksgiving to the needy. Mary Linton and Maren Novotnie will coordinate the program once again.

Plan now to attend our Christmas party at the Viking Lodge in December. Since it will not be a joint party with Lodge No. 172, you are welcome to bring family and friends. The price will be \$28.50 per person with an open bar. Eric, the caterer, will be serving and a very lively German band that played for us last year will provide the music.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.



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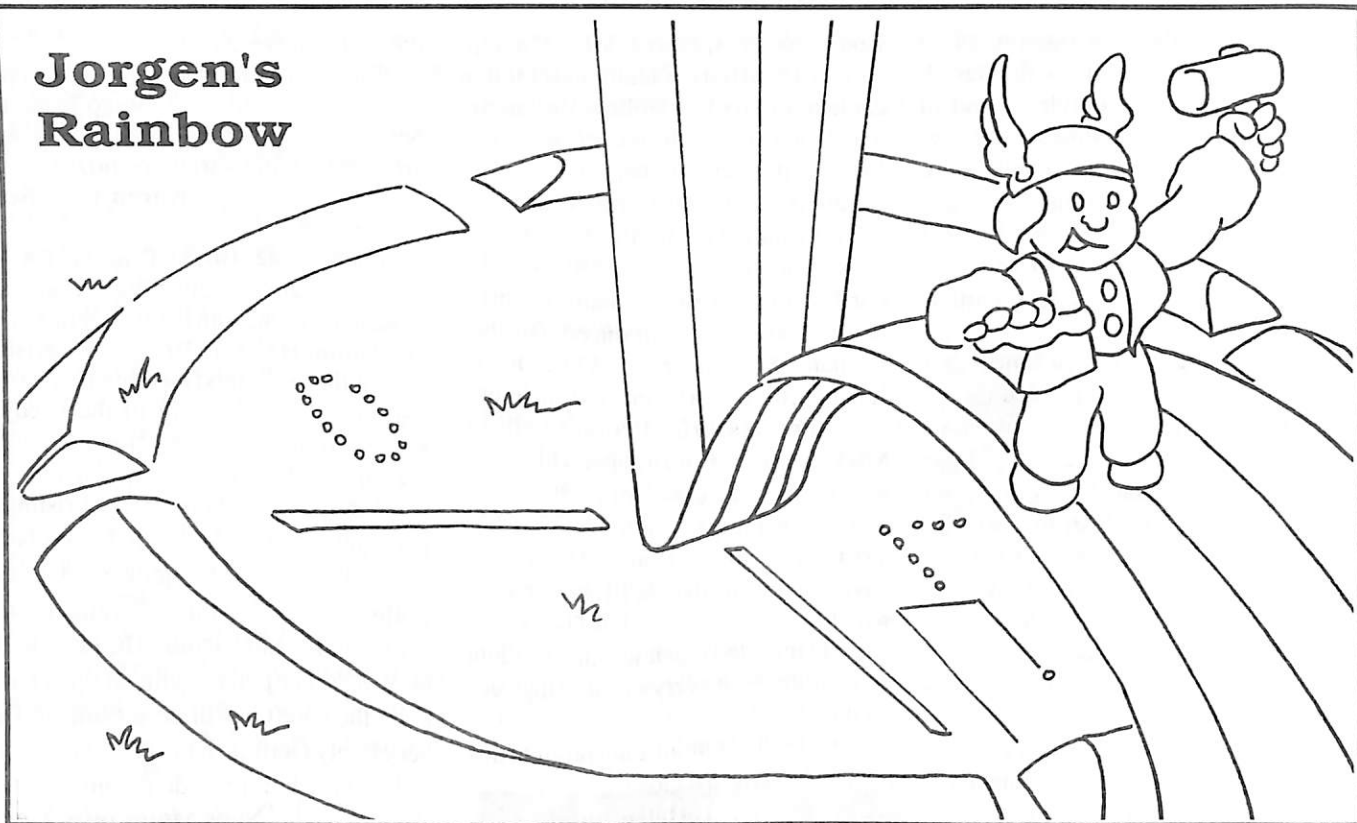
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Jorgen's Rainbow



Almost 1000 years ago Vikings from Denmark sailed the seas in their long boats dressed, well, something like Jorgen. Bifrost is presently flying over the excavated ruin of a Viking fortress called "Fyrkat" not too far from Hobro in Jutland. Small circles and ridges of concrete outline the positions of at least 16 houses.

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.

October winners: Cody Lyle Hetrick and Kathryn Jensen.

Grandma's Kitchen

Guleaerter med flaesck (Yellow pea soup)



Gunild Ostergaard

Rinse 1 2/3 cups yellow peas and put into large saucepan with 2 1/2 quarts cold water.

Cover and set peas aside to soak overnight.

Put 1 lb. smoked shoulder butt into

large pot with 3 quarts water and 3/4 cup coarsely chopped onions.

Simmer 1 1/2 - 2 hours or until meat is tender. Remove meat and set aside.

Skim off fat from liquid leaving about 2 tbsp.; drain the peas and add in the broth with 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. whole thyme, 1/4 tsp. sugar.

Simmer 1 1/2 - 2 hours until peas are tender.

Side Dish: Serve soup with thin slices of the smoked butt and prepared mustard.

Children's Size Special

Children's size t-shirts and sweatshirts on special sale through December 31, 1992. Order today in time for Christmas. T-shirts are red 50/50 cotton/polyester blend with white print. Sweatshirts are red 50/50 cotton/polyester blend with black print.

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Meet Herluf Pedersen, Iowa-Minnesota District Fraternal Coordinator

Herluf Pedersen of Lodge No. 147 in Newell, Iowa, is a District Fraternal Coordinator for the Iowa-Minnesota District. The seven lodges he has agreed to serve include: Lodge No. 121, Tyler, MN; Lodge No. 147, Newell, IA; Lodge No. 217, Humbolt, IA; Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA; Lodge No. 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA; Lodge No. 349, Atlantic, IA and Lodge No. 139, Viborg, SD.

Herluf has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for 22 years. He has held lodge offices of trustee, vice president, president and past president. District offices he has held include:

conductor, three trustee positions, vice president, and president. He became a member of the Danish Brotherhood to learn more about his Danish heritage and about Denmark. He adds, "I enjoy the fellowship."

When Herluf isn't involved with Danish Brotherhood duties, he likes to golf and make hand



Herluf Pedersen

crafts.

Herluf says, "I enjoy meeting people from other lodges and I want to help to keep the DBIA going and increase the membership of younger people."

His advice to DBIA members is, "We need to work harder encouraging younger members to attend meetings and become more sincerely interested in being a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America."

Herluf grew up in Dannebrog, Nebraska. He graduated from St. Paul High School in St.

Paul, Nebraska. Following graduation he worked as a carpenter and insurance adjuster. He has been retired for ten years.

He and his wife Vivian, whom he has been married to for 50 years, are the parents of three daughters. They have 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.