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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

I have asked Board Members, if they wish, to write articles for the President's page. It is a distinct pleasure to present this article prepared by Barry Edmonds.-----Woody

The Board of Directors held their Annual Meeting on October 16 and 17 at our National Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska. As a result of our meetings, several important issues were decided that I feel should be communicated to the members of the DBIA.

Insurance has always been a topic of much discussion by our members. Should we require insurance or not? Lodges claim they could increase membership two fold if we eliminated the insurance requirement. Let me stress the importance of our insurance programs. Our insurance supplies our members a very important benefit to his or her family at a difficult time in their lives. It also supplies our organization with investment income that is put toward the expenses of the Brotherhood, including fraternal benefits. What is our organization faced with — declining memberships, operating during these tough financial conditions (as with many other companies) and a depressed economy. The Board of Directors is struggling with these issues with the future of the DBIA always our main concern.

Now, on to our decisions: The Board has lowered the minimum amount of insurance needed to join the Brotherhood to \$0.00 effective January 1, 1993. This means to become a member of the DBIA, a person under age 50 does not have to purchase an insurance policy (children ages 15 and under, however, cannot be members of a fraternal benefit society without owning a life insurance certificate). We will classify these members as associate (naturally not insured) members. These associate members will be recognized by the Home Office as members entitled to benefits of local lodges as they see fit, receive the **American Dane** magazine and enjoy belonging to the largest Danish organization in America. Since these members aren't insured, they will not be eligible for fraternal benefits. The annual dues for associate members will be \$25.00, there is a \$5.00 initiation fee.

Making this decision was difficult for me personally, realizing the importance of our insurance products to our members and our future financial picture. I must urge lodges, as they bring these new associate members into our organization and as they enjoy the benefits and fraternalism that we offer, that within a period of time, make an offer for them to become insured members.

Our financial picture. The DBIA, as with any company operating during these difficult financial times has to watch its budget. The Board spent many hours reviewing the 1993 budget. In my five years on the Board, we have never reviewed and discussed the budget as we did this time. We have cut expenses! These cuts affect the benefits we give our Home Office employees, travel by Home Office representatives as well as Board members and tightened criteria for fraternal benefits.

A significant cut that many members will see is Board and Home Office representation at district conventions. For 1993, this has been put on hold for the most part. Board members that attend their own district convention will, in 1993, be representing the National Board. Any district that doesn't have a board member living in their area will have one assigned to be present. Home Office staff will not travel to conventions and other fraternal organization meetings.

We are not eliminating fraternal benefits. We are reducing the number and amount of scholarships and camp grants and will closely review any application for special aid, general aid, fraternal donations, as well as matching funds requests.

Finally a few words on our Fraternal Fund. This fund was set up to support our fraternal benefits. For many years our insurance products have paid our fraternal expenses. NO MORE! We have to make our Fraternal Fund self-sufficient. I know we have asked you as members and your lodges for contributions to the Fraternal Fund. We always seem to be asking for money and I know how tiring that can get. But just think, if we make the Fraternal Fund self-sufficient by contributions and investment income we could offer fraternal benefits to all members, insured, social, and associate. Wouldn't that be great!

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Please share my message with as many members as possible. I am always available to answer questions and give assistance. Feel free to phone or write to me if you have questions or suggestions. You will find my address and telephone number on page 3 of **American Dane**. I would love to hear from you.

Fraternally ----- Barry Edmonds

Letters to the Editor

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It is a privilege and a pleasure to pay these dues. I am so very grateful to belong to an organization that cares and teaches as does the Brotherhood. I appreciate the opportunity to learn more about the contributions made to this country by immigrants from all over, but particularly from Denmark.

I do not happen to be of Danish descent, but I have come to love Denmark and her people through the Brotherhood.

Long may it prosper!

Sincerely,
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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.

Commemorative Membership Awards for 1993

60 Year Members

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No.	Name
1	Werner Jensen
257	Robert D. Jorgensen
283	Martin L. Sorensen
600	Morris P. Hansen
600	Theodore Jensen

50 Year Members

Lodge

No.	Name
4	Arnold B. Christiansen
4	George E. Damm
4	Carl J. Olsen
9	Richard F. Segor
29	Olaf Langsted
34	Elmer Jensen
39	Victor Hansen
45	Ejner Jepsen
49	Peter Iversen
51	Ivan Andersen
51	Emil C. Larsen
51	Clarence Madsen
106	Kenneth L. Nielsen
147	Elmer J. Christensen
167	Upton Hansen
167	Earl A. Jensen
167	James R. Jensen
177	Carryl R. Jensen
177	Maynard Petersen
177	Eric C. Rasmussen
183	Robert A. Olsen
186	Irvin W. Edling
219	Irvin M. Sorensen
227	Christian K. Nielsen
242	Andrew Petersen
242	Peter Larsen
261	Ralph P. Teilborg
263	Louis Clausen
263	Eiler D. Frederiksen
263	Jens Krabbe
263	Robert K. Sandahl
263	Roger E. Sorensen
268	Norman C. Christensen
283	Alvin Johnson
283	Melvin P. Jorgensen
314	Wilbert A. Mulberg
332	Harold S. Olsen
600	V. Christian Caspersen
600	A. E. Jensen
600	Wesley E. Johnson
600	Glen R. Jorgensen
600	Carl Petersen
600	Albert Rosenbeck, Jr.

25 Year Members

Lodge

No.	Name
15	Flemming K. Olesen
29	Ernst Jensen
29	Jens H. Nielsen
29	John P. E. Nielsen
37	Arne R. S. Garde
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43	Clyde W. Davidson
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227	Lawrence Sheppard
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230	Johann P. Jockimsen
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25 Year Members

Lodge

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319	Paul Rytter
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600	Julie K. Pinkerton
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600	Jutta M. Reed
600	Robert C. Warner
600	Gale A. Wiler

Native Californian Joins Staff

Michelle Homme, a native of California, joined the Home Office staff on December 7, 1992.

Michelle has been working with DBIA underwriter Rita Christensen in the underwriting department and will assume all department responsibilities on February 1, 1993. Michelle was previously employed with Mutual of Omaha as a claims examiner.

Her DBIA responsibilities include: underwriting and issuing insurance certificates, putting new members on the record books, and processing death claims. Michelle says she is excited to be with the Danish Brotherhood in America. "I enjoy working with the other members of the Home Office staff and look



Michelle Homme

forward to meeting and assisting the many members of the DBIA."

Michelle is a 1986 graduate of Corona Senior High School in Corona, CA. She attended the University of California, Riverside, and earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science in 1990. Michelle's husband, Michael is a native of Omaha. Michael's job brought them back to Omaha two years ago. Michelle isn't all that enthused about Nebraska winters. "The snow and ice would be o.k. if it would just stay off the streets."

Michelle and Michael have one son, 18 month old Joshua. Joshua keeps Michelle and Michael busy, but in the spare time Michelle does find, she enjoys tennis, golf, reading mysteries, or going to craft shows.

Directors Announce 37th Consecutive Refund

The National Board of Directors announces the 37th consecutive refund of gains and savings to insured members of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

All certificates which have been in force for two or three years, depending upon issue date and face amount, including fully paid-up certificates depending upon issue date and face amount, will share in the refund. Not entitled to a refund are term insurance certificates, including those carried under the extended non-forfeiture option, and fully paid-up certificates issued prior to 1954 and any certificate with a face amount less than \$10,000.

Members have four options to receiving or applying the refunds.

1. May be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. There are no premiums on this additional insurance. Additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate.
2. May be left on deposit with the Brotherhood

to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the Board.

3. May be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate.

4. May use refund to reduce life insurance premiums.

IF A MEMBER EXERCISES NO CHOICE, HIS/HER DIVIDEND WILL BUY ADDITIONAL "PAID-UP" INSURANCE.

Any member can receive payment of the cash value of paid-up additions or payment of dividends, on deposit whenever he/she wishes to do so.

Your directors believe DBIA members welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability, and regardless of age and state of health.

While the amount of insurance purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the payments are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

PROFESSOR NIELS BOHR

A Knight of the Order of the Elephant And Co-creator of the Atomic Bomb

by Major Jack M. Walrad, Jr., U.S. Air Force (Ret)

THOSE WHO READ "THE NOBLE ORDERS AND DECORATIONS OF DENMARK" in *American Dane* may recall that Professor Niels Bohr, distinguished Danish physicist, became one of the very few exceptionally meritorious commoners to be knighted and decorated by a Danish monarch.

Professor Bohr was so honored in 1947 for his extraordinary achievements in the development of the atomic bomb. He was made a "white knight" of the noble Order of the Elephant (as distinguished from the "red knights" of the noble Order of the Dannebrog).

Possibly because of the pervasive secrecy surrounding the development of the atomic bomb and its controversial use in bringing the War in the Pacific to an abrupt close in August of 1945, little was written about this distinguished Danish scientist until much later years.

Affectionately dubbed "The Great Dane" by his colleagues, Professor Bohr was often called "the conscience" of the vast array of scientists who participated in the development of the atomic bomb. Despite his extremely noteworthy contribution to the final efforts that produced the bomb, the quiet, soft-spoken Dane nevertheless cautioned his colleagues about the possible long range negative effects of the impending implosion. Yet, it was he, among others, who finally prevailed in the decision to bomb a city in Japan.

Perhaps, it was the realization shared by the professor and some of his colleagues, that the bomb would hasten the end of the long, tortuous war with Japan. While ever mindful of the vast potential of the bomb, the probable deaths of countless thousands of Japanese civilians, there was no doubt that dropping the bomb on Japan would surely save at least half a million American lives. He knew that nearly the entire United States Marine Corps had been committed to make the final assault on the home islands of Japan. Equally huge numbers of soldier, sailors, coast guardsmen and airmen of the vast military might of the United States were being scheduled to die, if necessary, in that final assault. Clearly the professor realized that the President of the United States must have the ultimate option.

Born Niels Henrik David Bohr in Copenhagen on October 7, 1885, the professor graduated from the University of Copenhagen in 1911. Soon afterwards he

was appointed professor of theoretical physics. In 1920 he was appointed Director of the Institute for Theoretical Physics in Copenhagen.

He developed the classical quantum theory of atomic structure. In February of 1939, with John A. Wheeler of Princeton University, Professor Bohr proposed a theory of nuclear fission which later proved to be of great value in subsequent atomic energy research.

Prior to the onset of World War II, the professor's Institute had become the world center for atomic physics. He escaped from Nazi-held Denmark in 1943 and then joined the Manhattan Project under the overall direction of United States Army Major General Leslie R. Groves.

While there were many so-called "anti-bomb" peace groups in the world that were bitterly critical of the role of the Manhattan Project scientists, including Professor Bohr, in 1945 and 1946, it was not until Professor Bohr had been nominated for the award of highly coveted Royal Danish Noble Order of the Elephant that his critics were subdued by a most startling revelation in Japan. That was the discovery of the fact that Japan had very nearly succeeded in building an atomic device of its own and, conceivably, could have, in time, threatened the United States with destruction similar to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Leading the Japanese research was Professor Yoshio Nishina of the Riken Institute in Tokyo. Fear of eventual retaliation by the Japanese government was, at the time, said to be one of the reasons that led leaders of the United States Occupation Forces in post-war Japan to destroy Professor Nishina's cherished cyclotron, thus effectively canceling out many years of Japanese efforts to produce an atomic explosive device.

Incensed because he had previously been assured that he would be allowed to continue his nuclear research for "peaceful" purposes, Professor Nishina eventually attracted worldwide press attention in making his complaints known to the world. Still, few Americans realized at the time just how close the Japanese government came to actual production of a nuclear capability. The end result of this revelation was that press attacks on Professor Bohr and his colleagues for their part in providing the "American advantage" deescalated. And at last, "The Great Dane" received his coveted decoration of the Order of the Elephant.

The Plant & the Bird

A Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived two brothers who were farmers.

One of them did well in everything. His fields gave good harvests, but the second brother didn't seem to have any luck at all.

The little bit of food he derived from his fields was not enough to sustain his family and sometimes there wasn't enough seeds left to plant for the next season.

To make matters worse, it hadn't rained for a long time and the harvest was very small.

The planting season arrived and the farmers started to prepare their land for seeding, but the poor brother didn't have any seeds and went to his nearest neighbor who refused him everything.

So, the poor brother went to a second neighbor who also refused him and said, "Why don't you ask your rich brother? Why do you come to a poor man like me?"

The poor brother sighed and returned home. He told his wife about what the neighbors had said.

"They are right!" said the wife. "Why don't you ask your brother? It's not that he couldn't help you!"

The poor brother shrugged. "He doesn't want to hear from me," he said, softly. "I don't know what to do!"

"You have no other choice," said the wife. "You must go and tell your brother about our situation. I'm sure he will help us."

The poor man knew that his wife was right and he went to see his brother who lived in a wonderful palace.

When the poor man arrived he found that the gate was locked. He stood and knocked on the door, but no one answered.

Finally, one of the windows opened and the wife of his brother leaned out and shouted, "Why are you knocking?"

The poor man moved closer. "I want to ask my brother to give me some seeds for planting," he replied. "If I don't get some soon, there will be nothing to harvest this year and we will not be able to live!"

The wife of the brother slammed the window shut and the poor man started to walk away when the wife of the brother appeared at the gate.

"Here are some seeds, you worthless beggar!" she said, giving him a bag of cooked rice from the pot on the stove knowing full well that the rice could not be planted.

The poor man thanked the wife, but did not check the contents of the bag until he returned home and discovered exactly what it was.

He was ashamed to tell his wife and children how he had been tricked, so he decided to go to his fields and plant the cooked rice to see if it really could grow.

But, of course, it didn't and the poor man did not know what or where he should go next for help.

One day, when he came to the field, the poor brother noticed a very unusual plant growing from the ground. He didn't know what kind of plant it was, but somehow he felt that this plant would save him.

So he guarded it and it continued to grow. When it was harvest time, he went to the field to cut down the plant with one fell swoop.

At this same time, a giant bird flew down from the sky and grabbed the plant and started to fly away, but the poor man managed to hold onto the plant with both hands so that the bird pulled the man with him and carried him far up into the sky.

The poor man was holding onto the plant for dear life when he realized that the bird began to fly lower until it landed on top of a hill.

Jewels were scattered all over the hill and the poor man never saw such a treasure as this.

Suddenly, the bird said, "Take all of the jewels you want, but remember that in an hour we must leave!"

The poor man said, "I'm ready!"

"What have you taken?" asked the bird.

"I took one silver object and one jewel," replied the poor man. "That is all I need!"

The bird was surprised. "If such a small amount is sufficient, then a great future awaits you! Let us go now!"

This time, the poor man climbed onto the bird's back still holding the plant. The bird returned the man to his field.

The man offered the plant to the bird and he took it.

Then the man said, "What is the secret of this plant?"

"Do not question this," replied the bird and he flew away.

The poor man then took his objects to town and sold them for a great deal of money—enough to buy food and clothing for his family.

He was able to buy seed and more land and eventually became the richest man in his village.

Now, when his sister-in-law heard of this, she was very much surprised and couldn't understand how it had happened.

So she asked her husband to invite his brother to visit them in hope that they could find out the secret to his success.

At first, the once poor brother didn't want to accept the invitation, but then he decided to go.

This time, his brother treated him with kindness and respect and then asked him, "How did you become so wealthy?"

And so, he told him about the cooked rice and how he had planted it, whereupon a strange plant grew and how a large bird took him to a hill where he found thousands of jewels.

"Amazing," said the brother, but in his heart he made plans to do the same.

The next season the rich brother planted his field with cooked rice hoping to find this strange plant growing there, too.

And sure enough, a plant did appear and at harvest time the rich

brother cut it down just as the large bird swooped down lifting the plant and the man at the same time.

The bird flew to the hill where jewels were scattered and he told the rich man to fill his pockets quickly because he would soon leave.

The rich man searched for the largest and most precious of jewels and the bird warned him about the time, but the brother kept filling up his pockets until the jewels made him barely able to walk.

"It is time to go!" said the bird as he tried lifting up the man, but couldn't "Get rid of some of the jewels! I can't carry you away. You are too heavy!"

"Nonsense!" said the rich man, trying to get more gold and silver into his hat.

The large bird shook his head and finally flew away leaving the rich man alone forever on the hilltop still searching for more wealth.

Introducing . . .



Devin M. Jastrowski

Devin M. Jastrowski, one of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 92 in St. Charles, Illinois, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Devin M. Jastrowski. I was born July 27, 1992. My bestefar has been a member almost 30 years. He got me into the Danish Brotherhood. My grandparents were both born in Denmark where my Mor's grandparents still live. I love to sleep and eat. I'm told I have a cute smile. My Mom, Dad, brother Julian and my Bedstemor went to Denmark in April, 1992.

My brother Julian is 3 years old and plays with me. He is also a member of the Danish Brotherhood. My other grandparents are of Polish decent so I'll learn a bit of both languages. They all try to make me smart."

Welcome Devin!

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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
10-29-92	Werner J. Lunde	69	Askov, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1942
10-30-92	Robert F. Cramer	57	Omaha, Nebraska	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1964
1-1-89	Richard A. Geissler	42	New Haven, Connecticut	675	Omaha, Nebraska	1974
10-29-92	Earl R. Andersen	76	Rockford, Illinois	64	Rockford, Illinois	1951
11-21-92	Chris P. H. Paulsen	94	Ribe, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1925
10-29-92	James M. Ferguson	59	Henryville, Indiana	342	Bucks County, Pennsylvania	1976
10-4-92	August A. Jensen	75	Oxford, Connecticut	41	Derby, Connecticut	1936
11-15-92	Theodore S. Hasle, II	92	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1937
7-14-92	Marie C. Hansen	92	Dwight, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1977
7-16-92	Edith C. Mickelson	84	Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1987
7-31-92	Oscar H. Carlson	84	Sweden	227	Detroit, Michigan	1983

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Pacific

Northwest

Lodge No. 155, Bellingham, WA—To commemorate the November 7, 1902, chartering of Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 155, members and guests met on November 7, 1992, for an anniversary dinner at Lakeway Inn in Bellingham.

Among the guests were Past National President, Clyde Langsted of Seattle, National Director, Asbjorn Fisker of Portland, and Pacific-Northwest District President, Svend Toftemark of Eugene, as well as the president of Vancouver, B.C. Lodge No. 328, Jens Peter Vestergaard and the president for Enumclaw Lodge No. 113, Niels Nedergard, who all brought greeting and best wishes for the future of our lodge.



Clyde Langsted, Jerry Jensen, Herluf Pedersen and Niels Nedergard.

Lodge president Robert Laursen gave a very interesting review of the life of Lodge No. 155, drawing his comments from the records. In the course of his presentation, he mentioned specific episodes which highlighted the ups and downs over the past 90 years. Stating the fact that the lodge during generations has "withstood the storms of adversity", he expressed his conviction that the lodge would continue to persevere.



District President Svend Toftemark and Lodge President Robert Laursen.

He extends his thanks and appreciation to all the guests for taking the time to come to Bellingham and share this special occasion with the lodge members. He especially thanked Clyde for presenting us with the National Board of Directors Certificate of Merit and Asbjorn for conveying the greetings from the staff in Omaha.

After sharing the Danish birthday cake, this special evening continued with dancing and socializing, making it a memorable event for all who participated.

Karen Bruun, Sec-Treas.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—The November 4 meeting was called to order by President Norm Powell with 40 members and guests present. The minutes were approved as written in the Portland Dane. A letter was read from Mel Pihl urging the various Scandinavian lodges and organizations to sponsor scholarships and to encourage members to attend the Scandinavian language classes at PSU. Bills were read and approved to be paid. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Kris Roley requested help in finding an alternative winter activity for the Young Vikings since Snow Bunny no longer exists.

Phil Baker reported on the successful æbleskiver breakfast. We served 220 adults and about 20 children. The breakfast brought in over \$900 and the profit is approximately \$600. Some bills haven't been finalized. Congratulations to Phil for a well organized and successful event. President Powell instructed the secretary to send a letter to Bethany Church thanking them for letting us use their facility.

It was moved to send \$100 to Bethany Church and later amended to \$125. \$25.00 would be designated to go to the custodian for the extra time required to get the church ready for Sunday. It was seconded and unanimously passed.

President Powell reported that the new Mid-Willamette Lodge No. 350 had a great celebration party. Many of our members were in attendance.

Mel Pihl encouraged our lodge to consider sponsoring a minimum of two scholarships. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved and seconded to have the scholarship committee meet before the next officer's meeting and bring their recommendations. It was felt there was not enough time to consider all the information at this meeting to make a good decision. The motion passed with a majority vote.

Asbjorn Fisker reported the nominating committee report for the 1993 slate of officers.

Asbjorn Fisker also reported that our lodge would be celebrating an anniversary on May 8 and we need to think about getting

something going.

Mel Pihl suggested that we allow the door prize to grow each month to encourage attendance. All members' names would go in the pot, but could only win if present. If not present, then the money stays and grows for the next month.

DBIA Lodge No. 167 and DS Lodge No. 81 are holding their joint installation of 1993 officers on January 9 at the Shilo Inn Motel with social hour to begin at 5:30 p.m. **Kathy Jensen, Sec.**

Lodge No. 283, Dagmar, MT—DBIA members and family members celebrated Marius Madsen's 96th birthday in September, 1992. He was born in Tjoereberg, Denmark. The lodge members presented Marius with a certificate of merit and a bouquet of flowers.



Front row: Shauni and Edee Hendrickson, Marius Madsen and Bryan Hendrickson; back row: DBIA members Alvin Peterson, Gilbert Sorensen and Carl Peterson.

Gregg Nielsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—Just a small reminder regarding our smoker. It will be held on January 23 at the Community Center Hall in Cloverdale-Surrey.

There were 44 Brothers present at the last meeting. Frede Laursen was installed into the lodge. After our ceremonies were finished, we had a short pause.

It was reported from the bylaw committee, Poul B. Christensen, that we had received our bylaws back from Victoria and they were

accepted with a few wording changes. A discussion took place regarding the standing motion for increase of membership dues and benefits. It was moved and seconded that there will be a new proposal included in our newsletter from the bylaw committee.

Gary Elmberg reported on behalf of the Community Center that a new Board of Directors was elected. At this point, we appointed Axel Jensen to be our representative to the Community Center.

As our next meeting will be our annual general meeting, we elected a chairman, Poul B. Christensen.

It was mentioned that some of our members helped Bellingham Lodge No. 155 celebrate their 90th birthday on November 7, 1992.

A motion was made to again support the Ladies Auxiliary to Dania Home with a donation of \$200 to help them with the Christmas party for their residents.

At the end of our meeting, Uwe Bruhn made a motion that the members attending our general meeting would receive two drinks and two sandwiches. Many, many Brothers seconded this motion but it was recorded that Kale Moser seconded the motion.

After the meeting, we all enjoyed a few open faced sandwiches, beer and snaps.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR—We preceded our November meeting with a turkey potluck. We began official business with the welcoming of our guests. Ellen Barthel introduced her granddaughter, D'nie Massey. Scott Stefansen's mother, Madge, also joined us. Bob Biswell and Carol Proniewicz came as special guests of their son Craig Biswell, to witness the initiation of their granddaughter.

We presented a certificate to Hans Lynning, sent by the National Headquarters in commemoration of his 96th birthday. The

lodge celebrated by singing Happy Birthday and giving three rousing cheers to Hans. We initiated Miranda Vedsted Biswell and welcomed her as our youngest member.

We learned that the Hostfest earned \$2,003.72 for the lodge. Betty Christensen thanked everyone who helped her with the sandwiches. We voted to hold the fundraiser in 1993. Sharon Medart reported that the magazine fundraiser earned \$329.69. We have also made \$150 so far from the sale of Entertainment Books.

The Nyegaards and Matsons announced the completion of their term as newsletter committee. Fleming and Bente Pedersen and Birgit Sand volunteered to take over as newsletter committee.

The nominating committee put forward the slate of officers for 1993. No nominations were made from the floor. Installation will be January 14.

Following the business meeting, we adjourned for refreshments and entertainment by Paul the Magician.

Our next business meeting will be January 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge. Tickets are on sale for the installation dinner preceding the business meeting at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be prepared and served by the Sonya Daughters.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 350, Mid-Willamette, OR—Mark your calendars for our lodge meetings on January 13 and February 17 at the Albany Senior Citizen's Center.

Stephanie Jorgensen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA—The November meeting came to order by President Doris Christensen with 28 members present. The minutes were read by Secretary Betty Seale and ap-

proved as read. Betty reported that we did not have the right phone number for Adam Waynert and she would investigate it. He is a prospective member.

The joint installation of officers will take place on February 20 at the Alamo.

Three members have earned their 25 year pins; namely Niels Olesen, John Ostergaard and William Larsen.

It was decided to upgrade our membership roster and bylaws in 1993. The Bylaw Committee is Owen Miller, Karl Duus and Erik Kofod.

The lodge will sponsor a church dinner in April at the Danish Lutheran Church in Los Angeles.

Karl Duus brought up the Las Vegas trip again. He will check with Mette Haytt about a possible date in February.

The lodge voted to donate \$100 to both Himmelbjerget and the Salvation Army.

At the November meeting, we voted to make the fish dinner/bingo free to all members who have attended eight out of twelve meetings in the past year.

The Nominating Committee under the guidance of Karl Duus presented the slate of officers for 1993. They are as follows: Past President, Doris Christensen; President, Karen Rowse; Vice President, David Seale; Secretary, Betty Seale; Financial Secretary, Harold Mathiasen; Treasurer, Owen Miller; Conductor, Tom Bristing; Trustees, Roy Christoffersen, Ove Hansen and Erik Kofod; Guard, Oluf Pedersen; Editor, Kate Krake Nielsen; and Associate Editor, Inger A. Dix. We wish the new officers the best of luck for 1993. Congratulations!

Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor
Inger Dix, Assoc. Editor

Lodge No. 230, Arcata, CA— We held our anniversary and Christmas party on November 28 at the North Coast Inn. We celebrated 87 years with some of the

descendents of the early members in attendance. Barbara Boyer decorated the tables in a holiday spirit. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.

Our monthly meeting time has been moved to 7:30 p.m. from now on.

Judy Kjer, Sec.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA— Carl N. Andersen has been approved for membership. Carl was born in Odense and is a retired real estate appraiser. Welcome Carl.

The 1993 installation of officers will be held on Sunday, January 10, at the Bonita Golf Club. Social hour is at noon followed by lunch. Installation will be conducted following lunch.

Bessie Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA— Our November social was our bingo and pizza night. We began the evening with cold drinks followed by the delicious pizzas that were brought. There was plenty to go around with everyone having their fill.

On November 13-15, our California-Nevada District Youth gathered for a youth weekend sponsored by Gary and Toni Gossett. Joined together were youth representatives from three California lodges and contacts from two other lodges unable to attend. These youth were graciously invited to gather at Ken and Gerry Olsen's home. They gathered Friday evening. On Saturday they went to Knotts Berry Farm, and Saturday evening they joined our lodge for our pizza and bingo social.

President Ken Olsen called our business meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and because the district youth were joining us for the evening, he asked Vice President, Bryce Gossett, to conduct the meeting. Bryce accepted. It was noted that all lodge officers were present and visitors were introduced.

In the absence of Gertrude Nielsen, Vivian Schuette gave a

report on our Operation: H.O.P.E. recipient, the YWCA. The YWCA of Santa Ana sent a thank you letter to the lodge which Vivian read. Many members remembered to bring laundry detergent and dryer sheets to our November meeting for the YWCA. The YWCA is now asking for donations of note paper, pens, stamps, but because of our busy December meeting, we decided to collect these items at our February meeting.

The lodge would like to recognize the tremendous dedication and efforts of Erna Andersen who faithfully remembers to bring in the aluminum tabs for donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Anaheim. Erna brought in several pounds of tabs in November. These donations really help with the expenses of the sick children and their families. Thanks so much Erna!

Toni Gossett gave a convention '94 committee report. The first meeting ran very smoothly and to get their bank account going, the committee planned a lodge garage sale for November 21. A total of \$354 was raised and will go into a separate convention account. Many thanks to the Gossetts, Olsens, Wiegandts, Bjorns, Chappells, Soren Christensens, Alf Christensens, Cal Christensen, Marie Christensen, Doris Sparks, and Gertrude Nielsen. Your donations allowed us to conduct our best lodge fundraiser yet! We are already planning on holding our second lodge garage sale so we are asking all our members to please collect all their items for our next event.

Bryce then turned the evening over to the Kesslers who organized the bingo. We had many bingo winners. Our grand prize, a lovely oil painting by Kaj Bjorn, was won by Gerald Setting. Many thanks to those of you who brought the bingo prizes and also to the ladies who provided the refreshments and to Ken Olsen who donated the ice cream.

Remember to save your aluminum cans and bring them to the lodge. Ken Olsen will be turning them in and the money goes into the Youth Fund which helps pay for our youth delegate at district conventions.

Congratulations to our newly elected lodge officers for 1993: President, Ken Olsen; Vice President, Bryce Gossett; Secretary, Gerry Olsen; Treasurer, Betty Christensen; Conductor, Helga Bjorn; Trustees, Ike Kessler, Kaj Bjorn and Cal Christensen; Inner Guard, Patty Kessler; Outer Guard, Toni Olsen Gossett; and Past President, Jim Wiegandt.

The joint installation of officers will take place at the dinner/dance to be held on January 9.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA—Our November meeting was short on members but big on fun. Tina Del Grippo was good enough to stand in for Secretary Nancy Nielsen. Thanks for taking the minutes. We voted on the roster of officers and the results are as follows: Past President, Jim Patterson; President, Darlene Petersen; Vice President, Bill Johansen; Secretary, Sue Patterson; Treasurer, Kaja Del Grippo; Chairman of Trustees, Doris Thompson; Second Trustee, Inga Mathiesen; Third Trustee, Richard Perez; Conductor, Bill Jones; Inner Guard, Lynda Jones; and Outer Guard, Norma Loveday.

After our meeting the desserts were set out along with the bingo cards and we played about 14 games. The homegrown and handmade prizes were nice.

On November 19, we had 8 members in attendance for our Board and Convention Committee meeting at the Del Grippos and once again we got a great deal accomplished. We had been in contact with Horizon House and Elf Kaja saw to it that everyone at the home received a personal gift on Christmas from our lodge.

The joint installation of offi-

cers of Kodan and Holger Danske lodges will be a dinner-dance on January 9.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

Colorado

Lodge No. 43, Denver, CO—On November 6, 1992, family and friends gathered to celebrate the 96th birthday of Ernest Andersen. Members presented him with a framed certificate of merit on the occasion of his 96th birthday for him to hang in his room.



Ernest Andersen.

Susan Jensen, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—The November auction netted over \$100 to be divided between the Red Cross and Salvation Army. It was fun and for a good cause. The pumpkin pie was delicious. Thanks to the committee.

The following officers were elected to serve in 1993: President, Jim Weedman; Vice President, Ruth Nielsen; Secretary, Jim Christiansen; Treasurer, Svend Greve; Chair of Trustees, Lois Hansen; Second Trustee, Ruby Welna; Third Trustee, Ted Stollard; and Conductor, Charles Johnson.

The lodge received a special thank you from the Western Heritage Museum for the decora-

tions which were made and sent for their tree.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—The 1992 Lip Sync Contest is now history. The report given at our November meeting was very good - over \$500 was given to the D.A.R.E. program. This includes the \$100 matching funds from our lodge. A big thank you to all who helped in this community event.

Election of officers for 1993 was held at our November meeting with the following results: President, Laurids Pedersen; Vice President, Jerry Christensen; Treasurer, Mabel Kastrup; Secretary, Helen McNichols; Conductor, Tage Christensen; Trustees, Robert Jorgensen, Raymond Wilson and Viva Husk; Past President, Doris Stokes.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Heartland

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN—Our lodge, along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 60, met at the Senior Citizen's Center on November 7, 1992, for our monthly meeting. President Harlan Nelson conducted the meeting of the Brotherhood. Grace M. Tomson presented a report of the activities of the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held at Waverly, Iowa, in September. The name of our district was changed at the convention to "Heartland District" as our area now encompasses the additional states of South Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Arkansas. The Albert Lea lodge was the winner of the \$25 prize for having the best social activity in the district for 1992. Maurine Levisen, chairman of the nominating committee for 1993, presented a slate of officers.

Donald Levisen, representing the Miss Albert Lea Mermaid Group, announced the Miss Al-

bert Lea Mermaid is now completed in clay and is ready to be cast in bronze. Don Levisen announced that sculptor George Bassett of the Miss Albert Lea Mermaid will prepare an original painting of the statue which will be presented to Lodge No. 75 and a local printer will prepare copies of this which will be offered for sale.

The Rev. Gilberg Kuyper of the First Presbyterian Church was the guest speaker for the evening. His topic portrayed the years he worked with the Indians while he was a seminary student in Omaha, Nebraska, and as a graduate student at Princeton University and a part-time minister. His narration was interspersed with humorous and delightful incidents that occurred in his study and work.

Danish sandwiches and sweets were served by Maurine and Earl Levisen and Helen and Norval Nelson.

Grace M. Tomson, Sec.

Lodge No. 121, Tyler, MN— We met at Jack and Alvina Burke's home in Lake Benton, Minnesota, for our Christmas potluck party on Saturday, December 5.

After supper, Therkel Jorgensen read the Christmas story. Hilda Hansen showed us how to make the Danish heart basket. Each one made a basket. Christmas carols were sung and Santa arrived with treats for everyone.

We all enjoyed the beautiful decorations throughout the Burke house.

Hilda Hansen, Sec-Treas.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA—Sisterhood Lodge No. 176 and Brotherhood Lodge No. 144 enjoyed a family potluck supper together in October. Recognized for best costumes were George Olsen, Dorothy Ericksen and the grandchildren of Harold and Rosie Christensen.

We all enjoyed delicious æbleskiver served by the ladies of the

Sisterhood.

Some items were brought for the Dike Food Bank.

Many thanks to all who made our hosting of the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention a real pleasure. Without your superb loyalty to our groups, it could not have happened. Many traveled a long way. We appreciate your coming!

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA—Quite a few members attended the November 19 meeting. Alice Gorsch was asked to give a short reading to clarify some points made at our October meeting. After that, bingo started with Art Wall doing the calling. Lots of goodies were won and everyone had a great time. The evening ended with refreshments being served by Ulla Christensen and Alice Gorsch. As usual, Anker Severinsen made coffee and set up the Thanksgiving table.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

Lodge No. 349, Atlantic, IA— We held our annual Christmas dinner at the home of Gail and Delores Nelson on November 29 with 62 attending. After a delicious catered meal, we were entertained by Russ Lenhart playing the harmonica. Bingo provided the entertainment for the evening using the white elephant gifts as prizes.

Delicious apple dessert was served by the committee at the close of the evening. After lots of fun, food and fellowship, everyone left by thanking the committee for a most enjoyable evening.

Evelyn Rechtenbach, Sec.

Midwest

Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI—A special thanks to Dan Christensen for his years of dedicated service as secretary of our lodge. Also to Betty and John Mollerskov for providing lunch for the October meeting and to Lance King and

Glenn Nyboe for providing lunch for the November meeting.

We had a great turnout for the last Torsk dinner with 52 people attending.

Installation of officers for 1993 will be held on January 13 with Past President Nels Jensen as installing officer.

Jeff Christiansen, Pres.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI— We had a very successful smoker with 125 in attendance enjoying cards and refreshments. A big thank you to our hard working chairman, Louis Mellone, with help from his crew - Harve Cecil, Malcolm Young, Al Aceto, Rick Wade, John Sullivan, Jim Johnson, Carl Swanson, Warren Piehl, Harry Brookhouse and Bob Ibsen. A big thank you to all who donated prizes.

Midwest District Darts was held at our lodge with a turnout of 53 coming from all over the district including Chicago, Dwight, St. Charles and Kenosha. Men's champs were Ken Learmont and Marty Seyller and the women's winners were Caroline Christensen and Jody Sloth. Thanks to committee chairman Todd Barnett, Nick Fanning, Ted Billings, Todd and Annette Bernhardt, Jeff and Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Jim and Kevin Gleason, Jeff Wamboldt, John Chase, Tim Wermeling and Bob Ibsen.

The Halloween party continues to grow in popularity with the costumes getting more elaborate every year. Over 200 attended, bringing oodles of snacks along with free beer and soda. The judges really had their hands full giving out extra prizes for all the great costumes. The committee is to be congratulated on a great evening - Jim and Lavora Bohn, Rudy and Glori Bernhardt, Frank and Kathy DiCello and Mort and Lois Schulz.

Our big fund raiser for the year - the Jule Fest weekend - was once again well attended with 900 on Saturday for the Craft Fair and 900 for breakfast on

Sunday. We thank all those who volunteered - too many to mention but a great team effort on everyone's part.

The annual Torsk dinner/dance brought 126 to the hall. Thanks to the committee of Bob Ibsen, Ray and Jayne Zieth, Roger and Henrietta Sorensen, Harold and Kay Bordeau.

We have a new 54" double-door stainless steel refrigerator in the kitchen. The cooler was placed in the boiler room for extra beer and food storage. Thanks to the Rathskellar group for their donation towards this purchase.

An æbleskiver and medisterpølse breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 per person which includes kringle and coffee. Please call to help work and invite your friends.

Bob Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL—Welcome to new member, Ron Colebank. The Midwest District Convention has been changed to September 10-12, 1993. Everyone had a good time at the Darts on October 24. Æbleskiver pans will be ordered and the search is on for burners to fit them. Bill Clavey suggested we do something for our long time members.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—The 103rd anniversary dinner-dance of Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 and DBIA Lodge No. 35 was held at Surma's Restaurant in Homewood, Illinois, on November 7. Good food, music and a great time made for a nice evening for the 125 members and friends who attended. The committee, led by Lillian and Mario Mauro, did a fine job of putting the evening together.

Ethel Orszulak, head of the Nominating Committee for 1993, read the recommended slate of officers at the November 13 meeting. The vote to accept the slate as read was unanimous. New 1993 officers are: President, Al

Iversen; Vice President, Carl Christensen; Financial Secretary, Frank Connery; Recording Secretary, Carol Jensen; Treasurer, Henry Jepsen; Trustees, Ethel Orszulak, Dick Sabey and Mario Mauro; and Conductor, William O'Flynn. Also elected were the Nominating Committee members for 1993. They are Connie Aagesen, Ray Nielsen, and Grant Rau.

Jenny Jensen informed us that the tree at the Museum of Science and Industry was all trimmed and looks beautiful. She thanked those who took part in the trimming, no small task as the trees are 18 feet tall.

It was voted to send \$100 each at Christmas time, as we usually do, to Grand View College, Dana College, The Danish Home and Lutheran Family Mission.

Woody Petersen mentioned that Ray Nielsen, as recipient of the Howard E. Christensen Award, received another beautiful award from the National Fraternal Congress and that Woody has presented this to Ray at the dinner-dance. Ray was surprised and delighted and was given a round of applause at the dinner-dance and at the meeting.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI—Fourteen members and ten guests were present at our 103rd anniversary celebration on November 9. A very tasty chicken dinner was prepared and donated by Alice and Lars Andersen. A big thank you to the Andersens.

Our guests were Rachel Finger, Doris Kramer, Florence Mordan, and singer Loey Nelson, daughter of members Ernie and Jeanette Norquist.



Danish rock group, Jackal, with Illinois record producer.

Our guests from Denmark were members of the Danish rock group, Jackal, who were in our area to record their latest album in Gurnee, Illinois. The band is working with record producer Eric Greif-Solvbjerg, a co-owner of the studio and a member of our lodge. The Danish rock group consists of Per Fisker, drums; Soren Jahansen, bass; Brian Rich, vocals; Benny Petersen, guitar; Tonny Eriksen, band's assistant; and John Kronholm, recording engineer. Our Danish guests gave most interesting presentations about their home towns and their music.



Attendees at Lodge No. 36's 103rd anniversary celebration.

During our September, October and November, 1992 business meetings, our members donated miscellaneous items which were delivered to Sojourner Truth House, a refuge for battered women and their children. This is part of our participation in Operation: H.O.P.E. Our members have been most generous donating soap, shampoo, robes, children's slippers, booties, hair brushes, curlers, plush animals, etc. A conservative estimate of value is \$340. We thank the following members for giving from their heart once again: Alice and Lars Andersen, Elsa Berlin, Nancy Churchill, Grace Gertz, Elsie Hein, Lillian Jensen, Barbara Larsen, Al and Carol Larsen, Ernie and Jeanette Norquist and Paul and Sandra Sorensen. **Al Larsen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI—President Harold Rasmussen called the October 22 meeting to order. Members again agreed to take a collection for Tomorrow's

Children, a home for handicapped children.



Mary Ann Hermanson and Mel Johnson entertain at the Morton goose dinner.

Fifty-one members and guests enjoyed the annual Morton goose dinner at the Country Club. Ella Gudmandsen said the Danish table prayer followed by the group singing the prayer in English. Mel Johnson and Mary Ann Hermanson entertained us with a number of selections.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

Michigan
Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—On November 11 the Brotherhood and Sisterhood officers met at Nankin Mills for dinner. Afterwards we discussed the calendar of events for our social nights in 1993.

On January 27 our social night will be refreshments and the installation of new officers. On February 24 we planned an evening of "sla katten" (cat in the barrel).

At the regular meeting on November 25 we held our election of new officers: Past president, George Petersen; President, Ken Christensen; Vice President, Houghton Smith; Corr. Secretary, Nielsen Dalley; Recording Secretary, Tom Christensen; Treasurer, Paul Carlsen; Conductor, Preben Hansen; Trustees, Cortland Book and Otto Pedersen,

one trustee position is open; Inner Guard, William Andersen; and Outer Guard, Carl Sylvest. Eric Andersen, David Christensen and Fred Jensen were re-elected to the Danish Old Peoples Home board.

On December 6, we had our children's Christmas party. The Christmas tree was decorated in the morning by the officers. At the party the children enjoyed a magic clown, refreshments, Santa and toys. Also dancing around the tree, with help from Rigmor Cuolahan and the children from Jr. American Danish Association (J.A.D.A.).

December 9 was the adult Christmas party and ornament auction with lots of Christmas goodies.

Our regular dinner meeting will be held on January 13.

Ken Christensen, Pres.

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Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT—Our November turkey dinner was excellent thanks to Barbara Larsen. After dinner we held a bingo with almost everyone winning a prize. Our turkey raffle of \$25 was won by Donald Geissler. Thanks to everyone who attended and brought food items. We were able to give two families, who were having a difficult time, a basket of food for Thanksgiving. It was greatly appreciated.

On January 8 we will have a regular business meeting at the Shepard Avenue Fire Station at 8 p.m. Our February 12 meeting will also be a regular meeting at 8 p.m. Our March meeting will include installation of officers.

Winnie Edmons, Cor.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, NJ—Our dinner party in October was a real success. Sincere thanks to Chris and Carol Mogensen and Don and Milly Heckmann who

helped us with flowers, decorations and setting up. Thanks also to those that helped clean up. It was really appreciated.

Paul Ifversen, Cor.

Lodge No. 164, New York, NY—Our November meeting was well attended. Annual elections brought the following results: President, Lorraine Hendricksen; Vice President, Aage Christensen; Treasurer, Barbara Perrin; Secretary, Debbie Sorensen; Financial Secretary, Ellie Brinkman; Conductor, Robert Andersen; Trustees, Hans-Axel Jaal, Gloria Jacobsen, Bent Rosenqvist; Representatives to the Danish Home, Claire Sorensen and Helen Mortensen; and Alternate Representatives, Esther Muskett and Robert Connor.

We welcomed Robert Conner, Steven and Eric Beyer as new members. Eric, a Young Viking, represents the fourth generation of membership in our lodge. His great-grandfather was an active member, his grandparents, Svend and Sunny Beyer are currently active members and his parents are too. Velkommen!

We are very pleased that while the fire at the Danish Home in Croton-on-Hudson did extensive property damage, there were no personal injuries.

Lodge No. 164 extends greetings to all other lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America with a wish for peace and prosperity in the new year.

Maggie Cull, Cor.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—We enjoyed a marvelous attendance for the November smorrebrod. The workers did not disappoint us with their culinary artwork, and the Danish layer cakes, dedicated to our hard working secretary on his 75th birthday. Several guests attended from our neighbor lodge No. 342. Poul Pedersen was presented with his 50-year membership pin.

President Len Gottliebson ini-

tiated Kjeld Krag Jensen and Wicky and James Nielsen. We welcome our new members.

We have changed our regular meeting night to the third Friday of the month for the next three months. Mark the following meeting dates and events on your calendar: January 15, celebrate the new year with a traditional torskegilde, February 19, annual Fastelavn's party, and March 19, joint installation of officers at the Viking lodge.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY—We had the annual display of arts and crafts by our members at our meeting held November 13. Our members brought in handmade items including bird-houses, drawings, paintings, a selection of Christmas items, hand decorated shirts and much more for everyone to enjoy.

Our 66th annual dinner dance was held on Saturday, November 21. It was a lively and enjoyable party. The dinner dance committee to prepare for the party included Johnna Bedell, Birgit and George Jacobsen, Helen Kofod, Evelyn and Leo Jensen, and Karen and Anthony Witt. There was plenty of music and dancing thanks to our disc jockey, Tunes East, and a song competition between the tables turned out to be very funny with acting as well as singing. Leif Pedersen was as usual our very entertaining mas-

ter of ceremonies. A special tribute was paid to Elizabeth and Leif Pedersen who will be leaving this area in the near future.



President Helen Kofod honors Elizabeth and Leif Pedersen at the annual dinner dance.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA—After Rita Malmquist's Ital-

ian dinner, our members enjoyed a Tivoli night with roulette, blackjack, and a numbers game. Rita Malmquist showed her gambling skills by walking away with stacks of money and the evening's first prize. Thanks to Peggy Ramsey, Sam Ramsey, Sharon Kvist and Tage Kvist for putting on a good show.

Karen Novotnie and Mary Linton brought in three large laundry baskets of holiday goods donated by our members for distribution to three needy families for the Thanksgiving holiday on behalf of the lodge. Thanks to all our members for the bountiful donations that helped create these horns of plenty.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

1993 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries have been forwarded rules and entry forms regarding the 1993 National DBIA Handicap Bowling Tournament. The dates for bowling are between March 1, 1993 and June 1, 1993.

Recognition will be given to the 20 highest teams, high men's individual game, high men's individual series, high women's team, high women's individual game, and high women's individual series.

The winning Young Viking team will be awarded a certificate to avoid conflict with eligibility requirements for school athletics.

All teams may be mixed, but all participants must be member of the Danish Brotherhood. A lodge may enter one or more teams. No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Dana College Receives \$1.6 Million Gift

Dana College in Blair, Nebraska received a Christmas gift in the form of 1.6 million dollars.

According to Dana President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, this \$1.6 million gift was an unrestricted bequest from the estate of the late Leonard Johnson of Omaha.

Leonard Johnson was a bachelor who lived and worked on the family farm which was located at 72nd and Grover Streets in Omaha, Nebraska. The 95-acre farm was sold in the late 1960's. It was from this sale that Johnson realized most of his wealth.

Johnson attended school in Omaha. At the time of his death in November, 1991, he was a resident of the Immanuel Fontenelle Home.

He never attended Dana, had no family-ties to the college, and before

making this bequest in his will, had never made a contribution to the college.

Neighbors of Mr. Johnson say he was not involved in any church or civic activities and lived very frugally his entire life. He was immensely proud of being a Dane, and although he was not active in any of the Danish or Scandinavian organizations, he was aware of Dana College and Dana's Danish background.

The Dana Board of Regents designated the Johnson gift for the new classroom-faculty office-chapel complex under construction.

The new building replaces Dana's Old Main which was destroyed by fire in August, 1988. The building is expected to be complete in time for the beginning of 1993 fall classes.

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The Danish Immigrant Museum December 4, 1992.

Museum Construction Continues

The national Danish Immigrant Museum near the Danish villages of Elk Horn and Kimballton, Iowa, is taking shape.

The exterior walls, decking and roofing were scheduled to be completed by the end of 1992. Funding permitting, the Museum Board of Directors plans to open the Museum to the public at the end of summer, 1993. The Danish Immigrant Museum will tell the story of the immigration and Americanization of Danes in North America.

The core building will meet the immediate needs of the museum while funds are raised for the entire \$5.4 million project. The first phase includes 8,400 square feet on the main level for exhibits, educational programs, offices, a gift shop and a kitchen-dining area.

Many of the 8,500 Danish immigrant artifacts will be stored safely in the basement which is a humidity- and temperature- controlled environment. These artifacts come from Danish communities across the nation. In addition to artifacts, thousands of people of Danish heritage across the United States as well as clubs, businesses and foundations, have contributed and pledged more than \$2.3 million toward the project.

Construction has been accelerated by gifts from families who are honoring their Danish immigrant relatives by registering them on the museum's Immigrant Wall of Honor. This will be the only registry in the United States where names of Danish immigrants will be displayed.

The museum's location in southwest Iowa was a favorite destination for many Danish immigrants. The national facility is located between the Danish Immigrant Archives at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska and Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa.

For more information about the Museum call 1-800-759-9192.

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1993 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America and be nominated at a regularly scheduled lodge meeting.

Nomination forms, along with guidelines and procedures have been forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to receiving a nomination form from every Danish Brotherhood lodge by the deadline of February 15, 1993. Please note, the same member may be nominated each year, however, may win the national award one time only.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

For further information, contact your local president or secretary or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

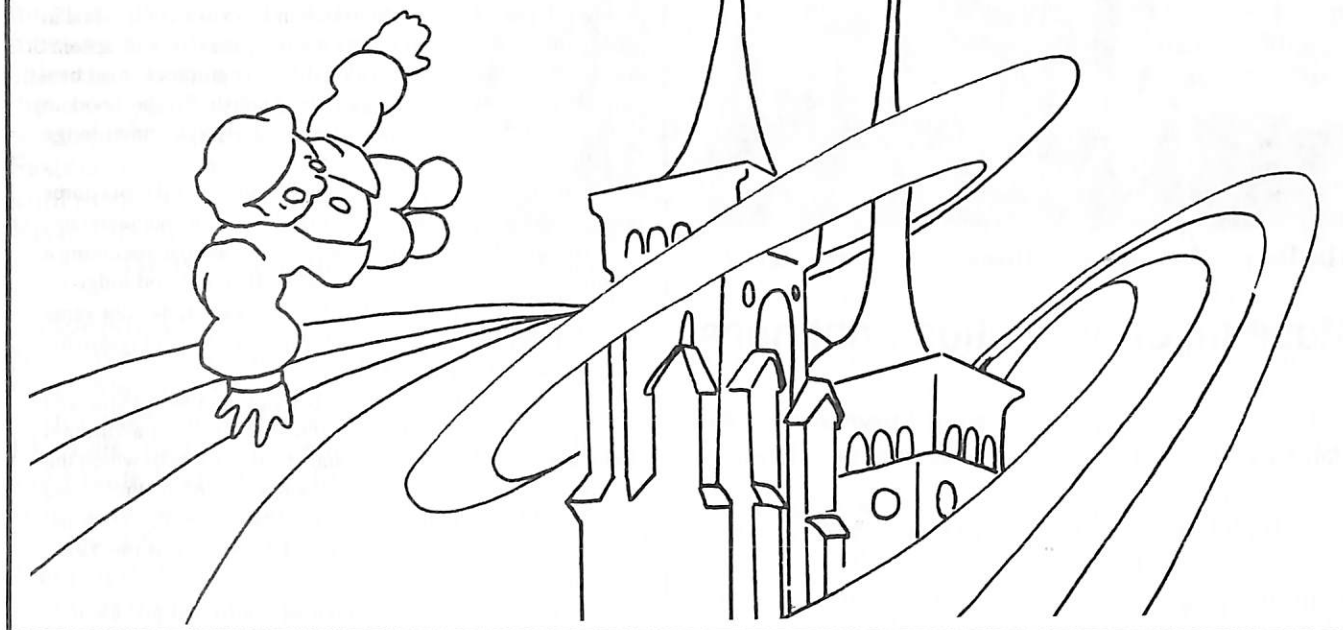
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The Danish Brotherhood in America has terminated its contract with FISI Madison Financial for the American Dane Card and all of its benefits. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Home Office toll free at 1-800-553-1937.

Jorgen's Rainbow



Bifrost and Jorgen loop around the magnificent spires of Roskilde Cathedral. It is here where, since the 15th century the royalty of Denmark has buried its dead. Roskilde holds 20 kings and 17 queens. Next time, Jorgen and his rainbow meet with Bansen to race an electric car!

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.

December winners: Benjamin Westerfield, Kami Bosworth.

Grandma's Kitchen

**KAERNEMAELKSUPPE
(BUTTERMILK SOUP)**



Gunild Ostergaard

Beat 3 eggs with 1/2 cup sugar until very thick and piled softly. Add 2 tbsp. grated lemon peel. Gradually pour 2 quarts buttermilk and egg mixture stirring until blended. Chill. Serve cold with bread croutons or Zwiebach.

IT'S TIME FOR CAMP

Every year The Danish Brotherhood awards camp grants to youngsters to help them attend a camp of their choice. Your application for a grant must be received by April 15. Request the form from: The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844 or local lodge secretaries.

The camp grant program provides a cash award to be used to help reduce the cost of the camp to be attended.

Late applications will not be considered.

Viking Adventures

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

Introducing Ken Rehan, Michigan-Ohio District Fraternal Coordinator

Ken Rehan could be described like many DBIA members, "Danish by marriage."

Ken's wife, June, is Danish. When her father asked Ken to join the Danish Brotherhood, he couldn't refuse. He has been a member of Lodge #227 in Detroit, for 27 years. He has served the local lodge as chairman of trustees, vice president and president, twice. In addition, he has served the Michigan-Ohio District as vice president and president. Now he is serving his district as a Fraternal Coordinator. The lodges he agreed to serve include; No. 30, Muskegon, MI; No. 51, Ludington, MI; No. 70, Greenville, MI; No. 106, Trufant, MI; No. 170 Rocky River, OH; No. 225, Canton, OH; No. 227, Detroit, MI; and No. 301 Akron, OH.

Ken says he decided to be a District Fraternal Coordinator "to help promote and build-up the Danish Brotherhood in Amer-

ica." His advice to fellow Danish Brotherhood in America members is this, "Talk it up. Let other people know what a fine organization the Danish Brotherhood really is."

Ken was born and raised in Detroit. After high school he spent two years in U.S. Maritime Service and three years in the U.S. Marine Corp. He is a veteran of World War II. In 1983 he retired as an Ironworker.

Ken and June have been married for 44 years. They are the parents of four children. When Ken isn't involved with his

DBIA duties, he and June spend time golfing, boating and bowling. Ken is also a volunteer driver, delivering Meals on Wheels to seniors and disabled people, on a regular basis. He also served on the National Law Committee and Delegate to the Convention at Des Moines in 1987.



Ken Rehan

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 (runs small).

If you have a little Dane in your family, or know someone who is expecting one, this is the perfect gift. Send in your order today!

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