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# Concerned About Your Pension?

There have been many disturbing articles appearing in various publications in recent months regarding the less than rosy outlook for dependence upon company pensions, with Social Security, to provide an adequate retirement income for future retirees.

Of primary concern is that many businesses have been discontinuing pension programs for their employees.

In addition, thousands more are changing their plans from Defined Benefit plans (the higher employee retirement income plans) to Defined Contribution plans, which, for most employees provide much less. Still other companies are reducing the amount of contributions to their plans.

Also of concern is the financial condition of the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, which insures pension plans. It currently has a deficit of \$2.5 billion dollars, and is faced with potential losses of \$30 to \$45 billion from underfunded pension plans. Company bankruptcies place many pension plans in jeopardy. Job loss or transfer to another company many times means the loss of some or all of future contributions to an employee's pension fund, thus reducing planned retirement income.

Current reports indicate that pensions will probably provide less income for individuals in the future, and that employees should not count on their companies to provide a large part of their retirement.

Danish Brotherhood has both qualified (IRAs) and non-qualified retirement programs for our members. Interest rates and payouts at retirement are competitive with the industry. The IRAs are deductible from your income tax (up to limits prescribed by law). Non-qualified have no limits. Both types of plans offer tax deferred accumulation of interest.

Should you be looking at a private pension plan? If so, complete the form below and we'll see that you receive information about our plans for members only.

## **I would like more information on your retirement plans.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tele. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

## Giving — Yet Receiving

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to give a substantial amount of money to our favorite church, school, charity or charities this year? There are so many people in need of help, that available money just doesn't meet the needs.

What prohibits most of us from giving such a gift is simply that we cannot afford to. We need the money to live on. This is especially true of retired people. Since none of us knows how much time we have ahead of us, we feel the need to hold on to what we have, place our funds in bank CDs or other investment vehicles, and use the interest to supplement our pensions and Social Security income.

There is a way, however, to give a substantial gift while still living, and yet receive a guaranteed income for life that could be twice as much, or even more, than what most short term CDs are currently paying. In addition, unlike the CD income, which is fully taxable, this income would be partially **tax-free**. There is also an immediate income tax deduction of 40 to 70% of the entire gift, with a 5 year carry over if you cannot use all of the deduction in the current year. The difference in the deductible amount depends on many varying factors, including age.

Here is an example of a person giving a gift to our Fund:

Male or female age 70	
Amount of gift	\$10,000.00
Guaranteed annual income for life	700.00
<b>Tax-free</b> portion of the income	388.80
Taxable portion of the income	361.20
Tax deductible amount in current year	5,424.20

The Fraternal Fund, or your church or other charity, benefit immediately from the gift.

Our Fund, which has the responsibility to provide all of our scholarships, camp grants and charitable programs, is in need of gifts to continue providing these programs at the same level as last year. I would like to think there are at least 25 members who would be interested in making a gift of \$10,000 or more based on the income plan described above. If you are interested, please complete the form below — and thank you.

Dear President Petersen.

This sounds interesting. Please see that I receive full information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# Annual Report of the Lodges

December 31, 1992

Lodge No.	Location	Insured	Social	Total Insurance	Fraternal Benefits	Total Assets	Lodge No.	Location	Insured	Social	Total Insurance	Fraternal Benefits	Total Assets
1	Omaha, NE	88	68	503,129	571.00	43,549.28	194	McMinnville, OR	12	6	11,250	10.00	1,078.68
3	Davenport, IA	9	7	54,500	--	1,529.10	202	Warren, PA	12	0	12,979	--	--
4	Racine, WI	65	17	68,845	--	292.95	206	Blair, NE	25	38	239,915	686.25	6,149.81
9	Oshkosh, WI	9	0	8,500	--	--	211	Grand Island, NE	28	20	102,500	60.00	474.94
10	Council Bluffs, IA	45	4	56,282	625.00	2,300.00	213	Ord, NE	4	0	6,500	--	--
14	Kenosha, WI	167	257	839,261	6,842.07	215,362.30	217	Humboldt, IA	16	23	212,000	--	--
15	Des Moines, IA	63	66	359,000	230.00	32,235.00	219	Clear Lake, IA	18	11	43,875	75.00	1,354.92
16	Minden, NE	102	47	593,250	527.50	14,729.38	225	Canton, OH	59	1	202,125	--	--
17	Chicago, IL	40	19	379,373	196.00	790.62	227	Detroit, MI	145	54	285,688	1,350.00	525,473.76
29	Seattle, WA	151	35	504,880	1,950.00	155,896.15	230	Arcata, CA	11	9	8,500	483.35	14,378.91
30	Muskegon, MI	26	4	24,625	300.00	--	242	Erie, PA	57	6	107,625	--	200,713.09
32	New Haven, CT	63	10	234,047	101.00	20,876.76	255	Selma, CA	10	0	5,375	--	4,329.29
33	Tacoma, WA	17	18	15,404	50.00	7,738.05	257	St. Petersburg, FL	2	16	41,000	50.00	509.00
34	Dwight, IL	155	32	312,375	253.11	16,735.48	261	Fowler, CO	60	14	81,250	--	--
35	Chicago, IL	106	84	523,132	3,587.00	72,688.00	263	Askov, MN	82	7	173,250	176.00	5,602.15
36	Milwaukee, WI	34	18	91,250	675.00	3,133.89	264	Pocatello, ID	8	19	8,250	--	--
37	Bridgeport, CT	14	0	25,000	--	--	268	Junction City, OR	45	22	393,300	--	--
39	San Leandro, CA	36	3	118,000	450.00	54,187.50	273	Dillon, MT	51	19	75,500	--	5,988.22
41	Derby, CT	8	0	5,375	75.00	3,145.87	283	Dagmar, MT	74	4	131,500	80.00	10,042.13
42	Spokane, WA	39	9	49,125	50.00	725.87	288	Cotesfield, NE	13	1	11,000	--	313.81
43	Denver, Co.	39	35	45,625	--	--	294	Barre, VT	55	17	63,500	312.50	12,440.39
45	Minneapolis, MN	21	26	17,006	--	17,579.96	299	Solvang, CA	79	39	330,361	1,785.00	--
46	Perth Amboy, NJ	40	79	106,250	4,000.00	45,370.24	301	Akron, OH	37	1	107,250	350.00	--
49	San Francisco, CA	37	17	20,000	--	--	306	San Diego, CA	29	8	23,250	110.00	19,463.00
51	Ludington, MI	133	44	162,705	950.00	172,656.61	314	Hartford, CT	39	5	40,500	3,250.00	82,321.72
56	Kansas City, MO	24	34	27,875	1,200.00	2,928.77	318	Copenhagen, DK	0	8	--	--	--
64	Rockford, IL	18	5	53,125	--	240.00	319	Bakersfield, CA	16	7	17,375	155.00	6,147.70
67	Fresno, CA	28	18	52,875	145.00	30,176.53	322	Santa Barbara, CA	21	15	13,375	675.00	19,598.98
70	Greenville, MI	47	9	67,875	723.00	18,985.00	325	Nassau County, NY	49	44	145,000	2,630.00	7,561.20
71	Penn Yan, NY	47	5	65,000	--	53,100.00	326	West Branch, IA	14	7	18,125	--	--
75	Albert Lea, MN	39	43	96,375	750.00	1,049.26	328	Vancouver, BC, CAN	3	120	2,500	1,000.00	--
84	Lincoln, NE	39	18	109,519	--	--	332	Ripon, CA	50	13	76,125	433.00	16,260.87
89	Superior, WI	6	9	3,250	--	177.82	339	Las Vegas, NV	10	--	16,500	--	--
92	St. Charles, IL	55	11	409,125	135.00	55,569.54	341	Kimbalton-Elk Horn, IA	23	34	60,000	47.00	1,016.17
95	Ferndale, CA	56	19	140,750	150.00	61,720.51	342	Bucks County, PA	38	20	61,250	135.00	14,677.84
102	Providence, RI	19	2	109,125	--	--	343	Waupaca, WI	4	4	66,000	89.00	1,017.84
106	Trufant, MI	44	1	45,125	--	--	345	Orange County, CA	41	45	162,000	1,220.06	4,908.72
107	Chicago, IL	6	--	4,500	--	--	346	Riverside, CA	33	14	102,237	862.90	9,715.39
113	Enumclaw, WA	24	4	94,855	700.00	85,255.08	347	Cedar Rapids, IA	13	26	12,500	--	--
116	Newark, NJ	52	6	73,875	--	24,000.00	348	Eugene, OR	71	72	683,081	617.00	--
117	Plainview, NE	36	0	31,375	--	652.24	349	Atlantic, IA	2	62	3,000	205.00	5,588.03
121	Tyler, MN	6	14	4,750	--	--	350	Mid-Willamette, OR	31	33	794,500	--	--
125	Weeping Water, NE	12	1	8,250	--	--	600	Omaha, NE	1,597	71	5,888,036	--	--
126	Los Angeles, CA	123	74	150,625	3,000.00	102,662.27	700	Omaha, NE	204	--	311,900	--	--
139	Viborg, SD	51	18	106,500	213.16	10,278.85							
143	Petaluma, CA	41	27	129,375	250.00	14,021.98							
144	Dike, IA	66	11	127,500	169.16	14,458.07							
147	Newell, IA	20	7	66,000	104.00	2,248.94							
155	Bellingham, WA	15	8	12,500	234.50	2,356.75							
161	Ruskin, NE	51	30	108,000	770.45	3,613.51							
164	New York, NY	27	49	106,625	500.00	--							
167	Portland, OR	226	73	1,810,544	--	--							
170	Rocky River, OH	17	42	29,625	--	--							
172	Philadelphia, PA	54	25	244,561	360.00	18,509.00							
177	Cordova, NE	21	5	22,250	25.50	883.70							
182	Waukegan, IL	25	13	223,749	322.00	8,384.33							
183	Troy, NY	29	6	40,125	--	29,975.37							
184	Hayward, CA	32	5	39,000	--	--							
186	Luck, WI	14	28	86,000	150.00	74,403.72							
190	Schenectady, NY	37	6	45,625	225.00	62.11							

## NOTES TO ANNUAL REPORT

\*The report for 1992 was not received, or was received too late. Secretaries who find an asterisk (\*) after their lodge are asked to submit their 1992 report to the Home Office as soon as possible.

The above listing gives 104 lodges, memberships consisting of 6,105 insured and 2,500 social and a combined amount of insurance of \$21,014,914. Insured and social membership is 8,605.

Lodges reporting for 1992

Paid fraternal benefits .....\$48,406.51  
Cash and other assets .....\$2,474,362.92

Assets belong to the local lodge and the Home Office has no claim on these.

The average insured age attained as of December 31, 1992 is 48.

JEROME L. CHRISTENSEN  
Chief Executive Officer and  
Secretary-Treasurer

# Her Majesty Margrethe II Honors Margrethe I

**The reigning sovereign of Denmark  
elevates status of the first woman to rule the Kingdom  
(1387 - 1412)**

**by Major Jack Walrad, U.S. Air Force, Retired**

**When Margrethe** was proclaimed Queen of Denmark on February 5, 1972, she chose to be called Margrethe II even though the fourteenth century (1387-1412) first Margrethe had never been crowned Queen. That ennobling gesture refocused attention of her subjects on the woman who once ruled all Norway, Sweden and Denmark as the Regent mother of underage kings.

And that decision also refocused attention of Scandinavians on the extraordinary events of the past that united these three kingdoms.

The first Margrethe was a woman of royal parentage who could never rule from a throne and never wear the royal crown of a queen. Nor could she ever wear the decorations of the Royal Danish Order of the Dannebrog, status symbols of Danish royalty and noblemen. The laws of Denmark prohibited her from these distinctions simply because she was a woman.

The father of the first Margrethe was Valdemar (IV) Atterdag who was installed as King in 1340. Her mother was Queen Helvig who was born in 1353 at the Castle of Soberg in northern Zealand.

When the second Margrethe became Queen of Denmark on February 5, 1972, she chose to be known as Margrethe II; and by doing so she elevated the first Margrethe of the 14th century to royal status posthumously. That decision has been hailed throughout Denmark and Norway as a most noble tribute to the first Margrethe. And the decision was cited as a major political event that highlighted the very long line of succession to the Throne of Denmark, the world's oldest kingdom.

Yet, despite the similarity of names and royal parentage, the two had little else in common.

Whereas Margrethe II became Queen of Denmark simply through royal succession, the first Margrethe became Regent of Norway, Sweden and Denmark through extraordinary manipulation amid most unusual circumstances.

Margrethe II became Queen merely by her existence. She inherited the throne upon the death of her father, King Frederik. She was able to do so as a result of a change in

Danish law in 1953. Prior to that time female succession was prohibited. A new constitution, signed by King Frederik, approved by the Folketing, and ratified by a plebiscite, established the right of female succession for the first time in Scandinavian history.

Margrethe II did not have a royal coronation. The Danish prime minister escorted the young princess to the balcony of Christianborg Palace in Copenhagen, where the Folketing met, and proclaimed her Queen of the Kingdom of Denmark.

The second Margrethe was born during some of the darkest days in Danish history. One week before her birth in Copenhagen on April 16, 1940, to Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Ingrid, Denmark had been invaded by Nazi storm troops and had been powerless to resist.

On her 18th birthday King Frederik invested her with the Royal Danish Order of the Elephant, Denmark's premier order and one of the most respected in Europe. Subsequently Margrethe II was awarded the coveted decorations of the Royal Danish Order of the Dannebrog, Denmark's oldest knightly order (established in 1219) and the second in prestige, after the Order of the Elephant. On formal occasions, Margrethe is often seen wearing the ribbon of the Order of the Elephant and the decorations of both the Order of the Elephant and the Order of the Dannebrog.

The first Margrethe was denied the investiture of the 1219 Order of the Dannebrog only because there was no provision in Danish law for such an honor to be awarded to a woman. As a woman she could not be knighted as all male recipients of the order are honored in chivalry.

By all accounts in Denmark, Margrethe II is extremely popular and deeply loved. She is reputedly widely respected as a sovereign throughout the Kingdoms of Europe.

Margrethe was widely respected, often admired, but she was not loved.

Margrethe embarked on her remarkable, nearly incredible, rise to power at the tender age of six. A treaty between Valdemar and Magnus Erikson, the King of Sweden, pledged the first Margrethe to Magnus's 18-year-old son, Haakon. The young king had inherited the throne of Norway through

his mother, the granddaughter of Haakon V. But Margrethe and Haakon did not live together as man and wife until she reached the age of 16, the age of consent in Norway at the time. In 1371 the first Margrethe gave birth to her only son, Oluf.

Magnus died in 1374. King Valdemar (Valdemar Attredag) died the following year leaving Margrethe as his only surviving child. By the laws of Denmark and Norway, she could not inherit the throne of either kingdom, nor the throne of Sweden, under Swedish law.

When some Scandinavian noblemen and clerics sought to place the 10-year-old Albrecht, grandson of Duke Albrecht II, on the throne of Denmark, Margrethe rushed from Norway to Denmark to present the royal claims of her son, Oluf. She was successful in having the boy proclaimed King of Denmark and herself as regent.

Five years later, when Haakon died, Oluf was recognized as both King of Norway and of Denmark; Margrethe was named as regent and actual ruler of both countries.

Soon thereafter, Margrethe was able to establish Oluf as the legitimate claimant to the Swedish throne. Then as regent, Margrethe came to rule all three countries.

Then the sudden death of her 17-year-old son in 1387 turned into much more than a personal tragedy for the first Margrethe. His death threw Norway and Denmark into political chaos.

With no king in either country Margrethe acted quickly to secure her position as royal guardian. One week after Oluf's death, Margrethe, in black gown and veil, had herself declared regent of the whole of the Danish Kingdom. She also won the right to name her successor. She chose six-year-old Bugoslav, son of Ingeborg's daughter Maria and Vartislav VIII of Pomerania. She adopted him and named him Erik.

Following the Danish declaration, Margrethe was quickly named regent.

Next, Margrethe formed common cause with the Swedish nobles. Again she quickly gathered allies. She met with them at Dalaborg in 1388 and presented her terms. She now had the

distinct advantage of having consistently demonstrated outstanding qualities of royal administration and integrity. In keeping with the formula used with success in Norway and Denmark, she was again hailed as the rightful ruler of

Sweden. In 1389 she formally took over the rule of Sweden. Then she commanded all of northern Europe.

Margrethe proposed a coronation ceremony for Erik. She called a special meeting of the powerful nobles, the

## *To H. C. Andersen*

*You are a wild swan flying high  
In the magic blue of the Copenhagen sky  
And your voice has travelled east of sun and west of moon  
Like a joyous wedding bell  
Winning friends with every knell  
In every land across the world so wide.*

*You are a child forever new  
Who sees the world with eyes both innocent and true  
The shadows and splinters of evil in men's hearts  
Their laughter and their fear  
Their sorrow and good cheer  
You paint with words and hold them up to view.*

*You are a traveller of the mind  
Coming home to share all the treasures that you find  
Tin soldiers, tinderboxes, dancing red shoes  
Emperors' new clothes  
And mermaids' souls  
Dreams and visions of every shape and kind.*

*You are the nightingale whose thrill  
Keeps Death himself at bay, for just a little while  
You found all these wonders in the tale of your own life  
Where humility met pride  
Love sorrowed and Death died  
Andersen  
Your voice is with us still.*

—Donna Farley

*Hans Christian Andersen was born April 2, 1805.*

clergy and magnates of Sweden. Her goal was to formalize the crowning of Erik. In Kalmar, on the southern coast of Sweden, in June of 1397, the Archbishops of Lund and Uppsala crowned Erik King of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

After the coronation ceremony for Erik, Margrethe negotiated with those same officials to produce a "Union Document." About a month later, after Erik was crowned, such a document was written on official parchment paper and "hung" with 67 seals. Those present who attested to the crowning and the document included two archbishops, 10 bishops, five lower clergy, four squires and 46 knights of the Order of the Dannebrog and the Order of the Seraphim (established in 1280 in Sweden), still one of the most illustrious orders of royalty and knighthood in Europe. The document declared that Erik, having been elected King of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, had further been elected King of the one consolidated combined kingdom of Norway-Sweden-Denmark.

The document did not send Margrethe into retirement. In fact it commended her for her inspired leadership; and it provided for her to continue to rule as Regent of Norway-Sweden-Denmark.

The first Margrethe was a champion of hereditary monarchy, as in Norway. Perhaps because of her strong advocacy of the rights of succession to the crown, she was much respected by the noblemen and the clerics of the time. They consistently supported her whenever her regency was threatened.

Just as Margrethe II is regarded by those who know and see her as majestic, regal, stately, statuesque, the first Margrethe was also seen to have some of these qualities.

Margrethe II, very tall, with blue eyes and blonde hair, is seen as the ideal projection of Danish grace and royalty. The first Margrethe was also tall, slender and of regal qualities, as may be seen in effigy in the Roskilde Cathedral.

The first Margrethe died of the plague aboard a ship in Flensborg Fjord in 1412 at the age of 59.

Never a queen, never accorded the knighthood of the Royal Order of the Dannebrog, of which her father was Royal Grandmaster, and probably never dreaming that some day she would be posthumously elevated to royal status by another Margrethe, the 20th century Queen of Denmark, the first Margrethe now lies in the Roskilde Cathedral as the symbol that united the three kingdoms of Scandinavia for more than a hundred years.

Who can doubt that when her parents chose the name of the first Margrethe as the name most befitting their new daughter on April 16, 1940, that she would chose to be called Margrethe II?

And who could doubt that such a belated royal recognition would not indeed be HM Queen Margrethe II's most celebrated royal tribute?

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## Payment to Board Members

### March

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$138.43 .

## Danish Museum Board Meets

The Danish Immigrant Museum Board of Directors met in San Francisco on February 6-8 for the first time in 1993. Fourteen of the twenty-five members attended.

They were updated on the construction and discussed committee expansion. At the time of the meeting 57% of the construction was completed. An estimated \$1 million is needed to complete construction. With financing in place, the construction can continue through the summer and be completed by the end of September. In anticipation of increased programs when the building is completed, the Board also discussed possible committees and their duties, such as exhibits, education and genealogy.

Bent Lerno was guest speaker at the Saturday evening event attended by sixty-five Museum friends and supporters. He spoke of his experiences growing up in Denmark, participating in the Danmark Brigade during World War II, and his travels and work around the United States.

He concluded by showing his support for the Museum. Mr. Lerno offered for auction, his silver and red King Christian X's monogram lapel pin worn as a sign of resistance during World War II and the Nazi Occupation. Barbara Christensen had the winning bid and the proceeds went to the Museum.

The Board meets again June 12-13 in Chicago. The Board is looking forward to the possibility of meeting in the new building in Elk Horn, Iowa October 9-10.

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**Where:** HIMMELBJERGET Danish Language Camp will be held at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, 22 miles east of Portland, Oregon. Easiest access is from the East-West freeway, Interstate 84. Take the Corbett exit road, Exit 22, to the top of the hill, then left (east) at the Y, and ahead about 1 1/2 miles to the Menucha entrance.

**When:** June 27-July 3, 1993

**For Whom:** All 4th through 8th graders (during 1992-93 school year) who have a special fondness for things that are Danish are welcome to attend.

**Cost:** \$215.00 if camper provides own bedding; \$221.00 if bedding is furnished. (Bedding includes blanket, sheets, towels and pillow.) This includes tuition, food, lodging and instruction.

**Cancellation Policy:** Should a reservation need to be cancelled, full refund less \$25.00 will be made until June 1, 1993.

### General Information

1. Grade levels 4 through 8 refer to the grade completed as of Spring 1993. Enrollment is limited to 65 campers.
2. At HIMMELBJERGET you can look forward to sports, swimming, singing, folk dancing, woodworking and crafts, and acquiring language skills.
3. Campers will receive information from the Camp Director prior to camp regarding what to bring, etc.
4. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 27.
5. Parents and grandparents are invited



to attend a brief closing program from 10:00-10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 3.

6. Campers depart at 11:00 a.m. following breakfast and the closing program on Saturday, July 3.

7. Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of camp participants. Please arrive on time and arrange for prompt departure on closing day. Camp closes at 11:00 a.m.

8. Campers may receive mail addressed to:

HIMMELGJERGET, Menucha  
Retreat and Conference Center  
P.O. Box 8  
Corbett, Oregon, 97019

9. Camp Grants. Campers may be eligible for camp grants and scholarships from the following organizations:

**Danish Brotherhood in America Camp Grants** (1) Camp grants are available to members or other deserving youngsters. Camp grant applications are available at local lodges or the National Headquarters. Write to Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68131-3844 or call 1-800-553-1937. Deadline date is April 15, 1993. (2) Local lodge camp grants may also be available. Campers should contact local lodges for application forms

and for information regarding eligibility and deadline dates.

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### How to Register

1. Complete the registration and health information forms in pen. Remember to sign both forms at the appropriate places.
2. Attach a separate sheet to the application listing all camp grants or scholarships (and amounts expected) for which camper has applied. The total amount expected may be deducted from the payment forwarded with camper's registration for HIMMELBJERGET.
3. Detach and mail the completed forms with your check or money order in the amount of \$215 or \$221 or balance due in #2 (above) to:  
HIMMELBJERGET  
585 Taney  
Eugene, OR 97402
4. Alternate payment: A deposit of \$100 and a completed application must be received by April 15, 1993. The balance is due and payable in full by June 1, 1993.
5. If you have questions, please telephone (503) 689-0639, 998-8288, or 485-5030.

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## 1993 HIMMELBJERGET Registration Form (please print)

Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Complete  
Spring 1993 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Person to contact if parents cannot be reached \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Person bringing camper to camp Sunday, June 27 \_\_\_\_\_  
Person who will pick up camper Saturday, July 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Musical instruments camper plays \_\_\_\_\_ Will bring own bedding: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Does camper speak Danish? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (circle level; 10 is high) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Camper has attended HIMMELBJERGET (circle years) 1989 1990 1991 1992  
Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1993 HIMMELBJERGET Health Information (please print)

Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Family doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Present medications \_\_\_\_\_  
(Campers must bring medications to camp)  
Special diet requirements: Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical behavioral or emotional concerns: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, please attach explanation to this form.  
Allergies \_\_\_ Bee Sting \_\_\_ Penicillin \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last tetanus shot/booster \_\_\_\_\_  
Family health insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_  
If you want your child to be given aspirin, if needed, please initial here \_\_\_\_\_

Medical/surgical release: I understand that every effort will be made to contact me if my child needs emergency medical/surgical treatment, but if it is impractical to do so, I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION to the physician selected by the camp staff to secure proper treatment, to hospitalize, to order injection, anesthesia, X-rays, or surgery for my child as named above.

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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## Correction to 1993 Directory

The secretary for Lodge No. 268, Junction City, Oregon, was incorrectly listed in the March, 1993, American Dane as Jens Jeppesen of Springfield, Oregon. The correct secretary's name and address is as follows:

**James Jeppesen, Jr.**  
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William H. LaMeer	14	Kenosha, WI	Ralph A. Petersen
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Timothy E. Wermeling	14	Kenosha, WI	Jeffrey Bernhardt
Rich L. Halverson	14	Kenosha, WI	Ron Zieth
David Rosenbalm	14	Kenosha, WI	Nick Fanning
Torben A. Nielsen	29	Seattle, WA	Aage V. Andersen
Edward A. VanDecker	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Leif Nissen
Donald R. Knowles	51	Ludington, MI	Robert Darke
Scott A. Graczyk	51	Ludington, MI	Robert A. Jensen
Gunnar R. Nielsen	67	Fresno, CA	Ove Eskelsen
Kevin H. Logan	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Olsen
Erik L. Logan	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Valerie A. Eickman	161	Ruskin, NE	Eugene Schultz
Randall L. Olesen	184	Hayward, CA	Eigil Andersen
Jesse A. Karls	227	Detroit, MI	Houghton C. Smith, Jr.
Heather L. Karls	227	Detroit, MI	Houghton C. Smith, Jr.
Kenneth A. Andersen	299	Solvang, CA	Andrew H. Andersen
Edith V. Munch	325	Nassau Co., NY	Helen Kofod
Steven M. Jole	348	Eugene, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Bettina G. J. Jole	348	Eugene, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Alden M. Jole	348	Eugene, OR	Mogens Pedersen
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# Our Lodges in Action

Material for this publication must be received at the Danish Brotherhood in America National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844 by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue.

The American Dane is mailed by the sixth day of the month.

The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.

**Pacific**

**Northwest**

**Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA**—Our last meeting was called to order by President Clyde Langsted. The minutes were corrected. Niels Nedergard sent us a reminder concerning the 44th Annual Pacific-Northwest District Convention.

We received a letter from Andrea Jenkins, office manager at Child Haven, thanking us for our generous donation to the Eli Creekmore branch of Childhaven.

Our lodge received five new

members in 1993 thanks to the transfer of the Dana Nielsen family from Portland. Welcome aboard!



The "mystery" banner given to Lodge No. 29.

Jerry Jensen displayed the Danish banner which has now been framed and looks beautiful. We are still seeking the meaning of the flag and Gert Wolff did shoot some excellent pictures to distribute to anyone who may be able to assist us in learning the flag's history. If anyone knows anything about this banner, please contact Clyde Langsted at 12215-11th Ave., N.W., Seattle, WA 98177.

Ken Kromann has reserved for the Brotherhood and Sisterhood 14 campsites at Miller's River Campground for August 13-15. The cost is \$6.00 per site. Frank Poulsen made

## Lest We Forget

*In grateful remembrance of their service and fellowship, we honor those members who have passed away since the last report.*

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
12-28-92	Henry Pedersen	72	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1951
1-16-93	Gilbert T. Matson	88	Bellingham, Washington	155	Bellingham, Washington	1935
11-3-92	Jetter W. Olesen	79	Hartford, Connecticut	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1947
2-1-93	Warner S. Johnsen	85	Selma, California	255	Selma, California	1950
2-9-93	Alvin V. Miller	72	Clear Lake, Iowa	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1947
2-11-93	Donald B. Lynch	84	Mount Ayr, Indiana	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1958
2-20-93	Nels Nelson	67	Superior, Wisconsin	299	Solvang, California	1962
2-3-93	Harry Helwig	74	Milford, Connecticut	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1957
2-18-93	Carl C. Madsen	71	Fowler, Colorado	261	Fowler, Colorado	1941
6-29-92	Charles D. Jensen	44	San Diego, California	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1978
1-24-93	Hans I. Nielsen	89	Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1925
2-7-93	Jess P. Bundesen	80	Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1971
12-92	Lars Westerskov	85	Unknown	126	Los Angeles, California	1945
10-27-92	Herbert M. Dalleck	79	Chicago, Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1990
8-6-92	Carole Kost	55	Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1989
2-23-93	A. Richard Christensen	73	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1988
3-9-92	Svend J. Bostrom	97	Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1947

a motion to secure the sites. The motion was approved.

Frank also made us aware that our lodge will be hosting the Pacific-Northwest district convention in two years and suggested we form a committee now to get going with this project.

Paul Hansen made a motion to take out a full page ad for \$100 in the convention souvenir program. Motion carried.

Edith Kilgren made a motion to donate \$500 to the Himmelbjerget Language Camp being held June 27 to July 3. The scholarships this year will go to up to five deserving students and will be divided equally between applicants with the maximum. Clyde Langsted called for approval of motion and motion carries.

The Danes Picnic will be held in July at the Nile Country Club and \$500 was donated to this great event also.

Our efficient treasurer brought our dues notices to the meeting instead of mailing them. Thanks Ken.

Clyde Langsted won \$8.00 again and Frank Poulsen got the \$8.00 from the mini pot. Both donated their winnings to Care and Share and along with other members' generosity, we collected \$50 for the program.

**Jeff Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—** The February 3 meeting was called to order by President Don Thorkildsen. Doug Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance and Past President Norm Powell explained the symbols.

There were no minutes for January as the meeting was canceled. Correspondence was shared from Matthew Bingham, thanking the lodge for the Christmas gift and a thank you from Omaha for our contribution to the Pedersen Fund. A letter from Niels Nedergard, Dis-

trict President, concerning advertising in the convention program book and a reminder that the ad and delegates needed to be turned in was read. He also sent tickets for a district convention raffle.

Three new members were initiated into the lodge which included Frederic Mosher, Marian Dupuy, and Jan Johansen. Welcome to the lodge! A short intermission was taken to greet the new members.

Mel Pihl moved that we take out a \$100 ad in the district convention program book to be split with the Sisterhood. He reported the Sisterhood was in agreement to splitting the cost. Mel's motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Phil Baker was asked to have the ad done and he graciously agreed to do so.

Bills were approved to be paid as read.

President Don Thorkildsen made a special presentation to the now Past President Norm Powell. He was presented with a gavel in recognition of his service as President of our lodge during 1992. Many thanks, Norm!

President Thorkildsen reported that officers from the Sisterhood and Brotherhood would be getting together to jointly plan activities.

Harley Larsen, a visiting DBIA member from Philadelphia, has been living in the area. He volunteers at the Seaman's Center in Vancouver. He boarded a Danish ship that was in port and met with the Captain. The Captain donated Danish books to the lodge for dispersion to those who might enjoy them. Harley may bring officers from the ships if their docking coincides with our meeting nights. He requested Secretary Jensen to write a thank you letter to the Captain for the books.

President Thorkildsen presented Upton Hansen with a 50-year membership pin. Upton expressed his thanks and has been an active member since joining in 1942 in

Detroit, Michigan. Earl and James Jensen also will be receiving 50-year membership pins, and Egan Balleby has earned a 25-year membership pin, but were unable to attend.

Ed Hirsch reported for the 1994 district convention committee. The committee has chosen the downtown Red Lion Inn. They will be reporting more information as it is finalized.

Treasurer Jim Chase requested purchasing a file cabinet for the lodge. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed to have Jim proceed.

A request is being made for someone with a camera to photograph events.

Asbjorn Fisker moved that the lodge present Pete and Jan Christensen with a \$40 gift certificate for their tireless work cooking for the traditional Christmas dinner, Scan Fair, and our latest frikadeller dinner. They both have done an outstanding job and we'd like to thank them by having them go out to a leisurely dinner and not have to cook or clean up. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Thank you Jan and Pete!

**Kathy Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—** There were 49 Brothers at our last meeting. Three new members were accepted and initiated into our lodge. They are Salam Kahil, Ole Larsen and Heinrich Rohl.

Paul Sørensen reported on the smoker. Nearly 100 Brothers and Sisters and out of town guests attended the smoker on January 23. This was the last party for the 1992 Fest Committee. They thank everyone who came to the parties, especially the committee of Bent Jensen, John Mikkelsen and Harry Vestergaard. Without their help, it would have been a difficult task.

Aksel Jensen will be taking over

as chairman of the Fest Committee. He asked for input from the floor as to what the Brothers would like to see happening in regard to parties and other activities in the upcoming year. He would like to hear from the Brothers.

Our delegates to the Northwest District Convention in Tacoma are Peter Jensen, Leo Pedersen and John Mikkelsen. Villy Andersen is an alternate.

Aksel Johannesen will be our representative at the upcoming annual general meeting of the Scandinavian Cultural Society.

**Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR**—We began our February 11 business meeting by welcoming our guests: James Hillis, Erik Pedersen and Gary Reese. We approved five applications for membership. We then initiated four of the new members: Craig Biswell, Hanne Halladay, Birgit Hillis and Lois Keefer.



**Lois Keefer in national costume for her initiation.**

We voted to amend the bylaws to delete the requirement that either the president or vice president must be an insured member.

We voted to place a full page ad in the district convention program. We also reviewed and approved a budget for the coming year.

Following the business meeting, we adjourned for refreshments and a Fastelavn celebration, organized by Scott Stefansen. Several of our younger members enjoyed knock-

ing the cat from the barrel and collecting their tasty rewards.



**Amber Staats swings at the barrel at the Fastelavns party.**

Our next regular business meeting will be held on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Eugene.

**Diana Pedersen, Cor.**

**California**

**Nevada**

**Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA**—Twenty-six members were present at our February meeting. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Karen and Dick Rowse are to be congratulated for the past year as Entertainment Chairwoman and Bar Foreman. They started out with a purse of \$300 and ended up with \$1,179.

It was voted to donate \$25 to the Danish Church's Memorial Fund for our departed members, Lars Westerskov and Hans Østergaard. The lodge voted to donate \$200 to the District Scholarship Fund.

Members of the Law Committee include Owen Miller, Harold Mathiasen, Karl Duus, Erik Kofod and Poul Dalby Andersen.

Our lodge had an opportunity to earn \$200 by providing an audience of 30 or more to the television taping of "Wings" on February 17 at the Paramount Studios in Holly-

wood. Prior to the taping, 19 members and friends met for supper. Afterwards, they joined other members and friends at the taping. More than 30 attended, so we were eligible for the \$200. The lodge will determine which cause to support. The lodge thanks the Sisterhood lodge for bringing in people to meet the requirement. Thank you Dave!

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor**  
**Inger Dix, Assoc. Editor**

**Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, CA**—Our installation of new officers took place on February 6, with District President Johannes Jaeger doing the honors and our own Jim Larsen acting as Installing Conductor. Thank you to our Sisterhood escort team and pianist.

President Frank Taddei and his wife Pat hosted an activity planning meeting at their home on February 13 and 1993 promises to be a busy and rewarding year.

**Alice Rasmussen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA**—Tina Hogan, our youth group representative, attended a meeting in Solvang, accompanied by Bill Jensen and Lil Suda. The group has raised considerable funds for operating expenses. It was agreed that one half would be spent for conventions in order to help more youth representatives to attend. Each lodge is being asked to donate a prize for a raffle at the convention.

**Bessie Jacobsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 332, Modesto, CA**—Our February meeting was called to order by interim president, John Scheuber. An application for a new member, Marianne Johnson, was submitted for approval.

Alvin Olsen submitted the nominating committee's slate of officers for 1993. Nominations were as follows: President, John Scheuber; Vice President, Peter Hoy; Secre-

tary, Ann Stowers; Treasurer, Alvin Olsen; Conductor, Max Stowers; Inner Guard, Hugo Rasmussen; Outer Guard, Ray Olsen; Trustees, Alvin Olsen, Richard Olsen and John Craig. Standing Committees include: Set Up, Marge Scheuber and Raffle, Mary Zoller. Nominations were accepted and the installation is scheduled for May 21.

Many activities are planned for this year. Most immediate are the April picnic at Mt. Diablo, a trip to a baseball game and tailgate party in June and a boating excursion/picnic at Dad's Point in Stockton on July 17. Other exciting activities are planned. Check with a lodge officer for details.

A tasty dessert was provided by Ray and Vivian Olsen.

**Marge Olsen Scheuber, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA--**We had a good turnout of members and guests at our February Fastelavn's party. This is what we need to help rebuild our lodge membership.

The business meeting was called to order by President Ken Olsen. Correspondence from Kodan Lodge No. 346 regarding the district convention was read. Bowling chairman Jim Wiegandt gave a report concerning our upcoming league bowling. Lastly, an Operation H.O.P.E. Committee report was given by chairperson Gertrude Nielsen.

Following the business meeting, the social began with a balloon bust. There were 15 lucky winners. Getting the cat out of the barrel this year proved to be easy. What fun when all the kids scrambled for the candy that fell out of the barrel. Kaleena Chappell was crowned Cat Queen and Irene Everson's grandson was crowned Cat King and both were awarded with a candy filled scepter and had the honor of wearing their crowns the rest of the evening.

There was a wonderful array of home baked cookies and bars for refreshments. Many thanks to Committee #2 and the Olsens. Thanks to Betty Christensen, Kandy Chappell, Vivian Schuette, Erna Andersen, Gerry Olsen and others who helped set up and clean up afterwards.

**Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA—**Thirty-five members and guests attended our Fastelavn's Fest and meeting. We had some visitors from Nebraska, Ken and Doris Minich, Anne Marie Knudsen and daughter Kara, and Dan Wolfson and children Erica and Dusten. Our visiting children won the costume prizes; Kara as a princess and Dusten as the Phantom of the Opera. Shane Adkins really did the most to bust open the barrel.

We had a short meeting and got some business done after we had corn dogs and french fries prepared by Richard Perez. Everyone enjoyed these and, of course, the desserts that we brought and shared. Thanks Cook Richard, dessert makers and barrel maker Vikki Garrison and, of course, our keeper of the liquids, Tom Loveday.

It was voted on and approved to send a deposit for reservations for our "Ho Down" and barbecue and hayride at Riely's Ranch in Oak Glen on September 11. Put it on your calendar now. Tell your friends and family.

We will be having a Chinese auction in June and we need donations. Please start collecting items for this event.

Ads and greetings are needed for our upcoming convention program. Our convention theme is "Come Cruise with Kodan" and the dates will be August 5-7 at the San Bernardino Hilton Hotel. We have many talented people in our lodge. We will be having a raffle at the convention and need and would like gifts

and homemade donations to help support this convention.

Charter Master Jim Patterson got a great response for Kodan's annual fishing trip. The boat has been reserved and filled.

**Sue Patterson, Sec.**

## Nebraska

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—**Following the February business meeting, "Andy" Andersen installed the newly elected officers. Duane Hansen requested that all members support these new officers and help them make the lodge grow in membership.

Our thanks to Jim Christiansen and his committee for a grand wine and cheese event.

**Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE—**We met February 18 with 23 members in attendance. Two new members, Marion Beck and Clara Yant, were accepted into our lodge. We are happy to welcome them.

Our lodge voted to give a monetary gift to the Minden Special Olympics to help finance the Area #3 basketball tournament to be held in Minden. Volunteers offered to assist the 157 participants.

**Marie Nelson, Past Sec.**

**Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE—**We met February 13 at the Ruskin Community Center with 21 members present for a delicious soup and pie supper.

President Mickelsen called the meeting to order opening with the flag salute. Secretary's report was read and approved. Ella Grove read the treasurer's report which was approved.

Geraldine Schultz announced that the Lions Club will have a gospel quartet from Branson, Missouri, in

the gym on the same night as our meeting and anyone may attend. A card party is planned for our entertainment.

Questions were asked about our brown bag lunch and all agreed that this sounded exciting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The hostesses for our delicious pie and soup were Howard and Elaine Madsen, Bill and Joyce Ericksen and Ella Grove.

Geraldine Schultz, Cor.

**Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE**—Officers for 1993 were installed at our January meeting. We also discussed possible programs for this year.

We gave our second \$50 to Dana College in memory of Paul and Lil Strand as we voted to do last year.

It was suggested we again rotate hosts for the coffee hour following each meeting.

Our February meeting was conducted by President Laurids Pedersen. Sixteen members enjoyed the fellowship. Routine business was conducted. Discussion was held regarding providing lunch for the recycling center. Our turn will probably occur sometime in September.

Persons with February birthdays got the usual "Happy Birthday" song. Old Valentines and pictures of members (in their younger years) provided the entertainment. Guessing who was who was not an easy task. Needless to say, many were worth a good laugh.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Doris Stokes, Sec. Pro-Tem.

**Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE**—At our February meeting, member Harriet Nielsen told about her trip to Denmark last summer. She showed many pictures and souvenirs. She had several postcards framed for pictures to hang in Harriet's Danish in Dannebrog.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

**Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA**—Member Dick Terpentertained us at our February 8 meeting with interesting slides and commentary pertaining to a trip he and his wife took to Hong Kong and China recently.

The members nominated Wilber Williamson as our 1993 candidate for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

We celebrated Fastelavns on February 21. The nine children and 29 adults had an enjoyable time and many wonderful goodies to eat. After Kirsten Lundgren explained the origin of the festivities to the children, they paraded in costume to polka music before the judges. Best Girl Costume went to Ann Paulsen dressed as a hobo. Christopher Burkett, our scarecrow for the day, was awarded Best Boy Costume. Amanda Lary got the first break in the barrel and her sister, Christina, was crowned Queen of Fastelavns for breaking open the candy filled barrel. All received very nice prizes. The cute black cat made by Rae Ann Lary which adorned the top of the barrel was won by Casady Christiansen. Special thanks to Doug and Rae Ann Lary for a great job in preparing the barrel which they painted with Danish flags and black cats and stuffed with goodies for the children.

A special guest at the Fastelavns party was Serviceman Greg Lyon. He will soon complete his two years in the U.S. Navy having served all over the world as an aircraft mechanic on the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Several of our members are involved with the planning for the All-Scandinavian Midsommarfest '93 scheduled for Sunday, June 20, on the Grand View College campus.

We look forward to a good turnout of members and guests for our April 12 potluck and membership drive. Please note that the starting time will be 6:30 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

**Lodge No. 186, Luck WI**—At our February 15 meeting, the roll call of officers was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Past President Willis Erickson explained the meaning of the symbols.

After President Jensen opened the business meeting, the secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Fund raisers were discussed. An April 17 "Flea Market, Craft Sale, and Bake Sale" is being planned. Committees were also appointed for another fund raiser during "Lucky Days" in July.

This year's Operation H.O.P.E. will involve the planting of trees where needed in the Luck area. Willis Erickson and Edwin Pedersen will be in charge of the project.



Willis Erickson with Irvin Edling being congratulated by President Lauritz Jensen.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 50-year membership pin to one of our prominent members, Irvin Edling. President Lauritz Jensen assisted by Vice President Willis Erickson made the presentation. Congratulations, Irvin, and thank you for your efforts and

support over the past 50 years.

Following the meeting, Willis gave an interesting talk, showing slides of his trip last October to Switzerland, Germany, Austria and France.

Coffee, cake and ice cream was served by Martha Jaeger, Eileen Jensen and Edis Calder.

**Esther Nies, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA**—President Thorvald Sorensen called the January meeting to order. Past National Director, Jerry Sonsalla, installed the 1993 officers. A motion was made to nominate Thorvald Sorensen for the 1993 Howard E. Christensen Award. It was seconded. Treasurer Edith Skene talked about the drop in membership the past year. We need to bring visitors and prospective members to the meetings. Æbleskiver and sausages were served following the meeting.

**Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA**—On February 18, we held our meeting. After the business had been conducted and the new officers were introduced, we turned the meeting over to our guest speaker, Ralph Palmer, who gave an excellent speech regarding how important it is for all of us to have a good attitude towards life and, more importantly, a lot of perseverance towards goals we want to obtain. Mr. Palmer is well known all over the United States for his speeches and seminars to large corporations. He resides in Cedar Rapids and we hope he will be back again.

To the refreshment committee of Hazel Enfield and Irene Thompson, we thank you for the lovely sandwiches and dessert.

We were so pleased to have seven guests from Solon and Iowa City who are hopefully interested in membership.

**Alice Gorsch, Cor.**

## Midwest

**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI**—A crowd of 630 came to our annual æbleskiver breakfast in January. They enjoyed æbleskiver, locally made medisterpølse, and buttery pecan or fruit filled kringle from Racine's O&H Danish Bakery. Many members and their wives plus Danish Sisterhood members worked on this event. For fear of missing someone, we will just say that we sincerely thank you all for helping and making it a great success. Special thanks to General Chairman Jim Bohn who put it all together.

The Super Bowl party drew another large crowd with several televisions available to watch. All had a good time with lots of food and drinks available. Thanks to Todd Bernhardt and his committee.

A Men's Smoker Night is to be held April 29 from 7-11 p.m. There will be card games galore plus beer, soda, food and coffee for \$4.00. Tickets available in Rathskellar. Bring your friends!

**Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL**—Betty Kern has donated a generous amount towards the purchase of our new æbleskiver pans in memory of Bucky Kern, past members who always enjoyed working at the æbleskiver breakfast and all social activities.

The Chicago Cubs schedule had not been printed as of the last meeting. No word on available tickets, hopefully August 29 or September 5. Ray Holzhauser is checking into this further.

The æbleskiver pans are supposed to be finished. Rick Sullivan and committee have not found the burners yet, but "We will have burners." Shirley asked if we would like to look into "Adopt a Highway" pro-

gram. Interest was shown. Shirley will check into this and report back at a future meeting.

A very informative program was given by David Graham from the Salen Children's Home in Flanagan. Many of us did not realize their functions and what they do for wayward children - sort of a "BoysTown" of Illinois.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL**—There were quite a few costumes at the Fastelavn party on February 19. After the business meeting, the fun started with the children and adults displaying their various "get ups" and being judged. Mummies, a witch, a doctor, a cowboy, a Michael Jackson and many more were some of the costumes worn by the children. The adults were dressed as a Mexican bandit and his gal, an old-fashioned girl and her fella, and about nine doctors, all specialists! A couple came representing the first and last Sears Roebuck catalog. They of course won a prize. Linda Connery was in a wheel chair with a neck brace, bandages, a black eye and an intravenous running and she really looked sick! Those not in costume had to pay a fine which helped with expenses.

After the judging of costumes, the children and adults alike took turns at trying to knock the black cats out of the barrels. The children had their own barrel and loved all the candy that came flying out with each blow. Lisa Connery of the children's group succeeded in getting the cat out and she chose Kevin Johanson for her Cat King and she wore the Cat Queen crown. In the adult department, Marion Eriksen did the same and selected Grant Rau for her King. It was a fun evening and everyone enjoyed the sandwiches and Fastelavns boller afterwards. Thanks to the Johansons for planning the party and to John Jor-

gensen for building two barrels and the frame.

On May 21, a frikadeller dinner will be served which will benefit the Scholarship Fund. Everyone is invited to come. Cost of an adult ticket is \$8 and children under 12 will be charged \$4.

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI—** If you have paid your 1993 lodge dues of \$20, we thank you. If you have not paid your dues, please do so now. Make your check or money order payable to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 36 and mail to Paul H. Sorensen, 1632 South Pine Street, Grafton, WI 53024.

**Albert Larsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 89, Superior, WI—** We recently celebrated Ingvard Paulsen's 87th birthday. About 20 members and guests came to the local Senior Citizen's Center to celebrate with Ingvard. Refreshments were served. Ingvard is President of our lodge and is the only member who was born in Denmark.



**Ingvard and Mildred Paulsen.  
William Hansen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, IL—** Our new slate of officers were installed as follows: President, Marty Seyller; Vice President, Dan Krueger; Secretary, Andrea Krueger; Treasurer, Janine Seyller; Conductor, Carol Hunecke; Inner

Guard, Gretchen Hunecke; Outer Guard, Betty Porter; and Trustees, Mary Danielsen, Jerry Knudsen and David Hunecke.

Special recognition and thanks was given to David Hunecke for his 25 years as lodge treasurer.

Plans for this year's activities were discussed, including the Torsk dinner in April, the Target Shoot in June, and August's riverboat ride. A reminder was also made that Lodge No. 92 scholarship applications are due June 1.

**Carol Hunecke, Cor.**

**Michigan**

**Ohio**

**Lodge No. 51, Ludington, MI—** We have been very active since the new year started. Work on the new kitchen, bathrooms and new space in our hall is coming along. It should be completed before our District Convention on May 22. Our bingo program is working very well, with a substantial amount of money being made.

On February 27 our members and the Sisterhood participated in a bowling tournament. All monies raised went to the local D.A.R.E. program administered by the Sheriff's department. Over \$600 was raised. We would like to thank the people who made this program a success.

We would like to welcome Donald Knowles and Scott Graczyk as new members this year.

**David A. Wikarejczak, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—** In January, our officers were installed for 1993. Danish sandwiches and herring were enjoyed by all.

Our social night in February saw its first slaa katten in many years. Six wacks and it was all over for the 100 pound fish barrel. The King and Queen were Aaron and Susanna Fogaras. Paczki and hot cocoa were

served afterwards.

Welcome to our new member, Vince Schenden, who is the new insurance representative for Lodge No. 227.

April will feature another famous slide show by Gordon Draper.

**Ken Christensen, Cor.**

**GCEL**

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT—** Officers for 1993 are as follows: Past President, Barbara Larsen; President, Vera Holmes; Vice President, Victor Mitchell; Secretary, Lille Peters; Treasurer, Barry Edmonds; and Trustees, Kris Larsen, Donald Geissler and John Homes.

On January 2, a group of lodge members went to a restaurant in Branford, Connecticut, for a get together. The company and atmosphere was very enjoyable. It would be nice to try something like this again.

On February 7, at the home of Barry Edmonds, there was the auditing of books. The trustees went over our books for the last year and we are happy to say that all is well. Anyone wishing a copy of the report should see Barry Edmonds.

**Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ—** Approximately 30 members attended the regular meeting of Thor Lodge on February 10 which was held at the Danish Home. Committee reports were received.

Plans for our Atlantic City bus trip were discussed. The Fastelavns Fest was held at the Home on February 20. This event was attended by some 60 members, friends and more than the usual number of children. There was an abundance of food and goodies and the barrel was demolished after many attempts and its contents were available to the youngsters.

Our most efficient secretary of

five years, Kenneth Nielsen, has asked to be relieved of his duties to concentrate his time efforts on other Brotherhood activities. Glen Sorensen will fill the office of secretary.

**Jens C. Jessen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA**—The children knocked the “cat out of the barrel”. Crowned Cat King and Queen were Michael Cloud and Heidi Nielsen. Everybody enjoyed hot chocolate with whipped cream, coffee and “shrove-tide”. It was a noisy gathering. Fourteen young people, their parents and other grown ups came dressed for our Fastelavns party. It was fun to see all the costumes and so many of them. Thank you to the kitchen committee and to the people who took care of the activities and decorating.

We are proud and happy to announce our 90th birthday celebration with a dinner/dance on Saturday, June 12, to mark our founding in 1903. The event will take place in the beautiful “Rose Room” at Septembers Place in Springfield, PA. Our committees are hard at work on plans to make this a gala affair. We hope you will mark your calendars. Invitations will be going out to include Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges, as well as similar ethnic groups and a big turnout is expected.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 294, Barre, VT**—There were 15 members present at the February 9 meeting. Outgoing President, Stanley Christiansen, began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary’s report was read and accepted. The monthly bills were presented and approved to be paid. Douglas Taft gave a treasury report for 1992. On behalf of the group, he was congratulated for a job well done.

The installation of officers was

led by Harry Mikkelsen. Officers for 1993 are as follows: President, Ken Lunde; Vice President, Stanley Christiansen; Secretary, Leah Taft; Treasurer, Douglas Taft; Conductor, Mildred Ladd; Inner Guard, Walter Ladd; Outer Guard, Chris Christiansen; and Trustees, Ken Lunde, Harry Mikkelsen and Francis Taft.

Our new President, Ken Lunde, concluded the meeting. The meeting ended with Anna Nielsen leading the group in singing “God Bless America”.

A Valentine luncheon was enjoyed thanks to Mildred Ladd.

**Leah Taft, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, CT**—President Poul Nielsen and Secretary Waldo Elliott went to visit Nels Oulundsen. President Nielsen presented Nels with his 50-year membership pin.



**50-year member Nels Oulundsen with President Poul Nielsen.**

**Waldo Elliott, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY**—At the February 12 meeting, two new members were initiated. We welcome Karen-Magarethe Shoffstall and Bent E. Mortensen.

President Helen Kofod and Financial Secretary John Hjulmand were elected as delegates to the Danish Home in Metuchen. Leo Jensen and Mae Munck were elected alternates.



**Bent E. Mortensen and Karen-Margarethe Shoffstall are installed.**

We were fortunate to have two guest speakers who were visiting from Copenhagen, Denmark. They both work in the medical field. Klavs Nicholson is a general practitioner who is also furthering his education in psychiatry. Emma Nicholson is a head nurse with a special interest in geriatric care. They have both studied herbal medicine in a number of countries and told us about their work in the area of combining natural medicine with prescription medicine. In 1986 they opened their own clinic in Copenhagen. They both made a very interesting and informative presentation.



**Emma and Dr. Klavs Nicholson with President Helen Kofod.**

**Karen Witt, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA**—Extremely cold weather kept many people from attending the scheduled Fastelavn’s party. Peggy Ramsey and the Kvists came in costume. The covered dish supper was delicious. Thanks to those who

donated their culinary skills and time.

Join us on June 5 as the Viking Lodge will run a bus trip to visit Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. The bus will leave from the Sons of Norway at 8 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served en route.

On the return trip, we will stop for dinner at the S.P.Q. Restaurant in Little Italy. Beer, wine and sodas will be served on the bus.

The cost of \$75 per person includes the bus trip, continental breakfast, morning newspaper, Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, and dinner.

It's first come, first served. Due to the need for early arrangements, the final installment of the price must be paid by May 14. You can send a reservation with a check covering part of the amount to Rick Trust, 1234 Passmore Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.



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Fraternally yours,  
Otto Brask  
Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA

*Ed. note: The Folk Tales were discontinued with the January, 1993 American Dane. We welcome articles and stories to review for possible publication. Please write or call the Danish Brotherhood Home Office for more information.*

## Notice

The Home Office is currently searching for the whereabouts of John D. Peterson, last known address of 26829 Greenleaf, Roseville, MI 48066. He was listed as a beneficiary of his father's certificate. His father, Cyrus Peterson died in 1988. If anyone knows Mr. John D. Peterson or how we can reach him, please contact the Home Office at 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844 or 1-800-553-1937.

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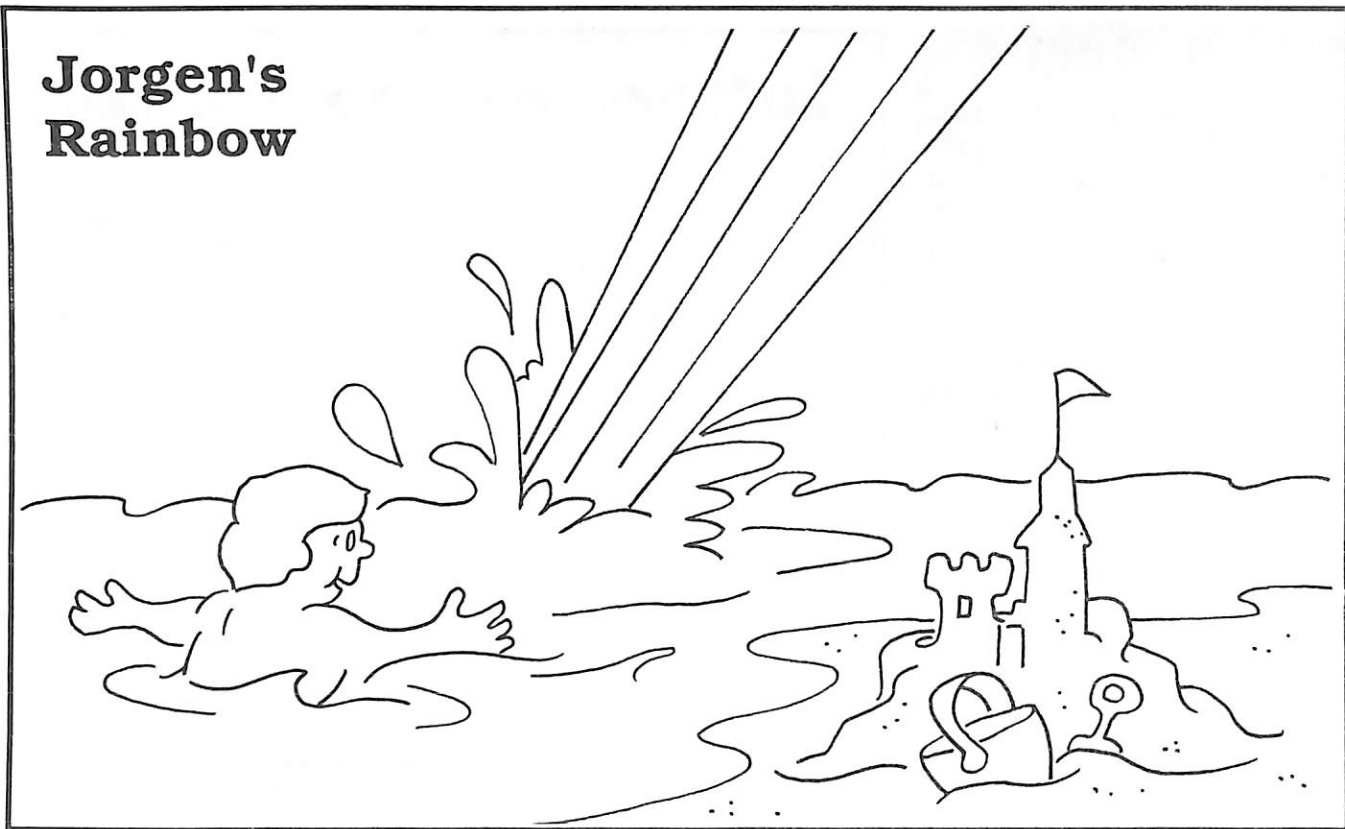
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March winners: Natalie McGovern, Matthew Emmick and Christian Petersen.

## Grandma's Kitchen

### SCANDINAVIAN HASH (BIKSEMAD)



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1 lb. cold cooked meat, chopped  
salt, peper

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# Viking Adventures

Coming Together--A Beginning    Keeping Together--Progress  
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## 1992 Operation H.O.P.E. Projects

Many lodges are participating in Operation: H.O.P.E. - Helping Others and Protecting our Environment. Listed below are those lodges who have reported their activities for 1992 to the Home Office.

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE** - Many members volunteered over 1,500 hours of service to various churches, hospitals, colleges and community service centers. They also provided kitchen items to the Alliance of Family Shelters. The items went to a young woman with a four year old son. The woman was abused by the father of her son. She left him and spent time in a domestic violence shelter. She and her son were moving out of the shelter to their own place. After the Christmas party, DBIA gave the tree to this woman and her son.

In addition, a brown bag auction was held and over \$100.00 was raised. It was sent to the Salvation Army and the Red Cross.

**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI** - Two hundred fifty members brought about 200 pounds of non-perishable goods and warm clothing to the Christmas party. These items were taken to the Shalom Center - Soup Kitchen. They feed and house the homeless. Approximately 250 members were involved in this project.

**Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA**--The lodge gave a single mother and each of her six children, three articles of clothing and a toy or personal item at Christmas time. The Brotherhood contributed the Christmas tree which they had used at their Christmas party. This is the third year for such a project. They worked through Lutheran Social Services.

In the Spring and Fall of 1992 members prepared breakfast casseroles for the Salvation Army. These casseroles were used to feed the homeless people. A Salvation Army portable kitchen goes out twice each week to feed these homeless people with food provided by many different organizations. Lodge No. 15, contributed approximately 30 casseroles which cost about \$2.00 each to make. They also "passed a can" periodically throughout the year to collect donations which went to the Food Bank of Iowa.

**Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE** - Approximately 48 members assisted the Goodfellows of Minden, Nebraska, through donations, packaging and delivering Goodfellow Christmas baskets.

**Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI** - At each business meeting, about 15 members made monetary donations to be given to the Milwaukee Christian Center Food Pantry. The total amount donated in 1992 was \$236.50. 1992 was the fifth year the lodge has contributed to the Christian Center Food Pantry in this way.

In September, October and November, members donated soap, combs, hair brushes, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pajamas, robes, stuffed toy animals, bedroom slippers and children's sleepers to Sojourner Truth House. The Sojourner Truth House is a shelter for battered woman and their children. Members purchased the items and brought them to lodge meetings.

**Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, IL** - About 20 members donated \$45.00 from their Torsk Dinner to the Interfaith Food Pantry. There was no charge for the dinner. Members were invited to make a donation. This was the first year the lodge promoted the dinner as a fund raiser.

**Lodge No. 164, New York, NY** - Sixty-three members worked about 100 hours to build and furnish a doll house to be raffled for the benefit of the Danish Athletic Club. The Danish Athletic Club provides assistance to blind and handicapped children in the New York area. The lodge raised \$593.00 for the club. The members built the doll house at the club so the project could be visible to all. Not only did this stimulate interest in the DBIA, they grew closer as a lodge and plan to work on a similar project in 1993.

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Congratulations to these lodges who reported their Operation: H.O.P.E. activities in 1992. As a benevolent fraternal organization, we realize what we must do and take action. Through our actions, we prove the benevolent and fraternal spirit of the Danish Brotherhood is alive and well.

Congratulations also goes to those lodges who participated in Operation: H.O.P.E. projects we are not aware of. We encourage you to complete a reporting form upon conclusion of your 1993 projects and return it to the Home Office. We then can share your success and ideas with the Society.

For more information about Operation: H.O.P.E. - Helping Others and Protecting our Environment, contact the Home Office.

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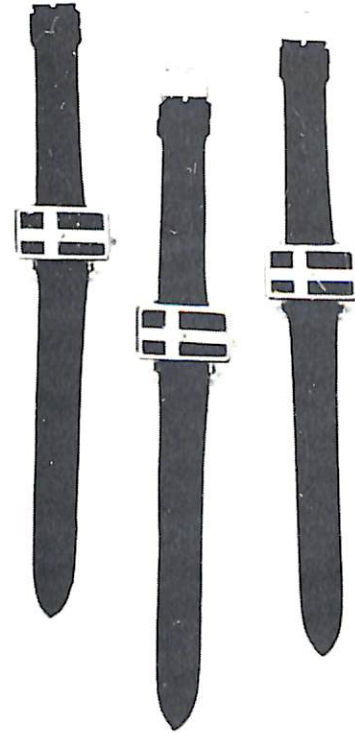
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