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Proclamation

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors have organized under the banner of National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counsellors; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors are dedicated to support and maintain the principle of Legal Reserve Fraternal Life Insurance and to promote the adoption and application of high standards of ethical conduct in the profession of Fraternal Life Underwriting and the services of Fraternal Life Insurance; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors strive to increase the knowledge of Fraternal Field Representatives concerning Legal Reserve Fraternal Life Insurance, to develop more successful sales methods and to render adequate services to Fraternal Members; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors afford the opportunity of exchange of ideas among leading Fraternal Field Representatives; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors endeavor to make it possible to bring before Fraternal Field Representatives the experience and knowledge of successful life underwriters; and

Whereas, Fraternal Insurance Counsellors pledge to uphold the highest of ethical standards toward their clients and to remain loyal to the Society to which their profession and service is dedicated; and

Whereas, the constancy and tirelessness of the Fraternal Insurance Counsellors continue to be the lifeblood of the fraternal benefit system.

Now, therefore, do I, J. Michael Belz, President of the National Fraternal Congress of America, proclaim

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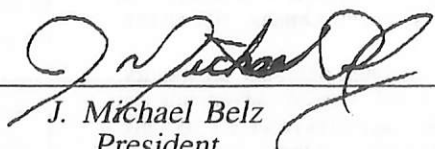
Fraternal Insurance Counsellor Month

and urge all fraternalists throughout the United States and Canada to join with me in heralding the accomplishments of Fraternal Insurance Counsellors and to note our gratefulness with pride.

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J. Michael Belz
President
National Fraternal Congress of America



President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

Annual Report to the Membership

It's time for the Annual Report to the Membership. As has become the practice, the May President's Page is dedicated as a review of the previous year. Please bear in mind these items are not in chronological order.

Kudos to those lodges recognized in the April **American Dane** on the Viking Adventure page. Their participation and support is one example of Danish Brotherhood in America's commitment to our communities. I encourage more lodges to participate in this program and to submit reporting forms. Without reporting forms, we have no way of knowing how involved the lodges are. Submit reporting forms to receive the recognition you deserve.

Thanks goes to those individuals and lodges who supported the national causes in the past year. The first was for Jennifer, Steffanie and Sarah Larsen of Lodge No. 32 in New Haven, CT. Their father was killed in a traffic accident. Dedicated and caring DBIA members and lodges contributed over \$5,000 to the Larsen Daughters Fund set up at the Home Office.

The second call for assistance went out for Herluf and Bente Pedersen of Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C. Canada. Herluf was diagnosed with cancer, which led to many expenses. He was unable to work and Bente had been laid off. Herluf lost his fight with cancer at the hospital on April 4. Our sincere gratitude to those lodges and members who have sent over \$4,000 to the Home Office for the Pedersen Fund.

The Howard E. Christensen Award for 1992 was presented to Raymond Nielsen of Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois. Ray has been very involved in the DBIA at the local, district, and national levels. This is a very prestigious award. All nominees are to be congratulated for being nominated by their fellow members.

Douglas Kosmicki of Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, Nebraska was the recipient of the Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence and the Fred K. Holm Memorial Scholarship went to Patrick John of Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vermont. Fourteen other deserving members received scholarships in 1992.

At the National Convention in Portland, Oregon, in 1991, a new Fraternal Fund and Lodge/District Savings Plan were introduced. The Fraternal Fund stands at \$20,202.04. \$1.00 of each member's national dues is "earmarked" for this fund. Thirty-six members have made additional contributions. The Lodge/District Savings Plan was also introduced at the National Convention. The Savings Plan currently has a balance of \$250,092. Twelve lodges and two districts have taken advantage of this program. I have addressed both of these programs in previous President's Pages. If you are interested in participating, contact the Home Office staff for more details.

The National Board of Directors met in November at the Home Office for their Annual Meeting. This meeting was one of the most intense in all of the years I have been a member of the Board. We discussed the budget in great detail and planned many steps to cut expenses. Some of those included: elimination of Home Office representative travel and a reduction of National Board member travel to district conventions, the number and amount allotted for scholarships was reduced, as was the amount allotted for the camp grant fund, matching funds for attendance at the Danish Language Camps was put on hold, and monetary prizes for all programs, including the bowling tournament, were eliminated. These steps and others were outlined in a **FYI - Newsletter** which was sent to all lodges in December, 1992.

Another item which came about at this Board meeting was an associate membership status. The National Board of Directors voted to reduce the minimum amount of insurance to \$0.00. Therefore, anyone 16-49 years of age can become members of the Society without purchasing insurance. With the insurance requirement for membership removed, we should have little reason NOT to see membership growth in all lodges.

As all of these things were happening with the Danish Brotherhood, some changes took place at the Home Office. Michelle Homme joined the Home Office staff on December 7, 1992, and assumed all underwriting responsibilities as of February 1, 1993. Michelle replaced Rita Christensen who had been with DBIA for eight years. Rita and her husband Grant are expecting their second child. Wanting to spend more time with the children, Rita decided to offer daycare services at their home. We welcome Michelle to the Home Office staff and wish Rita the very best in the future.

This brings me to National Sales Director Eigil Andersen. "Andy", as most of you know him, retired from the Home Office staff on March 31, 1993, after 19 years of service. He has agreed to continue to handle the insurance and annuity sales on a part-time basis. All of his other duties will be covered by the capable and efficient Agency Secretary, Lynne Swingen, who now has the title, Sales Administrative Assistant. We wish Andy a most enjoyable retirement.

That covers just about everything. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the dedicated and hard working Home Office staff or one of the National Board members. The Board member's addresses are listed on page three of **American Dane**.

On behalf of the National Board of Directors and Home Office staff, I want to thank all of those members who have shown us support by paying national dues, participating in, and contributing to the national programs. Thank you.

Hans Christian Andersen

Beloved Storyteller

by Beatrice Levin

In Denmark, in July, 1992, consternation reached fever pitch when Hans Christian Andersen's original manuscripts disappeared from the Andersen Museum in Odense. "The Little Mermaid," "The Emperor's New Clothes" and two other manuscripts were stolen by burglars who climbed a roof and jumped down into the yard of the late 18th century house that is believed to be the birthplace of Andersen. Some of Andersen's drawings and pages from his travel journals also were stolen.

Danes throughout the world are familiar with these stories that are among the most famous of Andersen's 160 fairy tales and poems. Niels Oxenvad, who manages the Andersen Museum, described the thefts. "These manuscripts are priceless, unique and in principle irreplaceable. It is a national tragedy."

While the loss is sad, millions of children everywhere will still be able to pick up an inexpensive copy of Andersen's stories and lose themselves in the magic and wonder of the tales.

Who exactly was Hans Christian Andersen? Was he the man that Danny Kaye impersonated in the early fifties when huge advertisements were posted in cinemas throughout the world — and the song "Wonderful Copenhagen" was on everyone's lips? Andersen's is a story of sadness and successes.

Hans Christian Andersen was born at Odense on April 2, 1805. His father was a sickly shoemaker, only 22 years old. His mother was even younger and took in wash for a living on the island of Funen — "Fyn." The family lived in one small room. The parents tried to compensate for their poverty by indulging their imaginative little boy. His father built a little toy theatre for Hans.

In 1816, when Hans was eleven, his father died and Hans, on his own, became a school drop-out. He read all the plays he could lay hands on, Shakespeare, Holberg and others. He played with the toy theatre, improved it and made clothes for his puppets. He dreamed about going on the stage. He begged his mother to let him go to Copenhagen to be an "opera star."

He would be a tailor, Mama thought. She couldn't envision him as an actor, let alone an opera singer, this

tall, gawky boy with a peculiar face and a long nose. She knew he was pained when people teased him about his appearance. Finally, she went to a fortune teller who told her that one day her son would be famous and his home town of Odense would honor him with a torchlight procession.

Since Hans had already been confirmed in St. Knud's Church, Mama believed he would have God's eye on him. So in September 1819, Hans said good-bye and left home. Fourteen years old, he was a stowaway because he couldn't afford a stage-coach. In Copenhagen, he made a bee-line for the theatre. Never having had a dance lesson in his life, Hans tried to persuade a ballerina to take him on as a partner. She shut the door in his face. Hungry and friendless, he sought out the choirmaster at the theatre, Guiseppe Siboni, who felt sorry for him and made it possible for Hans to be admitted to the dancing school of the Royal Theatre. He couldn't dance, so he switched to singing. When Hans's voice changed, he squawked. People began to regard him as a lunatic, and Hans had to give up singing. He was determined to be an actor and found a new friend in Jonas Collin, director of the Royal Theatre.

Suddenly in a remarkable turn of events, King Frederick VI was magnetized by the strange boy and arranged for Hans to go to a great grammar-school at Slagelse. He was the oldest pupil and was abused by younger students. Hans remembered these school years as the darkest, most bitter of his life.

But school fired up his desire to write, and miracle of miracles, he had his first book published, "The Ghost at Palnatoke's Grave," (1822.) His friend, Jonas Collin, finally agreed that Andersen had "enough education" and should return to Copenhagen. Not very modest, Hans considered himself a second Shakespeare. During his lifetime, he actually wrote thirty plays, most of them mercifully forgotten.

Again, the King came to his rescue and arranged a travel stipend that made it possible for Hans to take off on the first of many European trips. In October 1834, he arrived in Rome and began writing the novel, "The Improvisatore." Now his name became well-known with his first success, a European bestseller. Hans Christian Andersen, no different from other novelists, drew obliquely on his own life experiences and described his childhood, but set it in Rome. The book was published in 1835 in eight languages, including Russian!

No longer was Hans Christian Andersen seen as eccentric and a loser. That same year, Andersen's first book of fairy tales were published. They had a lack-luster sale. But Andersen was successful with "O.T." (The title strikes us as similar to the popular fairy-tale

movie "E.T.") In 1837, Andersen published the best of his romances, "Only a Fiddler."

He tried then to write plays but his fame for his "Fairy Tales" brought the logical outcome of a return to his charming stories that he adopted from those he had heard as a child when he helped in the hops harvest.

By 1845, Andersen was celebrated throughout Europe. But in Denmark, he was regarded still as someone too big for his britches. In June, 1847, he visited England for the first time and was welcomed with great pomp and ceremony. The venerated Charles Dickens himself saw Anderson off from Ramsgate Pier.

Andersen still hoped to make a name for himself as a novelist and dramatist, but actually his best work proved to be travel writing and fairy tales. "In Spain" is possibly one of his best books. Unquestionably, Andersen had a glorious imagination.

Karen Blixen observed, "Only people with imagination are able to grasp the true essence of things . . . Andersen can be so indescribably simple and moving . . . it's like listening to a violin. He is a great magician."

Andersen died peacefully in his house, "Rolighed," near Copenhagen, in 1875, leaving a heritage of wonderful stories that children around the world enjoy. His fairy tales, among them, "The Little Mermaid," and the "The Emperor's New Clothes", belong with the literary classics of the world.

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The Tiller

by Ruth Nielsen

Mads Hansen was born on a farm on the island of Fyn on July 23, 1834. Though his parents were poor and could not afford books, his grandmother told him old tales and adventure. He wrote songs as a child and played the violin and clarinet at farmer's fests but felt it was a waste of time. He started a chorus and gave lectures and readings. Inge-mann and H. C. Andersen made strong impressions upon him. With Anton Nielsen as the director, he helped found a folk school at Vester-skerninge.

Because of physical problems, he did not serve in the Danish army during the war of 1864. However, he deeply felt Denmark's defeat.

Working as a bookkeeper for lawyers gave him insight into economics. Mads took over his father's estate and became a successful farmer. He wrote several books for farmers on practical soil use, production methods and finance.

He wrote some militant verse but this song became his best known. For the first time a farmer gave lyric expression to his thoughts and feelings. In addition, Mads' first collection of poetry was well received. Five editions were printed in three years.

The death of a young sweetheart deeply affected him. Later he married a pen pal, a woman from Jutland.

Hansen wrote several plays and promoted programs to help young people live richer lives.

The composer of the music for this song is unknown but we might guess that it is based upon a Danish folk tune.

J. C. Aaberg, pastor in the former A.E.L.C Synod (Danish) Lutheran Church, was born in Denmark but lived most of his life in the United States. He served congregations in the mid-west and wrote poetry as

well as giving us many excellent translations correct to meaning but still poetic and rhythmic.

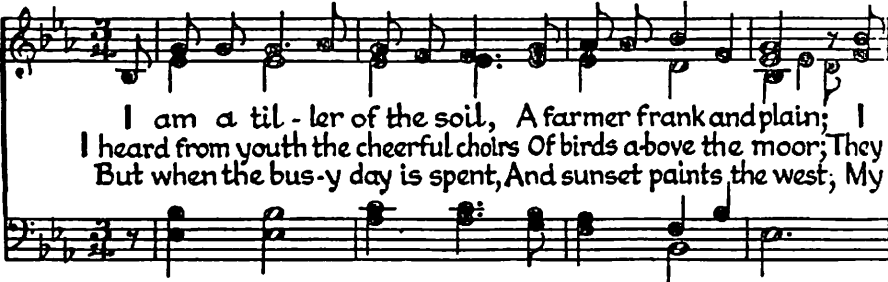
Enjoy this lively melody but also note the beauty of the expressions Mads Hansen has used in this song.

THE TILLER


Mads Hansen, 1866
Trans. by J. C. Aaberg

With swinging rhythm

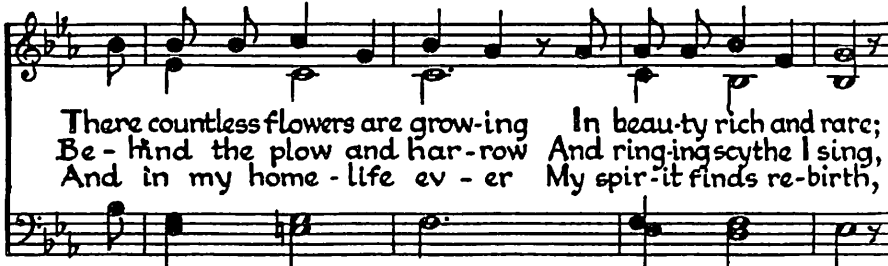
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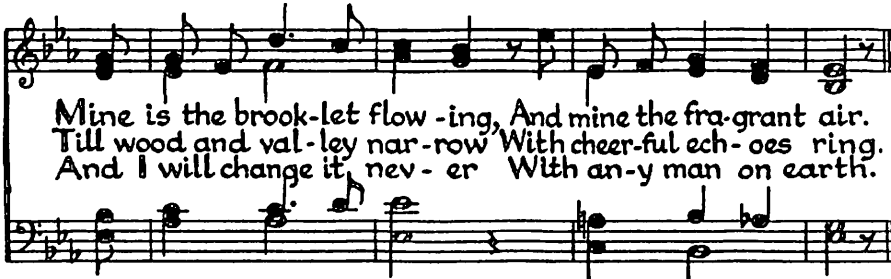
I am a til - ler of the soil, A farmer frank and plain; I
I heard from youth the cheerful choirs Of birds a-bove the moor; They
But when the bus-y day is spent, And sunset paints the west; My



love my home, its life and toil, Its fields and wood-ed lane.
taught me when my heart de-sires On wings of song to soar.
mind re-freshed, my heart con-tent, Midst lov-ed ones I rest.



There countless flowers are grow-ing In beau-ty rich and rare;
Be - hind the plow and har-row And ring-ing scythe I sing,
And in my home - life ev - er My spir-it finds re-birth,



Mine is the brook-let flow-ing, And mine the fra-grant air.
Till wood and val-ley nar-row With cheer-ful ech-oes ring.
And I will change it, nev-er With an-y man on earth.

Introducing . . .



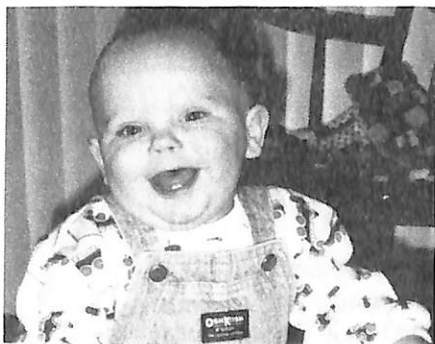
Samantha Jo Heinen, one of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 144 in Dike, Iowa, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Samantha Jo Heinen. My birthday is October 30, 1992. I live in Waterloo, Iowa, with my Mom, Dad and chocolate lab, Dillon.

While Mom and dad are working, I get to go to my grandparent's house to play. While there, my Mormor and Bedstefar sing and talk to me in Danish. That makes me laugh.

My Bedstefar is a member of Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 144, in Dike Iowa, also."

and



Dana John DeGroot, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 144 in Dike Iowa, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Dana John DeGroot. I was born June 18, 1992, and live in Eagan, Minnesota.

Lately I have learned to crawl

and get into all of my dad's model airplanes. Dad says I can fly them with him when I get older.

Another thing I like to do is bother my mom when she's doing her step aerobics. I like to make her step around or over me.

I have eight teeth. I won't let mom or dad eat unless they feed me some of their food.

I have to go now. It's time for my morning nap. I would like to thank Mormor and Bedstefar for making me a member. My Bedstefar belongs to Lodge No. 144 in Dike, Iowa, also."

and



Chelsea Marie Petersen, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 349 in Atlantic, Iowa, and has this to say:

"I am 5 1/2 years old with blue eyes and brown hair. My parents are Shelley and Roger Petersen. I like to play games like Husker Du? and Junior Monopoly. In the winter I like to sleigh ride and build snowmen. I am in kindergarten at Exira Elementary School in Exira, Iowa. I like math. I like the movies "Adam's Family" and "Home Alone". I have a sister Mallory.

Our family went to Florida to Disney World and Sea World. I like to go camping with Grandpa and Grandma Schroeter, who are members of Atlantic Lodge No. 349 also. I like to play in the sand and my favorite color is red. I like to eat Doritos. My grandma tells us sto-

ries about our great grandparents and when they came to America from Denmark."

and



Mallory Jo Petersen, another of our newest Young Vikings, who joined Lodge No. 349 in Atlantic, Iowa, and has this to say:

"I am nine years old and in third grade and the daughter of Roger and Shelley Petersen. Our school teams are called Exira Vikings. I have blonde hair and blue eyes and my favorite color is blue. I like to eat burritos, ride bikes, go camping, swimming and bowling. I like to play checkers and cards. I like math.

My great great grandparents came from Denmark. I like to hear stories about them. I take dancing and am in 4-H. I have a 5 1/2 year old sister, Chelsea. We just got a new puppy named Coco. I have lots of family and friends. My grandpa and grandma Schroeter helped me and my sister to become Young Vikings in the Atlantic, Iowa, Lodge No. 349."

Welcome Samantha, Dana, Chelsea and Mallory!

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

1992 Top 20 Lodges

1991			1992					
Lodge No.		Total Membership	Lodge No.		Total Membership	Gain or Loss		
1.	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	443	1.	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	424	-19
2.	167	Portland, Oregon	334	2.	167	Portland, Oregon	299	-35
3.	227	Detroit, Michigan	239	3.	227	Detroit, Michigan	199	-40
4.	34	Dwight, Illinois	238	4.	126	Los Angeles, California	197	0
5.	51	Ludington, Michigan	228	5.	35	Chicago, Illinois	190	-18
6.	35	Chicago, Illinois	208	6.	34	Dwight, Illinois	187	-51
7.	126	Los Angeles, California	197	7.	29	Seattle, Washington	186	-8
8.	29	Seattle, Washington	194	8.	51	Ludington, Michigan	177	-51
9.	1	Omaha, Nebraska	182	9.	1	Omaha, Nebraska	156	-26
10.	16	Minden, Nebraska	175	10.	16	Minden, Nebraska	149	-26
11.	348	Eugene, Oregon	148	11.	348	Eugene, Oregon	143	-5
12.	299	Solvang, California	143	12.	15	Des Moines, Iowa	129	-7
13.	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	138	13.	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	123	-5
14.	15	Des Moines, Iowa	136	14.	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	119	-19
15.	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	128	15.	299	Solvang, California	118	-25
16.	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	124	16.	325	Nassau County, New York	93	-4
17.	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	110	17.	263	Askov, Minnesota	89	-8
18.	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	104	18.	345	Orange County, California	86	-17
19.	345	Orange County, California	103	19.	4	Racine, Wisconsin	82	-15
20.	4	Racine, Wisconsin	97		75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	82	-28
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2-14-93	Walter K. Eriksen	88	Aarhus, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1927
2-26-93	Clyde L. Mortensen	74	Omaha, Nebraska	346	Riverside, California	1978
2-25-93	Jens P. Christensen	87	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1924
3-19-93	Wesley E. Johnson	70	Jamestown, New York	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1943
3-3-93	Carl W. Kuehnel	89	Leubusch, Germany	190	Schenectady, New York	1945
3-15-93	Hans Pedersen	91	Sjelle, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1926
3-13-93	Elmer Boysen	89	Elk Horn, Iowa	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1949
3-20-93	Henry C. Nielsen	57	Pioneer Mines, B.C., Canada	29	Seattle, Washington	1971
2-2-93	LeMayne D. Krebs	69	Neligh, Nebraska	106	Trufant, Michigan	1948
3-9-93	Norman C. Mattson	70	Askov, Minnesota	263	Askov, Minnesota	1947
1-13-93	August Christensen	90	Denmark	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1975
3-5-93	Lucia Sorensen	95	Osage City, Kansas	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1963
3-14-92	Donald E. Wilsted	75	Corry, Pennsylvania	70	Greenville, Michigan	1975
5-12-92	Lawrence E. Saver	68	Kenosha, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1984
3-14-93	Stanley A. Linkus	79	Sioux City, Iowa	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1985
12-1-92	Tage Mortensen	84	Spokane, Washington	42	Spokane, Washington	1972
1-10-93	Conny Vinther	70	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	1970
12-8-92	Elith Marcussen	68	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	1957
4-12-92	Anker Sorensen	91	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	1941
3-17-93	Vincent V. Roders	64	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1976
11-16-92	Thorvald Cortsen	73	Unknown	184	Hayward, California	1961
3-27-93	George M. Craig	83	Nebraska City, Nebraska	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1983
3-18-93	Soren J. Sorensen	101	Asdal Sogn, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1913

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Pacific

Northwest

Pacific Northwest District

The Annual Pacific Northwest District Convention will be held at the Executive Inn in Fife, WA, May 21-23. The convention meal package is \$60 U.S. per person. Otherwise the meals are priced U.S. \$ per person as such: Friday evening, \$25; Saturday evening, \$30 and Sunday breakfast, \$13.

For meal reservations, make checks payable to 1993 PNW Convention and mail to Niels Nedergard, 795 Pine Drive, Enumclaw, WA 98022-2971.

The deadline for room reservations and R. V. information was May 1. However, for R. V. space and room availability contact the hotel directly at 1-800-938-8500.

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA—President Clyde Langsted called the March 3 meeting to order with 18 members present. Knud Hansen's grandson led the members in the flag salute. Past minutes were read and approved with one correction.

Correspondence included a thank you note from Immanuel Lutheran Church thanking our members for their continuing support to their organization. Niels Nedergard sent us information on convention packages and room reservation information for the Pacific-Northwest District Convention.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Past President Frank Poulsen has already received some

information on possible sites for our District Convention in 1995.

Mark your calendar for the 1993 All Danish Community Picnic to be held at the Nile County Club on Sunday, August 1. For the first and possibly only time, a video from the 1992 picnic will be shown following the lodge meeting on June 2.

Delegates for the 1993 district convention were chosen as follows: Ken Kromann, Jerry Jensen, and Jeff Jensen. Alternates include Otto Brask, Gert Wolff and Kris Jorgensen. Past President Frank Poulsen made a motion, which carried, to buy a new Danish flag for the Nordic Heritage Museum as the existing one was shredded by the recent windstorm.

A donation of \$27.00 was made to Care and Share. Thank you Danes! With no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Jensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, WA—Our new officers for the year were installed on March 4.

Delegates to the Pacific-Northwest District convention on May 21-23 are Emil Larsen and Sharon Kinder. Alternates are Darrel Larsen and Rudy Vida. We voted to have an ad in the district convention program.

Of course, a great thank you goes to our ladies in the Sisterhood for our many after lodge get togethers and our installation banquet at Casey's last month.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—The March 3 meeting was called to

order by President Don Thorkildsen with 29 guests and members present. Kris Roley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Past President Norman Powell explained the symbols.

Minutes were approved, bills were read and approved to be paid, and the treasurer's report was approved as read.

A rollerskating outing is being planned as a mixer to interest students in language camps, etc.

The dancers will be involved with the Astoria Festival on June 19.

Carlene Thorkildsen announced the picnic planned for September 12 at Oaks Park. An advance of \$105 is needed to hold the reservation and we would get that amount back in tickets for the kids' rides. It would be a potluck affair and we would buy the pop from Oaks Park. Asbjorn Fisker moved the advance be paid. It was seconded and unanimously passed.

Jan Christensen reported that a profit of \$478.78 was made from the Scan Fair, \$307.42 from the Christmas dinner and \$137.00 from the February frikadeller dinner. Thank you Jan and Pete Christensen for your hard work.

Two guests were introduced: Ray Zuschlag, a member who lives in England, and Harley Larsen, who has been with us for several months from Philadelphia. Harley will be returning to Philadelphia and expressed his thanks for the hospitality shown him while he has been here. He will return on business again in August. He presented the lodge with some schnapps. Thanks Harley! Mo Pedersen also introduced a new member, Kai Nielsen.

Kai is from Denmark and sailed all over the world until he settled in the Portland area.

It was moved and seconded to pay the district dues and this motion unanimously passed.

President Thorkildsen asked for volunteers to be delegates and alternates at the district convention. Diane Fisker, Upton Hansen, and Carlene and Don Thorkildsen volunteered to be delegates. June Pihl, Emma Powell, Elvin Kasch and Larry West volunteered to be alternates. Mel Pihl moved that we accept the slate of nominees for delegates and alternates and cast a unanimous ballot. It was seconded and unanimously passed.

A dessert social was held with the Sisterhood. President Thorkildsen reported that June Pihl will be Parliamentarian for the lodge. The meeting closed in the usual manner.

Kathy Jensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR—We began our March business meeting by welcoming guests Bodil Christensen, Raymond and Verne Larsen, National Director Asbjorn Fisker and his wife Diane of the Northwest Danish Foundation, Paul and Carol Jensen and Roy Johnson. We approved an application for membership submitted by Gary Reese. We then initiated the following new members: Gary Reese and Steven and Bettina Jole and their sons, Alden and Alexander.

Val Hempel invited members to Hans Christian Andersen and Karen Blixen seminars which he is presenting at the University of Oregon.

The Home Office thanked the lodge for our contribution to the Herluf and Bente Pedersen Fund.

The date for the annual Høst Fest was set for October 16. Jim and Ada Larsen and Glenn and Bettie Matson will be co-chairs for the fund raising event.

We elected three delegates to the

district convention; namely Lois Toftemark, Birgit Sand and Kris Sand. Alternates are Mo Pedersen, Scott Stefansen and Martin Taekker.

We discussed an invitation from the Junction City lodge to join in sponsoring a booth at the Scandinavian Festival to raise money for the Fraternal Fund. We voted to support the booth and contribute \$60 toward the fee.

Inge Lamberg's granddaughter, Barbara Hilzinger, applied for a Himmelbjerget scholarship.

Asbjorn Fisker talked about the importance of helping the Fraternal Fund. He described efforts made by the Board to reduce operating expenses and successes achieved by the DBIA in 1992. Diane Fisker discussed the different programs and scholarships available through the Northwest Danish Foundation.

Al Nyegaard presented Glenn and Bettie Matson with a certificate honoring them as co-nominees for the Howard Christensen Award.



James and Birgit Hillis, new member, join Birgit and Kris Sand and Knud Toftemark for refreshments.

Following the business meeting, we adjourned for refreshments, singing, and fellowship.

Our next regular business meeting will be held on May 13 at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Eugene.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 350, Mid-Willamette, OR—At our February Fastelavn celebration, we enjoyed Knud Larsen's song leading, letting the "cat out of the bag", installing five new members (Eric and Ella Molsen,

Peter and Mildred Christensen and Tony Albert) and lots of wonderful finger foods at our new location in Corvallis.

This spring we will have a program on tracing our Danish family history. Start gathering any information you have about names, dates and Danish origins to bring to the meeting. A local genealogy expert will set up a computer to access records.

We will meet May 13 and June 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Stephanie Jorgensen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 67, Fresno, CA—We meet regularly on the second Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall. President Lastreto opened the March meeting promptly. President Lastreto explained that we would be using an abbreviated ritual developed by an appointed committee. The most important feature was the elimination of the redundancy of having each officer recite the duties of his office. These duties were carefully emphasized a month earlier by the installing officer.

At the meeting, we decided to lend our support to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, and to the committee sponsoring the next California-Nevada District convention.

There was also a report on the Danish Brotherhood outing of a charter bus trip locally known as the Blossom Trail, a six hour journey through blooming orchards of the Central Valley seeing orange harvest and foothill wildflowers, a very fragrant and delightful adventure.

Lodge No. 67 is in its centennial year and we look forward to celebrating this event on the evening of May 13 at our usual meeting place.

L. S. DeLaurant, Sec.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA— The March meeting came to order by President Karen Rowse with 26 members present. Minutes were read and approved.

Two new members were accepted: Kevin and Erik Logan. Welcome aboard! The treasurer's report was read and approved. Bills were paid. We were informed that the rent of the Alamo increased.

We took out a one page advertisement in the convention program.

We will be sponsoring a trip to Laughlin on September 12-13 with two nights' stay at the Flamingo Hotel.

We plan to update our bylaws and membership roster and we need your help!

On Friday, March 19, we hosted a social at the Alamo with food and games. Following a delicious pot-luck dinner, we all joined in playing our favorite games. Thank you David Seale for arranging it all!

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.
Inger Dix, Cor.**

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA— Our 79th anniversary celebration last month at the Jacobsen's was a huge success. The food was delicious and the special cake was quite good. Ken and Gerry Olsen came from Orange County Lodge No. 345 to help with the celebration. It was so nice to have them with us.

"Burning the Witch", Sankt Hans Day, will be held Saturday, June 19, near the Hilton Hotel in Mission Bay.

Bessie Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA— We began our February meeting with a ham dinner and we would like to thank the following people for their help: Patty Kessler, Pat Christensen, Ardythe Wiegandt, and Gary and Toni Gossett. Special thanks also to Betty and Soren Christensen for setting up our room

and decorating it so nicely. Thanks also to our server, DaNeil Gossett.

After we all had our fill, Jim Wiegandt opened the business meeting. Ardythe Wiegandt read the correspondence and gave us the district deadline dates.

Gertrude Nielsen gave an Operation: H.O.P.E. report and we thank all of you who brought items for the YWCA of South Orange County.

Due to scheduling conflicts, our Laughlin trip had to be cancelled. We are in the process of finding out about a one day turn-around trip to Las Vegas which would only cost \$10.00.

We would like to thank Marian Aymar for the recycling check she turned in at the March meeting.

With the conclusion of the meeting, Jim turned the evening over to Gary Gossett who started us out with two games of trivia. Our trivia winners were Lori Hill and Marge Christensen. Following trivia, our two teams played several games of encore.

Thanks to everyone who stayed and cleaned up after the meeting.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA— We had a great time at our St. Paddy's meeting. Our dinner and dessert cooks were Lisa McPiehl, Lindy O'Lindberg, Lynda O'Jones and Sue McPatterson.

Lori Adkins brought guests Gary and Allison and their children. Don Wolfson and children were back along with Ann Marie Knudsen and Kara.

After our regular meeting the rest of the evening was spent at the races. Our fun and games chairwoman for the evening was Norma Loveday. She did a great job of setting up our race track, preparing our races and she was even our "bookie" along with the help of Viking Curene Stoltz. Bill Jones was our race announcer and Cenea Stoltz was our

jockey for the evening.

Please remember we will be having a Chinese Auction in June and we will be needing items donated. Remember, too, that this is our membership dinner so plan on bringing friends and family.

Sue Patterson, Sec.

Montana

Lodge No. 273, Dillon, Montana— Every summer we provide our community with 35 wooden flower planters. Member Clifford Bay prepares and maintains the flower boxes throughout the community. He recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the community for his efforts. Thank you Clifford, and congratulations.

Helen Tommerup, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE— We will have fish fry on June 1 and a Rebuild celebration on July 4. Plan to join us.

To serve on a committee for the coming year, please call the person noted as chair. Do this soon so that you will get your choice.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE— Our annual æbleskiver supper was held on March 18. Pie and coffee were served after bingo. Hosting the supper were Ray and Alice Van-Norman, Herbert and Shirley Nielsen, Ken and LaVonne Bundgaard, and Larry and Marian Sorensen.

Leonard Anderson called our meeting to order by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Margaret Sorensen was elected news reporter. Bill Jorgensen installed our new members Clara Yant and Marion

Beck. Report on Special Olympics was made by Marie Nelsen and Edith Thomsen. Motion was made and approved to give \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 for name drawing at each meeting.

Minna Newbold, Sec.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE—Our March 13 meeting, held at the Community Hall, was opened by President Mickelsen who led the flag salute. Eleven members were present.

Secretary Schultz read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given by our new treasurer, Soren Thomsen. Bills were presented and approved. Eugene Schultz made a motion to pay the bills and Howard Madsen seconded the motion which then carried.

Thomsen suggested that the Board members meet and discuss this year's dues. A letter will be written to the members who have not paid.

Several of our members attended the quartet from Branson which was held in the gym.

Our entertainment for the evening was card playing.

The committee had numbered our lunch sacks that had been brought by each member and we ate the lunch in the corresponding numbered sack. Everyone enjoyed this new idea.

The committee included Charlotte Christensen, Helen Shaw and Mickie Schneider.

Geraldine Schultz, Sec.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—President Laurids Pedersen is working on a calendar for programs and hosts for each meeting. Be sure to look and see when you are scheduled to be the host. We will still continue to bring "A Bit of a Bite" for lunch. The host couple or persons will be

in charge of coffee and beverages to be served, table settings, and setting up for the meetings. We hope you approve, thus relieving the same people from doing this. Your cooperation is appreciated. Your suggestions for programs are also welcome.

Doris Stokes, Sec. Pro-Tem

South Dakota

Lodge No. 139, Viborg, SD—On April 1, we held our monthly meeting with members and several invited guests for a potluck supper.

Our new president, Helen Sorensen, opened the meeting for business with a salute to the American Flag. Reports were given by the treasurer and secretary. There was a discussion on the centennial which will be held June 3-6. One June 5, we will be making Danish sandwiches and dessert. For the parade the men are now busy making a miniature 8x12 building that will look like the hall that was built in 1905 and torn down in 1970. The picture of the hall has been used as a logo for the centennial, dishes and jackets. A 700 page history book was written by the people of the community as a memorial.

The Viborg Bank, now on the site of the old Brotherhood hall, has had a plaque made which will hang in the bank. The many old pioneers would be honored that the Danish Brotherhood is still in our hearts.

Jens Sorensen, a member of 72 years, attended this meeting and was presented with a lodge pin for his long membership. He said he enjoyed the **American Dane** especially when we write about our lodge.

We invite you to spend these days in Viborg. Bring your campers and folding chairs.

Ruth Peterson, Cor.

Heartland

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA—At our March 8 meeting, the program which followed our business meeting featured an entertaining and informative talk by Jim Green, the enthusiastic Wagon Master of RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa). It was interesting to hear the human interest stories about the people who ride, the people in the host towns and along the route who contribute so much caring and sharing, and also the backup individuals and businesses which serve in such vital capacities as public safety, traffic control, ambulance and emergency medics and repair services.

Our lodge was pleased the Heartland District college scholarships in the amount of \$300 were awarded to our member Gina Ayres and Alan Gift, son of members William and Marilyn Gift. Gina attends Grand View College and Alan attends University of Northern Iowa. Congratulations and best wishes for success to both.

We are eagerly looking forward to our May 10 meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m., during which the program will feature our member, James Iversen, showing slides and discussing his year in Denmark.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN—

President Harlan Erickson called the April 3 meeting to order at the Senior Citizen's Center. Together we pledged our allegiance to the United States Flag.

Reports were made and accepted. Maurine Levisen reported on the good attention received at the DBIA booth and display of our Danish heritage set up at the Skyline Mall for the annual Heritage Days.

A moment of silence was ob-

served for our member of 80 years, Soren J. Sorensen, who died at the age of 101.

Acceptance of a motion allowing a gratuitous dinner be awarded to each paid up member for the anniversary banquets regularly held for the year 1993.

Don Levisen of the Miss Albert Lea Mermaid Statue group announced the mermaid is tentatively scheduled to be placed in Fountain Lake adjacent to Lincoln Park the latter part of May. A ceramic miniature replica, prints of the statue and note stationary will be made available.

LuVerne and Marcella Clausen recently returned from a trip to Israel and presented a most interesting slide program with a narrative description of the place where Jesus lived.

Rosemary and Earl Colstrup and Vernetta and Jack Paulsen were hosts for the evening serving Danish open-faced sandwiches and sweets.

Grace Tomson, Sec.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA—The Dike lodges were very pleased to view slides and hear about Denmark from a Rotary International Exchange student at our recent meeting. Marie Louise Juhl, who goes by Marlou, gave a colorful presentation, telling about her homeland and family.

Marlou, who is staying at the Kirby Schmidt home in Grundy Center, is from Kollund, which is near Krusa. Her town has a population of 2,000. Krusa, where she attends school, is larger. She attends a business school and the time spent here in high school does not count on her records there. However, Marlou felt that the experience was very good and will also be a factor in future employment, particularly since it is a chance to practice her English. She has also learned German and speaks it well. We enjoyed

her talk and beautiful slides and wish her well.



Janeen Danielsen with Marlou Juhl.

The men again participated in the second annual Men's Bake-Off. Jack Mommer was the first place purple ribbon winner with his "strips".



Jack Mommer with his purple ribbon "Strips".

Lodge No. 144 made a donation to the Dike Library Building Fund.

Dale Danielsen was presented with his 25-year membership pin by President Svend Koch. New member, Byron Johnson, was initiated, receiving the right hand of fellowship from all present. Two new members, grandchildren of Svend Koch, were approved.

Officers inducted for 1993 were: Past President, Harris Jorgensen; President, Svend Koch; Vice President, Harlan Thuesen; Conductor, Jack Mommer; 1st Trustee, Joe Galloway; 2nd Trustee, Delmar Danielsen; 3rd Trustee, Arlan Andersen; Secretary, Lyle Refshauge; Treasurer, Neal Thuesen; Inner Guard, George Olsen; and Outer Guard, Gordon Sloth.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA—The members expressed well wishes for Andy Andersen as he retires from the Danish Brotherhood. A card was signed by members present and sent on behalf of the lodge. The charter was draped in memory of long-time member, Alvin Miller.

Kathy Sonsalla presented a bill for postage, printing and envelopes. An application for membership was submitted by Magna Bowen. We have all enjoyed Magna's visits the past several months and the help she's given at the North Iowa Ethnic Festival. This year's Ethnic Festival will be held May 8 at the North Iowa Fairgrounds. We will serve Danish pastries, apple cake and aebleskiver.

Ken and Evelyn Gutterman's daughters submitted applications for the Heartland District Scholarship. Vice President Kenneth Gutterman presented Thorvald Sorensen with a certificate honoring him as a nominee for the Howard E. Christensen Award.



Thorvald Sorensen with Vice President Gutterman.

Edith Skene shared an article on the 150th anniversary of Tivoli Amusement Park in Copenhagen. A "Green Luncheon" was held following the meeting.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge No. 341, Kimbalton-Elk Horn, IA—We held a pancake and sausage supper at the Elk Horn Town Hall on March 22 with the profits going to the Danish Immigrant

Museum. We employed Jim's Cakes of Council Bluffs and, along with tasty cakes, Jim entertained the crowd with his flipping. The hall was filled with 347 museum boosters. Excitement and support is building as the museum takes shape preparing to open this fall.



Jim makes pancakes "fun".
Warren Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA—Our March 18 meeting was quite entertaining. After we finished the usual business, we were introduced to two Shrine clowns who were both masters of their craft. A lot of children were in the meeting so when the clowns started making hearts, flowers and different kinds of animals out of balloons, the children's joy had no end. They all got a fancy balloon and some of the adults went home with prizes also.

The refreshments were great as usual. Thanks to Karla Labs and Norma Nietert.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

Lodge No. 349, Atlantic, IA—Fifty members attended the March 8 meeting held at the Rolling Hills Banks Building. A Danish supper was served by the March committee.

Two new members, Mallory and Chelsea Petersen, were welcomed as new members of our lodge. They are the granddaughters of Darrel and Bertha Schroeter.

The business meeting was called to order by President John Nelson. The secretary's and treasurer's re-

ports were read and approved. Treasurer Harvey Hansen announced the pancake supper sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood of Elk Horn to benefit the Danish Immigrant Museum.

A past president's pin was presented to Chet Holland.

Mary Ellen Olsen introduced the speakers, Duane and Shirley Acker, who are now rural Atlantic residents. Shirley gave a review of the volunteer work she participated in three days a week at the White House. Duane related his duties and the variety of businesses he was associated with in the capitol city. This was a most interesting program.

Evelyn Rechtenbach, Sec.

Midwest

Lodge No. 4, Racine WI—Our March 6 torsk dinner is history. Those who have attended torsk dinners know how delicious the food is and a fun time is had by all. There is another one scheduled for October 2, 1993.

At the February 10 meeting, Vice President Glenn Nyboe presented 50-year membership pins to Brothers Arnold B. Christensen and George E. Damm. The meeting was well attended. A delicious lunch was served by Doug Larsen. Thank you, Doug!

Secretary Erik Raahauge mailed a 50-year membership pin to Brother Carl J. Olsen of Niagara Falls, Canada.

If each one of us could sign up just one new member, our lodge would be thriving.

Our next lodge meeting will be held on May 12.

Jeff Christiansen, Pres.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—Our ever popular corned beef dinner and dance was held on March 13. The

food was excellent thanks to Brother John Mikus and his crew. Dancing was provided by Steve Singer who started out the evening singing several Irish songs for us. Thanks to the great job done by the committee of Kevin and Ione Gleason, Jim and Laura Gleason, Todd and Annette Bernhardt, Diane Breckenfeld, Todd Barnett and Mark Burokas.

We received a very nice letter from Dwight Lodge No. 34 thanking Jim Bohn for all his assistance in them getting their own aebleskiver pans. That's fraternalism at its best.

Thanks to Ken Spiegelhoff and Paul Costanzo for preparing lunch at the last meeting.

Golf season is fast approaching and we will once again have a league.

We will have a bowling outing on Sunday, May 16, at Surfside Lanes. A buffet lunch will be held at the hall.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL—Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. (note time change) at American Legion Hall.

Over 500 people were fed, leaving the compliments to the cooks, and 372 kringle were sold, at the aebleskiver breakfast on March 28. Mange tak to Chairperson Jackie Klehm and all the dedicated people who helped before, during and after with the breakfast; to Marge Lauritsen who took care of the kringle sales; to Dick Perschnick, Ray Holzhauser and Les Jensen who picked up the kringle; to Rick Sullivan who got us our burners with the good help of Kenosha; and to Don Klehm who made and donated the tables for the burners.

We will be going to a Cubs ball game on Sunday, September 5. Forty-four tickets are available. The cost is \$20.00 per person which includes the game, bus and refreshments on the bus. Get you reservations in to Ray Holzhauser.

The Midwest District golf outing will be hosted by our lodge on Saturday, July 24. Marlene Perschnick will be chairing this event, as well as the picnic which will be a pig roast following the golfing.

Richard Jensen, Lacey Humbert, Tom Brown and Ray Brockman were approved for membership and Tom and Ray have been initiated into our lodge. Welcome! Trustees are going to look into our annuities for reinvestment or any changes needed. Ken Jensen was given a letter of congratulations for being nominated for the Howard E. Christensen Award. We are looking into "Adopting a Highway". Due to the "red tape", it was tabled for now.

It was good to see an increase in attendance at our March meeting - hope it continues!

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—On May 21 we will serve a frikadeller dinner. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 years of age and under. Cocktails will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. for tickets, call Ed or Marion Eriksen and make your reservation with them. All reservations must be made by May 14. The Suburban Music Makers will entertain after dinner. This is a fund raiser for our Scholarship Fund. Everyone welcome!

There were 46 members present at the March 19 meeting. Lodge camp grant applications for Skovsøen must be in by May 31. Applicants must be members or have parents or grandparents who are members.

The Midwest District Convention will be held September 10-12 at the LaGrange Holiday Inn, Countryside.

Paul Sloth announced that Svend Jorgensen, a member of Lodge No. 17, had sent him two tickets for the Royal Danish Guard anniversary

dinner-dance. Svend donated these tickets to the lodge. It was decided to pick a name from the membership drawing box. The winners were June and Bill O'Flynn and they were very happy to accept the donation from Svend.

It was announced that 17 bowlers had signed up for bowling in Kenosha.

Scholarship applications for our lodge scholarship are available and must be in by June 1.

President Iversen explained about a local bylaw change involving new members not being required to buy insurance. They will be associate members for \$30 (family \$60). A motion was made and passed to change the bylaw.

Astrid Torstad donated sandwiches and Ellen Haukedahl donated akvavit for her birthday. Thanks so much!

After our usual good sandwiches, the floor was cleared and the South Suburban Music Makers played a selection of danceable music for all.

Jodie Sloth, Cor.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI—The long planned initiation ceremony was completed at our March 22 meeting for Eric Greif-Sølvberg who recently returned from Denmark and we all bid him welcome. Eric spoke to us about his recording work in Denmark with "Invocator", a band from Esbjerg, Jylland. An album was recorded at Elsound Studio in Valby, Sjaelland. All of us enjoyed viewing the Danish items that he brought back from Denmark. We thank "bread bakers" Sandy and Paul Sorensen for the evening's refreshments.

We have planned to have a booth at the Fifth Annual Scandinavian Festival in Racine, Wisconsin, on Saturday, June 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We thank the following members who generously gave of their

time on Saturday, March 13, to answer telephones for the Public Television Channel 10/36 Fund Drive: Grace E. Gertz, Elsie Hein, Barbara Larsen, Al and Carol Larsen, Robert W. Rasmussen, Margaret Schoewe, and Paul and Sandy Sorensen.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI—We held our February 25 meeting at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall. President Vivian Jensen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After our business meeting, Annette Willarson gave an interesting reading on Valentine customs and origin in different countries. Gladys Petersen followed with a reading on Danish Valentine customs.

A delicious lunch served by Annette Willarson, Margaret and Aleine Miller completed the afternoon activities.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT—On March 12 we held our installation of officers. GCEL President Eric Brown from Perth Amboy, New Jersey, made the trip up to perform the installation. He was assisted by Ken Nielsen, also from New Jersey. Thanks to both of them for being with us. Before the installation, we served a corned beef and cabbage dinner. Thanks go to the Edmonds for doing all the preparations and cooking.

Our thanks to outgoing secretary, Bernadette Gaudino, for doing a great job over the past two years.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ—Our February meeting was called to order by President Eric Brown with

the Pledge of Allegiance by the 20 members present. He then proceeded with the initiation of two candidates, Joe Lisco and Edward Van Decker, to membership. Two applications were also received, balloted upon and approved.

The Fastelavns Fest was as usual a festive occasion. The many varieties of food and desserts were enjoyed and appreciated by all. The presence of many more children was encouraging. The cat in the barrel was eventually liberated and the goodies made available. The bus trip to Atlantic City and its attractions was a fun day for all; a social for some and a financial success for others.

The president reminded members of the clean up day at the Home and urged participation. The meeting was then adjourned for refreshments.

Jens C. Jessen, Cor.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, NJ—We meet the fourth Friday of each month except July and August at the Continental Masonic Temple.

Once again we are asking you to make every effort to attend our next few meetings. We are now at the point where we must make a decision as to the future of Lodge No. 116. A discussion as to the disbursement of our assets and transfer of our membership to another lodge or Lodge No. 600 will take place. You all know we have been averaging five people to a meeting and we are sure you don't want these five people making the final decision.

Paul Iversen, Sec.

Lodge No. 164, New York, NY—Our annual cod-fish dinner, which was held at the Danish Athletic Club on March 6, was enjoyed by over 55 people. We were privileged to have as guests Eric Brown of Lodge No. 46, Chris Simonsen representing the GCEL District, and Helen Kofod of

Lodge No. 325. They all joined in the dining and dancing. The evening was a social as well as financial success



Chris Simonsen, Helen Kofod, Lorraine Hendrickson and Eric Brown enjoy the evening.

Among the items discussed at our monthly lodge meeting, were the lodge's liability insurance, our Operation: H.O.P.E. fundraiser and our own Martin Olsen Memorial Scholarship Fund. We have our first applicant for a scholarship grant. A meeting of the Scholarship Fund Committee will take place shortly for a decision. After our business meeting, raffles were sold on some pieces of Danish porcelain and nine other prizes. This was a fundraiser for our lodge.

We welcomed a visitor, John Pedersen, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Danish Athletic Club. John came to see what the Brotherhood is all about. We hope to welcome him as a member in the near future. We also congratulate our President, Lorraine Hendrickson, on her election to the Board of Directors of the DAC.

Since our dollhouse was such a success for our Operation: H.O.P.E. fundraiser for 1992, we decided to build and raffle another for this year. Funds to purchase a dollhouse kit were given to Florina Lund, "General Contractor" for the house. It is hoped that once again the house will be furnished by various members of our lodge. It you can help, please contact Florina.

After our meeting, the usual delicious Danish cold-table luncheon was served.

Maggie Cull, Cor.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—A packed house watched as George Jacobsen and Eric Brown installed the new officers of Philadelphia Lodge No. 172, Bucks County Lodge No. 342 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 86 at the Sons of Norway Lodge on Friday, March 19. The installation was preceded by a delicious sit-down smørrebrød dinner provided by the skills of head chef Ulla Pedersen and her sister, Toby Bobman. Music for dancing was provided and the lively tunes kept people on the dance floor until midnight.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY—Past President Raymond Andreasen, who celebrated his 80th birthday on March 2, was honored at our March 12 meeting. We also sang Happy Birthday to Aase Melendez whose birthday was on the day of the meeting.



President Kofod honors Past President Raymond Andreasen on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

President Helen Kofod presented a certificate from the Home Office to George Jacobsen for his nomination for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

Our guest speaker, Attorney Lawrence Davidow, spoke about Elder Law. He was dynamic, interesting and very informative as he addressed the specific legal concerns that senior citizens may have.

Our semi-annual clothing drive also took place at this meeting. Many bags of clothes were collected to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA—Reserve your seat now for the bus trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty on June 5 hosted by our lodge. There are only 46 seats available. The bus will leave from the Sons of Norway or nearby at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served en route. On the return trip, we will stop for lunch at the S.P.Q.

DBIA Loses Friend

The Danish Brotherhood in America mourns the death of Herluf Pedersen of Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C. Herluf lost his struggle with cancer on April 4, 1993.



Herluf and his wife Bente were the District Fraternal Coordinators featured on the Viking Adventure page of the December, 1992 **American Dane**.

Herluf was retired from the electrical contracting business. He was a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America for 21 years. In those 21 years, Herluf served his local lodge as president, treasurer, conductor, trustee and guard. In October, 1991 he traveled to Portland, Oregon to represent his lodge at the National Convention. Herluf also served the Pacific Northwest District as president, vice president, trustee, conductor and, most recently, as a District Fraternal Coordinator.

Herluf and Bente were married for 41 years. They have six children and ten grandchildren. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to his family. Herluf touched many lives and memories of him live in the hearts of many members.

Thank you to the following lodges and members who have supported the Pedersen Fund since the last report: Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, WA; Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR; Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA; Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, CA; Kenneth Zuschlag and Mary Nielsen.

Restaurant in Little Italy and on the way back there will be liquid refreshments on the bus. The cost, including admissions, is \$75.00.

Installation of new officers of Bucks County Lodge No. 342, Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 86 took place on Friday, March 19, at the Sons of Norway Lodge. Installation was

performed by George Jacobsen and Eric Brown. Prior to the installation, a delicious sit-down smørebrød dinner was provided by head chef, Ulla Pedersen and her sister Toby Bobman. Lively tunes provided for dancing which kept the floor full until midnight.

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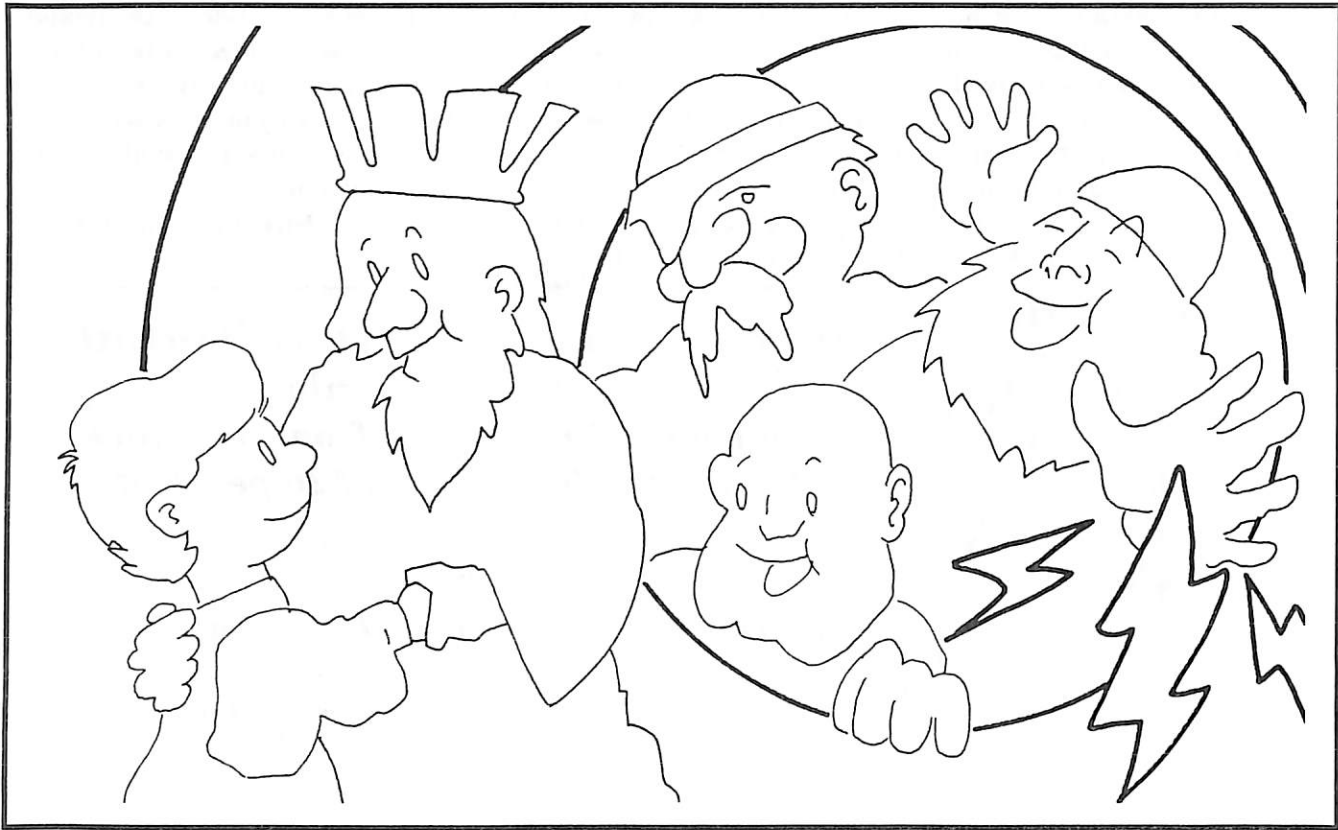
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Jorgen's Rainbow

This month, our friends begin a trip through the earliest days of Danish history. Here in the tenth century A.D., during the great Viking Age, they meet the mythological gods, Thor, Odin, and Frey, along with a real king: Gorm the Old. Margrethe II, the present queen of Denmark, is a descendant of Gorm. Watch out for that lightning Bifrost!

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erhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131-3844. Be sure to include your name, address and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9 and 10-12.

April winners: Jamie Pedersen, Jordan Hybertson, Anton Jorgen Petersen and Jeni Lind.

Grandma's Kitchen

STUFFED PORK TENDERLOIN (FYLDT SVINEMØRB BRAD)

- 2 pork tenderloin (about 1 lb. each)
- 2 large apples peeled and chopped
- salt, pepper to taste
- 12 cooked prunes, pitted
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 cup beef bouillon
- 1 cup heavy cream



Gunild Ostergaard

Split tenderloin the long way cutting two-thirds of the way through, open and pound to an even thickness. Place apples on meat and sprinkle with salt, pepper, lay 6 prunes across the short end of each tenderloin and roll like a jelly roll. Tie securely, then brown on all sides. Add bouillon and heavy cream. Cover and simmer for 1 hour taking care to stir occasionally so meat won't stick; add water if necessary. Remove meat to hot platter, skim fat from sauce and scrape sides and bottom of pan so that none of the delicious browning will be lost. Whirl smooth in a fine sieve, reheat and pour over meat.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together--A Beginning Keeping Together--Progress
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Case by Case

Born and raised in Denmark, Ib Melchior came to this country just prior to the outbreak of World War II in Europe. When Pearl Harbor was attacked he volunteered his services to the U.S. Armed Forces, particularly the Army Intelligence Service.

Case by Case is an intriguing autobiographical account of Melchior's experiences as a US counterintelligence agent. The 343 pages are filled with vivid accounts of many CIC assignments. Melchior explains the smallest details, their importance in "cracking" cases, enabling him and his colleagues to solve their cases. Also included are "then and now" photographs and detailed descriptions of these same locations 45 years later when he and his wife return to Europe to research this book.

For his work in the European Theater of War, he was decorated by the U.S. Army as well as by the King of Denmark, and subsequently was awarded the Knight Commander Cross of the Militant Order of St. Brigitte of Sweden.

In addition to highly acclaimed novels, *Eva*, *Order of the Battle*, *Sleeper Agent*, *The Halgerlock Project*, *The Watchdogs of Abaddon*, *The Marcus Device* and *The Tombstone Cipher*, Melchior is well-known as a television and motion picture director, writer and producer. The son of the famed Wagenrian tenor, Lauritz Melchior, he has directed some 500 television shows, ranging from "The Perry Como Show" to "The March of Medicine," and has won several national awards for television and documentary shorts. His articles and short stories have appeared in numerous magazines and in anthologies.

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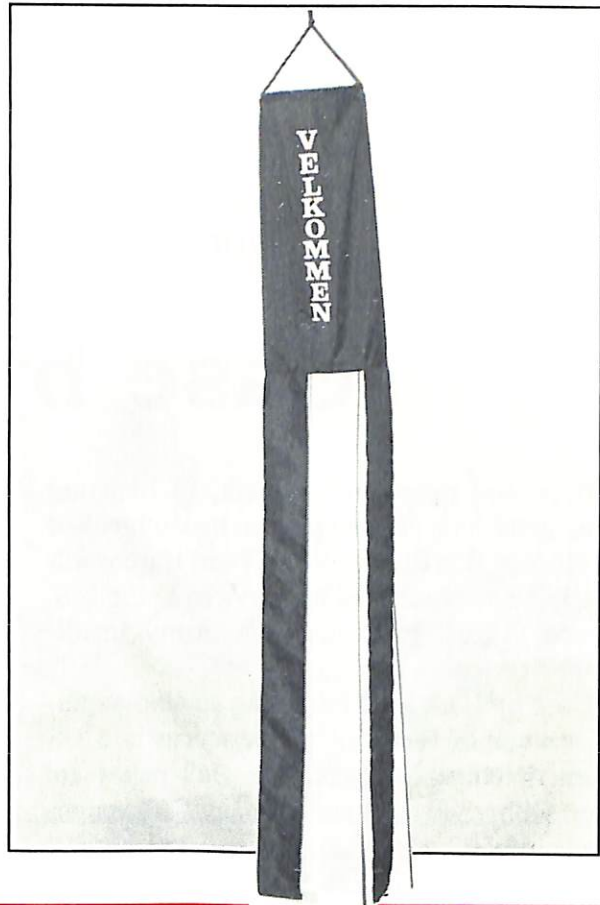
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