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Important Message from the National Board of Directors

For many years, the Danish Brotherhood, its lodges, its conventions and its members have been grappling with the question of insurance as a mainstay for our organization. Historically, the Danish Brotherhood was established as a Fraternal Benefit Society whose intent it was to provide an umbrella of ethnic camaraderie and member protection. At our recent National Convention and previously to that at district meetings, Leonard Thompson presented options as well as goals which were available to us as a society. As a reminder of what was discussed, the following represents the possible solutions to DBIA ills:

- 1) Raise dues
- 2) Give the Board authority to set future dues
- 3) Give the Board authority to set minimum insurance amounts
- 4) Establish a new Fraternal Fund
- 5) Establish a Lodge/District Savings Account
- 6) Start new lodges
- 7) Revitalize ailing lodges
- 8) Sell much more insurance
- 9) Look for possible merger

Many of these items were acted upon by your delegates at the National Convention. The national dues for social members were raised from \$5.00 to \$15.00 annually. National dues for insured members were established at \$10.00 annually. Authority was given to the Board to set future dues and minimum insurance amounts. A new Fraternal Fund was established as well as a Lodge/District Savings Account. In the past two years, the Danish Brotherhood in America has sold in excess of \$7,000,000 of insurance bringing our total insurance in force to \$23,707,493 as of December 31, 1992.

So where are we today? Over the past five years, our total membership has declined from 9,624 to 8,605; our total number of lodges has declined from 120 to 100. Although our insurance in force has increased from \$17,716,050 to \$23,707,493, our insurance and fraternal expenses have also increased from \$393,130 to \$661,089. You might say Five-Year Plan, has not been met with widespread enthusiasm.

Two questions have surfaced among our National Board, and ones that are paramount! Is the Danish Brotherhood in America giving more value to our membership now than five or ten years ago? Are we able to do the best job for our membership, or are we just hanging on from year to year?

The Board continues to feel that the ethnic umbrella is of great importance to all of us and today, that is where the emphasis should be placed and energies directed. The question of insurance is still a necessary component of everyone's life and should always be considered by any individual or family for their future and personal well being. The Board also feels that it should remain a personal decision and for that reason we are recommending that the Danish Brotherhood in America leave the insurance business to someone else's care and concentrate now on the fraternal aspects of membership. It is the only prudent and logical course we can and should take!

The Board further recommends that the Danish Brotherhood in America seek a merger partnership with another, stronger Fraternal Benefit Society, not only to provide better services but to provide greater protection for what already belongs to you, the members.

A Board committee has been established to investigate a merger and negotiate to secure that everything we presently have in the way of traditional benefits will remain intact and even be enhanced. **Please be assured that all certificates and their monies invested in same, whether they be insurance or annuities, are perfectly safe with the Danish Brotherhood.** Any merger agreement between DBIA and a merger partner will guarantee the rights and provisions that currently exist in all certificates; this is first and foremost in our minds. Further, a better return will be realized as it is anticipated that administrative and compliance cost savings would be experienced on our certificates, enhancing the divisible surplus generated by each and conceivably improving the dividends. We would ensure better and lower cost service to our members, better than what we can do ourselves. For those in need of insurance and other financial products, an increased portfolio at more competitive rates will be realized.

It is the Board's goal to retain the identity of the Danish Brotherhood in America as a division of the merger partner. This would include the continued use of our logo and the identity of our individual lodges and districts. We will work to preserve the fraternal aspects of our Society, such as scholarships, camp grants, matching funds, special and general aid, etc. It is also our intention to preserve the National Headquarters as the central focal point for Danish Brotherhood members as the division headquarters.

In a nutshell, seeking a merger is our best opportunity to preserve our very being and purpose. We will need your continued support and, above all, your understanding that what is being done is done in the best interest of this Society and its membership. It is a realistic and unselfish endeavor to perpetuate our century old organization. It is a step into the future and a step in the right direction.

As we develop and formulate our plans, we will keep you advised.

Fraternally,
Your National Board of Directors

Copenhagen, 1807

*Cronborg's coppered towers shone,
its furnaces cold in the late Summer Sun.
And watchers on its ramparts green,
looked to the East, where could be seen
the silent beat of England's fleet,
from the Cattegat, up the Sound.*

*Salutes exchanged and passing waves,
between the fortress and the fleet,
for none but Gambier's Captain knew
the treachery they were to do
in this, a time of peace.*

*And all aboard the English line,
unlettered sailors, fearful stood,
so well aware, the fiery death
its heated batteries could pour down
upon their naked, cat-scarred backs.*

*And knowing what those guns could do
in hands of gunners skilled and true,
they mouthed their prayer for battle's eve;
"For what we are about to receive,
may The Lord make us truly thankful!"*

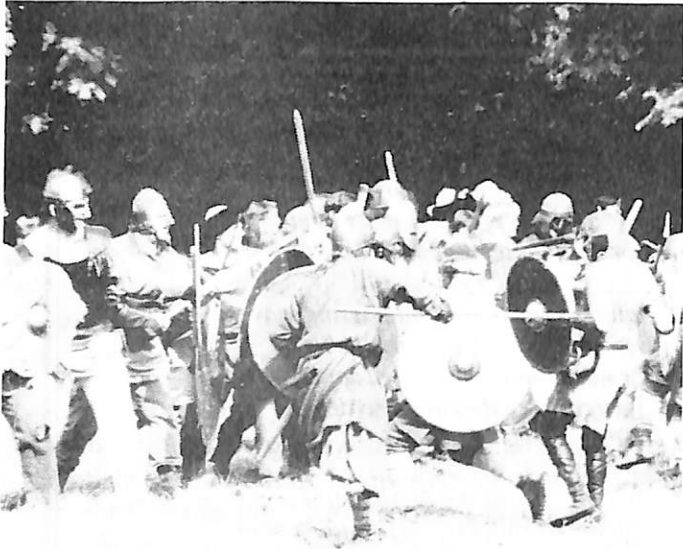
*But their Admiral well his business knew,
was thankful that the Danes did not,
for concorde reigned between the two . . .
He would not have his ships be caught,
in carnage such as Nelson wrought
to break the line where Dannebrog flew.*

*On that grim day, agone six years,
When Denmark's landsmen volunteers
in floating hulks gone green with rot,
so badly mauled his fleet with shot,
and through the flames and billowing smoke,
dread Tre Kroner's guns still spoke,
that Nelson must take other measures,
to ask a truce, or slaughter prisoners.*

*So Gambier stood on, sailing south,
past Copenhagen's harbor mouth
and landed to shell the town
from scarce defended, the higher ground
and burned the city at his feet
and took away the Danish fleet.*

*He left behind the Royal Yacht,
a former gift from England's King,
in times ago when friendship sought.
The Danish sent her back again,
saying, "This is one that you forgot!"*

David L. Benson



Going Viking

by Peter Lowe

In a green forest glade on the east coast of Jutland birds are singing overhead just as they did a thousand years ago, and the only other sound is the distant ring of steel on steel.

Where the forest path dips to a stream, a wounded viking with a fresh cut on his forehead is making his way home. "I was hit by a shield but I'm all right," he says.

Follow him through the shadows of towering oaks and broad beeches to the place where the trees part to reveal the tents of a viking camp on a gently sloping field beside the Kattegat sea.

Every year vikings from all over Europe gather for the viking market on the field below the Mosegård Prehistoric Museum near Århus in mid Jutland to trade and fight just as their ancestors did.

The annual gathering started 15 years ago when archaeologist Geoffrey Bibby, at that time an inspector at the Mosegård museum, had the idea of recreating a market from the viking period. "It came about by putting together a few varied threads," he says.

"We were having a special exhibition called Ansgar's Towns. Ansgar was a missionary from the church at Hamburg to the pagan Danes in about the year 800 A.D. An account of his life, one of the earliest accounts of life in Denmark, mentions the names of the towns he visited. It was the earliest mention of towns in Scandinavia.

"The popular theory at the time (of the exhibition)

was that the origins of towns in Denmark were the holding of periodic markets at certain central points, often at the estuaries of rivers, where people would meet and exchange wares. It just occurred to us to hold a market and exhibit, even sell, the wares we'd been producing. We've never looked back," he says.

Preparations for the market start a week before when camp boss Jan Henrik Werling drives in along the rough unsealed road into the camp site to arrange the water supply and a place to keep the beer cold. "We are kind of luxury vikings," he says.

"We try to be like vikings were 1,000 years ago but its difficult to do it perfectly. Normally we have plastic under the sheepskins on the bottom of our tents." The vikings didn't have VHF radio in their ships either.

The radio is the only modern equipment on the viking ship Imme Aros, which rocks on the tide near the camp. The Imme Aros was built by Danish sea scouts in 1969 from drawings of a viking ship. The ship was found in 1922 in the Elling Å, a river in North Jutland, by workers on the first railway from Frederikshavn to Skagen. It was covered up again, then excavated almost half a century later. Today the Elling A ship is on display in the Frederikshaven Museum.

The Icelandic horse riders are usually the first to arrive and the last to leave the viking camp. Their Mistress of the Horse is Annegerda Wildt-Anderson from Silkeborg, who has six Icelandic horses. "Its like collecting stamps," she says.

During the camp, Annegerda, 53, lives in a viking tent decorated with a motif of an eagle fighting a snake. She sleeps in furs, and wears a long woolen garment copied from drawings of the burial clothes of a viking woman who was buried in a ship. She hasn't missed a viking market yet.

"I have a perfectly normal life at home with Levi's and nylons but out here its nice to get the feeling of being a viking," she says. "The viking women were strong, and the sagas show they were often consulted in difficult situations."

Annegerda's daughter, Ulla, 25, is a policewoman, and says she enjoys living like a viking more than sitting in a hot police car in Copenhagen in thick woolen trousers.

"My friends think I'm crazy, these vikings are the sort of people we normally say, 'Come here, we want to check you,' to," Ulla says. "But the good thing is they haven't forgotten how to play."

Icelandic horse rider Paul Rask, 59, a Danish air force flight inspector, camps in the same place every year with a group of friends from all over Denmark. The camp has a fireplace covered with a canopy and surrounded by logs covered with sheepskin rugs, deck

chairs, viking tents, washed clothes hanging out to dry, the two foot long plastic crocodile their children go swimming with, the leather souvenirs Paul makes for the camp every year, and pots of blooming white and yellow marguerites, the Danish national flower.

Paul's friend Peter Barner, a doctor, describes the viking market as a living museum of the period of history when Danes were the center of the world. "What we are doing is going all the way back to our roots," he says.

English vikings started coming to the market five years ago. I found Alfin Ulfhandel, one of the oldest English vikings at the camp, lying on the beach in nothing but his underpants and the boars tusks on the chain around his neck, enjoying a massage. How did *he* become a viking? "It started with the birth of my son, who is handicapped, and the realization that there could be no loving and kind Christian god," he says.

Nearby the small boy with both legs in metal braces is sitting in the sand beside his crutches, reading a storybook about vikings. "I fight with a sword and an ax," his father says as the massage continues. "Axe in the left hand to block with, and sword in the right." We agree to talk again when Alfin has more time. Tonight he has a date.

Two more English vikings fly in from Heathrow carrying their weapons in an army duffel bag, a paper Danish flag sticking out of the bag's zipper, and backpacks stuffed with chain mail. They have Scandinavian Airlines luggage check-in stickers on their shields.

"This place looks pretty," says Orm, who is wearing sunglasses, and a winged deaths-head T-shirt. His friend introduces himself: "I'm Alfgrim. It means ugly," and he continues the conversation as he unfolds a nylon tent. "When I had

my tooth knocked out they started calling me Halftænder, which means half teeth. I got my tooth knocked out with an ax but I just kept on fighting," he says.

Most visitors arrive on the weekend to watch the black smith, have their fortune told, eat lamb roasted on a spit, buy fresh vegetables and silver jewelry, just as visitors to markets did during the viking period.

The highlight of the market is a demonstration of formation riding involving 100 Icelandic horses, and the mock viking battles, which attract thousands of spectators.

The battle starts with two opposing armies of vikings facing each other on the horse field by the market, their swords gleaming in the sun, their banners streaming in the wind, and their weapons pounding against their shields to frighten the enemy as their leaders step forward.

"My name is Sigurd. These men are the people of Denmark and they put their trust in me to hold their land on their behalf," shouts the leader of the defending army.

"I am Thorgor, viking and mercenary," shouts his rival.

"People of Denmark. Would you have these pirates come to your land and take the grain from your mouths?"

"No," shouts the crowd.

Suddenly the invading army charges, the defending army falls back five paces and regroups, swords and axes swing, shields smash, and vikings are falling like leaves across the field. The Icelandic horses are coming, charging at full gallop into the fray with the Danish flag, Sigurd falls, his army retreats, and the vikings take the women and children. Nobody is injured.

Geoffrey Bibby, who is 74, started watching the mock battle from a good vantage point under a beech tree in the corner of a field. By the end of the battle he is standing among the viking women and children.

"I'm not supposed to fight because my sword is a little too sharp to be used," he says, "but damn it all, when a victorious army attacks a group of women and children, there's only one thing to do. Draw you sword and 'die' as quickly as possible. There is a lot of make believe in this, but you literally make yourself believe."

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Glimpses of a Roving Dane

by Ove R. Nielsen

When most Americans of Danish descent think of California, Solvang comes to mind. Founded in 1911, it attracts visitors because of its Danish appearance.

However, seven decades before pastors Nordentoft, Gregersen and Hornsyld signed a contract for ten thousand acres in Santa Barbara County in order to establish a Danish colony, and eleven decades before Ferd Sorensen was to inspire Solvang's present architectural designs reminiscent of ones in Denmark, Peter Lassen, whose name had been Larsen (he was a son of Lars Nielsen) had left his footprints on California's soil. His "Lassen" name has been given officially to a national park and national forest, a great peak fifty miles east of Redding and a California county. It has been given to sundry trails and meadows.

Born in Denmark in 1800 and trained to be a blacksmith, Lassen came to Boston in 1829. After working there for eleven years, he went to California, which was a part of Mexico and would remain so for another eight years, when it would be ceded to the United States. When in 1840 he made his way to California on the Lausanne, it was a trip by way of Cape Horn (around the tip of South America), for that journey was three-quarters of a century before the Panama Canal was completed. (Some sources report Lassen worked his way across America as a blacksmith.)

When Lassen, and at least one other passenger, wanted to disembark at Bodega Bay (west of present-day Santa Rosa), a Mexican officer said no. However, Governor Rotchev of nearby Fort Ross, hearing of it, arranged for disembarkation. The governor was a friend of John Sutter, with whom Lassen would interact over a period of years.

Sutter was a former under-lieutenant of the reserve corps of the Canton of Berne. A one-time Santa Fe trader and a man who had traded in furs, he had been a traveller who had gotten as far west as the Sandwich Islands of Hawaii and north to Sitka in southeast Alaska. Sutter had travelled a long way since abandoning his wife and children and had departed Switzerland to keep from being hauled into debtor's prison.

In 1839 remarkable Sutter had gotten a land grant

and chartered two schooners, two-sail vessels that skimmed on the water, to take goods he had acquired up the Sacramento River from the coast. They also carried people to help him carve out his territory in the great valley and assist in his enterprises.

Sutter's Fort was built of adobe bricks, with white-washed walls ranging in thickness from two-and-a-half to five feet, and were eighteen feet high. The walls, which enclosed several buildings for hospitality and other entrepreneurial ventures, was built by Indians and became the site of Sacramento, California's capitol.

Lassen went to Sutter's Fort to do blacksmithing. It seems likely the governor at Fort Ross, who was a friend of Sutter, had told the adventurous Dane about the Swiss and encouraged the forty-year-old man to go there. Sutter would have been looking for craftsmen and may well have made that known to Governor Rotchev.

Even though the indomitable Sutter had sailed up the Sacramento River only a year earlier, his enterprises supplied Hudson's Bay Company men coming down from Oregon territory, many mountain men seeking addition streams for beaver, traders in hides and tallow, and others, including British sailors who jumped ship and found their way to Sutter, hoping for assistance in getting land grants.

Both being strong-willed and distinctive personalities, Lassen and Sutter still became friends but with the friendship a bit uneasy. When on an occasion Lassen and another employed at Sutter's Fort went north in search of some of Sutter's horses that had strayed, Lassen developed a desire to have land of his own. Sutter helped him and Lassen was granted twenty-two thousand acres on Deer Creek, southeast of present-day Chico.

There he built his Bosquejo Ranch. Having learned the value of apprenticeship during several years in Denmark, he would have seen his three years working for Sutter as a different kind of apprenticeship but also one from which he could learn a great deal. When he developed Bosquejo Ranch, he put into practice for himself much he had learned at Sutter's Fort. Like

Sutter, he employed many Indians to plant wheat. He experimented with cotton and raised grapes for wine and brandy. As blacksmith work was that for which he had been trained most, he personally operated the smithy on his ranch.

Lassen gained a reputation as a host and many people stopped there to enjoy his hospitality and to avail themselves of services and goods he could provide. Among them was Pathfinder John Charles Fremont.

Fremont, son-in-law of noted Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri, was travelling north in April of 1846 when he headquartered for two weeks at Bosquejo Ranch. While the men took some rest at the Deer Creek camp and made brief excursions, Fremont sent a few men southward to the San Joaquin Valley to trade for fresh horses. By the time those men returned with fresh horses, all were able to feast with Indians on salmon up the Sacramento and tributary streams.

As they camped, emigrants who had just come from the States, told Captain Fremont they needed his help in protecting them against people they thought to be hostile Indians. Fremont allowed Kit Carson and most of his men to take part in a ghastly killing spree against local Indian tribes. It has been reported they charged into an Indian village and killed twenty-four with their initial rifle attack and then, using sabers, cut a red path of death for a number of hours. When over, more than 175 Indians had died. Survivors had taken refuge in the hill country.

We don't know how this affected Lassen, nor how Fremont reacted to the doings of the many men. It should be noted that Lassen established a village (now a ghost town) which he named Benton City, honoring Senator Benton. Lassen, of roving nature, but a somewhat inept mountain man, travelled quite a lot. Places given his name even suggest that. Some of his venturing out, whether accompanying military expeditions or searching for gold which he liked to do, resulted in his finally losing the twenty-two acre ranch. There is a rumor he had invested heavily in a steamboat, Lady Washington, which ripped its bottom out on a snag in the Sacramento River.

In searching for gold his preference was to seek the big strike, such as in the interim had occurred at Sutter's, rather than settling down to the dull work of panning out a living, earning a living as most miners did.

At one point Lassen tried to get a new start with a trading post and truck garden in Indian Valley. However, he soon moved on to Honey Lake Valley which was in California's extreme northeast. There, along with one other, he pioneered in the settlement called

Susanville. He settled in that area for a time but was still of restless nature. When hearing of a ledge of silver in the Black Rock Desert of Nevada in 1859, he, along with two companions, went in search of it.

The three camped on what is now Clapper Creek. On the morning of April 26, one of Lassen's companions was awakened by a rifle shot. He climbed out of his blanket and found a friend had been shot through the temple. Lassen, now on his feet and shading his eyes with one hand and holding rifle with the other, cried out, "I'm a dead man," and fell. He had been felled by a second shot to ring forth.

The companion who had been awakened by the first shot managed to get on one of the horses and, riding bareback, reached Susanville with news of the ambush.

The burial party riding out from Susanville failed to find the murderers. The murder of the roving blacksmith and mountain man who had come from Denmark to America three decades earlier, remains an unsolved mystery.

Perhaps the spirit which best exemplifies Peter Lassen can be compared to the restlessness of Lassen Peak which began erupting in the spring of 1914, after some four centuries of quiet slumber, and continued through a period of seven years.

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1993 Scholarships Awarded

The Danish Brotherhood in America National Board of Directors - Scholarship Committee has reviewed the national scholarship applications.

Six scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 to: Jenna Jensen, David Johanson, Colleen Lampe, Kristin Russell, Noah Sharrow and Gregory Thomsen.

Noah Sharrow is the recipient of the Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence. This scholarship is presented to the applicant judged to have the highest academic standing and shall receive a special plaque to accompany the scholarship.

The Fred K. Holm Memorial Scholarship is given to a deserving applicant attending or planning to attend a vocational or technical school. If there is not a qualified applicant fitting those requirements, then the award is given to an outstanding applicant. Such was the case this year. Jenna Jensen was named the 1993 recipient of this scholarship award.

All applications were reviewed based on the follow-

ing criteria: grade point average, length of membership and involvement in Danish Brotherhood in America activities, scholastic honors and evidence of self-sufficiency. Each applicant must also write a letter describing details such as future plans, DBIA lodge involvement, financial circumstances and any other pertinent information helpful to the Scholarship Committee in reaching a decision.

Only insured members of the Society are eligible for scholarships. The applicant must plan to attend or currently attend an accredited college, university, community college or vocational/technical school in the United States, Canada or Denmark as an undergraduate student.

Scholarship recipients may reapply for a scholarship after two years have elapsed.

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Congratulations to our 1993 scholarship winners!

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Balance Sheet December 31, 1992

Admitted Assets

Bonds	\$9,086,639
Real estate, at cost (net of accumulated depreciation of \$107,071)	193,886
Certificate loans	201,228
Cash and short-term investments	<u>769,506</u>
 Total cash and invested assets	 10,251,259
 Investment income due and accrued	 145,940
Electronic data processing equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$58,646)	15,035
Other assets	<u>24,020</u>
	<u><u>\$10,436,254</u></u>

Liabilities and Fund Balances

Aggregate reserves for life certificates and contracts	\$8,558,878
Other reserves and certificate liabilities	62,271
Estimated refunds payable to members	109,782
Premiums received in advance	77,421
Liability for premium deposit funds	73,129
Accrued expenses	42,809
Asset valuation reserve	60,462
Lodge funds on deposit	253,136
Other liabilities	<u>45,258</u>
 Total liabilities	 9,283,146
 Fund balance	 <u>1,153,108</u>
	<u><u>\$10,436,254</u></u>

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended December 31, 1992

Income:

Life premiums, annuity considerations and membership assessments, net of reinsurance	\$1,358,628
Investment income (net of expenses of \$69,623)	736,836
Other	<u>15,988</u>
 Total income	 2,111,452

Benefits and Expenses:

Death benefits	122,838
Annuity and disability benefits	477,368
Matured endowments	2,983
Surrender benefits	148,304
Payments on supplementary contracts	12,752
Increase in aggregate reserves	748,916
Commissions	125,754
General expenses	669,211
Insurance taxes, licenses and fees	28,763
Other, net	<u>8,326</u>

Total benefits and expenses 2,345,215

Net Loss from Operations before refunds to members	(233,763)
Refunds to members	<u>17,803</u>

Loss from Operations	(251,566)
Net Realized Capital Gains	<u>118</u>

Net Income (Loss) (251,488)

Funds Balances, beginning of the year	1,432,459
Change in nonadmitted assets	(3,175)
Change in valuation reserve	(2,722)
Other	<u>(5,756)</u>

Fund Balances, end of year \$1,169,358

Fund Balances

The fund balances at December 31, 1992, consist of the following:

	<u>Fraternal</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Total</u>
Unrestricted:			
Designated by the board for:			
Endowment	\$5,835	\$ -	\$ 5,835
Scholarship	15,379	-	15,379
Contingency Reserve -	856,763	856,763	856,763
Undesignated	27,410	253,971	281,381
 Restricted	 <u>10,000</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>10,000</u>
	<u>\$58,624</u>	<u>\$1,110,734</u>	<u>\$1,169,358</u>

The contingency reserve is maintained in accordance with the bylaws of the Society to provide for fluctuations of assets, mortality, interest earnings, expenses, etc.

Training Ship "Danmark" Now Available

Perfect for home or office, a 24 by 30 inch colored print of the Danish Training Ship "Danmark" by noted Marine Artist, Dean P. Waite is now available. Dean Waite was born in Manhattan, and was inspired to draw ships at the age of five, after a visit to the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Dean has designed covers for: "The Open Road for Boys," "Yachting," and "Motor Boating." His paintings have been shown throughout the United States in several museums and galleries.

To have this colored print mailed directly to your home or office, complete the following.

Member \$27.00 ppd., Non-member \$31.00 ppd.

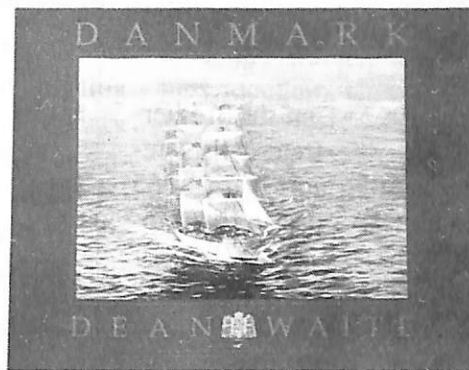
Yes, I would like to order _____ colored print(s) of the Danish Training Ship "Danmark." I have enclosed my check or money order in the amount of \$_____.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: Danish Brotherhood in America
3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.



Lest We Forget

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

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
3-18-93	Einer C. Bruhn	86	Enumclaw, Washington	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1968
3-31-93	George W. Henrie	78	Canton, Oklahoma	261	Fowler, Colorado	1972
3-23-93	Anna O. Bentzen	84	Salinas, California	95	Ferndale, California	1989
1-1-93	Frank W. Larsen	72	Unknown	29	Seattle, Washington	1983
1-1-93	Eyvind H. Eskildsen	78	Unknown	29	Seattle, Washington	1989
2-21-93	Jacob Kallesoe	86	Denmark	164	New York, New York	1945
9-15-92	Paul Wischnef	92	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1963
3-24-93	Peter Glen Holmen	69	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1984
4-25-93	John Kotnik	63	San Jose, California	345	Orange County, California	1992
1-7-93	Harold G. Nor	80	Hayward, California	184	Hayward, California	1948
3-26-93	John A. Nielsen, Jr.	75	South Bend, Indiana	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1949
3-29-93	Albert M. Thomsen	91	Chicago, Illinois	263	Askov, Minnesota	1952
3-30-93	Herman Block	85	Breyning, Denmark	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1942
4-4-93	Herluf Pedersen	63	Copenhagen, Denmark	328	Vancouver, B.C.	1971
3-21-93	Paul E. Scott	61	Dwight, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1975
3-26-93	Svend Andersen	89	Denmark	164	New York, New York	1963
3-16-93	Delbert Williamson	77	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1934
4-3-93	Egon Juul Rasmussen	70	Svendborg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1967
5-2-93	Johannes Christiansen	88	Denver, Colorado	43	Denver, Colorado	1949

Celebrate Fraternal Week

The week of June 8-14 is National Fraternal Week. A week designated by the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) to recognize the volunteer contributions of fraternal benefit society members.

During 1992, Danish Brotherhood in America fraternalists reported performing more than 11,365 acts of fraternal service and contributing approximately \$44,271.00 for charitable causes. Operation: H.O.P.E. - Helping Others and Protecting our Environment, was one program lodges participated in as fraternal service to their communities. A few of these lodges were recognized in the April issue of **American Dane**. Other lodges provide financial assistance to members in need and to students entering or attending colleges and universities. The list goes on.

To those of you who take time out of your busy schedules to participate in programs which benefit others, Thank you.

The culmination of Fraternal Week is June 14, Flag Day. Gather with fellow fraternalists and celebrate your contributions to your communities.

Sincere Thanks

I can not find the words to adequately express my appreciation to the lodges and everyone who sent donations and showed us kindness while Herluf was sick. Your friendship and kindness is truly and deeply appreciated. Thank you.

*Fraternally,
Bente Pedersen*

Tusind Tak

Thank you for all your words of good wishes sent my way at the time of my retirement. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated.

Tusind Tak, Andy

Velkommen!

In recognition of DBIA members who are participating in the growth of the Danish Brotherhood in America by recommending their family and friends.

Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Michael A. Aceto	14	Kenosha, WI	Albert S. Aceto
Thomas H. Bielmeier	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert Bernhardt
Jonathan A. Klees	14	Kenosha, WI	Todd Barnett
Richard A. Krahn	14	Kenosha, WI	Harry Adamson
John F. Schmitz	14	Kenosha, WI	John H. Deom
G. Archer Timm	14	Kenosha, WI	John Hosmanek
Jacquelyn M. Frandsen	16	Minden, NE	Grace V. Frandsen
Larry L. Frandsen	16	Minden, NE	Grace V. Frandsen
James P. Herbert III	30	Muskegon, MI	Harry J. Knudsen
Hannah M. Knudsen	30	Muskegon, MI	Harry J. Knudsen
Joe Lisco	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Eric Brown
Holger R. Peterson	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	H. Petersen
Fred I. Peterson	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	H. Petersen
Robert W. Whitefleet	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Glen Sorensen
Warren C. Holybee	143	Petaluma, CA	Jim P. Larsen
Larry G. Riis	143	Petaluma, CA	Jim P. Larsen
Florence Spiehs	211	Grand Island, NE	Hammy Elstermeier
Walter Nielsen	268	Junction City, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Jeannette J. Nielsen	268	Junction City, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Christian A. R. Hansen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Villy Andersen
Hans E. Hansen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Erik Esmann
Salam S. K. Kahil	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Peter Praegel
Poul Erik Rasmussen	328	Vancouver, B. C.	Peter Praegel
A. Ole Lasrsen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Leo B. Pedersen
Heinrich Rohl	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Leo B. Pedersen
Frede H. Laursen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Tom Johansen
Jens K. Madsen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Bent Ostergaard
Finn Pedersen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Bent Ostergaard
Johanne E. Taekker	348	Eugene, OR	Mogens Pedersen
Justin D. Van Epps	600	Omaha, NE	Eigil Andersen

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.

* **Bronze Lodge Award** ** **Silver Lodge Award** *** **Gold Lodge Award.**
See page 23 for details.

Pacific

Northwest

Pacific-Northwest District

Sixty-four bowlers from Vancouver, B.C., Portland, Enumclaw and Seattle met for the district bowling tournament at Leilani Lanes. Again this year, the Vancouver team took most of the prizes, but Erik Langsted represented Seattle very well. During the evening, 73 people enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Roadside Inn with award presentations followed by dancing to Aages Music. Next year's tournament will be sponsored by Vancouver.

Frank Poulsen, Chairman

* * **Lodge No. 29, Seattle WA**—President Langsted opened the April meeting with 25 members present. Torben Nielsen was initiated. Congratulations and welcome. The past minutes were read and approved.

Susan Dolland, Executive Director with the NWDF, paid us a visit to discuss the 12th Annual Worldfest sponsored by the Ethnic Heritage Council at Northgate Mall in Seattle.

On this special evening, Past President Fred Hewes was up from San Francisco, California.

A motion was made by Past President Frank Poulsen to send \$50 for a half page ad in the convention booklet. Motion carried. Mel Holister will be giving us updates as he attains them on the status of a day at the races.

Frank Poulsen also briefed us on the festivities of the bowling tournament and 105th anniversary of our lodge. Gert Wolff has secured the Nile Country Club for the 1993 All-Danish Picnic. It will be held Sunday, August 1. Please sign up as soon as possible as this is a major event. Edith Kilgren reported on the selection of three winners for Himmelbjerget scholarships. They are Kaija McIntosh, Erik Jensen and Justin Konecny. Asbjorn Fisker from Portland met with our officers at a special meeting to rally support to the National Headquarters for membership and urges all of us to take a hand in this effort. Chris Hansen will have some new information of the banner's meaning at our next meeting. Our 1992 treasurer's report was requested by a member and that will be produced by the next meeting. With no further business to come before this meeting, the meeting adjourned.

Jeffrey Jensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—The April meeting was called to order by President Don Thorkildsen with 41 guests and members present. Larry West led the Pledge of Allegiance and Past President Norm Powell explained the symbols.

Minutes were approved as printed. Bills were read and approved to be paid. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

President Don Thorkildsen made a special presentation of 50 year pins to James and Earl Jensen. They both joined the lodge at the same

time and wanted to receive their pins together. Upton Hansen was also recognized for being a 50 year member. Earl and James spoke briefly of what the lodge was like in the early years.

Herb Fahl, a past president of our lodge, was introduced, as well as Bill Haraldsen, whose father was a past president of our lodge. President Thorkildsen asked all the past presidents to stand and be recognized.

Past President Norm Powell introduced Carlton Braemer, a DBIA member from Santa Barbara, California. Carlton shared a little about his lodge.

Asbjorn Fisker reported that Mo Pedersen has resigned from full-time Danish Brotherhood insurance sales. If you have questions, you can still call Mo or the toll-free number for the National Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska.

Diane Fisker presented the idea of having to pay 50 cents if you don't wear your white DBIA membership pin to each meeting. It was moved and seconded to do so and the motion passed by a majority vote. It was moved and seconded to require the officers to wear name buttons at each meeting or pay \$1.00. The motion unanimously passed. Karlene said that the buttons will be made for the next meeting.

The meeting closed in the usual manner. **Kathy Jensen, Sec.**

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—There were 51 brothers present at our last meeting which was called to

order by President J. P. Vestergard. A moment of silence was held for Brother Herluf Pedersen. We accepted a new brother, Peter Blandt.

There were relatively few topics for discussion on the business agenda; mainly reports from the Sports Committee regarding the upcoming soccer tournament with Seattle. Again the Sports Committee would be very grateful for contributions to help with expenses involved in arranging the soccer tournament. A donation of \$50 seed money was made from last month's gold pot.

The Newsletter Committee requested news from the Community Center on a regular basis to print in the newsletter. Gary Elmberg accepted the suggestion as a good idea and proposed that Aksel Jensen take it to the next meeting of the Community Center's Board of Directors for their consideration and action.

**** Lodge No. 348, Eugene, Or—** We began our April 8 business meeting by welcoming our guest, Eloise Compton.

Scott Stefansen advised that the older children participating in the Educational Program will be making crafts for the Host Fest.

We voted to place an ad in the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers' souvenir booklet, expressing our appreciation to the Sons of Norway for allowing us to rent their building.

Following the business meeting, we adjourned for refreshments, bingo, a raffle and good fellowship.

We will hold our annual picnic from noon until dusk on June 6 at Armitage Park. Our next regular business meeting will be held on June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge.

We will celebrate St. Hans Fest on June 19 at Misty Meadows near Triangle Lake with a chicken barbecue and the traditional bonfire and

burning of the witch.

Diane Pedersen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA—

The April meeting came to order by President Rowse with 25 members present. The minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Bills were paid.

Karl Duus will be installed as the new president of the California-Nevada District at the convention in Riverside on August 5-7.

A letter was read from Gary Gossett, California-Nevada District Youth Coordinator. They would like to send as many as possible of our youth to the convention. Youth do not have to be members. Many are unable to come up with the money, especially if there are several youth in one family.

The youth themselves are trying to raise money to attend the convention and will have a raffle at the convention. It was suggested that we donate a prize to the raffle. It can be done by the lodge or an individual. The more prizes, the better.

We were honored by the presence of our District Fraternal Coordinators Ken and Gerry Olsen. Gerry talked about matching funds. She also mentioned the youth; we can either send a delegate or donate a prize to the raffle, or both. Ken also spoke about the youth and how we can't survive as an organization without the youth to carry on.

It was suggested that we change our meeting date from the first Thursday to the third Thursday of the month.

It was voted and seconded that we send a youth delegate to the convention and pay him/her the same amount of money as we do our own delegates. This amount will be de-

cided later.

It was decided to donate \$100 to the caretaker, Vince, who lost everything in a fire at his quarters at the Alamo in April.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor
Inger Dix, Associate Editor

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA—

The Sankt Hans Fest and burning of the witch will be held on June 19 at our usual place on the beach near the Hilton Hotel.

Tina Hogan will be our youth delegate to the California-Nevada District Convention on August 5-7.

We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of El Cajon for our participation in last year's International Friendship Festival.

Bessie Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA—

Our April 10 gathering started with happy hour followed by our business meeting which was brought to order by President Ken Olsen. All lodge officers were present and visitor Melissa Wiegandt was introduced.

Chairman Patty Kessler spoke about our Mother's Day banquet.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Betty Christensen and she also reported that our liability insurance was due and would be paid to the National Headquarters.

The district youth have asked for a donated raffle prize which they will use to raffle at the district convention in Riverside. The members voted to donate \$100 towards the purchase of this raffle prize and DaNeil and Toni Gossett were chosen to purchase this prize. In addition to the prize which will be taken to the convention, a personal donation of \$50 was made directly to the District Youth Fund. This check has already been sent to Owen Miller and the youth will be very pleased with this contribution.

The membership chose Toni

Olsen Gossett and Soren Christensen as delegates to the district convention. Alternates elected were Gerry Olsen and Kandy Chappell. Jamey Gossett will represent our lodge as youth delegate.

We are tentatively looking at Saturday, September 4, as our one day Las Vegas bus trip. Plans for our June Father's Day æbleskiver breakfast at the Olsen's are well under way and our July dinner will be held at the home of Andy Andersen.

As soon as the meeting closed, Jim and Ardythe Wiegandt set up our room for the cake walk. We sold over \$50 worth of cake walk tickets and we want to thank each of you who brought the baked items.

Following the cake walk, Ardythe served strawberry shortcakes and we thank her and Committee #3 for the organization and work they put into the evening. Thanks also to Kaj Bjorn who supplied our cake walk marching music.

Special Projects Chairman, Helga Bjorn, will be collecting Scott UPC symbols from any Scott products in June and July. Just cut the symbol from the package and Helga will collect them at our monthly meetings. Helga will be collecting them for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Spencer Nielsen Award established in 1988 is a Holger Danske lodge award given out in recognition of one outstanding lodge member. If you would like to nominate a member from our lodge, please submit in one page or less why you feel your nominee deserves this honor. Written nominations will be accepted at our June and July meetings. Please submit all written nominations to President Ken Olsen. The 1993 winner will receive a special, personalized engraved plaque.

The Country Western Night is planned for Saturday, July 10, at 5:30 p.m. at Andy Andersen's. The cost is \$10.00 per person and in-

cludes the meal, western music and line dance instruction. There will be two stepping and ten stepping music. Please invite your family and friends to join us for a fun country evening. We are making a special invitation to all our friends from Riverside, Los Angeles, and San Diego lodges. Please make reservations to Toni Gossett by July 5.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA— We had Smørrebrød Night at our last meeting. We had a lot of food and it tasted great!

Our current bartender, Tom Love-day, has decided to turn in his bar towel and retire. Lisa and Eric Piehl have offered to take up the towel in his stead. A great many thanks to Tom for a job well done and the Piehls for taking on the challenge. It's a real job and the effort put into this is greatly appreciated as it supports our newsletter.

After the meeting we played pokeno.

On June 5 we will have a Chinese dinner/auction/membership drive at the Senior Community Center. Start collecting your items for auction and prospective members!

Charter Master Jim Patterson needs to have your and/or your guest's balance of \$20 for the fishing trip by June 10.

Sue Patterson, Sec.



Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE— We met at Vennelyst Park on May 4 for a business meeting followed by an ice cream social.

Plans are in the making for a great Fourth of July!

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE— We met on April 15 at the Community

Center with 36 members and guests present. Larry and Jacqueline Frandsen were accepted into our lodge with Herbert Nielsen officiating. A travelogue movie on Denmark was enjoyed. In addition to our delicious refreshments served by Mr. and Mrs. Per Lysthauge, Lyle Maurer and Alvin Christensen, birthday cake was served by Mrs. Andrew Madsen in honor of her husband Andrew on his 85th birthday. Happy Birthday was sung in his honor.

Minna Newbold, Sec.

*** Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE—** We met at the Ruskin Community Hall on April 6, for a hamburger fry. There were 14 members present. After the meal, President Mickelsen called the meeting to order. Members joined in the flag salute.

The secretary report was read and approved. She read several letters of correspondence. In the absence of the treasurer, she also read his report which was approved and bills were allowed.

Chauncey Mickelsen announced we would elect delegates and alternates for the district convention during the May meeting. The convention will be held September 17-19 at the Villager Motor Inn in Lincoln.

President Mickelsen thanked the committee of Willard and Glennis McCutcheon, Al and Shirley Jorgensen and Edith Meyer for the good meal.

Our next meeting will be a card party and a white elephant auction will be held.

Geraldine Schultz, Sec.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE— Our meeting in March was a short one. We enjoyed playing Court Whist before having a light lunch and fellowship.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Heartland District

We invite all members of the Heartland District of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood and other interested persons to attend the convention to be held in Luck, Wisconsin, on September 10-12. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday at our Brotherhood hall. There will be entertainment and a social time.

Saturday morning is being set aside for your pleasure. Visit our shops, play golf, go fishing at our two lakes, visit the Danish display at Balsam Lake Museum, etc. The convention will convene at 1:00 p.m. with a coffee break at 3:00 p.m. A social hour will be held from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the hall. A banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church and followed by short entertainment and then a dance at the hall from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

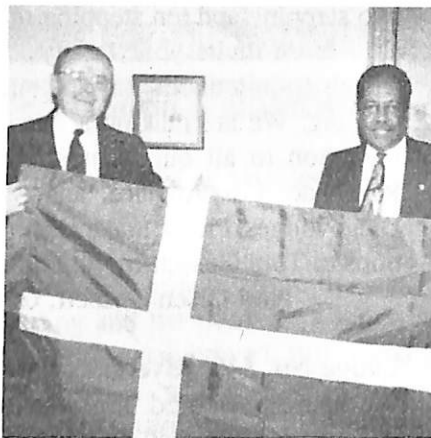
A church service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday followed by joint meetings and adjournment about noon. You will also be helping us celebrate the 90th anniversary of Lodge No. 186.

Esther Nies, Convention Sec.

*** * Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA**—We had a turnout of people of all ages for our annual potluck and membership drive on April 12. The food assortment was superb as were the delicious desserts furnished by Edie Paulsen and Mary Riber. Thanks to guests Lou and Elaine Bredesky for bringing their sound system and many records including polkas and Danish favorites.

On April 15, President Ed Harris presented a Danish flag and stand to Grand View College President Dr. Arthur Puotinen. This was a gift from our lodge resulting from a

suggestion by member Svend Christensen.



Dr. Puotinen receives a Danish flag from Lodge No. 15 President Ed Harris.



Everyone enjoyed the potluck/membership drive.

Dozens of members enjoyed the delicious food, beverages and fellowship at the annual Des Moines Sisterhood Lodge No. 102 champagne brunch on Sunday, May 2. Mange tak to their members for all of their hard work preparing and serving the brunch.

We are looking forward to the Midsommarfest '93 celebration to be held Sunday, June 20, on the Grand View College campus. Everyone is invited to attend from noon until the bonfire. Admission is free. The Des Moines Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges are co-sponsors, and will have food and beverage booths.

Our next regular meeting is June 14 at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a

visit by magician Orval Ballard. We especially encourage the attendance of children.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA—It was the occasion of the Dike Sisterhood's 31st anniversary. We all enjoyed a wonderful potluck followed by anniversary cake. Michelle Ringnald and Nathan Bruhn, two high school music students, each sang a vocal number. Nathan's lyrics were in Italian and Michelle played her flute. They also sang a duet. Five new members were approved, all grandchildren of members.

Our Dike lodges plan to visit the Des Moines lodge in July. They plan to come to our October potluck and casino night.

Our Dike lodges hosted the spring board meeting of the Heartland District. The ladies served the group.



Deloris Ross and a Finnish exchange student enjoy a meal at the spring board meeting.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge No. 341, Kimbalton-Elk Horn, IA—We met April 28 at the Elk Horn Town Hall and made plans for our part in the annual Tivoli Fest celebration. This requires a lot of time and work from everyone as we decided to build a float depicting a Danish fairy tale. We also decided to sell Danish pastries.

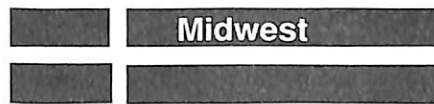
Shelli Clausen from our local high school entertained us with a humorous act she had taken to the state contest and received a top rating for.

Warren Jacobsen, Cor

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA—Our April 15 meeting was well attended. Our speaker was Dennis Long, a Helicopter pilot for St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. So much interesting information regarding the lifeguard operation was revealed. In 1981, St. Luke's took on this project and hired two full-time pilots. Today five pilots are available at all times. Mr. Long showed a film called "When Minutes Count".

We thank the refreshment committee of Mary Mortensen and Erna Jorgensen for the goodies served.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.



Midwest District

The Midwest District Trap Shoot will be held Saturday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Charles Sportsman Club in Elburn, Illinois. The entry fee is \$10.00 and lunch is \$6.50. Entries and lunch reservations need to be made by June 12. Checks should be made payable to DBIA Lodge No. 92 and mailed to Marty Seyller, 308 Spruce Street, North Aurora, IL 60542, phone (708) 859-2295. Lunch will be served following the shoot.

The Picnic and Golf Annual will be held Saturday, July 24, in Dwight, Illinois. The golf fee is \$22.50 each, golf cart fee is \$7.50 each, and the picnic is \$10.00 for adults. Entries and picnic reservations need to be made by July 4. Checks should be made payable to DBIA Lodge No. 34, and mailed to Richard Perschnick, 306 Linden, Dwight, IL 60420, phone (815) 584 2211.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—The Beer Bust took place on March 29 in the Rathskellar. This event is a fundraiser for our youth projects and we thank all those who participated.

Thanks also to the committee headed by Todd Bernhardt and Jeff Bernhardt.

The Midwest District bowling event was held in Kenosha this year. We had 115 bowlers, but only 67 to the banquet. Teams were from Kenosha, Chicago and Dwight. Kenosha Sisterhood won the women's team championship. Other winners were Jeff Wamboldt, first in Individual Men's Scratch Game; Dorothy Hawes, first in Individual Women's Scratch Game; Esther Studtman, second in Individual Women's Handicap Series. We want to sincerely thank Chairman Todd Barnett assisted by Todd and Annette Bernhardt, Jeff and Chris Bernhardt, Jim and Kevin Gleason, Shawn Keller, Bob Ibsen and Chef John Mikus.

Lodge No. 14 golf league had its organizational meeting and could use a few more golfers. If interested, contact Charles Thompson or John Inele.

We had another successful Stink Club serving cornish hen and all of the trimmings. It was delicious thanks to Chef John Mikus. Thanks once again to this committee headed by Dean Hansen along with John Sullivan and Bob Ibsen.

Welcome new members, Walter Stenavich, Jason Vozar, Richard Weddell and Joe Sielski.

We're going to the Greyhound Dog Races on Sunday, June 27. The first race is at 1:00 p.m. Following the races, we will have a buffet dinner at the hall. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations should be made by June 20 with Bob Ibsen. All proceeds go to the DBIA Fraternal Fund.

Bob Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 17, Chicago, IL—President Merle Nylén presented 25-year membership pins to two of our outstanding members during a social gathering. Congratulations!



**Thor kil Winther, President
Nylén and Henrik Eriksen.
Albertice Nylén, Sec.**

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—The Board of Directors of the Danish Immigrant Museum will hold a meeting in Chicago on June 12-13. Our lodge will be represented at this meeting in order that the Museum know something about our lodge. We are invited to attend a dinner on June 12.

There were 55 members present at the April 23 meeting. Natalie Grochala brought her friend Sal to the meeting and he was made welcome.

John Jorgensen reported that we had 16 bowlers at the Midwest District bowling event in Kenosha.

Grethe Jepsen said she had scholarship applications and reminded everyone that official transcripts of grades are required.

Mario Mauro reminded us of the fund raising raffle to benefit our youth and urged everyone to buy tickets at \$2 each.

Ray Nielsen urged everyone to participate in the Trap Shoot on June 19 in St. Charles. The cost is \$10 to shoot and \$6.50 for lunch. If you can participate, contact Ray Nielsen. If you don't want to "shoot", just come for lunch.

The golf outing and district picnic will be held on July 24 in Dwight. President Iversen would like someone to volunteer to take charge of this event.

The motion made at the last meeting to transfer \$1,000 to the

Scholarship Fund was approved.

Ray Nielsen advised that the bylaws are in Omaha for approval and should be back soon.

Delegates representing our lodge at the district convention on September 10-12 will be Arnie Aagesen and Mario Mauro. Alternates are Frank Connery and Grant Rau. A motion was made and passed that the lodge pay one night's lodging for the delegates.

Ray Nielsen requested donations for the raffle to be held at the convention. He also urged everyone to try to attend the convention being held at the William Tell Motel in Countryside. Rooms are \$63 plus tax per night.

With reference to Home Office request for \$1,000 financial help, Henry Jepsen suggested we donate the interest we get from the \$20,000 we have invested in the Lodge Savings Program for the next two years with the stipulation that if the national dues are raised next year, we will not donate the interest the second year.

Einer Stauresboll was interviewed by Al Iversen as our Dane For The Night.

The usual delicious sandwiches were served and several card and other games were played and some people just enjoyed visiting.

Doris Pedersen, Cor.

*** Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI—** We welcome Don W. Jensen who was initiated into the lodge during our April 26 meeting. We thank Elsa Berlin for the evening's refreshments.

There will be a 6:00 p.m. supper served prior to our meeting on June 28. During this meeting, we will elect two delegates and two alternates to represent us at the 42nd annual Midwest District Convention to be held on September 11-12 at the Countryside LaGrange Holiday Inn in LaGrange-Countryside,

Illinois.

The Nordic Council of Wisconsin, Inc., will hold its 5th Annual Scandinavian Festival on Saturday, June 12. We have to consider this event as an opportunity to raise some money for our treasury. Our lodge will again have a sales booth featuring pastries. Please call Elsie Hein, Chairperson, to offer your help or send a donation.

Al Larsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI— Our April 22 meeting began at 1:30 p.m. with 20 members present. President Vivian Jensen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Our lodge voted to make a donation to the Waupaca Fine Arts Festival.

After the short business meeting, Julia Hardy told us of her recent trip to Scotland where she visited her grandson who is a student there. She had many pictures and an interesting video of Scotland which everyone enjoyed.

The afternoon ended with lunch served by Lucille Johnson, Dale Bonikowski and Gladys Petersen. We returned to our evening schedule in May.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

GCEL

District Scholarship Available

GCEL District scholarship applications for the 1993/94 school year are now being accepted. The deadline for applying is July 15, 1993. For information and applications, contact your lodge secretary or Winnie Edmonds, Secretary, GCEL District, 15 Taylor Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424-1814. Applications received after July 15, 1993, will not be considered.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT— We aren't sure when our clam bake will be, but we know it will be held at Victor and Gail Mitchell's home on Main St. in Hamden.

At our April meeting we held a surprise baby shower for Bernadette Gaudino. It was a huge success. She and Jeff were surprised and they received many useful gifts.

Wilbur Knudsen is having his picnic the first Saturday in August. Bring your own food and drinks. Coffee, pastry and corn on the cob will be provided. The bathing suit is optional, but wear sneakers.

The Harvest Fair Committee wants to publish a cookbook. It won't be ready for this year but it will be for next. They would like to sell the cookbooks for \$7.00. Proceeds from the book will go to The Home of the Aged. If you have old family recipes or any recipes you would like to share, write them down and Winnie Edmonds will send them to the cookbook committee.

**** Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—** We will celebrate 90 years of brotherhood with a dinner/dance on Saturday, June 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It will be the event of the year!

Special guest speaker will be Danish Consul General, Leif Dundee, from New York, and special guests include former National President George Jacobsen, GCEL President Eric Brown, and National Director Barry Edmonds.

Winter's dreary months are behind us, soon we will part for the summer, going to all different parts of the world. But before we do, you are all invited to our Third Annual St. Hans on Saturday, June 29 at Keegan's Komer in Landenberg.

We had the pleasure of initiating two new members, Michael Curti and Birgit Krag-Jensen at our April meeting. We are happy to be expanding our lodge with these two new members. Following the cere-

mony, we had food and a night of games that all participated in.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY—We started off our April 9 meeting with a dinner at 8:00 p.m. followed by the business meeting instead of our usual procedure of having the business meeting first. This is an experiment which may work better for the cooks and keep everyone from getting too hungry.

Edith Munch was initiated and welcomed into our lodge.



President Kofod present Edith Munch with her membership pin. We sang Happy Birthday to Johnna Bedell who celebrated a round birthday on April 25.

Our annual white elephant sale was run by Elizabeth and Leif Pedersen.

An announcement was made that Danish Constitution Day will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6, in Croton-on-Hudson and Victor Borge will be the guest speaker.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA—The participants enjoyed a scavenger hunt after our April meeting which was preceded by a delicious Dansk Bøf dinner.

The planned trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty has been cancelled due to lack of reservations. Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Payment to Board Members

May

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$65.13.

Semi-annual Board Meeting - Woodrow T. Petersen, \$568.00; Erling Braumann, \$623.00; Paul Carlsen, \$549.00; Barry Edmonds, \$597.00; Asbjorn Fisker, \$721.00; Ed Madsen, \$770.00; Ebba Norby, \$780.00 and Clyde Langsted, \$591.00.

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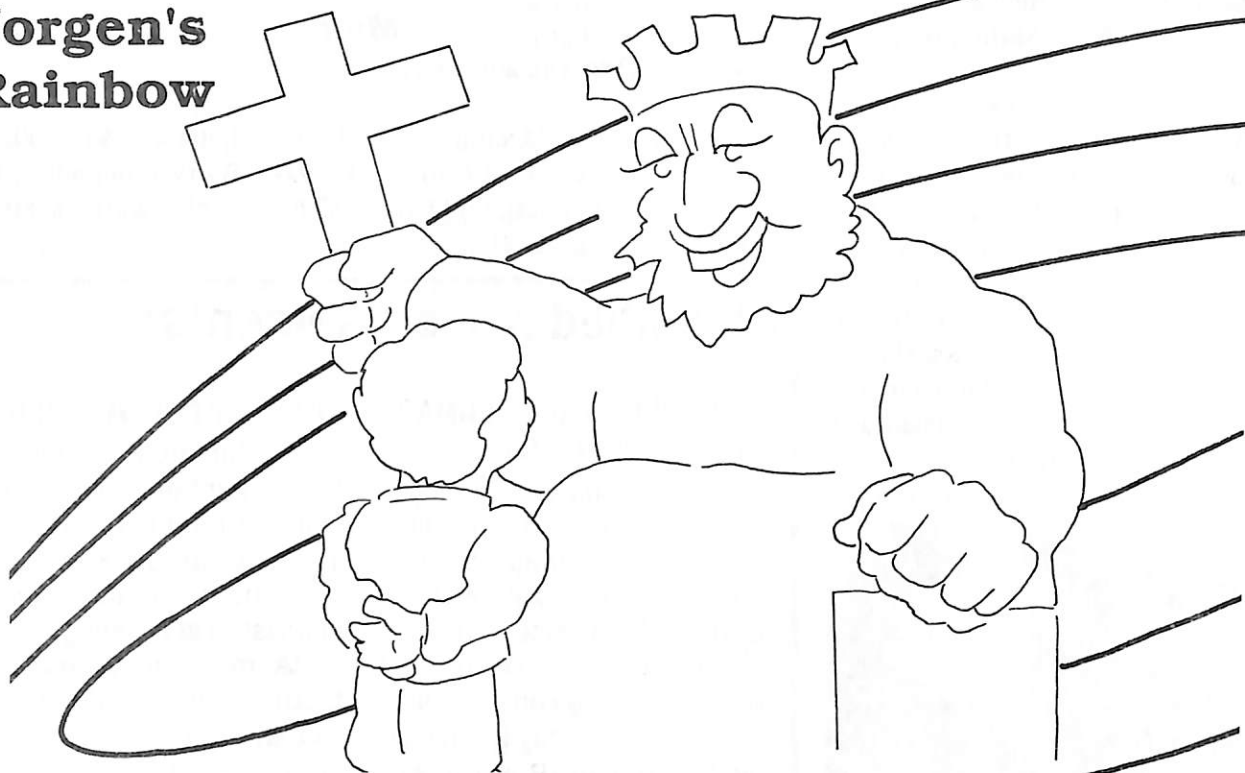
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May winners: Erika Hansen, Nick Andersen and Stefanie Larsen.

Grandma's Kitchen

FRUIT SAUCE (FRUGTISOVS)

- 2 cups strawberry, raspberry, cherry or currant juice
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1/2 cup water

Combine juice with sugar and salt, cook over low heat stirring occasionally until sugar is dissolved; mix cornstarch with water and stir gradually into the hot juice mixture; cook over low heat stirring constantly until smooth and thick. Cover and cool before serving.



Gunild Ostergaard

CREAM PUDDING (FLØDEBUDDING)

- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 2 cups light cream
- 3 egg yolks
- 3 egg whites
- 1/2 cup finely chopped blanched almonds
- Fruit sauce

Sprinkle gelatin into water, let stand for 5 minutes. Heat cream, add softened gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool. Beat egg yolks until thick and light, gradually beat in the cream; beat egg whites until stiff but not dry and combine mixture, adding almonds. Pour into serving dishes and chill. Serve with fruit sauce.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together--A Beginning Keeping Together--Progress
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Congratulations

Nine lodges will receive certificates for their 1992 activities. These lodges participated in the Lodge Rating and Awards Program and were given a rating based upon a point system. The program consists of three designations, bronze, silver and gold, with gold being the highest designation. Lodges earn points based upon the types and quantity of activities, including fund raising and donations. Lodges can also earn points based upon increased membership. The lodges earning awards will be recognized at their district conventions and presented with Award Certificates.

Four lodges received the Bronze Award. They include: Lodge No. 34, Dwight IL; Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI; Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE and Lodge No. 299, Solvang, CA. To earn a Bronze Award, a lodge had to earn 800 -1,499 points in the 1992 calendar year.

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA; Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA; Lodge No. 143 Petaluma, CA; Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA and Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR, all earned 1,500 -1,999 points for the Silver Award rating. The Petaluma Lodge earned the most points, 1,780.

The Lodge Rating and Awards Program was announced at the National Convention held in Portland, Oregon, in October, 1991. It replaces the National President's Awards Program. Under the new program, more lodges have the opportunity to be recognized nationally for their activities and productivity.

Lodge Rating and Awards Program information will be sent to each lodge at the end of 1993. If you have questions about the program, please contact the Fraternal Department.

Congratulations to the following lodges:

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