

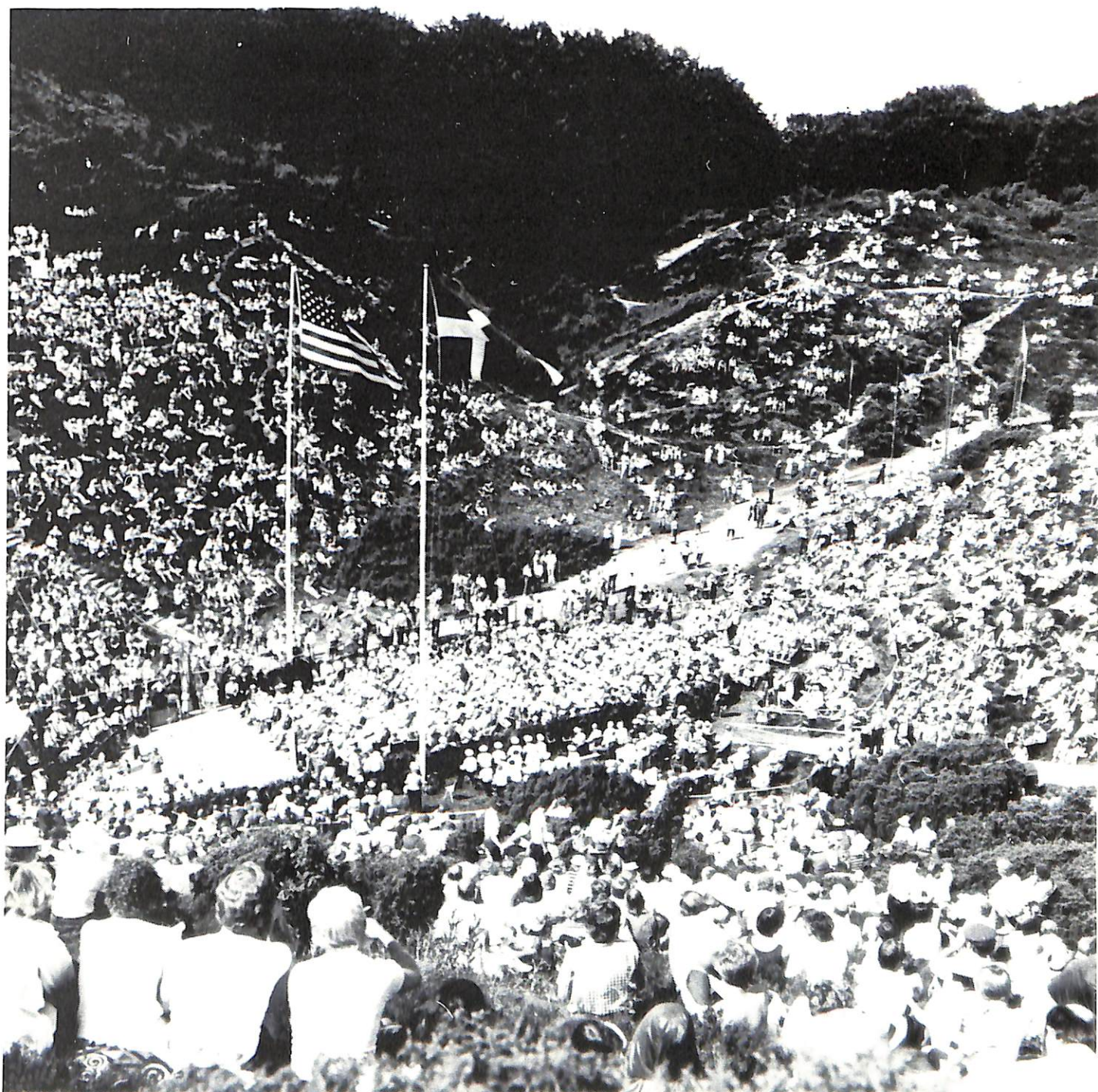


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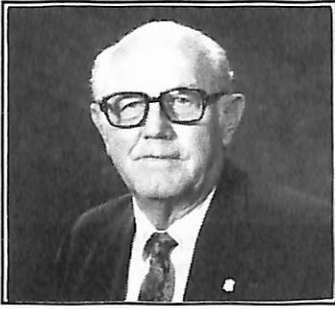
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# President's Page

**Woodrow T. Petersen, National President**

As you noticed, last month's President's Page was replaced with a message from the National Board of Directors. This message is important to all members and if you did not read it or did not read it carefully, I implore you to do so this month. The letter follows.

Some of you may recognize a portion of the letter, but may not remember the second part of the letter. Please note, the second part of the letter may not have appeared in your June **American Dane**. We were informed pages 5, 6, 19 and 20 were missing and pages 7, 8, 17 and 18 were duplicated in some magazines. For this, we apologize. You will find a repeat of most of the missing pages in this issue. If you have questions, please contact the home office staff, one of the National Directors or me.

As this goes to print a preliminary meeting has taken place between the merger committee of the National Board of Directors and another fraternal benefit society which has successfully gone through the merger process within the last year. Through this meeting the DBIA merger committee will gain helpful insight of the merger process and will be prepared for the "merger partner search".

The "search" for candidates will begin after July 1. Since the deadline for the August magazine will be July 10, we may be limited on the amount of information available to share with you in the August **American Dane**. Please be assured, we will keep you informed as the process progresses. Read this page of the magazine each month, attend your local lodge meetings and pay close attention to the correspondence you receive from the home office staff.

This is an important step for the Danish Brotherhood in America. The certificate holders are of great importance and their best interest is the primary concern of the DBIA merger committee, as are the interests of our entire membership.

The National Board of Directors appreciates your understanding and support at this time in our century old history. It is with that continued understanding and support as we embrace the future.

In the meantime, please contact the home office staff with any insurance needs you may have. They will be happy to assist you.

## 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 the 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.

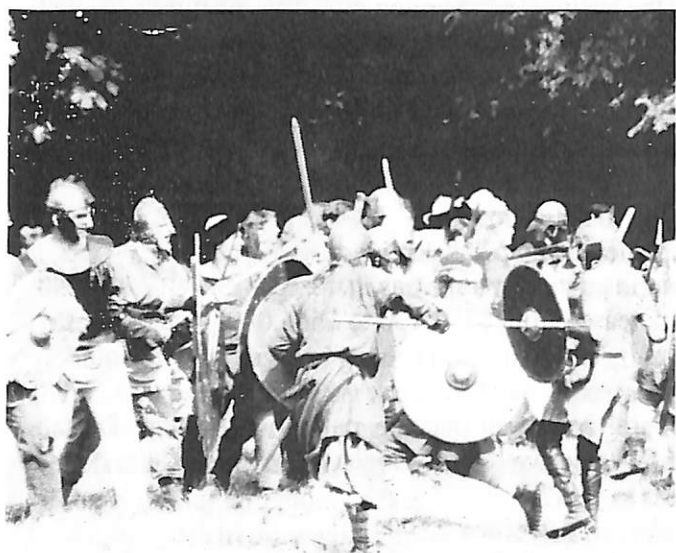
A Board committee has been established to investigate a merger and negotiate to secure that everything we presently have in the way of traditional benefits will remain intact and even be enhanced. **Please be assured that all certificates and their monies invested in same, whether they be insurance or 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



# 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 it's 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. "It's 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 it's 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

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 Omm, who is wearing sunglasses, and a winged death's-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 your 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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## 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 Dannebroge flew.*

*On that grim day, agone six years,  
When Denmark's landmen volunteers  
in floating hulks gone green with rot,  
so badly mauled his fleet with shot,  
and through the flames and billowing smoke,  
dread Trekroner'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

# How the Festivals at Rebild Began

by Ruth Nielsen

It is 81 years since the Rebild hills in Denmark were dedicated. However, the roots of Rebild go back several years earlier. In 1905 the poet Ivar Kirkegaard suggested at a meeting in Racine, Wisconsin that a yearly folk festival be held in Denmark bringing together Danes and Danish-Americans.

Pastor A. Th. Dorf returned from America to Denmark in 1906. He and his father-in-law, Axel Axelsen, presided over a Folk School in Krabbesholm. In 1908 O.J. Stevns conceived the idea of a Danish-American festival and Dorf made the arrangements at his school which was an ancient castle. He invited Danish-Americans to a fest. The invitation was also extended to the King and Queen who came, as did Jeppe Aakjaer, the poet. There were about a hundred participants. President Theodore Roosevelt honored the occasion by sending a telegram.

The following year, 1909, a similar event took place at Aarhus. It is told that the Scandinavian-American Steamship C.F. TIETGEN came to Aarhus with about 1500 Danish-Americans aboard, and they were met with jubilation by a crowd of about 50,000 people. The celebration took place in the Festival Hall of an Agricultural Exhibit site and every seat was filled. There were speeches by a Danish-American businessman, the "prairie author" Carl Hansen from Tyler, Minnesota, Crown Prince Christian (later King Christian X), the U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the Danish Ambassador to Washington Count Carl Moltke, Dr. Max Henius, and others.

One of the speakers expressed the following thoughts, which can be the motto for the many Rebild fests:

"Danish Americans have never forgotten what they owed their Father Land — the awakening, the culture they received 'at home,' which made it easier to adjust to the situations in America. It is undoubtedly the first time in history that European emigrants have celebrated their new homeland's national holiday in the land where their cradles stood, and here we have a beautiful proof, that there has begun to

be a better understanding of Danish and Danish-American common interests and strong connections.”

Dr. Max Henius, with energy and optimism, helped collect the funds necessary to buy land in north Jutland now known as Rebild Park. In 1911 the heather covered hills were presented to King Christian X at Marselisborg Castle. The park was dedicated July 4, 1912. The honorary chairman of the committee was U.S. President William H. Taft. The celebrations were continued in 1915 and 1916 but stopped until 1920 because of World War I. More land was added to the park in 1930. But from 1931-33 lesser celebrations were held because of the world situation.

During the difficult years of World War II, there were no celebrations in the park, the Danish and American flags were raised in the Rebild hills—and they were watched closely so that German soldiers would not take them down.

In Denmark, the annual Rebild celebration is viewed as an impressive folk meeting. There are to be no religious or political overtones at the festival.

Jeppe Aakjaer, who wrote a Cantata for the occasion, was born to peasant parents in western Jutland, attended folk high school where he studied history, and worked as a school teacher, journalist and popular lecturer. He was influenced by his father's interest in politics.

Few poets have had his ability to interpret the love of the soil and the life of a peasant in lyric language. (More about Aakjaer at another time).

The Cantata, *The Heath Wanderers*, consisted of four poems — *You Dear Brown Heath; The Morning's Powerful Sun; Heart, Be Still; and The Mole Digs*, etc.

Thorvald Madsen furnished the haunting melody for *Heart, Be Still*,

probably the one of the Rebild Cantata which has become a treasure in Danish folk music. Thorvald Madsen lived from 1842-1908. He was a violinist and educator who also played in an orchestra as a soloist. He was cantor (music director) at St. Jacob's

Church in Copenhagen from 1878-1902.

*Heart, Be Still* has beautiful words set to a lovely melody — a very special evening song. We are again indebted to Pastor S. D. Rodholm for an excellent translation.

## HEART, BE STILL

Jeppe Aakjær, 1912  
Trans. by S. D. Rodholm  
Calmly, with expression

Thorvald Madsen

Heart, be still, the sun goes down, Smil - ing o'er the  
Si - lence falls on lanes and lea, Rest - less day is  
Far to East the win-dows gleam Red with flash-es  
Soft - ly now the haze is stirred From the low-lands

mead-ows. Sheep and cows are home-ward bound Through the  
o - ver; One be-lat - ed bum - ble - bee Drones a -  
blind - ing; Sun - set - col - ored flows a stream Through green  
lift - ing; O'er the tree-tops skims a bird, Fleec - y

*poco dim.* *pp*  
deep-ening shad-ows.  
mong the clo-ver. Heart, be still, the sun goes down.  
pas - tures wind-ing. clouds are drift-ing.

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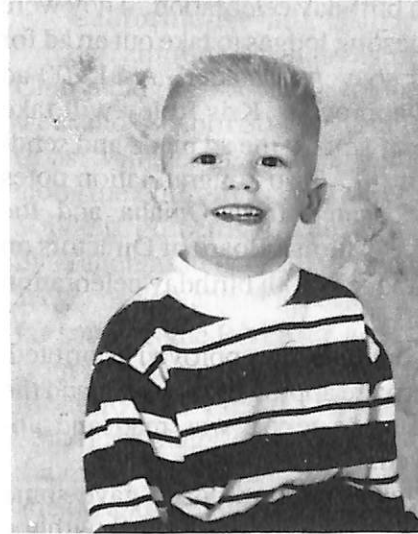
# Introducing....



**Tara Denton**, one of our newest Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 144 in Dike, Iowa, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Tara Denton. I am 12 years old. My hobbies include camping, biking and reading. I participate in dancing lessons and the Black Hawk County 4-H Club."

and



**Karl Scott Koch**, another of our newest Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 144 in Dike, Iowa, and has this to say:

"Hi! My name is Karl Scott Koch. I am 2 1/2 years old. My hobbies include watching videos, playing outside and listening to stories."

**Welcome Tara and Karl!**

Are you a new Young Viking? 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 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
4-25-93	Donald Heckmann	54	Boundbrook, New Jersey	116	Newark, New Jersey	1977
1-7-93	Audrey Jorgensen	72	Parker, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1989
4-26-93	Phyllis Christiansen	62	Vancouver, Washington	95	Ferndale, California	1989
5-29-93	Hartman J. Bjornsen	86	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	347	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1991
5-26-93	Hubert Paulson	77	Bayard, Nebraska	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1979
4-28-93	Fred A. Aasted	84	Junction City, Oregon	268	Junction City, Oregon	1972
5-11-93	Willy Hansen	88	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1950
5-23-93	Alice V. Schultz	60	Bostwick, Nebraska	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1962
4-22-93	Carl J. Hansen	91	Denmark	255	Selma, California	1925
5-14-93	Wayne N. Potter	59	Johnston, Pennsylvania	225	Canton, Ohio	1956
5-6-93	John Madsen	83	Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1935

# Our Lodges in Action

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\* **Bronze Lodge Award** \*\* **Silver Lodge Award** \*\*\* **Gold Lodge Award.**

## Pacific

## Northwest

\*\* **Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA**—Our historic meeting on May 5 started promptly at 7:30 p.m. Our meeting was called to order by Brotherhood President Clyde Langsted and Sisterhood President Greta Ballard. Prior to the commencement of our historic meeting, we had a potluck dinner. Thank you to all of the ladies. In order to expedite our meeting, both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood past meeting minutes were waived but entered into Lodge No. 29's records. Correspondence was read and roll call of officers was done. Ken Kromann expounded on the Miller River campground activity to be held August 14-15. This will be a great camping experience. A reminder from Gert Wolff to get your reservations in early for the 1993 All Danish Picnic.

Greta Ballard brought some pictures of last meeting's past presidents.

Otto Brask, delegate elect, requested any information from members that they would like him to take with him to the Pacific Northwest District Convention.

Both Greta Ballard and Clyde Langsted closed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and history was made.

**Jeff Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR**—The May meeting was called to order by President Thorkildsen with 47 members and guests present. Kris Roley led the Pledge of Allegiance and Past President Norm Powell explained the symbols.

Correspondence was shared from the Philadelphia Lodge about their 90th birthday celebration. They were requesting lodges to take out an ad for their souvenir booklet. A \$15.00 ad was approved. Kris Roley will take care of getting the ad made and sending it off. Two congratulation notes were shared from Omaha and the DBIA National Board of Directors on our lodge's 90th birthday celebration in May.

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

President Thorkildsen gave some thanks for those who helped with the 90th birthday celebration and sandwich supper. A big thanks to Norm Powell, Jean Whittlesey, Grete Kasch and Alma Johnson. Past President Norm Powell moved that we split the profit from the dinner evenly with the Sisterhood because of their hard work. It was seconded and unanimously passed. Other announcements included: Phil Baker will be pianist for the National Anthem each meeting, Ruth Dally will be our new lodge photographer and a thank you to Belinda Hansen for doing the calligraphy on our name buttons.

A motion was made to waive wearing our pins for one month and not fine people for not wearing them until then. It was seconded and the motion failed by a majority vote. Frank Dally collected fines from those not wearing pins.

Fred Mosher moved to form a committee to start planning our 100th anniversary in the year 2002. He

reminded everyone it is not too early to start. It was seconded and passed by a majority vote. Ed Hirsch reminded everyone about the district convention and that we will be hosting the convention next year.

Asbjorn Fisker, National Director, reported in 1991 and 1992 our lodge was second in the nation for membership.

Mel Pihl introduced some guests representing the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation who made a presentation about planned giving. The guests included Priscilla Blumel, Dr. Bernhard Fedde, and Deanne Mayberry.

Past President Norm Powell explained that the candle in the window represented Liberation Day in Denmark. On May 5, the Germans left most of Denmark. A moment of silence was taken in remembrance of the occasion.

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

**Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.**—Our May meeting, held at the Danish Community Centre Hall in Cloverdale with 47 Brothers present, was called to order by President J. P. Vestergard. Aksel Jensen reported from the Sports and Fest Committees.

On behalf of the Community Centre, Villy Andersen thanked the Brotherhood and graciously accepted a very generous donation of \$7,827.73.

Our President asked who was in favor of paying dues to the National Headquarters in Omaha. Some discussion took place. It seems the lodge is committed to pay regardless.

Karl Kristensen asked a question from the floor on behalf of past members regarding the fraternal/funeral fund and the board of directors decision on the matter. Peter Praegel expressed a very strong opinion on the matter as it related to a decision of the past board of directors and as it relates to our newly adopted bylaws. President J. P. Vestergard responded very eloquently as to the majority of the board of directors decision.

Uwe Bruhn made a motion to buy a \$100 bond membership in the Danish Canadian National Museum Society in Dickson, Alberta. It was seconded by Leo Pedersen and the motion carried.

The bus will leave for Reno on October 9. The cost is \$259.00 per person for double occupancy or \$239.00 per person for single. To reserve your ticket, please call Bente Pedersen or Aase Jacobsen.

**\*\* Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR—** We began our May business meeting by welcoming our guests: Jim Hillis, Martha Toftemark, and Verna and Raymond Larsen. We approved applications for membership submitted by Verna and Raymond Larsen, and Martha Toftemark.

Martin Taekker reported that the Workshop Board for Bethesda Lutheran Church would like to continue the Danish Little Christmas Eve Service and extended the Board's thanks for the lodge's contribution of \$100 to the 1992 event.

Al Nyegaard advised us that Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp has enrolled 65 campers, representing seven states. The 15-member staff also includes counselors from Denmark.

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

We will hold our eighth annual Get Away Weekend at the Taekker's cabin in Florence on August 21-22. Festivities begin at noon on Saturday, con-

tinue through a no-host dinner at the Elks Lodge, and end with potluck Sunday breakfast. Our next regular meeting will be held on September 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Eugene.

**Diana Pedersen, Cor.**

## California

## Nevada

### California-Nevada District

The California-Nevada District RV Club held its second roundup the weekend of April 30-May 2 at Pismo Coast Village, Pismo Beach, located along the California coastline north of Solvang. Fifteen RVs were welcomed by Wagonmasters Johannes and Marie Jaeger of Solvang. Rigs came from as far south as the Riverside area, north from Petaluma, and in between from Modesto and Fresno. Danish and American flags decorated many of the rigs. Meals had been planned ahead, and we enjoyed gourmet food all through the weekend.

On Saturday morning, we had a special treat when Verner and Birthe Stenderup of Bakersfield invited us to their Oceano beach house for "Morgen Kaffe". We enjoyed a card game and "white elephants" as prizes.

On Sunday, we "folded our tents" and bid each other fond farewells until our next roundup in October, to be held in Tulare at "Sun & Fun Park", with Dan and Edith Mogensen as Wagonmasters.

**Alice Rasmussen, Cor.**

### Convention News

The District Convention will be held August 5-7 sponsored by Kodan Lodge No. 346. It will be held at the San Bernardino Hilton. The adult package price is \$82.50. The youth package price is \$50.75 and with a 50% discount from the District Youth Fund, the final cost for youth up to age 20 is \$25.45.

Rooms are \$60 a night plus tax.

Call 1-800-HILTON and mention you are with the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Convention.

**Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 67, Fresno, CA—**This is our centennial year. Lodge No. 67 was organized on March 3, 1893. It was chartered on July 28, 1893. In 1910, we sponsored the National Convention. By that time, 215 members were listed in our record as having been initiated into membership. Of the first 338 members, all but five were born in Denmark. By 1925, our membership list reached 449. The 1922 report showed the total membership at 200. Today our membership count stands at 46.

The old lodge hall at Voorman and Yosemite was acquired prior to 1922 and sold in 1977.

On several occasions, Lodge No. 67 sponsored California-Nevada District Conventions.

Fraternal lodges in their heyday provided social activity, entertainment and a measure of benevolence for their members.

At our annual Frikadeller dinner on May 13, explanations and comments were made that initiated reminiscences. A display of record and account books together with pictures of events of long ago set the tone for this historic event.

Brothers of Lodge No. 67 prepared the dinner and the ladies of Sisterhood Lodge No. 149 served it. Attendance was 140. Many came from lodges some distance away.

**Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA—**

The May meeting came to order by President Karen Rowse with 28 members present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was read, which was also approved as read. Bills were paid.

Secretary Betty Seale read a letter from Omaha regarding our application for matching funds which was

denied.

We agreed to send a Youth Delegate to the convention in Riverside on August 5-7. The cost of sending a youth to the convention will be \$25.45. The lodge decided to send three Youth Delegates from San Diego to the convention. We also received raffle tickets to sell.

The lodge sponsored a church dinner on May 2 for the Danish Lutheran Church at the Alamo. Many members worked very hard with the preparation of the dinner and it was not in vain. The church dinner brought in \$540.00. A special thank you to Betty Seale and her daughter-in-law Gayle, Gurli Breum and Rigmor Palle.

It was decided not to change the meeting date.

We will send four delegates and two alternates to the convention. It was voted to allocate \$200.00 to each delegate to defray expenses. The following delegates were elected: Kate Krake Nielsen, David Seale, John Kristensen and Poul Dalby Andersen. Alternates are Richard Rowse and Tom Bristing.

Our lodge, along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 68, held a joint Memorial Service on May 21 at the Alamo. Harold Mathiasen, Brotherhood member, performed the service where departed Brothers and Sisters were remembered. A moment of silence followed the service in their memory. Prior to the service, a smorrebrod supper was held. Each member brought a plate of open faced sandwiches to share. The evening finished with all joining in a sing-along under the direction of Karl Duus.

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA—**The following delegates will represent our lodge at the upcoming convention: Rick Carlson and Phil Jacobsen with Lil Suda as alternate. Bill Jensen as a state officer and Hans Jensen as an honorary life member will also be representing our lodge.

July 25 is the date for our annual picnic at Griffith Park in La Mesa. The time is from 10:00 a.m. until ???. This is always a fun family affair.

Our camp out at American Adventure at Julian will be held on August 20-22. The tentative price is \$13.00 per night. Call Bill Jensen for details and reservations.

The International Friendship (Venskad) Fair in El Cajon will be held on September 18-19. We will have two booths, one for food and another for education. Last year's booth was a huge success. Let's make this year's participation bigger and better. If you have some interesting Danish items to loan, Bill Jensen or Margaret Carlson will be happy to talk to you. Volunteers are also needed. **Bessie Jacobsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA—**Our Mother's Day banquet at Mimi's Cafe on May 8 was enjoyable. Following the dinner, President Ken Olsen presented camp grants from the National Headquarters to Shelley Kjellsen, DaNeil Gossett and Jamey Gossett. It was voted on that the lodge would purchase the raffle tickets sent to us by the Riverside Convention Committee. With the completion of this brief business, the evening was turned over to Patty Kessler.

Patty had a very nice program planned for us. It began with each mother receiving a silverplated oval candy dish. Each mother also received a jar of Mother's Comfort Tea which Patty had prepared and packaged. To close our evening, Patty read a very touching short story about a mother's love for her child and how that love passes on. Many thanks to Patty Kessler for preparing such a special evening.

The Spencer Nielsen Award will be presented at our 15th anniversary celebration in August.

At the Board meeting on May 17, delegate fees to the convention (two adult delegates, one youth delegate)

were paid so those delegates could secure their packets and hotel reservations. It was also reported that our first alternate, Gerry Olsen, was approved to represent our lodge as a delegate and not an alternate. Gerry graciously accepted this position and also refused to accept her delegate fee which will go back into the lodge's treasury.

Kaj Bjorn completed the certificate for Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 on the occasion of their 90th anniversary which was sent to them along with a congratulatory letter from our secretary. Kaj also completed our Convention '94 logo - Guarding Our Heritage.

Helga Bjorn will be collecting Scott UPC symbols from all Scott products in July to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Cut the symbol from the package and Helga will collect them at the meeting.

Don't forget the Country Western Night on Saturday, July 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Andy Andersen's. The price is \$10 per person which includes the meal, western music and line dance instruction. Please invite your family and friends to join us for a fun "country evening".

The next Convention '94 meeting will be held Monday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Ken and Gerry Olsen's. Please plan to join us for this important meeting. Refreshments and coffee will be served following the meeting.

**Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA—**We had a very nice Mother's Day barbecue with friends and family. Nancy Nielsen brought Ken's cousin from Denmark who will be visiting them for a year. Over 30 of us enjoyed a very nice tri-tip dinner with a variety of desserts brought by members. After the dinner, President Darlene Petersen remembered all our departed members as well as many of our departed family members with a beautiful memorial poem. The lodge then pre-

sented all the mothers with lovely corsages thanks to Lori Adkins who was good enough to make them for the lodge.

Nancy Nielsen and Sue Patterson were selected to be convention delegates for our upcoming convention. Alternates are Vikki Garrison and John McGarver and our youth delegates will be Curene Stoltz and Tina DelGripo. It looks as though Kodan will be able to finance all of the youth who wish to attend the convention. All our donations and efforts for our youth fund will be used to encourage a great participation from Kodan.

Thanks to Jim Patterson for hosting and cooking the barbecue and to Bill Jones who was our substitute bartender for the evening and thanks to all of you who attended as we actually made money.

Remember our hayride and Ho-Down and steak barbecue which will be on September 11 at Oak Glen at Riley's apple orchard. It's our anniversary party so please put it on your calendar now. **Sue Patterson, Sec.**

## Nebraska

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE**—Five Danish groups will celebrate Rebildsfest at Vennelyst Park starting at 3:00 p.m. on July 4. This will be in lieu of our July meeting.

**Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE**—We met on May 20 for our annual Mother's Day banquet at Shay's Good Time Inn with 63 members and guests in attendance. Larry and Marian Sorensen prepared a delicious Danish meal with the committee, Wisthi and Charmaine Thomsen, Velma Talbert and Marie Nelson helping to serve it. A Danish prayer was recited led by Violet Nielsen. Velma Talbert entertained us by reading several poems about "Mother" and the Bell Choir from the First Methodist Church in

Minden led by Al Farm performed several selections.

The business meeting was called to order by Leonard Anderson leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made to donate \$100 for an art workshop for youth members. The motion carried. A motion was made to donate \$50 to V.F.W. of Grand Island toward their purchase of a van to escort Vets. This motion also carried. **Minna Newbold, Sec.**

**\* Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE**—We met at the Ruskin Community Hall on May 8 with 19 members attending. President Mickelsen opened the meeting and led the Flag salute. Loetta Pedersen read the secretary's report which was approved. Treasurer Thomsen presented bills and a motion was made and carried to pay them.

A national scholarship was presented to Kristin Russell by President Mickelsen.

Delegates to the Nebraska District Convention in Lincoln on September 17-19 are LeVerne Erickson, Howard Madsen and Chauncey Mickelsen. Alternates include Soren Thomsen, Loetta Pedersen and Elaine Madsen.

The meeting was adjourned but before playing cards, our "White Elephant" articles were auctioned off by Kenny Pedersen. This was very exciting and worthwhile.

A delicious co-operative lunch was served by Levonn and Geraldine Peterson and Harold and Erna Martens.

**Geraldine Schultz, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE**—Congratulations to those of you who did well on the Danish quiz which President Laurids had prepared for us at the last meeting. Our guests from Denmark were Geeta Andreasen, the Danish instructor at Dana College, and Tom Pedersen, Laurid's cousin.

Dwight Nelson has been selected to receive a 1993 Danish Brotherhood camp grant.

**Helen McNichols, Sec.**

## Heartland

**\*\* Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA**—A nice turnout of members and guests enjoyed a program of slides and commentary at our May 10 meeting presented by our fellow member, Iowa State University Aerospace Engineering Professor, Dr. James Iversen. Jim and his wife, Marge, have experienced two extended stays in Denmark, the most recent having been a nine month period in 1991-1992 when Jim was on assignment with the University of Aarhus. We heard of Jim's wind experiments and projects. It was enjoyable to see and hear about the beautiful buildings and scenery of Denmark. Mange tak, Jim, for a fascinating evening.

Several presentations were made by President Ed Harris. He presented Past President pins to Curt Sorensen and Wilber Williamson, and also gave Wilber his Certificate of Merit for being our lodge's nominee for the Howard E. Christensen Award. Christina Lary was present and received her certificate and check as a 1993 camp grant recipient.

Our lodge is proud of member Svend Christensen, who has been guest speaker during May at both the Newell and Elk Horn/Kimballton lodges relating his experiences during the Nazi occupation of Denmark during World War II with emphasis on the rescue of Danish Jews.

On July 12 we will host the Dike, Iowa lodges beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Viking Restaurant and Lounge near Altoona.

**Harvey Andersen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN**—The 99th anniversary of the founding of Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 75 was celebrated on Wednesday, May 11, by members enjoying a banquet dinner and program at the American Legion Clubrooms.

President Harlan Erickson welcomed the guests and the invocation was led by Alton Neve.

Following dinner, Alton Neve elaborated on the occasion of 99 years of the organization and its continuance for this length of time. The 100th year celebration is forthcoming in 1994 at which time Lodge No. 75 will host the 1994 Heartland District Convention also.

"Just Folks", a musical duo of Carolyn Thompson and Del Clark, singing folk songs accompanied by guitars and banjo, entertained the group.

Don Levisen of the Miss Albert Lea Mermaid Statue group advised now that Fountain Lake is free of ice, installation of the mermaid statue will commence. Contributions and memorial gifts are being accepted at the Security Bank or by Don Levisen or Cliff Petersen.

**Grace Tomson, Sec-Treas.**

**Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA—**We participated in the North Iowa Ethnic Festival held in May. We had an information booth and a food booth. We served aebleskiver and Danish cookies and pastries. The members volunteered to work these booths and to bake the Danish foods. Decorations were also brought in by the members. The Danish Immigrant Museum also had a booth next to our information booth.



**Steven Sorensen and Verner Sorensen answer questions at the information booth.**

President Sorensen is a member of the committee that coordinates the festival. **Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 341, Elk Horn-Kimballton, IA—**We met May 27 at the Elk Horn Town Hall after a short business meeting. Svend Christensen from Des Moines presented the program telling what it was like in Denmark during Hitler's reign during World War II times. He told how he helped the Jews in that terrible time. We must never forget nor neglect to tell that story to future generations. It is interesting to hear how little Denmark, the oldest monarchy in the world, leaves its mark in history so many ways.



**Guest speaker Svend Christensen.**

Elk Horn celebrated a very successful Tivoli Fest and Kimballton had a big crowd for their June 5 celebration. Danish delicacies and fun times were enjoyed by many. Gudrun and Warren Jacobsen were honored to be selected King and Queen of Tivoli Fest this year.

**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 life-guard 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 entitled "When Minutes Count".

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

**Alice Gorsch, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 349, Atlantic, IA—**Fifty-one members attended our meeting at Rolling Hills Bank on May 10. President John Nelson called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A thank you note was read thanking the lodge for the cakes furnished for the cake walk at the Danish Food and Fun Fest.

Discussion was held on the liability insurance policy which came to us from the National Headquarters. Our trustees are to review the policy and made a recommendation at the next meeting.

Gladys McCrory introduced Bob Bebensee who gave a most interesting talk and slide presentation of the history of Atlantic. Atlantic is celebrating its 25th year during 1993.

Delicious refreshments were served by the May committee.

**Evelyn Rechtenbach, Sec.**

## Midwest

**Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI—**July 14 is the date for our annual picnic. Members of the committee are Glenn Nyboe, Lance King, Doug Larsen and Wayne Kavaliauskas, along with members from the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 5. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Armstrong Park with supper to be served at 5:30 p.m. The price is \$5.00 per person. Reservations are a must! Send reservation form with your check before July 8 to Glenn Nyboe.

Congratulations to John Moller-skov and Erik Raahauge who have been chosen as our delegates to the Midwest District Convention in Sep-

tember.

Welcome to our newest member, Jack Christiansen.

Thanks to President Jeff who provided the delicious lunch for our April meeting.

**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI**—The Beer Bust took place on March 29 in the Rathskellar. This event is a fund raiser 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.

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.

A big thank you to the Rathskellar card players and the dart players for their most generous donations to the building fund. The money will be used toward the purchase of 52 new padded chairs for the Rathskellar which have already been received, and for new bar stools and tables for the Rathskellar.

Thanks for that extra effort to Bob DeHaan who repaired our grease trap

and leaky faucets and to Rich Walker for building new shelves in the pantry. Also to Warren Piehl for volunteering to assist with the janitorial duties.

Our 101st anniversary party brought 240 members, guests and widows for a night of fellowship. Thanks once again to Roger Nelson for his great job as Toastmaster. President Hosmanek brought greetings from the lodge and introduced the 1993 Board of Officers and the widows who were present. Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. received his past president's pin which was well deserved. Sisterhood Lodge No. 20 President Ardis Petersen, Brotherhood Midwest District President John Jorgensen, and Brotherhood Lodge No. 35 President Al Iversen representing National President Woodrow Petersen brought us greetings and congratulations. Awards given out were: Lifetime Achievement Awards to Duke Ellingham, Ray Zieth and Martin Petersen, Jr.; Brother of the Year Awards went to Bill Myers, Don Tredup and Dan Greenwald. A special award was presented to Senator Joseph Andrea for all of his work on the 100th anniversary last year and fund raising efforts when we brought the Danish Girls' Marching Band here a few years ago. The food was great and the evening ended up with dancing and fun. Thanks to the Board of Officers who were the committee.

Next up was our Living Will Seminar presented by Brother Bob Zapf who had Nathaniel Lepp as a special guest. Over 50 members and friends attended this very informative program. We thank Bob for this fine presentation.

Ourspring Men's Smoker was once again a huge success and we thank all the members and guests who attended. A big thank you to co-chairman Duane and David Kreier with assistance from Warren Piehl, Carl Swanson, John Sullivan, Rick Wade, Jim Johnson and Bob Ibsen.

We are now incorporated in Wis-

consin. We sincerely thank Bob Zapf who completed this for us.

Our annual family picnic and potluck is planned for Sunday, July 18, at 11:00 a.m. in Kennedy Park. It is free to all members, their families and a special welcome to all the children and grandchildren. Donations will be accepted.

The Midwest District golf outing and picnic will be held in Dwight on Saturday, July 24. Get your teams together and call Rudy Bernhardt or Roger Nelson. Non-golfers welcome to attend.

The Arlington Park horse race bus trip is planned for Sunday, August 1. Be at the hall by 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served on the bus. Seats are reserved. A buffet will follow at the hall. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Call for reservations. This is always a sellout!

The Annual Corn Roast and Brats, a Midwest District fund raiser, will be held Saturday, August 21. Dancing, raffles, food and fun for only \$8.00 each. Guests are invited. Advance tickets are required. Serving will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call Bob Ibsen for tickets. Wear your western outfits or casual wear.

**Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

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

**Albertice Nylen, Sec.**

\* **Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL**—We earned a Bronze Award through the Lodge Rating and Awards Program. This decision was based on our 1992 activities. Our lodge delegate will be presented with a certificate at the district convention by a National Board member. Good work members - let's keep the ball rolling and get the Gold Award next year!

We will be hosting the Midwest District golf outing and picnic on

Saturday, July 24. Dick and Marlene Perschnick are taking care of entries. The picnic will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Renfrew Park with games and a pig roast at 4:30 p.m. Golf fee is \$22.50 for non club members and \$7.50 for club members. Pig roast is free for those under age 8; \$5.00 for those ages 8-16; and \$10.00 for adults. Lodge No. 34 members will eat free! Be sure and get your reservations in (even if you are a member). We need to know how many to cook for.

We will go to a Cubs ball game on Sunday, September 5. Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes the game, transportation and refreshments on the bus. Get your reservations in to Ray Holzhauser.

Shirley Holzhauser made a motion to promote the "Adopt-A-Highway Program", which was seconded by Chuck Johnson and carried. Dick Perschnick will be with the Village to get things going.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL**—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.

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

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.

Delegates representing our lodge at the district convention in September 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 Country-side. Rooms are \$63 plus tax per night.

With reference to the 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.

The Scholarship Dinner on May 21 was well attended and those who came enjoyed the delicious frikadeller made by ladies of DBIA Lodge No. 35. President Iversen welcomed everyone and gave the invocation. During the dinner, various announcements of coming events were made.

President Iversen presented David Johanson with a certificate from the Home Office entitling him to a \$500 scholarship.

Several younger members of the lodge, some who have received scholarships in the past, served the dinner.

During the meal and afterwards, the Suburban Music Makers played some lively tunes including some Scandinavian melodies.

It was a profitable evening for the Scholarship Fund as the total profits for the evening were \$874.63. Several card raffles were held and they always help with expenses. There are lots of people who deserve credit for the success of this event. Each person who helped should receive a big thank you. Herta Iversen is the lady who really needs to be thanked. She does

most of the shopping, is there directing the kitchen help and working hard herself.

**Doris Pedersen, Cor.**

**Elsa Petersen, 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.

Our lodge has received a Bronze Award through the Lodge Rating and Awards Program based on our 1992 activities. Our lodge delegate will be presented with a certificate by a National Board member at the upcoming district convention.

Many items were discussed at our May 17 meeting. We thank Lillian S. Jensen for the evening's refreshments.

We were proud to learn that member Christian Schoewe had been awarded a 1993 Danish Brotherhood camp grant certificate and check by the National Headquarters. Chris and his mother, Margaret, attended our May 17 meeting where President Al Larsen presented Chris with his award. Congratulations, Chris! After the presentation, Chris spoke briefly about Skovsøen, revealing his observations regarding activities, food, lodgings, language, etc.



**President Al Larsen presents Christian Schoewe with a national camp grant.**

Following the meeting, Al and Carol Larsen gave a presentation regarding activities at Old World Wisconsin and showed slides of

Scandinavian homesteads - Danish, Finnish and Norwegian.

The membership voted to again give support to Sojourner Truth House as our lodge's participation in Operation: H.O.P.E. Members will be donating miscellaneous items at our business meetings. The collected items will be in addition to our cash donations collected at each meeting for the Milwaukee Christian Center Food Pantry. **Al Larsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 89, Superior, WI**—We entertained and were entertained by three University of Wisconsin, Superior students from Denmark. In April they were guests at our lodge meeting and told us about themselves and Denmark. We also had them out for supper and to the Christensen farm in Wentworth. The girls treated the members to Danish tuna paté and frikadeller. We hope the students enjoyed their visit as much as we did.



**Danish students: Christine Hunderup, Dorte Danig and Lesli Larsen.**

**William Hansen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI**—Our April meeting began 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.**

## Michigan

## Ohio

### Michigan-Ohio District

The 1993 Michigan-Ohio District Convention was opened by District President Mike Bray who welcomed everyone. Roll call showed 13 delegates representing four lodges present.

A moment of silence was held to remember our departed Brothers. The minutes of the last convention were read and approved.

President Bray appointed an audit committee composed of Keith Koepler, Don Hansen and Clare Thomsen to go over the treasurer's books during the afternoon break. The treasurer's report was read.

National Second Vice President Paul Carlsen then took the floor. He made a presentation of a plaque for Noah Sharrow from Greenville, Michigan, for his being named the 1993 recipient of the Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence. The award was accepted on his behalf by Wesley Thomsen.

Paul then read a letter from the National Board of Directors outlining several options available as possible solutions for the DBIA. There was much discussion of the letter, mainly questions of merger and clarification of the suggestions by the National Board. Paul answered these questions as best he could and stressed that to date nothing is definite except that we will remain a fraternal society.

The delegates gave their lodge reports. Correspondence was read. Bills were read and ordered paid. There was no new business brought on the floor. Greenville Lodge No. 70 offered to host the 1994 district convention and the offer was accepted.

Election of officers resulted in the following: President, Wesley Thomsen; Vice President, Ronald Hammer; Treasurer, Otto Pedersen; Secretary, Robert Sorensen; and Alternate Officer, Don Hansen.

The audit committee reported that the treasurer's books were in order.

Scholarship chairman, Ken Johnson, reported that they were able to award 14 scholarships this year in the amount of \$125 each.

Earl Jensen won the \$25 attendance jackpot which he donated to the Scholarship Fund. This was followed by contributions totaling \$100 to the same fund.

Paul Carlsen, assisted by Ken Rehan, installed the new officers. Newly installed president, Wes Thomsen, presented outgoing president, Mike Bray, with a past president's pin and finding no more business to come before the meeting, closed the convention. **Robert Sorensen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI**—We ended the month of May with Bingo and strawberries. On June 6 we held our annual Grundluvsfest at Middle Straits Lake Park. The kids had a treasure hunt and fishing tournament with a picture for each catch.

Mark your calendars for the July 14 ice cream social at the Swedish Club.

Tickets are available for the Detroit Tigers game on July 24. Contact Paul Carlsen if you are interested.

On August 11, we will meet at Rotary Park in Livonia for our social night. Last year was such a great turnout we decided to do it again. We will serve hot dogs on the grill with hot and cold drinks.

**Ken Christensen, 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.

### Convention News

The 1993 GCEL Convention will be held on September 4-6 at Woodbridge, New Jersey, and again sponsored by Thor Lodge No. 46 of Perth Amboy. The weekend will start off with a Happy Hour on Friday evening. On Saturday, the convention will begin at 1:00 p.m. with greetings and introductions.

At 4:00 p.m., buses will depart for Atlantic City. Dinner on the bus will consist of smørrebrød and refreshments. It's show time at 8:00 p.m. and return to Woodbridge at midnight.

On Sunday, there will be meetings until 5:00 p.m. Then dine and dance to the "Sentimentals" Orchestra.

The weekend will finish with a breakfast brunch at the Danish Home For the Aged in Edison, New Jersey.

The cost includes a \$10 refundable deposit for the bus trip to ensure a seat. The Sunday evening affair will be \$37.50 per person. Monday morning breakfast brunch is \$7.50 per person. This is a total of \$55.00 per person. Make your reservations with Kenneth L. Nielsen, 95 Ira Avenue, Colonia, NJ 07067-2434.

You must make your own motel reservations with the Landmark Inn, Routes 1 & 9 North, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, phone (908) 636-2700. A special rate of \$50.00 per room, double occupancy, has been established. Reservations are to be made under the name of Thor Lodge No. 46, DBIA.

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT**—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 this year, but it will be for next year. They would like to sell the cookbooks for \$7.00. Proceeds from the book will go to The Home For 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.

At our May meeting, we had a potluck dinner followed by a short business meeting. Several important issues were discussed and voted on. Chris Simonsen and Barry Edmonds will be our delegates to the Labor Day Convention in New Jersey this year. Norman Edmonds and Lil Peters will be our alternates.

We also discussed a change in the GCEL bylaws. They have not been updated in several years and some things were outdated. If you have any questions on which changes we are suggesting, please contact Lil Peters.

We will not be meeting in July or August. Our next meeting will be September 10.

**Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, NJ**—Fremad Lodge No. 116 disbanded effective June 25, 1993, after 94 years. We all have many memories of good friends and good times.

Motions were made, seconded and carried at our April 23, 1993 meeting to disburse our funds in the following manner: \$10,000 to the Home For The Aged in Edison, \$2,000 to the GCEL Scholarship Fund, and two \$2,000 disbursements to needy Brothers.

For those Brothers who have not paid 1993 lodge dues, please forward

six month's dues to our treasurer. Those who have paid 1993 dues in full will be refunded six month's dues.

**Lodge No. 164, New York, NY**—Our May meeting was well attended. After a brief discussion of our Operation: H.O.P.E. aspirations for 1993 and our committee reports, the meeting was adjourned so that we could say a proper farewell to Ray and Grete Leth, who are retiring and moving to Pennsylvania. An album of photographs of some of our lodge activities was presented to this hard working couple as well as a congratulatory cake. Ray has served as President of our lodge for many years and was presented with his Past President's pin on this occasion. He and Grete have always been very active members of our lodge.



**Lodge bids farewell to Past President Ray Leth and his wife, Grete.**  
**Maggie Cull, Cor.**

**\*\* Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA**—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 ceremony, we had food and a night of games.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY**—Our May 14 meeting started with a Danish dinner at 8:00 p.m. During the business meeting, John Hjulmand and Stanley Kofod were elected delegates and Eleanor Hjulmand and Mae Munck were elected alternates to the GCEL convention in September.

We had great entertainment this evening thanks to Evelyn and Leo Jensen who arranged a fun and exciting "turtle race" to finish the evening.

Eleanor Hjulmand is working on a cookbook collecting everyone's favorite recipe for this project. The proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the Danish Home.  
**Karen Witt, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA**—The Viking Lodge and Lodge No. 325 will join hands in producing a Danish cookbook for the benefit of the Danish Home. If you would like to contribute your favorite recipe, send it to Loretta Trust, 1234 Passmore Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

## Summer in the City and All That Jazz!

When it's summer in the city, and that city is Copenhagen, expect to hear jazz in the streets, the public squares, the parks, the canals, and the clubs. The fifteenth annual **Copenhagen Jazz Festival** takes place this year from July 2 to July 11, with 450 concerts featuring Danish and international artists.

Throughout the festival, there is close contact between the performers and the audience, creating the intimacy so conducive to hearing great jazz. The program incorporates different kinds of music, from New Orleans jazz to swing to fusion to experimental music.

One of the highlights of the festival is "Three Days of Great Jazz," held at **Christiansborg Ridebane**, the concourse behind the Danish Parliament. Headliners include:

July 7 - Wynton Marsalis Septet  
 Roy Hargrove Quintet

July 8 - Blachman Thomas and the Supreme Beat Revolution  
 Fourmost, featuring Jimmy Smith, Kenny Burrell, Grady Tate, and Herman Riley  
 Gang Starr, featuring Donald Byrd and Roy Ayers

July 9 - Sonny Rollins, in his only European appearance this summer

**Tivoli Gardens**, in conjunction with the Copenhagen Jazz Festival, will host the following performers:

July 6 - Oscar Peterson Trio  
 July 8-9 - New Orleans Brass Band  
 July 10 - Soufull Heavenly Stars  
 July 11 - Manhattan Transfer

**At the Copenhagen Jazzhouse**, one of the city's largest and best known jazz clubs, concerts will feature:

July 4 - Arturo Sandoval  
 July 9 - Elvin Jones Jazz Machine  
 July 10 - Eilane Elias Trio

**The Tivoli Concert Series**, in full swing now through September 19, has a lineup of 150 performances, making it the largest music festival in the world. Guest artists for the park's 150th anniversary season include Victor Borge, Jessye Norman, Isaac Stern, and the New York City Ballet.

**The Royal Danish Ballet** kicks off its

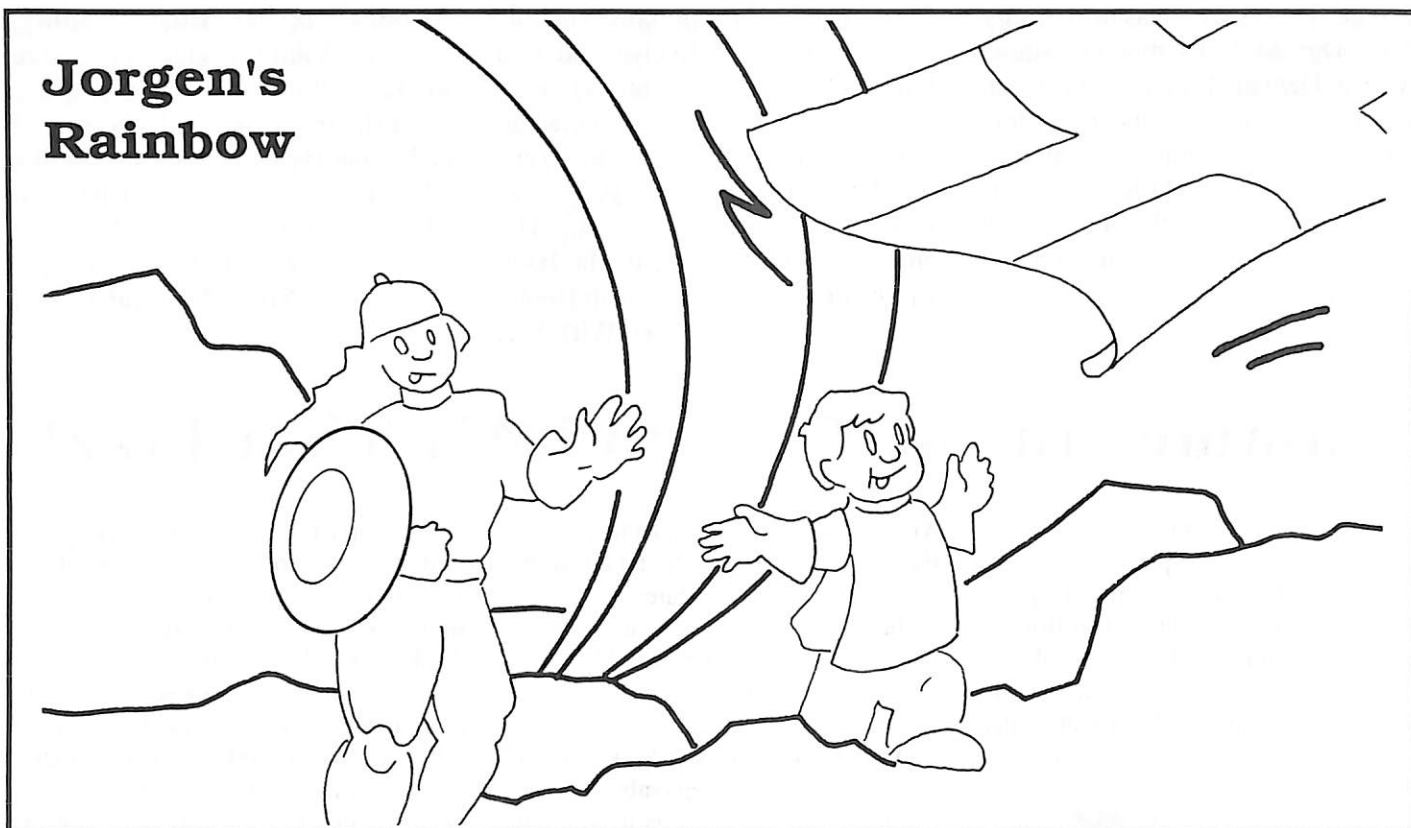
season early this year, starting August 6 with John Cranko's "Onegin," with music by Russian composer Peter Tjajkovskij, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Tjajkovskij's death. On August 13, the ballet will present "Napoli," the highly acclaimed production of August Bournonville's principal work. John Neumeier's "Romeo and Juliet," one of the Royal Danish Ballet's greatest successes, opens on August 26.

**The Royal Danish Opera**, also getting off to an early start for the 1993 season, will present Rossini's "Barber of Seville," opening on August 10, and Bizet's "Carmen," opening on August 20.



During the Copenhagen Jazz Festival, music fills the air, and boats laden with bands & jazz enthusiasts float along the city's canals. In the background to the left, stands the stock exchange with its serpentine spire, and, the Danish Parliament in the center. - Photo courtesy of Danish Tourist Board

## Jorgen's Rainbow



In the year 1219, Jorgen stands in the fallen Estonian city Reval, with Valdemar the Victorious as a new Danish flag falls from heaven. Bifrost knows this is the same flag Danes revere today and its name is "Danebrog." Please color it a bright red!

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Ne-

braska 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.

**June winners: Christopher Hansen and Derek Fitzgerald.**

## Grandma's Kitchen

### PICKLED CUCUMBERS

(ASIER)

- 18 long cucumbers
- 1/3 cup salt
- 6 cups vinegar
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. mustard seed
- 1 Tsp. whole peppercorns
- 1 Tsp. celery seeds
- 1/2 Tsp. ground ginger
- 12 small dried red peppers
- 12 sprigs of fresh dill



**Gunild Ostergaard**

Peel the cucumbers and cut into halves crosswise and lengthwise; sprinkle with salt and let stand overnight; drain and rinse. Combine vinegar, sugar, and seasonings except pepper and dill. Bring to boil; simmer for 5 minutes. In the meantime, sterilize 12 pint jars and pack the cucumbers into them; put a pepper and sprig of dill in each jar and fill with the boiling syrup; seal at once. Makes about 12 pints.

# Viking Adventures

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



## 1993 "Howard E. Christensen" Recipient Named

The National Board of Directors is proud to announce George Jacobsen of Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY the recipient of the 1993 "Howard E. Christensen" Award.

George has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for 30 years. He has held the offices of president and treasurer of Lodge No. 325, all offices of the General Committee of Eastern Lodges (GCEL District) and from 1971 - 1987 he served on the National Board. He served as National President from 1979 - 1983 and Past President from 1983 - 1987.

He has attended all national and GCEL conventions held since he became a member. As a delegate to the 1971 National Convention he served as chair of the Law Committee. He attends all lodge meetings, making sure lodge materials are available for the meeting, and keeps supplies stocked. "He is always abreast of what is going on with the society, so that he can answer the many questions members ask of him. He is Mr. Lodge No. 325!"

According to lodge members, he never turns down a request for assistance at lodge functions. He is involved on activity committees, such as the children's Christmas parties and lodge anniversary parties. George has even traveled to other lodges to install officers. He has also received a Danish Brotherhood in America Booster Award.

George's enthusiasm for his Danish heritage extends beyond the Danish Brotherhood. He is a strong supporter of the Danish community in New York. In the 1970s he co-founded the Coordination Council of Greater New York. This organization assists the Danish Home of the Aged in Croton-on-the-Hudson, the Danish Seamans Church in Brooklyn, of which George belongs, and the Danish Soccer Team by holding very successful events. For instance, each year Danish Constitution Day, is celebrated in June with entertainers from Denmark and prominent speakers from the United States and in October a soccer match is held. The proceeds go to the three organizations.

In 1987 George received an award of appreciation from the Miss Denmark/USA National Contest, "As founding director, for contributions and support in promoting Danish heritage for the benefit of the Danish American youth of the United States". The Miss Denmark/USA finals have been held at the Constitution Day celebration in past years.

Queen Margrethe II has also bestowed George with an honor, that of Knight of Dannebrog. This honor originated in 1912 and is awarded in recognition of service to Denmark. In 1982 he was a featured speaker at the Rebild Festival in Denmark. The festival is a celebration of American Independence Day held in the hills of Rebild in Jutland, Denmark. George is a member of the Rebild Society.

George, his wife Birgit, and their children, Jeannette and Glen, are all members of the Danish Brotherhood, making their family a 100% DBIA family. In his home town of Malverne, NY, George has been treasurer of the Westwood Civic Association. The mayor has awarded Birgit and George a beautification award from the town for "their continued efforts as individuals at a private residence toward the beautification of Malverne".

George is also a member of American Legion, Post 44 as Vice Commander. He is also the House and Grounds Chairman and the Law and Order Night Chairman. He takes an active part in all Legion events.

It is with this award, George is recognized for his years of dedicated service to the Danish Brotherhood, to the Danish community of New York and to his community. The DBIA membership congratulates him on this fine accomplishment.

The Board of Directors would like to show their appreciation to all who were nominated for this award. The board realizes that it is members like these who keep the Danish Brotherhood alive and growing.

**John Duane Hansen**  
Lodge No. 1

**Wilbur Williamson**  
Lodge No. 15

**Herbert Nielsen**  
Lodge No. 16

**Frank Poulsen**  
Lodge No. 29

**Kenneth Jensen**  
Lodge No. 34

**Roger Larsen**  
Lodge No. 35

**Harold Mathiasen**  
Lodge No. 126

**Harvey Peter Rasmussen**  
Lodge No. 143

**Ginny Schultz**  
Lodge No. 161

**Norman Powell**  
Lodge No. 167

**Thorvald Sorensen**  
Lodge No. 219

**Clifford Bay**  
Lodge No. 273

**George Jacobsen**  
Lodge No. 325

**Glenn & Bettie Matson**  
Lodge No. 348

## Bumper Stickers and Lapel Stickers Available

Bumper stickers and lapel stickers are available through the Home Office. All of these stickers are of red and black print on a white background. All boast the Danish Brotherhood along the bottom and are available at a discount to members.

Yes, I would like to order the following stickers:

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"Everyone follows a Dane You're proof!"	_____	_____
"Danes are born leaders, you're following one."	_____	_____
"Mor Dig Godt!" (OUT OF STOCK)	X	X

### Lapel stickers (10 stickers per sheet)

Member price \$.70/sheet or 3 sheets for \$1.70

Non-member price \$1.15/sheet or 3 sheets for \$2.70

	Quantity	Price
"Dane for a day"	_____	_____
"Danes have more fun"	_____	_____
"Hug me, I'm Danish"	_____	_____
"Kiss me, I'm Danish"	_____	_____
"Watch it! I'm a Viking"	_____	_____
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## Proud To Be A Dane?

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