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Cover Photo: Gutzon Borglum, sculptor of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. John Gutzon de la Mothe Borglum was born to Danish immigrant parents. He began work on the Monument in 1927 at 60 years of age. He died on March 6, 1941 as the memorial was nearing completion.

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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

It is time once again to share with you our progress in seeking a merger partner for the Danish Brotherhood in America. I am quite pleased with the work of our Merger Committee, consisting of Director Edward Madsen as our chair, Director Barry Edmonds, Secretary-Treasurer/CEO Jerry Christensen and myself. You can be assured that we are working toward preserving the nature of our beloved society.

We have finished the criteria of our expectations in a merger and have shared this information with prospective merger partners. A good number of societies have responded with initial contact and an exchange of information has begun. Jerry Christensen has visited the Home Office of three societies and he and myself have met with still another one. We anticipate meeting with additional candidates once there has been a review of the information received from them.

In addition, the Home Office, on behalf of the National Board of Directors, sent a letter to each lodge President and Secretary regarding a special meeting of the delegates. The purpose of a special meeting would be to effect a merger. Many of you may wonder, "Why go to the expense of a special meeting?" Because it is required by Nebraska State Statute and the State Insurance Department. According to our legal counsel, it would be in our best interest to comply with this requirement and they have advised us that such a meeting is necessary. Therefore, according to our **Bylaws** (Section 22 paragraph 2) ". . . A convention may be held at any time when two-thirds of all lodges so wish. . ." This is the reason for the letter. It is a step of preparation, so when it is time to make a final decision, time will not be wasted because the special convention issue will have already been addressed. Let me stress, the letter is NOT a vote for or against a merger. It represents permission to call a special convention to vote on a merger.

The Merger Committee anticipates meeting with some of the executives of merger candidates in conjunction with the Annual Board Meeting later this month. They will be invited, at their expense, to Omaha for said meeting. This will give the committee the opportunity to meet one-on-one with those societies that Jerry has had a chance to visit with and get a better idea of who would be best suited for the Danish Brotherhood.

The committee will then select the best society and negotiate a merger agreement which will document the intentions and expectations on both sides of the merger. This agreement will subsequently be presented to the entire National Board for their approval. Upon their approval, a special convention of our governing body — the delegates, will be called for their approval; if a special convention has been approved by two-thirds of the lodges. Prior to a special convention, all delegates will receive a copy of the merger agreement for review. In addition, the National Law Committee will review the agreement and give their recommendation. Upon approval of the merger agreement by the delegates, the merger will physically take place and approval obtained by the various State Insurance Departments.

The time-frame for all this looks shorter on paper than in reality. If it looks premature to invite merger candidates to Omaha this month, our time-frame is extended. This is not a simple process as it appears in black and white, but we are progressing for the betterment of all.

We have taken a pro-active approach to seeking a merger, rather than waiting until such a time when the State Insurance Department steps in and takes our choices away from us. We don't want that to happen. We want to make the choices for our future. Now, we can negotiate from a position of strength. The time to act is now. There is an English proverb that says, "A stumble may prevent a fall." A merger is not the fall of the Danish Brotherhood in America, it is a "stumble" into the future and in the right direction. If we don't take action now, in this way, we have started to fall.

Lego Purchases Land

Enfield, Connecticut. . . LEGO Systems, Inc., makers of the world's best selling construction toys, announced today that it has purchased 78 acres of land in Enfield from the Heritage Development Corporation for future industrial development.

The property is located approximately 1/2 mile west of the Company's U.S. headquarters. The land acquisition is expected to help meet the Company's growth objectives in the United States well into the 90's. Construction for the manufacturing/warehousing project is scheduled for 1995-96.

The Company recently opened a \$12 million, 225,000 square-foot state-of-the-art Distribution Center and is currently constructing a \$11 million, 88,000 square -foot corporate office building on its 143-acre campus.

"This acquisition of land will be used for much needed future facilities expansion," said LEGO Systems, Inc. President Peter Eio. "We are simply running out of space and this purchase will help us meet our future growth objectives. This expansion further underscores our commitment to the state and town," Mr. Eio added.

50th Anniversary

October marks the 50th anniversary of the WWII rescue of Danish Jews.

In the fall of 1943, under threat of Nazi persecution, Denmark protected its Jewish population. The Danes intervened, with the result that 99 percent of the Jewish community safely escaped to Sweden. Unfortunately, about 450 Jews were captured by German occupation forces. These prisoners were sent to the Theresienstadt camp. However, Danes sent food, clothing, and vitamins, saving the Danish Jews in the camp.

After the Allied victory in 1945, the Danish Jews returned from Sweden to their homes and businesses. Internationally, this success is viewed as an unprecedented model. It's still an example to people today, as violence, hatred, and killing among groups reappeared.

(As taken from the March, 1993 DANEWS of Danish American Fellowship)

Correction:

September **American Dane** listed the incorrect telephone number for ordering Danish Immigrant Museum Christmas cards. The correct telephone number is 1-800-759-9192.

I Knew Him Well

*Outvoted by the majority to view
in detail the more elaborate castle
of Fredericksberg instead of Elsinor,
I sought to maximize those brief moments
we did have to peruse Hamlet's home.
Although told and retold by our guide
that Hamlet never, ever did reside
within this particular structure,
for me — he did.*

*I even found the rampart upon which
he sat viewing Poor Yorick's skull.*

*The site was patrolled now
in measured stride by uniformed guard
in black cloth, white belts and helmet
of the Danish defense forces.*

*Sweden was clearly visible
across the straits of Kattegat
but obviously posed no threat.
Was he guarding against ghosts?*

*If so, the rifle cradled in his arms
would offer little protection.*

I felt spirits all around me.

-- by Donald A. Orr

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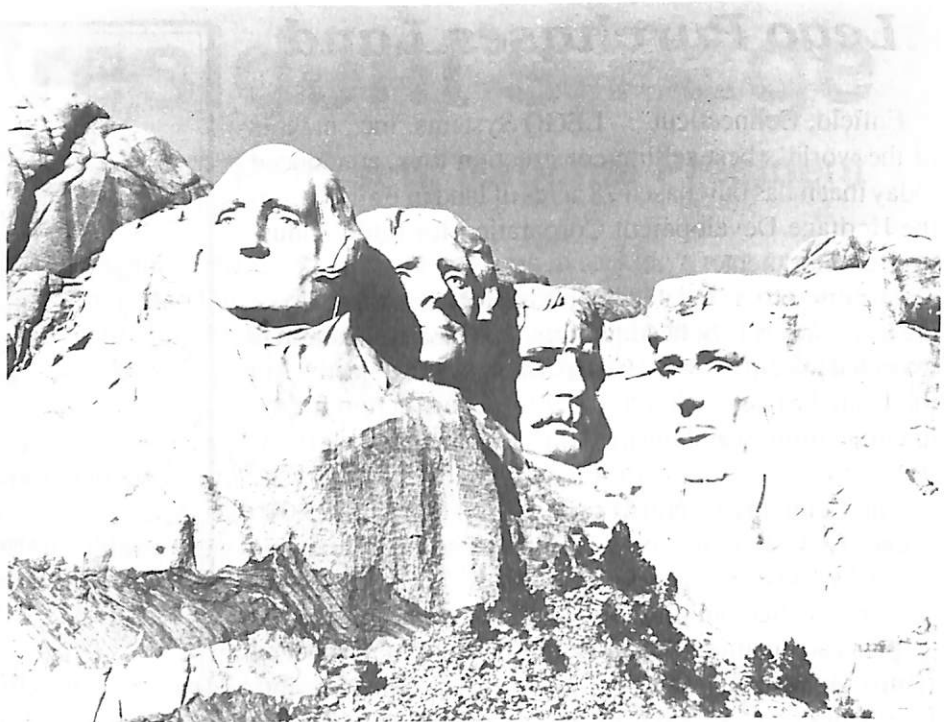
The Rushmore Monument

by Charles Dickson, Ph.D

For more than half a century millions of tourists have been awestruck as they viewed the sculptured masterpieces of the faces of presidents Washington, Jefferson, T. Roosevelt, and Lincoln at Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota. While many feel overwhelmed by its grandeur, few realize these awesome portraits in granite are the works of a Danish-American sculptor named Gutzon Borglum.

With such an exotic-sounding name, one would surely guess he was born in a place like Copenhagen, or Jutland, or perhaps, Odense, but actually he was born to Danish immigrant parents in the state of Idaho on March 25, 1867. His parents were Mormon and followed the religious custom of plural marriage, so his mother Christina and her older sister, Ida, were both married to Gutzon's father. A devastating event occurred during his childhood when his father left the church, then abandoned his mother, taking their six children, including Gutzon, with him.

Borglum displayed artistic talent as a youngster and when he moved to Los Angeles with his family at age 17 he began painting seriously. He made a splash almost immediately becom-



ing first the pupil and later the husband of Lisa Putnam who was 18 years older than he was. His career was helped by future stays in Paris and London and when he returned to the U.S. in 1901, he decided to focus on sculpture. He set up a studio in New York.

"A monument's dimensions should be determined by the importance to civilization of the events commemorated." Gutzon Borglum

There was big money to be made in American sculpture at the turn of the century, especially in monuments and this rugged westerner was immediately in vogue. Commissions and hefty paychecks poured in as his bronze study of a band of rampaging horses titled, *The Mares of Diomedes*, became the first made-in-New York sculpture to be exhibited in the city's Metropolitan Museum of Art. He went

from there to create the superb equestrian statue of Civil War general, Philip Sheridan in Washington, D.C., a large marble bust of Lincoln that stood in the capital rotunda, and the Twelve Apostles for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City.

Borglum was an outgoing person with fantastic energy and enthusiasm. He was often described as a man who knew everybody and did just about everything. In fact, he once told a journalist, "I do everything - boxing, fencing, wrestling, horseback riding. A man should do everything, turn handsprings, somersaults - the trouble with American life is that it is not vigorous enough."

His first marriage broke up shortly

after returning from Europe and in 1909 he married 31-year old, Mary Montgomery, who came from a family of American missionaries and held a Ph.D in ancient languages from the University of Berlin.

Like some other high-profile artists ranging from Mark Twain to Salvadore Dali, Borglum had a genius for showmanship and treated his growing fame as a soapbox, thrusting himself into many certainly varied activities of American life.

Borglum became a devoted family man. "Work was fun for him," his daughter, Mary Ellis Powers recalls, "but so were politics, making speeches, fishing, and flying." He was thrilled to be a father in his mid 40's and doted on his son, Lincoln, and his daughter, Mary Ellis. Mary Ellis says of her dad, "He liked big flashy cars and hired chauffeurs to drive them. We didn't want him driving, because he never watched the road."

He was at his best when it came to art and his taste for the colossal developed early. In 1916 he complained, "There is not a monument in this country as big as a snuff box." He got his first crack at the colossal when he was invited to create a monument to the Confederacy on the side of Stone Mountain in Georgia depicting Robert E. Lee and his army. He never saw the project to completion as political infighting led to the termination of his commission.

But his work here was to lead ultimately to the Mount Rushmore Memorial. The idea originated with Doane Robinson, a scholar who was the South Dakota state historian. Robinson wanted to see western luminaries and explorers carved in the Black Hills and his correspondence with Borglum led him to believe Borglum was the right man for the job. But Borglum decided the statues wouldn't be of western heroes, but of America's greatest leaders, presidents Washington, Jefferson, T. Roosevelt, and Lincoln. His first task was to secure support from President Calvin Coolidge, an effort which proved successful. With the help of South Dakota Senator Peter Norbeck (a fellow Scandinavian-American) a bill was passed in Congress providing \$250,000 for the project.

Creating the monument was inevitably a blend of art and engineering and Borglum evolved a system that reconciled the two. Washington's bust was completed in 1930 amidst elaborate ceremonies. Lack of funds continued to haunt the project throughout its 14 years, but work was nearly completed in 1941 when the great sculptor suddenly died. A blood clot, triggered by surgery, had caused a pulmonary embolism. This was on March 6, 1941, just short of his 74th birthday. His son, Lincoln, supervised the final touch up labor on the mountain and work was completed in October, 1941.

In 1991, about 30 of the men who built it returned to Rushmore for its 50th anniversary. They have come to

take a kind of bashful pride in Borglum's work and their own.

His daughter, Mary Ellis, says of him, "He always had the courage of his convictions in the simplest way - he believed anyone could do whatever they wanted if they had guts and determination."

The Danish-American community can truly be proud of this great sculptor whose creative genius has beautified and enriched our landscape.

The author- Dr. Dickson is a Swedish-American with great interest in Scandinavian topics and a frequent writer for magazines and periodicals.

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The Danes

“Discovered” America Too

by Manville I. Bro

The Danes are a restless lot. In the dawn of recorded history they moved up the Jutland peninsula and soon were penned in by the angry and restless waves of the North Sea.

By the seventh or eighth century they found their way out of that confinement. They, with other imaginative peoples of the “North”, developed light shallow-draft ships that allowed them to move out among their numerous islands.

Soon they developed the ability to go greater distances. They began to move westward to England and south to France and even farther - into the Mediterranean. They called themselves Vikings. Their restlessness brought them Norway, Sweden and the British Isles during the ninth and tenth centuries - at least, so boasted Harold Bluetooth, his son and grandson. While their many political and military maneuvers are difficult to follow, Denmark proceeded to win and lose parts of these holdings again and again during the next 400 to 500 years.

In 1619, history tells us, the enterprising Jens Munk was appointed by King Christian IV to find a “Northwest” passage to the Orient. His expedition started with two ships and 65 men. He got as far as the southwest shore of the Hudson Bay when winter’s ice and snow forced him ashore. He planted the Danish flag there and called the place Nova Dania. He returned to Denmark the next summer with one ship and three men after a winter of horrible hardship and deprivation.

He had found no passage, but King Christian wanted him to return and build a colony there. It never happened. Many years later the British found two old guns in the area with the insignia of the King inscribed on them.

During the next century we find the Danes coming to America as singles or small groups and melting into the society they found. Some came to New Amsterdam. Among them was Jonas Bronck who bought land now known as the Bronx. Vitus Bering, a Dane sailing under a Russian flag, discovered the strait bearing his name. Later, in 1741 he discovered Alaska.

We first see organized groups of Danes in America in about 1735. Danish Moravians established a mission in

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at about that time.

Enok Mortensen, writer and pastor, tells of a restless young Dane who ran away from home to become a sailor. His name was Clause L. Clausen. Through a series of incidents, he became a teacher in Denmark, missionary assistant in Africa and teacher-pastor in America. During the years 1843 to his death in 1872 he was instrumental in founding Danish settlements and churches in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. When free land was no longer available in these states, he looked for land in Iowa. Mortensen writes that fifty ox-drawn wagons arrived in St. Ansgar, Iowa in May of 1853, spurred by the efforts of Clausen. He, among others, returned to Denmark to urge his religious compatriots and community laymen to emigrate to the midwest of the United States.

J. Mackintosh writes of the many factors that turned the eyes of the Danes toward the Americas. Of course, the adventurous came for their own personal reasons. The more staid came for economic, political and religious reasons.

The U.S. Homestead Act of 1862 made cheap land available and attractive to Danish farmers. The loss to Germany in 1864 of two-fifths of the total area of Denmark, and consequent subjugation of the prideful, encouraged emigration. The economic conditions in Denmark waxed and waned during these periods, but there was much suffering among the peasantry in those years.

The state church in Denmark is Lutheran. While it was never overtly intolerant of other religious sects, Baptists, Adventists, Methodists and Mormons as individuals, as well as small groups, migrated to the Americas. The movement was only a trickle at first during the 1850’s and ‘60’s. During the 1870’s and ‘80’s, however, about 10,000 Danes came each year to the U.S. This slowed somewhat during the depression years of 1873 and 1893. But Danes in America reached a quarter of a million in 1900, roughly 10 percent of the population of Denmark at that time.

Many came as farmers, artisans and small merchants. They settled in and around such Danish towns as St. Ansgar, IA (1853), Elk Horn-Kimbalton, IA (1868-70), Dannebrog, NE (1879), Dannevang, TX (1884), and Tyler,

MN (1886). Others came to swell populations in Chicago, Racine, Perth Amboy, Des Moines, Omaha-Council Bluffs, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Francisco and more.

After 1900 they continued to come to those settlements and cities. New settlements sprouted from the Danish Americans, as well as immigrants. Settlements at Askov, MN (1905), Dagmar, MT (1906) and Solvang, CA (1911) developed from among an assortment of individuals and groups seeking opportunity.

Danes from around Omaha saw opportunities on cheap Canadian land available from the Canadian Pacific Railroad. There were three Danish settlements founded in Alberta by various groups. These included Dickson (1902), Standard (1910) and Dalum (1918). Other settlements in Canada started in Redvers, Saskatchewan (1910) and Ostenfeld, Manitoba (1926).

The restless Danes also looked westward to South America during the mid 1800's. Argentina provided climate and land attractive to adventurers, farmers and artisans alike. Hans C. Fugl, a Danish school teacher, arrived in Argentina in 1844. He immediately saw the opportunities for himself and his countrymen. This energetic individual became a successful farmer, grain mill owner and civic leader in the province of Buenos Aires. He helped Danish settlers into the farm and dairy business in and around a settlement called Tandil.

Other Danish settlements in the region included Tres Arroyos and Necochea. The region became a Danish cultural center with schools and churches that spoke the Danish language and retained the cultural heritage so important to them. Some 17,000 Danes immigrated to Buenos Aires and these settlements during the period 1850-1940.

Some immigration into Brazil and Chile was observed during this period. Today they appear to have been assimilated into the societies of these countries with minimal evidence of their Danish heritage remaining.

Did the Danes really "discover" America? Of course! Some 350,000 of them discovered its mountains, hills, prairies, lakes and rivers. They found freedoms beyond their wildest dreams.

Now that they've been here a hundred years or so, what are they doing? Oh, they're farmers, teachers, preachers, politicians, business executives, engineers and scientists with many challenging objectives.

They've even started a Danish Immigrant Museum to commemorate the activities of their forefathers and honor the people who came.

What of the Danes in Denmark? You guessed it! They're still coming, but their horizons are even more distant. You'll find them in Hawaii, the Phillipines, Thailand, the Middle East and other far-away places.

The Danes are a restless lot!

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Northwest

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA—The Tacoma and Enumclaw Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges sent a \$500 donation to Himmelbjerget from the proceeds of the Pacific-Northwest District Convention which they jointly sponsored in May.

The Tacoma and Enumclaw lodges combined their efforts and held their annual picnic at Titlow Beach in Tacoma on August 13.

Our regular monthly meetings are held at the Turning Point Restaurant in Fife, Washington.

Jeannette Madsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—Harry Vestergard is making a display cabinet for storing all the many trophies won by the Brothers over the years. Thank you.

It was suggested that we print the new bylaws.

Bent Ostergard has a large scale map of Denmark which he offered to donate to the Brotherhood for display in a prominent place in the hall.

Aksel Jensen suggested that we might have a hostfest. Gunnar Madsen suggested such a party might be held at the new Carl Mortensen Manor in Burnaby, as there are quite a few Danes in the manor who are still very active and it would be handy for them.

** **Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR**—We enjoyed perfect weather for our eighth Get Away Weekend at Fredensbo, the Taekker's summer house in Florence on August 21-22. There were 53 in attendance at noon on Saturday for a Danish lunch. After an afternoon of fellowship and beach activities, we met for dinner at a seafood restaurant in Florence. The Taekker's hosted a potluck breakfast on

Sunday morning for the 23 who over-nighted in the area. Thanks to Hanne and Martin for another wonderful weekend at the coast.

Our next regular business meeting will be held October 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Eugene.

Host Fest 1993, the lodge's big fundraiser for the year, will be held on October 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church. Once again, items made, baked, grown and sewn by the members will be available for sale, including coffee and pastries and open-face sandwiches.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA—President Karen Rowse called our July meeting to order. We welcomed guest Knud Larsen from Gary, Indiana. Minutes were

read by the secretary and approved.

Congratulations to Harold Mathiasen. He received a certificate from the National Headquarters for being nominated for the Howard E. Christensen Award thanking him for his many years of faithful service to the Danish Brotherhood. He received a round of applause.

Owen Miller read the proposal to change the bylaws and we voted to make these changes. They will be sent to Omaha for approval. The Bylaw Committee consisted of Owen Miller, Chairman, Harold Mathiasen, Karl Duus, Poul Dalby Andersen and Erik Kofod and we thank them for taking the time to do this important job.

The Relocation Committee for the Danish Church sent out a letter explaining how the project is coming along. At the same time, an appeal for funds was made. A motion was made and carried that we form a committee to look into this endeavor and President Rowse appointed

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Helene Kristensen, Cor.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA—The annual California-Nevada District Convention was well attended. It was a lovely, well planned event. Thanks to Kodan Lodge in Riverside for all their hard work.

Lodge No. 332, Modesto, CA—Eight members of our lodge attended the district convention in San Bernardino. Max Stowers, Richard Olsen and John Scheuber were delegates. Al Tunsen acted as Parliamentarian for the convention. They all had a wonderful time.

Thanks to all members who have been taking time to attend meetings, volunteering and participating in lodge functions.

Marge Scheuber, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA—Our last meeting was brought to order by President Ken Olsen. After the flag salute and national anthems, Secretary Olsen read the minutes for the May, June and July meetings. A combined profit of \$478.60 was made from our June and July functions. This was a nice addition to our lodge's treasury.

Gerry Olsen read the correspondence which included a letter and request from National Secretary-Treasurer/CEO on the DBIA merger. The lodge voted to approve the calling of a special convention

as the National Board deems necessary.

Operation: H.O.P.E. Chairman, Gertrude Nielsen, gave a report on the YWCA Hotel for the Homeless in Orange County. She reported that funding for this facility has been cut 50%. Despite the reduction in funding, 80% of the women who pass through the hotel (which can house 38 women at a time) are able to find housing and jobs. Any donations will be gladly accepted and appreciated.

A Convention 1994 report was given by Toni Gossett. Our lodge will be hosting the 1994 convention.

Delegates reported on this year's convention held in Riverside. Delegates were Toni Gossett, Gerry Olsen and Soren Christensen. District Vice President Gary Gossett gave a report on a district bylaw change which would increase the number of lodge delegates allowed to attend district conventions. District Inner Guard Ken Olsen gave information about the DBIA merger and possible special convention to be called by the National Board.

Thanks were given to Irene Nielsen who supplied the anniversary cake for the evening.

It was voted upon to purchase a 30-cup coffee pot for the Westminster Mobile Home Park. We are extremely fortunate to have a nice meeting area for our use each month.

Closing the meeting, we recognized our charter members in attendance: Floyd Pedersen, Lois Pedersen, Soren Chris-

tensen, Betty Christensen, Pat Christensen, Cal Christensen, Alf Jorgensen, Kaj Bjorn, Helga Bjorn and Erna Andersen.

Following the business meeting, we served anniversary cake and enjoyed the fellowship.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA—We had a first rate convention mainly due to the crew we had. All the hours and meetings paid off. We had many verbal as well as written compliments.

A very special thank you to those who donated raffle prizes and to those who placed ads in our program. Because of your support, we were able to make money on our convention.

The DBIA youth that attended had a great time. They had a trip to and lunch in Lake Arrowhead, pool parties, a bowling tournament and attended all the activities in the evening. They held their own raffle and made over \$400.00 which they would like to use again next year to help defray the cost for them attending all the activities of the next convention.

Charter Master Jim Patterson wishes to let you know that we had a good turnout at the annual fishing trip. Bill Jones was kind enough to take over as Charter Master. About 30 people attempted to do their best at ridding the sea of as many fish as they could.

We are going to have a barbecue at the Backbreaker Half Acre on October 16.

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
7-20-93	Henry H. Christiansen	84	Kansas City, Kansas	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
8-6-93	Tove Parkes	90	Copenhagen, Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1975
8-16-93	Frank L. Burrows	61	Waterloo, Iowa	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1988
8-3-93	Gene C. Petersen	82	Portland, Oregon	167	Portland, Oregon	1936
8-9-93	Alfred Henriksen	91	Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1936
8-23-93	Laurits Pedersen	83	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1936
8-23-93	Ejnar Madsen	87	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
8-30-93	Donald W. Olsen	86	Minden, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
9-1-93	L. William Lauritzen	58	New York City, New York	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1977
8-12-93	Everett R. Petersen	73	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1938

There will be music and live entertainment and all you can eat hamburgers and hot dogs. We might even throw in a game or two.

Sue Patterson, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE—We met at the Senior Citizen Center on August 19 with President Leonard Anderson leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A letter from the Home Office was read about a special convention for the purpose of effecting a merger agreement should it become necessary at a time and place to be arranged by the National Board. A motion was made by William Jorgensen to approve the authorization. It was seconded and approved.

Delegates to the district convention were chosen and the business meeting was closed.

Singing of "Birthday Party for Danish Brotherhood" was led by Ethel Hansen. Poems were read by Ethel Hansen, Virginia Schmidt and Judy Schrock. Ed Schrock, whose birthday it was, brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers to share with us as a centerpiece. A lovely lunch was served by the committee.

Minna Newbold, Sec.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—Our ice cream social last month was well attended.

We voted to send \$100 to the "flood relief" through the Lutheran Brotherhood organization. Our lodge also voted to serve lunch for the recycling people.

There were two suggestions for future meetings. Doris Stokes has information about the Omaha Community Theater. Would we want to go as a group sometime?

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Heartland

**** Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA**—At our August 9 meeting, delegates were elected to the Heartland District Convention in Luck, Wisconsin.

Kirsten Lundgren and Hanne Harris entertained us by sharing experiences while growing up in Denmark. This in-

cluded some gripping events during World War II and interesting details of their emigration to America. Delicious desserts were served by Gerda Hillyard.

Members of our lodge are already involved in planning Midsommarfest '94 which will take place Sunday, June 26, 1994, on the Grand View College campus.

Dennis Nissen will provide an update on the Danish Immigrant Museum at our meeting on November 8.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA—The October meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the IOOF Hall with a report given by those who attended the Heartland District Convention. Coffee will follow the meeting.

Kenneth and Evelyn Gutterman invited the members to their home for a picnic supper. They provided the meat and drinks and members brought picnic items. We had Mr. and Mrs. Herluf Pedersen from Newell and Robert and Verna Aastrup from Clear Lake visiting with us. Kim Gutterman, Heartland District scholarship recipient, was with us also. We discussed the possibility of a special National Convention to discuss a merger with another fraternal organization. It was decided to send our approval on this.

Since our lodge and members have always supported the District Scholarship Fund, we decided to donate \$50 at this year's convention.

District Fraternal Coordinator Herluf Pedersen spoke to the members and told of his visits with district lodges. He answered questions from the membership.

Robert Aastrup gave an interesting talk on his recent trip to Denmark. He had several photos that he shared of his trip.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA—On August 21 we had our last outdoor meeting for 1993. It was a lovely brunch. We were delighted to have perfect weather in the park. Very little business was discussed at this meeting, but that will change when we get back to our regular meeting place in Marion.

A thank you to all the members who brought the great food.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

Midwest

Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI—The annual picnic is history. It was a success with 62 people in attendance. A special thank you to Chairman, Glenn Nyboe, and his committee, Lance King, Doug Larsen, Wayne Kavaliauskas, and members of the Danish Sisterhood for all their hard work and contributions.

Jeff Christiansen, Pres.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—We were well represented at the Midwest District Golf Outing and Picnic held in Dwight sponsored by Lodge No. 34. In fact, the ladies brought home the trophy to Lodge No. 14 for first place - Glori Bernhardt, Martha Learmont, Darlene Wamboldt and Virginia Nelson. Fourth place went to Chuck Thompson, Charlie Woelffer, Bob Strupp and Dick Richards. Fifth place was Wayne Lubeck, Ed Schiller, Chuck Allen and John Inele. Darlene Wamboldt was low net for women, Virginia Nelson was closest to the pin for women. Wayne Lubeck had the longest putt and Charles Thompson won on the line. Ed Schiller was closest to the pin for the men.

The softball team finished with a 4 and 8 record this year.

Our annual bus trip to Arlington Park on Sunday, August 1, was enjoyed by 110 people. Refreshments and snacks were served on the buses. We had reserved seats and programs and came back to the hall for a great meal. Thanks to General Chairman Ed Zydowsky and his wife Ruth, who did their usual great job and bus leaders, Bob Ibsen and Dan Greenwald, and all of their assistants. It was a great day and lots of fun.

On Friday, August 13, the Golf League of 32 players enjoyed a cookout at Muni after the usual league play. The committee was Bob Brokaw, Don Servais and Warren Piehl.

A Men's Smoker Night will be held on Thursday, October 28 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Rathskellar. Bring your friends!

Our Halloween party will be held on October 30. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with dancing at 8:00 p.m. until midnight. The costume judging takes place at 8:30 p.m.

Call Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. or Jim Bohn.
Robert Ibsen, Cor.

* **Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL**—At our August meeting, a big thank you was given to all who made the golf outing/picnic a success.

Ray Holzhauer offered to pull the Viking Boat in the Harvest Day parade. Rick Sullivan's mother is working on a new sail.

Mark your calendars for an æbleskiver breakfast on Sunday, December 5, at the VFW. Kringle will be sold also.

Les Jensen made a motion to donate \$100 to flood victims through the McCormick Fund that matches all donations dollar for dollar. Shirley Holzhauer asked for discussion on sending \$100 and Les amended his motion to \$200.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—Our August meeting was attended by 46 members. Thank you letters from the Salvation Army and the Danish Home were read.

Henry Jepsen announced that the Special Events Committee has met and prepared a survey for members to fill out designating what activities they would like to have.

Woody Petersen reported on the golf outing in Dwight. Sixteen of our members participated with one team coming in third place. Lots of individual prizes were won. Doris Whitcomb won low-gross-women and donated her prize of \$11.50 to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks Doris! The delicious pig roast afterwards was attended by 25 members.

Mario Mauro is in charge of the Dart Tournament sponsored by our lodge on October 23. Let's have a good turnout!

Fifteen members and friends went on the Fox River Cruise sponsored by St. Charles Lodge No. 92 and had a great time.

There was a full house at the Danish Home birthday party sponsored by our lodge. Paul Sloth sang for the residents and friends.

Minnie Richard said the candlelight bowling event was lots of fun.

President Iversen read a letter from Jerry Christensen of the National Headquarters. After explanations by Woody Petersen and discussion, it was voted to

give the Board authorization to call a special convention if needed for merger purposes.

Frank Connery brought up the subject of entertainment books which he sold successfully last year. They are good money-makers and Frank will have a sign-up sheet for those interested. President Iversen endorsed the idea saying we could use the money.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Michigan
Ohio

Michigan-Ohio District

On Saturday, August 7, Muskegon Lodge No. 30 hosted the annual Michigan-Ohio District Picnic at the Elks Park on beautiful Lake Michigan. We had a turnout of about 70 people from Ludington #51, Greenville #70 and Detroit #227 as well as those from the host lodge and, of course, there were also Sisterhood members from all of the above mentioned areas as well.

Harold Nieser organized several games for the adults. Along with the games was the horseshoe tournament which was won by Wes Thomsen and Darwin Noah from Greenville #70.

Our thanks to the people in Muskegon for a wonderful day.

Bob Sorensen, Dist. Sec.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—The attendance at our September meeting was 55 members.

We will have a meeting on October 12. The rest of the year will be as usual, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Dinner reservations are a must.

Ludington Lodge No. 51 hosted the district golf outing. The hospitality was great. The district picnic in Muskegon was a wonderful time.

Election of officers will take place on November 10 at the Elks Club.

Ken Christensen, Pres.

GCEL

GCEL District

At the district convention held on Labor Day weekend, Past National President, George Jacobsen, was presented with the

prestigious Howard E. Christensen Award. Family members on hand to celebrate the occasion were his wife, Birgit, son, Glenn, and his daughter-in-law, Susan. Congratulations, George!



George Jacobsen received the Howard E. Christensen Award from National First Vice President, Erling Braumann.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—Smorrebrod will be on the agenda for Friday, November 5, starting at 7:30 p.m. This is always a special night.

For planning your schedule, we will be meeting on December 3, 1993, and January 7, 1994.

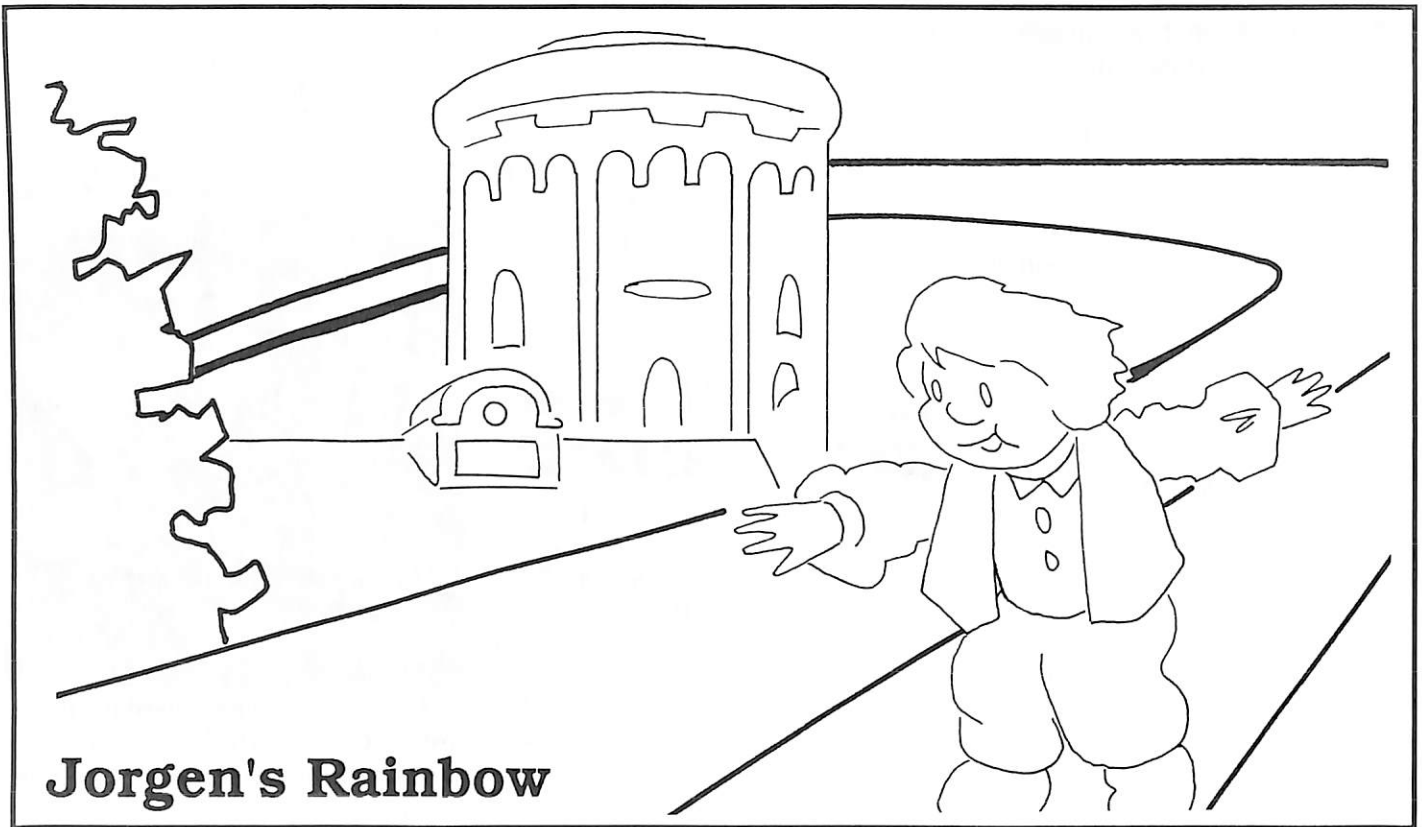
Niels Malmquist, Cor.

** **Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA**—The annual bingo game will be held in October and will be the main event in raising money to help someone under the Operation: H.O.P.E. program. So come and do your part.

Look ahead to the November 19 meeting when the lodge will present a show featuring Bill Foust, a professional pantomime magician. Line up your participation that evening now and consider bringing your kids and family. Remember, space is limited.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Payment to Board Members
September
Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$65.13.



Jorgen's Rainbow

This month Jorgen visits the "Runde Tam," or Round Tower. This tall building was King Christian IV's observatory. Christian built his tower in 1642, twenty-five years after finishing Rosenberg Castle. Today, it's a popular Copenhagen tourist attraction.

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

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

September winners: Eric Lauritsen, Alex Jensen and Kelly Lauritsen.

Grandma's Kitchen

SAILOR'S STEW (SKIPPERLABSKOV)

- 1 1/2 - 2 lbs. stewing beef**
- 2 1/2 cups water**
- 12 onions cut into rings**
- 1-2 bay leaves**
- 1 1/2 lbs. potatoes cubed**
- pepper, salt to taste**
- Chopped parsley or chives**
- Knobs of cold butter**
- Chopped smoked ham**



Gunild Ostergaard

Remove excess fat from meat; cut it into 1-2 inch cubes and put it in a sauce pan with water, bring to a boil and remove any film which may form; add the onions and bring to boil again. Add the bay leaves. Cover with a lid and continue cooking over low heat for about 1 hour; add cubed potatoes and cook until the meat is tender and the potatoes have become so soft that they thicken the gravy and have the consistency of mashed potatoes, season with salt, pepper. Pour into a serving dish, sprinkle with chopped parsley or chives, top with small knobs of cold butter. Serve the chopped smoked ham separately. Serve with dark rye bread. **optional - cold beer & akavit (schnapps)

Viking Adventures

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

Keeping with Tradition

It all began in 1968 when the California-Nevada District chartered a very successful flight to Denmark.

On July 4th of that year a group gathered in Tivoli Garden for the 125th anniversary celebration. The California-Nevada District presented Tivoli with a gift of a little Redwood tree from California. It was planted during a beautiful



Tourist visit the Redwood tree in Tivoli Garden.

ceremony. In attendance, among others, were Willy Christensen, district president, Melvin Oredsen, cultural chairman, Urban Hansen, lord mayor of Copenhagen, and Henning Søager, director of Tivoli. In addition, the City Hall held a reception for all members present. The above mentioned individuals are no longer living. One member who was at the ceremony and still prominent in the community is Aage Lundquist.

Every fifth year since 1968 members of DBIA and others have visited the tree and performed a symbolic watering with mountain spring water. Often times the air is filled with Danish and American songs.

The tree turned 25 years old this year when Tivoli Gardens celebrated its 150th anniversary. The redwood was visited by Knud and Inger Stecher from Mill Valley, California. On behalf of the district, they watered the tree with the traditional mountain spring water and placed a 25 year ribbon on the sign posted at the foot of the tree. The sign had been donated by the late Holger Bauer in 1980.

Today the tree is about 27 feet taller than the day it was planted. It stands as a landmark for our organization. The tree is the target of many cameras, from tourists, newspapers, magazines to local and foreign television crews.

Something for the Little Ones

Li'l Dane t-shirts are now available. These white t-shirts have red sleeves and trim. Li'l Dane is also printed in red on the front of the t-shirt. They are 50% cotton/50% polyester and machine washable. All t-shirts are size 6-9 months.

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

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