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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen National President

By now, some of you have received a survey in the mail sent out by the National Headquarters staff on behalf of the Merger Committee. This survey was designed by the Merger Committee for the purpose of setting priorities to be presented to potential merger partners. As I told you last month, the Merger Committee met on October 21, prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. As we began to review and prioritize the merger criteria we had developed in July, we felt the only way we could know for certain what the membership feels is important for the Danish Brotherhood would be to ask. The survey gives you an opportunity to tell us what you think is important in a merger. I thank those of you who have already returned your surveys. Those of you who have not completed the survey, I encourage you to do so and mail it to the National Headquarters.

The deadline for the survey is December 15, 1993. After that date, the information will be compiled for the Merger Committee to review. Then we will prioritize the merger criteria we have presented to the interested fraternal societies. The revised criteria will be used in negotiations with prospective merger partners. The Merger Committee expects to invite the executives of the prospective merger partners to the DBIA National Headquarters in January to discuss partnership in greater detail.

I will continue to update the process and progress on this page of **American Dane**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or the National Headquarters staff.

Now I would like to address a topic new to the Danish Brotherhood, associate membership. Although 1993 was the first year associate membership was allowed in the Danish Brotherhood, it is not a new idea. For many years, lodges claimed membership would grow tremendously, if only the insurance requirement was eliminated for those people under the age of 50. At the 1992 Annual Meeting of the National Board of Directors, it was voted and approved to eliminate the requirement of insurance for those individuals age 16 - 49. Associate membership to DBIA was established.

However, we are not seeing as substantial an increase in membership as we were led to believe we would. To date, only 60 associate members have joined the Danish Brotherhood since January 1, 1993. We welcome these members. But where are the members so many of the lodges were telling us would join?

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI has initiated 18 associate members. Twelve associate members have become members of Lodge No. 600, Omaha, NE. From there the numbers drop considerably. Lodge No. 51, Ludington, MI and Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, CA each have four associate members. Lodge No. 56, Kansas City, MO brought in three associate members. Bringing in two associate members this year were Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL; Lodge No. 164, New York, NY; Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR; Lodge No. 299, Solvang, CA; Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C. and Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR. Seven lodges have brought in one associate member this year: Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI; Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ; Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI; Lodge No. 322, Santa Barbara, CA; Lodge No. 325, Nassua County, NY; Lodge No. 332, Ripon, CA and Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA.

Although this is 60 members more than we would have had if the insurance requirement had not been waived, it was anticipated the lodges would come through for us. They had been telling us for years potential members were out there, if only they weren't required to purchase insurance. I encourage everybody to recruit members to Danish Brotherhood in America, especially associate members. We need younger members.

Even though a merger is in progress, it does not mean the Danish Brotherhood will, or should, cease to exist. The membership is the backbone of this organization. It is everyone's responsibility to continue to promote Danish customs and traditions and keep them alive for future generations. We have much to offer members and we must not forget that.

It is on behalf of the National Board of Directors and the Home Office staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy holiday season and all good things for the New Year.

Ole Christensen Rømer

Astronomer, Scientist, and Public Servant

by Gunnar Skollingsberg

The 32 year-old Dane looked through the telescope again. He rechecked his clock and the figures he had written down. He was presented with a problem he knew he would have to somehow explain.

It was the year 1675 and the young astronomer, Ole Christensen Rømer, was working at the Paris Observatory when he encountered this little mystery. His telescope was trained on the planet Jupiter and its first moon, Io. Rømer had taken very careful measurements of the orbital period of Io, and noticed that it was not the same as he had observed earlier in the year. He also noted that his new figures did not agree with a table of positions of Jupiter's moon which had been prepared by Gian Domenico Cassini of Italy seven years previously.

Rømer was born September 25, 1644, in Århus, Denmark. He attended the Århus Kathedralskole and moved to Copenhagen at age 18 to continue his studies. He showed an avid interest in astronomy, studying all of the works of earlier scientists, even to the point that he was said to be the "posthumous student" of the great Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe, who had died in 1601.

In 1672, when Rømer was 28 years old, he went to Paris to learn at the Royal Academy of Sciences and to work at the Paris Observatory. This provided him with more training than was then available in Denmark and the

opportunity to have contact with some of the period's foremost astronomical authorities. He had been in Paris about three years when he came across the puzzle concerning the orbit of the moon Io around Jupiter.



Portrait of Ole Rømer - Courtesy of Ole Rømers Museum.)

Rømer noted that when Earth's orbit brought the planet (and his observatory) closer to Jupiter, the period of time required for the eclipse of Jupiter and Io shortened. He also noted that this period lengthened as Earth's orbit took him farther away from Jupiter.

Rømer realized that this discrepancy could be explained in only one of two ways: either the orbital period of Io did not remain constant, or there was a limit to the speed of light. He rejected the first hypothesis; why would Io's orbit change according to Earth's orbit? Also, many people of his day had assumed the light was instantaneous - that it existed immediately whenever any source produced light.

But Rømer saw that light must travel, and that it must do so at a definite, limited speed. The observed differences in the periods of rotation were due to the length of time it took for the light from Jupiter and Io to reach Earth. From his careful observations and timings, Rømer announced in 1676 that light did indeed travel at a set speed, and he calculated this speed to be 225,000 kilometers per second. (Given the type of equipment available to him, Rømer was remarkably accurate; modern measurements place the

speed of light at 299,792 km/sec.) The Italian scientist and philosopher, Galileo, had himself hypothesized in 1609 that light traveled at a set speed, but was unable to prove it.

Rømer continued to work in Paris and traveled to England in 1679, where he met the mathematician and scientist Sir Isaac Newton, and the astronomers John Flamsteed and Edmond Halley. He also inspected the observatory at Greenwich. He then returned to Paris where he continued to live until 1681 when he came back to Copenhagen.

Some authorities have suggested that Rømer left Paris at that time because of trouble arising in France for people who were not of the Catholic faith. Two of Rømer's colleagues in Paris, the scientist Christian Huygens of Holland and the mathematician Gottfried Leibniz of Germany, also left France at about this same time. Examination of Rømer's correspondence with Denmark, however, does not give any references to support this view. During his stay in France, Rømer made contacts and friendships with the world's scientific community which he maintained for the rest of his life.

After his return, Rømer was given the position of Professor of Mathematics at the University of Copenhagen. He had already been promised this post five years previously, while he was in Paris.

Three years later, in 1685, Rømer was appointed the fourth director of Rundetårn (literally, "round tower"), which was the university's astronomical observatory. Rundetårn had been built in 1642 by Christian IV and served as Denmark's official observatory until 1861. Rømer remodeled Rundetårn and outfitted it with new instruments, many of which he designed and built himself. He also outfitted and maintained two private observatories, including one in his own home. Among the instruments Rømer built included three telescopes (7, 15, and 21 feet long), double telescope, instruments designed to measure the precise positions of celestial objects, and an accurate clock.

With his administrative duties at Rundetårn, however, Rømer had less and less time to devote to astronomical research. But his scientific mind continued to operate.

Several years later, Rømer studied ways to measure temperature, and began to work on constructing a thermometer. At one point, while agonizing over how such a thermometer would be built, he wrote that "It is much clearer in my mind than I can express with the pen!"

He devised the concept of a temperature scale based on two known reference points, and then other temperatures could be extrapolated, or calculated, from these points. He chose the freezing and boiling points of water as his reference points, assigning 7.5 (later 8) degrees to that temperature at which ice melted and 60 degrees to the

boiling point of water. Finding that he seldom needed the upper limit of his scale, Rømer chose the temperature of blood as a new upper scale limit (22.5 degrees). The German physicist Daniel Fahrenheit learned of Rømer's experiments in thermometry and visited Rømer in Copenhagen in 1708. The following year, Fahrenheit announced his own thermometer and temperature scale.

Rømer found himself with other administrative duties to perform when he was appointed mayor and police chief of Copenhagen in 1705. Such non-scientific duties also came with a cost to Rømer; in 1708, Frederik IV stopped Rømer's annual astronomer's salary of 2,000 "rigsdaler." Rømer remained director of Rundetårn, however, until his death on September 23, 1710, two days before his 66th birthday.

Despite the many and varied abilities he demonstrated throughout his life, Rømer acknowledged, shortly before his death, that it was his "astronomical observations" which he held dearest to his heart.

Besides giving the world the first calculation of the speed of light and laying the groundwork for the modern thermometer, Ole Rømer's legacy lives on in the Ole Rømer Museum in Tåstrup, Denmark, where Claus Thykier serves as the director. The museum is open seven days a week with exhibits and occasional star shows.

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"Danish Dynamite"

by Eva Nielsen

"We are red! We are white! We are Danish dynamite!"

Nine years ago, my friend Pernille and I chanted those words over and over together. The Danish soccer team was competing in the semifinal round of the European Cup against France. It was an amazing feat for a country as small as Denmark. In effect, Denmark was especially unified that summer, and I felt a part of it. After a year of speaking Danish, and fighting and playing with Danish kids, very few people could have recognized that I was a foreigner.

During 1983 and 1984 my family lived in a small village in Denmark called Rejsby. That year my father was teaching American Literature to Danish students in Ribe, a town about ten minutes to the north of Rejsby. My older brother, John, and I were ten and eleven, so every day we would walk down the one street in Rejsby to the school which was also the largest building in the village. None of the eight other children in our class spoke English. Despite the language barrier, the kids were very eager to try to communicate, and we quickly became friends. Our school day on average lasted from eight in the morning to one thirty in the afternoon. We had a different schedule and different classes each day. We studied history, biology, Danish,



The return to Denmark brought out the child in the author who sits on Hans Christian Andersen's lap.

religion and mathematics along with having art, music and gym exercises several times a week. After school, John and I had to do lessons in English and math at home with our mother so that we didn't get too far behind our American classmates.

Even though it seemed like we had to go to school twice a day, we had plenty of time for socializing. My best friend's name was Pernille. She lived a few houses down the street from me. We spent a lot of time together, and from her I learned to become a typical Danish kid. She helped me learn to speak Danish, to play handball, and to eat the best Danish candy. Our class also spent a lot of time together because of the small size. The boys and girls played together equally. We all had a lot of fun. The next few years when we were back in the United States, I missed the kids and how

close we all were.

But that was nine years ago. Last summer Jayme Brown and I went to Denmark during our backpacking trip through Europe. I was very afraid of finding the country, the friends and the culture that I was once so familiar with just a part of the past.

Since 1984, the Rejsby school had closed because of a

lack of students. Pernille's parents who taught there were forced to find new teaching jobs elsewhere. They moved to Rodekro, a town about forty-five minutes away from Rejsby. As Jayme and I rode the train to Rodekro, I wondered how Pernille had changed and if we could still be good friends.

When we arrived at the train station, the family was there to meet us. Pernille looked older but still easily recognizable. We spent that afternoon getting reacquainted. It wasn't that difficult because Pernille was now very fluent in English. I could still understand Danish, but I was a little hesitant to say anything for fear that they wouldn't be able to understand me. We spoke English, though, so that Jayme could understand.

That day was Pernille's last day of school. Danish schools typically run until mid-June and start again in late August or early September. The end of the school year is very stressful for Danish students because they have examinations that are very similar to our semester tests. To celebrate the passing of these examinations, Pernille's class was having a big dinner party in an old inn that evening. Jayme and I attended, although we were afraid of intruding on their celebration. We need not have worried though because all the kids were very open and friendly. They had many questions to ask us such as whether we thought Dylan or Brandon from Beverly Hills 90210 was better looking, if we really spent over one thousand dollars on prom, and how much Levis 501 jeans cost in the United States. It was really funny to hear the questions and the misconceptions they had of American kids. Pernille's classmates reminded me so much of my old classmates in Rejsby. That night we called Pernille's dad at three in the morning to come get us. Pernille insisted that he wouldn't get mad because he was used to it. Danish kids can't get a drivers license until they turn eighteen and even then it costs them approximately one thousand dollars, so very few of them get one right away.

The next morning Pernille's parents drove us to Rejsby. On the way there, Pernille told us what all my old classmates were doing. Most of them had moved away since the school closed, but some of them were still living in Rejsby and commuting by train to the nearest school. I started recognizing that we were getting closer to Rejsby because of familiar sights, and because the ground was getting very flat. All along the coast there is built a dike to protect the towns and the farmland from the North Sea. Sometimes during winter storms the water gets right up to the dike and at other times, especially in the summer, there are several kilometers of wet lands separating the dike and the sea. Rejsby is about one kilometer from this dike, so the town and the area around it are very flat.

As we drove into Rejsby, I was struck by how similar

everything was to how I remembered it. So often I remember things a certain way and then I am disappointed by the reality of it, but this was not at all the case. My house, the school, the thatched roofed houses of my neighbors and even the smells were very much how I remembered them. We ate breakfast that morning with my old neighbors. It was fun to see them, not to mention to eat the Danish breakfast that I ate every day for a year. Leaving Rejsby that day I could only hope that the next time I visited, I would find things the way I had this time.

Jayme and I spent a little more time with Pernille and her family. After traveling for three weeks, it was good to stay with a family that was very similar to our own families and to eat home cooked food instead of Snickers and ice cream cones. She promises to keep me supplied with Danish gummi bears if I send her a pair of Levis 501 jeans!

After Jayme and I returned home, I was happy to hear that for the first time ever, the Danish soccer team advanced to the finals of the European Cup. Denmark was an unexpected winner, beating Germany two goals to zero. I am sure that all over Denmark that night little kids were yelling, "We are red! We are white! We are Danish dynamite!" just like we did nine years ago.

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The Baron's manor house reflected its warm brick elegance from the small lake in front. He was the husband of Karen who gave her both her title and her syphilis. She learned to live without the one, but the other was a lifelong burden eased only briefly by the love of the only man she could love — the pilot who died in the crash of his plane, and from whom she received the victrola to fill her emptiness with music, and from whom she learned that she was worth loving.

-- Donald A. Orr

Scholarship Applications Available

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America is pleased to announce that scholarship applications for the 1994-1995 school year are available. Eligible members wishing to apply should write or call: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844, 1-800-553-1937. The deadline for applications is February 15, 1994. **Late applications will not be considered.**

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The "Howard E. Christensen" Award

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1994 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America and be nominated at a regularly scheduled lodge meeting.

Nomination forms, along with guidelines and procedures will be forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to receiving a nomination form from every Danish Brotherhood lodge by the deadline of February 15, 1994. Please note, the same member may be nominated each year, however, may win the national award one time only.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. The winner's name will be added to an additional plaque at the National Headquarters. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

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| 10-20-93 | Arnie Jorgensen | 79 | Viborg, South Dakota | 139 | Viborg, South Dakota | 1989 |
| 9-26-93 | Kenneth Wilson | 80 | Topeka, Kansas | 14 | Kenosha, Wisconsin | 1990 |
| 9-25-93 | Ella H. Gudmandsen | 92 | Denmark | 343 | Waupaca, Wisconsin | 1975 |
| 9-19-93 | Borge Schlegel | 78 | Copenhagen, Denmark | 29 | Seattle, Washington | 1979 |
| 9-17-93 | Egon Jensen | 72 | Denmark | 328 | Vancouver, B.C. | 1980 |
| 9-20-93 | Hans L. Andersen | 78 | Ferndale, California | 95 | Ferndale, California | 1988 |
| 10-26-93 | Edmund M. Johnsen | 69 | Sidney, Montana | 143 | Petaluma, California | 1982 |
| 10-19-93 | Carla M. Wurtz | 73 | Kenosha, Wisconsin | 36 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 1978 |
| 9-17-93 | James E. Moore | 63 | Friend, Nebraska | 177 | Cordova, Nebraska | 1961 |
| 9-27-93 | Axel Kjar Jorgensen | 85 | Denmark | 600 | Omaha, Nebraska | 1926 |
| 10-12-93 | Daniel M. Sullivan | 77 | Duluth, Minnesota | 306 | San Diego, California | 1957 |
| 9-21-93 | Carl E. Hansen | 88 | Waterloo, Iowa | 332 | Ripon, California | 1926 |
| 10-12-93 | Neil S. Hightower | 58 | Los Angeles, California | 600 | Omaha, Nebraska | 1975 |
| 10-3-93 | William S. Gammill | 76 | Kearney, Nebraska | 16 | Minden, Nebraska | 1962 |
| 10-20-93 | Richard P. Clausen | 89 | Albert Lea, Minnesota | 255 | Selma, California | 1922 |
| 10-17-93 | Harold Heiser | 93 | Hayward, California | 184 | Hayward, California | 1941 |
| 9-27-93 | Arnold B. Christiansen | 79 | Denmark | 4 | Racine, Wisconsin | 1943 |
| 9-30-93 | Harvey M. Jensen | 67 | Superior, Nebraska | 161 | Ruskin, Nebraska | 1977 |
| 11-7-93 | Gert Hammerdahl | 63 | Copenhagen, Denmark | 46 | Perth Amboy, New Jersey | 1974 |



Christmas seals first used in Denmark 1904

The Christmas seal was conceived by a Danish postmaster, Einar Holbøll (1865-1927) and launched in 1904. The purpose of the seal was to collect funds to fight tuberculosis, a disease that threatened the lives of countless children. The idea spread to other countries around the world. In Denmark, a different Christmas seal (julemærke) is launched each year, and each year it is designed by a different artist. Artists have included such talents as Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. Postmaster Einar Holbøll has been commemorated by many different countries, and he has appeared on stamps in Denmark and France, among other countries. *-courtesy of Scandinavian Forum.*

Camp Grant Applications Available

Camp grant applications are now available for attendance to camps in 1994. Members, children or grandchildren of members are eligible to apply. Applications are available from DBIA National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844 or telephone 1-800-553-1937. **The deadline for camp grant applications is March 28, 1994.**

Our Lodges in Action

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The forty-fourth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest lodges began on Friday, May 21, 1993, with a joint opening attended by officers, delegates, alternates and guests representing the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges.

President Svend Toftemark called the DBIA business meeting to order and instructed the secretary-treasurer to call the roll. Forty-six members answered roll call.

Following roll call, Past President Protem, Kris Sand, explained the symbols and the signs of the society. The district president welcomed all present and then introduced special guests, Past National Presidents Clyde Langsted and Kristen Jorgensen of Seattle, and National Director Asbjorn Fisker of Portland.

Chairman Niels Nedergard welcomed all present. The president appointed Kris Jorgensen, Seattle, as parliamentarian for the duration of the convention.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members who had passed away since the last convention. Upon request, the secretary read the minutes from the 1992 convention. It was then moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary be directed to send \$100 to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the next national convention. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee, Resolutions Committee and District Awards Committee were appointed by the president.

Clyde Langsted, Seattle, spoke of the great convention the host lodges had pre-

pared, the hard work of the National Board members, and the security of the insurance policies held by members. He feels the society still has a future.

Niels Nedergard addressed the convention. He discussed decreasing membership and ways to raise funds for the district.

Kris Jorgensen suggested we remember a revision of the bylaws would be needed by the next national convention regarding associate membership.

The individual lodges presented their annual reports.

The president thanked all those individuals who had found time to attend the combined initiation of members and installation of officers in the newly organized Lodge No. 350 in Corvallis, Oregon. To show the district's support, the individual lodges had contributed toward the acquisition of an American and Danish flag which were presented to the lodge by the District President Svend Toftemark.

President Toftemark called the Saturday meeting to order. The secretary called the roll. Lodge reports then continued.

Correspondence was next on the agenda. A letter from the language camp "Himmelbjerget" expressed appreciation for the support from the district and lodges.

Fraternal Director Jennifer Denning-Kock wrote encouraging the district to adopt a youth program in an attempt to introduce young people to the DBIA.

President Toftemark then introduced National Director Asbjorn Fisker who shared an article from the June, 1993 American Dane. It explains the current status of our society and the proposal from the National Board to possibly seek a merger with another, stronger fraternal organization. Supported by visual aids, he then touched upon several aspects of the current situation. He reminded lodges to pay the liability insurance and he mentioned that the Law Committee must

update the bylaws to accommodate the associate member.

Many lodges are involved in Operation: H.O.P.E. Many lodges and individual members submitted donations to the Larsen Daughters Fund and the Herluf Pedersen Fund. Asbjorn also mentioned the District Fraternal Coordinators program is still alive and that the scholarship and camp grant program is intact. This year the society's highest award, the Howard E. Christensen Award, was bestowed on National Past President George Jacobsen.

In concluding his remarks, Asbjorn assured us that DBIA will continue, but with a different direction.

The president thanked Asbjorn for his informative presentation. Then Francis Sweet from the Ferndale, California Lodge No. 95 invited everybody to join them Labor Day weekend in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Dania Lodge No. 11.

The meeting was then recessed. When the meeting resumed after the coffee break, the president opened the floor for a question and answer period.

Floyd West of Junction City presented the proposed slate of officers for 1993-1994.

Poul B. Christensen, Vancouver, B.C., presented the resolutions. It was moved by Peter Vestergaard and seconded by Gerald Jensen that the resolutions be adopted. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Niels Nedergard presented the financial report.

Scott Steffansen, Eugene, announced that the trustees had audited the treasurer's financial report and found it to be in order. He recommended that the report be accepted. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The secretary-treasurer presented the bills. It was moved and seconded that they be paid. Motion carried.

Scott Steffansen, Eugene, made a

motion that the district support the language camp "Himmelbjerget" with the amount of \$250 as done in previous years. The secretary-treasurer reminded the delegates of his proposal of yesterday to explore different ways of securing funds for our charitable activities and suggested that the motion on the floor be tabled until it is decided what to do about our dwindling resources.

A lengthy discussion evolved. Several members volunteered to look into the possibility of holding a raffle at each convention.

Returning to the question of "Himmelbjerget", Lois Toftemark elaborated on the growth of the camp and the importance of securing funds to keep it going. The previous motion to donate \$250 to the camp was then seconded and carried.

Willy Andersen, Vancouver, B.C., announced that the lodge will be hosting the annual district bowling tournament the second weekend in March, 1994, in Enumclaw.

Establishing a Youth Program was discussed at length, resulting in a suggestion from Scott Steffansen, Eugene, that the newly elected Board pursue the matter and report back at the next convention.

Peter Jensen, Vancouver, B.C., announced that the lodge has agreed to host the 1997 district convention.

Svend Toftemark presented the annual president's report which was accepted with acclamation.

The District Awards went to the following lodges, including a check for \$25: Best Social Event, Lodge No. 348, Eugene; Best Civic Event, Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.; Best Annual Activity, Lodge No. 167, Portland; and Best Newsletter, Lodge No. 29, Seattle.

Having time to consider the proposed slate of officers for 1993-1994, the delegates moved and seconded that a unanimous ballot be cast. Motion carried. Officers are as follows: Past President, Svend Toftemark, Lodge No. 348, Eugene; President, Jens Peter Vestergaard, Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.; Vice President, Scott Steffansen, Lodge No. 348, Eugene; Secretary-Treasurer, Niels Nedergard, Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw; Trustees, Leo Madsen, Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, Norm Christensen, Lodge No. 268, Junction City, and Norm Powell,

Lodge No. 167, Portland; Conductor, Emil Larsen, Lodge No. 42, Spokane; Guards, Peter Jensen, Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C. and Jeff Jensen, Lodge No. 29, Seattle.

Secretary-Treasurer Niels Nedergard brought to the convention's attention postal fees for bulk mailing.

With no more business to come before the convention, the president thanked everybody for their time and attention and declared the meeting adjourned.

Niels Nedergard
Secretary-Treasurer

**** Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA—**On October 6, President Clyde Langsted called our meeting to order. The lodge annual report had been approved and read by Ken Kromann. Gert Wolff is already diligently working on next year's picnic.

The Nominating Committee includes Gerald Jensen, Otto Brask and Kris Jorgensen. Ken Kromann proposed having an accountant look at our books and set up a standard accounting practice for our records.

Past President Ole Langsted was in attendance to receive his 50-year pin from brother President Clyde Langsted.

The pre-meeting sandwiches were great.

A donation of \$21.00 was made to Care and Share and our meeting was adjourned with 28 members in attendance.

Jeffrey Jensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA—On November 3, Leo and Jeannette Madsen attended Seattle Lodge No. 29's meeting. Asbjorn Fisker from Portland Lodge No. 167 was the guest speaker. The topic was the future of the DBIA and possible merger with another similar organization.

Leo Madsen will give a report on this important matter at the next regular meeting.

The annual Christmas dinner party will be held on December 18 beginning at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Lakewood Elks Lodge #2388 in Tacoma. Santa Claus will have gifts for the children and we will dance around the Christmas tree.

Jeannette Madsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, WA—The usual Danish Jul party will be the evening of

December 4. There will be apples and toys for the kiddies and a "ring/sing around the tree". A basket will be sent to a needy family. There will be entertainment for all by members, kiddies and others. VASA and SF will join us.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—There will be a Christmas party on Sunday, December 19, at Bethany Lutheran Church from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The October meeting was called to order by President Don Thorkildsen with 34 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the symbols were explained.

The flag was undraped for Gene C. Petersen and was re-draped for Willard Bill Pattersen who passed away last month. A moment of silence was observed.

Five new members were installed including Tammy Chase, Deborah Larsen, Kaj Nielsen and Carl and Annabelle Gundersen. They were welcomed by those present.

Harley Larsen, a frequent visitor from Philadelphia, was welcomed back. Harley will be in Portland all winter.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as written. Correspondence included information about Christmas cards for sale by the Danish Immigrant Museum and a Scandinavian lecture series was announced. The treasurer's report was read and bills were approved to be paid.

The Convention Committee chair-people are all named.

The Sisterhood requested that the installation of new officers be postponed until March or April. Lisa Mortensen stated our bylaws say that the officers must change in January. The Law Committee consisting of Ed Hirsch, Lisa Mortensen, Don Bogh and Asbjorn Fisker will look into this. Jim Chase suggested that a Nominating Committee be named in case we do have to change officers in January. A Nominating Committee was named consisting of Asbjorn Fisker as chair and assisted by Peter Larsen and Norm Powell.

Asbjorn said that Peter Larsen should have our thanks for promoting the lodge. A motion was passed to pay Peter \$20 for expenses. Thank you Peter for a job well done!

Asbjorn announced that he went to the Nebraska District Convention and will go to Seattle and Eugene to explain what is going on with the merger. He will explain the latest to us during our December meeting.

Norm Powell reminded us that our lodge has not supported Himmelbjerget in 1993. Phil Baker suggested that a request for support of the camp be put in the Portland Dane and anyone wishing to do so can send checks to our treasurer. This was voted in by the membership.

Ruth Dally, Sec.

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—A Christmas lunch will be held on Friday, December 3, at the Carl Mortensen Manor. The bar opens at 12:30 followed by lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Fifty brothers attended the October 6 meeting which was called to order by President J. P. Westergard. He asked for a minute's silence in honor of Egon Jensen who died in September.

Two new members were initiated into the Brotherhood, Peter Bladt and David Hansen.

Aksel Jensen reported that a nice profit was made from the Hostfest which was shared 50/50 between the Community Centre and the Brotherhood.

Several of the brothers rose to thank Aksel, the Fest Committee and the volunteers for all their time and effort.

Arne Pedersen reported on the golf tournament. He also reported that three soccer teams are now playing - over 30, over 40 and over 50.

An invitation to join the Community Centre and become active members was expressed by Al Paquette as some of the brothers are not members of the Community Centre.

A General Meeting will be held in December for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors or reconfirmation of existing Directors. Garry Elmberg, Chair of the election committee, is asking for names of brothers willing to give of their time and talent on behalf of all the brothers and the future success of Lodge No. 328.

**** Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR—**Our regular business meeting was held on October 14. Our guests included Harold

Johnson, a prospective member, and Lois Keefer's mother, Lorraine Jensen-Genz, visiting from Minnesota.

We approved an application for membership from Eloise Toftemark and she was initiated as a new member.

Jim Larsen gave a progress report on the Host Fest.

We elected the following Nominating Committee: Martin Taekker, Chris Christensen, Jim Haines, Svend Toftemark and Kris Sand.

Svend Toftemark announced upcoming films and lectures at the University of Oregon in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Scandinavian Studies program.

We held our annual Host Fest on October 16 at Bethesda Lutheran Church. The lodge extends its thanks to the hard working organizing committee headed by Jim and Ada Larsen and Glenn and Bettie Matson. A good crowd attended, enjoying the home baked pastries, æbleskiver and, of course, the elegant sandwiches prepared under the skilled supervision of Betty Christensen.

Our next regular business meeting will be held on December 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA—The Nominating Committee consists of John Kristensen, David Seale and Doris Christensen. Election of new officers will take place at the December meeting.

It was voted to donate \$100 to the Special Olympics.

Vice President David Seale opened the October meeting. After roll call, the secretary read the minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read.

The lodge received a thank you letter from Tina Hogan on behalf of the youth attending the California-Nevada District Convention expressing sincere thanks for the money donated by the lodge enabling three youth to attend the convention.

Karl Duus reported on the Laughlin trip and we all agreed it was a wonderful trip.

We will be happy to receive canned goods at our December 5 Christmas party for distribution to the Salvation Army.

Cash contributions are also welcome!

Twenty-five year pins will be awarded to the following members: Raymond Mathiasen, Kaj Molich, Robert Kychenthal, Kaj Hansen, Kurt Madsen, David Hansen, Christoffer Hansen and Niels Christiansen. Congratulations!

Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor
Inger Dix, Assoc. Editor

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA—Our lodge voted to host the 1995 California-Nevada District Convention in San Diego. The motion passed. Planning will start immediately. A bylaw change (Section 6, Paragraph A) of the district has been proposed to allow for three delegates to Brotherhood conventions for lodges with under 50 members. Two-thirds of the lodges must approve the proposed bylaw change. After discussion, it was approved by our lodge.

The Christmas party was discussed in detail. It will be held on Sunday, December 5. Reservations are requested. The price includes open faced sandwiches, salads, desserts and drinks. There will be a gift for each child plus entertainment and the rental of the hall to be paid for. Remember, children under age 12 are free.

Bess Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA—Our October meeting was brought to order by President Ken Olsen. Two youth visitors were introduced, Emily Alfred and Scott Bastrup.

It was reported that our Project H.O.P.E. is coming along nicely with our donations to the YWCA Women's Hotel. Chairwomen Gertrude Nielsen and Marian Aymar have suggested that we continue to bring in items such as toilet tissue, Kleenex, towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste and any kind of soap for the women. It has been decided to collect canned and dried foods at our December meeting to prepare a holiday basket for a needy Danish family.

The Nominating Committee selected includes Jim Wiegandt, Gertrude Nielsen and Soren Christensen.

Following the business meeting, we had a cake walk. Twelve baked items were brought and we thank you. We all had fun. We finished our meeting with

pumpkin pie and apple cider.

Please invite your friends and family to our Christmas dinner on December 11 at the Westminster Mobile Home Park. We will begin with a potluck dinner. We ask that each family bring a large main dish plus a salad or dessert. The lodge will be providing the paper products and rolls and butter.

Juleman will be there to hand a gift (which you provide) and a goodie bag (provided by the lodge) to each child you bring. We might even have something for the adults this year. There will be Christmas carol singing and lots of fun. Reservations should be made with Toni Gossett.

The joint installation of officers of Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 and Kodan Lodge No. 346 will be held on Saturday, January 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The site for this occasion is the El Dorado Room at the Conestoga Hotel in Anaheim. The cost is \$18.50 per person. A no host bar will be available the entire evening. Installation of officers and dancing will follow dinner. Reservation deadline is January 3 with Toni Gossett.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA—Twenty-six members attended our western party at the Backbreaker Half Acre along with "The Duke", our entertainment for the night. Part of "The Duke's" program is Karaoke. The kids were first to sing along but pretty soon the big kids were singing too. The night's entertainment made our party a success and we hope to do it again.

Thanks to our Host and Hostess, Bill and Lynda Jones, for the use of their "Half Acre" and to the barbecuers Bill Jones and Jim Patterson, who cooked under umbrellas. Thanks also to our bean maker Darlene Petersen.

Election of officers will take place at our next meeting and we will need a volunteer for bartender. Please volunteer for the post for a year.

On December 4, we will have our Christmas party at our regular meeting place. Instead of the traditional Danish dinner, we will be having a turkey dinner. Santa is going to bring members' children and grandchildren, age 12 and younger, a gift and Christmas stocking. Reservations are a must.

The International Friendship Council of San Bernardino will be celebrating an International Christmas Ceremony on December 21 at Struges School in San Bernardino. Friends of Kodan, Roy and Inger Olsen, members of Sons of Norway, have asked us as well as the Swedish Lodge in Riverside to join them in singing around the tree in Scandinavian style. We are asked to wear costumes.

The 1994 joint installation of officers will be hosted by Orange County Lodge No. 345. Arrangements have been made for January 8 at the Conestoga Hotel in Anaheim. The hotel has offered anyone attending our installation a special convention rate of \$55.00 a night if anyone wishes to stay overnight. Mention that you are with the Danish Brotherhood. The cost is \$18.50 per person. A no host bar opens at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Installation and dancing will follow dinner.

Sue Patterson, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—On December 12, the Danish associations will again unite for the second annual Christmas party. Invite your grandchildren to join us!

We seem to have a better turnout for our lodge meetings when we have an evening meal beforehand. Let your new officers know your reactions to this format for meeting.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE—Twenty-two people were present for our "Hard Times" party.

Our guest for the evening was Rachel Bertrand, Rotary Exchange Student to Denmark from August, 1992, to August, 1993. She stayed with four different families but attended the same school. Sports are not included in the school curriculum but are sponsored by the community as a separate project. Everyone enjoyed her talk and hope she'll visit our lodge again.

Wisthi Thomsen was crowned King at the State Convention in Lincoln. Congratulations, Wisthi!

Minna Newbold, Sec.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—Thanks to all who came to our last meeting. Those who missed it lost out on a good talk by Norman Bansen about the Danish influence in some unusual parts of our world. Thanks, Norman!

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE—We met on October 6 in Dannebrog at Harriet's Danish for an æbleskiver supper. The main business was a report on the Nebraska District Convention held in Lincoln given by delegates Susan Kosmicki and Delbert Battles.

Then Ardean Nielsen showed some very interesting slides about a trip to Canada.

A few members found time to shop at The 'Lille' Mermaid before the meeting.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

Heartland

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA—On October 11, thirty-seven Brotherhood and Sisterhood members boarded one of Jim Breining's charter buses for a trip to Dike, Iowa. Jim drove us himself. We took along a bouquet of flowers for the Dike lodges. We were served a potluck supper.



Lodge No. 144 entertains Des Moines guests.

After we ate, the American Legion Hall, where we met, was turned into a casino for Las Vegas Night. When the bell rang to end our "gambling", we counted our money. Lodge No. 15 made a clean sweep of all five prizes. Ed Harris was the big winner, winning \$50 in cash. Other winners were Edith Paulsen, Marilyn Kramme, Doug Lary and Ray Burkett.



The big pay off.

Jim showed a video tape on the bus trip back.

Our Christmas party will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, December 12, at the Urbandale Legion Hall. The names of the prize winners for the scholarship fundraiser raffle will be drawn at the party.

Cash contributions for the Christmas Care and Share project can be made at the Christmas party or at our December 13 meeting. The money will be used to purchase necessities for a family who were victims of the summer flooding. Lutheran Social Services has chosen the family in need.

Installation of newly elected officers and Bingo featuring Roland Jensen as caller are planned for December 13.

**Harvey Andersen, Cor.
Shirley Burkett, Cor.**

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN—We celebrated our annual Couple's Anniversary at a banquet dinner at the American Legion Club Rooms on October 2. Harlan Nelson presided as Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Nelson reminded us of the special event of our 100th anniversary coming up in 1994. In September, 1994, we will host the Heartland District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood to join in our anniversary festivities.

Marge and Alton Neve were our delegates to the district convention held at Luck, Wisconsin. Marge gave a report of the activities that took place. Our delegates received an award from the Danish Brotherhood in America in recognition of our deceased member, Soren J. Sorensen, for his 80 years of membership and interest in the affairs of our local lodge and national organization. This award was presented to his children, Marion Hanson, Richard Sorensen, Phillip Sorensen and

their families at the banquet.

Mrs. Darcy Netzer and her husband, The Rev. Dwight Netzer of the First Presbyterian Church, were guests for the evening. Darcy entertained, accompanying herself on the guitar, singing ballads and familiar songs.

Grace Tomson, Sec-Treas.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA—Dike Brotherhood Lodge No. 144 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 176 were pleased to host Des Moines Lodge No. 15 on October 11. About 40 Danes came by bus. We hope to have the opportunity to do this again.

The Dike ladies brought covered dishes and desserts and Past President Harris Jorgensen prepared pork loin. Las Vegas Night (with play money) resulted in five top winners - Ed Harris, first prize, a white envelope; Marilyn Kramme, second prize, a basket of cheeses and goodies; Edie Paulsen, third prize, a clock; Raymond Burkner and Doug Lary, fourth and fifth prizes, Danish calendar and apron.



First prize went to Lodge No. 15 member, Ed Harris.

We had a wonderful time together.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA—In October, about 40 members and guests attended the going-away party for Beth and Steven Sorensen. They moved to Oklahoma but will keep the membership with our lodge at this time. A potluck supper was held at 6:00 p.m. Laurie Eden gave some readings and then introduced David and Sally Bergman. They demonstrated several line dances. They had the audience participate in one of the dances.

Steven Sorensen thanked all those present on behalf of Beth and himself. The meeting followed. Evelyn Gutterman and Thorvald Sorensen gave reports on

the Heartland District Convention. Steven Sorensen asked about the possibility of hosting the Heartland District Board meeting in April. We will discuss this as the time draws closer. It was decided to begin the meeting at 4:30 p.m. during the winter months.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Missouri

Lodge No. 56, Kansas City, MO—The lodge participated in the 1993 Ethnic Enrichment Festival at Kansas City's Swope Park. Æbleskiver and other Danish delicacies attracted large crowds and provided funds to support the lodge's favorite charities. Donations were made to the Danish Immigrant Museum, Faith Village, Dana College, Hospice and the MLM.

Member Ejlif Schmidt was among those celebrating the Open House at the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, in October. He gave the lodge a fine report on the gala event. Lodge members are considering a field trip to Elk Horn next year.

We plan to have a special Christmas dinner on December 17.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

Midwest

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—We thank Chicago Sisterhood Lodge No. 4 for their donation to our building fund for use of the æbleskiver pans. We wish to acknowledge the generous donations to Lodge No. 14 in memory of W. Gordon Andersen.

The 42nd Midwest District Convention is now history. Thanks to our delegates Ron Jensen and Rick Wade and alternates Ben Peterson and Jeff Bernhardt. Todd Bernhardt is now 2nd Trustee of the district. Bob Ibsen and Rick Wade were voting members as Past Presidents of the district. Rich Walker attended all of the meetings.

Election of officers for 1994 will be held on December 7.

Our adult Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 11. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed by dinner

at 7 p.m. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Members, wives, dates and widows are invited. Tables will be reserved when you pick up the tickets. Each person is requested to bring one non-perishable item of food or warm article of clothing for needy families. This is in support of DBIA "Operation: H.O.P.E."

The children's Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 19.

First call for the New Year's Eve party. Dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call Rudy or Roger for tickets. It's always a sellout!

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 17, Chicago, IL—Our member, Karen Nylen-Swidergal, took her place in the history books when she was elected the first female president of the Midwest District at the September 11 convention at the Holiday Inn, LaGrange/Countryside. Installing officer was Woodrow Petersen, DBIA National President.



Midwest District President Karen Nylen-Swidergal with National President Woodrow Petersen.

Albertice Nylen, Sec.

*** Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL**—Six members of our lodge attended the Midwest District dart event sponsored by Chicago Lodge No. 35. They all enjoyed a great day of fun and fraternalism. About 42 people competed with the following results: Marty and Steve Seyller, Lodge No. 92, first place; John Jorgensen and Eric Connery, Lodge No. 35, second place; Bob Andersen, Lodge No. 34, and Carl Christensen, Lodge No. 35, third place; Ray E. Holzhauser, Lodge No. 34, and Dan

Orsculak, Lodge No. 35, fourth place. Women's results were: Shirley Holzhauser, Lodge No. 34, and Pam Seyller, Lodge No. 92, first place.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 12 at 4 p.m. Unicycle Champion, Frank Birdsall, will entertain us demonstrating trick riding. A potluck dinner will follow.

The Adopt-A-Highway program is in the making as other organizations are showing interest. We will wait until spring. President Dick appointed Les Jensen, Ken Jensen and Ethel Perschnick along with Past President Virgil Holzhauser and Conductor Ray Holzhauser to be on the Nominating Committee for the 1994 slate of officers.

A beautiful plaque was presented to the lodge for the bronze award for events of our lodge in 1992.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—President Iversen opened the October meeting in the usual way. A moment of silence was observed in John Trankar's memory and our charter will be draped for 30 days.

Visitors were Margaret Melgaard, Diane Van Haren and Kathleen and Charles Pedersen. Kathleen and Charles Pedersen were then initiated into our lodge and made welcome by members.

The family of Mario Mauro donated \$100 in his name to the lodge.

Joyce Jensen emphasized the need for having the names of the children coming to the Christmas party along with their gender and age for Santa to have presents for them. She asked for help in purchasing and wrapping these gifts. Please call Joyce if you can help.

Ray Nielsen reported that 19 people had registered for the dart tournament.

Nominations for 1994 officers were read by John Jorgensen. The Nominating Committee included Paul Sloth, Elsa Petersen and Arnold Aagesen.

Entertainment books are still available from Frank Connery for 1994. The lodge makes \$7.00 on each book sold.

Our lodge is hosting the Midwest District bowling event this spring. Someone is needed to chair this event. Discussion on format was held.

Jennie Jensen is selling ads for the Christmas issue of the Pioneer newspa-

per. It was approved that the lodge place a \$12.00 ad.

Thank you to Connie Aagesen for preparing sandwiches for the evening.

Santa Claus is coming to our Christmas party on December 10 so bring the children. We will have a potluck supper at 7 p.m. Each family is asked to bring a casserole or salad that will serve ten. Ham, rolls and dessert will be provided as well as drinks.

Let us share with Lutheran Family Mission. The kind of staples needed most are canned veggies and fruit, soup, meat, dry or canned beans, peanut butter, dry pasta and cereal. They also need children's clothing, infant through teenagers and cot sheets (22" x 48"). Lutheran Family Mission needs financial support also. Their staff has a freeze on salaries, no vacation pay, etc. Bring your donations to the next meeting and we'll provide a box.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

*** Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI**—Our November 22 meeting was cancelled in favor of a combination 104th anniversary and Christmas party on the evening of Monday, December 6. It will take place in the Fellowship Hall of the Nativity Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

A supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. A monetary collection will be taken to cover costs. Alice and Lars Andersen will treat us with cookies and coffee later in the evening.

A short business meeting, including election of 1994 officers, will be held after the supper.

This will be our last opportunity in 1993 to donate items as a group or to make a monetary donation for Sojourner Truth House, a shelter for battered women and their children. If you are unable to bring an appropriate item to our meeting, please consider writing a check payable to Sojourner Truth House and mail it to our secretary, Carol Larsen, by December 6 so items and checks may be delivered as a group effort.

Thanks to Ernie and Jeanette Norquist for refreshments served at our October meeting.

Ernie and Jeanette Norquist and Lillian Jensen will serve as our Nominating Committee for the 1994 lodge Board.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Michigan

Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—Tom Christensen fired the last shot proclaiming himself Bird Champion for 1993. Twenty members enjoyed breakfast before the shooting started.

We had 80 people in attendance at our 88th anniversary party on October 30.

Our regular dinner meeting is scheduled for December 8. No social night is planned for December.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT—On October 8 we had a very scary night. There were witches, sleeping babies, devils, frankenstein and the Unknown Comic. We had a pinata for the children as well as dunking for apples. Prizes were given to adults with the best costumes. Our special thanks go to the youths who made this possible: Roberta Edmonds, Sarah and Stephanie Larsen, Michael and Kristian Johnson, and VJ and Andrea Mitchell.

Our December 10 meeting will be held in a restaurant yet to be determined. It will be for adults only. If you are interested, please contact Vera Holmes.

The Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 12 from 1 - 3 p.m. We hope to have entertainment as well as Santa Claus. Every child who is a member, child or grandchild of a member in good standing will be able to receive a gift from Santa. Please contact Berit Mann or Winnie Edmonds and let them know the ages and names of the children you are planning to bring. Santa needs a few extra days for his elves to get the things they need.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—The October meeting was a great success thanks to the chairpeople for the evening, Solveig and Stanley Cherim. They prepared and served a delicious meal. It was also nice to hear that the Danes had a good turnout for this year's Leif Ericson Day dinner held at Walberts. Ove Krebs even

brought people over from Denmark to attend the event.

December 3 is the date for our annual Christmas party with good food and special activities for the young people. There will be singing, dancing and presents from Santa. Come at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served early.

On January 7, we will have a cod fish dinner.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA—We will hold our annual Christmas dinner dance on Friday, December 17. Music will be provided for dancing and entertainment. **Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY—The Annual Harvest Festival held on September 19 at the Danish Home for the Aged in Metuchen was a great success. The purpose is to raise money for the home and many of our members participated.

Our lodge will be hosting the GCEL Convention in September, 1994. The following will be serving on the committee to prepare for this event: Susan Henry, Bill and Audrey Herbst and Birgit and George Jacobsen.

Having served our lodge as secretary for the past five years, Karen Witt has decided to resign. Leo Jensen will also resign after two years as vice president. On the Nominating Committee for the 1994 officers are Birgit Jacobsen and Stanley Kofod. Eleanor Hjulmand will

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serve as delegate to the Danish Home for the Aged in Metuchen instead of Leo Jensen.

The business meeting on October 8 was mostly dedicated to the issue of how to get younger people including adult children of our members to join our lodge. A variety of ideas were discussed: shift the focus from adult children of our members to younger children and teenagers, try a different format where we emphasize socializing including dinner and dance and spend less time on the business meeting, form different interest groups within the lodge or maybe a change of the name, Danish Brotherhood, could make a difference.

Our annual arts and craft exhibition by our members took place this evening.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Notice

In the November *American Dane*, page 14 under Heartland District Convention news, the recipients of the "Certificate of Merit/Great Dane Award" were incorrectly reported. Carl Larsen and George Larsen were the recipients of the award. Congratulations Carl and George!

Payment to Board Members

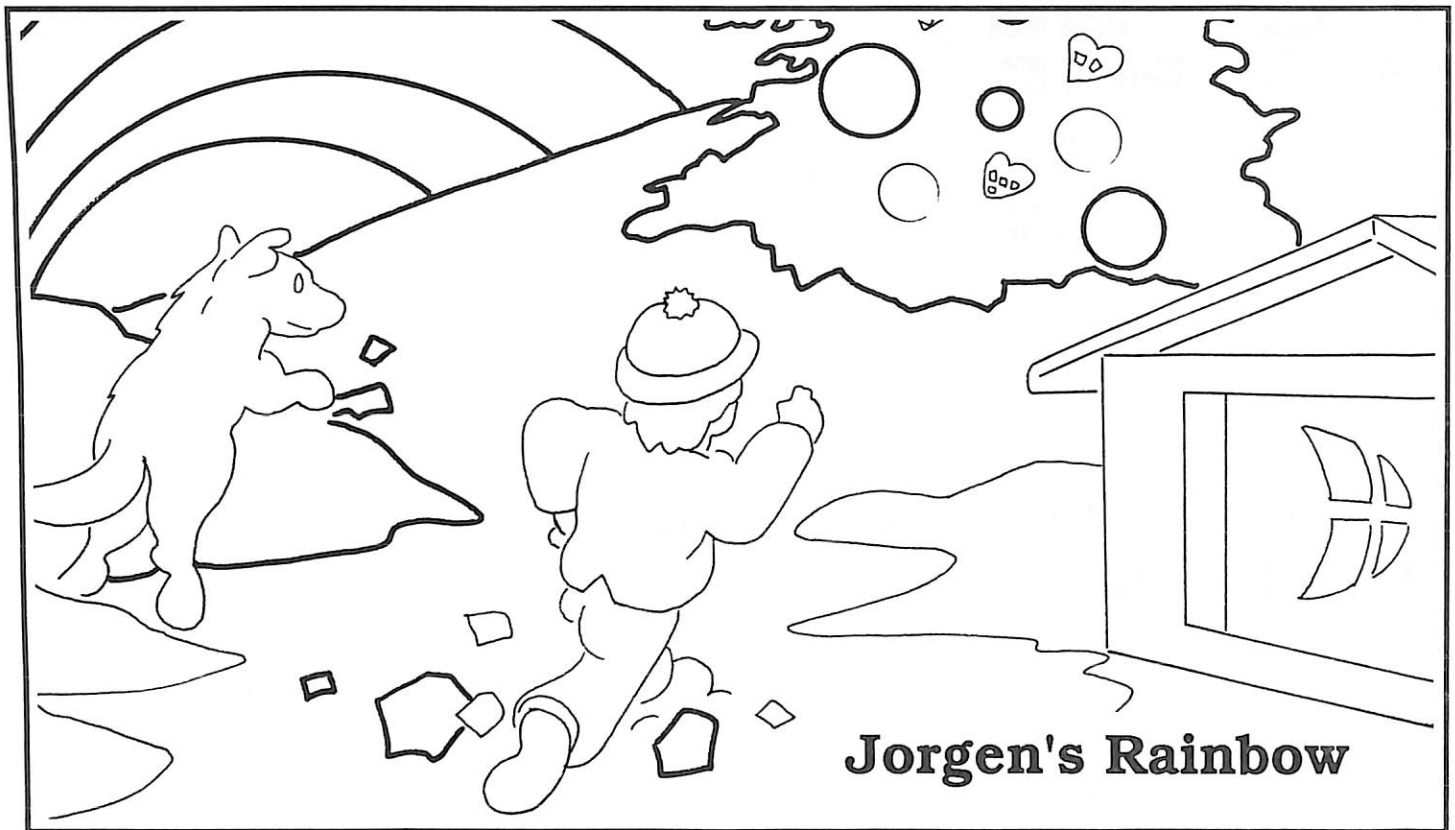
October

Annual Meeting: Clyde R. Langsted, \$653.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$596.00; Erling C. Braumann, \$656.00; Paul Carlsen, \$582.00; Barry Edmonds, \$773.00; Asbjorn Fisker, \$721.00; Edward Madsen, \$778.00 and Ebba L. Norby, \$752.00.

Semi Annual Expense Allowance: Clyde R. Langsted, \$125.00; Erling C. Braumann, \$250.00; Paul Carlsen, \$250.00; Barry Edmonds, \$250.00; Asbjorn Fisker, \$125.00; Ed Madsen, \$125.00 and Ebba L. Norby, \$125.00.

November

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$65.13.



There's nothing like a Danish Christmas, and this year Jorgen invites you to join him on Bansen's favorite campus . . . in Nebraska? That's right, says Jorgen, who this month travels with his friends to Dana College in Blair. Dana (rhymes with "Anna") was founded by Danish immigrants over a century ago, and hosts "The Sights and Sounds of Christmas" every December. ("Dana" is also the poetic name of Denmark.) There's plenty of traditional music, food, and fun for all at Dana. Merry Christmas everybody!

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November winners: Meghan Schneekloth, David Hopkins and Kathryn Jensen.

Grandma's Kitchen

CHERRY SOUP (KIRSEBAERSUPPE)

2 cups sour cherries
1 cinnamon stick
1/2 lemon
sugar
1 cup pitted cherries
6 1/4 cups water
1 tbsp. cornstarch

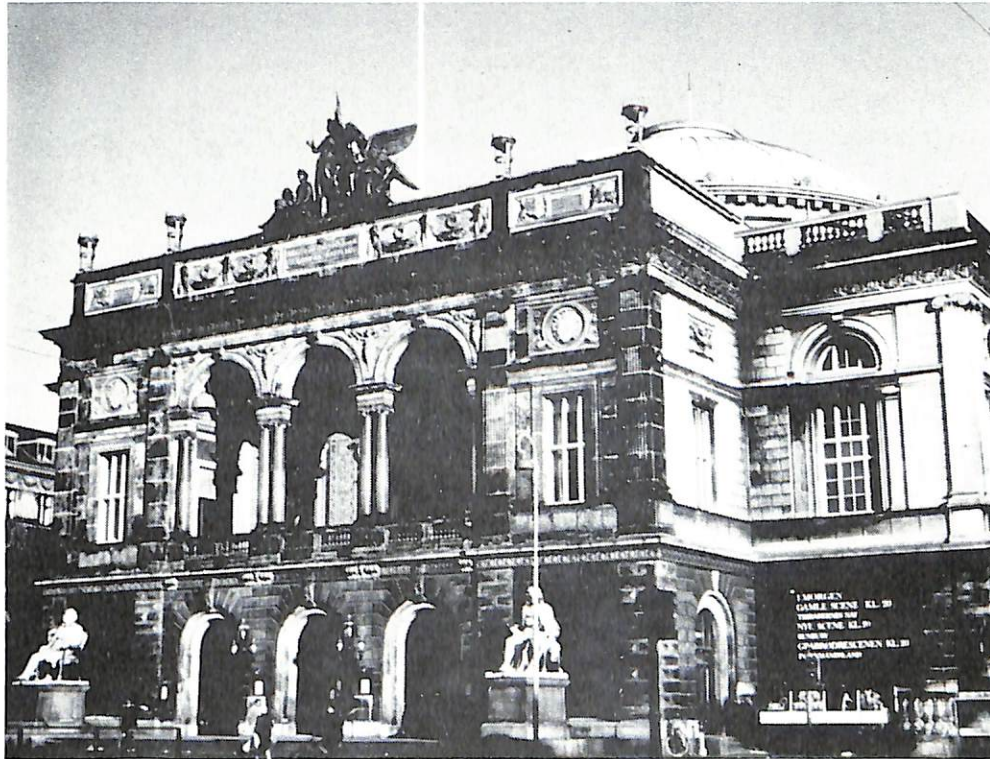


Gunild Ostergaard

Cook 2 cups sour cherries in 6 cups water until tender. Strain off liquid discarding cherries, then add 1 cinnamon stick, 1/2 lemon sliced and sugar to taste. Simmer for 5 minutes, then add one cup of pitted cherries. Thicken with 1 tbsp. cornstarch mixed with 1/4 cup water. Cook until clear and serve with sweet croutons (cubed bread sauted in butter and sprinkled with sugar while still hot).

Viking Adventures

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



The Royal Theatre, founded in Copenhagen in 1748, is home to the Royal Danish Ballet, the Royal Danish Opera, and the Royal Danish Drama. The Royal Danish Opera will present a new production of "Peter Grimes" and, for the Christmas holidays, "Amahl and the Night Visitors." Photo courtesy the Danish Tourist Board.

Royal Theatre Raises the Curtain

The Royal Danish Ballet dedicates its 1993-1994 season to the memory of the Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky, on the 100th anniversary of his death. The highlight of the season, a new production of his fairy-tale classic, "The Sleeping Beauty," debuts December 17, marking the first time it has been performed at the Royal Theatre in 35 years. Helgi Tomasson, who choreographed the work for the San Francisco Ballet in 1990, setting it in the Russia of the 1600s and 1700s, will direct.

Other productions featuring the work of Tchaikovsky include three ballets choreographed by George Balanchine: "Serenade," "Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux," and "Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2."

American post-modern choreographer Laura Dean has created a new ballet for the Royal Danish Ballet, to premiere on February 19.

For its 1993-1994 season, the Royal Danish Opera will present new productions of Britten's "Peter Grimes," with opening-night guest conductor, the Scottish maestro Sir Alexander Gibson; Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" (an operatic Christmas gift for children of all ages), Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte," and Beethoven's "Fidelio." - Courtesy the Danish Tourist Board.

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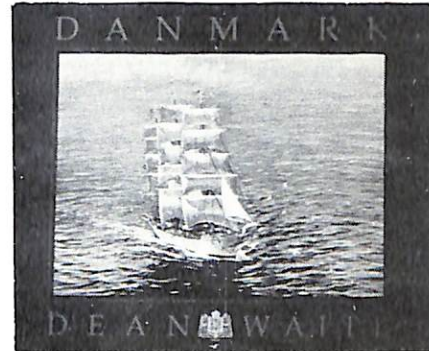
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