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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen
National President

As the Danish Brotherhood progresses into its search for a merger partner, this month finds the Merger Committee meeting with four Societies that have shown a consistent interest in working with us. These meetings will be held January 6, 7, and 8, 1994.

It is now the moment of truth, as the committee deliberates over the results of these intense meetings to choose one Society with which to work out details of a merger agreement. This agreement will be presented to the National Board of Directors at their Semi-annual Meeting on April 15-16, 1994. Upon Board approval, the merger agreement will then be submitted to the National Committee on Laws and, finally, to the delegates whom will be called to a special meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, this summer. All delegates will have the opportunity to review the proposed merger agreement prior to the special meeting.

We have received a great response to the membership survey distributed by the Merger Committee. At this time, we are unable to share the results of this survey, but will do so in a later issue of **American Dane**. Thanks to all of you who responded. We do value your input and your interest in our Society.

The National Headquarters has received inquiries as to the financial stability of the Danish Brotherhood in America and why we must seek a merger. It is important that you understand that the Danish Brotherhood is not financially defunct. In fact, we have over \$1,000,000 in surplus, monies over and above what is needed to meet our current obligations. The Danish Brotherhood has not missed an obligation in its 112 year history, nor are we in a position to miss any future obligations.

You may then be asking "Why is the Danish Brotherhood seeking a merger?" The answer is rather complex and involves a number of variables. However, although we have enough surplus to meet our obligations, it is simply not enough to grow our organization for the future. Various State Insurance Departments are concerned about insurance organizations our size and their ability to grow without consistently depleting surplus. This concern is the result of the Savings and Loan failures, as well as the failures of many major commercial insurance companies. The Danish Brotherhood Board of Directors is tending to their fiduciary responsibilities to the certificateholders and membership of this organization in their decision to seek a merger.

We ask for your continued support. Now, more than ever, we need to united in knowing that what is being done is necessary while we have control over our own destiny. If we wait, our choices will be taken away from us by regulatory agencies. I urge you to watch **American Dane** for further developments.

I hope that each and every one of you have a blessed New Year in 1994. For the Danish Brotherhood, it will be a year of positive change and opportunity.

Copenhagen's Beautiful, Inspiring Grundtvig's Church

by Beatrice Levin

For travelers who would like an ecumenical Sunday service in Copenhagen, Grundtvig's Church is a magnet. This lovely Danish church, a fine example of the religious architecture in this century, seems moulded by democratic ideals. Other influences have been equally important. In recent times, less dogmatism in religion and science encouraged the use of the new materials and methods of construction.

In Scandinavia, many churches reflect modern ideas. It's interesting that Grundtvig's Church is part of a civilized housing development in the Bispebjerg Quarter. Work on the Church went on from 1921 to 1940, and was then halted by the Second World War. The church memorializes the priest and hymn writer, N.F.S. Grundtvig (1783-1872). The tower looms 158 feet, a landmark for the community. The beautiful facade presents a strikingly organ-like effect.

A model ship hangs in the church, a Danish tradition, reflecting much of the history and culture that involves the sea.

This extraordinary family enterprise involved two generations of artists. The elder Grundtvig, was a composer whose Danish hymns, nearly three hundred, remain a mainstay of the Danish hymnal. This Church seems to soar with music. Was it Goethe who said that architecture is frozen music? Here is a place where people pray, sing, exult, make vows, get married and celebrate birth, life and death.

The architect, Jensen Kling, requested natural color brick, a soft mellow yellow, throughout the church. His plan and design reflects the heritage of smaller, older village churches in Denmark.

The architect's daughter, Helle Kling Bentson carved an impressive Crucifix, three wood figures, Christ on the cross, and two mourners against a gold background of bunches of grapes.

A grandson, Esben Kling, conceived of the facade that resembles a great organ. Danes call this "the Organ Church." Both organ and its facade were built by Marcussen & Son in 1965 and soar impressively beneath a 70 foot high vault. The organ's front pipe measures 32 feet, the largest in Scandinavia. Only 3% of the pipes are visible.

With high nave and vaults in Neo-Gothic style, the church can seat 1600 worshippers. On the brick altar stands a seven-branched brass candelabrum designed by the architect.

Nothing here seems extraneous. Art, structural elements, well-designed seats and the splendid Crucifix seem to liberate the worshippers.

"Esthetics"—some say—may be defined as the theory of fine arts and the people's response to them. The masterly plan and the

beautiful designs of the Grundtvigskirken are based on the best, most confident craftsmanship, a truly aesthetic church. As a model, this church must appeal to all who come to pray with mind, eye and heart open to beauty.

The Swan's Wing Child (National Museum, Copenhagen)

*Do gods have wings like swans?
The runic stones are silent now
the old names unremembered
but laid with special care
behind a glass facade
mother and child remain
their bones and shafts of feathers
ornaments of shell
paint pot of ochre
for the woman's death-pale mouth.
The child lies cradled
in her mother's arms
the fragile bones
and tiny, toothless skull
nested on a swan's broad wing.*

*Were there chants? Tears?
The sombrous bear of drums?
Here, a pot of grain
fermented wheat and honey
sweet as baby's mouth
for the long journey
to the other world
placed with special care
and prayer:
fly, sweet babe,
drift to the gods
on bright, white wings.*

—Sandra Lake Lassen

Commemorative Membership Awards for 1994

60 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
51	—Arne Christensen
51	—Niels P. Christensen
51	—Clarence Fannesbeck
51	—Howard C. Hansen
51	—Earl G. Jensen
51	—Alfred A. Larsen
51	—Edward C. Larsen
51	—Walter Sadowsky
121	—Jens J. Nielsen
167	—Edward Ussing
190	—Laurits Andersen
190	—Harold B. Hansen
190	—Norman O. Hanson
190	—Stanley M. Hanson
227	—Jens Christophersen
242	—Henry Jensen
283	—George H. Johnson
283	—Oluf K. Petersen
600	—Vernon J. Steffensen, Jr.
600	—Nels P. Rasmussen

50 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
4	—Henning Anderson
4	—John Johnson
4	—Selmer H. Nielsen
4	—Christ Olesen
4	—Francis H. Wendt
14	—Rudolph Bernhardt, Sr.
14	—John A. Johnson
14	—Erwin L. Kraemer, Jr.
39	—Robert A. Jensen
70	—Albert C. Hansen
70	—Max A. Moore
117	—Karl Horst
117	—Orval W. Johnson

50 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
117	—Raymond Johnson
117	—Fredrick M. Peterson
117	—Harold R. Sorensen
117	—George T. White
126	—Oscar Aaroe
144	—Harry E. Petersen
172	—Lenius H. Gottliebsen
202	—Lawrence A. Andersen
242	—Ralph A. McGavern
242	—Martin O. Jensen
261	—Harold E. Jensen
306	—Asger C. Becker
332	—Vernon Olsen
600	—Arthur F. Haberbush
600	—Frank A. Lundstrom
600	—Russell E. Pearson
600	—Douglas Sundby

25 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
1	—Joyce Christensen
1	—Paul F. Festersen
14	—Alfred Kolmos
15	—Steven Hansen
16	—Ward N. Eckloff
16	—Ann M. Eckloff-Wheeler
29	—P. Sten Jessen
29	—Fred Hewes
30	—Craig Williamsen
43	—Richard D. Lauritsen
43	—Svend Pedersen
45	—Charles L. Hansen
46	—Harald A. Bisgaard
51	—Roger Andersen
51	—Dennis Hansen
51	—Robert A. Jensen

25 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
51	—Herbert Tacktor
70	—Everett House
71	—Samuel E. Oswald
75	—Ernest Jasperson
126	—Howard Hansen
126	—Jorgen S. Hansen
126	—Hans Jensen
126	—Ronald A. Mathiasen
126	—Kirsten Nilsson
126	—Mogens Palle
126	—Annelise Pillsbury-Scott
126	—Karen M. Greenfield
126	—Elmer G. Larsen
126	—John Toron
143	—Norman R. Christensen
143	—Ann M. Ellsworth
143	—Jane D. Higgins
143	—Donna M. Larsen
143	—Jim A. Larsen
143	—Karen M. Larsen
143	—Raymond D. Larsen
143	—Christian Petersen
143	—Darrell K. Petersen
143	—Russell G. Petersen
143	—Joan L. Spiller
143	—Otto Sorensen
147	—Herluf Pedersen
161	—Ramona K. Eickman
161	—Glennis McCutcheon
161	—Willard McCutcheon
161	—Erna Martens
167	—Mary J. Holden
170	—Leif S. Hansen
172	—Dagmar L. VanLindt
172	—Richard H. VanLindt
190	—Kevin A. Barry
190	—Horst DeLorenzi

25 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
190	—Helmar Schmidt
225	—Kelly Coblentz
227	—George H. Fenkell
227	—Ole M. Johansen
227	—Walter Rasmussen
227	—Svend Skaarup
227	—John Sorensen
227	—Olaf Jensen
230	—Hans A. Bruhn
261	—Charles Ayers
263	—Gilbert Clausen
263	—Robert G. Putnam
273	—William H. Anderson
273	—Robert C. Petersen
283	—Jerry Thuesen
299	—Henning F. Hansen
319	—Boyce L. Stull
325	—Joan Gruber
325	—Maurice Gruber
328	—Erik Esmann
332	—Barbara L. Kargard

25 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
332	—Casey R. Stowers
600	—Walter R. M. Hansen
600	—Lisa M. Hodge
600	—Christian P. Jorgensen
600	—Lori A. Arth
600	—Nancy Bicskei
600	—Brent M. Boulden
600	—Erik Busch-Petersen
600	—Lyle C. Christensen
600	—Thomas Christensen
600	—Dolores Christiansen
600	—Karen A. Eskridge
600	—Cynde L. C. Glismann
600	—Britta S. Hahn
600	—Elizabeth A. Hammond
600	—Karen L. Hansen
600	—Michael Harman
600	—Christine E. Herholz
600	—Dana L. Hocking
600	—Andrew J. Hood
600	—Mildred Hood

25 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
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600	—Ejvind Kjems
600	—Erik S. Knappman
600	—Carl F. Krebs
600	—Lisa C. Krebs
600	—Marvelle Laursen
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600	—Mary Y. Mortimer
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600	—Deborah S. Petersen
600	—Robert J. Reid
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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.

For further information, contact your local president or secretary or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

Directors Announce 38th Consecutive Refund

The National Board of Directors announces the 38th consecutive refund of gains and savings to insured members of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

All certificates which have been in force for two or three years, depending upon issue date and face amount, including fully paid-up certificates depending upon issue date and face amount, will share in the refund. Not entitled to a refund are term insurance certificates, including those carried under the extended non-forfeiture option, and fully paid-up certificates issued prior to 1954 and any certificate with a face amount less than \$10,000.

Members have four options to receiving or applying the refunds.

1. May be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. There are no premiums on this additional insurance. Additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate.
2. May be left on deposit with the Brotherhood to

accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the Board.

3. May be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate.

4. May use refund to reduce life insurance premiums.

IF A MEMBER EXERCISES NO CHOICE, HIS/HER DIVIDEND WILL BUY ADDITIONAL "PAID-UP" INSURANCE.

Any member can receive payment of the cash value of paid-up additions or payment of dividends, on deposit whenever he/she wishes to do so.

Your directors believe DBIA members welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability, and regardless of age and state of health.

While the amount of insurance purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the payments are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

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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 Hamey Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844, 1-800-553-1937. The deadline for applications is February 15, 1994. **Late applications will not be considered.**

Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Article V, Section 58, Paragraph 5.

Scholarships are available to Danish Brotherhood in America insured members only. Scholarships are awarded only for attendance at United States accredited colleges, universities, technical or vocational schools. Scholarships are not granted for graduate study. The Board will consider scholarship applications for attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark.

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

Pacific

Northwest

**** Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA**—At the November 3 meeting, 23 persons enjoyed delicious sandwiches.

President Langsted opened the meeting with 32 members in attendance. We had some special guests in attendance; Niels Nedergard from Enumclaw, Leo Madsen with his wife Jeanette, Karen Bruun from Bellingham and Harry Krogh. Peder Nielsen brought his guest Claus Norvol. National Director Asbjorn Fisker was in attendance as well.

Our past meeting minutes were read, corrected, corrected again and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Jerry Jensen of the Nominating Committee announced the nominations for 1994 lodge officers. Gert Wolff is in search of another Dane group to take over this year's picnic.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$300 to the Danes Soccer Club.

Clyde Langsted encouraged all members to see the Danish Immigrant Museum if they ever have the opportunity. Past President Frank Poulsen moved to have an April Board meeting and social. Motion passed.

Asbjorn Fisker conducted a very informative session on the pending merger of our organization with another. Thank you, Asbjorn, for your dedication to the cause.

A donation of \$25.00 was made to Care and Share. **Jeffrey Jensen, Sec.**

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA—The main program for our November meeting was a video of The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. It was presented by Dennis Nissen of Elk Horn. The scenes were both of the interior and exterior and they were excellent.

Egon Calundann made an application for membership to our lodge. He has been accepted and is now a member.

The annual Scandinavian Days Festi-

val sponsored by the Leif Erickson Committee was a success. Eight of our members volunteered their time for the three day event. It was our responsibility to prepare and sell Danish Pea Soup.

The president announced that nominations for the election of officers for 1994 were in order. A motion was made and seconded that the present officers be elected to serve another term. The motion carried. Officers for 1994 are: President, Myra Brochner; Vice President, Perry Brochner; Treasurer, Leo Madsen and Secretary, Signe Wenness.

Jeannette Madsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—The November 3 meeting was called to order by President Don Thorkildsen with 31 members and two guests present. The minutes of the October meeting were accepted. The treasurer's report was read and bills were approved to be paid.

The Nominating Committee met at Asbjorn Fisker's home to prepare the 1994 slate of officers.

June Pihl reported high school seniors are eligible for scholarships.

Henrik Nielsen, a visitor from Denmark, was introduced and welcomed.

Ruth Dally, Sec.

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—At our last meeting, attended by 49 Brothers, a motion was made that all participating Brothers at our Annual General Meeting be given two free drinks and two free sandwiches. The motion passed.

Leo Pedersen was elected to be our new representative to the Community Centre board meetings as Aksel Jensen had to resign.

The social of the evening was complimented by some very nicely prepared and good tasting sandwiches served by Kate Praegel.

Thanks to the Board of Directors for a businesslike cooperation in running of the Brotherhood's activities and especially thanks to the Brothers who come to our monthly meetings on a regular basis.

Leo B. Pedersen, Cor.

**** Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR**—We

held our regular business meeting on November 11. Our guests included Harvey Hansen's sister, Ann Margaret Nelson, and National Director Asbjorn Fisker.

Jim Larsen thanked everyone who helped make the Host Fest a success. The lodge gave Jim and Ada Larsen and Glen and Bettie Matson a round of applause in appreciation of their efforts as organizers of the event.

Martin Taekker gave the Nominating Committee report.

Asbjorn Fisker explained why the DBIA is seeking a merger partner and reported on the progress of that search.

Our next regular business meeting will be held in conjunction with the installation dinner on January 13 at the Elks Lodge in Eugene.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 39, San Leandro, CA—We have elected officers for 1994 as follows: President, John Mottoros; Vice President, Ken Mikkelsen; Secretary, Aage Lundquist; Treasurer, John Mottoros; Trustee, Ralph N. Kerr; and Conductor, Hans Sorensen.

They will be installed by our District President Karl Duus at the installation set for February 4 at Bay Fairway Banquet Hall, Bay Farm Island, Alameda.

The evening will begin with a no-host cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by a banquet. Installation will take place at 9:00 p.m. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Reservations are a must, no later than January 28. Checks should be mailed to Aage Lundquist.

Aage Lundquist, Sec.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA—Our November meeting was called to order by President Bill Jensen. The minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. Both were approved as read.

Installation of officers will be held on January 9 at the Bonita Golf Club. Social hour begins at noon followed by lunch. Installation will follow lunch. The cost is

\$12.50 per person. The deadline for reservations is January 5.

The meeting was concluded with refreshments.

Bessie Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA—Vice President David Seale opened the November meeting with 26 members present. Secretary Betty Seale read the minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read.

We received two membership applications: Ane Marie Gore and Kirsten Blaemire.

Owen Miller read the treasurer's report which was approved as read. It will be filed for audit.

The Nominating Committee consists of John Kristensen, David Seale and Doris Christensen.

The anniversary party showed a profit of \$245.00. Good show, David!

The committee set up to deal with the Danish Lutheran Church's plea for money brought it up to the membership at the November meeting. The committee consisted of Poul Dalby, Andersen, Inger Dix and Owen Miller.

The fish dinner/bingo held November 19 at the Alamo was a great success with 84 people in attendance. The bingo prizes were great. Bingo was called by Karl Duus. Dinners were awarded free of charge to 21 members who had not missed more than three meetings in a year.

Kaj Molich and Kaj Hansen received their 25 year membership pins at the dinner.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor
Inger Dix, Assoc. Editor

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA—Our November meeting was our chili and bingo night. Several visitors were introduced which included George, Melissa, Natalie and Ryan Chadwick, Karen and Emily Peters and Tom Mora.

The business meeting was called to order. It was reported that Jerome Christensen, Sec.-Treas./CEO, is in the process of meeting with other fraternal organizations concerning merger.

Gertrude Nielsen reported she would deliver all the donated items to the YWCA Hotel for women. The next time we will be collecting items for the women will be at our February meeting. They have made the request for combs, brushes, lipstick, compacts and personal items.

It was voted to put a Christmas greeting from our lodge in the BIEN newspaper. We also wish to thank the following people for their lodge donations: Marie Christensen, general fund; Ken and Gerry

Olsen, recycling fund; and Soren Christensen, convention fund.

Thanks to Gary Gossett who prepared the chili we enjoyed before the business meeting. Thanks also to Helga and Kaj Bjorn who set up for the evening and ran the bingo which followed the business meeting.

Many thanks to all of you who so generously brought the bingo prizes.

We would also like to recognize Erna Andersen's efforts in continuing to bring in pounds and pounds of aluminum pull tabs which go to benefit the children and families at the Ronald McDonald House. Erna has made a continued and conscientious effort to help this program be very successful for our lodge. Thanks to Erna and everyone else who has collected these tabs and is continuing to do so.

The lodge also wishes to thank the following individuals who donated items to the children's Christmas bags; namely Soren and Betty Christensen, Ardythe and Jim Wiegandt, Gary Gossett, Helga Bjorn and Gerry Olsen.

A request has been made by the Convention Committee for wicker baskets. If you receive any baskets which you no longer have use for, please bring them to our monthly meetings. Toni Gossett will be collecting them.

Thanks to our members, we had a nice response to our canned food drive for our Holiday Basket. We collected 25 food items in November. We now have an elderly member of the Los Angeles Sisterhood who could use this Holiday Basket. She is a Danish lady living alone and would welcome this gift from our lodge. Thanks so much.

A garage sale is planned for Saturday, February 19. Start savings items for this upcoming sale.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA—We held our election of officers at our last meeting. Good luck and many thanks to Past President, Darlene Peterson; President, Richard Perez; Vice President, Lynda Jones; Secretary, Sue Patterson; Treasurer, Kaja Del Grippo; Trustees, Doris Thompson, Jim Patterson and Grethe Perez; Conductor, Vikki Garrison; Outer Guard, Bill Jones; and Inner Guard, Norma Loveday.

We received a membership application from Horace White.

We had two guests at our meeting, Roy and Inge Olsen from the Sons of Norway lodge in Redlands. They talked to us about the Festival of Lights ("Lights Around the World") put on by the International Council.

The joint installation of officers for Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 and our lodge will be held on January 8 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Conestoga Hotel, El Dorado Room in Anaheim. The cost per person is \$18.50. A no-host bar will be open the entire evening. The reservation deadline is January 3 to Toni Gossett.

Sue Patterson, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—Our new officers for 1994 are as follows: Past President, Jim Weedman; President, Ruth Nielsen; Vice President, George Madsen; Secretary, Jim Christiansen; Treasurer, Svend Greve; Trustees, Lois Hansen, Ted Stollard and Viola Cook; and Conductor, Annette Andersen. Please indicate to your new officers what you would like for programs and your feelings about dinners before meetings.

There will be installation of officers and a regular meeting on January 4 at Vennelyst, weather permitting.

The February meeting will be held at Pella Lutheran Church. Aebleskiver will be served.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—The auction was a spirited one; lots of items were donated and "Frank and Leon" did an excellent job of getting all of us to bid. We want to thank Laurids and Jerry for their help. Those of you who could not attend and still want to donate money, may contact Mabel. This is the only fundraiser we have each year and we still do not charge local dues since the change to paying national dues directly to the Home Office.

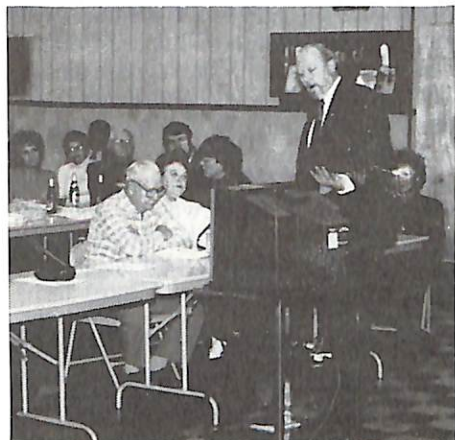
Helen McNichols, Sec.

Heartland

**** Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA**—At our November 8 meeting, Dennis Nissen from the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, was our guest. He presented an up-to-date video showing that the offices are now located in the building and depicting its various features. Artifacts can now be moved and stored there and The Wall of Honor is soon to be erected. Dennis answered many questions from our members and guests.

Election of 1994 officers was held with the following results: President, Ed Harris; Vice President, Ray Burkett; Secretary, Shirley Burkett; Treasurer, Edith Paulsen; Trustees, Judy Meehan, Erik Sorensen and Russell Jensen; and Con-

ductor, Doug Lary. Applications for membership for Vernon and Dolores Frost were approved. Mary Riber is their recommender.



Dennis Nissen of the Danish Immigrant Museum discusses the new building.

On November 23, a special event took place at Grand View College. Numerous Danish-Americans including many of our members and officers joined together for the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Rescue of Denmark's Jews. Our member, Svend Christensen, received prominent mention and accolades for his personal role in helping with the rescue of Danish Jews by boat to neutral Sweden 50

years ago.



1994 Lodge Officers: Doug Lary, Shirley Burkett, Russ Jensen, Judy Meehan, Ed Harris, Edith Paulsen, Ray Burkett and Eric Sorensen. Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN—We gathered December 4 to enjoy our Christmas party. We were treated with a concert performed by the Albert Lea High School Chorale Group under the direction of Diane Heaney. Several of the singers were grandchildren of lodge members. Erma and Arnold Levisen made arrangements for this presentation.

Don Levisen, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers for 1994: President, Harlan Erickson; Vice President, Alton Neve; Secretary-Treasurer, Grace M. Tomson; Financial Secretary, Arnold Levisen; and Trustees, Don Levisen, Jack Paulsen, Phil Sorensen, and Harlan Nelson. Nominations were accepted.

We voted to contribute \$100 to the Salvation Army.

Don Levisen reported on the Mermaid Statue and stated they are now accepting suggestions for a name for the Statue. Some suggestions are Albert Lea Mermaid Statue, Danish Mermaid Statue, and New Denmark Mermaid Statue.

A gift exchange was enjoyed by all. Marcella and LuVerne Clausen and Lettie and Lyle Andersen were hosts for the evening.

Grace Tomson, Sec.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA—Our November meeting included more discussion about the proposed merger. A committee was selected to draft a letter to the National Board of Directors.

Action was taken to keep the same slate of officers for 1994.

We were pleased with the October social and the arrival of 37 persons on a bus from Des Moines. Many thanks for their participation in the potluck and Las Vegas night.

The ladies of the Sisterhood had some help from the brothers in preparing the great aebleskiver.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA—Our November 17 meeting started as usual

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
10-01-93	John Trankar	91	Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1981
8-28-93	Mario Mauro	67	Italy	35	Chicago, Illinois	1989
10-30-93	Oswald Olsen	77	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1975
11-5-93	Darrol Larsen	69	Cordova, Nebraska	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1989
10-15-93	Hans H. Anderson	102	Denmark	319	Bakersfield, California	1965
11-15-93	Albert C. Buch	84	Newell, Iowa	147	Newell, Iowa	1966
3-21-92	Hans F. Jensen	97	Unknown	106	Trufant, Michigan	1921
1-27-93	Peter N. Lausen	96	Austin, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1920
10-20-93	Marinus (Mike) Olsen	91	Denmark	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1928
11-10-93	Paul R. Christensen	77	Carter Lake, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1961
10-31-93	Alfred H. Madsen	95	Sheffield, Illinois	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1918
11-22-93	Olaf Langsted	74	Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1943
10-10-93	Pearl W. Gladding	81	Montcalm, Michigan	700	Omaha, Nebraska	1944
11-17-93	Marvin Christensen	66	McMinnville, Oregon	194	McMinnville, Oregon	1954
10-30-93	Chris J. Dahl	91	Fenton, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1927

with the American and Danish national anthems. The minutes and the treasurer's report were read. Kayla Labs, age 7, entertained us twirling her baton. Then she gave us pointers on performing this stunt. Thank you, Kayla. It was very interesting.

Later we were ready for our bingo night. There were many prizes.

We wish to thank our refreshment committee of Ruth Rosdail and Ulla Christensen. **Alice Gorsch, Cor.**

Midwest

Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI—The election of officers for 1994 was held at the November meeting with the following results: Past President, Wayne Kavaliauskas; President, Jeffrey Christiansen; Vice President, Glenn Nyboe; Secretary, Erik Raahauge; Treasurer, John Mollerskov; Conductor, Douglas Larsen; and Alternate, Lance King. Installation of officers will be held at our January 12 meeting.

Thanks to Ruth Janssen and Al Andersen for serving lunch.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—We had another successful smoker with 80 in attendance enjoying cards, food, beer and soda. A big thank you to our hard working chairmen, David and Duane Kreier, and their crew, Jason Kreier, John Sullivan, Malcolm Young, Warren Piehl and Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. A big thank you to all who donated prizes and to Hansen's and Bruch's for the money donations.

Our big fund raiser for the year, Jule Fest weekend, is now history and was once again well attended. We had 800 for the Craft Fair and coffee shop on Saturday and 814 were served breakfast on Sunday. We thank all who volunteered; too many to mention, but a great team effort by a lot of members and Sisterhood too. We thank Ruth Gober and Paul Saftig for their donations to the Building Fund.

The annual torsk dinner/dance brought 115 to the hall. Thanks to the committee of Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Ray and Jayne Zieth, Harold and Kay Bordeau, Anker and Joyce Adelsen and Linda Kirby.

An aebleskiver and medisterpølse breakfast will be held Sunday, January 16 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 each which includes kringle and coffee. No reservations required.

We're going to Las Vegas on March 7-11. The trip includes Fun Jet round trip from Milwaukee, four nights at Imperial Palace, a get-together party at lodge before hand for food and drinks, all bus transportation and luggage handling, a

Fun Jet coupon book and all taxes and gratuities paid. The cost is \$427.00 each. A deposit of \$100.00 per person is due prior to January 5 to hold a seat. Many have signed up already. First 20 couples will go. One bus only.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—The November 19 meeting was opened by President Iversen. A thank-you letter from the Salvation Army was read. They thanked the lodge for the \$233 earned at the Make It, Bake It, Sew It or Grow It evening. This money was to be used for flood relief.

Ray Nielsen gave a report on the Midwest Dart Tournament we hosted. A good time was had by the 42 shooters that attended.

John Jorgensen gave a report on our dinner/dance. Our crowd was not as large as usual but a good time was had by those who attended. John thanked all who brought raffle tickets and those who brought prizes. He also thanked the committee for their hard work.

John Jorgensen said he would like members to give the Board an idea of what they want for next year's anniversary dinner/dance. President Iversen said the Board would get together and make a date and figure out what to do. If anyone has ideas, call Al.

The slate of officers for 1994 was presented by John Jorgensen. Past President, Al Iversen; President, Carl Christensen; Vice President, James Johansen; Treasurer, Henry Jepsen; Recording Secretary, Carole Jensen; Financial Secretary, Frank Connery; Trustees, Richard Sabey, William O'Flynn and Janet Villacci; and Conductor, Neola Bowen. The Nominating Committee was Paul Sloth, Elsa Petersen and Arnold Aagesen. There were no nominations from the floor. The Board as stated above was voted in.

A motion was made and carried to give \$100 each to Dana and Grand View colleges, the Danish Home and Lutheran Family Mission.

Woody Petersen encouraged members to answer the questionnaire from the Home Office regarding the merger. He also gave an update on where the Board is at this time regarding the merger.

President Iversen asked whether the Board of our lodge should pay the dues of members for 1994. Ray Nielsen said the lodge should, as did President Iversen. Discussion followed. A motion was made and carried to do so.

Carole Jensen showed movies from Denmark about the milk industry and also about castles and royal jewels. Susie

Walker then sang for us. Lots of entertainment! **Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI—On November 6, eighty-four members and guests gathered at the Waupaca Country Club for our annual Morten goose dinner. The Fred Rasmussens and Loyal Lundorfs were in charge of the arrangements. Among our guests were the two gentlemen restoring the Danes Home and two students from Denmark who are attending local high schools. After a delicious traditional Danish meal, time was spent socializing.



Exchange student, Marianne Skjoldager of Denmark, was a guest at the dinner.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

Michigan

Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—The Christmas dinner and ornament auction was attended by 80 members, family and friends. Vice President Houghton Smith was the auctioneer. A total of \$265.25 was raised. Proceeds are being used to purchase toys for the Ann Arbor and Detroit Children's Hospitals. Ornaments and Christmas cookies were donated by Brotherhood and Sisterhood members.

Our next dinner meeting will be January 8 and a joint installation of officers for Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be held on January 26. A dinner will precede installation.

Our February events include a dinner meeting on February 9 and the Slaa Katten af party will be on February 23. Dinner reservations should be made to 464-1110. **Ken Christensen, Cor.**

GCEL

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT—On November 12, Barbara Larsen prepared a delightful dinner for us. Attending this Thanksgiving feast were four guests from the Hartford Lodge and the GCEL Vice

President, Rick Trust, from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Members were asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank. Almost five bags of groceries were delivered to the Hamden Food Bank.

Thanks to Barbara for cooking the meal and to Gladys and Norman Edmonds, Barry, Winnie and Roberta Edmonds, and John and Vera Holmes for setting up for the evening.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

**** Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—** Set aside Friday, January 7, for codfish fresh from Maine. Birthe Olesen and crew are preparing for a great turnout. The lodge doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and we will serve at 7:30 p.m. Make reservations with Len Gottlieb.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA— The November meeting began with some delicious smorrebrod, prepared by the kitchen committee. This was followed by the pantomime magic of Bill Foust and his wife, Meryl. The amusing performance was enjoyed by all.

Initiated into the lodge that evening was Kelly Madsen, daughter of Bill and Melanie Madsen. This makes the Madsen family a 100% family in the Danish Brotherhood.

A slate of new officers was proposed by the Nominating Committee and unanimously elected. The only change was the

election of Bill Weinholz as Third Trustee. Therefore, Tage Kvist will continue as President for another year.

The lodge also decided to make a \$75 donation to annual neediest list conducted by the Bucks County Courier Post. In addition, a donation was allocated to provide Christmas gifts for the residents of the Home For The Aged in Edison, New Jersey.

We will have another scavenger hunt at the January meeting which we hope will be as successful as last year.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Correction

Please note a correction to the November, **American Dane**. The fifth verse of "Evening Star" on page 9 should be sung as follows:

Shady lanes, refreshing
Teach me, to be a blessing
To some weary soul each day,
Friends or foes who pass my way!
Shady lanes, refreshing!

1994 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries have been forwarded rules and entry forms regarding the 1994 National DBIA Handicap Bowling Tournament. The dates for bowling are between March 1, 1994 and June 1, 1994.

Recognition will be given to the 20 highest teams, high men's individual game, high men's individual series, high women's team, high women's individual game, and high women's individual series.

The winning Young Viking team will be awarded a certificate to avoid conflict with eligibility requirements for school athletics.

All teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood. A lodge may enter one or more teams. No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Payment to Board Members December

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$65.13.

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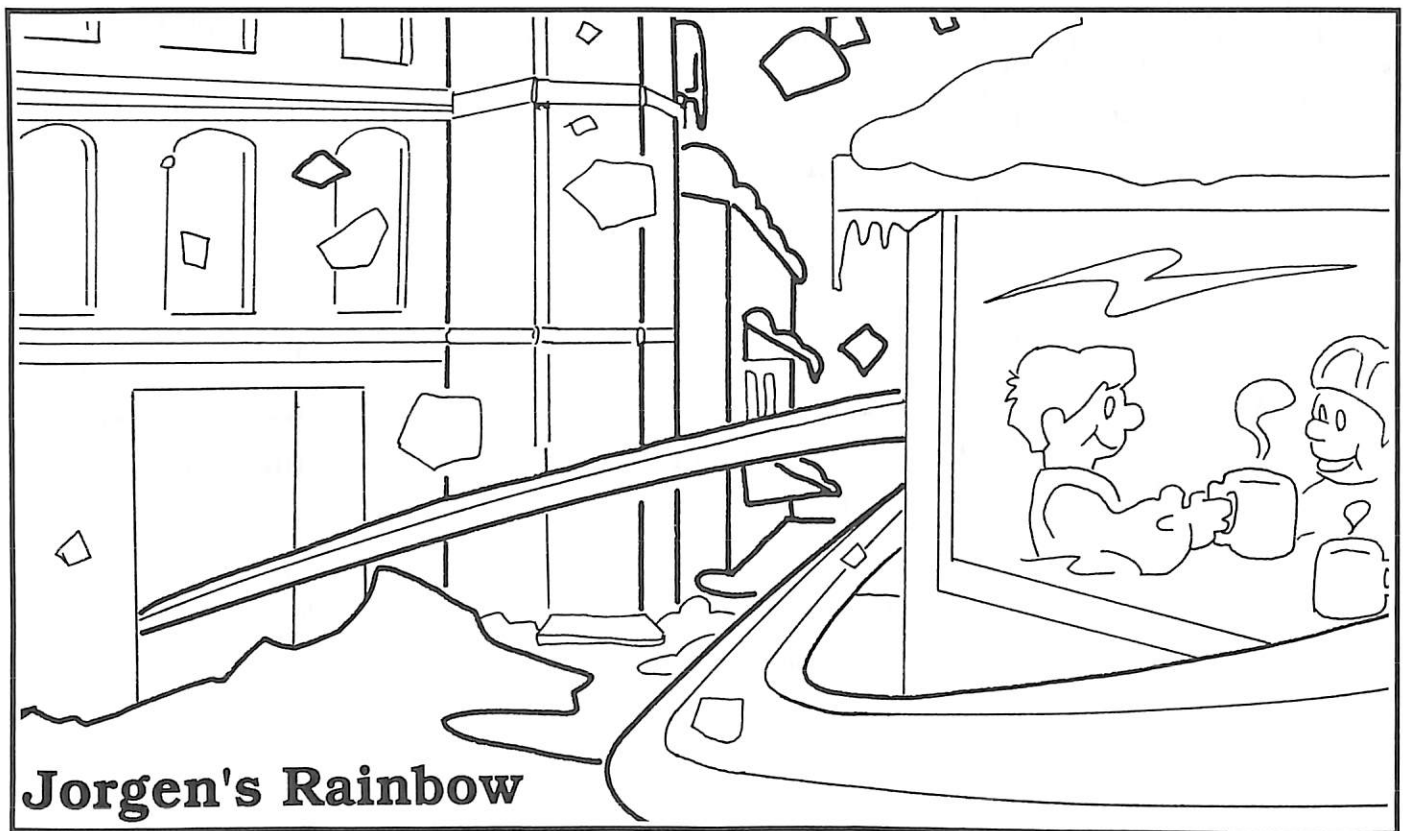
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Jorgen's Rainbow

On the city of Copenhagen's "Stroget," which is the world's longest walking street, Jorgen and Bifrost escape the winter cold in a nice restaurant with friends. Though it's very cold in the winter, Copenhagen is full of a special warmth that everyone can feel. The people call it "hyggelig" -- in English: "warmth and coziness." Next time, Jorgen meets up with The Bog Man!!

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December winners: Jaclyn Boring, Lindsey von Holstein and Kerry Hallings.

Grandma's Kitchen

**BEEF A LA LINDSTRØM
(BØF A LA LINDSTRØM)**



Gunild Ostergaard

**1 1/4 lb. minced beef
2 boiled potatoes, mashed
2 egg yolks
6-8 Tbsp. cream
2 pickled beets, finely diced**

Mix the minced beef with mashed potatoes and egg yolks; gradually stir in the cream; add the diced beets, onion and capers, stir carefully and season with salt, paprika, white pepper. Shape into round flat cakes about 1 inch thick and fry in hot butter over medium heat for 3-4 minutes on each side. Serve with fresh vegetables.

**1 1/2 Tbsp. onions, finely chopped
2 Tbsp. capers, finely chopped
Salt, pinch white pepper
Pinch of paprika
3 oz. butter**

Viking Adventures

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



Lodge leaders at the head table.



The Girls Choir of Hvidovre, directed by Poul Schonemann.

Lodge Celebrates 100 Years

Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, New York celebrated their 100th anniversary on October 20, 1993 to include some very special guests.

Lodge No. 71 was chartered on January 18, 1894. They scheduled the celebration early to include the Girls' Choir of Hvidovre, Denmark. The Choir entertained 157 members and guests at the gala event. Their repertoire was comprised of American medleys and jazz, Danish children's songs and folk songs.

The evening included dining, singing and dancing. Clarence Jensen served as master of ceremonies and Jorgen Overgaard read from the first minutes of the Lodge. The Dane Day Players provided music for dancing.

Thirty girls are members of the Choir. They are students in Hvidovre, a suburb of Copenhagen. The group was on a brief concert tour of the United States and Canada. Lodge No. 71 helped sponsor the choir.

Congratulations to Lodge No. 71 on the 100 years of service to Danish Brotherhood in America members.

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