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# President's Page

## Woodrow T. Petersen National President

Again I bring you information regarding the proposed merger. This month the information presented is from an informational newsletter which was recently sent from National Headquarters to the presidents, vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers of each lodge. By the time you receive your magazine, your lodge officers may have already shared this information with you. The information is printed here again for the benefit of those who have not had an opportunity to review the newsletter.

If, after reading this President's Page, you have questions, feel free to contact a Merger Committee member: National Directors, Ed Madsen and Barry Edmonds; Secretary-Treasurer/CEO Jerome Christensen or myself. You will find our addresses and telephone numbers listed on page three of this magazine.

As I reported in the February President's Page, the Merger Committee met with executives of four potential merger partners including Western Fraternal Life Association of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Woodmen of the World/Assured Life Association of Littleton, Colorado; National Mutual Benefit of Madison, Wisconsin; and Sons of Norway of Minneapolis, Minnesota. After careful deliberation and discussion and telephone conference calls, the Merger Committee selected Sons of Norway as DBIA's choice as a potential merger partner and the one with whom they wish to continue more detailed merger discussions.

The decision to choose Sons of Norway was based upon many factors. Several reasons came from members' responses to the most recent survey on the issue. It was through this survey that the Merger Committee learned of the items that members feel are the most important to the Danish Brotherhood in this venture. Among those items were the continuance of Danish Culture and Traditions; the name of Danish Brotherhood in America; the retention of our local lodge system and activities; and the **American Dane** magazine. Of all the Societies the Merger Committee met with, Sons of Norway addressed these concerns most completely.

Sons of Norway is also a financially sound fraternal benefit society with \$156,100,000 in assets and \$7,046,000 in surplus as of December 31, 1993. In the last five years (1989-1993) Sons of Norway has averaged a net gain before refunds to members of \$1,453,600, with the average refunds to members amounting to \$853,700. Further, the leading rating agency gives Sons of Norway an "A-, Excellent" rating. Therefore, this organization is highly respected in the industry. Another plus is that Sons of Norway is licensed in every state in which the DBIA is licensed, with the exception of Ohio, where they currently have an application pending. All in all, it appears the Sons of Norway and the Danish Brotherhood in America are a natural fit.

The merger process is far from over, but with this decision made, the respective Merger Committees can now focus on the details of a merger agreement.

Once a definitive merger agreement has been reached, it will be presented to the DBIA Board of Directors at their meeting on April 22 and 23, 1994. Upon their approval, the merger agreement will then be presented to our governing body at a special convention to be held this summer in Omaha, Nebraska. It is important to point out that just as we have to get final approval from our governing body, Sons of Norway must also obtain approval from its Board of Directors and governing body in meetings to be held in May and August, 1994, respectively.

It is proposed that the Danish Brotherhood in America will retain its identity as a district of the Sons of Norway. The existing Danish Brotherhood lodges will retain their identities within the DBIA District. It is also anticipated that current Danish Brotherhood districts will retain their identity as "sub-districts" or "zones" of the newly established DBIA District of the Sons of Norway.

Membership will consist of two categories: insured (or benefit) and social. DBIA's social membership will include our current social and associate members, with our current insured membership retaining their status within the merged organization.

As a District of Sons of Norway, the Danish Brotherhood would be entitled to at least two delegates to their International Convention, plus one additional delegate for each 400 members, or fraction thereof. Further, the DBIA District, as proposed, would have at least one seat on the Sons of Norway Board of Directors. We may be entitled to

a second seat on the Board as long as our membership exceeds 7,501. This approach will allow the Danish Brotherhood to retain its identity and provide for meaningful participation in the Sons of Norway system of governance.

At this time, the National Headquarters building is not a part of the merger agreement. The Merger Committee and National Board will be addressing this issue at their meeting in April. Several ideas have been discussed already. One suggestion is to sell the building with a portion of the proceeds over and above the book value being donated to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, in order to establish an exhibit or area honoring the Danish Brotherhood's contributions to the immigrant experience. The Danish Immigrant Museum Board has been approached with this possibility.

The remaining proceeds from the sale may go to the Danish Brotherhood District to be used at the District's discretion. It may provide scholarships, camp grants, etc., just as we do currently. The Merger Committee will also be negotiating an appropriate amount to sufficiently fund the establishment of a well functioning District within the Sons of Norway. This will become a part of the actual merger agreement. In addition, the Sons of Norway grants each of its districts \$4,500 each year, plus \$0.25 per member, to be used for district fraternal activities, lodge programs and support and fraternal benefits. Here again, the Danish Brotherhood as a District can decide on its own how these funds are used.

Each Sons of Norway District is entitled to one page of news in the **Viking**, the official publication of Sons of Norway. The Sons of Norway has indicated that they will be pleased to expand their magazine to include articles that will be of interest to the Danish membership. Therefore, a separate publication for the DBIA is not necessary. It may be that we will want to establish a District Newsletter called the "**American Dane**" to be paid for by the District.

Like the Danish Brotherhood, the Sons of Norway has a national dues structure. Currently, the national dues are \$20.00 per member (social and insured) per year. Spouses of members, who wish to be members, pay only \$16.00. Lodge dues, if applicable, would be in addition to national dues. Sons of Norway Youth Club members pay an annual dues of \$10.00. This group represents those members between the age of 16 and 23. Of course, juveniles under the age of 16 do not pay dues. DBIA national dues would then be replaced by those of the Sons of Norway. Of the national dues, \$1.50 per member would go to the DBIA District. At these amounts, the benefits greatly outweigh the cost of just \$1.67 per month.

There seems to be some confusion and rumors among the membership as to exactly why the Danish Brotherhood in America has chosen to merge. And, of course, that decision ultimately rests with the delegates of the special convention to be held this summer.

One rumor that has surfaced is that of the State of Nebraska Insurance Department "making" the Danish Brotherhood merge and discontinue writing insurance. The truth is, although the Nebraska Insurance Department met with the National Board one year ago regarding their concern of our declining surplus, never did they tell the Danish Brotherhood to cease and desist writing insurance. To this day we are able and willing to write insurance. The State of Nebraska simply recommended that the Danish Brotherhood seek a merger, as it is the only way they see to safeguard the current certificate holders.

Following the meeting with the Department, the Board's initial decision was to **not** seek a merger, pending favorable three-year proforma statements indicating a controlled growth. The operative words here are "favorable" and "growth." You see, the Insurance Departments not only want to see stable surplus levels, they also want to see growth in new insurance sales without substantially reducing that surplus. In other words, they are not interested in insurance associations simply living off of the surplus without showing significant activity in insurance sales; a catch-22 for the DBIA.

Needless to say, the proforma statements developed by our Actuary were not favorable to surplus. Further, much of our plans for early 1993 did not materialize. Therefore, in April, 1993, the National Board decided to terminate National Consultant, Leonard Thompson, and seek a merger as the State of Nebraska Insurance Department suggested. It has been to that end, then, that we have been working. We have tried to communicate as much as we possibly could through **American Dane**, even though until now not many specifics were known.

If we take a realistic, honest look at the Danish Brotherhood, we know that to merge is the right thing to do. Virtually, we do not have a choice. If we do not move to protect all certificate holders, the State Insurance Department will do it for us. It is as simple as that. Even though the Nebraska Insurance Department is not "making" us merge, they have made it clear that we need to tend to our fiduciary responsibility. The National Board of Directors has taken steps toward the only real solution available to the Danish Brotherhood at this time.

A merger with the Sons of Norway is the Danish Brotherhood's opportunity to take advantage of the cost savings of being a part of a larger organization. Yet we can enjoy the very ideals that have made this organization what it is today. The destiny of this beloved organization rests in the hands of the current members.

# NISSE : THE MAGICAL ELF!

Lily Tofteland Hartmann

“What is a Nisse?”

“Nisse could be called the magical elves - so tiny, you could lose sight of them in a blink - that is, if you could see them!”

Countries of Scandinavia are rich in folklore, traditions, customs and heritage. When did the Nisse first appear? Ages ago! Nisse seem to have existed back in the times of the Vikings. Nisse didn't seem to leave any specific genealogy records but we seem to know quite a lot about them. Nisse are such fascinating little elves!

In Denmark, the Nisse elf is said to bring presents to the children at Christmas. Nisse may be called Jule Nisse, Julemanden or many other endearing names.

Supposedly not seen by humans, which is debatable, Nisse are friendly with cats and horses. In the past, Nisse often headquartered in hay lofts, corn cribs, granaries, under flowerpots, toy boxes, and even in an old sea man's weathered chest! Active all year long, each had their own jobs. Nisse could work ever so quietly and patiently to pamper and groom a favorite horse, using a tiny curry-comb. Nisse could braid the long heavy hair, growing on the neck of the horse, into the neatest braid one could find! A Nisse might even brush tangles from the hair of a little girl while sleeping!

Nisse of Denmark are hard to find! They do travel to visit the Nisse in Norway or the Swedish “Tomte Gubben”(greybeard) or “Tomtar”. Also friendly with the Finnish “Joulupukki”, the “Jolasvenn” of Iceland, they enjoy the warmth and hospitality of other magical elves!

Illusive, mysterious, unpredictable but lovable and kind, Nisse bring good luck to the homes they visit. Not like trolls, who may have several heads and tails, Nisse are “normal” in appearance. Some may have compared the Nisse to a gnome, a goblin or a puck, a pixie or a mischievous sprite. Not a fairy or a powerful little urchin, or a “bogieman”, Nisse have their own attractive and friendly appearance. Nisse look like Nisse!

There are varying opinions regarding the size of the magical elves. One source stated Nisse are less than two feet tall; another about 15 centimeters- that is less than six inches! So tiny, according to some experts, Nisse would slip right through the cracks and knotholes in floorboards!

Most authorities agree that Nisse are good-natured, somewhat impish looking and huggable. They enjoy play-

ing harmless pranks on each other! They have smiling, twinkling blue or brown eyes, and healthy rosy cheeks. They are not the tiny elves on assignment, like Santa Claus has at the North Pole, but the grownup Nisse have white beards or whiskers. There are similarities, but what they are, are known only among the Nisse themselves!

Some folks call them “Nisser” and think they are thumb-sized. However, there does not appear to be much resemblance to “Grandfather Frost”, “Kris Kringle”, “Knecht Ruprecht”, “LeBefano”, “Belsnickel” or even the Leprechaun. Only the Nisse of Denmark and Norway have a kinship, due to their mixed ancestry. But who knows-maybe “Bedstemor” (grandmother) knows!

Most Nisse are known to wear a bright red knit stocking hat with a long tassel. Some Nisse would wear green or blue belted trousers, similar to an elf's jumper. “Elfin” looking shoes, or wooden clogs, were seen with the red socks. Knee length knickers or short trousers were often brown or black, but one Nisse was seen wearing a bright yellow pant with a gray tunic. Belts, shirts, and if it was cold enough to need a belted jacket, these may have been of other colors. Nisse had to dress comfortably as they island-hopped or visited Scandinavia's biggest city, Denmark's capital, Copenhagen.

Climbing the highest point in Denmark, the Yding Skovshøj, at 567 feet would require good snacking or trail foods. If one could peak into a knapsack maybe there would be some “Kraemmerhus” (Danish cones), Viner Brød” (Danish pastry), some Danish cheese, or the “Æbleskiver”- the delicious Danish national pastry. Rice porridge would no doubt be available along the way, as no Nisse would be without his favorite food!

Have you seen a Nisse? Or heard Nisse singing, as only they can, of Nisse having a head cold? Ever seen something rather unusual, a sequence of events, or wondered about some strange magical powers, something that you just “can't put your finger on?” A Nisse may have visited your area- like a flash of lightning- through the forest, over the lakes, to another island of Denmark!

Nisse are the friendliest of all magical elves! Unique in their behavior and social traditions, they are delightful little unseen elves to enjoy!

Nisse are indeed magical elves native to and in Denmark!

# 1994 Danish Brotherhood Lodge Directory

NOTE: Information for this list is in this order — number and location of the lodge, the secretary's address, the meeting date and meeting place of the lodge. Where no city is mentioned in the secretary's address, it is the same as the city in which the lodge is located. The zip code is given in parenthesis. Secretaries who find an asterisk (\*) behind their lodge number are asked to send their 1993 annual lodge report which includes their 1994 lodge officers to the Home Office as soon as possible.

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**39\*San Leandro, CA**—Aage Lundquist, 1159 Island Drive, Alameda, CA (94501). First Friday, 16490 Kent St., San Lorenzo.

**49\*San Francisco, CA**—Kenneth N. Larsen, 4175 Berdina Rd., Castro Valley, CA (94546). Fourth Wednesday, Odd Fellows Bldg., 26 7th Street, San Francisco.

**67 Fresno, CA**—L. S. DeLaurant, 1505 N. Lafayette (93728-1123). Second Thursday, 3540 E. Floradora, Fresno.

**95\*Ferndale, CA**—Francis Sweet, P.O. Box 195, Petrolia, CA (95558). Fourth Tuesday, Danish Hall, Ocean Ave., Ferndale.

**126\*Los Angeles, CA**—Betty Seale, 708 N. Avon St., Burbank, CA (91506). First Thursday, Alamo Hall, 6401 Ruby St., Los Angeles.

**143 Petaluma, CA**—Henry C. Brown, 302 West St., (94952). Third Friday, Petaluma Boys-Girls Club, Maria Drive, Petaluma.

**230\*Arcata, CA**—Judith Kjer Denney, P.O. Box 195, Bayside, CA (95524). Third Thursday, Dows Prairie Grange, McKinleyville.

**255\*Selma, CA**—Walter Hoegh, 1071 E. Nebraska Ave. (93662). Second Tuesday, members' homes.

**299\*Solvang, CA**—Kenny Andersen, 2543 Janin Way (93463). Second Wednesday, Veterans Wing-Memorial Hall, Mission Blvd., Solvang.

**306\*San Diego, CA**—Lillian Suda, 755 Prescott Ave., El Cajon, CA (92020). Second Wednesday, members' homes.

**319 Bakersfield, CA**—William J. McDonald, 7400 N

Laurelglen Blvd., G-3 (93309). First Thursday, Labor Hall, 200 W. Jeffery St., Bakersfield.

**322\*Santa Barbara, CA**—Carl Lauritsen, 2162 E. Valley Rd., (93108). Third Tuesday, 1232 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara.

**332 Ripon, CA**—Ann Stowers, 1617 Landes Ct., Modesto, CA (95350). Third Friday, Eagles Hall, 126 Camellia Way, Modesto.

**345\*Orange County, CA**—Geraldine Olsen, 16410 California Ave., Bellflower, CA (90706). Second Saturday, 14272 Hoover St., Westminster.

**346 Riverside, CA**—Sue Patterson, 28520 Hackney, Highland, CA (92346). First Saturday, Grand Terrace Community Center, 22130 Barton Rd., Grand Terrace.

## COLORADO

**43\*Denver, CO**—Susan Jensen, 19085 E 16th Place, Aurora, CO (80011). Second Tuesday, Eastern Star Building, 225 Acoma St., Denver.

**261\*Fowler, CO**—Mike Pharr, 32973 County Rd 3 (81039). Second Thursday, Danish Hall, 3 1/2 miles west of Fowler on Dotson Road.

## CONNECTICUT

**32\*New Haven, CT**—Lille Peters, 74 Cooper Lane, Hamden, CT (06514). Second Friday, Mix Firehouse, Hamden.

**37\*Bridgeport, CT**—Erik Garde, 26 Brooklawn Pl. (06604). Second Tuesday, I.O.O.F. Hall, Cemetary Dr., Stratford.

**41 Derby, CT**—Allen C. Miner, 184 River Rd., Shelton, CT (06484). When called, members' homes.

**314\*Hartford, CT**—James W. Elliott, 324 Founders Rd., Glastonbury, CT (06033). First Wednesday, 302 White St., Hartford.

## FLORIDA

**257 St. Petersburg, FL**—William B. Steffensen, 7055 Monte Carlo, Pinnellas Park, Fl (34655). When called.

## IDAHO

**264\*Pocatello, ID**—Shaun Watson, 240 Abraham, Chubback, ID (83202). First Saturday, 1365 N. Main, Pocatello.

## ILLINOIS

**17 Chicago, IL**—Albertice C. Nylén, 97 Carriage Rd., Barrington, IL (60010). First Thursday, 5844 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.

**34 Dwight, IL**—Marge Lauritsen, 407 E. Philmar (60420). Second Monday, American Legion Hall, Dwight.

**35\*Chicago, IL**—Frank Connery, 340 Virginia Ave., Glenwood, IL (60425). Third Friday, 9701 S. Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park.

**92\*St. Charles, IL**—Andrea Krueger, 6N899 Crestwood Drive (60175). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, 2nd Ave. & E. Main, St. Charles.

**182\*Waukegan, IL**—Janet Petersen, 1933 N. Jackson (60087). Second Friday, Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County, Waukegan.

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**10 Council Bluffs, IA**—E. A. (Bud) Grunberg, 2315 S. 11th St. (51501). When called, members' homes.

**15 Des Moines, IA**—Shirley R. Burkett, 1320 NE 50th Pl. (50313). Second Monday, American Legion Hall, 68 & Douglas, Urbandale.

**144 Dike, IA**—Lyle R. Refshauge, Box 272 (50624). Second Monday, Dike Community Hall, 540 Main St., Dike.

**147 Newell, IA**—Elmer Jensen, 418 S. Fulton St. (50568-5032). Third Wednesday, Allee Building, Main St., Newell.

**217\*Humboldt, IA**—Violet Bergeson, 1108 N. 15th St. (50548). Second Monday, Senior Citizen's Building, Humboldt.

**219 Clear Lake, IA**—Kathleen Sonsalla, 801 Crestview Drive, Webster City, IA (50595). Second Saturday, I.O.O.F. Hall, 309 1/2 Main Ave., Clear Lake.

**326\*West Branch, IA**—Judie Neelson, 5488 Hwy. 22 S.E., Lone Tree, IA (52755). First Sunday afternoon, members' homes.

**341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA**—Alice Simonsen, 146 Hwy 173, Atlantic, IA (50022-7003). Fourth Monday of even numbered months, alternating Kimballton and Elk Horn.

**347\*Cedar Rapids, IA**—Ulla Wall, 362 E. Post Rd. S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA (52403). Third Thursday, 600 10th Ave., Marion.

**349 Atlantic, IA**—Evelyn Rechtenbach, 1607 Olive (50022). Second Monday of every other month, Rolling Hills Bank, East 7th, Atlantic.

## MICHIGAN

**30\*Muskegon, MI**—David B. Weller, 1742 W. Norton Ave. (49441). First Monday, 1742 W. Norton Ave., Muskegon.

**51 Ludington, MI**—David Wikarejczak, 7676 W. 18th (49431). First Wednesday, 1014 S. Madison St., Ludington.

**70\*Greenville, MI**—Darwin Noah, 2769 Sidney Rd., Sidney, MI (48885). Second and fourth Friday, DBS Hall, 126 W. Grove, Greenville.

**106\*Trufant, MI**—Mary L. Nielsen, 121 First St. (49347). Fourth Saturday, DB Hall, Second St., Trufant.

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**75 Albert Lea, MN**—Grace Tomson, 711 North Shore (56007). First Saturday, Senior Citizen's Center, 146 W. Clark St., Albert Lea.

**121 Tyler, MN**—Hilda Hansen, 441 S. Tyler St. (56178). First Saturday, Senior Citizen's Center, Tyler.

**263\*Askov, MN**—Edna Petersen, Box 85 (55704). First Wednesday, Partridge Cafe, Askov.

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**56 Kansas City, MO**—Otto M. Larsen, 328 N. 13th St., Kansas City, KS (66102). Third Friday, Senior Citizen's Center, 13425 Walnut, Lenexa.

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**283 Dagmar, MT**—Joel J. Petersen, Box 173, Plentywood, MT (59254). Second Monday, Lodge Hall, Dagmar.

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**16 Minden, NE**—Minna Newbold, RR 1, Box 127 (68959). Third Thursday, Community Center, 403 N. Colorado, Minden.

**84\*Lincoln, NE**—Erik Hansen, 3912 J Street (68510). Second Saturday, Oddfellow Hall, 1111 N. 56th St., Lincoln.

**117\*Plainview, NE**—Louis Petersen, RR 1, Box 226 (68769). When called.

**125\*Weeping Water, NE**—Kenneth Lauritzen, 1002 E. Eldora Ave. (68463). Second Tuesday, secretary's home, Weeping Water.

**161 Ruskin, NE**—Geraldine Schultz, P.O. Box 98 (68974). Second Saturday, Ruskin Community Room, Ruskin.

**177 Cordova, NE**—Faye M. Petersen, 1024 E. 12th, York, NE (68467-2612). When called, members' homes.

**206 Blair, NE**—Helen McNichols, 1406 Butler St. (68008). Fourth Monday, Riverview Grange Hall, 21st and Jackson St., Blair.

**211 Grand Island, NE**—Vera Petersen, Rt. 1, Box 120, St. Paul, NE (68873). Second Wednesday, Blue Flame Room, 515 W. Third, Grand Island.

**288 Cotesfield, NE**—Harriette Leth, Box 74 (68829). Three times a year, members' homes.

#### NEVADA

**339\*Las Vegas, NV**—April Gerrity, P.O. Box 72211 (89170). Last Monday, 3527 Montego Dr., Las Vegas.

#### NEW JERSEY

**46\*Perth Amboy, NJ**—Glen E. Sorensen, 653 Sheridan Ave., Plainfield, NJ (07060). Second Wednesday, 855 New Durham Rd., Edison.

#### NEW YORK

**71\*Penn Yan, NY**—Clarence Jensen, 1179 Townline Road (14527). Third Saturday, Lodge Home, 100 E. Elm St., Penn Yan.

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**164\*New York, NY**—Debra Sorensen, One Lufberry Ave., New Brunswick, NJ (08901). Third Saturday, Danish Athletic Club, 735 6th St., Brooklyn.

**183\*Troy, NY**—Harry B. Jensen, 50 McDonald Drive, Cohoes, NY (12047). Second Saturday, DB Hall, 37 112th St., Troy.

**190 Schenectady, NY**—Carl Christensen, 1357 Wemple Lane (12309). Third Wednesday, Van Dyke Restaurant, 237 Union St., Schenectady.

**325 Nassau County, NY**—Stanley Kofod, 957 Wenwood Dr., North Bellmore, NY (11710). Second Friday, American Legion Hall, Franklin Ave. and Legion Place, Malverne.

### OHIO

**170\*Rocky River, OH**—Gail Segraves, 457 High Street, Elyria, OH (44035). First Friday, American Legion Hall, 695 Cahoon Rd., Bay Village.

**225 Canton, OH**—Audrey Pedersen, 3615 Frazier Ave. NW (44709). When called.

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### OREGON

**167 Portland, OR**—Ruth Dally, 100 SW 195th, #63, Aloha, OR (97006). First Wednesday, Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th Ave., Portland.

**194 McMinnville, OR**—Bonnie Hansen, 7802 SE Amity Rd, Amity, OR (97101). Second Sunday, various homes.

**268\*Junction City, OR**—James Jeppesen, 1883 Labona Drive., Eugene, OR (97404-4701). First Tuesday, 195 W. 5th St., Junction City.

**348\*Eugene, OR**—Susie Staats, 805 Sommerville Loop, Harrisburg, OR (97446). Second Thursday, 1836 Alder, Eugene.

**350\*Mid Willamette, OR**—Stephanie Jorgensen, 25756 Llewellyn Rd, Corvallis, OR (97333).

### PENNSYLVANIA

**172\*Philadelphia, PA**—Joseph Leis 105 Penn Oak Rd., Flourtown, PA (19031). First Friday, Masonic Lodge, Woodland Ave., Rt. 420, Springfield.

**202\*Warren, PA**—Lawrence A. Andersen, 179 Davis St., Youngsville, PA (16371). Second Wednesday, Warren Grange Hall, Crescent Park, Warren.

**242\*Erie, PA**—Henry Jensen, 2656 Sigsbee St. (16508). Third Wednesday, Danish Club, 1146 W 8th St., Erie.

**342\*Bucks County, PA**—Betty Jensen, 44 Roundabout Lane, Levittown, PA (19055). Third Friday, Sons of Norway Hall, 187 State Rd., Andalusia.

### RHODE ISLAND

**102\*Providence, RI**—Mark Braumann, 115 White Ave. Warwick, RI (02886). Second Friday, members' homes.

### SOUTH DAKOTA

**139\*Viborg, SD**—Ruth Peterson, Box 565 (57070-0565). First Thursday.

### VERMONT

**294\*Barre, VT**—Leah R. Taft, 21 Colby St. (05641). Second Tuesday, Barre Senior Citizen's Center, 135 N Main St., Barre

### WASHINGTON

**29 Seattle, WA**—Gerald Jensen, 9316 47th Ave. SW (98136). First Wednesday except July and August, The Danish Center, Meridian Office Bldg., 1833 N 105th St., Room 205, Seattle.

**33 Tacoma, WA**—Signe Wenness, 1213 N Verde (98406).  
Second Saturday, 3025 Pacific Highway E., Tacoma.

**42 Spokane, WA**—Rudy Vida, W. 328 Eighth #309  
(99204). First Thursday except July and August, Carpen-  
ter's Hall, W. 120 Mission Ave., Spokane.

**113 Enumclaw, WA**—Niels Nedergard, 795 Pine Drive  
(98022-2971). Second Saturday except June, July and  
August, Danish Hall, 1708 Porter St., Enumclaw.

**155 Bellingham, WA**—Karen Bruun, 2737 N Park Drive  
(98225). Second Friday, members' homes.

#### WISCONSIN

**4 Racine, WI**—Erik Raahauge, 2508 Jerome Blvd.  
(53403). Second Wednesday, D.D.R.'s Pub, 1814 Taylor  
Ave., Racine.

**9\*Oshkosh, WI**—Richard Segor, 424 W Nevada Ave.  
(54901). Fourth Thursday, Eagles Hall, 405 Washington  
Ave., Oshkosh.

**14 Kenosha, WI**—Roger E. Nelson, 2016-76th St.  
(53143). First and third Tuesday, 2206 63rd St., Kenosha.

**36 Milwaukee, WI**—Carol M. Larsen, 2571 S. Shore  
Drive (53207). Fourth Monday, Nativity Lutheran Church,  
6905 W Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee.

**89\*Superior, WI**—Marion L. Christensen, Rt. 3, Box  
288, Wentworth, WI (54874). Third Monday, Senior  
Citizens Center, Superior.

**186 Luck, WI**—Phyllis Christensen, 1749-200th Ave.,  
Centuria, WI (54824-7125). Third Monday, DBIA Hall,  
300 1st St. S, Luck.

**343 Waupaca, WI**—Gladys D. Petersen, E 1758 Garfield  
Lane (54981). Fourth Thursday, Trinity Lutheran Church,  
206 E. Badger St., Waupaca.

#### CANADA

**328 Vancouver, B.C.**—Peter Jensen, 1721 Laurier Ave.,  
Port Coquitlam, B.C. (V3B 2C3). First Wednesday,  
17672-57th Ave., Cloverdale.

#### DENMARK

**318\*Copenhagen, DK**—Tage Wemer, Mariendalsvej  
28, DK 2000 Kobenhavn F, Denmark. When called.

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### 1994 DISTRICT SECRETARIES

**Pacific-Northwest District**—Niels Nedergard, 795 Pine  
Dr., Enumclaw, WA 98022-2971.

**California-Nevada District**—Owen Miller, 449 W. 64th  
Place, Inglewood, CA 90302-1135.

**Heartland District**—Deloris Ross, Box 275, Cherokee  
Village, AR 72525-0275.

**Midwest District**—Raymond Nielsen, 1227 Olive Rd.,  
Homewood, IL 60420.

**Nebraska District**—Grace Thomsen, 755 Hartley St.,  
Superior, NE 68978.

**Michigan-Ohio District**—Bob Sorensen, 44800 Gre-  
gory Lane, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**G.C.E.L. District**—Winnie Edmonds, 15 Taylor Drive,  
East Hampton, CT 06424.

## 1994 District Conventions

District	Host Lodge	Date
Pacific-Northwest	Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR	May 6-8
California-Nevada	Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA	July 28-30
Heartland	Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN	September 9-11
Midwest	Lodge No. 17, Chicago, IL	September
Nebraska	Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE	August 12-14
Michigan-Ohio	Lodge No. 70, Greenville, MI	May 14
G.C.E.L.	Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY	September 3-5

# Our Lodges in Action

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## Pacific

## Northwest

\*\* **Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA**—President Clyde Langsted called his last meeting of the 1993 season to order on January 5. The first order of business was to approve Erik Petersen's application for membership. Welcome aboard, Erik.

The minutes were read and approved from the last meeting. Jerry Jensen was nominated by the membership for the prestigious Howard E. Christensen Award. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Edith Andersen chaired another exceptional Christmas party. There were approximately 135 children in attendance and Santa was as jolly as ever. Thanks to all of you who assisted.

Gert Wolff announced that the Danes Soccer Club will chair the All-Dane Picnic this year.

Mel Hollister delivered poinsettias to 13 different people, the youngest was 86 and the oldest was 102. President Langsted thanked Frank Poulsen for doing such a wonderful job this past year a Past President.

Gunnar Sorensen personally thanked Clyde Langsted for another job well done, as did the rest of the membership. Care and Share was given \$30 by our generous Danes. With 21 members in attendance, our meeting was adjourned. Good luck to our new officers and happy new year to all.

**Jeff Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA**—President Myra Brochner opened our January meeting. The secretary read the minutes of our November meeting since we had our Christmas party in lieu of our meeting in December. The treasurer gave a two

month report plus the annual financial report. The members congratulated Erna Rolschau for recently becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States. She has been a member of the DBIA for seven years.

Plans were discussed to have a special birthday cake in honor of Queen Margrethe of Denmark, who will be celebrating her birthday soon.

Jeannette Madsen will be our delegate to the district convention which will be held in Portland on May 6-8.

**Jeannette Madsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR**—The January meeting was called to order by President Don Thorkildsen with 30 members present. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written. The treasurer's report was read and bills approved to be paid.

Pete Christensen thanked those who helped at ScanFair. Jan Christensen reported a net profit of \$635.15. She also said that our lodge did not have an ad in the ScanFair booklet this time and she thought we should next December. Also, Jan brought up the fact that we must belong to the Nordic Council to be a part of ScanFair. Volunteers were asked to represent our lodge in that council. Asbjorn Fisker announced that this was the most successful ScanFair ever.

Jan Christensen suggested that we send Bethany Lutheran Church a check for \$25 to show our appreciation for the use of their facilities in November when the cooking of the frikadellar for ScanFair was done. This was approved by the membership.

Karlene Thorkildsen thanked all who helped with the Christmas party with a special thanks to Elvin Kasch who was Santa.

Don Bogh introduced his sister Nellie

who has moved to our area from California. Don also brought his picture album of many of the lodge events throughout the years.

Norm Powell reported on the Grant House Folk Art Center in Vancouver.

President Don Thorkildsen, who was chairing his last meeting as president, thanked all the officers and friends for all their help during this past year.

Don had the pleasure of introducing Edward Ussing and presenting him with his 60-year membership pin. Congratulations, Edward!

Ed Hirsch suggested there should be a written record for all new officers each year so that the duties get passed down in a more orderly fashion. It was approved by the membership that the new Law Committee consisting of Don Thorkildsen, Norm Powell, Larry West, Don Bogh and Lisa Mortensen, work on a document that the new officers could use each year.

President Thorkildsen asked us to start thinking of the possibility of having our meetings downstairs and sharing space with the Sisterhood but with separate meetings.

The meeting was closed with the singing of the Danish National Anthem led by Asbjorn Fisker and accompanied by Phil Baker.

**Ruth Dally, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 268, Junction City, OR**—We held our installation of officers on January 18. The evening began with a social, followed by a potluck. We then sang Happy Birthday to Walter Reinhard. After the meal, we sang "Der er et yndigt land". Then the meeting was called to order by Kris Sand, a Past President of the Pacific-Northwest District, who led the installation. The officers are as follows: Past President, Ejnar Skovbo; President, Norman Christensen; Vice President, Walter

Petersen; Secretary, James Jeppesen; Treasurer, Donald Johnson; Trustees, Theodore Jensen, Bert Hinman and Henry Mortensen; and Conductor, Harvey Nielsen.

After the installation, the meeting was turned over to President Norman Christensen. President Christensen thanked Kris Sand as well as the officers for their willingness to serve the lodge. Thirty-five attended the evening's activities. We welcomed guests from Lodge No. 348, Glenn and Bettie Matson and Hanne Taekker. We concluded by playing cards.

**Martin Taekker, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—**There

were 55 Brothers present at the last meeting and silence was observed in honor of Villy Andersen. The official installation of the new Board of Directors then took place.

A suggestion was made from the floor for general discussion regarding possible changes to our regular meetings. The overall impression received was that changes were not needed. If there are 55 Brothers coming out to a January meeting, then we must be doing something right, or "if it ain't right, don't fix it".

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Vancouver will be hosting the District Bowling Tournament in Enumclaw on March 12. Registration will be held from

11:00 - 1:00 p.m. with bowling beginning at 1:00 p.m. sharp. The cost to bowl is \$8.00. If you are interested in participating as a bowler, attending the banquet, or hotel reservations, please contact Peter Praegel. Hotel rooms will be reserved at the Best Western Park Center Hotel, 1000 Griffin Avenue in Enumclaw. The banquet will be held in the Danish Hall, two blocks from the hotel. The cost for the banquet is \$16.50.

**Leo Pedersen, Cor.**

**\*\*Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR—**President Glenn Matson called the January 13 meeting to order with approximately 58 members present. An informal meeting

# 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
8-9-93	Jeanette Hansen	80	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1965
1-1-94	Constance E. Sherman	88	Ferndale, California	230	Arcata, California	1975
1-2-94	Henry E. Lammers	80	Omaha, Nebraska	206	Blair, Nebraska	1986
1-10-94	Howard C. Larsen, Sr.	84	Grand Rapids, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1974
1-24-93	Gunnar H. Pedersen	92	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1955
1-18-94	Viola May Osborn	76	Amity, Oregon	194	McMinnville, Oregon	1967
1-24-94	Edgar F. Gastaldi	77	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1983
7-16-93	Chris Jensen	76	Idaho	42	Spokane, Washington	1978
1-17-94	Walter J. Murphy	85	San Francisco, California	49	San Francisco, California	1982
1993	Phyllis Sundberg	66	Tolstoy, South Dakota	350	Mid-Willamette, Oregon	1992
1993	Dorothy Kinzer	70	Minnesota	350	Mid-Willamette, Oregon	1992
1993	Tove Bodvarsson	69	Denmark	350	Mid-Willamette, Oregon	1992
1992	Lauritz Larsen	101	Unknown	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1923
9-19-93	Frank Latham	84	Batesville, Arkansas	95	Ferndale, California	1960
4-21-93	Bernice Lund	73	Cardner, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1976
10-7-92	Vilh R. Andersen	94	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1922
12-16-93	Emil G. Block	82	Denmark	700	Omaha, Nebraska	1949
12-5-93	James Sterndorff	92	Denmark	37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	1924
1-1-94	Jorgen G. Andersen	90	Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1942
1-1-94	LeRoy McCauley	75	Rochester, New York	183	Troy, New York	1964
1-14-94	Harold Beck	81	Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1935
3-18-93	Henry P. Jensen	82	Chicago, Illinois	39	San Leandro, California	1929
1-10-94	Aksel M. Nongart	74	Denmark	41	Derby, Connecticut	1959
2-3-94	Armand Z. Thomsen	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1966
2-3-94	Fred Nielsen	84	Denver, Colorado	43	Denver, Colorado	1931

was held at the Elks Lodge after the installation dinner. Steen was a guest of Hanne Jensen.

Martin Taekker was nominated for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

The financial statement was given to all members. A complete audit will take place before the next scheduled meeting and a report will be given at that time.

Glenn thanked the lodge for a thriving year and thanked the executive committee for its support. He also thanked Jim and Ada Larsen for doing a great job as chairpersons for the Hostfest.

Svend Toftemark thanked Glenn and the officers for asking him to install the officers for 1994. He also thanked his father, Aage Toftemark, as they celebrated a special anniversary this day. It was 46 years since their family came from Denmark.

**Susie Staats, Sec.**

## California

## Nevada

**Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA**—The January meeting was called to order by President Karen Rowse. Two guests were present, David Seale's mother, Clara Vonich, from Fort Bragg, and his sister, Dottie Lussier, from Atlanta. Welcome!

The Salvation Army thanked us for our Christmas gift of money, canned goods and presents for the needy.

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

Vice President David Seale gave a report on the Christmas party.

Refreshments were served by Dixie Sorensen and Clara Vonick. Thank you.

Our next social will be March 18. It will be an Italian Night Bingo at the Alamo. A no-host bar opens at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The price is \$10.00 per person.

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor**  
**Inger Dix, Assoc. Editor**

**Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA**—On January 8 we had our joint installation of officers with Kodan Lodge No. 346 at the Conestoga Hotel in Anaheim. Our newly elected lodge officers were installed by our District President, Karl Duus. Our District Conductor, Bill Jensen, was there

to help Karl with the installation. Holger Danske Lodge wishes to thank both district officers for their participation in our installation. We presented them with engraved mugs from the lodge as a token of our appreciation.

Following the installation, music was available for dancing. Thanks to the entire Holger Danske Lodge Board for providing the raffle prizes and working hard to organize a successful installation.

The 1994 lodge officers are: Past President, Jim Wiegandt; President, Ken Olsen; Vice President, Kandy Chappell; Secretary, Gerry Olsen; Treasurer, Betty Christensen; Conductor, Helga Bjorn; Trustees, Kaj Bjorn, Cal Christensen and Ardythe Wiegandt; Inner Guard, Patty Kessler; and Outer Guard, Toni Olsen Gossett.

A request has been made by the Convention Committee for wicker gifts baskets. If you have any baskets which you no longer need, please bring them to our monthly meetings.

Everyone is invited to attend our March 27 Board meeting at the Wiegandt's which will also double as a Convention Painting Workshop.

Thanks to our members, we had a wonderful response to our canned food drive for our Holiday Basket. We collected a total of 94 food items and \$35 in cash for donation to a Sisterhood member in need.

**Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA**—Many thanks to Holger Danske for the very nice installation at the Conestoga Hotel. California-Nevada District President, Karl Duus, and Conductor, Bill Jensen, installed our lodge officers.

Our new president held a Board meeting on January 13. It is his wish that this year be spent on improving our membership. He also would like us to invest our time and money in the lodge and our family lodge activities.

On March 5 we will have a regular meeting and a St. Paddy's Day dinner.

**Sue Patterson, Sec.**

## Nebraska

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE**—In January,

the officers were installed by the district president. This was followed by George Madsen presenting an excellent lecture on appropriate wines to serve with different types of food. Then we had the privilege of tasting them! The lodge is grateful to Finocchiaro Wine Company for the gift of nine fine bottles of wine. The cheeses were great also.

On Tuesday, April 5, we will have our annual banquet and on May 3 we will have cold cuts and potluck salads.

**Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE**—We met at the Minden Senior Center for our annual soup supper on January 20 with 42 present. Thanks to the committee of Duane and Minna Newbold, Cindy and Keith Kinney, and Clarence and Marian Johnson for dessert.

Herbert and Helen Binderup said they had trays they would like to donate to our lodge. A motion was made and seconded to accept.

William Jorgensen gave a report on how the merger was progressing.

We will be celebrating their 110th anniversary this year. We discussed how to celebrate.

Installation of officers was conducted by District President Glen Haselbarth assisted by Herbert Nielsen and William Jorgensen. Our news reporter for 1994 is Marie Nelson. Cards were played for our evening entertainment.

**Minna Newbold, Sec.**  
**Marie Nelson, Cor.**

\* **Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE**—We met Saturday, January 22, at the Ruskin Community Center with 26 members and two visitors present for our aebleskiver supper. Grace Thomsen was nominated for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

Our lodge voted to host the state picnic on June 12 and it will be held at the Ruskin Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jorgensen of Minden visited our lodge. Bill presented 25-year membership pins to Willard and Glennis McCutcheon and Erna Martins. Ramona Eickman was not present to receive her pin.

Bill also installed the 1994 officers as follows: Past President, Chauncey Mickelsen; President, Howard Madsen; Vice

President, Betty Smith; Secretary, Geraldine Schultz; Treasurer, Soren Thomsen; Trustees, Bill Erickson, Eugene Schultz and Al Jorgensen; and Conductor, Harley Jensen.

After the meeting was adjourned, Chauncey Mickelsen presented a crystal gift to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lewis for their 50th anniversary from the lodge and a beautiful anniversary cake was served for lunch.

**Geraldine Schultz, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE**—Our Christmas party was very well attended. The food was all delicious and the mood was festive. Our program of music from the beautiful organ was great. Thanks to all who helped make the party such a success!

**Helen McNichols, Sec.**

## Heartland

**Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN**—We met February 5 at the Senior Citizen's Center. Vice President Alton Neve called the meeting to order and we made our pledge to the American Flag.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given and accepted. Copies of the secretary's minutes and copies of the annual statements were prepared and available to members.

Vice President Neve presented for viewing historical documents and memorabilia of the origin of our lodge. It was moved to give the lodge charter, dated 1894, and the original first secretary's record book to the Freeborn County Historical Museum and Society. The first entries in the record books were entered in Danish until 1935; then entries were made in English, and later were again entered in Danish. The framed charter and the record books will be handed to the museum following our 100th anniversary celebration and the Heartland District Convention to be hosted by our lodge in September.

Bev Jackson of the Freeborn County Historical Society told of the progress made by the museum and the accolades received from out-of-city and state visitors. She presented a guessing game as to the names and uses of questionable an-

tiques which made for an enjoyable evening. Our member Jack Paulsen demonstrated how to use a corn husking glove remembering how he could pick 110 bushels a day when he was younger.

Hosts and hostesses for the evening were Pat and Mike Levisen and Karen Richard Nelson, serving Danish open-faced sandwiches and heart decorated cakes.

New officers for the year are President, Harlan Erickson; Vice President, Alton Neve; Secretary-Treasurer, Grace M. Tomson; Financial Secretary, Arnold Levisen; Conductor, Arnold Levisen; Board of Directors, Jack Paulsen, Phil Sorensen and Harlan Nelson.

**Grace Tomson, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 121, Tyler, MN**—President Delno Hansen called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given. Hilda Hansen, Secretary-Treasurer, gave her report. Election of officers was held.

Therkel Jorgensen gave a talk on Abraham Lincoln. A delicious lunch was served by Delno and Mary Hansen and Edna Allickson.

**Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA**—Congratulations to our member, Harry E. Petersen, who is receiving his 50-year pin.

At the January meeting, our membership voted to ask the National Board for the particular groups of lodges and insurance companies they will meet with, and what is to be on that agenda.

We lost some members over the past year, but we ended the year with about the same number due to several youth enrollees. We also were happy to have three members ask to be reinstated.

**Lyle Refshauge, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 349, Atlantic, IA**—Forty members and one guest enjoyed a potluck supper at the Rolling Hills Bank on January 10. The theme for the evening was the "Thirties". Everyone shared memories from that time.

President John Nelson called the business meeting to order with everyone saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A letter was read from Deena Knap who is attending Anita High School. She plans to participate in the foreign exchange pro-

gram in Denmark next school year. We voted to give her a monetary gift for her program.

Election of officers was held with the following results: President, Frances Nelson; Vice President, John Denne; Secretary, Evelyn Rechtenbach; and Treasurer, Harvey Hansen.

A study plan committee was formed to help make decisions as to the future of our organization.

Everyone expressed thanks to the January committee for a most enjoyable evening.

**Evelyn Rechtenbach, Sec.**

## Midwest

### Midwest District

Midwest District scholarship applications for the 1994/95 school year will be considered May 1, 1994. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to the district secretary, Raymond Nielsen, 1227 Olive Road, Homewood, IL 60430, or call (708) 799-5182 for an application. Applications received after the deadline of May 1, 1994, will not be considered by the committee for an award.

**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI**—President Hosmanek made committee assignments.

Installation of officers took place on January 5 with Midwest District President Karen and Conductor Jerry Swidergal installing.

The 1994 National DBIA Bowling Tournament dates are March 1 to June 1. Get your teams together and bowl three games at your convenience and turn scores in to Rich Walker. There is no entry fee. Top 20 teams will be recognized. Teams can be mixed, but all must be members of the DBIA to participate.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner/dance will be held on March 19. Doors open at 6 p.m. Reservations must be made by March 10; a beer bust will be held on March 27 from 1 - 5 p.m.; and Stink Club will be at 6 p.m. on March 29. Reservations are required by March 24.

**Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 17, Chicago, IL**—Our January 13 meeting began after a wonderful dinner. President Merle Nylen bid the

eleven members welcome.

We will be celebrating our 110th anniversary this year.

Midwest District Brotherhood President Karen Nylén-Swidergal installed the 1994 lodge officers. They are as follows: Past President, Thorkil Winther; President, Merle Nylén; Vice President, Chris Steffensen; Secretary, Albertice Nylén; Treasurer, Svend Jorgensen; Trustees, Karen Nylén-Swidergal, Joseph Polka and Linda Steffensen; and Conductor, Jerry Swidergal.

**Albertice Nylén, Sec.**

**\*Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL**—We held our installation of officers on January 10. Ken Jensen was installing officer and Robert Weller was conductor. The officers are as follows: President, Richard Perschnick; Vice President, James Lauritsen; Past President, Virgil Holzhauser; Treasurer, Carol Clavey; Conductor, Ray Holzhauser; Secretary, Marge Lauritsen; Trustees, Robert Anderson, Leo Pedersen and Dorothy Dawsen. Margaret Goodwin was presented with a music box for her many years of service to the lodge.

**Marge Lauritsen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL**—The January 21 meeting was opened with approximately 55 members present. A moment of silence was observed by members and our charter will be draped for 30 days in memory of George Nielsen. A memorial of \$50 was donated to the Homewood Paramedics in honor of George also.

Visitors made welcome were Marianne Ryrholm of Sweden, Sal Aspina, Marion Cook, MWD President Karen Nylén-Swidergal and MWD Conductor, Jerry Swidergal.

Elsa Petersen reported on a successful Christmas party and thanked the committee for their hard work.

Dick Sabey reported that the Audit Committee had looked over the books and found them to be in order.

Al Iversen spoke about our membership declining and hoped we would improve our membership in the future.

MWD President Karen Nylén-Swidergal conducted the installation while her husband, Jerry, served as conductor. Karen then presented the gavel to the new president.

Frank Connery spoke about the district bowling event which our lodge is sponsoring on April 16. It will take place at Glenwood Bowling from noon to 5 p.m. There will not be a banquet. A catered meal will be served at the alley after the games. Afterwards, the Connery's will have a hospitality room within walking distance.

Frank Connery stated he had sold 54 entertainment books with a profit for the lodge of \$378.00.

Elsa Petersen was selected by the Howard E. Christensen Award Committee to receive this award from the lodge. A motion was made and seconded to enter her name.

Ray Nielsen interviewed Doris Peterson who was crowned our "Dane For The Night." This was followed by sandwiches, beverages and fellowship.

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**\*Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI**—At our January 24 meeting, Vice President Elsie Hein, Trustees Lars W. Andersen and Barbara H. Larsen audited the records of Treasurer, Paul Sorensen, and all was found to be correct. We thank all for their work. We thank Elsie Hein for refreshments served after the meeting.

**Albert Larsen, Cor.**

**Michigan**

**Ohio**

**Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI**—In January we initiated and welcomed Anders Olssen into our lodge.

During new business, Ron Hammer made the motion to open bids for the good and welfare jackpot. The motion passed and has helped increase donations to the Recreation Fund on the first night.

Treasurer Paul Carlsen presented a manual to each one of the trustees. The manuals were designed to keep the trustee well informed of lodge business and are made to be updated quarterly.

The new officers for 1994 were installed on January 26 by the installing officers, Robert Sorensen and Harold Capion. Dinner preceded installation with fellowship afterwards.

We have noticed some new faces at our dinner meetings. They were introduced by Hans G. Nielsen and are employees of

the newly opened Copenhagen Furniture store in Livonia.

We will have a dinner meeting on March 9 and a social night is planned for March 23. **Ken Christensen, Cor.**

**GCEL**

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT**—Our Christmas party was cancelled due to a scheduling mix-up, so we donated money to a needy family. The family was very grateful.

We went out for an "adult evening" to a nice restaurant. It was really great.

A corn beef and cabbage dinner is scheduled for March 11 starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Also in March, we will have installation of officers.

**Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY**—At our meeting held January 14, Treasurer George Jacobsen installed the officers for 1994 as follows: Past President, Niels B. Hansen; President, Helen Kofod; Vice President, Bill Herbst; Secretary, Stanley Kofod; Treasurer, George Jacobsen; Financial Secretary, John Hjulmand; Trustees, Anthony Witt, Otto Andreasen and Edith Munch.



**Installation of 1994 officers.**

**Karen Witt, Cor.**

## **Semiannual Board Meeting Scheduled**

The National Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America will hold their semiannual board meeting April 22 - 23. The meeting will be held at the National Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska.

# Help Your Heart

American Heart Association 

## There Is Life After Stroke

His speech is slurred, his steps slow, his right arm limp.

Yet, two years after a debilitating stroke, Kenneth Carter is playing his saxophone.

"There's no mistake that when you see me, you know I'm disabled," says Carter, 59, of Bloomfield, Conn. "It's amazing not only to see me even assemble my sax. When I play in hospitals and rehabilitation centers and at recovery group meetings, I show stroke patients that you just don't stop."

Carter, who has learned to play with only his left arm, is proving his point: There is life after a stroke.

The battle to overcome the nation's leading debilitating disease and No. 3 killer behind heart attack and cancer is in part "up to you," Carter says. "You've got to want to do it."

To further enhance your recovery from stroke, the American Heart Association says rehabilitation should:

- ◆ Begin as soon as possible.
- ◆ Include strong family support.
- ◆ Be a team effort in which doctors, nurses and other health specialists work closely with the patient and the family.

Like the one Carter suffered on a July morning while his wife drove him to work, a stroke is often severe and sudden. It occurs when a blood vessel that brings oxygen to the brain either bursts or is clogged by a blood clot or another particle. This prevents blood from flowing to a part of the brain, which can lead to damaged or dead brain cells.

Strokes can alter your behavior and thought patterns, memory, senses, ability to move parts of your body, speech and your ability to understand speech.

But, like Carter, you can still enjoy life.

"I could have gone back to work, if I wanted to," says Carter, who left the hospital after a month of rehabilitation. "It has all worked out. But if I hadn't been able to play the sax again, at least I had the satisfaction of knowing I tried."

For more information on how you or someone you know can recover from a stroke, contact your local American Heart Association or call (1-800-242-8721).

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## CORRECTION

The recipe for Danish Muffins featured in "Grandma's Kitchen" of the February, 1994 *American Dane* was missing flour and the amount of milk was incorrect. The ingredients for the basic dough recipe for Danish Muffins is as follows: 1 1/2 stick oleo, 1 1/4 cup sugar, 4 eggs, 2 teaspoon baking powder, 1 1/2 cups flour and 3/4 cup milk. We apologize for this oversight.

## Payment to Board Members February

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$115.13.

## 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.**

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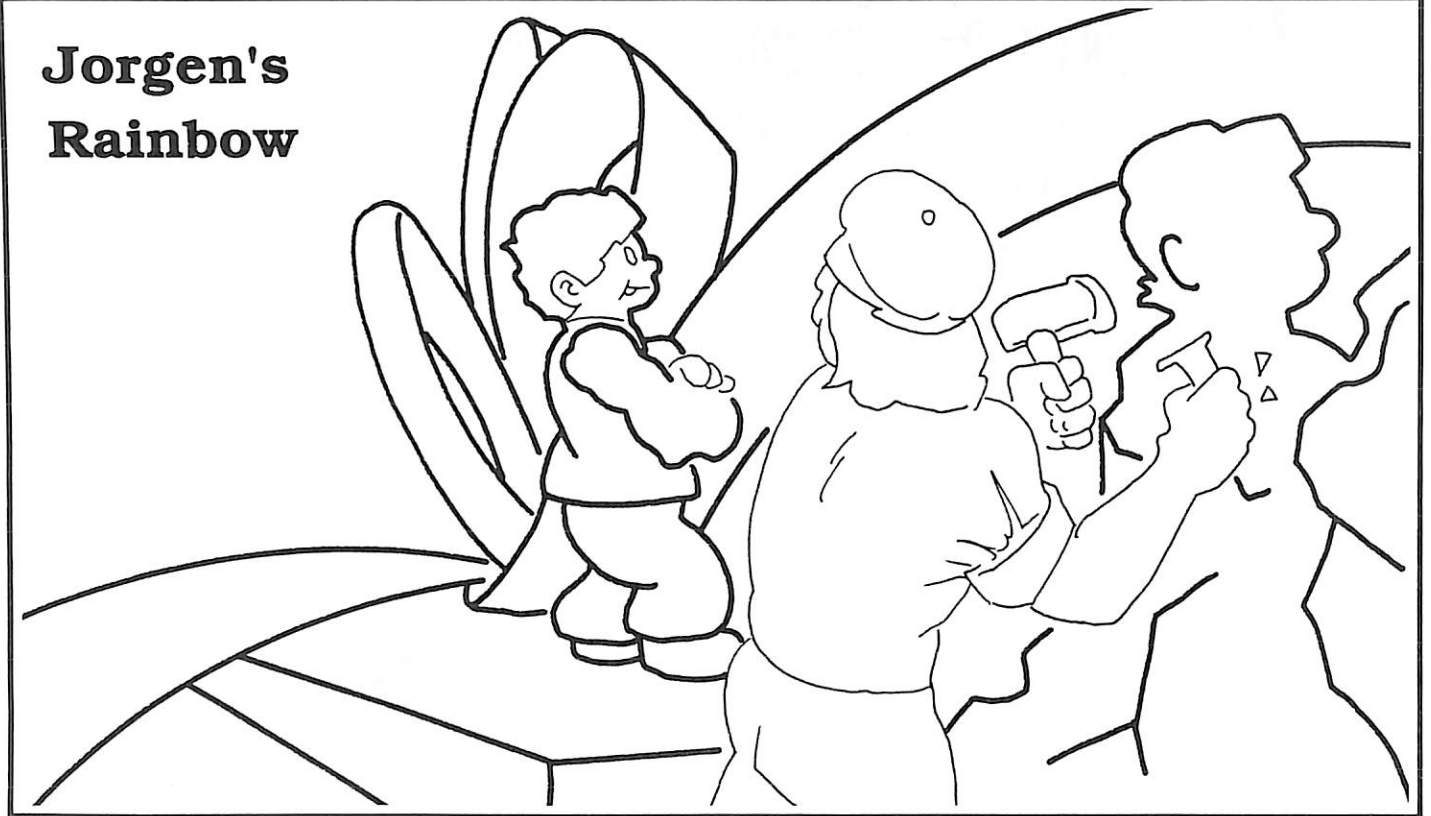
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Please color this picture and send it to the Danish

Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131-3844. Be sure to include your name, address and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

**February winners: Jesalyn Dvorak and Gene Hans Andersen.**

## Grandma's Kitchen



**Gunild Ostergaard**

### MUSTARD SAUCE (SENNEPSOVS)

**3 Tbsp. butter**  
**1 onion finely chopped**  
**3 Tbsp. all purpose flour**  
**1 Tbsp. prepared mustard**  
**1 1/2 cups beef bouillon**  
**2 Tbsp. currant jelly**  
**Salt & Pepper**

Melt butter; saute onion until wilted; stir in flour and mustard; gradually stir in bouillon; add jelly. Cook, stirring over low heat until smooth and thickened, season with salt and pepper. Served with fiskefrikadeller or boiled codfish. Makes about 2 cups.

# Viking Adventures

Coming Together--A Beginning    Keeping Together--Progress  
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## Julie Jensen McDonald Does It Again

Author Julie Jensen McDonald, noted for her novels about Danish immigrants in America as well as **Danish Proverbs** and the cookbook **Delectably Danish: Recipes and Reflection**, has written another Danish book.

**Definitely Danish: Denmark and Danish Americans** reflects the Danish-American experience of the over one million Americans of Danish descent whose strong influence has helped shape this nation's identity. Information from Julie and other contributors cover this ethnic group's influence on literature, dance, music, business, and various other aspects of society. The food section includes traditional recipes (with Danish names) enjoyed by generations, including Racine, Wisconsin's O&H Bakery's famous kringle recipe. Holiday customs include a pattern for the interwoven paper hearts—a custom peculiar to Denmark. Artist Diane Heusinkveld's illustrations cover Danish-American artifacts, sites events, customs, and people.

This is a book concerning America's inheritance of the rich traditions, recipes and culture of the Danish people. It is now available for \$13.00 post-paid from Penfield Press, 215 Brown Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52245.

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