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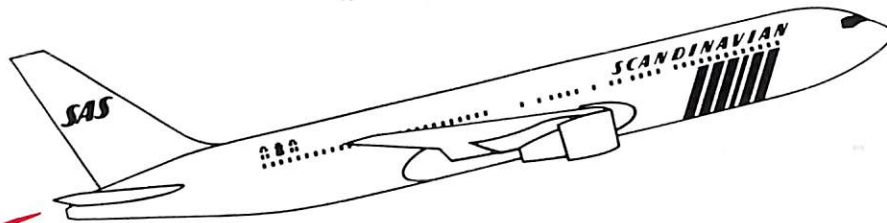
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Annual Report of the Lodges

December 31, 1993

Lodge No.	Location	Insured	Social	Total Insurance	Fraternal Benefits	Total Assets	Lodge No.	Location	Insured	Social	Total Insurance	Fraternal Benefits	Total Assets
1	Omaha, NE	67	57	402,379	559.00	44,560.51	202	Warren, PA	12	0	8,479	--	--
4	Racine, WI	61	17	64,845	--	1,368.31	206	Blair, NE	25	33	239,915	756.00	5,766.14
9	Oshkosh, WI	7	3	7,000	--	--	211	Grand Island, NE	25	21	96,500	20.00	366.17
10	Council Bluffs, IA	42	3	53,782	400.00	3,500.00	217	Humboldt, IA	14	20	211,000	--	--
14	Kenosha, WI	148	280	802,259	1,537.93	228,889.30	219	Clear Lake, IA	17	9	43,875	7.28	1,470.58
15	Des Moines, IA	60	65	342,875	965.00	31,510.35	225	Canton, OH	48	0	193,125	--	3,454.82
16	Minden, NE	98	50	590,250	256.03	14,299.47	227	Detroit, MI	137	48	277,563	--	549,446.00
17	Chicago, IL	41	20	179,875	275.00	559.18	230	Arcata, CA	10	9	8,000	264.00	13,945.03
29	Seattle, WA	142	30	499,886	600.00	160,400.00	242	Erie, PA	52	6	83,125	--	200,713.09
30	Muskegon, MI	25	2	42,193	--	--	255	Selma, CA	7	0	3,375	--	--
32	New Haven, CT	60	10	230,250	175.00	20,491.02	257	St. Petersburg, FL	2	7	41,000	--	200.00
33	Tacoma, WA	12	18	10,904	--	8,277.87	261	Fowler, CO	54	10	67,500	--	--
34	Dwight, IL	157	27	304,947	455.00	17,572.72	263	Askov, MN	63	8	141,750	208.00	5,101.35
35	Chicago, IL	94	80	492,632	2,358.00	74,112.34	264	Pocatello, ID	7	1	8,000	--	--
36	Milwaukee, WI	31	17	84,250	798.55	3,103.28	268	Junction City, OR	34	20	273,300	--	--
37	Bridgeport, CT	14	0	25,000	--	--	273	Dillon, MT	46	13	70,875	--	5,996.22
39	San Leandro, CA	38	5	123,000	475.00	53,858.47	283	Dagmar, MT	67	4	125,625	260.00	8,753.30
41	Derby, CT	8	0	5,375	70.00	3,045.35	288	Cotesfield, NE	13	0	11,000	--	329.81
42	Spokane, WA	33	6	37,625	130.00	699.06	294	Barre, VT	49	17	57,250	85.54	12,058.69
43	Denver, Co.	30	21	36,250	--	--	299	Solvang, CA	70	33	265,819	547.71	--
45	Minneapolis, MN	19	22	16,756	--	--	306	San Diego, CA	20	5	13,875	125.00	19,614.22
46	Perth Amboy, NJ	41	89	120,375	3,700.00	49,301.70	314	Hartford, CT	36	5	39,125	1,876.46	89,637.59
49	San Francisco, CA	32	14	17,750	325.00	16,249.38	318	Copenhagen, DK	0	8	--	--	--
51	Ludington, MI	113	51	146,080	1,000.00	161,600.29	319	Bakersfield, CA	15	6	17,125	230.00	6,118.51
56	Kansas City, MO	23	39	27,625	1,100.00	2,928.77	322	Santa Barbara, CA	18	15	11,750	169.15	19,580.84
67	Fresno, CA	25	18	48,875	--	30,165.46	325	Nassau County, NY	44	43	138,500	1,500.00	7,112.42
70	Greenville, MI	45	9	66,824	--	--	326	West Branch, IA	14	8	18,125	--	--
71	Penn Yan, NY	39	4	56,000	--	53,100.00	328	Vancouver, BC, CAN	2	120	1,500	3,100.00	32,591.00
75	Albert Lea, MN	38	25	96,375	500.00	637.70	332	Ripon, CA	46	13	72,875	400.00	16,011.58
84	Lincoln, NE	36	15	106,519	--	--	339	Las Vegas, NV	10	2	16,500	--	--
89	Superior, WI	5	3	3,125	--	--	341	Kimbalton-Elk Horn, IA	20	27	52,500	619.50	1,274.19
92	St. Charles, IL	49	6	403,125	--	--	342	Bucks County, PA	35	21	58,750	232.00	15,997.64
95	Ferndale, CA	51	12	110,250	150.00	62,204.49	343	Waupaca, WI	4	29	66,000	425.00	899.87
102	Providence, RI	17	2	103,625	--	--	345	Orange County, CA	38	26	153,500	1,078.79	4,562.68
106	Trufant, MI	37	0	39,625	--	--	346	Riverside, CA	25	13	93,237	813.53	9,756.44
113	Enumclaw, WA	14	1	57,524	1,050.00	96,368.00	347	Cedar Rapids, IA	11	23	8,000	200.00	2,443.00
117	Plainview, NE	32	0	28,375	--	474.24	348	Eugene, OR	67	68	780,081	370.60	5,283.82
121	Tyler, MN	4	6	2,750	--	236.78	349	Atlantic, IA	4	55	23,000	132.43	5,511.18
125	Weeping Water, NE	12	1	8,250	--	--	350	Mid-Willamette, OR	31	26	772,700	--	--
126	Los Angeles, CA	108	55	155,875	3,000.00	100,683.81	600	Omaha, NE	1,410	93	5,653,964	--	--
139	Viborg, SD	44	17	101,000	--	--	700	Omaha, NE	575	--	890,140	--	--
143	Petaluma, CA	38	32	122,250	200.00	13,159.00							
144	Dike, IA	70	9	179,250	1,120.00	12,959.27							
147	Newell, IA	17	5	36,000	70.00	1,935.71							
155	Bellingham, WA	12	7	9,500	117.25	2,278.00							
161	Ruskin, NE	48	30	95,500	--	3,026.21							
164	New York, NY	23	42	99,125	--	--							
167	Portland, OR	206	50	1,507,224	1,199.52	47,486.72							
170	Rocky River, OH	14	37	24,125	--	10,881.35							
172	Philadelphia, PA	49	27	231,772	--	--							
177	Cordova, NE	18	4	19,750	54.00	745.34							
182	Waukegan, IL	25	11	223,749	--	--							
183	Troy, NY	23	8	35,500	--	--							
186	Luck, WI	12	23	84,000	65.00	74,196.84							
190	Schenectady, NY	31	5	40,250	--	--							
194	McMinnville, OR	10	6	9,000	10.00	1,107.69							

NOTES TO ANNUAL REPORT

The report for 1993 was not received, or was received too late. Secretaries who find an asterisk () after their lodge are asked to submit their 1993 report to the Home Office as soon as possible.

The above listing gives 97 lodges, memberships consisting of 5,725 insured and 2,261 social and a combined amount of insurance of \$19,877,598. Insured and social membership is 7,986.

Lodges reporting for 1993

Paid fraternal benefits\$36,136.27
Cash and other assets\$2,451,970.16

Assets belong to the local lodge and the Home Office has no claim on these.

The average insured age attained as of December 31, 1993 is 49.

JEROME L. CHRISTENSEN
Chief Executive Officer and
Secretary-Treasurer



President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen
National President

As this President's Page is being prepared, the East Coast is struggling through the 15th snowstorm of the season. It is with anticipation, Easterners look forward to Spring. By the time this issue reaches you, Spring will be on its way.

The Danish Brotherhood in America Merger Committee is also awaiting the Spring of '94, and with hopefulness. The Sons of Norway Executive Committee has met and are in the process of outlining a merger agreement to present to the DBIA Merger Committee. Upon approval by the Merger Committee, the merger agreement will be presented to the Danish Brotherhood in America National Board of Directors at their April 22-23 semiannual board meeting. Due to the deadline for **American Dane**, I will bring you that update in June.

As was outlined in the **For Your Information (FYI)** newsletter sent to each lodge, the merger agreement must be approved by the DBIA National Board of Directors before it will be put to a vote by the national delegates at a special convention. Each lodge and national delegate should have received a letter from National Headquarters. This letter explains that, depending upon DBIA Board approval of a merger agreement with Sons of Norway, a tentative date for a special convention is July 8-10. The letter lists the name of the lodge delegate of record and explains if the delegate named is no longer an insured member, has died or is unable to serve, the alternate replaces the delegate. If the alternate is not able to serve as lodge delegate, the lodge may elect a delegate but must inform National Headquarters no later than two weeks prior to the special convention. Please note, the delegate **MUST** be an insured member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Regarding the **FYI** newsletter sent to each lodge and printed in this space of the March **American Dane**, we have heard few comments from members. It seems many lodges have made copies of the newsletter for distribution at lodge meetings. As I said last month, feel free to contact National Directors Ed Madsen or Barry Edmonds, Secretary-Treasurer/CEO Jerome Christensen, or myself with any questions about the merger or any other topic relevant to the Danish Brotherhood in America.

In addition to a merger agreement, the National Board will be discussing many other topics at our upcoming board meeting. The recipient of the Howard E. Christensen Award will be chosen, scholarship winners and camp grant recipients will be announced, as well as lodges receiving awards for the Lodge Rating program, and upon board approval of a merger agreement, a date will be set for a special convention.

The annual Lodge Activity Suggestion booklet has been prepared and mailed to lodge secretaries. If your lodge is looking for new activities, use this booklet. It is a good source for lodges wanting to try new activities. If you would like a copy of the Activity Suggestion booklet, contact DBIA National Headquarters, Fraternal Department, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

Elsa and I hope your Easter Season was filled with family, good health, hope and laughter. May the coming season be filled with all good things.

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.

An Old-fashioned Danish "Newspaper Romance"

by Erik Marcussen

Ever since the thirties, almost every Danish newspaper has included a "personal" column, with ads placed by lonely people wishing for relationships with someone of the opposite sex. For various reasons these people have been unable to find compatible souls.

That type of advertising doesn't seem to enjoy much popularity in this country. For example, a Sunday edition of my local paper had only two such ads - both for singles clubs. In Denmark, the "newspaper romance" business is booming. A review of a recent Sunday issue of **POLITIKEN**, one of the country's largest newspapers, showed seven columns with a total of 143 personal messages.

Below are several representative samples from **POLITIKEN**'s Sunday issue. On the left are the Danish versions, with adjacent English translations as close as possible to the spirit and tone of the originals. These declarations typify what might be found in any Danish "personal" column. The ads range in emotional intensity from the plaintive cry for human companionship expressed in the first sample by a lonely 75-year old, to the ostentatious, pseudo-intellectual mating call in the last of the samples. NOTE: Personal ads are assigned a four-digit number by the newspaper, and end with the statement "BILLET POL XXXX," meaning that replies should be addressed to the ad's four-digit number, c/o **POLITIKEN**. These numbers have been omitted from the following samples, being irrelevant to the subject of this article.

It would be fascinating to invisibly observe the reaction of the ad writers when they peruse the responses to their amorous declarations; and, later, to hear about the flowering romances, or painful disappointments, that resulted.

One can only hope that the results substantiate the costs, because it's an expensive proposition to publish romantic notices in Denmark. For example, at **POLITIKEN**'s rate of 7.20 Danish Kroner (DKr) per word plus a flat 32 DKr fee for each ad, the lengthy message in the final of the samples shown would have cost more than 50 dollars - and that is only for a one-time insertion. But, on the other hand, if the eventual outcome was a glowing, long-time liaison with the dream girl, maybe it was worth every penny!

As an example of how effective such advertising can be, let me relate my personal excursion into the field of "newspaper romance," which took place in the late fifties.

I had arrived in this country a few years earlier as a young Danish immigrant, and shortly thereafter fulfilled my childhood ambition by joining the US Air Force. Following completion of the obligatory basic training technical schools, I was assigned to a base in New England. Here I was approached by one of my new colleagues. He explained that the previous year he had spent a week-long vacation in Copenhagen, which he considered the world's greatest city - bar none!

We quickly became friends and started hanging around together. Often the conversation would turn to Copenhagen and its many wonders, not the least was the delicious, blonde, suntanned girls that abound in the old capital city.

One day my friend stumbled upon the idea that we take a 30-day leave and spend a month vacationing in "the world's greatest city"! Initially I treated the idea as a flash in the pan he would soon forget. But he persisted and soon the idea seemed a great

ENSOM MAND, 75 AAR, SØGER RAR DAMES BEKENDTESKAB.

ADDRESSERET TIL PRINCESSEN FRA ATTRAKTIVE, HØJ, SLANK KØBENHAVNERPRINS, 39, MED GLIMT I ØJET OG LYST TIL ET LYKKE-LIGT PARFORHOLD. INKLUDER FOTO.

JEG MANGLER EN LEDSAGER TIL FØDSELSDAGS FEST 4/11. DU SKAL VÆRE OMKRING 30 AAR, HØJ SJOV, RAR OG VELBEGAVET. JET ER EN KVINDE PAA 36 AAR, OG ER SOM OVENFOR BESKREVET. SVAR MED FOTO.

FRISKE PIGE, AKADEMIKER, CA. 25-31 AAR, SLANK, SØGES TILL SPAENDENDE SAMLIV. DU HAR OPLEVET MEGET, VIL GERNE OPLEVE MEGET MERE, BLANDTANDET JORDOMSEJLING, ER GLAD FOR DIGSELV OG DIT LIVE. FØLSOM, POSITIV, FRIHEDS-ELSKENDE INDIVIDUALIST. SAETTER SOM JEG KAERLIGHED, TOSOMHED, FAELLES EVENTYR OGSAA I DAGLIGDAGEN MEGET HØJT. DIN MAALSAETNING ER AT OPNA A ØKONOMISK FRIHED TIL AT DESKAEFTIGE DIG MED NETOP HVAD DER INTERESSER DIG. JEG ER EN 31-AARIG IKKE-FORMUENDE AKADEMIKERMAND MED LIVSAPPETIT UD OVER DET SAEDVANELIGE. (172/70) HADER: ENSFORMIGHED, RØG, OVERFLADISKHED. HOLDER AF: FRIHED, SEJLSPORT, SKISPORT, BJERGE, PRIMMITIVE NATUROPLEVELSER, ROMANTIK, BONDEHUSIDYL, 86 ØST OMRAADET. SKRIV EVT. MED FOTO DER RETURNERES EFTER ØNSKE.

LONELY MAN, 75 YEARS OF AGE, WISHES TO MEET NICE LADY.

ADDRESSED TO THE PRINCESS FROM ATTRACTIVE, TALL, SLIM COPENHAGEN PRINCE, AGE 39, WITH A GLEAM IN THE EYE AND DESIRE FOR A HAPPY RELATIONSHIP. INCLUDE PHOTO.

I NEED AN ESCORT FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY 4/11. YOU SHOULD BE AROUND 30, TALL, FUNNY, KIND, AND INTELLIGENT. I AM A 36-YEAR OLD WOMAN, SIMILAR TO THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION. REPLY WITH PHOTO.

SPIRITED GIRL, PROFESSIONAL, 25-31 YEARS OF AGE, SLIM, IS SOUGHT FOR EXCITING TOGETHERNESS. YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED MUCH, WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE MORE, INCLUDING A BOAT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD. YOU ARE PLEASED WITH YOURSELF AND YOUR LIFE. YOU ARE A SENSITIVE, POSITIVE, FREEDOM-LOVING INDIVIDUALIST. LIKE ME YOU APPRECIATE LOVE, TOGETHERNESS, AND SHARED ADVENTURES, EVEN IN DAILY LIFE. YOUR GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC FREEDOM TO PURSUE YOUR PARTICULAR INTEREST. I AM A 31-YEAR OLD, NOT WEALTHY, PROFESSIONAL WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL APPE-TITE FOR LIFE (170/70) (MEANING 170 CENTIMETERS TALL, WEIGHING 70 KILOGRAM). HATES: BOREDOM, SMOKE, SHALLOVNESS. ENJOYS: FREEDOM, SAILING, SNOW SKIING, MOUNTAINS, PRIMITIVE NATURE EXPERIENCES, ROMANCE, COZY FARMHOUSE LIVING, 86 EAST AREA. WRITE, WITH PHOTO, WHICH WILL BE RETURNED IF DESIRED.

way to bring a little pep into our daily Air Force peacetime routine. Later he asked, "Since you are Danish you know oodles of girls in Denmark!" My reply was that I didn't know a soul. I had spent the previous years in the Danish merchant marine, mostly in "around-the-world service," seldom reaching Denmark, and thus had never had a real opportunity to meet any of the girls my friend so feelingly referred to as "blonde Scandinavian marvels"!

His idea was that we shouldn't waste precious vacation days trying to find girlfriends to spend time with after we arrived. He thought we should have that arranged before we left our base. I recalled it was quite common in Denmark to place an ad in the local newspaper column. NOTE: In the fifties, such ads, by law, had to end with the statement: "For purposes of possible marriage"!

I composed an ad in English, to assure that responding girls would be able to converse with my English-speaking friend, and not just with me in Danish. The ad stated that "two US Air Force men planning a vacation in Copenhagen would like to establish contact with two Danish girls, etc." I sent this to POLITIKEN - one of the largest circulation papers in the country - and then went off on Christmas leave.

Within minutes of returning to the base, my friend showed up with a huge, brown envelope. That envelope sent by POLITIKEN, contained an astonishing 107 responses to our "vacation companionship ad". We dumped the load out on a table and I said, "I want to look through this first; I will pick the one I like best, and you can have the rest!" It was difficult, believe me. All the letters included snapshots - and how does one choose between dozens and dozens of 20-year old girls; all of whom have beautiful blond hair, long legs, and are suntanned, smiling, and gorgeous. After some agonized soul searching, and comparison of more prosaic details such as where they lived (preferably Copenhagen), etc., I finally settled on the one who eventually became my wife and mother of my four children.

This, by the way, is a typical example of how fickle life is, and how sheer coincidence can drastically influence one's future! There I was with those dozens and dozens of photographs - and they were all so perfect and pleasant to look at that I might as well have closed my eyes and picked one at random. After much agonizing and weighing for and against, I picked a slender, dark-haired, 21-year old beauty who was employed as a secretary in a Copenhagen engineering firm.

Within minutes I composed a reply to this fine looking young

Spring Is in the Air

by Ruth Herman Nielsen

Rasmus Nielsen, a philosophic thinker, was born in 1809 and died in 1884. He had a deep interest in both religion and nature. This is readily felt in the poetry of this song. Nielsen was deeply influenced by Søren Kierkegaard and this, too, appeared in his speaking and writing.

Another typically Danish melody with its wide range moving from high to low notes was composed by Christian Peter Faber. He was born in 1810 and became an active participant in student life at the University. He was later an alum supporter of Borch's Kollegium where he also studied. Faber was a lyricist as well as a composer. His most famous lyrics are "Højt paa traets grønne top" (high from the pine tree's green top), and "Den Gang Jeg Dro Afsted" (When I went off to war). He was involved in folk theater as well.

S. D. Rodholm has again translated for us another seasonal song. He has kept the thoughts and poetic verse of the original. We know very little about both the poet and composer of this song but are grateful for in its singing we know that "Spring is in the Air."

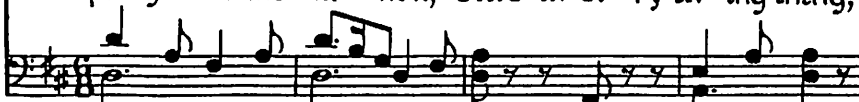
SPRING IS IN THE AIR

R. Nielsen, 1809-1884
Trans. by S. D. Rodholm
Lightly

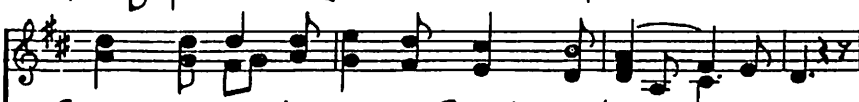
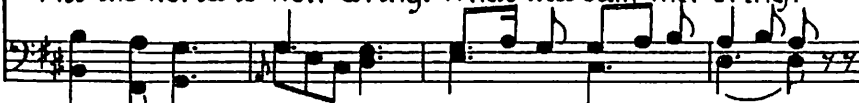
C. Faber



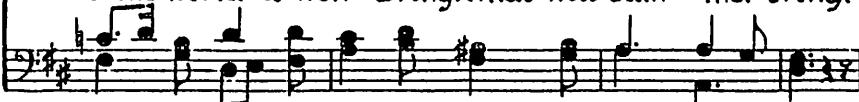
Spring is in the air now, Whis-pers soft-ly in the breeze;
Spring is in the air now, Smiles from ev-'ry sun-ny nook;
As the sun grows warm-er, Drench-ing earth in gold-en glow,
Spring is in the air now, Stirs in ev-'ry liv-ing thing;



Spring is in the air now, Breathes on bud-ding trees.
Spring is in the air now, Chuck-les in the brook.
Win-ter runs a-way in Streams of melt-ing snow.
All the world is won-d'ring: What will sum-mer bring?



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woman, who had impressed me with a letter written in flawless English and who appeared to possess an abundance of the attributes that make Danish girls so special- intelligence, education, a perfect grasp of the English language, and - not the least- healthy, wholesome beauty!

Within days I found myself with trembling hands and pounding heart opening the first REAL letter from my new-found pen-pal. The next several months were spent writing letters at a furious pace, usually one a day, and before I ever had the first glimpse of my new friend, I knew more about her background, ambitions, education, interests, and viewpoint on life than many couples know about each other even after years of marriage. Incidentally, in those years an airmail letter between New England and Denmark usually took only two and a half days - whereas it now is six to eight.

I liked what I read in her letters and saw in the many photographs she sent. We had started corresponding in January. By June I couldn't wait any longer to meet her in person so I took a 30-day leave. I arrived in Copenhagen the following day after a 6,000 mile trip that had cost me a grand total of 19 dollars (for railroad tickets at both ends of the journey, plus 50 cents for lunch on the plane).

We "clicked" instantly. We spent the long Danish summer days in a pink haze of love, and ended up getting formally engaged, with gold wedding band on the ring finger of the right hand, to be switched to the left hand at the wedding ceremony, as was the tradition in those years, and maybe still is! After 30 days in paradise, I returned by the same route I had come, and again made it for less than 20 dollars.

We were married in the fall, and spent the early years living in the beautiful Rhineland resort city of Wiesbaden, where I had been transferred to.

I highly recommend newspaper romance- at least if it's accomplished through a Danish newspaper and addressed to a Danish audience!

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Let me briefly mention that my friend had selected two girls from among the 106 letters left after my choice had been made. He corresponded with those for a while. But things paled and by the time I went to Denmark in June, he had no interest whatever in going.

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Pacific

Northwest

Pacific-Northwest District

The Portland lodges will host the 1994 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Convention on May 6-8, at the Red Lion Motel, Downtown Portland.

**** Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA**—Installation of officers took place on February 2. A special thank you to Jens Peter Vestergard, District President, who came from Vancouver, B.C., to preside. A special thanks to Karen Bruun as well. She came from Bellingham.

A delicious roast pork dinner was prepared by Lis Christensen under the auspices of Ruth Jensen and Frank Poulsen who did their usual splendid job.

We understand a place has been found to hold the annual All-Danish Picnic on Sunday, July 17. The Danes Soccer Club will handle arrangements this year.

Jerry Jensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA—Our last meeting was held on February 12 with President Myra Brochner presiding. Doris J. Kay applied for membership and has been accepted.

Leo Madsen recalled events of the past that occurred on February 12, the date of our meeting. He will do this at each of the regular meetings.

Our dessert after lunch was a beautiful cake to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

Our April 9 meeting will be held at the Turning Point Restaurant at noon. It was decided to hold our annual picnic on August 12 at Titlow Beach.

Jeannette Madsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, WA—Officers for 1994 include: Past President, Law-

rence Charneski; President, Darrell Larsen; Vice President, Merle Kinder; Secretary, Rudy Vida; Treasurer, Emil Larsen; Trustee, Nord Henning; and Conductor, Lawrence Charneski.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—The February 3 meeting was called to order by our new President, Peter Larsen, with 25 members present. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written. The treasurer's report was read and bills approved to be paid.

Lisa Mortensen reported plans for the convention in May are moving right along. She encouraged people to put an ad in the convention program.

Norm Powell reported on the ethnic day at Clark College where he had a booth and sold aebleskiver and frikadellars on a stick. He turned in \$110 to the lodge treasurer.

Changing the location of our meeting was discussed. We will hear a report at our next meeting about the possibilities. It was suggested that we look for a new hall. We voted to table this until after the next meeting.

President Larsen announced that donations for the fish pond at the convention are needed.

Pete Christensen was voted "Scandinavian of the Year".

The membership voted to submit Mel Pihl's name for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

Jan Christensen suggested one or two people be in charge of the potluck dinners before our meetings to avoid the confusion of who should do what.

Lisa Mortensen suggested those who work late and find it difficult to bring something to potlucks be allowed to pay for their meals. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The meeting was closed with the sing-

ing of the Danish National Anthem led by Mel Pihl.

Ruth Dally, Sec.

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.—There were 46 Brothers at the February meeting. There was a request from the chair for nominees for delegates to the District Convention to be held May 6-8.

We discussed a lodge birthday party for May 21 pending the opinion of the new Fest Committee and the overall feelings of the members.

The Smoker Party held on February 5 was a very good time. Brother Erik Esmann received his 25-year membership pin. Congratulations, Erik, and thank you for your commitment in the past and hoping you will carry on in the same manner in the future.

Jens Peter Vestergard received a Past President's pin passed on by Herluf Pedersen whose wish it was that the immediate Past President should receive it.

As is normally the tradition at the Smoker, President Aksel Jensen introduced the new Board of Directors and gave special thanks to each individual for his past year's efforts.

Thank you to the Fest Committee for a good time.

Leo B. Pedersen, Cor.

**** Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR**—President Mary Stefansen called the February 10 meeting to order with approximately 60 members present. Guests were introduced. They were Inge Lamberg's cousins, Bodil and Jorgen Gronbek. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as printed. The treasurer's report was given.

The scrapbook with coast, Hostfest and Christmas party pictures is on display.

An audit of the books found them to be

in order.

Homer Hansen read a letter from the National Headquarters stating our money in the CD account will need to be withdrawn in June because of the pending merger. The lodge voted to leave the money in until then because of the better interest rate. Another alternative will need to be decided on when the money is withdrawn, but there is a possibility that the CD account will still be an option after the merger.

There was much discussion regarding the Lodge Rating and Awards Program. This program is a way for our lodge to be recognized for its activities. It was moved, seconded and approved to submit an application.

Henning Kristiansen suggested creating a video library for members to share videos.

Martin Taekker inquired about the district convention.

Mo Pedersen gave an update on the merger negotiations. The Merger Committee has decided to continue talks with Sons of Norway.

Mary gave a report on the last execu-

tive Board meeting.

A new lodge correspondent is needed for American Dane.

We were dismissed in the usual and customary way. **Susie Staats, Sec.**

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, CA—Our February meeting was President's Month. We began with a potluck when we honored our past presidents. There were seven in attendance. We finished the evening with bingo and prizes for all ages.



Past Presidents Herman Bertelsen ('59), Francis Sweet ('64), Lorana Sweet ('79), Christian Nielsen ('93), Jens Thomsen ('57), Richard Tirsbeck ('90) and Fred Elliott ('65).

Members are working on our Midsummer Festival which will be June 25-26 in Ferndale. The Danish Princess this year will be Elisa Teague, granddaughter of members Don and Eunie Sanborn.

Our lodge has started to make plans for our 100 year celebration in 1996.

Our good friend, Laura Schuler from Arcata Lodge No. 230, was a visitor at our February meeting.

Francis Sweet, Sec.

Lodge No. 230, Arcata, CA—Our first 1994 meeting was held at the Dows Prairie Grange Hall. Our new president, Barbara Boyer, presided. A letter from the National Headquarters containing merger update news was received. This is a very important issue and copies will be sent to all Lodge No. 230 members.

On January 22, our joint installation of officers with the Ferndale Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges was a delightful event held in Arcata. Forty-five people attended the dinner and about 75 members and friends witnessed the installation. Prior to installation, the "Kids Choir" from McKinleyville sang several songs.

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
2-11-94	Opal Craig	73	Oklahoma	332	Ripon, California	1986
2-7-94	H. Jorgen F. Poulsen	68	Odense, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1984
1-1994	Fred Matheny	87	Spokane, Washington	42	Spokane, Washington	1973
9-11-93	Carl H. Olsen	93	Denver, Colorado	43	Denver, Colorado	1965
1-28-94	Ernest B. Andersen	97	Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1922
12-9-93	Villy Andersen	66	Denmark	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	1983
1-31-94	Andrew Brink	83	Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1929
1-28-94	Roger Sorensen	71	Askov, Minnesota	263	Askov, Minnesota	1943
1-14-94	Paul E. Christensen	87	Brush, Colorado	263	Askov, Minnesota	1942
1-4-94	Andrew Christensen	90	Aarhus, Denmark	700	Omaha, Nebraska	1949
12-28-93	Vivian J. Thuesen	75	Plentywood, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1940
2-9-94	George Ferdinandsen	84	Kolding, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1973
2-16-94	Arthur L. Nielsen	75	Dwight, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1936
1-14-94	Ethel M. Moravec	84	Cotesfield, Nebraska	288	Cotesfield, Nebraska	1962
2-6-94	Virgil O. Petersen	63	Hardy, Nebraska	700	Omaha, Nebraska	1973
3-2-94	Elmer Jensen	87	Dwight, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1943

District President, Karl Duus, installed the officers and Walt Miller, District Past President, served as conductor. Lil Miller, Pat Taddei, Inger Brown and Betty Hansen, all from Petaluma, served as our escort team. Erin Chance Lincoln, pianist, of the Ferndale Sisterhood lodge played some lively marches for us. Thanks to the guests from other lodges for joining us on this occasion.

District President Karl Duus presented Hans Bruhn with his 25-year membership pin.

At the close of the evening, the conductor escorted Walt and Lil Miller to the dining room where a decorated cake and card was presented to them in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary by their good friend Laura Schuler.

The following morning, twenty of us gathered for a final "farvel". This was hosted by Betty Hansen in honor of her husband Dick's 75th birthday. Mange tak, Betty!

We complimented President Barbara on arranging a very successful weekend. The other officers are to be complimented for helping with decorations and program planning.

Laura Schuler, Cor.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA—The February meeting was called to order by Vice President Phil Jacobsen. The secretary's report was accepted as read. The treasurer's report also was approved as read. Rick Carlson asked to transfer \$5,000 from the savings account to the checking account when the current CD comes due in April. There will be many advance expenses in preparing for next year's convention. Also, an ad will be taken out for this year's convention program. The motion was carried.

Bess Jacobsen, newsletter editor, recommended our newsletter be published every other month. If a special event is planned and news needs to be sent to the membership, a special newsletter will be published. The motion passed.

The April 13 meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Alma and Oskar Jensen.

Bess Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA—Our last meeting was a traditional Fastelavn's celebration. Our evening began

with a business meeting. We were pleased to introduce visitors from Lodge No. 325 of New York, Leo and Evelyn Jensen. Also, we enjoyed having visitors Steve, Ginger and Kyle McDonnell and Christine and Andrea Rossi.

A treasurer's report was given and included the months of November and December, 1993, and January, 1994.

Special thanks to Doris Sparks who was able to purchase candlestick holders for our convention's Western Buffet. She donated these items along with many U.S. and Danish flags. Patty Kessler has taken over the task of using these holders as table decorations. Thanks to Patty for taking on this convention project.

Following the meeting, we sold all the balloons for our balloon bust. Then several of us took turns with the Fastelavn's barrel. We started with the children. A lucky hit was struck by Leo Jensen knocking the cat from the barrel and releasing all the candy and goodies inside. He was crowned this year's Kat King and he chose Toni Olsen Gossett as his Kat Queen. Both of the royalty were presented with candy septors.

We finished the evening with a few games of Encore and enjoyed the refreshments provided by Toni Olsen Gossett, Gerry Olsen, Betty Christensen, Lillian Hughes and Marie Christensen. Thanks to these ladies for the delicious cookies which we all enjoyed.

The final convention garage sale fundraiser was held February 19. We made \$277 in just a few hours. It has been decided that the lodge will hold an annual garage sale since it is such an easy and profitable fundraiser. Please save all items for this annual event.

The April 9 business meeting and bingo has been changed to April 16.

Toni Olsen Gossett

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA—Thanks to President Richard for the dinner at our last meeting. Leo and Evelyn Jensen from Lodge No. 325 in New York and their daughter and granddaughter were visitors. Thanks to Vikki Garrison for making our Fastelavn barrel.

April 29 is the due date for a candidate for Honorary Member for the district. May 28 is the deadline for delegates including the youth delegate to the district

convention. The Hans M. Andersen Award nominee needs to be in by June 1.

Sue Patterson, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—The aebleskiver served at our February 1 meeting were super. Mange tak!

The 112th anniversary dinner of our lodge will be held at Vennelyst Park on April 5. The social will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a catered meal served at 6:30 p.m.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE—We met February 17 with 26 sweethearts present. Vice President Wisthi Thomsen conducted the business meeting. The membership voted to contribute \$500 to the Minden Volunteer Fire Department and \$500 to Kearney County Community Hospital.

The proposed merger and liability insurance were discussed and explained by Glen Haselbarth and Edith Thompson.

After a delicious lunch by the committee, chicken food dominoes was enjoyed by all.

Marie Nelson, Cor.

Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, NE—We met on February 12 for dinner and an evening of "good humor" and visiting. It was a joint meeting with Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 with 25 people in attendance.

After dinner, names were drawn from the hat and as each member's name was drawn, they had to relate a funny personal experience, tell a joke, read a poem, etc. We had a lot of good laughs and a very enjoyable time.

Gayle Miller, Pres.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—Nineteen members attended our January meeting. The following persons were installed as officers for 1994: Laurids Pedersen, President; Jerry Christensen, Vice President; Mabel Kastrup, Treasurer; Helen McNichols, Secretary; Tage Christensen, Conductor; and Raymond Wilson, Viva Husk and Dania Hundtoft, Trustees.

Jerry Christensen gave a report on the progress of the proposed merger.

The officers met on February 18 and planned the programs for our lodge for

the balance of the year. At the April meeting, we will play "Discs and Blocks" and in May the men will make aebleskiver.

Our lodge is interested in forming a "pen-pal" connection with another family-oriented lodge. Interested lodges should contact Helen McNichols, Secretary, 1406 Butler, Blair, NE 68008.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE—We met on February 9 with Susan Kosmicki and Brad and Philip Kuhl as hosts.

The program was presented by two Grand Island senior high exchange students, Annette Ditlevesen of Denmark and Michael Schilwa of Germany. They told about their families and countries and also answered questions about differences in our school and health systems.

Heartland

****Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA**—At our February 14 meeting, Kirsten Lundgren entertained us by reading two of her favorite Hans Christian Andersen fairy tales.

On February 20, a lively and festive Fastelavns party was enjoyed by 20 children and 45 adults. It began with Kirsten telling the story of Fastelavns. There were many clever and colorful costumes. The judges awarded prizes to Michelle Rasmussen dressed as a little lady in high heels for Best Girl Costume, and to Andy Nielsen for Best Boy Costume in his red pirate outfit complete with eyepatch, hook hand and machete. Winner for first break in the barrel was Derrick Johnson while Jordan Rasmussen was crowned King of Fastelavns for the final break. The four winners received gift certificates to The Disney Store. Rae Ann Lary was a hit dressed in a black cat costume.



Andy Nielsen, Derrick Johnson, Jordan and Michelle Rasmussen.



Taking turns at the barrel. Rae Ann Lary, right, is dressed as a black cat.



Kirsten Lundgren tells the Fastelavn story.

We are enthusiastic about the potluck dinner for our April 11 meeting and the dinner speaker, Michael Treinen of Principal Insurance. He will share insights on "Legislature and Lobbying and How It Works".

Remember our earlier starting time of 6:30 p.m.

Harvey Anderson, Cor.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA—Our February meeting was mostly social, with chili prepared by Sisterhood members Janeen Danielsen and Jeanne Schmidt. George Olsen was in charge of making the oyster stew and had help from other Brothers. The ladies brought lots of sandwiches and other good things. We had about 41 persons in attendance including several youngsters.

The 1994 activities are planned for each month and it looks like another active and interesting year.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Missouri

Lodge No. 56, Kansas City, MO—We met at the Senior Citizen Center in Lenexa, Kansas, in February. A soup and chili dinner was served. The fine cooks in

the lodge are to be congratulated for their cooking skills!

Norman Danielsen reported on the recent "Ethnic Enrichment Commission Ball" attended by lodge members and representatives of the Commission. Local public schools have requested ethnic groups to visit school rooms and present a program on the various groups. Lodge members will coordinate a program about their Danish heritage.

The installation of officers was held as follows: Past President, Carolyn Baker; President, Dean Larsen; Vice President, Norman Danielsen; Treasurer, Jean Prinds; Secretary, Otto Larsen; and Trustees, Hans Prinds, Gerda Wallace and Ejilif Schmidt.



Left to Right: Otto Larsen, Sec.; Dean Larsen, Pres.; Niels Hansen (for Treas. Jean Prinds); Ruth Larsen, Past Pres.; Hans Prinds and Gerda Wallace, Trustees; and Norm Danielsen, Vice Pres.

A lively discussion followed about the planned merger of the DBIA with another fraternal organization. Members are awaiting more details on how this change will affect the local lodges.

An update on the status of The Danish Immigrant Museum was given by Bob Wallace. Discussions included the Wall of Honor and the official opening ceremony in June, 1994. It was suggested that a group of members may want to travel to Elk Horn, Iowa, for the ceremony. All members expressed continued support of the museum.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

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—A party with an Elvis impersonator with dancing was held. Those who attended said it was an outstanding performance. Thanks to Jeff Niemi, Todd and Jeff Bernhardt for their efforts.

Our 102nd anniversary banquet will be held on April 24. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. Members and widows will be admitted free of charge. Tickets are \$12.00 for wives or dates.

A men's smoker night with card games galore is planned for May 4 from 7-11 p.m. Beer, soda, food and coffee will be served for only \$4.00.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

***Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL**—We met February 14 for our regular meeting. Vice President James Lauritsen presided in the absence of our president. We received two applications for the college scholarship. Kenneth Jensen was submitted for the Howard Christensen Award.

Shirley Holzhauser has agreed to take over the cards and photo album.

A sign-up sheet for the Cubs ball game was passed around. No date has been set as of yet.

A motion was made and passed to let St. Peter's Lutheran Church SPYS use our aebleskiver pans and grill. Bill Clavey, Bob Weller and Don Klehm will set them up and explain how to use them.

The program for the evening was Brian Blossom from Pontiac Futures Unlimited. He gave a very interesting talk and also showed slides. Lunch was served by the committee.

Marge Lauritsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—We met February 18 with about 60 members present. The meeting was opened by President Carl Christensen.

The Midwest District bowling tournament will be held April 16 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Glenwood Bowl in Glenwood, Illinois. Call Eric Connery or Woody Petersen by April 10 to register. After the bowling, a luncheon will be

served at the bowling alley followed by an open house at the Connery residence which is located within walking distance of the bowling alley.

Woody Petersen spoke briefly about the National Merger Committee's recommendation to merge with the Sons of Norway.

We had a good time trying to knock the cat out of the barrel. Jason Muller, grandson of Jess and Marie, was successful in getting the cat out and was crowned Cat King. Paul and Jodie Sloth were dressed as a Danish airline pilot and flight attendant respectively. They won a bottle of wine as did the second place winners, Carl Christensen and his wife Martha. Carl wore an awful looking long brown ladies wig and Martha was a bunny.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

***Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI**—We welcome our new members, David and Heather Hjortnaes, who were initiated into the lodge during our February 28 meeting.

Thanks to Lillian Jensen who installed the 1994 lodge officers at the meeting. We thank Alice and Lars Andersen for the evening's refreshments.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI—Twenty-one members met on February 24 at the Danes Home of Waupaca. This home is over 100 years old and has been purchased by two young men and they are in the process of renovating the entire building. We enjoyed touring the building after our business meeting.

The elected officers for 1994 are as follows: President, Vivian Jensen; Vice President, Aleine Miller; Secretary, Gladys Petersen; Treasurer, Jean Lundorf; Conductor, Carrol Jensen; Trustees, Dale Bonikowske, Loyal Lundorf and Debbie Rasmussen.

Melda Mortensen and Vivian Jensen presented a short skit entitled "The Kringle Contest" and then Melda read a history of the flag which told of the addition of the various states and the addition of stars to the flag.

We all enjoyed pies and pastries with ice cream and coffee served in the Ice Cream Shop of the Danes Home.

Gladys Petersen, Sec.

Michigan

Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—Join us on April 13 for dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a meeting at 8 p.m. We have a video on Denmark planned for our social night on April 27.

The Michigan-Ohio District Convention will be held in Greenville on May 14.

Enjoy a free evening of bingo and prizes on May 25.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT—Our April 8 general business meeting will begin at 8 p.m. with the theme being "Celebration of Spring".

We will participate in the North Branford International Fair in August.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge No. 164, New York, NY—At our February meeting, we installed some of our officers: Vice President, Robert Connors; Treasurer, Meg Every; and Delegates to Edison Home, Mary Pasquale and Gloria Jacobsen. Gloria is also our Corresponding Secretary.

Also at this meeting, we realized some funds for bus expenses through the use of fifty-fifty and raffle of Danish porcelain.

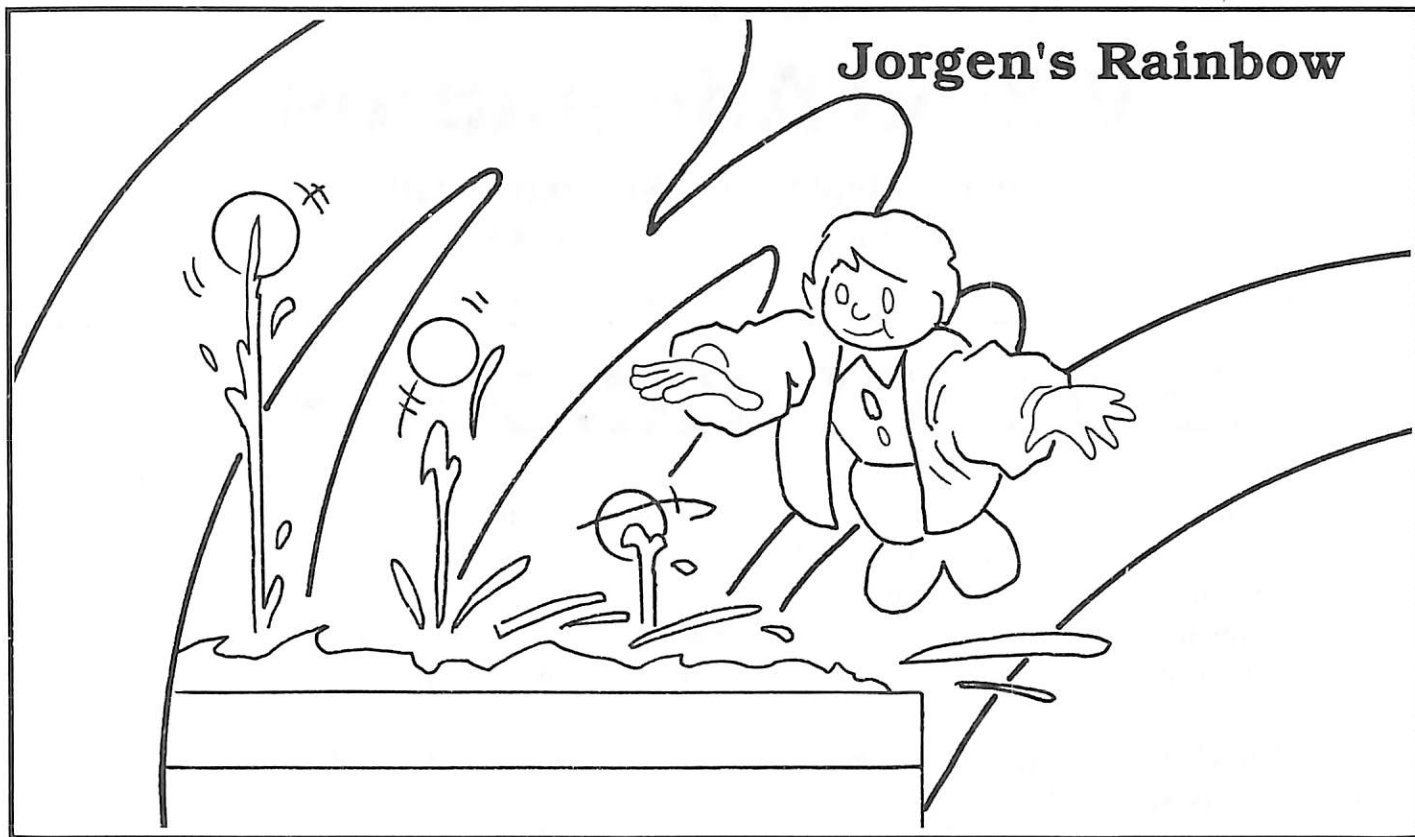
The cod fish dinner was a successful evening. Baskets of food and liquor and the porcelain snowman were raffled off. These monies were to go to the general fund.

We are open to suggestions for Project Hope.

Gloria Jacobsen, Cor.

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Jorgen's Rainbow

Once more, Jorgen and Bifrost are invited to join Queen Margrethe on her April 16 "fodselsdag" -- her "birthday." Before traveling to her majesty's private residence however, our friends stop by the fountain in Copenhagen's Gammeltorv Square. The queen's birthday is considered a holiday in Denmark, and on that day many children travel to the fountain to watch golden apple-like spheres dance on jets of water.

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.

March winners: Kori Anderson, Halley Hansen and Robyn Burkall.

Grandma's Kitchen



Gunild Ostergaard

ROAST PORK (FLÆSKESTEG)

Select a fresh ham, shoulder or loin of pork with the skin on. Score the skin with a sharp knife cutting through to the fat beneath. Do this either in parallel cuts about 1/8 inch apart or in 1/4 inch squares. Put pork in a cold oven, set at 325 degrees. Roast until meat thermometer reads 185 degrees internal temperature and the skin is crisp and blistered. This will take about 5 hours or more for a leg weighing about 8-10 lbs. Roasting pork with the skin on gives it a wonderful crispness.

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ACTS OF KINDNESS

Recognition goes to those lodges who participated in Operation: H.O.P.E. Helping Others and Protecting our Environment projects. As a fraternal benefit society, one of our purposes is to assist those in our communities who are in need. By reaching out to those outside of our membership, we show our commitment to the community in which we live.

The following lodges are commended for their acts of kindness and the relief they provide. We encourage lodges to reach out beyond the circle of the lodge and support their communities.

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA - The lodge participated in three projects in 1993. The chairwoman of the projects was Marilyn O. Kramme. Through her efforts, the lodge participated in the Salvation Army Breakfast Program, the Emergency Food Pantry, and at Christmastime sponsored a family affected by the summer flood.

Sausage/egg casseroles were made by members and given to the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army distributes the casseroles to the homeless in Des Moines. Approximately 500 people are served twice a week. This is the fourth year Lodge No. 15 has participated in this program.

A collection is taken at each lodge meeting for the Emergency Food Pantry. Donations collected are given to the pantry to purchase food for people in the community who are in need and can not afford food. This year the lodge donated over \$200.00.

Christmas is a special time for most people. Imagine what Christmas was like for the families affected by the Flood of '93, as it has come to be known. Lodge No. 15 donated \$130.00 and lodge members donated \$70.00 to be used to purchase clothing and two grocery store gift certificates for a family. Lutheran Social Services informed the Lodge about the family and their situation.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI- Members of Lodge No. 36 took on two Operation: H.O.P.E. projects in 1993. Chairing both projects was Albert Larsen. One project was supporting the Milwaukee Christian Center Food Pantry. Members donated over \$200.00 at the monthly meetings. The Food Pantry is able to use the money to buy necessary items.

The other recipient of assistance from Lodge No. 36 was the Sojourner Truth House. It is a shelter for battered women and children. Members donated cash and miscellaneous items for distribution at the shelter. Items donated included: shampoo, combs, soap, toothbrushes, robes, socks, toys, etc.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA - What a great fund raising opportunity. Lodge No. 126 raised \$200.00 by watching the taping of the television show "Wings". They sent an application to the studio and were selected to join the studio audience. The money they raised will go to a scholarship fund or to the building fund of a Danish church. Dave Seale was the chairman of this event.

He was also the chairman for the lodge's November and December collection of \$76.00 and canned

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goods to give to the Salvation Army of Lincoln Heights, a district of Los Angeles. This area is very close to the lodge's meeting site. They have been involved in this project for over five years.

Lodge No. 206 Blair, NE - D.A.R.E.- Drug Abuse Resistance Education program was the recipient of funds raised by Lodge No. 206. Annually, Lodge No. 206 sponsors a lip sync contest for community youngsters. This year the lodge put about 88 hours into this event. The committee solicits contestants through the local newspaper and school. Entrants are divided into age categories. Each contestant receives a gift for participating (gift certificates to movies, fast food restaurants, movie rentals, etc.) The gifts are solicited from area business by the lodge members. The three place winners in each category receive cash awards of \$50.00 for first place, \$25.00 for second place and \$10.00 for third place. Area businesses also donate funds to be used for the prize money. In addition, \$2.00 admission was charged per person. The lodge raised over \$600.00 on this year's event. The local newspaper publicized the event and sent a reporter to cover the contest. Chairing this event were the Laurids Pedersen and Jerome Christensen families.

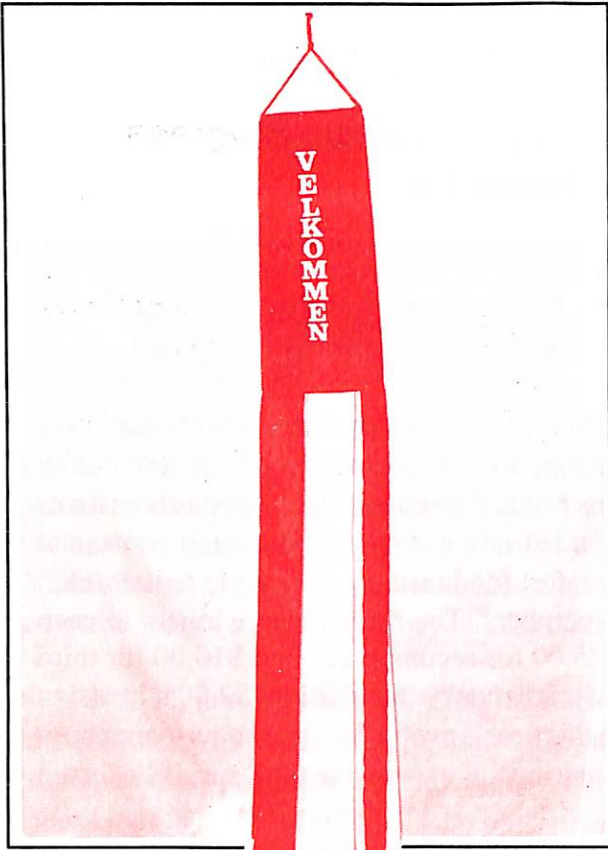
Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA - Gertrude Nielsen, Marian Aymar and Helga Bjorn are the chairpeople for the Lodge's Operation: H.O.P.E. project. Lodge members support the local YWCA "Beyond Shelter" program which assists single women 18 years and older who are homeless. The program provides shelter, counseling, and assistance finding employment.

A notice is printed in the lodge newsletter, informing members what is needed at the Shelter. Lodge members bring contributions of hair brushes, toothbrushes, soaps, deodorant, toothpaste, note paper, shampoo, towels, wash cloths, cosmetics, light bulbs, etc. to lodge meetings. These contributions are not only for the women while at the shelter, but also for the women when they leave the shelter and start life on their own. The lodge also approved \$100.00 to be used by the chairpersons to purchase supplies needed by the "Y".

Gertrude Nielsen was also the chairwoman for another Operation: H.O.P.E project. The lodge answered a request for stamps from the Stamp Club at the Long Beach Veteran's Hospital. Many stamps were collected and sent to the hospital. However, the lodge discontinued this project when they received no acknowledgement from the hospital.

Lodge No. 345 is also involved in a recycling program. Helga Bjorn chairs this project. Lodge members collect the tabs from aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House. The cans are recycled and the money refunded is given to the Lodge treasury.

All lodges are to be commended for the good that they do for their communities. If your lodge is participating in an Operation: H.O.P.E. project, let us know. Complete the Operation H.O.P.E. reporting form and send it to the Home Office. If you are interested in starting a project in your lodge and would like to know more, contact the Danish Brotherhood in America, Fraternal Department, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844 or call toll free 1-800-553-1937.



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