



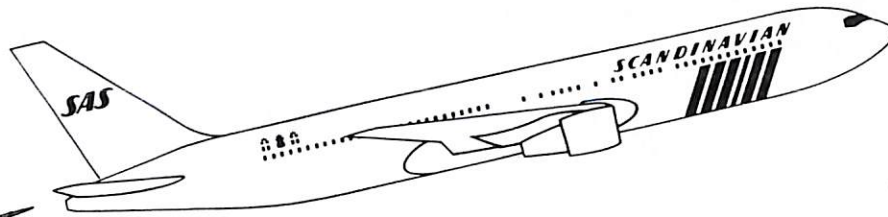
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1994 Special National Convention

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Convention Schedule

Friday, July 22, 1994

Registration 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

No host reception 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 23, 1994

Early registration 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Coffee/social 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Convention opens 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Lunch (on your own) 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Break 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Convention resumes 3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

No host social 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Banquet 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 24, 1994

Continuation of meeting if needed

9:00 a.m. - noon



President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

On April 22- 23 the National Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America met at the National Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, for their semi annual Board Meeting. Many important topics were on the agenda and I am pleased to report all topics were discussed and acted upon.

Most significant to the entire DBIA membership was the unanimous decision to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger. This was not a quick and easy decision. The DBIA Merger Committee did a lot of "leg work" before a final agreement was presented to the DBIA Board. The Board reviewed in detail the merger document and its Exhibits. With the Agreement and Plan of Merger approved by the DBIA Board, it then went before the Sons of Norway Board of Directors at their May 4 - 8 meeting. On May 6 the DBIA National Board of Directors was informed that the Sons of Norway Board of Directors had approved the Agreement and Plan of Merger.

To comply with the Nebraska Insurance Commission, the Agreement and Plan of Merger was sent to each household (in the Special Edition **American Dane**). Now the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be presented to the DBIA delegates at the special convention in Omaha on July 24. If approved by the DBIA delegates, the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be presented to the Sons of Norway delegates at their International Convention to be held in August in Minneapolis, Minnesota. If the Agreement and Plan of Merger meets approval in Minneapolis, a merger would become effective September 30, 1994, subject to approval by the Minnesota and Nebraska Insurance Departments.

Disapproval of the Agreement and Plan of Merger with Sons of Norway would require the DBIA to discuss what other options its governing body would have the Board of Directors pursue. It would be advisable for the governing body to then make provision for approval of an alternate plan by mail to avoid the expense of having another National Convention. This could be accomplished by the delegates at the Special Convention in July.

Roy Everson has written an article introducing Sons of Norway to Danish Brotherhood in America members. You may find it interesting that their organization was founded on some of the same principles as the Danish Brotherhood in America. This article begins on page 9.

Many members have expressed an interest in attending the DBIA special national convention. I would like to take this opportunity to inform all members they are welcome to attend the convention this summer. Convention information and registration forms can be found on page 4. You must make your lodging reservations directly with Ramada Hotel Central by telephone or by mail.

Convention registration must be made to the Home Office by mail only. Please DO NOT call in your convention registration. Please also note, payment for convention packages must be received with the convention registration form and registrations must be made by July 13, 1994.

Other important items of business discussed at the semi annual Board Meeting included the selection of fraternal benefit recipients. The Board members of the Scholarship/Camp Grant Committee of the DBIA National Board of Directors had the difficult task of awarding scholarships and camp grants. This year the Committee reviewed over 30 scholarship applications from deserving members. Their task was to award 16 scholarships for \$1,000 each. You will find the scholarship recipients pictured on page 10 and 11.

As I mentioned, camp grants were also awarded. This year, 35 camp grants were given to youngsters for attendance at camps. You will find their names on page 11. In addition to the funds, each youngster received a certificate.

The second annual Lodge Rating and Awards results were announced at the most recent national Board meeting. Nine lodges are to be commended for their lodge and civic activities, and for their support to this program. Three lodges received Gold Lodge awards, four lodges earned Silver Lodge awards and two lodges earned Bronze Lodge awards. Lodges earning these prestigious awards are listed on page 11. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

It is my proud duty to announce the winner of the 1994 "Howard E. Christensen" Award. Martin Taekker of Lodge No. 348, Eugene, Oregon, was presented this prestigious award at the Pacific Northwest District Convention held in Portland, May 6 - 7. His name has been added to the permanent plaque on display at the Home Office. Be watching for an article about Martin and his commitment to the Danish Brotherhood in a coming issue of **American Dane**.

These past months have been busy ones for the National Board of Directors and the Home Office staff. The months ahead are going to be busy for the entire organization. I encourage every member to review the Special Edition **American Dane** again and discuss its contents with your lodge members. It is important that the proposed merger be discussed at lodge meetings, and equally important that your lodge delegate knows how the lodge wants him/her to vote.

Don't forget to honor the flag of our country and of our motherland. Dannebrog was a 'gift from heaven' on June 15, 1219 and US Flag Day is June 14.

Bloodred Danebrog

by Edith Moller



Dannebrog flies every day at the National Headquarters Building.

In summertime the Danish landscape sings with happiness. Larks rise up from golden fields to cast their notes to heaven, while below quail cluck their tiny chicks to come and feast under the ripened grain. Sleek Holstein cattle graze amid blue cornflowers in green pastures. Every home is surrounded by peonies, asters, lilies, and many more flowers. Everywhere the land is decorated for summer's festival with waving patches of red. In Denmark no garden, whether in city, village, or farm, no building, public or private, is complete without its flagpole at whose top the bloodred, white crossed national flag snaps in the wind.

Surely, the Danes must love their ancient flag, whose name is Danebrog, to cherish it as a necessary part of their daily life. Hence, they must love the land it represents.

Legend has it that the Danish flag was a gift from God in answer to prayers in a time of desperate peril. In the early 13th Century King Valdemar the Victorious conquered or gained allegiance from the territories of northern Germany to the Elbe and Edle Rivers, thus establishing the first empire of northern Europe. Yet the coasts of Denmark were often plundered by bloodthirsty heathens from Estland, now Estonia, who particularly delighted in capturing Christians for sacrifice to their gods.

His empire at peace with borders secure, King Valdemar decided to lead a crusade to conquer the barbarians and then convert them to Christianity. Pope Honorius sent a papal bull from Rome, granting Valdemar the right to annex the heathen lands to

Denmark and to the Christian Church. In 1219 a flotilla of 100 ships sailed from Denmark across the Baltic Sea. They carried thousands of warriors, Danes and some Germans and Slavs, as well as weapons and war horses. With the king came Archbishop Andreas Sunesön and several bishops and priests.

With the king's purple-sailed longship in the center, the flotilla approached the coast of Estland. To the Danes' surprise, the entire beach was massed with armed heathen warriors, obviously awaiting their arrival. On the hill behind the beach, howling heathen priests waved long poles, whose tips impaled the bloody heads of Christian martyrs.

Horrified, King Valdemar ordered all sails furled, deeming it madness to send his army into slaughter. But the bishops convinced the devout king that God would protect his holy mission. Valdemar ordered sails hoisted for a full attack on the enemy. Under a hail of arrows, the Danish troops landed and struggled ashore. Immediately all the heathen warriors withdrew and vanished inland.

King Valdemar realized the enemy withdrawal was likely a ruse of entrapment. He made haste to secure his beachhead and sent his Frisian soldiers to storm the surrounding cliffs. He dispatched a brave young nobleman, Karl of Rise, and a companion, Absolon Belg, to scout the enemy's position. The two failed to exercise proper caution and were soon taken prisoner by the heathens.

The Danish army remained encamped for several days without seeing even a trace of the enemy. One morning there appeared diplomatic envoys, who swore that all Estland would pledge allegiance to the Danish crown and would accept the Christian faith. As proof of their veracity, the envoys requested baptism then and there. The Danish clerics performed the holy rites in the surf, and the envoys departed.

Overjoyed at an apparent bloodless victory, the king declared a day of celebration with plenty of mead for the troops. In the middle of the night, when all were more or less drunk, the heathens broke screaming into the disorganized camp, killing many warriors.

Again King Valdemar heeded the counsel of his bishops. At dawn, together with all his troops, he knelt in the midst of battle to sing the morning song and to pray for God's forgiveness and blessing. Thereafter, highly visible in gleaming golden armor and mounted on his big white stallion, the king led his army in furious battle against the attackers. Archbishop Andreas stood all day with hands uplifted to heaven in prayer. When his hands remained high, the Danes went forward against the foe. When his arms dropped from exhaustion, they fell back. So fellow clergy stood by Andreas and held him erect.

In the frenzy of combat, a daring enemy knight managed to snatch the royal lion banner from the hilltop, where it had been planted. The Danish soldiers thought its disappearance meant that their king was dead and were about to give up in despair. They heard bishop Peder shout, "Look to heaven, Christians!" A huge red banner with a white cross whirled above them in the sky. A

mighty voice roared as from heaven, "The higher it is lifted, the closer is victory!" "A miracle," cried the Danes and rushed in ecstasy to battle against the heathens.

Karl of Rise and Absolon Belg had been placed under guard on a hill together with a group of other Christian prisoners, that they might view the defeat of the Danes. Thereafter they were all to be sacrificed to heathen gods. Kneeling in ardent prayer, Karl saw the heavenly banner drift over the enemy army to land on the hilltop directly in front of him. He seized the flag and swung it in ecstasy over his head. Because he was tall and blond and dressed in bright blue armor, Karl was easily visible to the Danish warriors below.

Beside themselves with joy, the Danes now tore into the superior enemy forces with such deadly ferocity, that the heathens fled the battlefield in terror. Estland had been won for the Danish crown and for Christianity. At sundown the entire Danish army and Valdemar the Victorious knelt in a prayer of praise and thanks to God.

In front of the assembled army, the king honored Karl and Absolon as special knights, granting them the privilege of wearing on their shields a white cross on a red field. The bishops became busy baptizing a crowd of heathens, eager to accept Christianity. When Valdemar sailed home to Denmark, he brought back the cross banner, which he named Danebrog, to be preserved in Slesvig Cathedral as a sacred object.

Was the cross banner a gift from God, miraculously dropped from heaven? Or was it, as some historians claim, a crusader's pennant sent by the pope, which someone, probably a bishop, flung aloft in the heat of battle? Whatever the origin of Denmark's flag, it has been a blessing to the Danish people, flying over a free and unconquered nation for nearly eight hundred years. For Danes, even for those removed for generations to other lands, Danebrog remains a beloved symbol of our ancient, precious heritage. Long may Danebrog wave!



Have a fun and safe summer!

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May

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$99.65.

Happy Father's Day



Bright Is The Summer Day

Johan Ludvig Heiberg (1791 - 1860) was a romantic dramatist. In his youth he lived with several aunts moving from one to the other. In 1819 he went to London but settled in Copenhagen in 1825. He taught in a military school but his main work was in the field of the theater. In the light opera *Elverhøj* (Hill of the Elves) he brought together the natural and supernatural world. This musical was produced the first time at the Royal Theater in honor of the future Frederick VII's wedding. Much of his work was with Fr. Kuhlau who composed the music for *Elverhøj*.

Bright Is The Summer Day is set to a spritely tune which fits the setting for *Elverhøj* very well. The composer, Fr. Kuhlau was from a talented but poor German family. He lost an eye and this accident led to the discovery of his talent. He received a piano and studied in Hanover -- also with an organist. At age 14 he went to Hamburg to study music theory but fled to Copenhagen when Napoleon took Hamburg in 1810. His concerts brought him fame and he became the director of the Royal Chamber Orchestra in 1813. Then he became chorus leader of the Royal Theater and in 1818 he was charged to write music for the courtesans for special occasions. He continued to write music for the theater. In writing the score for *Elverhøj* he used many folk melodies. One can recognize the strains for King Christian in the overture.

Another good translation is credited to Pastor S.D. Rodholm.

-Ruth Herman Nielsen

BRIGHT IS THE SUMMER DAY

J. L. Heiberg
Trans. by S. D. Rodholm

Fr. Kuhlau, 1828
From the Light Opera "Elverhøj"

Bright is the sum-mer day, Gay-ly we hike a-way Out to the
Fresh is the balm-y breeze Whis-per-ing in the trees; Birds on the
Flow-ers, like friends of old, Red, white, and blue and gold, Nod-ding and
Bring a for-get-me-not Home for your gar-den plot. Plant it and

woods and the mead-ows, Out from the nois-y streets, Out to a
branch-es are swing-ing. Sud-den and sil-ver clear, Ris-es a
smil-ing they greet us. So ev-'ry one we pass, Farmer and
let it re-mind you Oft of the sim-ple joys Far from the

shad-y beach, Out where our fan-cy may take us.
song of cheer, That is the mead-ow-lark sing-ing. Tra-la-
coun-try lass, Seems to be hap-py to meet us.
cit-y's noise With all your cares left be-hind you.

la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la. Tra-la-

la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

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Our Proposed Merger Partner: Sons of Norway

by Roy Everson

When 18 founders of a new mutual benefit society met in Minneapolis one January night 100 years ago to choose a name for their group, they recalled a patriotic song written seven decades earlier, "Sønner af Norge" (Sons of Norway). The writer was a nationalist poet inspired by Norway's recent adoption of its constitution -- following 400 years of rule by the Kingdom of Denmark.

As the fraternal insurance company prepares to celebrate its centennial next year, a reunion of sorts with Danish descendants is contemplated: the proposed merger of the Danish Brotherhood in America with Sons of Norway members. For DBIA members the 64,000 kroner question might be who and what is Sons of Norway?

The answer would take at least a book -- and 75,000 handshakes -- to complete. But herewith is a brief introduction to the largest association of Norwegians outside of Norway.

"When founders chose the name Sons of Norway, they wished to give voice to their gratitude to the land of their birth. It identified the hopes which they had for their American society with the Norwegian tradition of freedom and adventure which had sustained their forefathers since the days of the Vikings. From the day they passed through the immigration gates at Ellis Island, they knew that their lives and fortunes were linked forever with this vast and free land."

Those words of historian Sverre Norborg, in his book, An American Saga, also describe today's membership. In the 407 lodges in North America and Norway, members create a myriad of social, charitable and ethnic activities. Access to traditional arts, cooking, language, recreation and sports is a key to member satisfaction -- as well as the chance to promote a unique Scandinavian culture to the broader population. In addition, its field staff offers a strong package of insurance products and financial services such as life insurance, annuities, CD alternatives, pension maximization, long-term care, disability income, and more. In all areas, today's Sons of Norway reflects a natural evolution from the days when the language and customs of America seemed strange, the economic climate harsh.

Founded during depression

The history of Sons of Norway is another proud example of the

ethnic fraternal benefit societies that arose a century ago. Joining with others of similar backgrounds to promote the common good, ethnic fraternal societies were organized to ease assimilation into American life and provide fellowship and financial assistance -- routinely denied to non-native Americans.

Just as Danish immigrants drew together for social and economic security, so too did thousands of Norwegians look to their country men when the pressures of life in American cities became more than the individual could bear.

A dozen years after DBIA's founding, a deep economic depression took hold in mid-1890's, creating unemployment and poverty throughout America's cities. Particularly hard hit

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Sons of Norway International Headquarters in Minneapolis, MN.

1994 National Scholarship Recipients



Jessica Young
Lodge No. 600, Omaha, NE
Recipient of the 1994 Axel Skelbeck
Scholarship for Excellence



Kimberly Labriola
Lodge No. 225, Canton, OH
Recipient of the 1994 Fred K. Holm
Memorial Scholarship



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Valerie Essink
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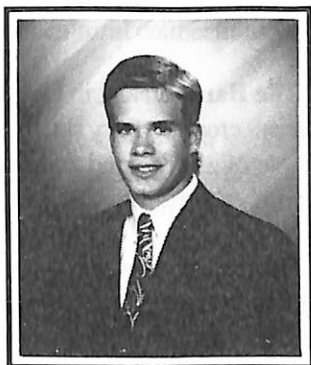
Jennifer Jorgensen
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Robert Cheeke
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Niel Danko
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Lodge Rating and Awards

Gold Lodge Award

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa
Lodge No. 346, Riverside, California

Silver Lodge Award

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois
Lodge No. 35, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California
Lodge No. 206, Blair, Nebraska

Bronze Lodge Award

Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa
Lodge No. 348, Eugene, Oregon

Each month in "Our Lodges in Action" of *Amerian Dane*, the lodges listed above will be recognized by a symbol in front of their lodge name, number and lodge news. The symbols below will reflect the award received by the lodge.

⌘⌘⌘ - Gold Lodge Award
⌘⌘ - Silver Lodge Award
⌘ - Bronze Lodge Award

These lodges are to be commended for their commitment to the perpetuation of Danish culture and traditions and support to their community.

were hundreds of thousands of European immigrants. They included Norwegians who had settled the heavily Scandinavian city of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Among them were the 18 founders – mostly from the village of Selbu, Norway – who believed in America and in self reliance, but also recognized that surviving hard times in their new land required sticking together. They needed a society which could assure its members of monetary assistance in times of illness and death in their families.

Interest grew quickly and several similar associations sprouted up around the country; first in the Midwest from Illinois to the Dakotas, later in the Pacific Northwest. Many lodges were organized by representatives of Sons of Norway or at the request of Norwegians in outlying areas; other groups arose independently and were later brought into the fold. (Today lodges are active throughout the East Coast, western Canada and the fast-growing Sunbelt region, as well as in Norway.) Within 10 years Sons of Norway became a nationwide fraternal organization. Membership approached 11,000 and insurance in force totaled over \$2 million. This decade was an exciting time for Norwegian-Americans, celebrating Norway's independence from Sweden and the centennial of the signing in 1814 of the Constitution amid the last of the three great waves of Norwegian emigration. Growth continued through the anti-foreign sentiment of the 1920's and the Great Depression. The society's reputation rose with the timely, vital payments of insurance benefits to members and their families. National insurance ratings today laud Sons of Norway's financial stability, management and operations.

A Family Organization

With the original membership aging and fewer newcomers arriving, the need to broaden membership arose. In 1916 Sons of Norway began to welcome women as members and eventually qualifications were liberalized to include non-Norwegians with an interest or connection to Norway. Norwegian language gradually gave way to English in meetings and in the official monthly magazine, now called VIKING. The result is a true family organization.

Lodge activities over the years shifted in emphasis from helping immigrants to preserving the Norwegian heritage. Lodges today sponsor lectures, slide shows, programs and other events that keep Norwegian heritage alive. But the lodges don't operate in a vacuum. They support – and receive support – from their respective districts and from international headquarters in Minneapolis which serves as the administrative center of the society's fraternal/heritage department and insurance operations. A few of the ongoing programs include:

The Cultural Skills Program promotes participation in both traditional and contemporary Scandinavian pursuits such as genealogy, cooking, woodworking, knitting and stamp collecting.

The Sports Medals Program promotes fitness among members, spanning generations by including activities such as golf, skiing, dancing and soccer that covers varying degrees of ability.

The Barnebirkie, in Hayward, Wisconsin, is the largest children's cross-country skiing event in North America. It's an example of a lodge and fraternal department complementing one another's efforts.

Community outreach programs such as Ski for Light (facilitating skiing by the blind) and Vinland Center (committed to full lives for people with disabilities).

Heritage programs such as language and heritage camps for youth.

A monthly magazine, VIKING, serves a purpose similar to **American Dane**, connecting members, lodges and districts.

Ties to Norway have long been a tradition. Today, a Sons of Norway in Kristiansand serves members in Norway. The 17 Norwegian lodges happily welcome their North American brothers and sisters when they visit Norway.

Danes Welcome Here

As the Scandinavian-American communities have evolved in the past century, so has the fraternal insurance industry. Thus came the need for DBIA to seek a merger partner. "There has to be strength in numbers in today's economy," said DBIA Secretary-Treasurer and CEO Jerry Christensen. After considering results of a member survey, conditions for a merger stipulated the Danish group's retention of its identity, logo, lodge system and the fraternal aspects of the society such as scholarships, camp grants and matching funds. A merger committee in January selected Sons of Norway out of four suitable candidates.

Christensen offered several reasons for the choice: "Of all the societies the merger committee met with, Sons of Norway addressed our concerns most completely." He noted Sons of Norway's financially sound status, growth and A rating that shows confidence bestowed by the industry. 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 Sons of Norway and Danish Brotherhood are a natural fit," says Christensen. He noted the historic ties between Norway and Denmark, closer than any other combination of Scandinavian peoples. Dano-Norwegian links pre-date and include the Viking period. Their two languages read similarly, but when spoken they differ as much as the dissimilar Norwegian dialects. Such luminaries as the playwright Ludvig Holberg and seaman Peder Tordenskjold are claimed by both nations. Persona, commercial and cultural connections flourish to this day.

"It's an opportunity to take advantage of the cost savings of being a part of a larger organization," said Christensen. "Yet we can enjoy the very ideals that have made this organization what it is today."

For Sons of Norway, the merger proposal is a way to expand membership by ten percent and increase its financial assets and growth potential. And it's a way to help keep intact a fellow fraternal benefit society.

International President Cy Wittrock wrote in the May VI-

KING, noting the opportunity to expand membership, "We share many common historic, heritage and cultural traditions with our Scandinavian brothers and sisters."

The merger process still has a way to go before completion. Following approval by each group's board of directors in May, the issue is now awaiting action at conventions this summer in Omaha and Minneapolis. If both sets of delegates approve, it will be up to insurance regulators in Minnesota and Nebraska.

As envisioned by the merger committees, DBIA would become a ninth district of Sons of Norway, with corresponding representation on the Board of Directors and at the International Convention. VIKING would feature a Danish district news page each month.

Christensen pointed out that many cities have both DBIA and Sons of Norway lodges; some have already worked together on projects. In some areas DBIA lodges rent space from Sons of Norway. They would be in different districts, but could decide for themselves whether or not to engage in cooperative activities. He envisioned a scenario where lodges meet separately for business, then join for social activities.

As some of the Danes have told Christensen, "If we're going to merge, let's merge with another Scandinavian group."

(The writer is a frequent contributor to VIKING magazine and spent an academic year enrolled in an American university in Aalborg, Denmark.)

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- Carol (Jensen) MacKay

Our Lodges in Action

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Pacific

Northwest

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA--President Myra Brochner opened our April 9 meeting with 18 members present. The program for the day was a book report. The title of the book translates to mean "A Little Information About Knights, Soldiers and Advocates Around the Baltic Sea". The book was written by Victor Brockdorff whose family name goes back to the 12th Century. Ditlev Brockdorff, one of King Kristian II's last supporters, joined with the nobles and became the King's guardian when he was captured and put in prison at Sonderberg Castle in 1532. Ditlev Brockdorff is Leo Madsen's great grandfather about 10 times removed. The book report and its translation from old Danish was done by Benni Andersen who has been a member since 1951.

At each meeting, Leo Madsen recalls any birthdays or anniversaries of important events that have occurred on our meeting dates. One of the events mentioned was Denmark being invaded by the Germans on April 9, 1940.

The next program will be about how this event affected the lives of anyone or their families. Those in attendance will be asked to share their experiences.

Jeannette Madsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA--A sandwich supper was held at our April meeting on the occasion of the 106th anniversary of our lodge. Over 90 members and guests attended. Included as guests were the supreme officers of the Danish Sisterhood who held their semi-annual meeting

in Seattle. Following supper, the meeting was called to order by President Gert Wolff. A moment of silence was held to honor the memory of Jerry Jensen, late secretary of the lodge. It was noted that Clyde Langsted had been appointed secretary pro-tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed. Correspondence included a letter from Omaha regarding the July convention and noting that Jerry Jensen was to be the delegate. It was then noted that Flemming Sorensen would succeed as alternate. It was also noted that Mel Hollister would be the delegate representing the Pacific Northwest District.

Danny Stavnsjoh introduced his son, Derek, a fourth grader, who wanted to become a member. An application was approved.

Edith Andersen gave the treasurer's report.

Frank Poulsen reported on the bowling tournament and announced we needed to find a new chairman. He mentioned

that Vancouver wanted to know if Seattle would host the tournament next year. Much discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to table the matter until our next meeting.

Louis Nielsen reported on the picnic slated for Sunday, July 17, at Normandy Park. He was looking for volunteers.

Letters were read from young hopefuls for scholarships to Himmelbjerget.

Discussion arose on the clean-up of the Danish Center following the meetings. It was suggested that the president appoint a committee chairperson at each meeting or an entire committee.

Care and Share will be handled by Clyde Langsted. A total of \$30.50 was donated to Care and Share and will be donated to the Fremont Food Bank in Seattle.

Clyde Langsted, Sec. Pro-Tem

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR--The April meeting was called to order by President Peter Larsen with 40 members present. The minutes of the March 2

Velkommen

In recognition of DBIA members who are participating in the growth of the Danish Brotherhood in America by recommending their family and friends.

Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Michael Paarup	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Berger Rasmussen
David J. Peterson	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	George Hill
Scott C. Davis	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Ken Davis
Harry C. Heir, Jr.	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Todd Bernhardt
Einer Thuesen	126	Los Angeles, California	Karl Duus
Therese J. Masters	600	Omaha, Nebraska	Home Office
Dan G. Olsen	600	Omaha, Nebraska	Home Office

meeting were approved as written.

Correspondence included a letter from Omaha regarding our delegate to the special merger convention in Omaha in July. The treasurer's report was read and bills approved to be paid.

Peter expressed thanks to Kris Roley for all her hard work in putting out our new lodge directory.

Kris Roley suggested we sponsor campers who wish to attend Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp this summer.

Norm Powell informed us that the Law Committee had again met and made changes to our bylaws. He read the changes. There must be an acceptance by two-thirds of the membership to make these changes.

A discussion was held regarding the new rental agreement. It was voted on and passed that we save on rent and hold our meetings downstairs from now on.

A motion was made to grant \$50 camp scholarships not to exceed a total of \$500. This amount will be matched by the Home Office in Omaha. This motion was passed.

Peter Blyt announced that a Northwest Danish Foundation soccer team is being formed and is looking for sponsors. He also reported his brother in Denmark

has sent us a 19 hole aebleskiver pan as a donation from him.

Pete and Jan Christensen were thanked for the hot dog dinner.

Ruth Dally, Sec.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR--President Mary Stefansen called the April meeting to order with approximately 55 members present. A moment of silence was observed for Lyle Jacobsen and the charter was draped in his memory.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as printed. The treasurer's report was given.

A memorandum from the National Headquarters was received regarding the special convention that is to be held in July. Kris Sand will attend as our delegate.

It was moved, seconded and approved to consolidate the June meeting with the picnic. The executive committee will meet to discuss next year's June activity schedule.

Hanne Taekker would like pictures that were taken at the installation dinner.

A proposed policy regarding the granting of Himmelbjerget scholarships was read. The executive committee felt that each applicant should receive no less than \$50, which may result in increasing

the budgeted amount. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the proposed policy.

We were dismissed in the usual and customary way.

Susie Staats, Sec.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, CA--Our oldest member, Thorvald Therp, celebrated his 96th birthday and 70 years as a member of Golden Gate Lodge No. 49. At the Danish Soldiers Club of Northern California, where Thorvald is a charter member, President Kaj Kristensen presented Thorvald with a certificate of merit for his 96th birthday and 70 years of membership. The 160 people present stood and gave Thorvald a standing ovation. What a thrill for Thorvald and all of us to honor this stately gentleman.



President Kristensen (l) and Secretary Ken Larsen (r) escort Thorvald Therp (c).

Ken Larsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA--The last meeting was called to order by President Karen Rowse with 25 members and two guests from Denmark, Grethe and Ib Strange, present.

Karl Duus presented Carlo Christensen for membership. He was approved.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Entertainment Chairman David Seale suggested a day trip to Solvang for Solvang Days.

We received a thank you note from the Special Olympics for our \$100 donation.

The treasurer's report was read, accepted and filed for audit.



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The Brotherhood Swimfest is planned for August 6 at Doris Christensen's home in Agoura. Thank you Doris.

Delegates elected to the California-Nevada District Convention to be held July 28-30 in Anaheim are Kate Krake Nielsen, Doris Christensen, David Seale, Inger Dix and John Kristensen. Poul Dalby Andersen is the alternate. Each delegate will receive \$200 to cover expenses.

Refreshments were served by Helene Kristensen and Karen Rowse.

The April 22 social called for potluck and games and over 35 members and guests attended. Games included roulette, poker, canasta, uno and a couple of others. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves.

Martin Astrup, a member of our lodge, celebrated his 96th birthday. We presented flowers and a certificate of merit to Martin for the occasion. Martin has been a member for 29 years. He was born in North Denmark and moved to the United States in 1929. He lived in the Chicago area before moving and settling in California where he worked as a landscaper. It was a pleasure and privilege to help celebrate the occasion with Martin and

his family.



Brother Astrup accepts his certificate.

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.
Inger Dix, Cor.
Betty Seale, Sec.**

Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, CA--Our new officers are: Past President, Frank Taddei; President, Andy Andersen; Vice President, Larry Parks; Secretary, Henry Brown; Treasurer, Walt Miller; Trustees, Harvey Rasmussen and Jim P. Larsen; Conductor, Tom Wilson; and Guard, Jack Hansen.

We were pleased to present 25-year pins to the following members: Donna Larsen, Dr. Jim A. Larsen, Ray Larsen, Jane (Larsen) Spiller and Norman Christensen.

We were pleased to welcome four

transfer members, Vernon Olsen, Ebba Norby, Keith Wright and Gitte Norby.

Following the March meeting, a game of pirate bingo was enjoyed. Harvey and Alice Rasmussen planned this event.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA--The April 16 meeting was called to order by President Ken Olsen. We introduced visitors, George, Melissa, Ryan and Natalie Chadwick. The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given.

A convention report was given by Toni Gossett. She explained the in-lodge contest and an updated version of how points will be accumulated.

It was decided upon by the membership to move our alternate delegate, Ardythe Wiegandt, to delegate position and add Toni Olsen Gossett and Kandy Chappell as alternates. These adjustments were made because we are entitled to additional delegates under the 1993 district bylaw change. All regular delegates will receive their delegate fee at the July meeting.

Following the business meeting, everyone gathered for bingo. Many thanks for all who participated and for your bingo prize donations. Thanks also to Ardythe and Jim Wiegandt and Committee #3 for the delicious refreshments served.

We will hold a garage sale on Saturday, June 18, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Gossetts. We urgently need garage sale donations. We need to generate revenue to complete our raffle prizes for the convention. If you have any items you can donate, please bring them to Toni's prior to June 18 or call Ken Olsen or Gary Gossett and your items will be picked up.

The Spencer Nielsen Award established in 1988 is a Holger Danske Lodge Award given out in recognition of one outstanding lodge member. If you would like to nominate a member from our lodge, please submit in one page or less

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Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA-- We had a great "bad times" meal at the Petersen's. Darlene did a great job on the stew and atmosphere. Prior to the dinner, President Richard Perez held a meeting and we installed our newest member, Christina Del Grippo. Welcome, Tina, we are happy to have a new "young" member and look forward to some of our other youth doing the same.

Pete Petersen discussed the upcoming Special Convention in Omaha. He wanted to know how we felt as he will represent our lodge.

The following members were elected as delegates to the upcoming district convention: Kaja Del Grippo, Lynda Jones and Sue Patterson. Richard Perez and Bill Del Grippo will serve as alternates. Tina Del Grippo will represent the youth as the youth delegate and Brandy Adkins as alternate. There is still enough money in our youth fund to pay for the packages for our youth who want to attend the convention.

Sue Patterson, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE-- We celebrated our 112th anniversary with a catered dinner held at Vennelyst Park Pavilion with 100 people attending. Member Annette Andersen made rum pudding. Committee members included Andy and Annette Andersen, Lillian Granholm, Viola Cook and Jim Christiansen.

Andy Andersen led us in the Danish table prayer. Our program recognized membership anniversaries. Annette Andersen led us in singing "Der er et Yndigt Land".

Raymond F. Jensen, Sr. was recognized by President Ruth Nielsen for his

75 years of membership. Raymond's son had a special pin made for him and presented it to him. Other family members were in attendance.



75-year member Raymond Jensen and President Ruth Nielsen.

President Nielsen also recognized 25-year members Joyce Christensen and Deloris Hansen. Paul Festeren, who is also a 25-year member, was not present.



Pres. Nielsen with 25-year members Deloris Hansen and Joyce Christensen.

Other members recognized for 50-years or more include Paul Grobeck, 53 years; H. Chris Jorgensen, 67 years;



50-year plus members: H. Chris Jorgensen, Paul Grobeck and Chris Juhl.

Chris Juhl, 68 years; James K. Larsen, 53 years; Clifford Larsen, 55 years; and Werner Jensen, 61 years.

Bill and Merilee Jorgensen of Minden, our District Fraternal Coordinators, were our guests. Bill presented a greeting from the district.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to listening or dancing to music and general conversation. It was a delightful and memorable evening.

We will have our 3rd annual fish fry on June 7 with Jim Christiansen as chef.

Flo Hansen, Cor.

Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, NE-- Our April 10 meeting was in honor of the 99th birthday of our lodge. A catered dinner was enjoyed by 41 attendees. Our thanks to the Brotherhood for making all the arrangements for the dinner and subsidizing the cost.

Following dinner, those members having birthdays in April were acknowledged and for those present we sang "Happy Birthday". This was followed by announcements.

The group was entertained by Chris Sayre, a local musician who collects, researches and plays all kinds of musical instruments. For our enjoyment, he brought a concertina, button accordion, mandolin, harp zither, bowed zither, dulcimer and a saw. He told us the country or countries where each instrument originated, some history on each and, to our pleasure and delight, played a couple tunes on each. It was a delightful program. Thanks to Gladys Sorensen, our program coordinator.

Gayle Miller, Cor.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE-- The April 9 meeting was opened by President Howard Madsen and he also led the Flag Salute. Thirty-six people were present to enjoy a hamburger fry, salad and dessert meal.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give \$1.00 per member to the District Scholarship Fund.

The Christmas dinner and party was

announced by the December committee. It will be held December 9 at the Elks Club in Superior.

Discussion was held regarding changing the state picnic in Ruskin due to the conflict with the new museum in Elk Horn. It was decided not to change the date because it had been advertised to all district lodges.

President Madsen thanked the committee for the good meal. The committee consisted of Fern Miller, Eugene and Geraldine Schultz and Harold and Erna Martens.

Geraldine Schultz, Sec.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE--We were honored to have Andy and Annette Andersen as our guests at our last meeting. They showed us slides from a trip to Denmark.

Remember the Nebraska District Picnic will be held in Ruskin on June 12 and the district convention is tentatively planned for August 11-12 in Omaha.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE--District President Glen Haselbarth of Minden was a guest at the April meeting. Walt and Betty Alderman and Lois Stevens were hosts for the evening. The program honored the April birthdays of Queen Margrethe of Denmark and the last author Hans Christian Andersen. A quiz about Andersen's stories was won by Glen Haselbarth.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

Heartland

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA--Our annual potluck dinner took place on April 11. While enjoying delicious goodies, we were entertained with accordion music by guest Mike Bredesky. New member Linda Christensen was initiated and welcomed into the lodge.

Member Svend Christensen, who works at the Iowa Senate during legislative sessions, brought Senator Bill Fink



Mike Bredesky provided entertainment.



Arne Sorensen welcomes new member Linda Christensen.

as a guest. Senator Fink shared his Danish heritage and also some insight into the legislative process and some key actions of the current session.



Bill Fink and member Svend Christensen.

Svend Christensen spoke at Beth El Jacob Synagogue in Des Moines on April 7 during the observance of Yom Hashoah, the memorial day for victims of the Holocaust. Svend, a former member of the Danish harbor police, told about his role and the role of many other Danes in saving the Jews.

Michael J. Nelson, grandson of member Judy Meehan, was one of three applicants recently selected to receive a \$300 Heartland District college scholarship. Michael is a 1994 graduate of Valley High School in West Des Moines and will attend the University of Iowa this

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fall.

Members were thrilled to learn that we have earned the Gold Award for our 1993 activities.

On June 13, we will meet in the former Avalon Theater now owned by GrandView College located on East 9th Street between Boyd and Hull. Magician Orville Ballard from Polk City is returning after presenting such an entertaining show last year. We want lots of kids to join us again.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 121, Tyler, MN--President Delno Hansen called the May 7 meeting to order. The pledge to the flag was recited. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted as read.

Several guests were present to help recognize 60-year member, Jens Nielsen. He became a member of the Danish Brotherhood in Dagmar, Montana.

A short reading was given by Therkel Jorgensen regarding the limber pines that grow and survive on the tops of mountains. It was a good summation of the life of Jens and Ellen. Jens himself thanked

the lodge for a wonderful evening.

A delicious lunch was served by Hilda Hansen including a cake honoring Jens Nielsen. Marge Paulson played the piano taking requests from the group. It was an evening enjoyed by all.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA--The April 9 meeting was called to order by President Thorvald Sorensen following a delicious lunch served by our members for the Heartland District Board meeting. Member Steven Sorensen is president of the district. Thorvald Sorensen will be our delegate to the Special Convention set for July to discuss merging with Sons of Norway.

On June 11 and 12, we will go to Elk Horn for the grand opening festivities of the Danish Immigrant Museum. If you plan to go and need a ride, contact Thorvald and Beverly Sorensen or Ken and Evelyn Gutterman to make arrangements.

Kathy Sonsalla, Cor.

Lodge No. 326, West Branch, IA--At a recent meeting, we met at the home of

Pete and Astrid Petersen. As well as the monthly meeting, we were privileged to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Pete and Astrid. Pete is the only remaining charter member of our lodge which held its first meeting in 1929.



Congratulations Pete and Astrid.

Our 1994 officers are: President Judie Nealson, Vice President Ruth Kephart, Secretary Carolyn Bickford, and Treasurer Ruby Arnold.

Carolyn Bickford, Sec.

Lodge No. 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA--We met on April 25. A fellowship

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
12-22-89	Andrew E. Bodtker	88	Cortland, Illinois	268	Junction City, Oregon	1924
2-14-94	Flemming Tholl	63	Mexico	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	1987
2-26-94	Carlo Olesen	73	Denmark	328	Vancouver, British Columbia	1974
3-18-94	Marion Eriksen	71	Chicago, Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1988
4-15-94	Chester A. Sattler	81	Avon, South Dakota	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1991
3-24-94	Raymond Andreasen	81	Laesso, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1977
4-20-94	Andrew Poulsen	88	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1974
5-2-94	John C. Hansen, Sr.	79	Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1985
4-9-94	Arno Sorensen	72	Copenhagen, Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1959
3-21-94	Frezei Poulsen	82	Holback, Denmark	700	Omaha, Nebraska	1952
4-1-94	Erhardt D. Andersen	72	Demark	264	Pocatallo, Idaho	1951
4-5-94	Alexander Gailey	87	Scotland	183	Troy, New York	1965
2-9-94	Albert C. Petersen	80	Benson, Iowa	263	Askov, Minnesota	1948
4-13-94	William B. Steffensen	88	Nakskov, Denmark	325	New Haven, Connecticut	1940
2-29-92	Axel Springborg	94	Demark	126	Los Angeles, California	1938
5-10-94	Jens Krabbe	90	Denmark	263	Askov, Minnesota	1943

coffee was enjoyed by all present. President Mel Boose opened the meeting with a pledge to the American Flag.

It was agreed to have meetings every month as we are slow getting started this year. Dennis Nissen gave us information about the opening of the Danish Immigrant Museum.

Gina Greving gave an amusing drama program she presented in speech competition. She wrote the selection for which she received a "1" at the state speech contest.

The next meeting will be held at 6 pm on June 27 at the Danish Immigrant Museum.

Robert Sorensen, Cor.

Missouri

Lodge No. 56, Kansas City, MO--We celebrated our 102nd anniversary in April. Jean Prinds coordinated the catered dinner. President Dean Larsen opened the meeting. Plans were discussed for the lodge's participation in the 1994 Ethnic Enrichment Festival at Kansas City's Swope Park. The lodge booth serves

aebleskiver and other Danish delicacies. Profits are used to support the lodge's favorite charities.

Secretary Otto Larsen reported on the status of the merger with Sons of Norway. He assured the members more would be known after a special national convention in July.

Members discussed attending the official opening ceremony of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn later this month.

Virginia and Ken Gause reported on their talk to local students. They discussed Danish and other Scandinavian customs and history. Virginia also presented the class with mobiles depicting Scandinavia. The students and teachers expressed great interest in the presentation.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

Midwest

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI--The golf league had its organizational meeting and could use a few more golfers. If interested, contact Warren Piehl.

We had another successful Stink Club

serving chicken cacciatore and all of the trimmings. It was delicious thanks to Chef John Mikus. Thanks once again to this committee headed by Dean Hansen along with John Sullivan and Warren Piehl. Last one for the season.

The Midwest District bowling tournament was held in Glenwood, Illinois, sponsored by Chicago Lodge No. 35. Bowlers were Don Servais, Chuck Woelffer, John Hosmanek, Andy

Smith and Bob Nelson along with Bob and Elaine Ibsen who attended.

The date for the Midwest District golf outing has been changed from July 24 to July 10 due to the Special National Convention.

The Midwest District trap shoot is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, beginning at 9 am in Dwight, Illinois. Lunch will follow for \$6.50 each.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL--President Richard Perschnick opened our last meeting with the pledge to the flag. We sang "God Bless America" and the Danish National Anthem led by Paul Sloth and accompanied by Dorothy Dawson. Kristi Hanley showed slides of her college sponsored trip to Australia where she was studying marine biology.

A report was given on our aebleskiver breakfast, sausage sale, raffle and kringle sale. We made a nice profit.

President Perschnick introduced our guests, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Petersen and Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Sloth, all from Chicago Lodge No. 35.

Woody presented Margaret Goodwin with a framed certificate from the National Board of Directors for her many years as lodge secretary and newsletter reporter.

He also presented Leo Pedersen with a framed certificate of merit from the National Board of Directors along with a 50-year pin.

Members went to the Legion on Saturday, April 9, to clean the walls and light fixtures. The Legion gave us a month's free rent for a job well done.

We are planning a trip to a Cubs game on August 28.

Marge Lauritsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL--Make plans now to attend our annual scholarship dinner on June 17. Call Ray Nielsen for reservations. Adult tickets are \$8 and \$4 for children age 12 and under. Cocktails will be served beginning at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm. Entertain-

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ment for the evening will be line dancing.

There were approximately 50 members present at the April meeting which was opened by President Christensen. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Henry Jepsen gave the treasurer's report. Bills were read and approved.

Woody Petersen then explained that the merger of the DBIA and Sons of Norway is being discussed. He stated there would be a one day special convention in Omaha for delegates to vote on the proposed merger. Our delegate is Ray Nielsen. Paul Sloth is our alternate delegate.

In the special events department, Henry Jepsen and Minnie Richard have decided that August 12 will be the evening that Lodge No. 35 will attend a White Sox game. There are 48 tickets available, but remember this is an activity that is geared for children and they will have priority as far as space and tickets are concerned. They must be under age 16 and a lodge member.

Henry Jepsen spoke on behalf of the Scholarship Committee and asked that \$1,000 be transferred to the Scholarship Fund as mentioned last month. The motion passed.

He also mentioned that we will be getting the \$20,000 back which we have invested in the Lodge Savings Program offered through the National Headquarters.

The bowling tournament held on April 16 was fun. There were 102 bowlers from the various lodges in the district. After bowling, many stayed for a delicious buffet lunch served at the bowling alley. Afterwards, lots of folks went to Frank and Linda Connery's home for serious discussions about the bowling! The popcorn machine was going full blast, the bar was busy and everyone had a great time. Frank and Linda are great hosts.

The Pony Express and Space Timers teams from Dwight took home the traveling trophies. Congratulations! Our lodge won the following: the Early Birds took 2nd place in the men's handicap

series and the Kringles took 3rd. The Frikadellers took 2nd and the Karbonaders took 5th in the ladies' handicap series.

Individual prizes were as follows: ladies' individual scratch series, Grethe Jepsen 3rd; men's individual handicap series, Woody Petersen 1st; ladies' individual handicap series, Doris Peterson 3rd; men's individual scratch game, Jim Johanson 1st; ladies' individual scratch game, Wanda Nielsen 2nd; ladies' individual handicap game, Jodie Sloth 1st and Ethel Orszulak 3rd.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI-- At our April 25 meeting, we discussed our participation in the Scandinavian Festival to be held Saturday, June 11. Elsie Hein, Chairperson for our sales booth, called our attention to items required to make this event a success for our lodge. Our booth will feature breads and pastries from O&H Bakery in Racine plus homemade baked items by our members. Volunteers are needed.

We thank Barbara Larsen for the refreshments served following the meeting.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI-- Our April 28 meeting was called to order by President Vivian Jensen at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. The secretary's report was read and approved. There was no treasurer's report. Correspondence was read and filed.

We sang Happy Birthday for those having birthdays in April. Following our meeting, a delicious lunch was served followed by card bingo.

Gladys Petersen, Sec.



Lodge No. 164, New York, NY-- Our April meeting opened with the salute to the flag. Our bus trip to Edison Home for

the Harvest Festival is on September 18 and will be handled by Emma Penza. The bus will leave the Danish Athletic Club at 10 am.

An afghan donated by Emma Penza will be raffled off for our Project Hope which is toys for hospitalized children at Lutheran Medical Center. Elly Brinkman is also donating a tote bag to be raffled off with the afghan.

Robert Connor, our representative to the Edison Home, reported that the explosion in the City of Edison had no affect on the Home. Everyone was safe and well.

Robert Connor, Ronnie Larsen, Gloria Jacobsen donated cookies, Danish hat and candy for our monthly raffles and monies went to the General Fund.

Gloria Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 294, Barre, VT-- The members gathered at the lodge rooms to celebrate an Easter dinner with 15 members present and little Gunner Lunde. The meal was enjoyed by all in attendance.

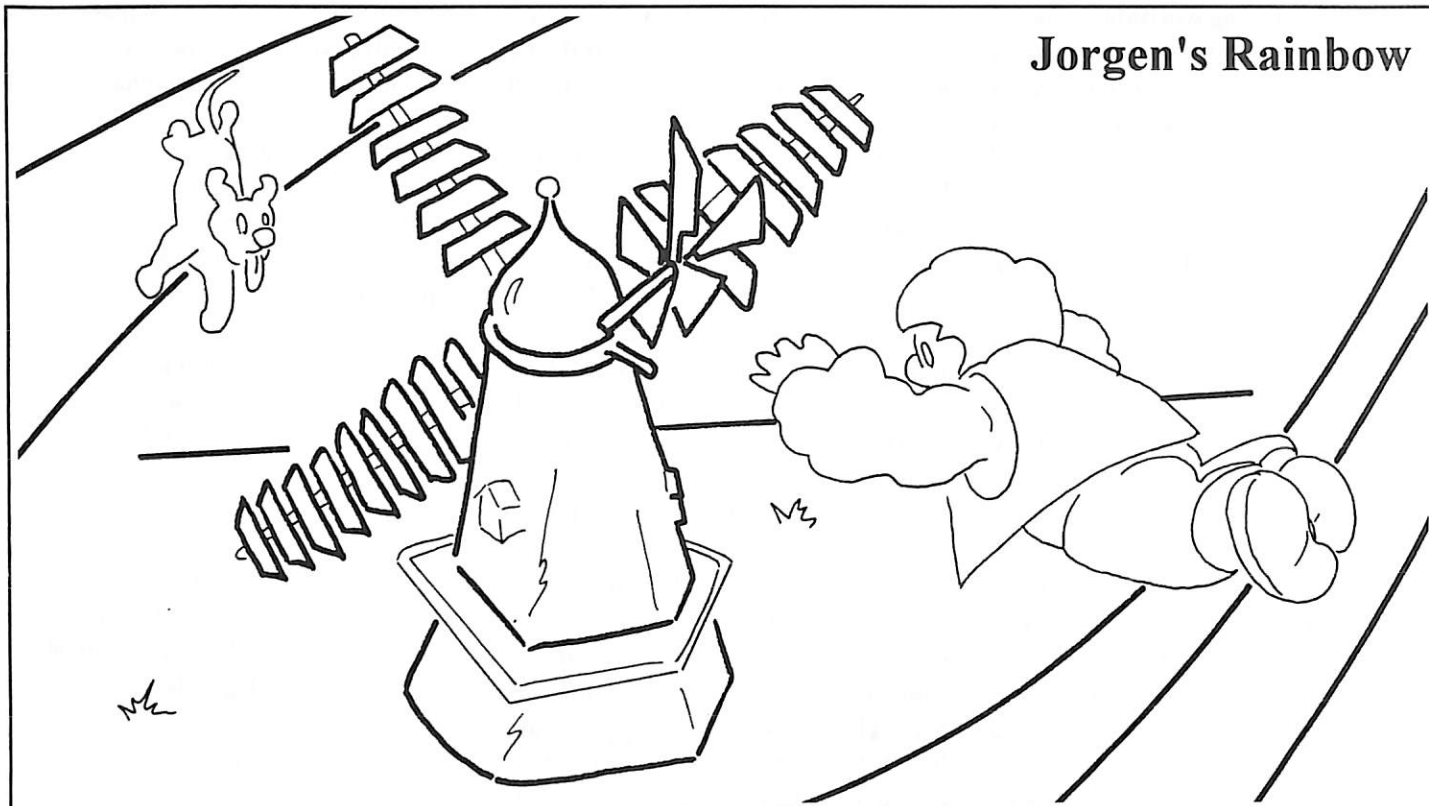
The committee in charge included Francis Taft and Harold Thygesen. After dinner, we held our regular monthly meeting and ended with Anna Nielsen leading the group in singing "God Bless America".

Leah Taft, Sec.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA-- Geert Pedersen and Niels Malmquist were chosen as delegates to the Eastern Lodges Convention over Labor Day. Arnold Jensen got the job as alternate.

The frikadeller and Danish potato salad served were appreciated and the scavenger hunt which followed was fun.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.



Jorgen's Rainbow

It's possible that the only operating Danish mill in the world exists in Elk Horn, Iowa, reminding Jorgen again of the many things America and Denmark share. The windmill was 127 years old when it was taken apart in Norre Sned, Jutland, and reassembled in Elk Horn. Visiting the mill just after its completion in 1976, Jorgen and Bansen watch as it grinds locally harvested grain into flour.

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.

May winners: Sara Rasmussen and Maryjan Hansen.

Grandma's Kitchen

Creamed Butter (Rört Smör)

7-8 oz. butter
a few drops of warm water

Place butter in an electric mixer, add a few drops of water to speed creaming. Serve with vegetables. For variations, add chopped parsley or if served with fish, add drops of lemon juice and a little white pepper.



Gunild Ostergaard

Horseradish Butter (Peberrodssmør)

7-8 oz. butter
1 oz. freshly grated horseradish

Cream the butter as above. Add grated horseradish. Serve with roast beef, boiled or fried fish, or as a spread for open faced sandwiches or canapes.

Dill Butter (Dildsmør)

7-8 oz. butter
3 hardboiled egg yolks, finely chopped
2-3 Tbsp. chopped fresh dill
ground pepper to taste

Cream the butter as in first recipe. Add chopped egg yolks and dill, season with pepper. Serve with smoked fish, grilled fish or as a spread for open faced sandwiches or canapes.

Viking Adventures

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

The New Glücksborg Museum: Resplendent, Regal Rooms

In May 1994, some of the splendid official and private rooms in Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen, the official residence of the Queen of Denmark, opened to the public for the first time. The rooms, reconstructed to the period 1863 to 1947, will be called the Glücksborg Museum, in honor of the reigning Royal Family, the Glücksborgs, who ascended the throne in 1863. The high-devoted to the long reign of King Christian IX (1818-1906). The items in his drawing room, gifts from his children, reflect his "father-in-law to Edward VII of England and his queen's unofficial status as a member of the British Royal Family." One of his sons, Alexander, married the daughter of the Czar of Russia; another, Alexander III of Russia, became Czar of Russia; and a grandson, King Christian X (1870-1947), who became a symbol of national resistance during the German occupation of Denmark during World War II, when most of the Danish population was fully evacuated to Sweden. Along with a costume gallery and jewelry room will be open to the public. The Glücksborg Museum rooms comprise one of two divisions of the Royal Danish Collection; the other is



King Christian X's study is part of the new Glücksborg Museum, which opened at Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen.

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Potholder	\$6.75	\$7.75
Set	\$20.70	\$22.95

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