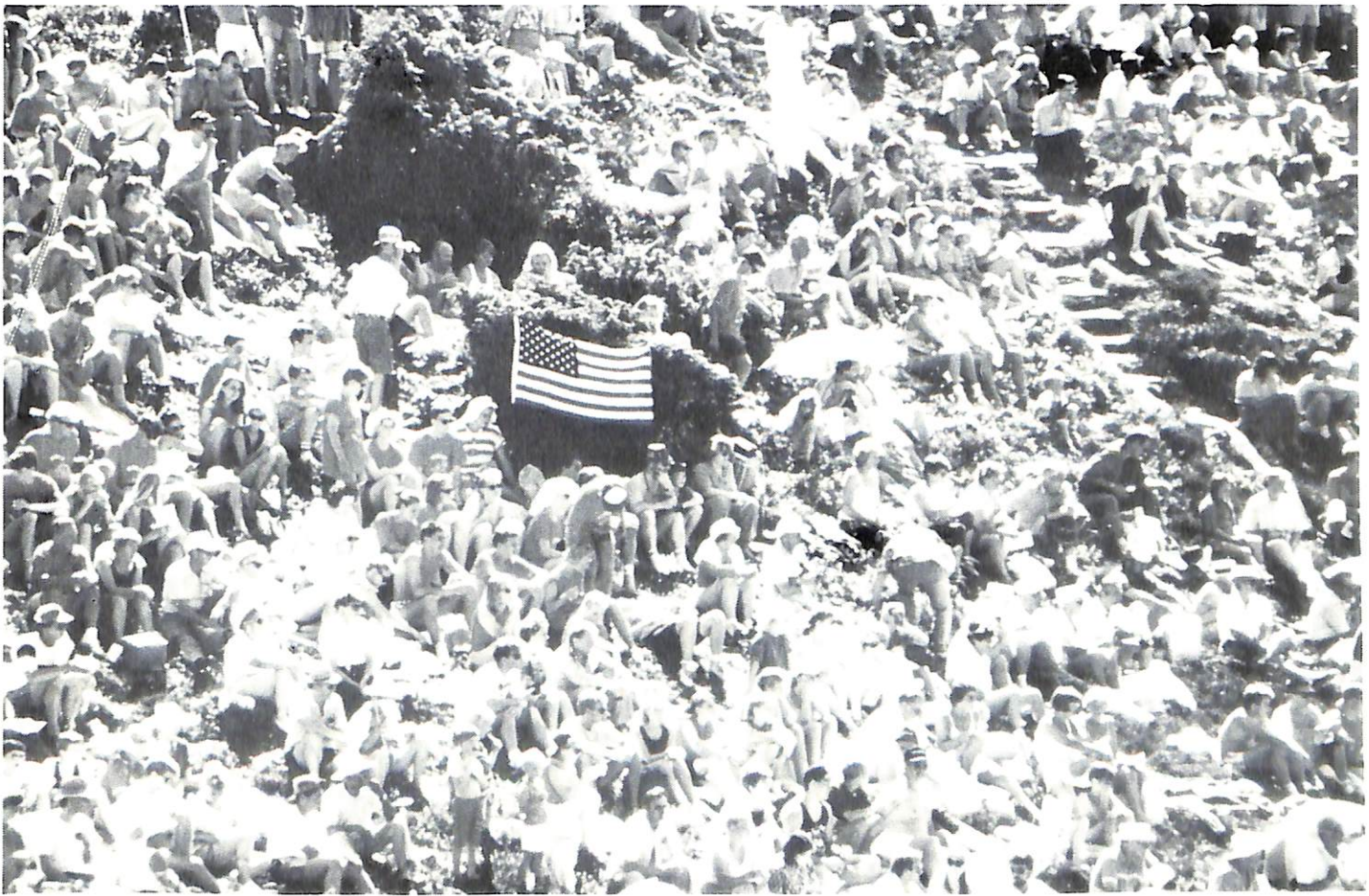




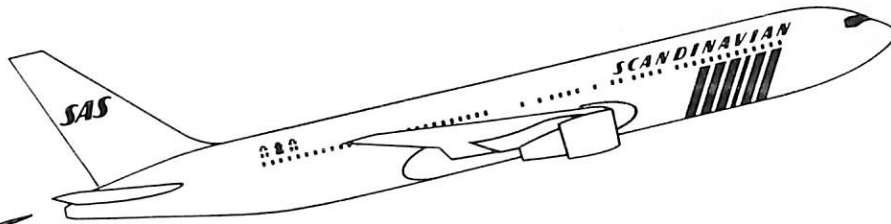
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Danish Brotherhood in America

1994 Special National Convention

Velkommen to Omaha, Nebraska!

The 1994 Special National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America will take place at the **Ramada Hotel Central**, 7007 Grover Street, Omaha. Ramada Central is located north off Interstate-80 at 72nd Street. Ramada Central offers airport shuttle service from Eppley Airfield.

For those traveling by motor home, New City Camp Ground for recreation vehicles is located at 4095 So. 84th Street (south of I-80 at 84th and F. Street). Complete hookups for gas, water and electricity are available, with showers in an adjoining building. Rates are \$19.00 per day. Call (402) 339-0800 for space reservation or for more information.

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outside Nebraska 1-800-228-5299

Mention you are with the Danish Brotherhood in America Convention if you are calling in your reservation.

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Name(s) _____

Telephone _____

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Two Double Beds _____

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No. in Party: _____

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3717 Harney Street

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No telephone reservations.

Convention packages must be pre-paid by July 13, 1994.

Name(s) _____

Telephone _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Convention package price is \$25.00 per person. Convention packages must be pre-paid by July 13, 1994.

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.

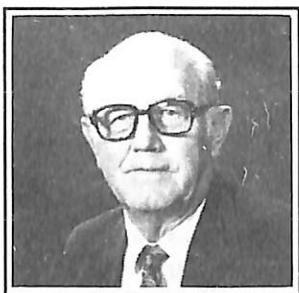
No host social 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

By now most everyone should have had an opportunity to review the Special Edition of **American Dane**. We have received many comments and questions from the membership regarding the "Agreement and Plan of Merger". We appreciate and encourage discussion.

With the convention less than a month away, many delegates still have not registered with the Home Office for the convention. All members are invited to the Special Convention. Remember we need to know who and how many to plan for, not only for the convention meeting, but also for the banquet. The deadline for Convention registration is July 13, 1994 (by mail only). Hotel reservations should be made to the Ramada Hotel Central directly. Please see page 4 for more details.

As I mentioned, a number of additional questions or concerns in regard to the proposed merger have come to our attention. Because of the timing of this issue, I would like to address these questions at this time.

Q. Our lodge currently does not admit women because there is a local Danish Sisterhood of America lodge. Will this practice be able to continue after the merger?

A. It is a known tradition for a small number of our lodges to yet have their first woman member. However, currently no lodge may specifically exclude women from membership as it would be in direct violation of DBIA National Bylaws which allows any person, male or female, who meets membership requirements, to make application for membership. Sons of Norway's bylaws also provide for male and female membership.

Q. I currently have a need for health insurance. Is that something that would be available through Sons of Norway?

A. It depends upon what your specific needs are, however, Sons of Norway has a wide range of insurance products available. Their product line includes:

- * Nordic Life 1 and 2, traditional whole life
- * Nordic Life 4, a Universal Life product
- * Outstanding Five Year Renewable and Convertible Term Plan
- * Full range of annuities
- * Disability income insurance
- * Automobile and homeowner's insurance, as well as Medicare Supplement, Long-Term care and Home Health Care are also available

through arrangements with other carriers

Soyou can see that insurance will be one of the most important benefits available to DBIA members upon merging into SON. It is also the financial foundation of the Society. SON's insurance success provides financial support to the fraternal and heritage programs for all members. Lodges even receive a percentage of the total qualifying premium paid by members!! All of this becomes available to DBIA members and lodges through the merger.

Q. I currently have a Single Premium Immediate Annuity for which I am receiving a monthly income. Will my payments change in accordance with the rates described for annuities in "Exhibit A" of the "Agreement and Plan of Merger"?

A. No. Current Single Premium Immediate Annuities and Annuities where a settlement option has been selected and are receiving payments, whether monthly, quarterly or annually, are at guaranteed rates. Sons of Norway, upon merger, must honor these guarantees. DBIA Annuities settling after the merger will settle according to the rates of Sons of Norway.

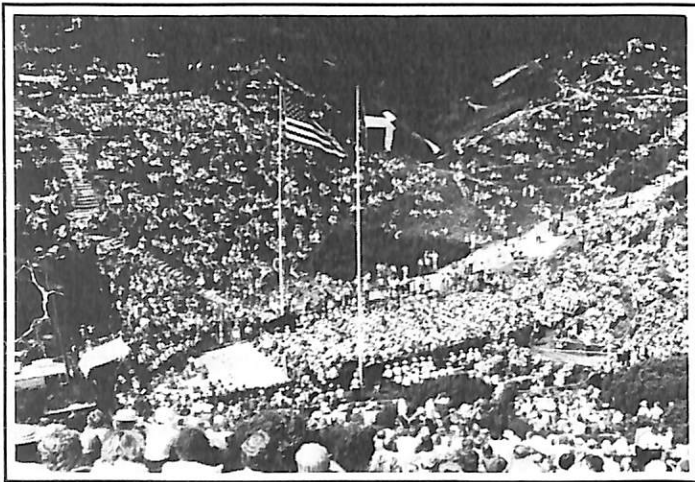
Q. Our lodge is still concerned with the Sons of Norway being able to lay claim to our assets. Can you offer any other information?

A. The concern seems to be a result of the SON's bylaw providing for the International Lodge of SON to take the assets of a lodge that has been suspended and fails to become reinstated. The intent of this bylaw is to prevent a lodge from dissolving and splitting the money of the lodge between the current membership. This is an improper and illegal use of lodge funds. The intent is not to create a vehicle for SON to take over the assets of their subordinate lodges. This would directly defeat their purpose as a growing organization. In any case, Sons of Norway does not own any property of any lodge, nor will it become the owner of DBIA lodge assets after the merger. We have asked the General Counsel for Sons of Norway, John Lund, to address this particular issue in a letter to our Secretary-Treasurer, which will be shared with our membership. This should eliminate this particular concern.

I'm sure there are other questions that have not been brought to our attention. I encourage you to call our Home Office in Omaha if you have a concern that has not yet been addressed. The DBIA's toll-free number is 1-800-553-1937.

Rebild 4th of July

by Daniel Yake



The flags of both countries fly above the crowd at Rebild.

Photo courtesy Aalborg Tourist Bureau.

Since 1912, Danes and Americans have been celebrating America's birthday on the north Jutland peninsula. On this day, "Old Glory" and "Dannebrog" wave side by side in the Danish breeze.

Purchased in 1911 by Danish Americans and later ceded to the Danish Government, Rebild National Park is a 75 square kilometer preserve of meadows and rolling woods approximately half way between the towns of Aalborg and Randers.

Additions to the park include the Lincoln Memorial Cabin built of logs gathered from the original 13 states (10 kroner charge). The log cabin was destroyed in a fire on November 11, 1993. It is expected to be rebuilt with Western Red Cedar from the mountains of Washington in time for the 1994 July 4 celebration. A stadium nestled within a natural amphitheater has also been added. It is in this amphitheater that such prominent personalities as President Truman, Walter Cronkite and Victor Borge have served as guests of honor. The U.S. ambassador to Denmark is a regular attendant as is the Danish Queen Margrethe.

Celebration activities commence with a two hour series of presentations and musical performances. Not wishing to risk fire danger, festival operators host the fireworks display at dusk in nearby Aalborg.

Cars in the Rebild parking lot often displayed license tags of the American Forces stationed in Germany. For many American soldiers, Rebild was an annual event filled with anxious anticipation. Since the end of World War II, the U.S. Army maintained a sizable contingent near the Hanseatic port of Bremen. The drawdown of U.S. forces in Europe was especially severe in northern Germany. The Second Armored

Division moved to Fort Hood, Texas during the summer of 1992. The closest U.S. units are no longer a two hour drive from Rebild. The melting pot complexion brought to Rebild's celebration by American's GIs will slowly fade.

Nonetheless, with 20,000 to 30,000 celebrants, Rebild continues to be one of the largest 4th of July festivals outside the United States, worthy of a visit from anyone whether they possess Danish heritage or merely patriotic pride.

Getting There: Located near Highway #45, approximately 25 north of Randers 12 miles south of Aalborg. Turn off location is well marked.

Accommodations: Camping spots are available adjacent to the park, as are quality and economy priced hotels. Substantial hotel spaces within ½ hour of the park.

Special Note: Some of Denmark's finest sandy beaches are located nearby between Slettestrand and Skagen on the west coast of Jutland.

Contact: Nearest Tourist Office is in Skoerping; telephone 011-45-98392222 (from the U.S.)

Rebild Festival 1994

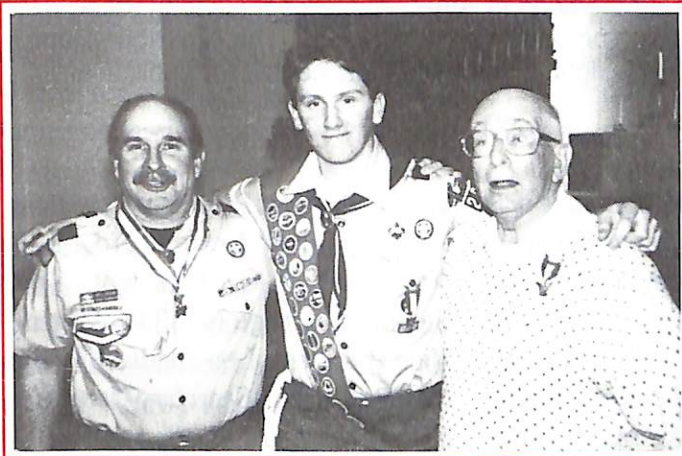
The scheduled principal speakers for the 1994 festival are Her Royal Highness, Princess Benedikte and The Honorable Janet Reno, The United States Attorney General. Princess Benedikte is Her Majesty Queen Margrethe's sister. Princess Benedikte will speak on behalf of Denmark. Attorney General Janet Reno will speak on behalf of the United States.

Two sessions of the festival program are scheduled for July 4. The first begins at 1:00 pm and the second is to begin at 2:00 pm concluding at 4:00 pm.

A special ceremony will be held at the new Log Cabin, prior to July 4. An afternoon picnic with a flaghoisting ceremony is to be held on Saturday, July 2 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. According to a Rebild newsletter article by Marianne Adamsen, "An appeal is going to people who may have suitable objects for the Log Cabin to donate them to the Society and by that be actively involved in recreating the immigrant museum for future generations".

For more information about Rebild contact: Rebild National Park Society, Inc., Rebildvej 29, Rebild, DK-9520 Skørping, Denmark.

Portland Member Earns Eagle Scout Honor



Scoutmaster Bill Beebe, Eagle Scout Christian Fisker and 1931 Eagle Scout Ed Hirsch.

Christian Fisker, Young Viking and member of Lodge No. 167, Portland, Oregon, was awarded Scouting's highest honor of Eagle Scout. He was a member of Troop 204 for six years and now is an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 204.

Norm Powell, Past President of Lodge No. 167 and Chairman of Fisher's Pioneer Cemetery, asked Christian to assist him in building a memorial marker for his Eagle project. Christian planned, designed and led the building of the marker.

Ed Hirsch, a friend and member of DBIA Lodge No. 167, presented his 1931 Eagle Scout badge and pin to Christian during the court of honor.

Christian will graduate from Wilson High School this year in Portland, Oregon. Following graduation he will travel to Fyn, Denmark, to work on a farm during the summer. Then he will attend a semester at Krabbesholm Folk High School near Skive to study Danish and architecture.

Christian is the son of Asbjorn and Diane Fisker.

Folk Meeting Planned

The annual Danebod Folk Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 24 - Sunday, August 28, in Tyler Minnesota. The meeting will feature education, inspiration and fellowship.

Featured speakers include: Otto Hoiberg, Hans Jorgensen, Curt Paulsen of Augsburg College, Joy Ibsen, Marie Louise Sorensen, Erling Duus, Dan Johnson and Bill Holm. Morning devotions, story time, singing and folk dancing are also scheduled. Willard Garred of Des Moines, Iowa, will conduct a Danish service following the regular service on Sunday morning in the Danebod Church.

The \$12.00 fee is payable upon arrival. The fee covers meals, lodging and the four day program. For more information contact Ardis Petersen, Danebod Village, Tyler, MN 56478 or telephone 507-247-5606.

Payment to Board Members

June

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$99.65.

Home Office Announcement

The National Headquarters will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5.

Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Friday. The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

The Last Viking

Fallen to the cross,
I look one last time with sadness
upon the vestiges of a lost time
when men saw their will to achieve
higher than their power to deceive,
when lands of new were quested after
there was no doubt in heart laughter.

But now my people lie beneath
a religion of shame,
a sea of heath

they are told not to question
they are told to forget.

But Aesa and I
will not dwell,
where laughter is feared,
where songs do not tell;
so we cast off in dragon ship,
cold air of Jutland
we feel your grip.

Oh Aesa,
my brave wife
and rival to Sif,
though our land goes behind us
we do not wail

for on to greater heights
do we sail,
for even if Thor not be with us,
and our ships taken by storm,
we raised our swords
to the thunder we were born.

--by Chaz Murray

Our Lodges in Action

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🏆🏆🏆 Gold Lodge Award

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	Pacific
	Northwest

Pacific Northwest District

The forty-fifth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest District opened Friday, May 6, 1994, with a joint opening attended by officers, delegates, alternates and guests, representing the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges.

President Jens Peter Vestergaard, Vancouver, B.C. called the business meeting of the Brotherhood to order and instructed the Secretary-Treasurer to call the roll.

Following roll call, Past President Pro-Tem Peter Praegel explained the symbols and the signs of the society. The district president welcomed all present and then introduced special guests: National Director Asbjorn Fisker, Past National Presidents Clyde Langsted and Kris Jorgensen.

The president also acknowledged the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Sweet, of Ferndale, California Lodge No. 95. This is about the fourth year they have attended our convention.

The president also appointed Poul B. Christensen, Vancouver, B.C., as parliamentarian for the duration of the convention.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members who had passed away since the last convention.

A motion was made and seconded not to read the minutes from the 1993 convention.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Bente Pedersen, Frank Poulsen and Peter Praegel. The Resolutions Committee was appointed as follows: Emil Larsen, Poul B. Christensen, Sharon Kinder and Kris Sand. The District Awards Committee included Diane Fisker, Peter Jensen and Lois Toftemark.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of the lodge's annual reports.

National Director Asbjorn Fisker gave a very informative speech regarding the proposed merger with the Sons of Norway and stated that both National Boards had approved the merger and both governing bodies were left to vote on the issue.

Clyde Langsted explained that he felt that a merger would be good for DBIA and its membership. He also read part of what National Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Christensen wrote for *American Dane*. It was well received by the convention.

Frank Poulsen presented the proposed slate of officers for 1994-1995

as follows: Past President, Jens Peter Vestergaard, Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.; President, Scott Stefansen, Lodge No. 348, Eugene; Vice President, Leo Madsen, Lodge No. 33, Tacoma; Secretary-Treasurer, Niels Nedergard, Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw; Trustees, Norm C. Christensen, Lodge No. 268, Junction City; Norman Powell, Lodge No. 167, Portland; Peter Jensen, Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.; Conductor, Jeff Jensen, Lodge No. 29, Seattle; and Guards, Martin Tækker, Lodge No. 348, Eugene, and Darrell Larsen, Lodge No. 42, Spokane. It was moved and seconded to accept the new slate of officers. Motion carried.

Emil Larsen presented the resolutions. It was moved and seconded that the resolutions be adopted. Motion carried.

Leo Madsen announced that the trustees had audited the treasurer's financial report and found it to be in order. It was moved and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried.

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
John M. Andresen	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	Erik Hansen
James E. Peterson	51	Ludington, Michigan	Charles Peterson

Bills were presented by the treasurer. It was moved and seconded that bills be paid. Motion carried.

There was some discussion about the 1998 district convention, but it was tabled until next year. The next three conventions will be held as follows: 1995 hosted by Seattle at the Airport Hilton Hotel, 1996 hosted by Eugene and 1997 hosted by Vancouver, B.C.

Niels Nedergard asked that annual dues be raised because when this year's bills are paid, there will be little left in our account. A motion was made and seconded to raise dues from present \$0.45 to \$0.90 a year, starting with 1995 dues. Motion carried.

The president asked why the turnout at the district bowling was so small. Discussion followed. Seattle will host the bowling in March, 1995.

A motion was made and seconded that we donate \$200 to Himmelbjerget. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded that we donate \$100 to the district bowling in Seattle. Motion carried.

The district awards along with \$25 went to the following lodges: Best Activities, Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw; Best Single Civic Activity, Lodge No. 348, Eugene; Best Attendance, Lodge No. 33, Tacoma; and Best Newsletter, Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.

Svend Toftemark thanked Asbjorn Fisker and Clyde Langsted for all their good work as directors on the National Board of Directors.

The president gave a report on his travels throughout the district.

With no more business to come before the convention, the president thanked all members attending for their time and attention and hope to see you all in Seattle next year.

Niels Nedergard, Sec-Treas.

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA--We met on May 14 with President Myra Brochner presiding. Leo and Jeannette Madsen attended the Pacific Northwest District Convention in Portland, Oregon, on May 6-8. Jeannette Madsen, our delegate, gave a report on the convention activities. Leo Madsen was elected to serve as the district vice president for the coming year.

The program for the day consisted of reports from some of the members about their experiences when the Germans occupied Denmark on April 9, 1940. The lodge approved a donation of \$25 to be sent to Himmelbjerget Language Camp.

Our annual picnic will be held on August 12 at Titlow Beach in Tacoma.

Jeannette Madsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR--The May 4 meeting was called to order by President Peter Larsen with 32 members present. The minutes of the April 6 meeting were accepted as written. Bills were approved to be paid. Various correspondence was read.

Norm Powell read the proposed changes to our bylaws for a second time. Don Bogh moved that they be changed as proposed and this was approved by the membership.

Congratulations to Christian Fisker who was awarded a Certificate of Scholarship by Peter Larsen on behalf of the Danish Brotherhood. Peter also presented Don Thorkildsen with his past president's pin.

Karen Madsen was thanked for her wonderful, hard work on the handbook for the convention.

Peter Larsen explained the need to charge for activities. Our dues are low and we always need fund raisers to cover expenses.

Ed Hirsch commented on the ae-

bleskiver breakfast. There were many willing and happy workers. Thanks to all! The need for better publicity was discussed.

The meeting was closed with the singing of the Danish National Anthem led by Mel Pihl.

Ruth Dally, Sec.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR--President Mary Stefansen called the May 12 meeting to order with approximately 60 members present. A moment of silence was observed and the charter was undraped in memory of Lyle Jacobson.

Central Lutheran Foundation sent a thank you for the contribution made in Lyle Jacobson's name. Our lodge received a bronze award in the Lodge Rating and Awards Program.

Our member, Martin Tækker, was declared the 1994 recipient of the Howard E. Christensen Award.



Hanne Tækker with the 1994 Howard E. Christensen Award winner, her husband Martin Tækker.

Martin Tækker gave the convention report. Approximately 120 people attended with 11 members from our lodge. The proposed merger was discussed. Our lodge won the Best Single Civic Activity Award for Høstfest. Marianne Hinman thanked the lodge for nominating her as a delegate.

Mo Pedersen reported on the support requested by Hillel at the University of Oregon for the photographic

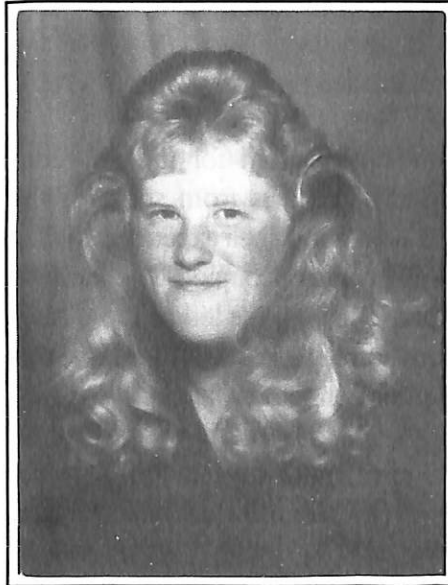
exhibition of "Resistance and Rescue: Denmark's Response to the Holocaust," which will be on display in October and November, 1995. Homer Hansen moved to respond favorably to the letter. It was seconded by Fred Thomsen and approved. The secretary will send a letter of our intent to support and then the executive committee will meet to discuss what to budget for this event. Homer stated that there were many members who have not paid dues for this year. Svend suggested sending a notice to those people as a reminder. There were questions regarding the membership list with members listed who may not still be members. Mary will set up criteria as to who is considered a current member.

We were dismissed in the usual and customary way.

Susie Staats, Sec.

California
Nevada

California-Nevada District
Karen Alice Rasmussen of Petaluma is the first recipient of the California-Nevada District Scholar-



Karen Rasmussen, first recipient of California-Nevada District Scholarship.

ship. She began her college career at Santa Rosa Junior College while a senior at Petaluma High School. Karen is currently a Psychology major at SRJC and expects to continue her education at UC Davis.

On the weekend of April 29-May 1, DBIA RV Club members gathered at the KOA in Cloverdale. Wagonmasters for this roundup were Jack and Nancy Cameron and Hank and Inga Brown of Petaluma. "Tusind Tak" to them for their work and effort toward making the weekend perfect.



California-Nevada District RV Club.

Members from Solvang, Fresno, Modesto and Petaluma traveled to Cloverdale. Traveling the greatest

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distance was Bob and Vernita Jensen and Bob's mother, Thelma Bollinger, who came from Vancouver, Washington. They are members of the Oakland Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Friday afternoon Marie Jaeger and Jytte Kirk of Solvang demonstrated making Danish open face sandwiches. We were able to eat the creations for dinner. There was a large map of Denmark available where we could pinpoint our family's origin, and those who wished gave a history of their Danish ancestors. It was interesting to hear about everyone's roots. Inga Brown later played her keyboard for anyone who wanted to dance.

Everyone gathered Saturday morning at the miniature golf course where a tournament was held. Prizes were awarded in the evening. On Saturday afternoon we enjoyed a delicious barbecue. Games and puzzles were enjoyed, followed by Pirate Card Bingo and dessert.

We bid our farewells over brunch on Sunday morning. Our next roundup will be held at Benbow RV Park near Garberville on November 4-6 with the Cameron's and Brown's once again our Wagonmasters.

Ed Madsen, Cor.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge No. 67, Fresno, CA--Anniversaries of the founding of Fresno Lodge No. 67 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 149 were jointly observed on May 12. Lodge No. 67 is 101 years old. The occasion was marked with our third annual frikadeller dinner. Members of both lodges prepared and served this dinner to 171 people.

L.S. DeLaurant, Sec.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA--Minutes from the May meeting were read by Secretary Betty Seale.

They were approved as read. We had one application for membership from Inger Aagesen.

Our lodge has earned a Silver Award through the Lodge Rating and Awards Program. This decision was based upon 1993 activities.

The treasurer's report was read by Owen Miller. It is to be filed for audit.

Paster Richard Baglien was unable to attend our Memorial Service on Friday, May 20, which was attended by 30 members. Instead Judy Andersen, President of Sisterhood Lodge No. 68, took over the service and did an outstanding job. Prior to the service, everyone brought Danish open-face sandwiches. Beer and snaps were available. The lodge furnished coffee and kringle. Following the memorial, Tom Bristing brought in taped music from the Big Band Era and everyone visited "while the band played on".

The California-Nevada District Convention will be held on July 28-30. The event will take place at the Conestoga Hotel in Anaheim. Call 1-800-824-5459 for reservations. The convention package price is \$97.00 for adults and \$35.00 for children. Convention reservations should be sent to Betty Christensen, 6948 Grand Manan Drive, Cypress, CA 90630.

A swim party is scheduled for August 6 at Doris Christensen's beautiful home in Agoura Hills, 5920 Kingham Court.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor
Inger Dix, Assoc. Editor

Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, CA--In May we held our usual "Brothers' Treat" in honor of Mother's Day. We barbecued steaks and the brothers prepared several side dishes.

We were happy to see Vernon

Olsen, Ebba Norby and Keith Wright of Modesto. They have transferred their membership from Modesto to Petaluma and we welcome them heartily. Walt Miller spoke about Vernon's loyalty and service to the Danish Brotherhood. He has belonged to this organization for 50 years and we toasted him with "Han skal live".

During our meeting, Ebba spoke to us about the coming changes in the DBIA and of the July convention in Omaha.

Our delegates are looking forward to attending the district convention in Anaheim on July 28-30.

Plans are being made for our annual picnic to be held on July 17 at Penngrove Park.

Our bowling team has "retired" for the summer. Bowling will resume in September. The annual bowling barbecue was held at the home of Harvey and Alice Rasmussen on May 2. The team bowled for the national tournament earlier.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA--The May meeting was called to order by President Bill Jensen. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read. Rick Carlson advised that \$5,000 had been transferred from the savings account to the checking account. All expenses were itemized and were approved for payment.

A one-fourth page ad was sent to Holger Danske for the convention program.

President Bill Jensen gave a report on his search for hotels for next year's convention to be hosted by our lodge. He will continue to research further. A committee will be appointed and meetings will begin shortly.

Delegates to this year's convention were selected as follows: Lil Suda, Phil Jacobsen and Bess Jacobsen. Bill Jensen will attend as an officer and Hans Jensen will attend as a life member. Tina Hogan will be our youth delegate.

President Jensen will attend the special National Convention in Omaha. The purpose of this special convention is to vote on the proposed merger with the Sons of Norway.

Bess Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA--We last gathered on May 14 at Mimi's Cafe for our Mother's Day banquet. Kaj and Helga Bjorn were in charge of the evening and we thank them for organizing this event for us. Following dinner we had a brief business meeting where we voted to pay bills. Kaj entertained us by reading humorous excuses for missing school and excuses given to the IRS. Helga then presented all the ladies in attendance with a nice potted philodendron.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA--On August 20, a picnic and fishing tournament will be held at Silverwood Lake. We will have some members who have boats going up early to save an area for us near the water for those interested in swimming and sun bathing.

Sue Patterson, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE--On June 7 we enjoyed a fish fry at Vennelyst Park Pavillion with Jim Christiansen as chef. He and his committee members have the secret for frying fish.

Members brought salads, vegetables and desserts to complete the meal.

We elected delegates to the Nebraska District Convention which will be held in Omaha on August 12-14. They are Ruth Nielsen, Annette Andersen, Flo Hansen and Duane Hansen. Alternate delegates are Andy Andersen, Poul Steffensen, Charles Johnson and Svend Greve.

On July 4, Vennelyst Park Association will feature a breakfast. In the afternoon, we will celebrate a mini Rebild Fest. All five Danish organizations in Omaha will be involved. We will have some of our members telling about special "Fourth of July" experiences. There will be singing of the national anthems of the USA and Denmark; also some Danish folk songs. Our lunch will be a typical 4th of July lunch with hot dogs and the trimmings. Come at 1:30 pm, the program begins at 2:00 p.m.



Welcome new members Alvin and Herb Hjortsvang.

Operation H.O.P.E. is again alive. Please bring food items for the local food pantries to meetings each month. Also, register your volunteer hours with Annette Andersen.

Flo Hansen, Cor.

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE--On May 19, we celebrated Mother's Day and 110 years as a lodge. Bill Jorgensen led the Danish table prayer. Seventy-

five members were in attendance including 20 guests. The meal was served by Larry and Marion Sorensen at Shays Good Time Inn.

Master of Ceremonies was Gerald Sorensen opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Danish national anthem was sang by Per Lysthauge of Hastings and Marie Christensen of Aarhus, Denmark, accompanied by Glen Haselbarth.

Lodge history was given by Herb Nielsen. Leonard Anderson conducted a short business meeting, delegates were elected for the district convention in Omaha on August 12-14. Glen Haselbarth was elected to represent Minden lodge for King.

Glen Haselbarth, District President, extended greetings from the district.

Bill Jorgensen, member of the District Youth Committee, was proud to announce that two members of Minden lodge received honors. Dustin Kinney received a camp grant and Melissa Pesek received a scholarship from the district as well as the National Headquarters.

We were honored to have members of Ruskin and Cordova lodge present. Door prizes were given throughout the evening.

David Jordine, a rotary student visiting Denmark last year, showed slides and gave a very interesting presentation which was enjoyed by all. Marie Christensen of Denmark, now a student at Wesleyan University in Lincoln, told about her home and the difference between schools in Denmark and United States.

The committee of Gerald and Margaret Sorensen, Ed and Judy Schrock, Kenneth and LaVonne Bundgaard served dessert. A big thank you to them for the work and decorations.

Marie Nelson, Cor.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE--President Howard Madsen called the May 14 meeting to order and led the flag salute. There were 13 members and one visitor present for our "Backward Party" and a surprise potluck dinner. Some members agreed wearing clothing backwards is not too comfortable.

Two camp grants from the National Headquarters were presented to our Young Vikings, Allison and Nicholas Eitzmann of Superior.

A \$1,000 national scholarship was presented to Valerie Essink by our president. Valerie is enrolled at the University of Nebraska. The delegates and alternates to the Nebraska District Convention were elected. We voted to change the date of the steak fry to August 6 due to a conflict with the district convention.

A letter was read by our secretary giving us information about the Special National Convention on the merger to be held July 23 in Omaha at the Ramada Hotel. Eugene Schultz will serve as a delegate for our lodge.

Geraldine Schultz, Sec.

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA--After our business meeting on May 9, the evening was spent playing court whist. Marilyn Kramme was in charge of the games while Margaret Gee and Joanne Rasmussen provided and served refreshments.



Andy and Annette Andersen led the folk dancing.

On Sunday, May 15, our lodge joined the Des Moines Sisterhood lodge at their annual champagne brunch. We welcomed the Dike Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges. Twenty-five visitors joined about 70 Des Moines Danes for an afternoon of food and drink, prizes and some folk

dancing, visiting and singing. Special guests from Omaha were Andy and Annette Andersen who lead the folk dancing.



Everyone enjoyed folk dancing.

Our July 11 meeting will be held at the Viking Inn Restaurant Lounge, 5380 Hubbell near Altoona.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA--Our Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges were the guests of the Des Moines lodges for a champagne brunch on Sunday, May 15. About 28 Dike Danes made the trip by bus. Many thanks, Des Moines, for your great hospitality!

Our oldest member, Axel Madsen, recently celebrated his 98th birthday.

Lest We Forget

In grateful remembrance of their service and fellowship, we honor those members who have passed away since the last report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
8-11-92	Ervan Kissell	76	Ludington	51	Ludington, Michigan	1971
5-7-94	Raymond Hansen	77	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1964
4-30-94	Clarence Hansen	84	Norman, Nebraska	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1984
5-20-94	Rose Larsen	97	Elba, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1963
4-25-94	Howard R.J. Petersen	72	Reno, Nebraska	67	Fresno, California	1961
4-3-94	Paul Selzer	86	Moulton, Texas	67	Fresno, California	1945
3-22-94	Peter J.A. Hansen	90	Ringsted, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
5-29-94	Chris Juhl	90	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1926
5-24-94	Earl P. Drake	58	Detroit, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1975
5-17-94	Lillian I. Jensen	75	Greenville, Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1964
5-29-94	Harold E. Pittack	78	Newman Grove, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1958

Two groups of Dike Danes sang Happy Birthday to him in English and Danish.



Dike Danes traveled to Des Moines for brunch.



Members Axel Madsen and Roy Shoemaker attended the May meeting.

Our May meeting resulted in donating \$200 to the Danish Immigrant Museum and we presented a \$200 scholarship to graduating senior, Erin Mommer.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA- On May 19 we celebrated our lodge's 15th anniversary with a potluck. This dinner was very successful and lots of recipes were exchanged. The hostesses, Martha Hampton and Kathy McLaren, did a beautiful job decorating.

The entertainment started with two male quartets and one female trio from Marion High School. The guest speaker of the evening was Bob Landis, a noted coach from Coe College. Mr. Landis' subject was the importance of motivation. He stressed how one must prioritize one's life to become successful.

We were lucky to have Harry and Martha Simonsen visiting from Arizona.

Thanks to everyone who made this anniversary a very interesting and delightful one.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

Midwest

Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI-- Our annual picnic is scheduled for July 13 at Armstrong Park. It is always one of our best attended events. It will take the place of our July meeting and there will not be a lodge meeting in August. The first meeting after the summer break will be September 14.

Jeff Christiansen, Pres.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI- Our 102nd anniversary party brought 240 members, guests, and widows for a night of fellowship. Thanks once again to Roger Nelson for his great job as toastmaster. President Hosmanek brought greetings from the lodge and introduced the 1994 Board of Officers and the widows who were present. Sisterhood Lodge No. 20 President Ardis Peterson and Brotherhood Midwest District President Karen Nylen-Swidergal brought us greetings and congratulations. Awards given out were: Lifetime Achievement - Kenneth E. Hansen, Anker Adelsen and Jack Aalto; and Brother of the Year - Bob Batten, Warren Piehl and Don Servais. Fifty year pins went to Rudy Bernhardt, Sr. and John Johnson and Erwin Kraemer who was not present. Twenty-five year pins went to Alfred Kolmos who was not present. The Wall of Honor has been remodeled and the following were honored that evening - Rolf Rasmussen, Laurits Bastrup, Axel Thomsen, Alfred Jensen, Peter Jacobsen, Everett Henriksen, H. Aage Petersen, Henry Lerche, Einer Sorensen, Theodore

Nielsen, Walter Haugaard, W. Gordon Andersen, Vincent Roders and Harve Cecil. Thanks to the Board of Officers who were the committee.

Thanks to Kenneth Hansen for once again revitalizing our beautiful wall paintings of Denmark in the Rathskeller. They look great! Also a big thank you to the following crew who stripped and waxed the upstairs floors prior to the anniversary party - Todd Barnett, Jeff Bernhardt, Rick Weddel, J.R. Willems, Duane Kreier Sr., Duane Kreier Jr., and Mark Hunter. Thanks to Kenneth G. Hansen for providing and making lunch at the meeting. Thanks to Rick Weddel for the new garbage barrels and kitchen cutting boards.

A talented seamstress is needed to manufacture a new cover for our chairlift. The one we have now is in bad shape. Also if anyone has an old or extra electric saw that they would like to donate to the club, we sure would appreciate it.

Our spring men's smoker was once again a huge success and we thank all the members and guests who attended. A big thank you to Chairman Duane Kreier Jr. with assistance from Duane Kreier Sr., Mack Young, Al Aceto, Jim Nolen, Lloyd Tritt, Ed Werner, Don Servais and Bob Ibsen.

Delegates and alternates for the Midwest District Convention will be voted on at the July 19 meeting. The convention is scheduled for September 24-25 in Chicago.

Our annual family picnic and potluck is scheduled for Sunday, July 17, beginning at 11 a.m. at Kennedy Park. It is free to members, their families and a special welcome to all the children and grandchildren. Bring your own silverware plus a dish to pass. Donations will be accepted.

An Arlington Park horse race bus

trip is planned for July 31. Meet at the hall at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served on the bus. Seats are reserved and a buffet will be served at the hall when we return.

Dance to Betty Jean and Country Express at the annual corn roast-brats on August 27. Tickets are \$8.00 each. We will serve from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL--At our May 9 meeting, it was voted to give our usual donation to the Chamber of Commerce for the July 4th fireworks. We also voted to send \$250 to the Midwest District Scholarship Fund again this year.

Certificates and prize checks for the Midwest District bowling tournament were handed out to the winners. Dwight fared well in prizes.

Cassandra and Rhea Ann Wilson were each presented a certificate and a check for DBIA camp grants from the National Headquarters. Kelly

Mortensen received a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Headquarters.

Our lodge also earned a Silver Award in the Lodge Rating and Awards Program based on our 1993 activities.

Next month we will be nominating a delegate for the Midwest District Convention.

The golf tournament will be held July 10.

We played bingo and lunch was served.

Marge Lauritsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL--President Christensen opened the May 20 meeting in the usual manner. Visitors were made welcome, among them Margaret Melgaard who was celebrating her 92nd birthday.

Frank Connery read several communications.

Woody Petersen reported that the bowling tournament had been successful with 103 bowlers participating

from various Midwest District lodges. A profit of \$98.19 was realized. It was decided that these monies should go to the Midwest District to help defray their expenses. Bowling prize money was then given out to the various individuals and teams who bowled well.

Jim Johanson offered to be in charge of our golfing members at the July 10 Midwest District golf

outing in Kenosha.

Woody Petersen answered several questions from the floor regarding the proposed merger with Sons of Norway and urged members to read the Agreement and Plan of Merger in the Special Edition of **American Dane**.

Henry Jepsen stated that he had 36 members signed up for the baseball game on August 12. Those attending must be at the American Legion Hall at 5:30 pm as the bus leaves at 6 pm. As of this writing, there are 12 tickets left. Call Henry if you are interested. Children will be given first priority.

Frank Connery mentioned that the Entertainment Books he sold last year were a pretty good money maker and asked that someone else take charge of selling them. Maren and Michelle Sloth volunteered.

Al Iversen made a suggestion that our lodge join the Danish Immigrant Museum as a sponsoring member at a fee of \$50. This was made into a motion and passed.

After the delicious sandwiches were consumed, bingo was played with all kinds of prizes. Marge Oberg was the caller and deserves a big thank you.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI--Our delegate of record to attend the Special National Convention on July 23 in Omaha is Albert Larsen.

Our lodge has earned a Silver Award through the Lodge Rating and Awards Program. This decision was based upon our 1993 activities. Our lodge delegate will be presented with a certificate at our upcoming district convention by a National Board member on the weekend of September 24-25. Our faithful members who participate in our events and Operation:

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Albert Larsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI--The May 26 meeting was called to order by President Vivian Jensen with 18 members in attendance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Following our business meeting, we heard an interesting talk by Jim Kneisler regarding the installation of 911 in our area. He told of the progress in the past two years and how it will affect the emergency services including police, fire, medical, etc. A new department, Communications Service, will be created with a possible increase of ten new employees. The complete service is expected to be ready in 12-15 months.

Lucille Johnson and Dale Bonikowski served a delicious lunch of open face sandwiches and kringle.

Gladys Petersen, Sec.

	Michigan
	Ohio

Michigan-Ohio District

President Wesley Thomsen opened the Michigan-Ohio District Convention on May 14 and welcomed the delegates and guests. Roll call showed 20 delegates were representing five lodges. A moment of silence was held to remember our departed brothers. The minutes of the last convention were read and approved.

The president appointed an audit committee of Don Hansen, Ken Rehan and Mike Labriola to review the treasurer's books during the afternoon break.

The treasurer's report was read.

Bills were read and ordered paid. All correspondence was read. Delegates gave their lodge reports.

During new business, Rob Jensen suggested that the host lodge combine a district activity with the district conventions as a way to get more interest in the district. Much discussion followed and it was tabled until next year in Detroit.

It was suggested that district activities shift between lodges.

Paul Carlsen took the floor to explain the proposed merger and what will happen if the merger is approved. He explained information would appear in a special edition of **American Dane**. There was much discussion on the matter.

A motion was made and seconded that the district contact an attorney and find out what our options might be in the event that the district does not want to become members of the Sons of Norway.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Ronald Hammer; Vice President, Keith Koegler; Treasurer, Otto Pedersen; Secretary, Bob Sorensen and Alternate Officer, Carol Minard.

The Detroit lodge offered to host the 1995 convention and the offer was accepted.

The Audit Committee reported that the treasurer's books were perfect as usual. The Scholarship Committee stated that they had 14 applicants and they were able to award each applicant an award of \$125.00. Jack Smith won the attendance jackpot which he contributed to the Scholarship Fund.

The president turned the gavel over to the new president, Ron Hammer. His first order of business was to present the outgoing president, Wes Thomsen, with a past president's pin.

Some of the district officers donated their \$25.00 compensation to the district Scholarship Fund.

Bob Sorensen, Sec.

	GCEL

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT--At our May meeting, we discussed and decided to look for another meeting hall. Anyone knowing of a church hall or meeting hall close to the New Haven area, please inform Vera Holmes. If we are unable to find a hall, we might have to meet in a restaurant and pay for our refreshments.

Wilbur and Francis Knudsen have invited us to their home in Rhode Island on August 6. Bring your own meat to barbecue and salads. They will have corn, coffee and pastry. Remember their home is along the water in Jamestown, so plan to bring your swimwear and sneakers.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ--The May meeting was well attended by 35 members. President Eric Brown advised anyone wishing to participate in the Atlantic City junket that seats were still available. Refreshments will be served en route.

We were happy to hear the Home was able to be of assistance to some of the victims of the nearby gas pipeline explosion in Edison.

The minutes of the April meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted as read. One application for membership was received. An application for the scholarship was received and referred to the proper committee. On second reading, the proposed bylaw changes were discussed at some length and approved.

Jens C. Jessen, Cor.

Lodge No. 164, New York, NY--
Our May meeting opened with the salute to the flag. An application for our youngest member, Martin H. Perrin, was approved. Our bus for Edison Home is being handled by Emma Penzo which is on September 18.

Everyone has been asked to donate crafts to be sold for the Harvest Festival.

To increase our membership and attendance at our monthly meetings, suggestions were made about doing different projects such as Timbolia. It was voted and approved to be held at our October meeting. The lodge members have been asked to donate prizes for this project.

A flyer is going to be made up and sent to members to let them know what is going on at least three times a year. Our raffle monies went to the General Fund.

After the meeting, we had our luncheon which was enjoyed by all.

Gloria Jacobsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA-
At the local celebration of the Norwegian Independence Day on Saturday, May 14, President Tage Kvist and Sons of Norway Board Member, Charles Nielsen, symbolically exemplified the proposed joining of the Danish Brotherhood with the Sons of Norway.

Danish aquavit and Norwegian

linie aquavit were poured jointly and served to the celebrants to make a skaal for future cooperation.



Tage Kvist and Charles Nielsen pour aquavit.

According to Charles Nielsen, the idea was born at the Sons of Norway Directors' meeting held a week earlier in Minneapolis.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Museum Holds Grand Opening

The Grand Opening ceremonies of the Danish Immigrant Museum were held on Saturday June 11. More than 1,500 people from across the country gathered to listen to greetings from Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and local officials. Ambassador Peter Dyvig's presentation of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II's congratulations on the Museum's opening was the high point of the ceremonies.

A surprise presentation was made by John Erichsen, head of the modern era at the Danish National Museum in Copenhagen. He announced that the National Museum would give the furnishings of a farm worker's room to the Elk Horn Museum.

Museum contributors of the \$1,000 level and above were treated to a special preview reception on Friday evening. On Saturday past and current Board of Director members gathered with the speakers at the Kimballton Town Hall for a luncheon prior to the day's ceremonies. Visitors enjoyed a folk dancing performance by the Kimballton Folk Dancers Children and Adult groups in front of the building and coffee and kringle served on the Museum's Petersen Family Patio.

Representatives from the Jewish communities in Omaha and Des Moines were present Sunday afternoon for the installation of Certificates of Appreciation given to the Danish American community at the national museum.

Hundreds of volunteers including members of the Danish Brotherhood in America Lodge No. 341, Elk Horn-Kimballton, Iowa, helped to make the weekend a success.

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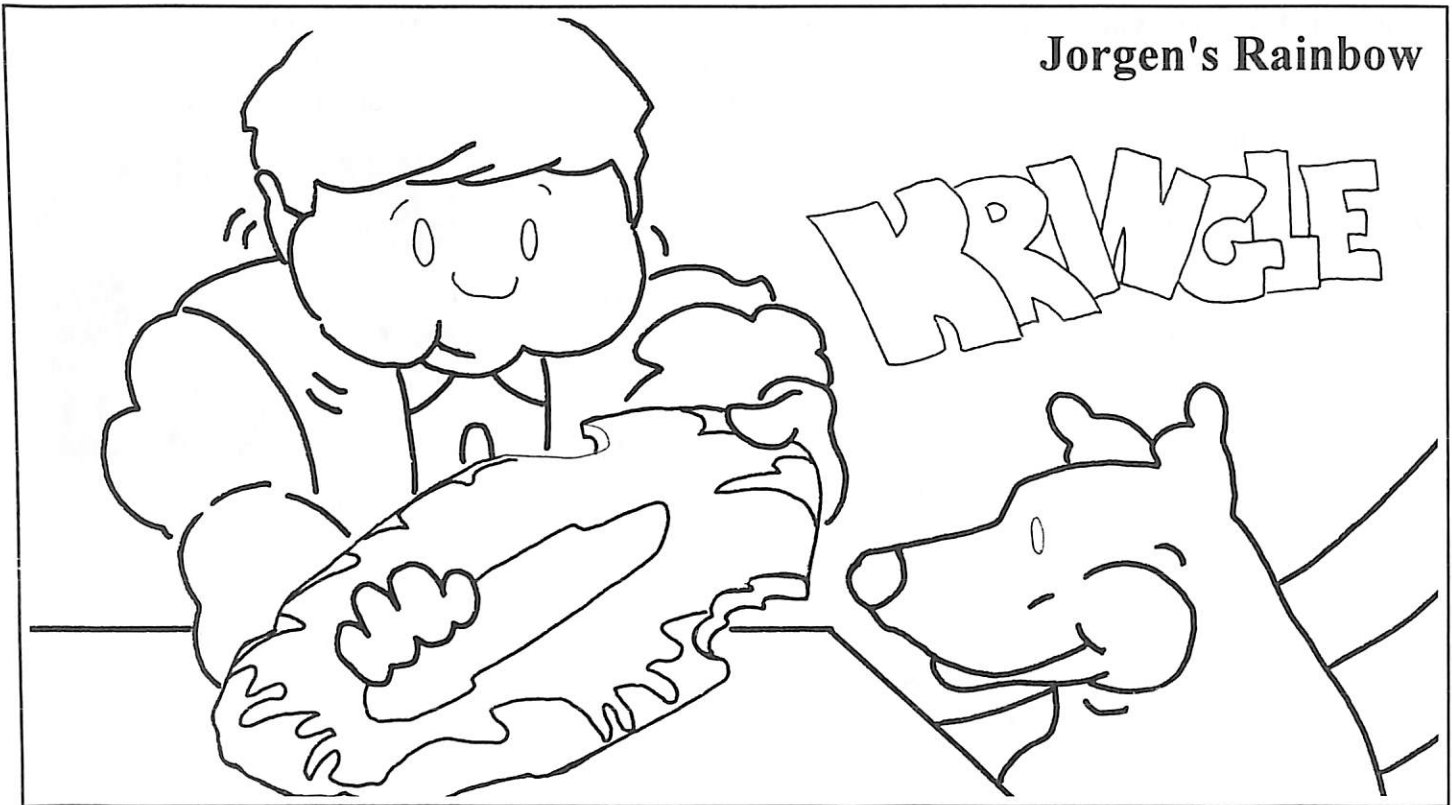
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Jorgen's Rainbow



Last time, Jorgen and Bansen saw flour being made in Elk Horn, Iowa. This month however, they'll get to sample a Danish treat made from flour in Racine, Wisconsin. "Kringle" is a Danish word meaning pretzel, though Racine's kringles are flatter than a pretzel, and oval shaped. Almost half the people in Racine are of Danish descent, and they turn out over a quarter-million kringles a year for America. Bansen likes his kringles

with icing and fruit. Have you ever tasted a "kringle?"

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. **June winners: Steve Boring and Stacy Burson.**

Grandma's Kitchen



Gunild Ostergaard

Spinach Ring (Spinatrand)

1 lb. fresh spinach washed
4 large eggs
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cream or milk
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
Pinch ground white pepper
Pinch nutmeg

Pour boiling water over the spinach; drain and chop it finely. Beat the eggs lightly and the cream or milk, season with salt, pepper and nutmeg; add the chopped spinach and stir. Butter a ring shaped mold and pour the spinach custard mixture in to it. Stand the mold on a rack in a pan of hot water with the water reaching only $\frac{3}{4}$ way up the mold. Bake in a warm oven (325 degrees) for 35 minutes until firm. The dish is ready when a knife plunged into the center comes out clean. Make sure the custard does not boil or it will be full of air holes. Loosen all around the edge with a knife and carefully turn out on a serving dish. Serve hot or cold, the center of the mold may be filled with shrimp and asparagus sauce; a very attractive color combination with the spinach ring.

Viking Adventures

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

1994 "Howard E. Christian Award" Winner: Martin Tækker, Lodge No. 348, Eugene, Oregon

The National Board of Directors is proud to announce Martin Tækker of Lodge No. 348, Eugene, Oregon, the recipient of the 1994 "Howard E. Christensen" Award.



National Director Asbjorn Fisker presented Martin E. Tækker with the 1994 Howard E. Christensen Award at the Pacific Northwest District Convention May 6-8, in Portland, OR.

Martin has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for 26 years. Martin and his wife Hanne are a 100% insured family. They have three children, Susanne Rainey, Chris Tækker and Diana Tækker. Susanne is also a member of Lodge No. 348.

Martin's history with DBIA began in 1968 with Lodge No. 268, Junction City, Oregon. He is a past president of that lodge. In 1982 he became involved in the organization of a new lodge. He was instrumental in the formation of Lodge No. 348, Eugene, Oregon, and served as the first president of the newly formed lodge. Martin is also credited for serving as lodge delegate to Pacific Northwest District Conventions. For his efforts in adding to the membership of Lodge No. 348, the lodge presented him with a special award.

According to lodge members, "Martin has brought an amazing amount of energy, enthusiasm and dedication to the DBIA. He rarely misses a meeting and is readily available to assist with committee work or to volunteer for social functions". Martin's dedication to the lodge goes beyond local meetings. He has coordinated the lodge's annual "Pølse Dinner" activities and every August he opens the doors of his beach house for the August meeting/overnight. Martin's contributions to his lodge, through activity suggestions, assistance with events and general support, do not go unnoticed. Members say of Martin, "In an era when lodges are dwindling in number and membership is shrinking, we have managed to attract new enthusiastic families, and young members".

Martin was a Lodge No. 348 force behind bringing a Lillejuleaften Service to the Eugene community. With three annual services, the Eugene community experienced services performed by a Danish pastor in Danish. With Martin as a committee member, "a true sense of identity will be maintained".

Martin is also a member of the Wagon Wheelers Square Dance organization and Bethesda Lutheran Church. He presently serves on the Board of Worship at Bethesda Lutheran Church and is usher coordinator. He has served as the church's purchasing agent for the past 14 years. He also served a two year term as the financial/teller recorder.

When asked how many people have benefited from Martin's service, the answer was, "The membership of Lodge No. 348 and the area's Scandinavian Community".

The Danish Brotherhood in America National Board of Directors would like to recognize all those members nominated for this award by their fellow lodge members.

Gerald B. Jensen
Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA

Myra Brochner
Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA

Kenneth Jensen
Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL

Elsa Petersen
Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL

Harold Mathiasen
Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA

Grace Thomsen
Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE

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