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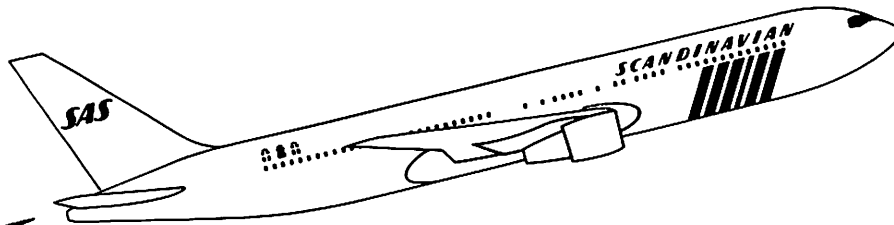
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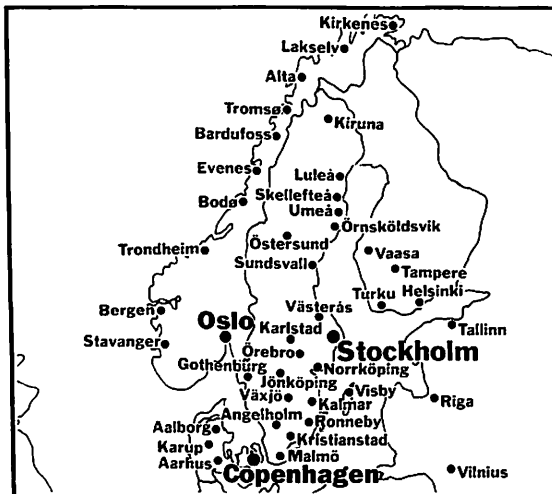


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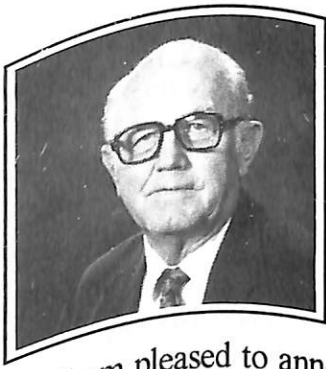
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# President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

I am pleased to announce the delegates approved the "Agreement and Plan of Merger" with the Danish Brotherhood in America at their international convention in August by a vote of 165 - 37. The question of merger is now being considered by the Nebraska and Minnesota Insurance Departments. We expect to learn their decisions soon. Upon their approval, the merger becomes effective October 1, 1994. The National Headquarters Building has been sold. The Home office will take possession November 1, 1994. The new owners staff anticipates all business will be finalized by October 31, 1994.

The final issue of **American Dane** will be the October issue. Lodge Officers will be informed of the procedure for submitting news to **VIKING**. In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact the Home Office Staff.

This will be my final report to all of you and I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the support given to me and the Board from members of the Danish Brotherhood in America. With the membership's support, we were able to accomplish many things, all for the Danish Brotherhood in America.

I owe a large debt of gratitude to the most recent National Board, First Vice President Erling Braumann, Second Vice President Paul Carlsen, Directors, Ebba Norby, Barry Edmonds, Ed Madsen and Asbjorn Fisker. They led the Danish Brotherhood through one of the most trying times in our 112 year history. Their support was unwavering. Their confidence encouraging. It has been an honor to serve with such a dedicated group. I do not want to overlook the spouses of Board members who possibly sacrificed vacation time in order that Board members could fulfill their responsibilities.

I enjoyed working with the Merger Committee on this important issue. Many, many hours of work went into the merger process, from surveying the membership in November, 1993, screening interested fraternal organizations in January, 1994, to negotiations, the merger agreement and finally the Special Convention. I was proud to serve

on the Merger Committee with such dedicated members as Ed Madsen, Barry Edmonds and Jerome Christensen. Without their leadership and unrelenting pursuit of what was best for the Danish Brotherhood in America, progress would not have been possible. My sincere gratitude to our Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Executive Officer Jerome Christensen. No one knows the dedication, hard work and stress that Jerry's job has entailed. **THANK YOU JERRY!**

A special thanks to all the Board members who have served over the years. The past presidents who I had the pleasure of working with include Sir Kristen Jorgensen, Sir Einar Danielsen, George Godthaab, George Jacobsen, Sir Robert Ibsen and Clyde Langsted. They were leaders to learn from.

I think it is also important to compliment the delegates to the special convention. Their support of the merger and their understanding of the importance such a move would have on the continuation of the Danish Brotherhood is historic. With the affirmative vote for the merger, the history of Danish Americans lives on, as do the traditions and customs of Denmark.

What would we have done without our Home Office staff, namely Lori Mitera, Lynne Swingen, Deloris Hansen, Pam Mainelli and Jennifer Denning-Kock? They were always there when we needed them and have stayed with us through this difficult transition. Andy Andersen has also played a vital role in the history of this organization and his years of service deserve our thanks. If you have an opportunity to thank the staff, please do so. They deserve much credit.

The Home Office staffs of both societies are working closely to make the transition smooth for everyone involved. The DBIA staff will provide the SON staff with all the information necessary for the Danish Brotherhood members to keep informed. Each member will receive an informational package from Sons of Norway, each certificate holder will receive a letter of assumption, and beginning in October, each household will receive a copy of

**VIKING**, the official publication of the Sons of Norway. Sons of Norway International President Dennis Sorheim extends a greeting below.

Leaving our beautiful headquarters building in Omaha will be difficult for all of us who have worked within its walls or have visited it. Let us hope it will stand as a memorial to the Danish Brotherhood in America. The contributions of artifacts and memorabilia donated to the Danish Brotherhood will not be lost. They will be made part of an important Brotherhood exhibit at the Danish Immigrant Museum at Elk Horn, Iowa. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in this way.

Let me leave this thought with all of you. Remember, we are still the Danish Brotherhood in America. Lodges will continue to function the way they always have. Your delegates have done an excellent job of electing a new

seven-member DBIA district board headed by Barry Edmonds. Ed Madsen will serve on the International Board of the Sons of Norway. Both of these gentlemen have the interest of this organization at heart and will do a fine job. They have a challenge before them and I ask that each one of you give them your support. Let us move forward together in a positive manner with unity and strength, so this organization can continue.

Elsa and I extend our thanks for all the courtesies extended to us as we travelled the country visiting lodges and districts. This is not "farewell," rather a "see you soon." Tak for alt.

Fraternally,

Woody



**Dennis Sorheim**  
International President  
Sons of Norway

last May, both the Danish Brotherhood National Board of Directors and Sons of Norway International Board of Directors approved the merger question. This was followed in July by passage of the merger at the National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood. Finally in mid-August, delegates to the Sons of Norway International Convention voiced their endorsement as well, and history was made.

As you well know, Danish Brotherhood will retain its identity within our new organization. As a separate district--District 9, it will take part in Sons of Norway's government, receiving funding like other districts, participating in conventions and representing itself on the International Board of Directors. While we all recognize the positive aspects of a unified Society, maintaining the distinctive DBIA traditions, heritage and culture is vitally important to everyone involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you in your magazine, and let me assure you that we look forward with great enthusiasm and hope to the future of our united Society.

Fraternally,

Dennis Sorheim

*Minutes of the  
Special National Convention  
of the  
Danish Brotherhood in America*

The Special National Convention of the governing body of the Danish Brotherhood in America was held July 23, 1994, at the Ramada Hotel Central in Omaha, Nebraska. This Special Convention was called for the purpose of voting on the proposed merger of the Danish Brotherhood in America into Sons of Norway, a fraternal benefit society domiciled in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Other business, upon approval of the plan, was also deemed necessary in order to re-organize the Danish Brotherhood in America as a District of Sons of Norway.

The Convention began with the Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop #1 of Omaha, Nebraska, who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. This was followed by the singing of the national anthems for the United States of America, Canada and Denmark, led by Paul Sloth of Chicago, Illinois, and accompanied on the piano by Glen Haselbarth of Minden, Nebraska. The opening ceremonies concluded with a moment of silence for departed members, with President Woodrow T. Petersen making special acknowledgement of Cyril Wittrock, President of Sons of Norway, who had passed away recently.

President Woodrow T. Petersen then officially called the Convention to order. Petersen made introductions of those seated at the dias with him, which included the following members of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America: First Vice President, Erling Braumann; Second Vice President, Paul Carlsen; Director, Ebba Norby; Director, Barry Edmonds; Director, Edward Madsen; Director, Asbjorn Fisker; and Past President, Clyde Langsted. Also seated at the dias was Secretary-Treasurer, Jerome Christensen; Chief Executive Officer for Sons of Norway, Lee Rowe; and General Counsel for Sons of Norway, John Lund, who were also introduced.

President Petersen also introduced the following National Past Presidents in attendance: Kris Jorgensen of Seattle, Washington; George Jacobsen of Nassau County, New York; and Robert Ibsen of Kenosha, Wisconsin. President Petersen acknowledged National Past President, Einar Danielsen of St. Charles, Illinois, who was unable to be with the delegation. Also introduced were National Past Directors in attendance which included Kenneth Pedersen, of Ruskin, Nebraska; Jerome Sonsalla of Clear Lake, Iowa; and Svend Sonderup.

President Petersen gave special accolades to the Danish Brotherhood in America Home Office Staff. The Home Office Staff recognized included Pam Mainelli, Fraternal Clerk; Lynne Swingen, Sales Administrative Assistant; Deloris Hansen, Bookkeeper; Lori Mitera, Executive Assistant; Jennifer Denning-Kock, National Fraternal Director; and Jerome Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer/CEO. Petersen also gave special recognition to Eigil (Andy) Andersen, Retired National Sales Director.

Introductions concluded with Beata Madoerin, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, of Omaha, Nebraska.

At this time, President Woodrow Petersen asked Secretary-Treasurer Jerome Christensen to proceed with the roll call of Delegates and National Board of Directors. Roll call indicated 72 Delegates and 8 National Board Members present for the Convention.

Roll call was followed by the verification of credentials by the Credentials Committee Chair, Ebba Norby, National Director. Norby reported that all delegate credentials had been verified, although four delegates, having not been seated at the most recent DBIA National Convention in Portland, Oregon, the basis of representation to this Special Convention, would require the convention to officially seat them. These delegates included Robert Pedersen of Canton, Ohio Lodge No. 225; Erik Garde of Bridgeport, Connecticut Lodge No. 37; Herluf Pedersen of Newell, Iowa Lodge No. 147; and Susan Kosmicki of Grand Island, Nebraska Lodge No. 211. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the convention approved to seat the above mentioned delegates.

Following verification of credentials, it was determined that present were 72 Delegates, with seven lodges receiving two votes, making a total of 79 votes possible with everyone voting. For purposes of voting on the merger a total of 71 delegates with 78 votes was determined. It was reported that if all votes were cast, a two-thirds vote of 52 would be required to approve the proposed "Agreement and Plan of Merger".

At this time, Secretary-Treasurer Christensen was called upon to give the report on the proposed standing rules for the Convention. Christensen then reported on the Convention Order of Business. The delegation approved the Convention Order of Business.

President Petersen appointed the following delegates to the Tally Committee: Berit Mann of New Haven, Connecticut Lodge No. 32; Sharon Kinder of Spokane, Washington Lodge No. 42; and Albert Larsen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Lodge No. 36.

Edward C. Madsen, National Director and Chair of the Danish Brotherhood in America Merger Committee, presented the assembly with a merger timeline which reviewed the activities of the Danish Brotherhood National Board of Directors and the Merger Committee. He reviewed the activities of the DBIA National Board of Directors and the Merger Committee in regard to a merger. His report included the selection process, SON organizational structure, changes to the "Agreement and Plan of Merger" and a letter from the State of Nebraska Department of Insurance. Madsen declared the DBIA Merger Committee recommends approval of the merger with Sons of Norway. He called upon Lee Rowe, Chief Executive Officer for Sons of Norway, for comments.

Lee Rowe remarked on the enormity of the proposed merger of the Danish Brotherhood into Sons of Norway. He reported that in the event the merger meets the approval of both the DBIA and the Sons of Norway, the merger must still be approved by the Departments of Insurance in Nebraska and Minnesota. He shared with the assembly that the Insurance Departments' concerns will

be financial in nature and as to the fairness to the certificateholders of both the Danish Brotherhood and the Sons of Norway. Rowe also reported that at each of Sons of Norway's District Conventions, a straw vote was taken as to how they would propose to vote on the merger. Rowe explained the straw vote was not a formal count. The results of the informal vote was 10 to 1 in favor of the merger.

He spoke on the realities that Fraternal Benefit Societies face, one being that of a declining membership. He reported on programs that Sons of Norway is putting into place to increase membership.

Rowe also discussed the financial and regulatory environment that Fraternal Benefit Societies find themselves in. Rowe pointed out both entities will retain their ethnic identities. He also shared current financial results of Sons of Norway's second quarter, which indicated net income after refunds of \$574,000.

Lee Rowe reported that a very important question had been raised by the Danish Brotherhood's Law Committee and asked John Lund, General Counsel for Sons of Norway, to come to the podium to address how SON proposes to handle the question.

John Lund explained that the question raised was in regard to paragraph 53(a) of the Sons of Norway Constitutions. This paragraph reads as follows:

**"53. DISSOLUTION OF LODGES.**

a) A Lodge which has been suspended and fails to become reinstated in the manner prescribed in Section 52 within 30 days from the date when the suspension becomes effective, shall be dissolved and its Charter revoked, if so decided by the International Board. All assets of dissolved Lodges, including subsidiary organizations or corporations which are under the control of said Lodges shall become the property of the International Lodge.

b) In case of dissolution or suspension of a Lodge with the revocation of Charter, the last acting Officers shall immediately surrender the Lodge supplies to the International Lodge. (8/88)"

John reported that this particular bylaw goes back to some of the earliest days of Sons of Norway, and one that is found in the bylaws of most Fraternal. Lund continued to report that never in the history of Sons of Norway has any lodge been suspended.

Lund said lodges have voluntarily dissolved, and SON has communicated to said lodge the need to enter into a plan for the distribution of the lodge assets. Such plan of distribution may include distribution to local charities, churches, museums, scholarship funds, community parks and recreational programs and the like, as long as they are of a non-profit or tax-exempt nature. The modern-day reasons for the bylaw is to prevent private benefit or inurement.

Lund presented a proposed amendment to Sons of Norway's Constitutions which represents a statement that is representative of how SON operates with regard to paragraph 53(a) of the SON Constitutions.

President Petersen then introduced the Chair of the National Law Committee, Niels Nedergard of Enumclaw, Washington Lodge No. 113, to give their report to the Convention. Nedergard reported that, with a 6 to 3 vote of the Committee, they recommend the approval of the "Agreement and Plan of Merger" with Sons of

Norway.

The floor was then opened for discussion and questions on the topic of the merger. Following discussion, a rising roll call vote on the merger was taken.

Secretary-Treasurer Jerome Christensen declared the results to be 72 votes in favor of the merger and 6 votes against. President Woodrow Petersen then declared the motion on the approval of the merger with Sons of Norway to have been carried by exceeding the required two-thirds vote.

President Petersen then introduced the Chair of the National Law Committee once again for the Committee's report on the proposed bylaws for the DBIA District of Sons of Norway. Niels Nedergard of Enumclaw, Washington Lodge No. 113 then addressed the delegation.

Nedergard first presented a resolution for the purpose of conducting future business of the governing body of the Danish Brotherhood in America by mail should the merger not be approved at Sons of Norway's International Convention. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was adopted by the Convention.

Nedergard then reviewed the proposed bylaws for the DBIA District of Sons of Norway. During the review, the delegation made some changes and had a considerable amount of discussion. The Bylaws of the DBIA District of Sons of Norway, as adopted by the convention upon motion duly made and seconded.

President Petersen announced that as a District of Sons of Norway, the DBIA is entitled to place in nomination a representative for the International Board of Directors for Sons of Norway, and that nominations for this would now be accepted. Nominations commenced with a unanimous ballot being cast for Edward Madsen, Solvang, California Lodge No. 299. Barry Edmonds, New Haven, Connecticut Lodge No. 32 was unanimously elected as the nominee for Alternate to the International Board of Directors for Sons of Norway.

President Petersen then announced that the next item of business would be the election of the DBIA District Officers and Directors. National Past President Clyde Langsted was given the floor and addressed the delegation on the importance of the election about to take place and the selection of those individuals willing to be a part of a true working Board. Nominations commenced with balloting resulting in the following being elected:

President, Barry Edmonds  
Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut

Vice President, Asbjorn Fisker  
Lodge No. 167, Portland, Oregon

Secretary, H. Owen Miller  
Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California

Treasurer, Raymond Nielsen  
Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Illinois

Directors  
Edward Melzark, Lodge No. 263, Askov, Minnesota  
Robert Pedersen, Lodge No. 225, Canton, Ohio  
Erik Hansen, Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebraska

Alternates to the DBIA District Board were then elected as follows:

- Helen Kofod, Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, New York
- Kenneth Johnson, Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Michigan
- Rick Wade, Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin
- Svend Christensen, Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa
- William Jorgensen, Jr., Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska
- Ebba Norby, Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, California
- Niels Nedergard, Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Washington

Ruth Nielsen of Omaha, Nebraska, a non-delegate, was given permission to speak. Nielsen began by stating her disappointment in no women being elected to the District Board. She then went on to state that the **American Dane** has served the Danish Brotherhood well and her desire to see that publication for the DBIA as a District continue.

The proposed budget for the DBIA District for the years 1995 and 1996 was then adopted by the Convention.

For the Good of the Order was then offered by many in attendance. Woodrow Petersen, President, then declared the Special National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America closed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jerome L. Christensen, FLMI  
CEO/Secretary-Treasurer

## Special National Convention Expenses

At the close of the Special National Convention, the total cost attributable to said convention was \$51,830.54.

### Statement of Expenses

Travel .....	\$21,683.87
Per Diem .....	\$22,125.00
Miscellaneous .....	\$11,941.67
Convention packages sold .....	<u>(\$3,920.00)</u>
Total .....	\$51,830.54

The miscellaneous expense includes hotel and banquet charges and the printing of the Special Edition **American Dane** which served as the Convention Report Booklet.

### Payment to Board Members

**Special National Convention:** Erling C. Braumann, \$711.00; Paul Carlsen, \$678.00; Barry Edmonds, \$682.00; Asbjorn N. Fisker, \$811.00; Clyde R. Langsted, \$572.00; Ed Madsen, \$778.00; Ebba Norby, \$705.00 and Woodrow T. Petersen, \$590.00.

## *Danish Brotherhood in America District of Sons of Norway Bylaws*

### Article I - Name

1.) The name of this District shall be "District No. 9 of Sons of Norway," and may otherwise be known as the "Danish Brotherhood in America District." The DBIA District shall consist of its elected Board of Directors, Delegates from each of its Member Lodges and the elected International Officer(s) and/or Director(s) within the District.

### Article II - Purpose

2.) The purpose of the DBIA District shall be to promote and perpetuate Danish culture, heritage and traditions, as well as the interests of Sons of Norway, to cooperate with and assist the International Lodge and its officers in their work, to assist in fraternal activities and organizational work and to provide fraternal benefits through the maintenance of a fraternal fund.

### Article III - Territory

3.) The territory of this District shall be international in nature and include the local lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America in

existence on the date of merger of the Danish Brotherhood in America into Sons of Norway, organized into the following Zones:

- a. California-Nevada.
- b. General Committee of Eastern Lodges, including the states of Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, as well as the country of Denmark.
- c. Heartland, including the states of Iowa and Minnesota, as well as Luck, Wisconsin.
- d. Michigan-Ohio.
- e. Midwest, including the states of Illinois and Wisconsin.
- f. Nebraska-Colorado-Missouri-South Dakota.
- g. Pacific Northwest, including the states of Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, as well as the country of Canada.

### Article IV - District Dues

4.) The DBIA District may establish and assess a District Dues as it may from time to time deem necessary. Said dues must be

approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the District Convention present and voting.

**Article V - District Convention**

5.) The District shall hold its regularly scheduled meeting once every two years at such a time and place as shall be determined by the DBIA District Lodge, or the District Board of Directors if not determined by the District Lodge, in consultation with the Host Lodge(s) or Zone(s). The closing date of said meeting shall not be less than 45 days prior to the opening of the International Lodge Meeting.

6.) a.) **Representation.** Every Local Lodge within the DBIA District shall be entitled to representation at the District Convention as follows:

Two (2) Delegates per Lodge, plus one (1) Delegate for every 200 members, or major fraction thereof, that the Lodge had as of December 31st of the year before the date of the District Convention. Therefore, representation shall be based upon the following table:

0 - 100 members;	2 Delegates
101 - 300 members;	3 Delegates
301 - 500 members;	4 Delegates
501 - 700 members;	5 Delegates
etc.	

b.) **Delegate and Alternate Election.** Election of Delegates by the Local Lodges must take place no later than than ninety (90) days before the District Convention. At the same time, an equal or greater number of Alternates shall be elected to fill the place(s) of any Delegate(s) not able to attend the District Meeting.

c.) **Eligibility.** Eligible for election as Delegates or Alternates to the DBIA District Convention are insured/benefit or social members of the Local Lodges within the District.

d.) **Travel Expenses.** Delegates attending the District Convention shall be entitled to their traveling expenses. Said expenses, or a portion thereof as determined by the Local Lodge, shall be paid by the Local Lodge for which the Delegate is representing. The DBIA District may also make provision for a portion of the travel expenses of Local Lodge Delegates attending the District Meeting as the District budget may allow. Said provision must be approved by two-thirds vote of the members of the District Convention present and voting.

**Article VI - District Officers and Directors**

7.) **Titles and Number.** The Officers and Directors of the DBIA District shall be as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors (3)

The three (3) Directors shall assume the duties of Counselor, Social Director and Youth Director, respectively, as provided in the International Charter and Constitutions of the Sons of Norway.

8.) a.) **Duties.** The Officers and Directors shall assume their duties in accordance with Chapter VIII of the International Charter and Constitutions of the Sons of Norway. In addition, the DBIA District Board of Directors shall administer the General and Fraternal Funds of the District, including but not limited to a scholarship program, matching funds for Danish language camps and lodge fraternal programs, member awards programs, as well as youth program development throughout the DBIA District.

b.) It will be the Treasurer's duty to be custodian of all money belonging to the DBIA District Lodge, receive and receipt for the money paid to the Treasurer, and shall promptly deposit the money in a bank selected by the District Board of Directors, and make all payments by check or comparable banking transfer, issued by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Secretary, as determined by the Board of Directors.

c.) The Officers and Directors shall, in the interim between the District Conventions, perform the routine duties of the District Lodge; select financial institutions for deposit of its funds; invest surplus money in securities as are permitted by law for investments; receive and consider the reports of its members, relative to the condition and activities of Local Lodges in the District; generally aid, assist and counsel Local Lodges in their work; make periodic contact with the Local Lodges in their respective zones, or as assigned to them by the District Board of Directors, throughout the year; assist in membership development in their assigned area or zone; act as a liaison between the DBIA District Lodge and the District's International Board representative(s); and develop ideas for raising funds for the District as a means to secure its functions and existence; and any other duties that may from time to time be assigned by the District Lodge.

9.) **Eligibility.** Delegates to the District Lodge and members of the District Board are eligible to be elected District Officers or Directors.

10.) **Term of Office.** The term of office for the respective Officers and Directors shall be two years, or until their successors have been elected and installed. In no instance may an individual hold a position on the DBIA District Board of Directors and the International Board of Directors at the same time. In the event a current District Board member is elected or appointed to a position on the International Board of Directors, their District Office shall be declared vacant.

11.) a.) **Election.** The election of the District Officers and Directors shall be accomplished by nominations from the floor of the District Convention such that each DBIA Zone is represented on the District Board. No Zone shall have more than one representative on the Board, with the exception of a Zone that does not have an individual interested in or able to serve in this capacity. In this event, said position may be filled by a Delegate from another Zone, elected at large.

b.) Election shall be by ballot unless there is but one nominee, at which time the election may be by voice.

c.) If more than two candidates have been nominated for an office and none receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the candidate with the least number of votes shall withdraw, and balloting shall continue until one gets a majority of the votes cast.

12.) **Alternates.** At the time of election of the District Board of Directors, the District shall elect seven (7) Alternates for the purposes of filling vacancies occurring on the District Board for any reason. The rules for electing the Officers and Directors of the District shall govern in the election of Alternates.

13.) **Meetings.** The DBIA District Board shall meet at least once per year at a time and place determined by the Board. In the year of the DBIA District Convention, the Board shall meet in the Convention city immediately preceding the opening of said Convention.

14.) **Travel Expenses.** District Officers and Directors attending District Board Meetings, or traveling on official District business shall receive a per diem allowance of \$75.00 for each of two (2) days of travel and \$100.00 for each day of meetings, with the maximum total per diem allowance being \$250.00. In addition, Officers and Directors shall be reimbursed for the cost of transportation, not to exceed the cost of one (1) round-trip, coach airline ticket.

15.) **Expense Allowance.** While serving as Officers and Directors of the District, the Board of Directors shall receive an annual expense allowance of \$125.00 for postage, telephone and other minimal expenses, to be paid as determined by the District Board of Directors.

#### **Article VII - Fraternal Fund**

16.) A DBIA District Fraternal Fund shall be established and shall be initially funded by the Fraternal Fund of the Danish Brotherhood in America at the time of the merger of the Danish Brotherhood in America into the Sons of Norway, to include any special designated or restricted scholarship funds in existence at that time. The purpose of the DBIA District Fraternal Fund shall be to accept contributions, gifts, bequests, legacies, devises or transfers from individuals and from estates of decedents. Any such amounts so received shall be kept as a reserve fund. The income and principal of the Fraternal Fund shall only be used exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, including but not limited to scholarship payments, as set forth herein, and matching funds for Danish language camps and lodge fraternal programs. Expenditures from the Fraternal Fund shall be made by special appropriation of the DBIA District Board of Directors; provided that no part of the Fraternal Fund shall be expended for the purpose of carrying on propaganda or in otherwise attempting to influence legislation or participating in or intervening in (including the publishing and distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; and provided further that the Fraternal Fund shall not be used in any manner that will invalidate or disqualify qualifying contributions thereto as deductible pursuant to either Paragraph 170 (c) (4) or Paragraph 2055 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Should the Fraternal Fund be terminated for any reason, or should District No. 9 (DBIA District) of the Sons of Norway cease to exist, all assets of the Fraternal Fund shall be distributed exclusively for the purpose of the Fraternal Fund in such manner, or to such selected organization or organizations that are then organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes so as to qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the DBIA District Lodge shall determine.

17.) **College Scholarships.** The DBIA District may grant scholarships from the resources of the Fraternal Fund according to rules adopted by the District Board of Directors and subject to the following limitations:

a.) Up to twelve (12) cash scholarships may be granted each year, and shall be awarded between applicants for vocational or trade schools, colleges and universities. Each may be granted in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Additional scholarships may be granted when donations designated specifically to the scholarship fund, or the earnings therefrom, exceed a minimum of \$1,000, or in the manner designated by the respective donor(s). If any scholarships cannot be awarded or scholarships are left unused, the fund allocated for these scholarships will be accrued and may be awarded in subsequent years.

b.) A scholarship applicant may reapply annually for a scholarship grant. In the case of a recipient, two (2) years must elapse before a new application may be submitted for consideration.

c.) Scholarships may be granted for attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark or Norway upon approval of the District Board of Directors.

d.) Scholarships shall be paid from the resources of the Fraternal Fund. The District Treasurer may accept voluntary contributions to be used exclusively for defraying scholarship payments. Any contribution so received shall be placed in the Fraternal Fund so designated and shall not be used for any purpose except for the payment of scholarship grants to recipients and for any expenses for the maintenance of the scholarship program, or in the manner designated by the respective donor(s). The books and records of the DBIA District Fraternal Fund shall be maintained in such a manner as will reflect the amount of contributions so received, the payments made which are chargeable to such contributions or donations, and the balance of such contributions still held available for the support of the scholarship program. The District Board is authorized to adopt such resolutions not inconsistent with the DBIA District Bylaws and/or International Charter and Constitutions of the Sons of Norway, as are necessary to maintain or restore the tax exempt status of such contribution for the purpose of the maintenance of such scholarship program.

e.) The scholarship program shall be administered by a scholarship committee consisting of at least four (4) members of the District Board of Directors.

**Article VIII - International Lodge Meeting**

18.) **Representation.** As a District of Sons of Norway, the DBIA District shall be entitled to representation to the International Lodge Meeting as follows:

Two Delegates for the District (one of whom shall be the District President), plus one Delegate for each 400 members, or major fraction thereof, in the District as of December 31st of the year before the International Lodge Meeting.

19.) **Eligibility.** Eligible for election as Delegates or Alternates to the International Lodge Meeting are the Delegates to the District Convention and the District Board of Directors. Only insured/benefit members may be elected to the International Lodge.

20.) **Delegate and Alternate Election.** The two Delegates for the District shall be elected at large among the Delegates of the District Convention and District Board of Directors, keeping in mind one of same must be the District President. The additional DBIA District Delegates shall be determined as follows:

a.) Before the order of business of elections, each Zone of the DBIA District shall caucus and nominate one candidate for each 400 members in their Zone. Any remaining fraction of 400 members in each Zone shall be pooled and an additional Delegate per 400 members elected at large.

b.) The Delegates from each Zone shall be elected separately, one Zone at a time. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention, however, such nominees must come from the corresponding Zone whose representatives are then being elected.

c.) At the time of the election of the Delegates, a corresponding number of Alternates shall be elected to fill the place(s) of Delegate(s) not able to attend the International Lodge Meeting. The rules for electing Delegates shall govern in the election of the Alternates.

21.) **Travel Expenses.** For attendance to the International Lodge Meeting, DBIA District Delegates shall receive from the District a \$250.00 expense allowance.

**Article IX - Nomination of International Director**

22.) The DBIA District shall, immediately following the election of Delegates to the International Lodge Meeting, nominate its International Director(s) and Alternate(s) in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and Constitutions of the Sons of Norway.

**Article X - Parliamentary Authority**

23.) The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the District in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the District may adopt.

**Article XI - Amendments to Bylaws**

24.) These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the DBIA District by a two-thirds vote, provided that the proposed amendments be mailed to the DBIA District Secretary at least 60 days prior to the date of the District Convention. The District Secretary shall notify member lodges of all proposed amendments no later than 30 days prior to the date of the District Convention. The District Bylaw Committee may also recommend changes up to the day of the Convention.

# 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
7-10-94	Viggo Schaffer	81	Denmark	14	Keonsha, Wisconsin	1978
7-13-94	Julian G. Nelson	71	Waukesha Co., Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1986
7-8-94	Floyd West	71	Ravenwood, Missouri	268	Junction City, Oregon	1977
6-23-94	Alfred P. Rasmussen	86	Edmore, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1939
7-19-94	Henry R. Roose	77	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1962
7-21-94	Lee E. Olsen, Jr.	60	Marinette, Wisconsin	700	Omaha, Nebraska	1964
7-12-94	Robert E. Nelson, Jr.	52	Troy, New York	183	Troy, New York	1960
7-24-94	William R. Olsen	48	Denver, Colorado	167	Portland, Oregon	1977
6-13-94	Einar Johansen	87	Antelope Co., Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1926
7-23-94	Aage L. Thomsen	87	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1925
7-3-94	Harold W. Jensen	78	Kenosha, Wisconsin	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	1976

# My Grandfather Was A Hero

by Richard A. Larsen

Today was a sad day for Eric Jensen's family and the people of Greenview, Nebraska because Eric's beloved grandfather, Dr. Albert Carlsen, his mother's father, had died and was being buried at the age of seventy-five. The doctor had been chief of surgery at the local community hospital. Eric's loving grandmother, Bertha, had died four years ago. Eric was fourteen years old. He had light brown hair and bright blue eyes, and lived with his tall father, Christian, a lawyer, and his pretty blond mother, Helga.

When Eric's father arrived at the funeral parlor, they tearfully stood next to the casket, and his father led them in prayer. After the prayer, Eric's mother went looking for the funeral director to discuss some last minute funeral arrangements. Eric and his father began to greet the people who were arriving for the funeral. Eric's grandfather had many friends, including former patients, and the room began to fill up quickly.

About fifteen minutes before the service was to begin, Eric went to the rest room. When he returned, he saw his father shaking hands with two strangers. The two gray haired, older men were wearing small round caps on their heads. One was taller than his six foot tall father, while the other man wasn't any taller than Eric. Because the service was about to begin, Eric didn't get a chance to ask his father about the strangers.

That evening when all the relatives had left, Eric's family sat down at the kitchen table to have pickled herring, open face sandwiches, pastry and coffee.

"Who were those two men with little skull caps at the funeral today?" Eric asked his father.

"I noticed them too," his mother said. "I could tell they were Jewish by their caps. I've never seen those men before."

Eric's father took a sip of his coffee and said, "They were strangers, two Jewish men from New York City. By the way, their caps are called yarmelkes."

"Why were they here, Christian?" Eric's mother asked.

"To pay their respects to your father," he answered.

"They were from the Jewish Survivor's League."

A large tear ran slowly down Helga's cheek.

"I understand," she said. "They came to pay their respects because my father helped save the Jews in Denmark."

"Yes, dear," Eric's father said. "I called them the day your father died. They have a special team that does this kind of thing for the Jewish Survivors League all over the country when someone on their honor roll dies."

Eric's mother began to cry. "Please excuse me," she said. She got up from the table. "I think I'll go to bed now."

When she left the kitchen, Eric's father refilled his coffee cup. "Your grandfather was a real hero during the German

occupation of Denmark."

"Was he a soldier?" Eric asked.

"No. Denmark was too small a country to stop Hitler's vast army of tanks, airplanes and guns."

"Tell me what grandpa did when he lived in Denmark."

"Your grandfather," Eric's father said, "was one of the thousands in Denmark that became part of one of the greatest resistance movements in Europe to frustrate Hitler's plans. British General Montgomery was quoted as saying, 'The Danish Resistance was second to none.'"

"What did grandpa do to become a hero?"

His father swallowed a piece of pickled herring and said, "Your grandfather was born in Denmark and when he grew up, he decided to become a doctor. He was an intern at the large Bispebjerg Hospital in Copenhagen when Hitler ordered all the Jews in Denmark to be arrested and sent to the large concentration camp at Theresienstadt, Germany."

"How many Jews were in Denmark?" Eric asked.

Eric's father stirred his coffee slowly. "Only about eight thousand at that time. About a thousand of them were only half Jewish, and another thousand had escaped to Denmark from Germany when Hitler came into power. This last group of Jews felt safe in Denmark because the Danish people were known for their lack of racial prejudice."

"What happened next?"

"On the 28th of September, 1943, the Danes learned that the Germans planned to arrest all the Jews. Beginning that day, the Jewish people went into hiding, and the Danish Resistance became very active."

"Is that when Grandpa Carlsen began to help?"

"Yes. Two doctors became leaders of one of the groups that helped many Jews escape from Denmark to Sweden. One was Dr. K. H. Koster, a surgeon at Bispebjerg Hospital, and the other was Dr. Secher, the chief anesthetist at the Copenhagen University Hospital."

"Which doctor did grandfather work with?" Eric asked, as he reached for a piece of pastry.

"Dr. Koster," his father answered. "Your grandfather became one of Dr. Koster's most valuable assistants in the plan to help the Jewish population in Denmark escape."

"What did they do?"

His father pointed the fork at Eric. "One of the first things they decided to do was to discharge all the Jewish patients in the hospital and readmit them with non-Jewish names. Healthy Jews were admitted to the hospital and they were hid in various places in the large medical complex. The Bispebjerg Hospital was made up of many buildings scattered over several acres, the

main buildings were all connected by tunnels with lots of hiding places.”

“Didn’t the Germans use the hospital?”

“No, fortunately. They used other hospitals.”

“How did the Jewish people know that the hospital would help them escape?” Eric asked.

“Word of mouth, plus many of Dr. Koster’s medical associates sent their Jewish patients to Bispebjerg whenever they came out of hiding to seek medical attention. Koster’s group hid the Jews at the hospital and arranged their land transportation, while Dr. Secher’s group made the special arrangements for boats to take them to Sweden.”

“What did grandpa do that made him a special hero?”

Eric’s father pointed to his head. “Your grandfather was very smart. He was put in charge of transporting the Jews from the hospital to the awaiting boats. He realized that taxi cabs came and went from the hospital without any questions asked. One day he ordered fifty taxis to the hospital at different times, and one hundred fifty Jews were placed in them. Your grandfather had them dispatched at proper intervals that took them through Copenhagen to a secret wooded area on the coast. They waited nervously for their boat. When a boat appeared in the fog, your grandfather flashed his flashlight. But instead of signaling back, it was a German patrol boat that fired machine guns at them.”

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“Was anyone hurt?” Eric asked excitedly.

“No one was hurt,” his father said. “Your grandfather calmly ordered everyone back into the taxis, and they hurried inland, where he hid them at his uncle’s farm that was often used by the resistance.”

“How long did they stay there?”

“Not very long because Grandpa Carlsen raced over to the south tip of Sealand and crossed over to one of the islands. He quickly found a fisherman in port with his trawler. Your grandfather offered to rent the man’s boat. The fisherman agreed on a price, and your grandfather paid the man with his own money. Your grandfather called the farm and arranged for a new meeting place along the coast. Within a few hours, the one hundred and fifty Jewish refugees were soon safely on their way to Sweden.”

“Wow!” Eric said. “My grandfather was a hero.”

His father got up and took the dishes to the kitchen sink. “Yes, he was, but so were millions of other Danes who helped save the Jews or sabotage Hitler’s war effort in many ways. Your grandfather’s group saved about two thousand Jews.”

Eric put the leftovers back into the refrigerator. “How many Jews escaped from Denmark all together?” he asked.

His father wiped off the kitchen table. “Out of eight thousand Jews in Denmark, over seven thousand escaped to Sweden. Five hundred and seventy were captured and sent to the concentration camp at Theresienstadt in Germany. About fifty of them died there.”

“How did Grandpa Carlsen get to the United States?”

“When the Germans learned your grandfather was helping Jews escape, they wanted to arrest him. He escaped to Sweden and at the end of the war, your grandfather immigrated to the United States, married your grandmother and settled down right here in Greenview.”

“Boy!” Eric said. “I’ll have a great report for history class next week. We’ve been studying about the Holocaust.”

Eric’s father put his arm around his son’s shoulder, and they headed for the bedrooms upstairs. “Be proud to be a Dane, son,” he said. “When Hitler invaded Denmark, he thought he had easily swallowed a timid canary, but he soon found himself choking on the feathers because of brave people like your grandfather and the Danish Resistance Movement.”

Grandparent's Day  
September 11, 1994

*Happy Grandparent's Day to all of our  
members who are grandparents.*

# Our Lodges in Action

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## 🏆 Gold Lodge Award

## 🏆 Silver Lodge Award

## 🏆 Bronze Lodge Award

### California

### Nevada

**Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA-** The last meeting was called to order by President Karen Rowse. We installed one new member, Einar Thuesen. We received applications for membership from Inger Agesen and Bill Conoway. The applications will be sent to Omaha for processing.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

A one day bus trip to Solvang Days is planned for September 17 if we get enough people to sign up. The cost is \$15.00.

Treasurer Owen Miller gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted to be filed for audit.

The San Diego lodge will be unable to host the 1995 district convention.

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

**Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA-** Our July 9 meeting held at Ken and Gerry Olsen's home was a combination Board, Convention Committee and lodge meeting. Lodge business was taken care of and voting for the recipient of the Spencer Nielsen Award took place. The nominees for this award were Betty and Soren Christensen, Kaj Bjorn and Gary Gossett. The winner will be announced at our next meeting and the plaque will be presented.

President Ken Olsen distributed the delegate certificates to our convention delegates and alternates. They are as follows: Delegates, Betty Christensen, Helga Bjorn, Jim Wiegandt and Ardythe Wiegandt; Alternates, Doris Sparks, Toni

Olsen Gossett and Kandy Chappell; Youth Delegate, Jamey Gossett; and Alternate Youth Delegate, DaNeil Gossett. They will be attending the convention and recording the business thereof. Many of our members will be going to the convention.

Treasurer Betty Christensen then gave a detailed lodge treasurer's report and convention treasurer's report. Betty is doing a wonderful job keeping all our money separate and accounted for.

**Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

### Nebraska

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE--** Omaha's own Rebildfest was great. Thanks to the five organizations for having a great picnic!

At the September 6 meeting, we will have dessert at 7:00 followed by the meeting at 7:30. Ruth Nielsen will explain "What's in a Danish Name?" and read a couple Molbo Historier.

**Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, NE--** In the absence of our president, Quentine Johnson presided over our July 9 meeting. In addition to our regular business meeting, we elected delegates for the district convention and voted to donate \$100 to the Scholarship Fund. Elected as delegates were Gayle Miller, John Andresen and Paul Muggy. Paul Hansen was elected as alternate.

We have two new members, Helle Jensen, from Aalborg, Denmark, and John Andresen from Illinois.

Our social hour was held jointly with

Sisterhood Lodge No. 90. The names of those celebrating July birthdays were read and we sang "Happy Birthday" to them.



**New members John Andresen and Helle Jensen.**

We were entertained by Helle Jensen who gave a presentation about the Fourth of July celebration in Rebild Park in Denmark. She told of the history, different speakers, peaceful demonstrations, humorous incidents, the Museum and many things we don't normally read about. Helle has attended many of the Rebild celebrations. Thanks so much, Helle!

Lunch was served by Eudean and Don Lehn and their committee.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 10, at the lodge hall. We will be celebrating the 89th anniversary of Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 with a catered dinner. Reservations are required.

**Gayle Miller, Pres.**

### Heartland

**Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA-** On July 11, thirty-seven members and guests enjoyed dinner and entertainment at the Viking Inn Restaurant and Lounge.



Members enjoyed a dinner outing.

On August 7, forty-five members and guests gathered at Cherry Glen picnic area by Saylorville Lake for delicious food and good fellowship. Delegates and alternates were selected for the Heartland District Convention.

We congratulate our member, Svend Christensen, on his election as an Alternate on the Board of Directors of DBIA District Nine of the Sons of Norway. Also, congratulations to Ed Melzark of Askov, Minnesota, on his election as Director. Both will be representing the Heartland Zone.

Our October 10 meeting will start at 7 pm at the American Legion hall in Urbandale.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

**Lodge No. 121, Tyler, MN**--Members drove to Clear Lake, South Dakota, at the invitation of Adrea and Marjorie Paulson on July 23. A delicious lunch was served.

President Delno Hansen called the meeting to order. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and ac-

cepted.

Orval and Hilda Hansen had attended the grand opening of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. Hilda gave a short report on the museum.

A sing-along took place with Marjorie Paulson on the piano. It was a day enjoyed by all.

Therkel Jorgensen, Cor.

**Lodge No. 341, Elk Horn-Kimballton, IA**--We met at the Prairie Trails Museum in Harlan, Iowa. The event was an ice cream social with Signe Madsen, Neomi Andersen and Bob Sorensen as hosts. The program for the evening was a talk by Darby Sanders, Shelby County Naturalist, who gave us a history of the Loess Hills of Iowa and Nebraska and the coming of a Loess Hills park in the hills of western Iowa. He also covered the restoration of the prairie grass and flowers in the parks of Shelby County and the Loess Hills park.

We also heard a report by June Sampson, our delegate to the special convention in Omaha on July 23. She reported that the merger was approved and now awaits the approval by Sons of Norway.

Bob Sorensen, Cor.

**Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA**--Our July 17 meeting was an ice cream social at Don and Ruth Rosdail's farm. We had a very enjoyable evening. No

business was conducted.

After the homemade ice cream, cakes and cookies, we went for a walk to look at the Rosdail's new home which will be completed around Thanksgiving.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to make the ice cream and all the goodies to go along with it.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

## Midwest

### Midwest District

The Midwest District Convention will be sponsored by Brotherhood Lodge No. 17 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 4, Chicago, on September 23-25 at the Rolling Meadows Holiday Inn. Call the hotel for reservations and mention you are with the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood. The Saturday convention dinner is \$25 per person. Contact Virginia or Caroline Christensen for reservations at (312) 625-9031.

**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI**--We held the Midwest District golf outing at Bristol Oaks with a great turnout of 25 teams from Kenosha, Dwight and Chicago attending. Eighty-six people attended the dinner at the lodge afterwards. First place team was from Kenosha #14, Todd Barnett, Jeff Wamboldt, Ken Learmont II and Nick Fanning. Second place (tie) went to Dwight #34, Rick Kelly, Bonnie Kelly, Lori Holzhauser and Rhonda Kelly, and Kenosha #14, Frank Maletta, Frank Bydalek, Ray Rowe and Dan Draeger. Fourth place went to Kenosha #14, Virginia Nelson, Darlene Sura, Glori Bernhardt and Martha Learmont. Fifth place went to Kenosha #14, Chuck Woelffer, Buzz Ogren, Charles Thompson and Bob Strupp.

Andy Smith, Kenosha #14, had low gross while Ray Nielsen, Chicago #35, had low net. Closest to the pin went to Dean Gerlach and Paul Richards, Kenosha #14. Longest putts were Bob Anderson, Dwight #34, and Curtis Pe-

# 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
Wilma Von Seggern	16	Minden, Nebraska	Edith Thomsen
Gary Hardenburgh	51	Ludington, Michigan	Joseph Miller
Dylan A. DeGroot	144	Dike, Iowa	Svend Koch
Daniel Temple	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Joseph Leis
David Temple	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Joseph Leis

tersen, Chicago #35. Longest drive was Ron Fechner, Kenosha #14, and Marlene Perschnick, Dwight #34.

We want to salute our chairman, Warren Piehl, who did an outstanding job on this event!

Our annual picnic was a huge success with 250 people attending. There were lots of games for the kids and adults. We had our usual raffles and string pulls. And we had something new - face painting by Annette Bernhardt which the kids loved plus some of the adults. Thanks once again to Tom Nelson for the truck and donations from May Beverages, A&B Pro Hardware, K&R Supplies, Bristol Oaks, and Coca-Cola. The hard working committee lead by Todd and Annette Bernhardt were Jeff Bernhardt, Rick Wade, Kevin and Ione Gleason, Bob and Elaine Ibsen, Rudy Bernhardt, Rick Weddel, Roger Nelson, Nick Fanning, Dave Shore, Russ and Laurie Hackbarth and their girls. Special thanks to Laurie Hackbarth.

The date for the banquet has been changed to September 27.

**Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL**--We didn't have a meeting in July as we held our annual picnic in the park. There was a good attendance and plenty of good food. Les Jensen and Marge Lauritsen sold raffle tickets.

A game of guess how many beans were in a vase was won by Leo Pedersen. The touch and feel game was won by Rick Kelly. Bingo was played with prizes awarded. Tickets were given to those children who wished to go swimming.

To close the evening, ice cream was served.

**Marge Lauritsen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL**--The September 16 meeting will be the usual business meeting followed by a cake walk. If you are asked to bake a cake by the committee, your efforts will be appreciated. Any proceeds will go to the

Scholarship Fund. We will have the usual sandwiches, coffee and maybe some Akvavit!

The July 15 meeting opened in the usual way with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was one application for membership, Carol Eriksen.

Henry Jepsen reported the money we deposited in the Lodge Savings Program with the Home Office was returned. A motion was made to put this money into the Scholarship Fund. Interest earned on the principal could pay for lodge scholarships. Discussion followed after the motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Ray Nielsen reported on the Trap Shoot in Dwight. Our lodge sent four shooters and six gals came along for lunch. No winners but a good time.

Beth Johanson reported on the golf outing in Kenosha. We sent three teams.

Herta Iversen gave details on the picnic and explained the baby picture contest for the evening.

Beth Johanson said there were 117 diners at our recent Scholarship Dinner and a profit of \$552 was realized.

Charles Pedersen told of his visit to the Home Office while in Omaha. He brought back t-shirts, stickers, etc., to sell at our picnic.

Maren Sloth will have entertainment books soon. Call her if you want to order some.

Ray Nielsen, our delegate to the Special Convention in Omaha, said he had gone through all the bylaws of the Sons of Norway and had contacted Jerry Christensen with questions. A vote was taken within the lodge and it was unanimous to merge with Sons of Norway.

Grethe Jepsen presented scholarship awards to Paul Eric Sloth, David Johanson, Carl Christensen III and Kirsten Connery. Paul Eric thanked the lodge for scholarships he has received the past four years. Dave also spoke thanking the lodge for his scholarships for the past two years. They were all given a nice round of applause.

Delegates to the Midwest District Convention were elected as follows: del-

egates, Paul Sloth and Charles Pedersen; alternates, Jim Johanson and Janet Villacci.

Paul Sloth said there was a large turnout of our members at the Danish Home picnic. It was a huge success. Sandwiches were donated by Michelle Sloth. Charles and Kathy Pedersen brought a beautiful cake for dessert in honor of their 25th anniversary.

After the sandwiches, we tried to guess who all the babies were. Doris Peterson guessed the most and Woody Petersen came in second, both receiving bottles of wine.

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI**--Our annual potluck picnic was held on the evening of July 28 at the Vera and Leonard Yorkson home. After eating, we enjoyed the nice weather and discussed the future of the Danish Brotherhood as well as the various building projects in our city.

**Gladys Petersen, Sec.**

## Michigan

## Ohio

### Michigan-Ohio District

On July 23, Muskegon Lodge No. 30 served as host for the annual Michigan-Ohio District Picnic which was held at the Elks Park in Muskegon. Those who attended enjoyed a wonderful day with games for both young and old plus good food for all to enjoy. Our thanks to our brothers in Muskegon for all of their efforts in making this such an enjoyable day for all.

July 30 was the date that Detroit Lodge No. 227 played host for the annual district baseball game outing. A bus of members and friends enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers win a game from the Oakland "A"s. After the game, a pizza party was enjoyed. Thanks to those in Detroit for making all the arrangements.

**Bob Sorensen, Sec.**

## Copenhagen to Missouri 1860

Monstrous waves washed over his ship.  
It pitched and yawed unlike his boat  
in the calm canals of Copenhagen.  
Would he complete his California trip?

King Neptune tossed him about like a toy.  
A wave reared up, a monster of the sea.  
Down he went to "Davey Jones' Locker"  
off the coast of Chili.

Undaunted, California still his goal,  
mind smeared by the colors of the rainbow,  
a pot at the horizon, mingled in orange,  
red, green and glistening gold.

Glittering fortune not to be found,  
Copenhagen dreams still in his mind,  
overland trek, west to east,  
wagontrain, Indians, nature's feast.

Two-thousand miles east he went  
with a friend to Missouri  
for a few days rest,  
before the last leg on his trip from the west.

Rebecca Jane turned his head,  
a classy lass, Missouri bred.  
He found love in Doniphan,  
Copenhagen thoughts now gone.

Fifty years of married bliss,  
seven children, grandchildren galore,  
church worker, justice of the peace,  
teacher, community leader and more.  
My great grandfather,  
the Dane from a far shore.

*by Dallas D. Lassen*

## Elderhostel Planned for Fall

Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa, has planned an Elderhostel for October 16 - 22 in the Elk Horn and Kimballton, Iowa communities just off Interstate 80 at exit 54.

Hostelers will stay in Bed and Breakfast Inns in Elk Horn or nearby Walnut, Iowa's Antique City. Participants will enjoy Danish food, dance customs, crafts, artifacts, architecture, and more during tours, workshops and lectures. The cost for the event is \$335.00 per person.

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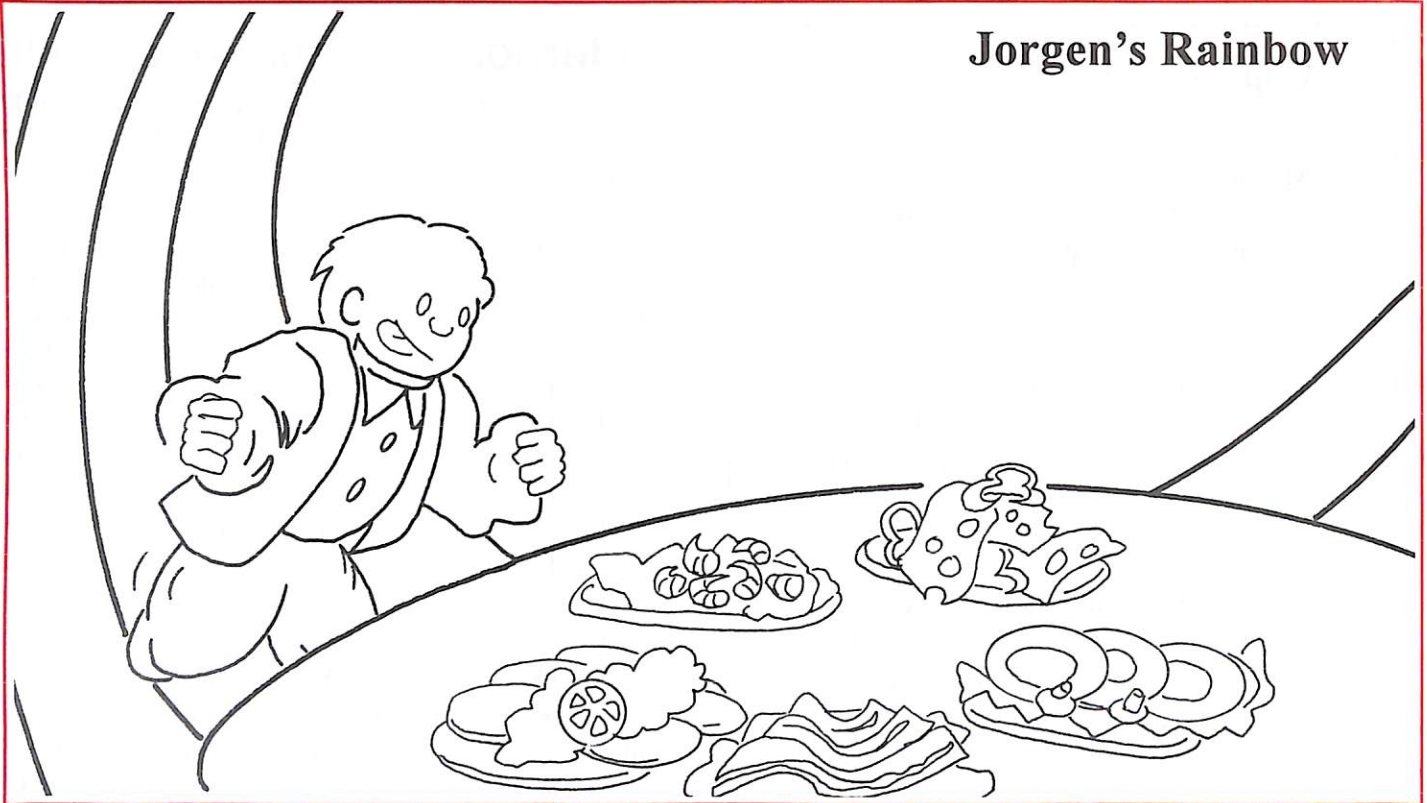
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## Grandma's Kitchen



Gunild Ostergaard

### Pork Omelette (Flaeske Aeggekage)

12 oz. streaky pork thinly sliced  
4 - 6 eggs  
2 Tbsp. cornstarch  
¾ cup milk  
salt, pepper  
chopped chives  
quartered tomatoes

Fry the sliced pork until it is golden brown; remove from frying pan and pour off half the fat drippings. Beat the eggs with the cornstarch, milk, salt and pepper, then pour this mixture into the frying pan. Arrange the sliced pork and tomatoes on top of the egg mixture and cook the omelette over low heat for about 10 minutes lifting its edges from time to time with a palette knife. (This allows the uncooked egg mixture to run underneath). Cook until the omelette is set but still moist on top; scatter from the frying pan with butter on dark rye bread and your favorite mustard.

Sliced bacon may be used instead of streaky pork.

# Viking Adventures

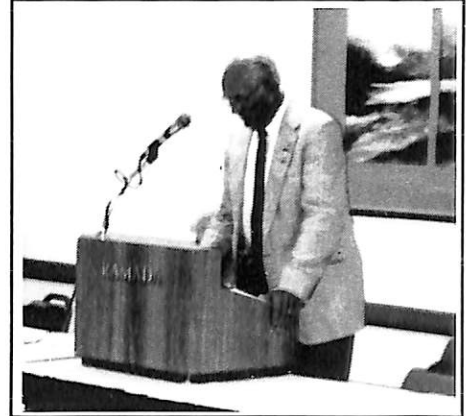
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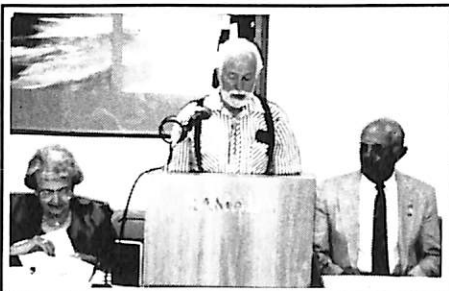
Delegates register for the convention. Directors Ebba Norby and Asbjorn Fisker (seated) audit expense reports for the Credentials Committee.



Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sloth, Dike, IA visit with Elaine Ibsen, Kenosha WI in at the Friday evening reception.



National President Woodrow T. Petersen addresses delegates and guests at the Special Convention.



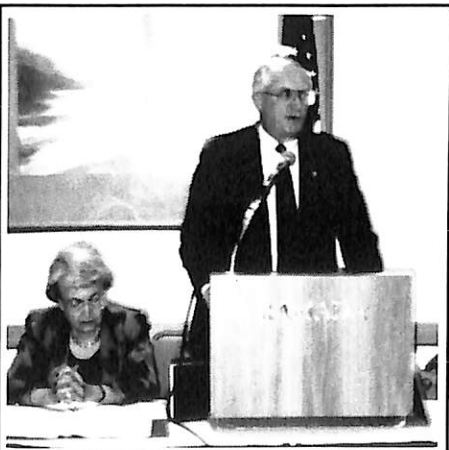
Law Committee Chair Niels Nedergard informs the convention of the Bylaw Committee report.



Delegates review their convention packages.



Merger Committee Chair Ed Madsen reviews the Merger Committee activities.



Sons of Norway CEO Lee Rowe addresses the DBIA Special Convention.



Ed Madsen was nominated to represent DBIA on Sons of Norway International Board.



Delegate Susan Kosmicki, Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE, asks a question regarding the impending merger.

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## 2601: Dirch Passer Bussen

Nørre Uggeløses ældgamle vrag af en bus opfører sig nærmest som en fortidsøgle med astma - hvis den en dag skulle nå endestationen til tiden ville det være en begivenhed, som gav genlyd i hele området. Med: Malene Schwartz - Lilly Broberg - Ove Sprogøe, m. fl. \$29.95



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## 2602: Dirch Passer i Pigen og Greven

Dirch har sjældent været mere veloplagt end i denne film, hvor han spiller både sufflør på et teater og hovmester på et gods. Han udfolder hele sit stor talent. med: Karin Nellemose - Lene Tiemroth Peter Steen - Paul Hagen, m. fl. \$29.95



FOLKEKOMEDIE	FARVE
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## 2603: Far til Fire og Onkel Sofus

Hjemme i den lille familie er alt ved det gamle. Lille Per - Søs - Mie og Ole. Men pludselig sker der noget. Onkel Anders tvillingebror Sofus fra USA kommer hjem for at fejre 70 års fødselsdag. Med: Peter Malberg og Birgitte Bruun. \$29.95



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## 2604: Manden på Svanegården

Det er svært at forestille sig at den idylliske "Svanegården" er i alvorlige vanskeligheder. Men netop som det hele ser allerværst ud, sker miraklet, og hjælpen kommer fra en helt uventet side. Med: Susse Wold - Karl Stegger - Arthur Jensen - Bodil Udsen, m. fl. \$29.95

# GENOPLEV GHITA NØRBY !



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## 2605: Ghita Nørby i Far Laver Soven

Hvis der er gået en stor kok tabt i Herbert, er han i hvert fald umulig at finde igen. Når far laver sovsen og mor går i byen - så blir der rav i køkkenet. En katastrofe har ramt familien Nielsens køkken: nemlig Hr. Nielsen. Med: Morten Grunwald - Bodil Udsen - Jesper Langberg - Poul Bundgaard, m. fl. \$29.95



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## 2606: Ghita Nørby i Min Kones Ferie

Mange ægtemænd har haft drømmen om at forlade kone til fordel for et yngre og mere spændende kvindemenneske. Grosserer Thorsen (Axel Strøbye) har besluttet sig til at gøre noget ved sagen. En festlig fanfare med sang og musik. Axel Strøbye - Bodil Steen, m. fl. \$29.95



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## 2607: Vagabonderne På Bakkegaarden

Efter Morten Korch's roman - Martin, en af landvejens færende svende, som altid er i godt humør og synger sig gerne til lidt mad. Sammen med 2 andre vagabonder oplever han masser af skægge situationer. Med: Poul Reichhardt - Astrid Villauime Preben Lerdorff, og Ghita Nørby \$29.95



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## 2608: Soldaterkammerater På Efterårsmanøvre

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2609: **Hør, Var Der Ikke En, Som Lo?**

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2610: **Huset På Christianshavn #1**

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