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Memorials

This month's President's Page is dedicated to the memory of two very dear Danish Brotherhood members whom we have lost and will greatly miss.

On December 15, 1994, the Danish Brotherhood in America lost one of its active supporters. National Past President Clyde R. Langsted died at the age of 61. Words can not describe the loss we feel. Clyde was always ready to do what was necessary for the benefit of the Danish Brotherhood in America members and the organization as a

whole. He gave 110% to the Society and expected every member to do the same. His fierce loyalty was admired and respected by all those who had the honor of working with him and for him. Our condolences go to his family and many friends.

Clyde was first elected to the National Board of Directors in 1975. He was elected National President in Des Moines, Iowa in 1987, and became National Past President in 1991. During his 27 years as a DBIA member, he served Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington, as President and Secretary. In 1984, Clyde served as President of the Pacific Northwest District.

Clyde grew up in the Queen Anne area of Seattle. After graduating from high school, he served with the US Navy during the Korean War, having graduated from the Naval Submarine School in New London, Connecticut. In 1959, he graduated from San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He served as Funeral Director, Embalmer and Manager during his career with the Bleitz Funeral Home. He was a member of the Nordic Heritage Museum Board of Directors, and a member of the American Legion. Memorials can be made to the Danish Room of the Nordic Heritage Museum, the Scholarship Fund of the Northwest Danish Foundation, Hospice Northwest or Toys for Tots.

We would like to acknowledge a member who had a leadership role in the merger process. Niels Nedergard, National Bylaw Committee Chair, presided over the Committee's deliberations, first in 1991 before the National Convention that year, and again last summer, when the committee met to review the Agreement and Plan of Merger. For those who knew Niels, it goes without saying he was committed to the Danish Brotherhood in America and was ready to do what was in the best interest of the organization. He was not afraid to speak his mind, nor stand up for what he believed in. He held many leadership positions within the Danish Brotherhood in America. He was an active member of Lodge No. 113 Enumclaw, Washington, and served the Pacific Northwest District as Secretary. On October 2, 1994, the Danish Brotherhood in America lost Niels to cancer. Our sympathies are extended to Niels' wife Rita and their family. He will be missed, yet his spirit lives on through those who knew him.

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Our Lodges in Action

Lodge news should be sent to Asbjorn Fisker, 5119 S.W. Multnomah Boulevard, Portland, OR 97219 by the 5th of the month.

Pacific

Northwest

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA--Sixteen members were present at our November 2 meeting. Chuck Larsen applied for membership and was introduced. It was reported the bowling practice in October was a success. After the meeting we played bingo.
Jeff Jensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA--We met on November 12. David and Kirsten Williams were reinstated into our lodge. David and Lisbeth Naber transferred their membership from Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA to our lodge. Leo Madsen reported on the Scandinavian Days Festival. Our lodge represented Denmark. We prepared and sold Danish Pea Soup.
Jeannette Madsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, WA--About fifty members were present November 10. Janni Lønstrup and JoAnne Hallenbach were visitors. The nominating committee is: Inge Lamberg, Fred Thomsen, Hanne Tækker, Svend Toftemark and Susie Staats.
Susie Staats, Sec.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA--We

California

initiated Bill Conoway at our last meeting. The nominating committee consisted of Kate Krake Nielsen, Doris Christensen and Inger Dix. A Laughlin trip is in the planning stages.
Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.
Inger Achton Dix, Cor.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA--Our last meeting took place at the home of Ken and Gerry Olsen. We voted for the 1995 lodge officers. A unanimous ballot was cast for the entire board presented. Our Joint Installation of Officers, hosted by Kodan Lodge No. 346 will be held January 14. After the meeting we played bingo.
Toni Olsen Gossett, Sec.

Midwest

Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI--The October 8 Torsk Dinner was a success. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. The next lodge meeting will be January 11.
Jeff Christiansen, Pres.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI--The Jule Fest Weekend was well attended. The craft fair and coffee shop on Saturday was visited by 900 guests and 850 people were served breakfast on Sunday. The annual Torsk Dinner brought 92 people to the hall. We had another successful smoker with 107 people in attendance.
Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL--Our dance held November 12 was enjoyed by all in attendance. The æbleskiver breakfast held on November 27 was well attended. We sold sausage, chances on a raffle and orders were taken for our Kringle Sale. The nominating committee presented the slate of officers. The District Convention has been set for July 21 - 23 in Bradley, IL. Del Estes, a WW II veteran, gave an interesting presentation on his tour of duty from 1942 - 1946.
Marge Lauritsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL--Paul Sloth reported \$396 was made on the Dinner-Dance raffle and \$399 was made on the event. Ray Nielsen reported 22 people

attended the Dart Tournament. An unanimous ballot elected the following officers: Past Pres., Al Iversen; Pres., Carl Christensen; Vice Pres., Charles Pedersen; Fin. Sec., Frank Connery; Rec. Sec., Elsa Petersen; Treas., Henry Jepsen; 1st Trustee, William O'Flynn; 2nd Trustee, Janet Villacci; 3rd Trustee, Jodie Sloth and Conductor, Dick Sabey. Al Iversen, Dick Sabey and Chas Pedersen will make up the Nominating Committee. The President will appoint two additional members for this committee. Sandwiches were served and a social hour followed with members playing cards and visiting.
Elsa Pedersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI--On November 12 we celebrated "Mortensaften" with 81 members and guests in attendance.
Gladys Petersen, Cor.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE--Contact Ruth Nielsen if you are interested in a planned trip to Denmark to celebrate May 5, 1945. The group is interested in those who were involved in the freedom movement in Denmark during the war.
Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE--Our potluck supper was held November 12 with thirty-three members present. Officers elected for 1995 are: Pres., Howard Madsen; Vice Pres., Betty Smith; Sec., Geraldine Schultz;

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
Bradford J. Kovachik	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	James McDevitt
J. Michael Koscinski	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Walter Zeuschner
Ethel M. Hansen	16	Minden, Nebraska	Herbert Nielsen
Kendall T. From	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	Carl Pedersen
Gary E. Cole	51	Ludington, Michigan	Joe Miller

Treas., Florence Borgen; Trustees, Eugene Schultz, Al Jorgensen and Kenny Pedersen and Conductor, Ronald Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Arden Russell were honored for their 25th anniversary. They were presented with a gift and a cake which was served for lunch.

Geraldine Schultz, Sec.

Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications for the 1995-1996 school year are now available. Eligible members wishing to apply should write: The Danish Brotherhood in America, PO Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131 or call 1-800-553-1937. The deadline for applications is March 15, 1995. Late applications will not be considered. Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

In addition to the scholarships annually available, a special scholarship fund was established by the children of National President Woodrow T. Petersen and his wife Elsa in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family contributed \$5,000 and the Petersens have asked the DBIA Scholarship Committee to award five additional \$1,000 scholarships this year. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have requested two of the five scholarships be awarded to deserving members enrolled in graduate programs. If deserving members do not apply and qualify for the graduate scholarships, these two scholarships can be awarded to deserving members enrolled in post-secondary education (undergraduate or technical school).

GCEL

NOTICE TO STUDENTS: GCEL District Scholarship applications are now available through your lodge secretary.

Lodge No. 164, New York City, New York - The drawing for Operation: H.O.P.E. was held and proceeds were for toys for the children at LMC. Gloria Jacobsen, Cor.

Grandma's Kitchen

Viking Coffee (Vikingekaffe)



Gunild Ostergaard

In a stemmed glass pour 1½ oz. Danish mead wine in ¼ cup strong hot coffee.

Top with whipped cream.

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1994 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America and be nominated at a regularly scheduled lodge meeting.

Nomination forms, along with guidelines and procedures were forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The nomination deadline is February 15, 1995.

May 5 in Denmark

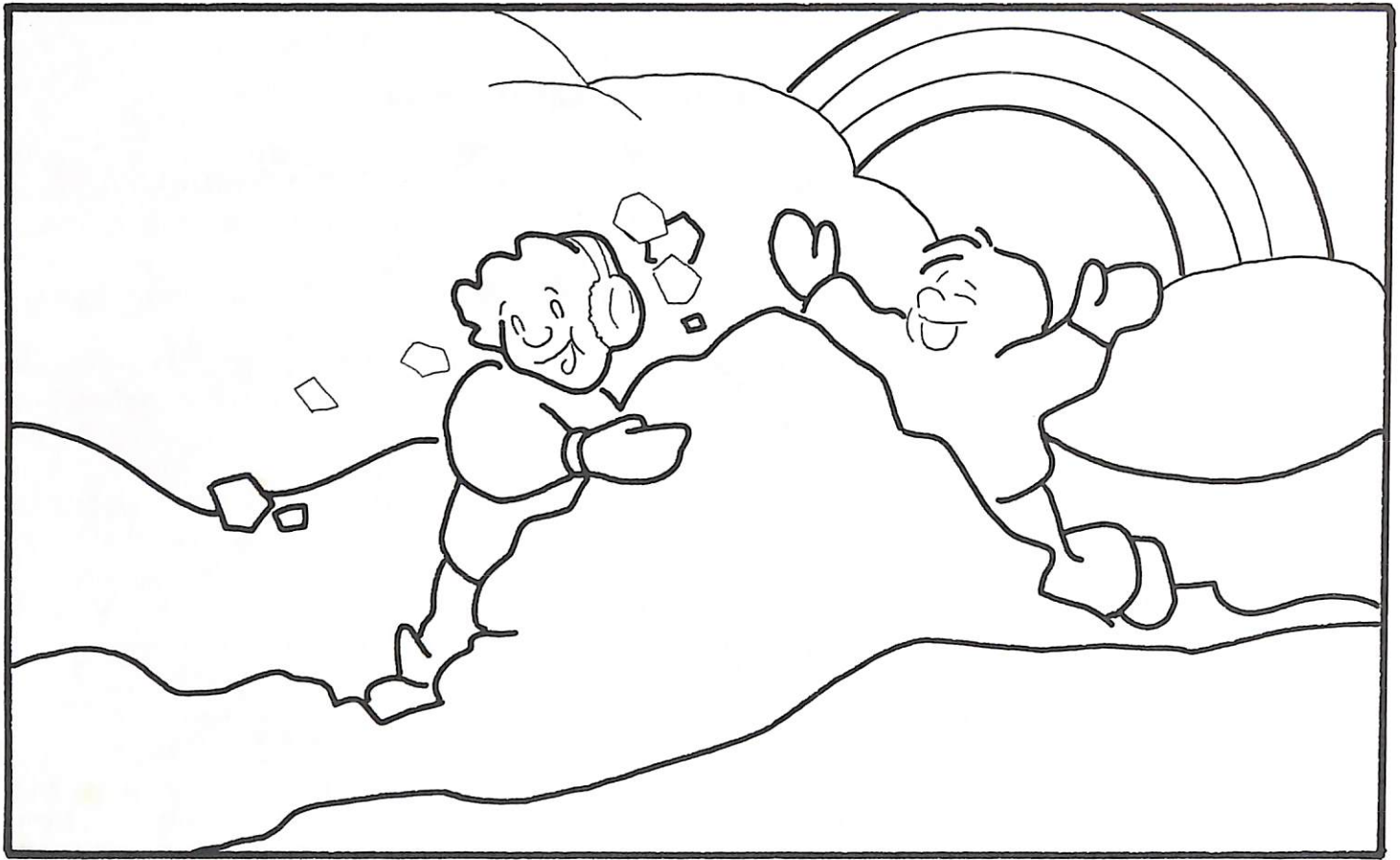
A grand celebration is planned for May 4 - 5, 1995 in Denmark. In commemoration of May 5, 1945, special events have been planned for the entire country. A special invitation is extended to those who actively participated in the liberation activities during the war years.

Arrangements have been made to leave in groups from California, Oregon and Washington at the end of April. For more information contact Henning Jensen, 1613 Brewster, Redwood City, California 94062, telephone (415)-366-3568.

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
10-15-94	Jacob Lehn	80	Unknown	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1988
11-14-94	Robert A. Moehrke	49	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1987
11-18-94	Frank Drews	85	Sidney, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1964
10-20-94	Arthur W. Johnson	87	Unknown	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1976
9-3-94	Holger Sorensen	85	St. Paul, Minnesota	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1935
11-1-94	David Hansen	46	Aurora, Nebraska	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1963
11-17-94	William L. Mathews	73	Inkster, North Dakota	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1985
11-25-94	Edward E. Halse	68	Detroit, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1955
11-15-94	Harry Hansen	83	Gustine, California	67	Fresno, California	1941
11-18-94	George F. Rostrup	90	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1981
11-26-94	John Christiansen	90	Denmark	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1927
11-22-94	Alex Madsen	82	Jamestown, North Dakota	263	Askov, Minnesota	1930
12-3-94	Vivian M. Goebel	83	Brown City, Michigan	700	Omaha, Nebraska	1977



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change.

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My number in the lodge is _____

Name _____

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Telephone() _____



Denmark is a land of cold winters and sparkling sunshine. This month, Jorgen plays in the snow, or "sneer", with Stephen. Above the clouds, Bifrost soaks up the sun. "Hvor er det et dejligt vejr id dag!" he says. "What a lovely day!" What is the weather like at your house today?

December winners: Christopher Hansen and Robyn Burkall.

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