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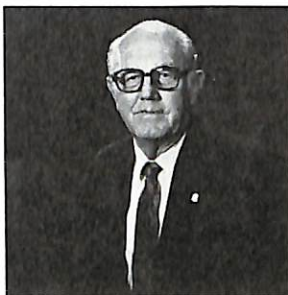
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Message from the President

As July is already upon us, and summer in full swing, we, the members of the Danish Brotherhood, anxiously await the decision of our delegates with respect to the merger between the Danish Brotherhood and Woodmen of the World and/or Assured Life Association. Ballots were mailed to DBIA delegates on June 9, 1995, and are due to be returned no later than August 1, 1995.

The DBIA nine-member National Committee on Laws has reviewed the proposed "Agreement and Plan of Merger" and unanimously recommends its adoption. This committee's work was accomplished through the mail with Chairman David Nealson of West Branch, IA Lodge No. 326 compiling the opinions received from committee members and rendering a final recommendation. Individual opinions of the committee, along with the final recommendation, can be found in this issue of **American Dane**.

You may be interested to know that verification of credentials for DBIA delegates of record for the purpose of this referendum was accomplished by National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen. The delegates of record are those delegates that attended the Special National Convention of the DBIA just one year ago. At that time, it was verified that we had 72 delegates of record. However, the following lodges have since dissolved: Bridgeport, CT Lodge No. 37; St. Charles, IL Lodge No. 92; Newell, IA Lodge No. 147; Humboldt, IA Lodge No. 217; and Cedar Rapids, IA Lodge No. 347. Therefore, it has been determined that 67 delegates of record remain. Further, it is hereby noted that, in accordance with DBIA National Bylaws, Vancouver, Canada Lodge No. 328 does not have a vote on this particular matter. This brings our official delegate count to 66, with seven lodges receiving two votes in accordance with our bylaws. For purposes of this vote by referendum, then, a total of 73 votes are possible. A two-thirds vote, or 49, is required to effect the merger. All votes cast by each individual delegate will be published in a subsequent issue of **American Dane**.

At this time, Woodmen of the World and/or Assured Life Association is also balloting their governing body on the question of merging the DBIA into ALA. In fact, many of their delegates have already returned their ballots, with an enormous amount of support for the merger. ALA expects the measure to pass overwhelmingly and they look forward to welcoming the members of the DBIA into their Society.

The National Board of Directors, along with the Home Office staff, look forward to consummating a relationship with Assured Life Association with an affirmative vote by our delegates. It is an historical vote, and one that will propel the Danish Brotherhood in America well into the future.

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Our Lodges in Action

Lodge news should be sent to American Dane, PO Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska 68131 by the 10th of the month.

Pacific

Northwest

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA--Routine business at our May 3 meeting started with the secretary and treasurer's reports. Minutes for the April meeting were accepted as published. The financial report was also accepted. Welcome to Tom Sorensen who was initiated as a new member.

It was moved, seconded and carried to place an ad in the Sisterhood National Convention program book, to donate \$100 to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, and to donate \$200 to the Northwest Danish Foundation in appreciation for their rent-free donation of meeting space.

Ken Kromann, Sec.

Lodge No. 33, Tacoma, WA--As we do not meet in the summer, our next event will be a picnic in September. It will be dedicated as a thank you party for Signe Madsen, who just retired as lodge secretary after ten years.

Egon Calundann, Sec.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR--The May meeting was called to order by President Debbie Turner. The Pledge was led by Kris Roley and the symbols explained by Ed Hirsch. The charter was draped to honor Darlene Vose and Kasey Hudson who recently passed away.

The minutes of the April 5 meeting were read and accepted as written. The treasurer's report was read and approved by the membership. June Pihl made everyone aware of the lodge scholarship monies available for 1996 high school graduates who plan to go on to college.

A motion was made by Larry West to reimburse the delegates to the district convention for their dinners. Motion passed. Asbjorn Fisker reported on the status of the merger.

After the meeting, we were fortunate

enough to have Grete Kasch and Pete Christensen share with us what it was like during the liberation from the Nazis in World War II. Grete also read Erik Voldbaek's account from his experience. Pete then showed a very interesting film taken by the Danish Underground during the war. The Sisters served Danish æblekage and white candles were lit on all the tables. Thanks so much to Grete and Pete for a most wonderful and informative evening.

Ruth Dally, Sec.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR--Our May meeting was attended by approximately 55 members. Mo Pedersen presented Mary Stefansen with a Past President's pin. Al Nyegaard reported that the 1996 convention will be held May 3-5, 1996, at the Valley River Inn. There will be a list going around for anyone interested in helping.

Martin Taekker moved and Kris Sand seconded to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was approved. Homer Hansen gave the treasurer's report. Peter and Bill Jensen sent a check for \$100 to be donated to Himmelbjer-

get. We received a thank you from Astrid Pedersen for the \$50 Himmelbjerget scholarship.

The coast trip at Taekker's cabin is August 19. Martin Taekker reported there will be a Høst Fest this year. Fred and Kathleen Thomsen and Martin and Hanne Taekker are co-chairs and other volunteers are needed. It will be held on October 7 and the church has been reserved.

We were dismissed in the usual and customary way.

Susie Staats, Sec.

California

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA--The May meeting was called to order by President David Seale with 26 members present. Secretary Betty Seale read the minutes from the last meeting which were approved as read. We received a thank you note from Henning Jensen for the \$50 donation towards the two redwood trees sent to Denmark in memory of the 50th anniversary of freedom from the Nazi occupation. Treasurer Sofie

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
Mary A. Hansen	1	Omaha, Nebraska	George Madsen
Dennis J. Niesen	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	David Kreier
Brent J. Kilmer	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	Jason Kreier
Ronald L. Akins	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	John L. Mikus
Tom P. Sorensen	29	Seattle, Washington	Aage Andersen
Ruth K. Patterson	34	Dwight, Illinois	Unknown
Toni V. Jensen	35	Chicago, Illinois	Paul E. Sloth
Howard M. Klitgaard	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Don W. Jensen
Fred P. Clayton	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	Henry Petersen
Russell R. Clayton	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	Henry Petersen

Christoffersen read the treasurer's report which was approved.

On July 8, we will have a swim party at Doris Christensen's home beginning at 3 p.m. It will be a steak barbecue for a cost of \$15.

Our delegates to the district convention are David Seale, Kate Krake Nielsen, John Kristensen, Doris Christensen and Sofie Christoffersen. Alternates include Poul Dalby Andersen and Bonnie Pedersen.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor
Inger Dix, Assoc. Editor

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA-- At our May meeting, the minutes and treasurer's report were given and the bills were read and paid. We received a thank you from the Orange County Red Cross for our \$200 donation. We also received a thank you from the Friends of the Danish Olympic Committee, Paralympic Team for our \$100 donation. We will send a donation to the church museum, Savior Historical Society.

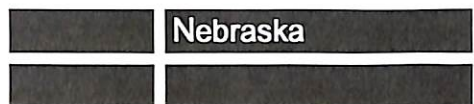
Please continue to collect aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and small personal items for the YWCA of Orange County.

Congratulations to Kaleena Chappell

and Melissa Chadwick who were each awarded a \$50 camp grant from the National Headquarters.

The meeting was closed and refreshments were served.

Gerry Olsen, Cor.



Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE-- We will not have a meeting in July but we will have a potluck picnic on August 1. Please bring your own table service. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with the potluck served at 6:30 p.m. A meeting will follow.

We received a thank you note from Dana College indicating that our gift to the choir's Denmark tour put them over their goal!

A grandparents/grandchildren's night will be held in September.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE-- May 18 was our Mother's Day banquet. Glen Haselbarth led 58 members and ten guests in the Danish table prayer before a wonderful Danish meal prepared and served by Marion and Larry Sorensen. The tables decorations were given as door

prizes. Ray Van Norman was our master of ceremonies for the evening.

Ed Krause of Omaha spoke on how important it is to keep our Danish heritage alive and have our young people join in the continuation of the DBIA.

Our featured speaker was Antoinette Willa Turner of Bladen, granddaughter of Anna Pavelka who was the character model for Antonia in Willa Cather's novel "My Antonia". Mrs. Turner was interesting and entertaining. She shared memories and stories of her grandmother. Many articles were on display of her grandmother's. She gave insights into preserving our individual heritage and family history and customs.

The committee of Glen Haselbarth, Clara Yant, Ray and Alice Van Norman and Don and Marion Beck did a superb job.

Marie Nelson, Cor.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE-- President Howard Madsen opened the May 20 meeting with 25 members present and led the flag salute. The minutes from the April meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was read and bills were approved to be paid.

Most of our meeting was spent discussing plans for the district convention to be held at the Elks Club in Superior on

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
3-8-95	Niels Jensen	90	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1941
4-23-95	James Barrett	76	Montello, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1974
4-22-95	William McKim	78	Independence, Missouri	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1992
4-28-95	Harold R. Petersen	72	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1957
4-25-95	Anthony Padula	80	Newark, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1959
4-21-95	Walter R. Hansen	82	Oakland, California	39	San Leandro, California	1953
4-27-95	James F. Anderson	70	Albert Lea, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1940
4-30-95	Harry O. Thuesen	91	Rock Springs, Wyoming	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1941
4-29-95	Holger Rasmussen	82	Marlette, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1931
4-28-95	Reuben Haglund	67	Waukegan, Illinois	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1990
5-1995	Carl W. Sorensen	69	Unknown	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1941
5-18-95	Arnold Andersen	86	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1962
5-20-95	Alfred M. Beck	78	Chicago, Illinois	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1942

August 25-27.

The tables were beautifully decorated with centerpieces to stress each month of the year. Each of us sat at our birthday month table. Cake and home-made ice cream were served by the hostess.

Geraldine Schultz, Sec.

⌘⌘**Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE**--We enjoyed having Danish guests at the last meeting; Marite Larsen, Danish instructor at Dana, and Tine Midtgaard, a Danish student at Dana. Thomas Hansen gave the program entitled "Denmark Today".

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE--At our May 17 meeting, Brad Kosmicki was presented with a plaque from the National Headquarters as the recipient of the 1995 Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award for Excellence. Delores Battles was selected to be our nominee in the contest for the outstanding member in the Nebraska District.

We elected delegates to attend the Nebraska District Convention. They are Delbert Battles, Glen Rasmussen, Arne Espersen and Betty Alderman.

Vera Petersen, Sec

South

Dakota

Lodge No. 139, Viborg, SD--We celebrated our 95th anniversary on June 3. Approximately 200 people attended the event which included a dinner, dance and much reminiscing. The function was held at the lodge hall in Viborg.

Helen Sorensen, the first woman president of our lodge, welcomed all in attendance, while Ruth Peterson shared a little history of the lodge. Helen and Arnie Sorensen were each presented with flowers in recognition of their hard work and dedication to the Danish Brotherhood. Jerry Christensen, CEO/National Secretary-Treasurer of the Danish Brotherhood, was in attendance and shared remarks on behalf of the National Board of Directors and Home Office staff.

The celebration included the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and the Danish National Anthem by Virginia Ruud, who also lead the group in singing "God Bless America". The evening proved to be a huge success. Thanks to all who participated in planning the event.

Ruth Peterson, Sec.

Heartland

Lodge No. 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA--We met at Mickel's Restaurant in Harlan for our May 22 meeting with Signe Madsen as hostess. The main topic was Tivoli weekend. It was decided to forget the bake sale and serve drinks and kringle at the Museum. It was a Dutch treat evening with ten members present.

Irene Boose, Sec.

Midwest

⌘⌘⌘**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI**--Welcome to new members Nick Mele, Walter Miller, Brent Kilmer, Dennis Neisen, Ronald Akins and Donald Newport.

A big thank you goes to the crew who stripped and waxed the upstairs prior to the anniversary party. Thanks to Les Spitzer for doing some electrical work.

Six teams participated in the Midwest District bowling outing. Thanks to Todd Barnett for making all the arrangements.

Our 103rd anniversary party brought 230 members, guests and widows for a night of fellowship. Thanks once again to Roger Nelson for his great job as Toastmaster. President Bernhardt brought greetings from the lodge and introduced the 1995 officers and widows present.

Sisterhood Lodge No. 20 President Lillian Andersen and Brotherhood Midwest District President Dick Perschnick brought greetings and congratulations. We then heard from National President Woody Petersen and he presented 25 year pins to Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Tommy

Nielsen and Jacob Littman (not present). Paul Sloth led in singing the American and Danish National Anthems.

Brother-of-the-Year Awards were presented to Todd Barnett and Jeff Bernhardt. Also to Ken Spiegelhoff and John Hosmanek who were not present. Lifetime awards went to Tony Maruca, Harry Brookhouse and John Sullivan. A special Viking Ship Award was presented to Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. for his many years of service on the board and to the lodge.

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 all those who helped in any way.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

⌘⌘**Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL**--At our meeting on May 8, minutes were read and approved. Correspondence and bills were read. A motion was made and carried to pay bills. Amy Perschnick was voted in as a new member. Rhea-Ann and Cassandra Wilson were each presented with a \$50 camp grant and a certificate from the National Headquarters. Patricia and David Mortensen also received camp grants but were not present.

Dick Perschnick reported on the bowling tournament. They had a nice meal and a good time was had by all who attended. Ray Brockman donated a P.A. system for us to use as long as we wanted. When not wanted any longer, it is to be returned to him.

Delegates for the district convention are Don Klehm and Robert Anderson. Alternates are Leo and Ethel Pedersen.

The Area Chamber of Commerce asked for a donation for the July 4th celebration. A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$100. A donation of \$250 is to be sent to the Scholarship Fund.

Bingo was played and lunch was served.

Marge Lauritsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL--Thanks to all who helped make the scholarship frikadeller dinner a success. Neola Bowen

and her committee did a good job. Another thank you should go to all who came and supported this activity.

The Midwest District golf outing is coming up on July 16 at Urban Hills Country Club in Richton Park. Tee-off time is 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$35 per person for 18 holes with a cart; \$24 per person for 18 holes without a cart. A buffet will be served at the club upon completion of golf for a cost of \$14. Winners will be announced at the buffet. Also, a raffle will take place all day with winners of prizes being announced after the buffet. Please contact Woody Petersen or Ray Nielsen for reservations by July 8.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Michigan

Ohio

The Michigan-Ohio District Convention was held in Farmington Hills, Michigan, on May 6 jointly hosted by Detroit Lodge No. 227 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 125. Ken Rehan welcomed the delegates and visitors to the convention after which he turned the gavel over to District President Ron Hammer.

Roll call showed five officers and 16 delegates in attendance. A moment of silence was held in memory of departed Brothers. The minutes of the previous convention were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read. President Hammer appointed Darwin Noah, Dena Pedersen and Ken Christensen to the Audit Committee to go over the treasurer's books during the afternoon break.

The subject of combining the district convention with one of the district activities was discussed. It was decided that because the Ludington lodge would be hosting the next convention, they would make a decision on that matter and inform the other district lodges when the time comes.

Darwin Noah joined the Sisterhood meeting to let them know about the combining of activities and to get their opinion on the matter. It was later reported that they were in favor of giving it a try.

The question of what method should be used to pay the attorney's fee was brought up and after much discussion, it was decided that each lodge would pay their share based on their membership. Rough calculations showed it would cost approximately \$1.00 per member.

Paul Carlsen reported on the current status of the proposed merger with Woodmen of the World/Assured Life Association stating that a Special Edition of **American Dane** would be published explaining it in detail.

Bills were read and approved.

The Ludington lodge donated \$1,000 and the Greenville lodge donated \$200 to the District Scholarship Fund. Because of this, the district was able to award 18 scholarships in the amount of \$100 each to the applicants. This makes a total of 148 scholarships for a total of \$18,425 in awards since the program was instituted.

Election of officers resulted in the following: President, Keith Koegler; Vice President, Carol Minard; Treasurer, Otto Pedersen; Secretary, Robert Sorensen; and Alternate, Don Hansen.

A motion to raise district dues to \$1.00 per member and \$1.00 per member for the Scholarship Fund was made and passed. The reason for this motion was because of the declining membership, without the bills going down. Therefore, effective immediately, dues will total \$2.00 per member per year. This causes a bylaw change which was passed by the delegates.

The Audit Committee reported the treasurer's books were in their usual good

order.

A motion to change the bylaw section on scholarships to lower the minimum from \$125 to \$100 was passed.

Individual lodge reports were then given. The new officers were installed by Paul Carlsen, assisted by Ken Rehan. Keith Koegler, incoming president, presented the outgoing president, Ron Hammer, with a past president's pin after which he invited the convention to Ludington for 1996.

Robert Sorensen, Dist. Sec.

GCEL

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY-- After our May 12 meeting, a Chinese auction to benefit our lodge was run by Olfert Hansen in his expert way, ably assisted by his wife Joan.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Payment to Board Members

Semi-Annual Board Meeting: Woodrow Petersen, \$356.00; Erling Braumann, \$611.00; Paul Carlsen, \$431.00; Barry Edmonds, \$641.00; Asbjorn Fisker, \$532.00; Edward Madsen, \$580.00; and Robert Ibsen, \$328.21.

Semi-Annual Expense Allowance: Erling Braumann, Paul Carlsen, Barry Edmonds, Ebba Norby, Asbjorn Fisker, Edward Madsen, and Robert Ibsen, \$250.00 each.

Allowance, Woodrow Petersen, April and May, \$186.25 each month.

National Law Committee Recommends Proposed Merger

Individual opinions from committee members as well as the committee's final recommendation are as follows:

Ronald Jensen, Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI--It would appear that we are well rid of the Sons of Norway agreement.

Svend Christensen, Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA--As I see and understand it, we have a better offer from the Woodmen of the World and/or Assured Life Association of Littleton, Colorado financially. I, therefore, recommend we vote for the merger. I will assist in any way I can.

Kaj E. Kristensen, Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, CA—I am sorry it took me so long to return the ballot. I decided to pool our members at the last meeting. Also asked a few members not attending the meeting. I waited for members to read the Special Edition of **American Dane** and perhaps call me with their opinion if they lived outside the Bay Area. Members outside the Bay Area never called me to discuss the merger. Members within the Bay Area attending the meetings agreed that the merger should go forward and be consummated as soon as possible. They mostly agreed that ALA should have been our number one merger plan. I vote in favor of the merger with ALA.

Erik Hansen, Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, NE—I am in favor of the proposed merger.

Karen Bruun, Lodge No. 155, Bellingham, WA—After a careful study of the proposed agreement, the “question and answer” section as well as considering the National Board’s position, I recommend that the agreement be accepted.

Knud O. Koefoed, Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—Our National Board of Officers worked long and hard to complete the merger agreement and I am in favor of it. I know the agreement cannot be changed, but I must air my one concern, and that is the appointment of directors to the National Board of Officers, and later when they have the national convention, these appointed directors will be subjected to general election. Doing this, we, in the DBIA, might lose representation on the Board.

Otto Pedersen, Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI—Yes, go for it - seems much better than SON. I would like to see ALA join NFC and get the same liability insurance as DBIA has right now. If possible, have **American Dane** bi-monthly or quarterly.

Helen Kofod, Lodge No. 325, Nassau Co., NY—In order for us to survive as an organization as long as possible, I think it is important that we have a national organization to tie us together. Otherwise, most lodges will fall apart in short order. Since a big portion of our membership is barking at paying high dues to a National Headquarters, it seems to me that the only thing we can do is join another fraternal organization. The Woodmen of the World seems to stand for good and wholesome ideas, and even though they are not Scandinavian, they say they like the idea of having an ethnic flavor, and are not interested in taking the Danishness away from us. It then will be up to us to hold on to our ideals.

As to the question of ALA not being licensed in all the states that DBIA is, I hope that they will be able to include those states, or at least that they will be able to service those states from their headquarters like DBIA has done in the past for those states where they are not licensed. I would hate to think that we would not be able to offer insurance to anybody who might want it.

My answer to the question of merging with the Woodmen, therefore, is a yes.

David Neelson, Lodge No. 326, West Branch, IA—I am in agreement with this merger.

FINAL RECOMMENDATION—The Law Committee of the Danish Brotherhood in America do hereby cast a unanimous decision for this merger.

1995 Camp Grant Recipients

Sarah Beck	Ben Bergman	Willie Bergman	Melissa Chadwick
Kaleena Chappell	Clarke Cheeke	Ryan Cheeke	Jacob Christensen
Joni Christensen	Peter Christensen	Thomas Christensen	Carl Danko
Erik Danko	Niel Danko	Allison Eitzmann	Nicholas Eitzmann
Heather Hackbarth	Bryan Holzhauer	Anne Marie Larsen	Kristen Larsen
Amanda Lary	Christina Lary	Brett Mommer	Casey Mommer
John Mommer, II	Kristi Mommer	Peter Mommer	Shannon Mommer
David Mortensen	Patricia Mortensen	Dwight Nelson	Erik Nielsen
Katrina Nielsen	Allison Overgaard	Courtney Overgaard	Anne Marie Paulsen
Lars Pedersen	Anton Jorgen Petersen	Christian Petersen	Hans Jensen Petersen
Cody Snidow	Karen Snidow	Kristin Stanton	Cassandra Wilson
Rhea-Ann Wilson			

1995 Danish Language Camp Matching Funds Recipients

Seth Jensen	Levi Moore	Cody Temple	Cassidy Temple
Anne Lamberg	Barbara Hilzinger	Aaron Nelson	Elizabeth Engelmann
Kai Vestergaard	Cassy Johnson	Ryan Masterson	Danny Masterson
Cerissa Farrington	Morgann West	Ben Roley	Jon Roley
Ashley Maier	Morgan Maier	Seth Dewey	Megan Dewey
Jacob Prinz	Tyler Prinz	Alison Fisker	Matthew Emmick
Katrina Harley	Annelise Kromann	Charlotta Kromann	Kirsten Sorensen
Karin Sorensen	Hanne Poulsen	Derek Stavnschoj	Kirsten Kjelgren
Kaija McIntosh	Astrid Pedersen		

Robert Sorensen, Recipient of 1995 “Howard E. Christensen Award”

The National Board of Directors is proud to announce Robert Sorensen of Detroit, Michigan Lodge No. 227 as the recipient of the 1995 “Howard E. Christensen Award”.



National Second Vice President Paul Carlsen presented Robert Sorensen with the 1995 “Howard E. Christensen Award” at the Michigan-Ohio District Convention held on May 6 hosted by Detroit, Michigan Lodge No. 227.

Robert (Bob) has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for 30 years. He has held many offices at the local level including lodge president in 1970 and 1978 and many years as recording secretary and lodge historian. He was a Board member of his lodge in 1966 and 1967. As historian, Bob researched Lodge No. 227’s past presidents and made a plaque with names and the years they served, a span of 85 years.

Bob has also been very active on the district level holding the office of secretary of the Michigan-Ohio District for 23 years as well as a District Fraternal Coordinator for three years. Through the District Fraternal Coordinator Program, he helped lodges in his district become more knowledgeable of lodge and national activities and programs and served as a liaison between the lodges and the National Headquarters. He would attend various lodge meetings to offer suggestions and assistance in any capacity.

According to fellow lodge members, “Bob’s attendance at

lodge and district events is 100%. He is supportive of the lodge and is a problem solver and peacemaker. The lodge as a whole benefits from his presence.”

Bob is known for his talent for speaking and his sense of humor. It is with this talent that he was selected to be the installing officer of his lodge for many years.

Bob is a retired industrial engineer. He worked for General Motors for 38 1/2 years. He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of two sons, John and Craig.

Bob was presented with a plaque at the Michigan-Ohio District Convention in May. He was taken completely by surprise and received the award with much emotion and happiness.

Bob says when he learned he was the recipient of the “Howard E. Christensen Award”, he was tongue tied. “Thank you for honoring me in this way as I’m sure that there are many others just as deserving of this award.”

It is with this award, Bob is recognized for his years of outstanding dedicated service to the Danish Brotherhood, his family and his community. The entire DBIA membership appreciates and congratulates Bob for his commitment.

The Board of Directors would like to recognize all those members nominated for this award. The Board realizes that it is members like these who keep the Danish Brotherhood alive.

The following were nominated by their fellow lodge members:

Ruth H. Nielsen, Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE

Svend Christensen, Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA

Edith Andersen, Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA

Hans C. Simonsen, Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT

Ahlmann Iversen, Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL

Darrell J. Larsen, Lodge No. 42, Spokane, WA

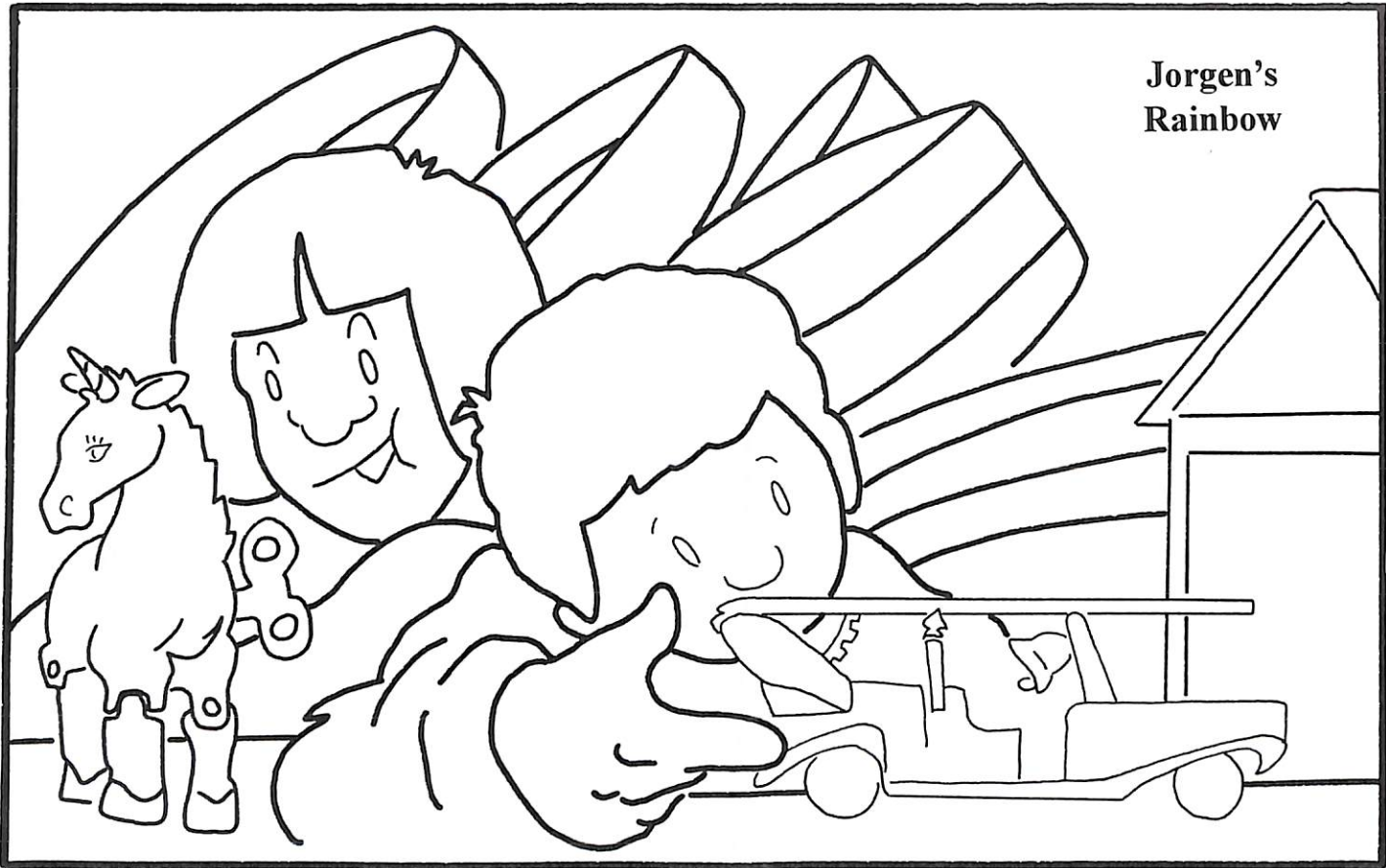
Edith Meyer, Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE

Hans P. Christensen, Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR

Thorvald Sorensen, Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA

Allan Nyegaard, Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR

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