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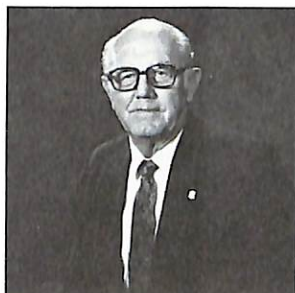
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Message from the President

It is with much pride that I write this particular article for the **American Dane**. Although not all DBIA delegates had returned their ballots with respect to the proposed merger between the Danish Brotherhood and Woodmen of the World and/or Assured Life Association at the time of this writing, it is my sincere pleasure to report that we do currently have the required two-thirds vote in favor of the merger. In fact, no delegate has returned a dissenting vote thus far. Further, James Wiederstein, Chairman of the Board and President of Woodmen of the World/Assured Life Association, has informed us that their governing body has also overwhelmingly approved the merger. Congratulations to all of you!! This is a major step forward to effect this merger.

By the time you read this, the State of Nebraska Insurance Department, as well as that of Colorado, will have been notified of the decisions of our respective Societies. They will then review the proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger and notify us of their decision for approval. We anticipate approval by both Nebraska and Colorado Departments.

Once the filing is complete and applicable approvals obtained, we will then work towards a detailed plan for transferring the administration and services of our Home Office to that of Assured Life Association in Littleton, Colorado. The Home Office will be in contact with you, the members, as well as DBIA lodges, with respect to these details for accomplishing the logistics of this merger. It is our goal to make this process as easy as possible for our members and lodges. Of course, the most critical issue of concern to our members seems to be the billing process for insurance premiums and national dues. Our Home Office will be coordinating the billing process with Assured Life Association to ensure proper billings. Whether you receive a future billing from the Danish Brotherhood or Assured Life Association, you should remit your payment to the respective office. This should make the process easier for you and we can properly credit your payment.

Once the merger is officially approved by all authorities, the DBIA social and associate national dues billing by the DBIA will discontinue. As you know, Assured Life Association does not recognize social or non-insured membership on a national basis. Instead, they allow social membership on a local lodge level only. Billings for social and associate members for August, 1995, have already been processed, and those national dues should be paid to the DBIA Home Office by their respective recipients as soon as possible. Until the merger is official, the DBIA is still a stand-alone organization and must continue its operations as usual, including the national dues billings. Here, again, we ask for your cooperation.

It would appear that the Danish Brotherhood's most trying year will soon come to an end. We are fortunate that when the merger with Sons of Norway went awry, Woodmen of the World and/or Assured Life Association was there to pick up the pieces. It is gratifying to know that it is because of Assured Life Association that we are able to embark on a new beginning for the Danish Brotherhood and its members. Now, more than ever, we rely on the strength of our individual lodges and their respective districts to promote and perpetuate the Danish culture and traditions for the benefit of future generations.

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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--President Otto Brask called the June 7 meeting to order with 20 members present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed. A letter of thanks was received from Torben Nielsen for our \$500 donation. Torben is presently receiving treatment for leukemia.

It was moved and seconded to donate \$200 to the Northwest Danish Foundation. This was amended to \$300 and, after some discussion, the amendment was approved.

Edith Andersen gave the treasurer's report. A letter was received from Matthew Emmick thanking us for the \$50 donation to attend Himmelbjerget.

The president thanked the convention committee for the excellent job at the recent convention. He also appointed Anker Sorensen to form a committee for Veterans Night for the September 6 meeting.

Paul Hansen, Sec. Pro-Tem

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR--The June 7 meeting was called to order by Acting President Jean Whittlesey. The charter was undraped and the minutes of the May 3 meeting were accepted as written.

Correspondence was read. Mel Pihl made a motion to support the Danish Immigrant Museum at \$100 per year for five years, which Norm Powell agreed should be a priority. This motion carried by a slight margin. Ed Hirsch moved that we take out a \$50 ad in the Sisterhood National Convention program and that motion also carried. Jim Chase read the treasurer's report which was accepted.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Danish National Anthem accompanied by Phil Baker on the piano. **Ruth Dally, Sec.**

California

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA--Our last meeting was called to order by President David Seale with 28 members present. Secretary Betty Seale read the minutes from the

previous meeting and Sofie Christoffersen gave the treasurer's report. Both were accepted.

Our Italian Night and Chinese auction made a profit of \$612.00. Thanks to all who helped. Special thanks to Henry Olesen who brought many items to be raffled off.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Editor
Inger Dix, Assoc. Editor

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA--At our June 10 meeting, we had a special Father's Day potluck dinner. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by the secretary and the treasurer gave her report. Both were filed as read.

We voted to give the youth chairpersons \$100 to purchase gifts on our behalf for the convention youth raffle. Our treasurer gave a report on the garage sale held in June.

We will be taking a Las Vegas trip to Sams Town in October. There will be dinner and/or lunch get togethers, casinos, shopping or tours of the area.

Gerry Olsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA--We will have a barbecue at the Patterson's on August 12 for members and friends. Happy hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. with dinner following at 5:30 p.m.

Sue Patterson, Sec.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE--At our last

meeting, the membership decided to have a vacation from regular meetings during July and August, resuming in September.

Delegates to the district convention are Dania Hundtoft, Mabel Kastrup and Helen McNichols. Alternates are Laurids Pedersen, Judi Pedersen and M. Stanley Jensen.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Heartland

The Heartland District Convention will be held on September 2-4 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, hosted by Brotherhood Lodge No. 15 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 102. The registration fee of \$27.50 includes all coffee breaks along with a stuffed pork loin banquet dinner followed by dancing on Sunday evening.

There will be a huge hospitality room for the entire weekend with youth activities nearby. Be sure to bring children of all ages and make this a family weekend.

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA--At our May 8 meeting, Kirsten Lundgren kept us chuckling with her superb reading of her favorite Hans Christian Andersen fairy tales. We commemorated the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Denmark and the end of World War II in Europe by having our members share their memories. The evening was topped off with a lively session of bingo.

On June 12, a large group enjoyed

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
Barbara A. Lokke	1	Omaha, Nebraska	Viola Cook
John N. Allen	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	John Hosmanek
Tony Scott	126	Los Angeles, California	Judy Andersen
Verneta I. Petersen	268	Junction City, Oregon	Walt Petersen

dinner and entertainment at the Viking Inn Restaurant and Lounge near Altoona. District and/or lodge scholarships were awarded to Gina Ayres, Angela Gerling, and Sara Meldrum.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 186, Luck, WI--Following our regular meeting on May 15, a tree planting ceremony was held. President Willis Erickson furnished a maple tree which was planted by members in memory of Reuben Haglund. It was planted near our hall and will be a living tribute in his memory.

President Willis then showed slides on gardening from Polk County, Wisconsin, to many other interesting places he has visited in France, Germany, Denmark and Holland. We all enjoyed his presentation which was followed by lunch.

Phyllis Christensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA--The May meeting was held along with the North Iowa Ethnic Fair. Thorvald Sorensen headed the information booth assisted by our members.

On June 10, we celebrated our 90th anniversary with a dinner party at the Colony Inn in Ventura, Iowa. Ken and Evelyn Gutterman brought an anniversary cake and Kathy Sonsalla and the Gutterman's brought decorations of red and white flowers along with Danish and American flags. Following a delicious meal, a short business meeting was held. We decided to meet July 8 at Plymouth, Iowa, to help celebrate their 125th anniversary. President Sorensen read a his-

tory of the Danish Brotherhood. Many of the members and guests told interesting stories about Denmark, its people and homes.

August 12 will be a potluck picnic at Rockford, Iowa, at 5:30 p.m. In case of bad weather, we will meet at the home of Verner and Alta Sorensen, also in Rockford.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge No. 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA--We met at Mike and Lisa Riggs' home in Elk Horn on June 26. It was a lovely setting to celebrate St. Hans Aften. We enjoyed the potluck supper on the deck, followed by the business meeting. Lisa read the history of the burning of the witch written by Heidi Pleffer as she presented it at the Tivoli celebration at the Danish Immigrant Museum. Then Mike set the witch on fire.

There were 14 members present and two guests. The guests were Derek Ogden from Madison, Virginia, and Ken Kephart from Concord, Pennsylvania, who were in town working on the Danish windmill. The next meeting will be August 28 at the Museum grounds.

Irene Boose, Sec.



Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI--Thank you to President Jeff Christiansen and his father Jack who supplied the delicious lunch at the May meeting. At the June 14 meeting, Glenn Nyboe and Lance King served their famous cookout of brats and hamburgers with all the

trimmings.

There will not be a meeting in August. The first meeting after the summer break will be September 13.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL--At our June 12 meeting, a report was given on the Trap Shoot which was held June 10 at the 4-H Park in Pontiac. There were 19 shooters, two women and one Viking.

We are planning a trip to Chicago to see the Cubs. A definite date will be announced later.

Marge Lauritsen, Sec.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI--Our business meeting scheduled for August 28 has been cancelled and our next meeting will be September 25.

Welcome to Howard Klitgaard who was initiated at our May meeting. We thank Elsa Berlin and Elsie Hein for serving refreshments at our May and June business meetings respectively.

We participated in the Scandinavian Festival on June 10. In addition to the sale of herring, cheese sandwiches and baked goods, we offered attendees the opportunity to view pictures of the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Payment to Board Members June

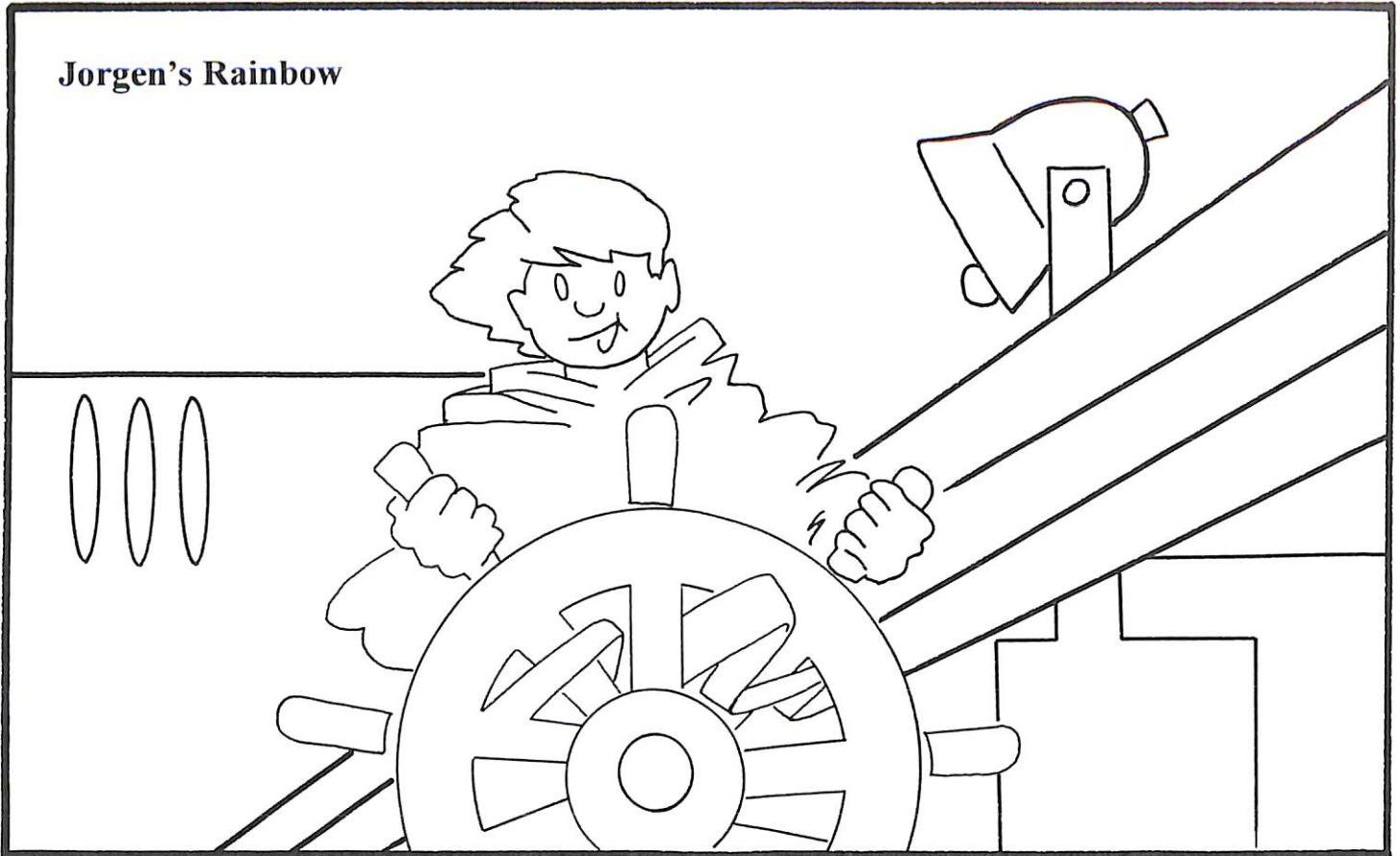
Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$186.25.

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
5-30-95	Cecil Blundy	67	Strawn, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1980
4-1-95	Alma Jones	68	Unknown	167	Portland, Oregon	1990
5-8-95	Marvin Hart	59	Fiscus, Iowa	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1981
5-27-95	Virginia Phoenix	53	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	342	Bucks County, Pennsylvania	1977
5-10-95	Thomas P. Corbett	80	Marinette, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1959
5-4-95	George H. Krogh	100	Ringstead, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
5-19-95	Ronald Mikkelsen	47	Geneva, New York	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1959
5-6-95	Ann Carver	77	Unknown	342	Bucks County, Pennsylvania	1975
5-30-95	Kenneth L. Rasmussen	68	Maple Park, Illinois	700	Omaha, Nebraska	1944
6-1-95	J. Fisker Andersen	68	Svendborg, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1962
6-14-95	Walter J. Hickey	78	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1957
6-7-95	Arthur D. Sweet	82	Muskegon, Michigan	30	Muskegon, Michigan	1941
6-10-95	Helmer Jensen	85	Kansas City, Kansas	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1932

Jorgen's Rainbow



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Nyhavn means "New Haven" in Danish, and is a water canal in Old Copenhagen dating back to 1673. The rough and tumble atmosphere of the place originated with the many sailors that would stay in the quarters along the canal's edge. Today Nyhavn boasts a display of old sailing vessels which Jorgen and his rainbow can explore.

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