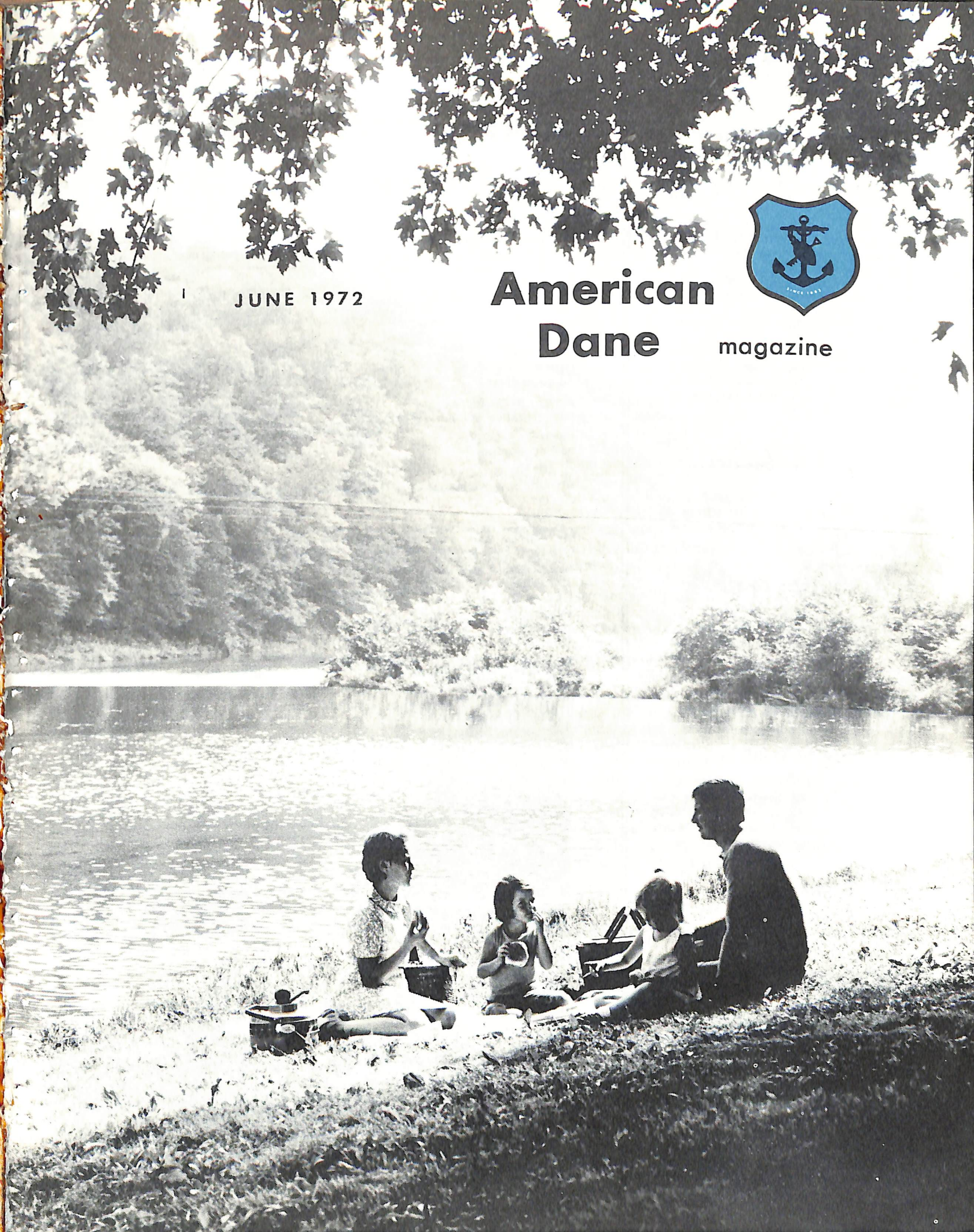


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**NEW DEADLINE ANNOUNCED**

As a result of a review of all lodge meeting dates, a new deadline for receipt of news items for American Dane Magazine has been announced. The new deadline is the 15th of the month.

The conclusion to change from the 10th to the 15th will enable lodges to submit a larger volume of news items for the "Our Lodges in Action" section. This will also give contributing editors more time to receive, edit and submit information. Your cooperation in working with the new schedule will be sincerely appreciated.

Please remember to send your articles to your Contributing Editor. This will keep him tucked in as to activities in his area, and enable better coverage of your lodge's affairs.

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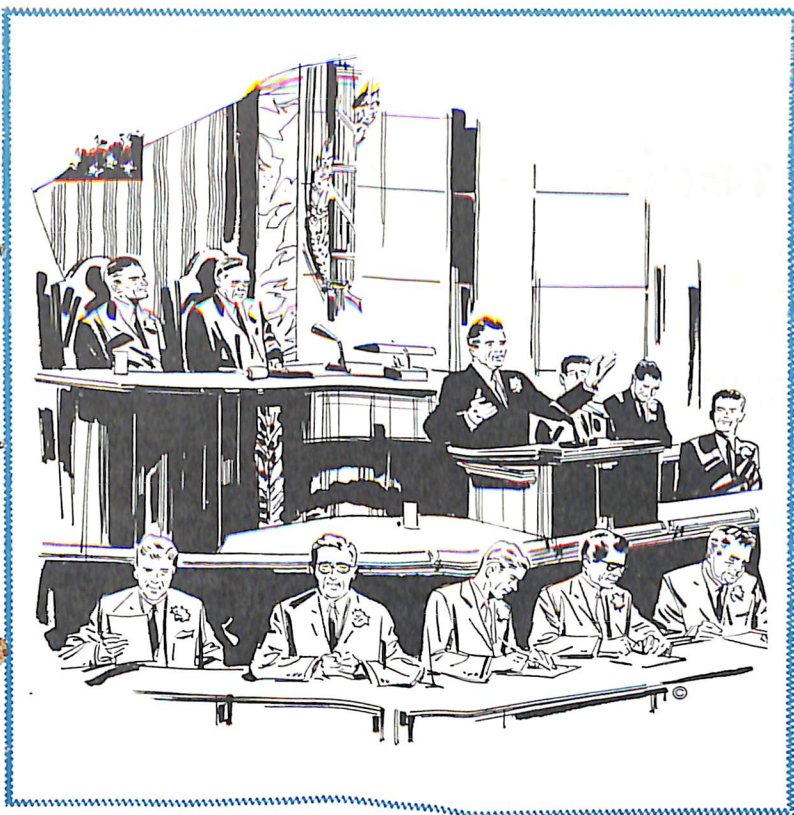
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Ah, summer at last! This is the month when schoolboys drop their books for a fishing pole, and families everywhere steal off in seclusion for a picnic lunch beside the placid waters. Have fun — and enjoy this great land of ours.



## Denmark: Yes, To The Common Market?

On the 16th of December, 1971, an important division took place in the Danish one-chamber legislature (the Folketing). With 141 votes for, 32 against, two members abstaining from voting and four being absent, the Krag cabinet was authorized to sign, subject to certain reservations, the treaties whereby Denmark would join the Common Market.

However, before the treaties can be ratified, the Danish population must be heard. Section 20 of the Danish constitution stipulates that on issues of such importance a plebiscite must be held. This will take place on Monday the 2nd of October. For the present and all future generations an important date, indeed, in Denmark's history.

Now, about four months are left before the populace will cast its vote, and there is still time to discuss, in private and public: Are you for or against the Common Market? The discussion is growing in intensity with a flood of books and booklets and public meetings.

What is the trend according to the Gallup polls?

	April 1972 (percentages)	April 1971 (percentages)
For joining .....	48	37
Against joining .....	28	30
Don't know .....	24	33

Thus it looks as if an increasing number of the population have made up their minds that it would be a good thing to join the Common Market.

What is the Common Market anyway?

EEC (European Economic Community), the Com-

mon Market, the Six, has its foundation in the Rome treaty of March 25, 1957. Its aims were and are: The elimination of customs duties and quotas in trade between the member states, a common customs tariff and common trade policy toward third countries, the abolition of obstacles to free movement of persons, services and capital between member states, the inauguration of common policies for agriculture and transport, etc. etc.

The present members (the Six) are France, the Federal German Republic, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. The new applicants are Great Britain, Denmark, Norway and Ireland.

Why should Denmark join?

Two experts from opposite political camps hold almost identical views on the matter, they are Professor P. Nyboe Andersen, former minister of European market affairs in the conservative-liberal Baunsgaard cabinet, and Mr. Ivar Nørgaard, holding the same post in J. O. Krag's present labor cabinet.

Among their arguments might be mentioned: Agriculture will benefit from higher prices, the net flow of foreign exchange will make it easier and cheaper to finance the economic growth, for Danish industries the joining will mean larger exports to the Common Market, and this will no doubt outweigh the keener competition on the inland market against Danish textiles, clothing, shoes, etc.

In our times cooperation to create the greatest possible free market is in accordance with modern technology and communication.

If the five million Danes should remain outside the huge Common Market of 300 million people they will have to face very difficult times, they must accept a very restrictive financial policy, a considerable devaluation of the Danish currency, restrictions on income and wages, price regulations and other unpleasant measures which will completely change the community we know today.

In this brief commentary hardly any figures are given, even if billions of Danish kroner are at stake either way, nor has the political aspects of being inside or outside the Common Market been expounded on. The intention was only to give the reader a taste, a feeling of the situation.

"It is difficult to prophesy, especially as regards the future," said the great Danish humorist, Storm Petersen. Let it suffice, therefore, to conclude with the wish that Denmark will choose the right road on the 2nd of October, and that is, you guessed it: YES.

With fraternal greetings,

J. A. Hertz.

This brief study of the relationship of Denmark with the Common Market was provided by Brother J. A. Hertz, a member of Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, who now lives in Virum, Denmark. Our appreciation is extended to you, Brother Hertz, for your very interesting report. Mange tak!

—the editor.

# The Danish Pioneer Settlement And Its Development

**I**N 1872, a lusty band of Danish emigrants settled in Victoria County on a triangle of land formed by the meeting of the St. John and Salmon Rivers. The area was about 10 miles south of Grand Falls among the hills and forests of northern New Brunswick. They decided, for old time's sake, to name it New Denmark.

The first recorded reference to New Denmark is found in the Speech from the Throne by Governor Wilmot, delivered at the opening of the Legislative Assembly on February 29, 1872. Governor Wilmot said that arrangements had been approved by the Dominion Government which would lead to the introduction of numerous and valuable class of immigrants.

As a result, the government of New Brunswick entered into an agreement with Messrs. Heller and Stymest for the introduction into New Brunswick from the Scandinavian countries, about 500 people, of whom two-fifths should be males 18 years and older;

"and in pursuance thereof, the Government of New Brunswick undertook:"

- (1) That each male emigrant over 18 years of age should have 100 acres of good farming land with good accessible roads, a chopping of two acres to be made on each lot of 100 acres at the expense of the Government, the immigrant to be employed to do such chopping. A suitable temporary building or buildings to be provided for the reception of the immigrant, upon or a short distance from his lot, such temporary building and the lot on which it stands to be reserved for school or other public purpose. On three years'

actual residence a grant to be issued from the Crown to each male settling as above.

- (2) That the able-bodied males over 18 years of age would receive employment on the railways or at other works, at the rate of, or at not less than one dollar per day, for a period not exceeding two years.
- (3) Any grants of land which the New Brunswick Railway Company agree to make to laborers in the employment of said company will be guaranteed by the Government.

On May 31, 1872, a party of six families, including ten children and seven single men, making a total of 29 people, left Copenhagen by steamer for Canada. The ship, under the command of Captain Heller, touched at Hamburg, Hull, Liverpool and Halifax.

The group travelled from Halifax by smaller steamer to Saint John and continued up the Saint John River to Fred-

erickton. From there they sailed by paddle-wheel boat to the mouth of the Salmon River landing at Whitehead Flats on June 19, 1872. Since two of the women were ill, they sought the aid of settlers living on the flats. One of them, Charles Watson, took the Danes the remaining two miles through the woods by horse team and sled. The route they travelled was just south of the road known today as "Luch Gulch Road."

Of that first group only a few New Denmark families remain: Anders Carlsen, Niels Christensen, Lars Clausen, Sigvardt Johansen and Ferdinand Nielsen.

Those first settlers lived in a government-built structure which became known as "Emigrant House." They remained there, crowded and relatively uncomfortable. Where the Danes had been used to the rolling plains of Denmark, they now found endless, hostile-looking forest.

With the hardships that beset many of New Brunswick's early settlers, some of the Danes lost hope. The stouter characters however, accepted the challenge of the vast woodland, the weather, the language barrier and the isolation. They set to work felling the gigantic trees, and then without the experience of knowledgeable woodsmen, they attempted to bury the hardwood logs in an effort to gain at least a little cleared land for crops. Frequently, today, when excavations are made in the district, the remains of those logs are unearthed.

Gradually the settlement increased in size. In August of the same year, Captain Heller brought another party of four or five families to New Denmark, and then the following year he led about 75 more

One hundred years ago, a boatload of Danish emigrants landed in Canada to establish a "New Denmark." Their dream is alive today, in spite of the vast woodland, the weather, the language barrier, and the isolation they faced. The DBA salutes New Denmark and its people on this historic occasion.

to the new colony. Others came later on their own.

The quaint inhabitants, dressed in homespun, clattered about their daily work in wooden clogs. The hardships demanded rigid economy, but in spite of their care, often they were scarcely able to repel starvation. More than once, growing hunger forced them to dig up the small plots of seed potatoes intended for the next year's crop.

The Danish women had always been used to taking a large share of the heavy work but in the days of the early settlement at New Denmark they were depended on for the most onerous chore. They thought nothing of the journey to Grand Falls and back, 20 miles on foot, carrying heavy burdens on their backs. Possibly at that time it may have been the most comfortable way to make the trip; the roads were appalling, and the journey a bumping one in primitive springless wagons, with wheels made of rough cross sections cut from large trees.

Money was practically unknown in the settlement for several years. Any surplus farm products were exchanged for goods in Grand Falls. The settlers would like to have written to their families back in Denmark but they were usually unable to obtain the nickel for postage.

One of the immigrants, L. P. Lysgaard Peterson, was the leader of several activities and his duties were varied. He officiated at the funeral of the colony's first victim of scarlet fever. The church records show that many small children of the community died in that first year. The death toll is not surprising considering that there was no immunization for contagious diseases and the people lived 10 miles from the nearest doctor, with no telephones and poor roads which were impassable at many times of the year.

Another immigrant, Christen Madsen, made coffins for many years. They were

made from boards covered on the outside with black or grey material and lined with white cotton. The handles were made of rope and covered with the fabric. In later years he used metal handles. The coffins cost three dollars during the first few years, then five dollars later and finally the price went up to \$10.00.

In the early years of the settlement, the mail was carried once a week on horseback from Grand Falls by James White. Many improvements have been made during the intervening years until now, New Denmark receives daily rural mail delivery.

At first the settlers were engaged in clearing land and mixed farming. Then, in 1892 the dairy herds had increased so that a cheese factory was erected. It was located on the Mill Hill. Some years later a second section was added to the factory for cheese-making at the Petersen section of New Denmark but it was in operation only a few years.

Buttermaking did not prove to be successful since there was no market for such large quantities. Cheese, on the other hand, could be readily marketed. Very large cheeses, weighing from 40 to 80 pounds, were shipped to England; smaller ones of 12 to 14 pounds, were sold in the neighboring towns or were consumed by the farmers themselves. The cheese-making enterprise proved to be very successful. For more than 25 years the factory made New Denmark a very promising dairying district. The farmers had herds from five to ten milking cows. By taking turns in collecting the fresh, whole milk daily the maintenance costs were kept down. The factory was run on a cooperative plan. In that way the farmers got most of the profits.

The first cheesemaker was a Mr. Tilley who came to establish the factory. Then Mr. William Fowler, from Sussex, N. B., took over the job. By this time the Danes

themselves understood the operation and Lewis Hansen, Peter I. Hansen and John Hansen each had a turn at cheese making.

The cheese was the "cheddar" type. It was shipped once a month, when it was necessary to have four or five teams haul it to Grand Falls. Farmers were paid by the pound of milk until it was found that some ambitious folk were adding water to it. Then it was paid for by test as cream is today. From a herd of seven or eight cows a farmer might realize about \$200 in a season. Cheese sold for 12¢ per pound.

The method used in cheese making was as it is today — however, it wasn't sealed with wax, but merely wrapped in cheese-cloth for shipment. Yet, it had amazing keeping qualities, sometimes being preserved from fall until the following summer in homes without refrigeration.

There were two other kinds of cheese made in the homes, "Knap-ost" and "Myse-ost," one using the curds of milk and the other using the whey. Caraway was used as seasoning and both were considered delicacies when served on dark or rye bread. The cheese factory in New Denmark passed out of existence with the beginning of the potato farming.

At first only small one-half acre fields were planted for the farmer's use only. These potatoes were tended by hand in all stages. Some improvising farmers wanting to save work would sometimes plow out the harvest instead of digging by hand.

When the farmers found they could market all the extra potatoes they could raise, they began to clear more land. Forest areas were cleared, exposing broad new-land fields, ideal for potato raising.

Most farmers had one very good team of horses to haul machinery in the fields, and haul the produce to market. Horses were an indispensable aid in the early years of potato growing. Horses hauled countless loads of potatoes to railway sidings. Distances of seven or eight miles were common.

Prices varied from 10¢ to \$10 per barrel, but because of low labor costs, and fairly steady market demands, those were years of rich rewards for potato farmers.

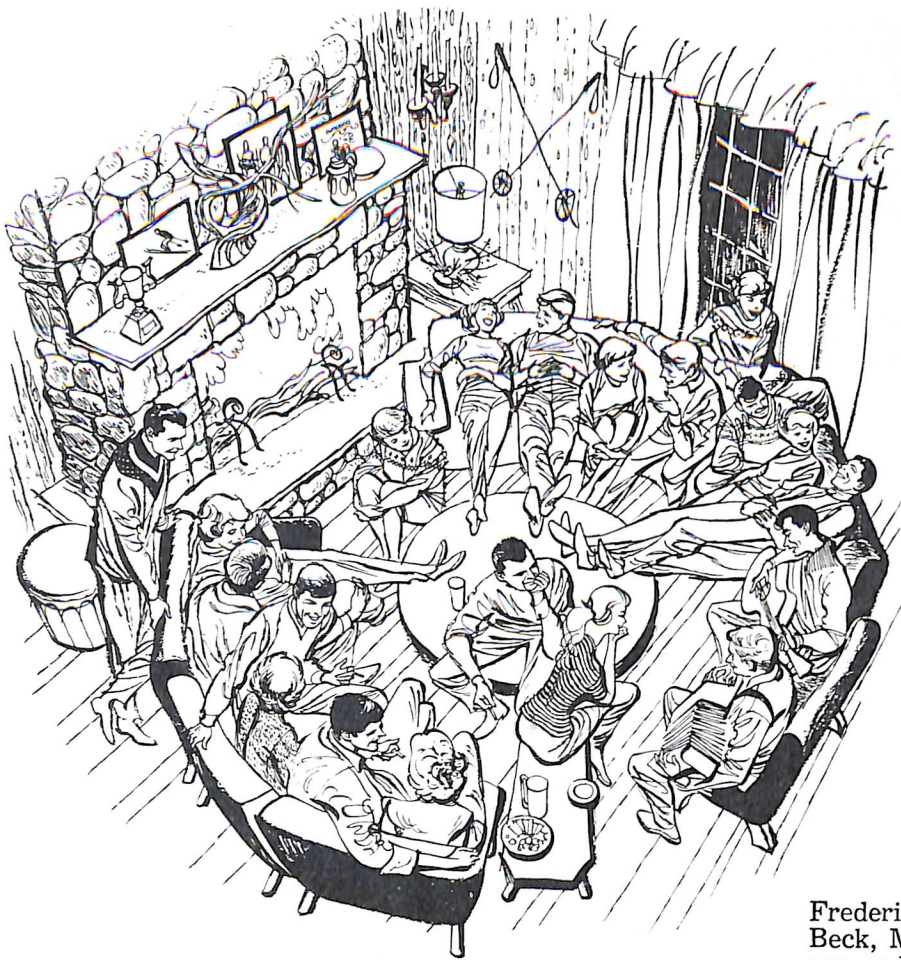
The residents of New Denmark now occupy positions of leadership and influence in affairs of New Brunswick. They occupy positions of leadership in business and public affairs.

Members of these families are scattered throughout North America, and every year many return to visit relatives and spend vacations in New Brunswick.

In 1972 — New Denmark's centennial year — plans are being made to welcome larger numbers, and family reunions will be the rule in the community.

On the site of the original landing of the first settlers, a museum was erected. It contains many of the objects of historical interest to the families and their ancestors. Many of the old records were burned, creating a serious void in the historical records of the names of original settlers. But with a special effort by the leaders in the community, a list has been made, based on the facts available, and the memories of the older people.





# Our Lodges in Action

## Pacific NW Convention Draws 200 To Seattle

More than 200 Pacific Northwest Danes gathered in Seattle, Wash., on the first weekend in May to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Danish Brotherhood, the 84th birthday of Lodge No. 29 (the Queen City having the oldest fraternity on the West Coast) and the 23rd annual Pacific Northwest District convention. The three-day event was blessed with the official opening of our spring-summer weather and delegates came from Canada, Washington and Oregon as well as National President of the Board of Officers, Einar Danielsen from Illinois. A world-wide fraternal organization of peace loving, fun promoting and neighbor-helping Scandinavians, the conclave was declared successful in all respects.

Brotherhood and Sisterhood representatives were on hand at the Roosevelt Motor Hotel in downtown Seattle for the opening session on Friday as the following letter was read from Mayor Wes Uhlman, "Our city has many very close ties with the countries of Scandinavia and we are a richer and more satisfying place to live because of them. A large and very significant part of the cultural heritage of Seattle has been contributed by our residents of Danish descent."

On hand was Danish Consul for the State of Washington, Brother Paul O. Nielsen as well as Knudaage Riisager, world renowned. Past Presidents Peter Pihl (soon leaving for Denmark to help celebrate his brother's golden wedding), Ed Hirsch, Magnus Esrom, Sam

Fredericksen, Norbert E. Grove, Jens Nielsen, John Beck, Martin Rasmussen, Svend Johansen, Hans Jensen and Kristen Jorgensen were all in attendance.

McMinnville delegates were Brothers Fred Hansen and Marvin Christensen; Portland was represented by Brothers Raymond Hanks, Christian Elster, Oscar Ostlund and William Pattersen; and Tacoma had Brothers Anker Kaer and Axel Larsen present.

Retiring President Henning Lindberg, Tacoma, delivered the welcoming address. Friday evening entertainment was centered around a "Tivoli theme." Saturday's sessions included bowling tournament awards, the selection of Enumclaw for next year's convention and the installation of 1972-73 district officers.

Chosen to lead the destinies of the Great Danes for the next 12 months are President Niels Nedergard, Enumclaw; Vice President Emil Larsen, Spokane; Secretary-Treasurer P. Sten Jessen, Seattle; First Trustee Lawrence Cook, Portland; Second Trustee Poul Christensen, Vancouver, B. C.; Third Trustee Max Madsen, Portland; Conductor Walter Hansen, McMinnville; Inner Guard Karen Bruhn, Bellingham; and Outer Guard Eivind Andreasen, Vancouver, B. C.

At the Saturday evening banquet, Sonia and "yours truly" had the pleasant company of table guests Northwest Danes Newsletter Editors Sten and Birgit Jessen, Mr. and Mrs. Svend Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Henning Nielsen and Mr. and Mrs. Flemming Sorensen. The Vikings bestowed honorary degrees to "The King" Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen and to Brothers Mogens Mogensen, Sam Fredericksen, Ed Hirsch and Elmer Boysen, and to a special guest, Danish Composer Knud Riisager. To the committee of Brothers Frank Larsen, Clyde Langsted, Jens Nielsen, Martin Rasmussen, Fred Hewes, Ib Rossen and Ed Olsen, we say "thanks and a job well done."

Enumclaw Brother Kai Rasmussen has as his house guest these days, Kristine and Carlos Hansen of Den-

mark, sister of his mother, Johanna, wife of Brother Nels Johnson. The young daughter of Past President Niels Nedergard will be spending a year in Denmark, following her graduation from Kent Meridan high school and their son, Bent, was married on March 10, making his home in Sumter, N. C. On April 9, Past President Jens Holm celebrated his 75th anniversary with a day long observance at the Danish Hall (special guest was his sister Pauline of Denmark). Long-time Treasurer of DB 113 Henry Hergert has retired from the Enumclaw Courier Herald.

Seattle Brother William Kock, Stanwood, passed away on March 17. Newest members include Werner Poulsen and Thomas Fox.

Vancouver, B. C., have initiated new Brothers Ove Bruhn, Henry Jensen and Peter Jensen.

**Norbert Grove**, Correspondent.

## NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

**General Committee of Eastern Lodges News** — An officer's meeting of GCEL was held on Saturday, April 29 at Brother George Jacobsen's home in Long Island, N. Y. Attending were President George Jacobsen, Vice President Mark Jensen, Sr., Secretary Erling Braumann, Treasurer O. Hansen, Trustee N. Edmonds, Past President P. Iversen, Correspondent A. Garde and Brother George Godthaab, Second Vice President of the Danish Brotherhood, who attended the full meeting.

At noon time, Brother George's wife, Birgit, served a delicious Danish lunch. Several matters were brought up and discussed, one of them was "News Items" from the Eastern Lodges in the Brotherhood Magazine. Some brothers have complained about the lateness of their specific news items appearing in the magazine. Let me repeat my statement from the last issue, I must have your news item not later than the first of the month, if they are to appear in the following month's issue.

After the meeting, a few brothers went to New Haven, Conn., to attend the Danish Sisterhood GCEL convention banquet, which was a splendid affair. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers — may they find their work rewarding!

**A. Garde**, Correspondent.

**Haabet Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.** — Our annual fish dinner was held at the regular meeting in March. We had visitors from the Hartford and Derby Lodges. Everybody had a good time, thanks to the Sisters in the kitchen.

On April 8, the Brotherhood held a dance and we had a good turnout, as usual. Ted Novak and his band played. Our annual picnic at Art Sorensen's place in Bethany will be held on July 30. As usual, there will be games and fun for everyone.

At this time, we have three sick members. They are, Anker Jorgensen, Hans Fredericksen and Bob Bruce. Hope you are feeling better soon!

**Chris Simonsen**, Secretary.

**Fremad Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** — At our regular meeting Friday, April 14, there was an election of delegate and alternate delegate to the GCEL convention to be held over Labor Day weekend in the Colonial Hilton Inn, Cranston, R. I.

Our sincere condolences go to the family of Brother Hans Schmidt who passed away on Tuesday, March 21. Sincere sympathy also to Brother Robert Neilsen,

whose mother passed away, and to Brother George Godthaab, whose father-in-law passed away.

Brother Louis Lydiksen is feeling better, but is still under a doctor's care. Hope you are able to be with us soon!

Saturday, April 22, DSS Lodge No. 79, Modersmålet Lodge No. 164 and Cimbria Lodge No. 257 held a combined anniversary. This was a luncheon-type affair held in the afternoon of that day.

Friday, May 19, Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, celebrated their 81st anniversary at Oak Hills Manor, Metuchen, N. J.

**Paul Iversen**, Secretary.

**Modersmålet Lodge No. 164, Bronx, N. Y.** — On April 22, Lodge No. 164 and Cimbria Lodge No. 257 held their anniversary lunch together with the Sister Lodge, Dannebrog No. 79 at Mozart Hall, New York City. In spite of the weather, the affair was well attended and a very good time was had by all!

We were honored to have Brother George Godthaab, the Second Vice President of the Danish Brotherhood present to present Brother Axel Neilsen with a 50-year pin and Brother Knud Pedersen with a 25-year pin. Also present were Brother George Jacobsen, Secretary of the Board of the Danish Brotherhood; Brother Jacob Kallesoe, the former President of Vort Land Lodge, and Brother Tab Wibroe and his wife from Bridgeport, Conn.

Brother George Nielsen of Cimbria Lodge was toastmaster. Our thanks go out to all those who helped make this affair a success. We expect to have another affair in the fall. Hoping to see as many Brothers and Sisters and friends of our lodge attend to help us make it another success!

**Robert Rasmussen**, Secretary.

**Enigheden Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** — The Folk Fair was held April 14-16 at Convention Hall. We were represented with a cultural booth displaying Danish arts and crafts. The Folk Fair committee worked hard to finish the booth and to make plans for the displays.

Like last year, the annual picnic outing went to West Point Park, near Lansdale, Pa. The date was May 21, and we began the day around 2 p. m. The \$2 entrance fee covered an unlimited number of rides in the amusement section, which boasted some very exciting contraptions!

The May meeting took place on the 12th, and was aimed at the older members and those who have difficulty getting home late. We enjoyed a hot meal at 8:30 sharp, prepared by Lauritz Klitgaard. Thereafter, the Danish minister in Baltimore, Pastor Munk Jensen, gave a talk with slides about Danish settlements in Argentina.

The annual convention at the Old People's Home was held on March 12. Lawrence Knudsen, Nick Knudsen, Teddy Tjader and Flemming Hinrichsen were there representing our lodge.

Donations to our printing fund have been received from Charles Robinson, Nanda Gamborg-Nielsen, Einar Pedersen, Einar Rasmussen, Harry Joachimsen, Christian Madsen, Joshua Wendell, Gyda and Sofus Jensen, Peter Jensen and Neils C. Wilhjelm. Please accept our thanks for your support.

The Danish Brotherhood Bowling Tournament was held April 9 at 1 p. m., at Sproul Lanes, Springfield.

Brother John Lindberg is leaving May 31 to join his wife, Karen, in Copenhagen. He has finally sold

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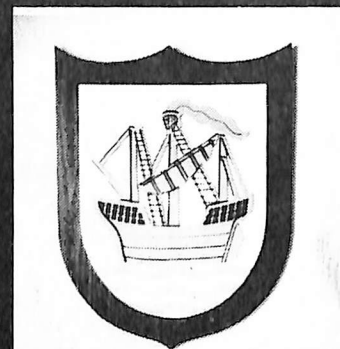
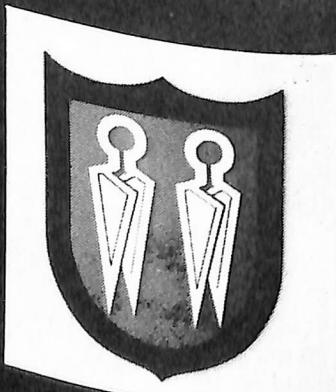
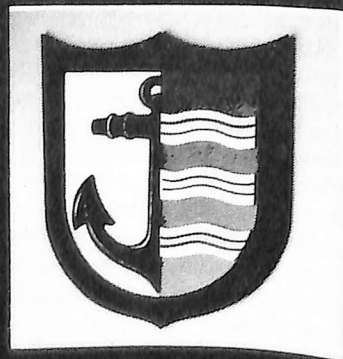
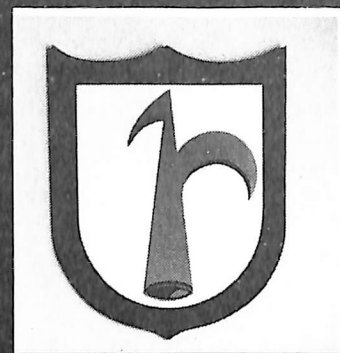
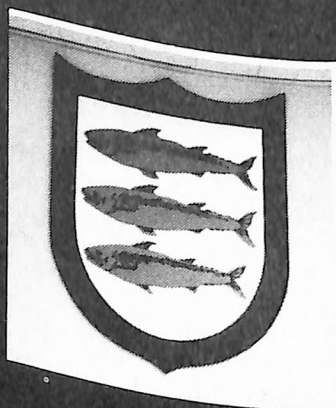
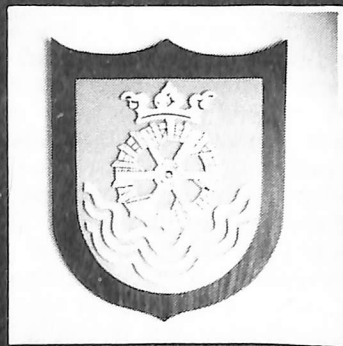
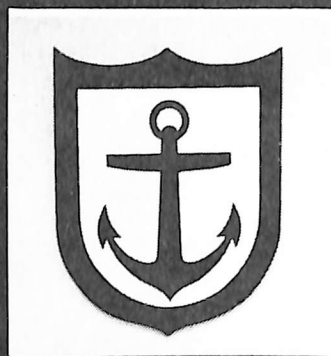
Michelle Loeck displays one of the new crests designed to preserve the rich heritage that remains ours through the legacy of the Danish Brotherhood.

# PRESERVE THE PRIDE OF HERITAGE

The next time you're in the market for something to hang on your rec room wall, in your den, or even in the lodge hall, the Fraternal Department invites you to study these new Danish Crests on display in the National Headquarters.

Each measures approximately 14 inches by 18 inches and is an exact replica of a Danish Township Coat-of-arms. Hand painted in bright colors and three-dimen-

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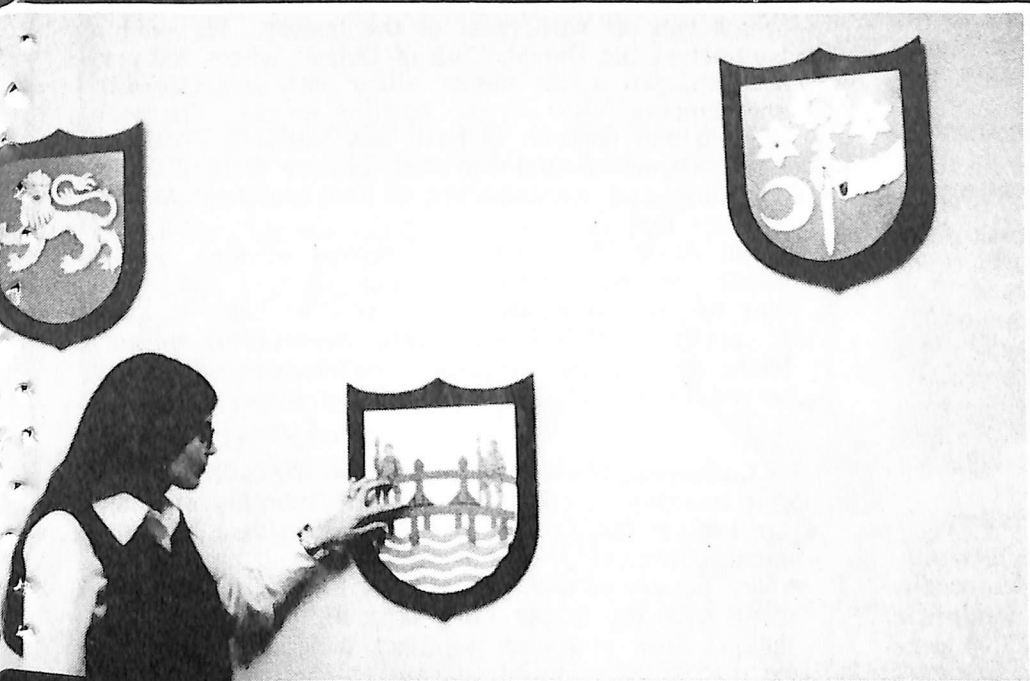
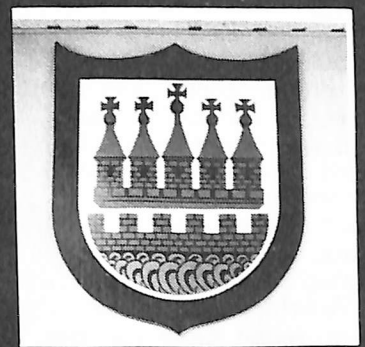
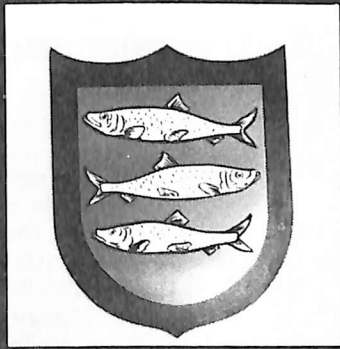


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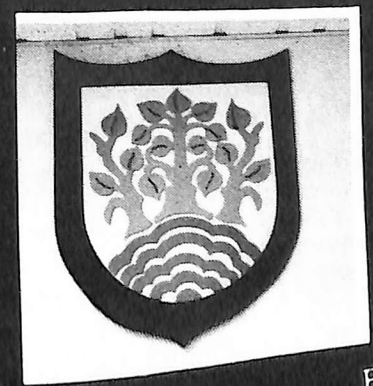
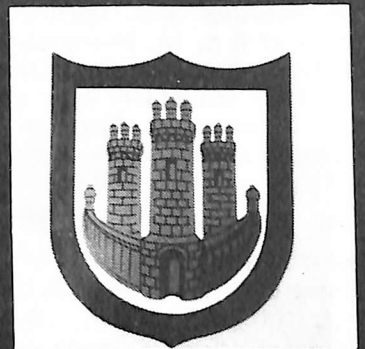
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# Our Lodges in Action

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his house in New Jersey. We wish him well back in Denmark. Church service was held on Sunday, April 16 at 11 a. m., at the Norwegian Seaman's Church on Third Street, Philadelphia. Joe Abschneider has been transferred to Japan for a 4-6 year contract. We will surely miss Joe and his lovely wife, Anna Margrethe, and wish them and their two children well, and happiness in their new venture!

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** — Saturday, April 8, we celebrated our 68th anniversary at the Zef Club. We started with a cocktail hour at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. We had a fine roast pork dinner with all the trimmings and coffee and Danish pastry. Seventy-five members and friends attended this affair, and all had a good time.

President William Petersen bid all welcome and Olin Yauchler gave the invocation. Our good brother, Captain Kay Sorensen was master of ceremonies. He did a fine job. After introducing the guests of honor, President Petersen gave out pins to our 60-year, 50-year and 25-year members. Ole Hansen was rewarded with his 60-year pin, but Ole was not at the party, as he has been sick the last few weeks. His son Harold accepted the pin. Henrik Mortensen, Peter C. Sorensen and Fred Hedeboe were awarded their 50-year pins. Seven Brothers were to receive their 25-year pins, but only Art Chase and Jacks Marx were present. After dinner there was dancing until 1 a. m. This was one of the nicest parties the lodge has had in a long time. We were glad to see Joan Madsen from Newark and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thomson from Troy among our guests.

April 19 we had our birthday party before the meeting. A fine dinner was prepared by Rigmor Biering, medisterpølse and the works. Clarence Hanson, Olin Yauchler and Einar Larsen furnished the snaps and the lodge gave the beer.

Brother Willendrup, who had just made a trip to Japan, told us about his trip, it was very interesting.

The meeting was opened by President William Petersen at 8 p. m. Nominations for delegates to the GECL were opened. Chris Biering declined the nomination. Olin Yauchler was elected as delegate and William Petersen as alternate.

Norman Hanson was the winner of the meeting prize (three months FREE dues.)

**Chris H. Biering, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** — A work party took place one Saturday last month at the Danish Club in order to start "face lifting" the club building toward West 8th Street. In attendance were Joe Dascanio, Ole Beck, John Hedlund, Jack Neimek, Oluf Andersen, Ed Jonassen, Carl Berry and John Lampe. We started at 8:30 a. m. and at 10 Laura Dascanio served bacon and eggs; what a treat! We quit at 1 p. m. We still have a lot of work to do and need all the help we can get.

**Edward Jonassen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** — Our last regular meeting was held in the Franklin Square Veteran's Hall, Friday, April 14, in the evening. The children's Fastelavn's party was well attended. About 100 persons were present.

We wish to remind you that new members are a must in any organization. Lodge No. 325 made great

gains in 1971, but we must not stop there. Many helped by bringing in their friends and relatives, and we appreciate your efforts. Let us all again go through our list of acquaintances who are eligible for membership and invite them along for the meetings. Tell them about the benefits and about the good times you yourself have had and then share it with them! Remember, juveniles are an important part of our growth, so if your own children or grandchildren do not belong, you should do something about it right now and call George at LY3-5358 for details. You have then not only helped the future of our lodge but also shown your concern for the future of your loved ones. It will cost you only pennies a day for their protection and dues are paid for juvenile members.

Jens Klausen's name was drawn from the jackpot at our March meeting. Jens, now living in Florida, was not present and unable to collect. The jackpot went to \$20 in April.

The date for competing in the National Bowling Tournament was set for Sunday, April 23 at 11 a. m., at Franklin Bowl, Franklin Ave., Franklin Square. We mustered two teams to represent Lodge No. 325, "The Tigers" and "The Lions." The Tiger team consists of Carl, Ann and Lois Bache, Elianor Petersen and Egon Larsen. The Lion team consists of Hans Pedersen, Martin Hansen, Peter Pedersen, Carl Jorgensen and George Jacobsen. The results of this game will follow in a later issue.

## MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

**Detroit Lodge No. 227** — At our pre-meeting dinner on April 12, there were 150 Brothers and Sisters present after which 80 Brothers attended our regular business meeting. At this meeting, two new Brothers were initiated. They are: Robert Dennis and Ejvind Bording. It was announced during the meeting that Brother Carl Clausen would be celebrating his 90th birthday on April 14. He joined the Brotherhood in 1909.

On April 15, Detroit hosted the Midwest bowling tournament. We had a total of 30 teams in the competition with entrants coming from Chicago, St. Charles and Rockford, Ill., and also Racine and Kenosha, Wis., as well as Detroit. Incidentally the Detroit teams ran off with most of the honors. We held a banquet at the Danish Club of Detroit where 200 persons enjoyed a fine dinner along with entertainment and dancing following the bowling events. We were pleased and honored to have had National President Einar Danielsen and National Trustee Donald Moon attending and participating in the functions in Detroit on that day.

On April 26 we had our second meeting of the month with 50 members present. It was announced that the annual Grundlovsfest will be held on June 11, at the Danish Old People's Home in Rochester, Mich. After the meeting, beer, coffee and pastry were served to the Brothers who wished to partake.

**Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.**

**Ludington, Mich., Lodge No. 51** — We held our regular monthly business meeting on Thursday evening, April 13 in the Danish Hall with President Kenneth Johnson presiding. Conductor Alvin Garcia was the lucky person at this meeting, as he not only walked away with the Lucky Lars' Special, but he won our jackpot also — so now we must start all over again. On the lunch committee for the evening were Trustee Howard Bentz and Brother Amil Laird.

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# Our Lodges in Action

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On Wednesday evening, April 19, our lodge held its monthly pinochle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. The committee for the evening consisted of Trustee Lars Christoffersen, Conductor Alvin Garcia and Mrs. Lena Hansen and Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen. Following the games, prizes were awarded and a potluck lunch was served by the committee.

On Thursday evening, April 27 we held a social evening in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. The lunch committee for the evening consisted of President Kenneth Johnson, Vice President Russell Bentz and Trustee Lars Christoffersen. The name of Howard Bentz was called for the jackpot but he was not present to claim the prize. Treasurer Al Seguin was awarded Lucky Lars' Famous Surprise Special.

Our get-well wishes go out to Brothers James Rye and Henry Hansen who are convalescing, and to Brother Wallace Bentz who is a patient in Memorial Hospital.

A. Larsen, Correspondent.

## COLORADO-WYOMING DISTRICT NEWS

**Lodge No. 261, Fowler, Colo.** — An overflow crowd jammed the Danish Brotherhood Hall at Fowler on April 29, for a potluck supper celebrating the 65th anniversary of the founding of Lodge 261.

After enjoying a delicious dinner the ladies had made for the occasion, there was a brief program performed by some of our talented young people.

Third Trustee of the National Board of Officers, Svend A. Sonderup of Denver, gave a nice talk. He told us about many of the new programs and goals that are in the making for the Danish Brotherhood so it can prosper and grow. He asked our lodge members to support the Home Office staff and the National Board in their effort to promote the Danish Brotherhood.

He then presented a certificate honoring the lodge for the accomplishment on this 65th year anniversary. He wished us great success in the future years.

The picture taken from the presentation are, from left to right, James Jensen, financial secretary; Harold Jensen, treasurer; Svend A. Sonderup, national



Svend Sonderup, left, brings official Board greetings to Lodge No. 261 during its 65th anniversary celebration.

trustee; Victor Hansen, secretary; Larry Higgs, vice president and Quentin Smith, president.

At the present time, Lodge No. 261 has a membership of 67, none of whom are charter members. Those who have belonged the longest are: Chris Sinding of Fowler, who joined in 1908; Drist Sinding of Rocky Ford, who joined in 1912; Fred Raaberg of Fowler, who joined in 1913 and Jeppe Pederson of Brush, who also joined in 1913.

Lodge No. 261 has had a steak fry for the past several years as a part of their effort to attract new members and maintain lodge member's interests and attendance. We always have a very good time at our social events.

Quentin Smith, President.

**Columbine Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colo.** — At our meeting to be held in May we will initiate two new members, Mrs. Jenine Marie Nielsen and Mrs. Minnie Bowers, whom we give our congratulations to.

It is with deep pleasure that the Denver Lodge has been selected to host the National Danish Brotherhood Convention in 1975. We are hoping for a great time and we will be given assistance by the other Colorado and Wyoming Lodges.

Gabriel Cymanski, Secretary.

## MIDWEST DISTRICT NEWS

**Lodge No. 64, Rockford, Ill.** — Officers for the current year are: Don Moon, president; Ken Marlin, vice president; Otto Ehler, secretary; Harry Meyers, treasurer and Trustees Arden Mortensen, Bent Hansen and Sophus Sorensen.

This year we are sponsoring a boys baseball team of 11 to 13 year olds in the Rockford Boys Club League. We wish our team success in the coming season.

The April meeting included a program of selected slides shown by Otto Ehler. The pictures were taken during his recent visits to Denmark. The Sisterhood was our guest during this portion of the meeting.

President Don Moon reported on the business conducted at Omaha during the National Board's semi-annual meeting. Don was in Omaha April 8 to help celebrate the 90th anniversary and April 9-12 for the business meeting. Don is the past president of the Midwest District and is a Trustee on the National Board of Officers.

The bowling committee is hard at work planning next year's Midwest Bowling Tournament. At present all plans are tentative but circle May 5, 1973 on your calendar and plan to bowl with us at the Don Carter Lanes in Rockford.

## NEBRASKA NEWS

The Nebraska General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood held their annual state picnic at Vennelyst Park in Omaha on Sunday, May 7. Due to rain, not too many of the out-state lodges were represented. However, there was a good turnout from Omaha!

A potluck lunch was served at 1 p. m., and as always, there was enough food to feed an army — and tables bulged. Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, former Ambassador to Denmark, spoke briefly. The JADA girls entertained with several folk dances. The highlight of the day were Maypole dances, which were enjoyed by the young and old. Several games were planned for the children, directed by Jean Marie Da-

# 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	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Apr 7—	Peter C. Nielsen	81	Rodkoping, Denmark	16	Minden, Nebraska	1921
Feb 14—	Harry Smith	81	Kolding, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1924
Feb 14—	Borge V. Isaksen	44	Vinge, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1961
Apr 9—	Axel Olsen	80	Faxe, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1923
Apr 9—	Soren Andersen	80	Thisted, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1913
Apr 14—	John N. Jensen	76	Yates County, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1924
Apr 20—	Svend Aage Nielsen	60	Cass County, Nebraska	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1965
Mar 30—	Jens Chris Jensen	84	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1907
Apr 21—	Rasmus Jensen	74	Hyllested, Denmark	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1917
Jan 1—	Niels M. Kvejborg	65	Thy, Denmark	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1937
Apr 16—	Jorgen N. Hoiien	77	Cedar Falls, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1924
Apr 22—	Lawrence Paulsen	96	Illinois	263	Askov, Minnesota	1904
Mar 29—	Elmer Sorensen	76	Moody County, South Dakota	259	Colman, South Dakota	1915
Apr 26—	Soren Izak Rasmussen	84	Vejle, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1906
Apr 25—	Oscar L. Kofford	79	Wausau, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1929
May 1—	Alfred M. Jensen	74	Kjareborg, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1922
May 4—	Niels E. Bodholdt	71	Aarhus, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1943
Apr 23—	Hans Jensen	72	Ringsted, Denmark	294	Barre, Vermont	1926
Apr 16—	Niels Ebert	90	Veien, Denmark	41	Derby, Connecticut	1902
Apr 17—	Niels I. Paulsen	76	Ansonia, Connecticut	41	Derby, Connecticut	1940
Apr 17—	Julius W. Johnsen	86	Viborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1963
Apr 24—	Paul Emil Paulsen	63	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1969

vidson. All activities had to be in our lovely club house due to rain.

Many stayed for an evening of "music in the park" sponsored by Dana College.

**Chris Larsen**, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Nebr.** — Lodge No. 161 of Ruskin, Nebr., invites all to attend the Nebraska General Committee of the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood to the state convention on Saturday, September 30.

Registration at 9 a. m. — meetings to begin at 10 a. m., and in the afternoon installation of officers. In the evening there will be a banquet followed by dancing. Hope to see many of you in Ruskin, September 30.

**Kenneth C. Pedersen**, Secretary.

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr.** — At our meeting on May 2, our Past President Earl Hansen and this year's entertainment chairman, outlined the program for the rest of 1972. Our next social evening was held on May 16 at the Home Office, where once again, Brother Olaf Berthelsen was the master of ceremonies. He showed slides he and his wife took in Scandinavia.

Several other outings are being planned, such as a trip to Sioux City to the dog races, and a dinner-theatre party.

**Chris Larsen**, Correspondent.

## NEWS FROM IOWA UNITED LODGES

The Iowa United Lodges held their annual spring meeting as provided in their constitution and bylaws on the last Saturday of April, the 29th.

By mutual agreement of the president and the secretary-treasurer, it was agreed that the meeting would be held at the home of the secretary-treasurer in the interest of saving many miles of driving and expense as most of the officers live in the central and western parts of the state. It has been the custom to hold

these spring meetings in the homes of the presidents in the past.

The officers present were President Kai Hansen, Past President Jerry Maixner, Conductor Jake Rasmussen, State President of the Sisterhood Tillie Olsen, and Secretary Loyd Plaehn and their wives and husbands.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and discussed and plans were made in regard to the state convention to be held at the Ramada Inn over the Labor Day weekend. Dike Lodge No. 144 is to be the host lodge.

A typical Danish social hour was held at 5 p. m., after which Mrs. Plaehn and Mrs. Hansen served a fine dinner. Mileage checks were issued to the officers who all endorsed them over to the Iowa United Scholarship Fund.

It was moved and seconded that all Iowa Lodges be encouraged to make contributions to this worthwhile cause. Also that any contributions by private members would be appreciated.

**Loyd Plaehn**, Secretary-Treasurer.

## CALIFORNIA NEWS

**Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles** — If anyone needs an excuse to go to Las Vegas, there was a good one on May 6 when Las Vegas had invited all to come and help them celebrate their fourth anniversary. From Selma came Hans M. Andersen, Past Supreme President and Mrs. Andersen, President of California General Committee, Danish Sisterhood.

From San Diego came Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aase, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aase. Alhambra was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Jens Andersen. Richard Olson was also present even after having been in an accident which left him with a broken arm and other injuries.

Los Angeles was there too with a busload no less.

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## NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Location	Sponsor
Anna V. Espersen	Omaha (1)	Taft Larsen
Jorgen C. Berthelsen	Omaha (1)	Chris Jorgensen
Larry Yates	Kenosha (14)	Jerrold Zier
Kenneth F. Sohr	Kenosha (14)	Jerrold Zier
James C. Madsen	Kenosha (14)	Charles P. Madsen
Arnold R. Lehto	Kenosha (14)	Clarence Duffin
Denise L. Dial*	Seattle (29)	Jens C. Nielsen
Werner B. Poulsen	Seattle (29)	Jens C. Nielsen
Thomas D. Fox	Seattle (29)	Jens C. Nielsen
Carl R. Spencer	Penn Yan (71)	Bartel Borglum
Magnus L. Johnson	Port Reading (90)	Juel Juelsen
Everett E. Sorensen	Viborg (139)	Niels M. Lauritsen
Christian A. Christiansen	Philadelphia (172)	Mogens Hempel
Tom Christiansen	Philadelphia (172)	Mogens Hempel
Karen E. Christiansen	Philadelphia (172)	Mogens Hempel
Asbjorn B. Christiansen	Philadelphia (172)	Mogens Hempel
Thomas V. Jensen*	Cordova (177)	Lawrence Jensen
Aarik P. Jensen*	Cordova (177)	Lawrence Jensen
Rhonda L. Jensen*	Cordova (177)	Lawrence Jensen
Glen A. Harre*	Cordova (177)	Lawrence Jensen
Signe A. Mahler	Hayward (184)	Fred Mahler
Janis C. Vannorsdel	Hayward (184)	Fred Mahler
Beth E. Cowan	Hayward (184)	Fred Mahler
Ejvind Bording	Detroit (227)	Otto Pedersen
Robert L. Dennis	Detroit (227)	Otto Pedersen
Alfred W. Lunde	Barre (294)	Kenney N. Lunde
Hazel T. Sole	Barre (294)	Kenney N. Lunde
Zilpha L. Thygesen	Barre (294)	Ejnar Thygesen
Kristian Kilsgaard	Solvang (299)	Bjorn Kristensen
Thorstein Arge	Santa Barbara (322)	Oscar Olsen
Peter Hansen	Vancouver (328)	Osvold Nielsen
Uwe Bruhn	Vancouver (328)	Eleth Andreassen
Henning K. Jensen	Vancouver (328)	Jens Miller
Gladys J. Moon	Omaha (600)	Donald B. Moon

\* Juvenile members

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## Resolution Clarified As 'Optional Policy'

One of the resolutions passed at the 1971 National Convention encourages local lodges to honor the loyalty of members receiving their fifty-year pin, or having achieved fifty years of membership, by presenting them with lifetime memberships and relieving them of the responsibility of paying local lodge dues.

It has been brought to the Board of Officers' attention that it had not been made clear in the resolution whether this was mandatory or optional for a local lodge to follow. It is an optional award. The Board and the delegates to the convention would like to see lodges adopt this policy when it is financially possible. Realistically, we know some lodges organize a ceremony to honor their fifty-year members and take great pride in presenting the honor awards, but the treasury of the lodge may not permit the gift of a lifetime membership, especially when sick benefit and other obligations must be considered. However, this would make the perfect way to say, "thank you for all the years you have given to the Brotherhood and for the undoubted service you have rendered your lodge brothers."

For your information, we are reprinting the resolution.

WHEREAS, members of The Danish Brotherhood in America who have maintained their membership for fifty years have contributed substantially to the principles upon which the Danish Brotherhood was founded, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the membership to recognize the contributions made by fifty-year members,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that all fifty-year members may be given a lifetime membership and that no further payments be required of them other than their insurance assessments.

## Payments To DB Officers

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3(b) — Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, Paragraph 4 and/or Section 6, Paragraph 1, Section 6, Paragraph 2; Section 14, Paragraph 2, is hereby published: APRIL —

Einar Danielsen: Salary \$243.20, less taxes \$38.65, net \$204.55. For attending Board meeting in Omaha, Nebr., transportation \$78.00, per diem \$150.00.

Kristen Jorgensen: For attending semi-annual Board meeting in Omaha, Nebr., transportation \$198.00, per diem \$150.00.

George Godthaab: For attending semi-annual Board meeting in Omaha, Nebr., transportation \$196.00, per diem \$150.00.

George Jacobsen: For attending semi-annual Board meeting in Omaha, Nebr., transportation \$174.00, per diem \$150.00.

Byron W. Petersen: For attending semi-annual Board meeting in Omaha, Nebr., transportation \$113.20, per diem \$150.00.

Donald B. Moon: For attending semi-annual Board meeting in Omaha, Nebr., transportation \$88.00, per diem \$125.00.

Svend A. Sonderup: For attending semi-annual Board meeting in Omaha, Nebr., transportation \$90.00, per diem \$150.00.

### CHANGE OF OFFICERS

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# Danish Kitchen

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## FRIKADELLER (Danish Meat Balls)

1 pound fresh beef  
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 1 onion  
 salt and pepper  
 4 eggs, beaten  
 2 cups milk  
 1 slice dry bread

**METHOD:** Grind meat, salt pork and onion together. Soften bread in milk and add with rest of ingredients to meat mixture. Shape into small balls. Beat 1 egg and mix with 1 cup finely crushed cracker crumbs. Coat the meat balls well with the crumb mixture and fry in hot butter slowly, turning to brown well.

## Our Lodges in Action

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In the bus were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Munck, conductors of the California General Committees, Brotherhood and Sisterhood; Harold Mathiasen and Mrs. Mary Anthonsen.

Las Vegas had gone all out to make us feel welcome. Cocktail hour was long and where can one get a drink at that price (50¢)? Steaks like the ones we had, most of us can afford only once in a while. The birthday cake was delicious. Mrs. Edith Munck wrote a song for the occasion.

Alice Pinkerton had invited all out-of-town guests to Frokost at her home and dinner was served in the best of Danish style, including cold Ålborg. We all had a good time and look forward to the next invitation to come to Las Vegas. Tak for god forplejning og på Gensyn.

Our recent beer bust was a huge success from all reports heard. Next on the program is the Torskegilde on May 18. Grundlovsfesten will be in the usual place, Saxonia Park, Newhall on June 4. Smørrebrød, beer, soft drinks and coffee will be for sale. Or you may bring your own picnic basket. The Navers, most of whom belong to the Brotherhood, are planning a big 4th of July picnic in Naverdalen, Monrovia.

One of our younger members, Torben Schroeder, was given a scholarship by the Board of Officers.

**Peter Pedersen, Secretary.**

### CORRECTION TO FINANCIAL REPORT

The following changes should be made in the statement of General Expenses for the year ending December 31, 1971, as reported in the May issue of American Dane: rent — \$10,500.00, salaries and wages — \$52,609.76, membership awards — \$4,064.50, travel expense — \$7,422.08, postage, express, telephone and telegraph — \$2,471.77, sundry general expenses — \$7,597.59. Totals remain unchanged.



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