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Dear Mr. Editor:

"In the **Danish Pioneer** for Thursday, March 14, I find the following Golden Grain from the paper's correspondent in Denmark, Mr. Niels Valdemar Frenkel, a loyal DB member of many years standing:

"Says he (mentioning a simplification of 'Brief Encounter'): 'Nu er it short meeting ikke aldeles at kimse ad. Sorligt ikke i Brodersamfundet, hvor saadan en Foreteel-so ev sjelden som hvidt gird.'

For the benefit of the members not too familiar with the Danish vernacular, I offer the following free translation:

"Now is a short meeting not at all to be made light of, especially not in the Brotherhood, where such a show is as seldom as white gold."

"Hoping the editor of **American Dane** will find room for above in our next issue and that our lodge leaders throughout the land will read it, I am, with brotherly greetings from Lodge No. 17 in Chicago, Yours sincerely."

**Albert Lykke.**

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The objects of the Brotherhood are to: (1.) Encourage its members in their fidelity to the constitution and laws of the country, in which they live, whether it be the United States of America, Denmark or the Dominion of Canada. (2.) Perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America. (3.) Render aid to its members and their dependents whenever illness, disability or death may befall its members or their dependents. (4.) Assist unemployed members in securing employment. (5.) Provide and maintain a fund for the payment of such sums, as may be stipulated by law, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries of every insured member or person. Rules governing the administration and maintenance of the insurance fund are prescribed in the by-laws of this society. (6.) Conduct its affairs, as a fraternal benefit society, in the manner of the subordinate lodge system.



Nature endowed America with unlimited water, but left the responsibility of using it wisely up to man. To some aquanauts during July, that means drifting a sailboat over its cool surface. Others ski, scuba, fish or swim in it. Still others are content just to be near it. Whatever your pleasure outdoors, we hope you enjoy it — and that you leave the environment as clean as you found it for your fellow man.

# Brotherhood's Modern, New Insurance Portfolio Has A Fresh Appeal

*Now, members and their families can obtain complete family protection without searching outside of the Society.*



IN THE NOT too distant past the Danish Brotherhood Board of Officers initiated action to update the insurance program of our Society. This was done with vision and foresight in recognizing the needs of our members to provide them with additional plans to modernize the insurance portfolio and give them a complete family insurance program.

The Home Office, following a good deal of study and thought, has now filed our new insurance portfolio with those state insurance departments where we are licensed. As soon as each state approves it, the insurance will be available to our members in each respective state.

This represents, as mentioned, a great deal of study and thought by the Home Office insurance personnel in working with the Society's consulting actuary to investigate what insurance is available to persons throughout the country from other commercial insurance carriers, so this could be used as a base for study. The reason for investigating other commercial carriers rested primarily with the belief our members and the members of their families should not have to go outside of the Society to purchase a well-rounded portfolio to provide for their own financial needs and protection.

In the coming months, more specific details will be provided regarding each of the plans and benefits available to members and their families.

The programs in the new portfolio include: (1) whole life, (2) life-paid-up-at-65, (3) thirty-payment life, (4) twenty-payment life, (5) endowment at 65, (6) retirement income at 65 for male and female, (7) a decreasing term insurance which can be used as mortgage insurance, (8) a family plan with coverage on the wife and children, (9) one-parent family plan, (10) a guaranteed insurance option which will provide additional insurance at a later date, regardless of health conditions, (11) payor benefit where if the father should die or become disabled his children's insurance would become paid-up, (12) waiver of premium, and (13) accidental death.

If you would like more information, you are invited to write Clayton S. Grady, Director of Agencies, c/o of the Home Office. Watch this magazine for more specific details of our proud new portfolio in the coming months.

**Try it, Buy it — You'll Like It**

# Fund Drive Launched To Aid Victims of South Dakota Flood



Staff members in the Home Office spearheaded the campaign by seeking on-the-street contributions during National Fraternal Week. They found Omaha people, like others, were compassionate and very generous to the cause. Pictured is Diane Doyle, secretary to Howard Christensen, and some youthful contributors.



Howard Christensen, right, presents a check for \$1,000 to Don Barnett, the mayor of Rapid City, South Dakota. This amount was contributed during the first week of the drive. Mr. Barnett asked us to extend his personal gratitude for your generosity in helping the people of Rapid City.

As we celebrate this year our fraternity's 90th anniversary, we find ourselves feeling more like an adolescent than a grandfather. New fraternal programs, greater pride in heritage, improved protection plans, change — all are the signs of youth, not age.

The intervening years from 1882 have been good to us. We have seen our fraternity grow from one small room in Omaha, Nebraska, to become a major force in the fraternal benefit field. We are justifiably proud of our 153 local lodges over the country and pleased that our members are attuned to the need of continued lodge growth. These are our gifts — gifts that we can be thankful for, both collectively as a fraternity and more importantly as individual men and women — the gifts of pride and distinction in serving our fellow man.

Therefore, it is with a great deal of respect for our fellow man that our society recently announced a national campaign to aid the flood stricken residents of Rapid City, South Dakota. In the aftermath of one of this nation's worst disasters, we saw a need for assistance, then moved in that direction. As we write this article, just one week after the fund was established, our project has already topped \$1,000. More is coming in every day.

Please accept our personal thank you for your support of this most worthy cause. If you have not contributed and wish to do so, please send your donation to: The Rapid City Relief Fund, sponsored by The Danish Brotherhood, c/o The First National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska 68103.

Again, this program reflects the highest degree of respect — respect for and from our members, our prospective members and those families which we serve. May we continue to deserve your respect in the years to come and to shoulder our responsibilities as a fine example of the free fraternal system at work in this great country of ours.

Editor's Note: Just prior to deadline, another major flood disaster struck the Eastern seaboard of the United States as a result of storms spawned by Hurricane Agnes. Brotherhood members suffering losses in the eastern flood (as in other areas) may be eligible for financial assistance from the fraternal fund. This fund is under the supervision of the Board of Officers. To obtain an application blank, see your lodge president.

# Meet Carl Sorensen, The First DB Regional Manager

Carl Sorensen is the first appointment in the newly created position of Regional Manager, representing the Brotherhood. We published a brief article about Carl's appointment last month, but knew you would want to know more about this man and see him in person.



Carl J. Sorensen

Brother Sorensen brings with him 12 years of executive ability and experience in the insurance field. He loves people and believes the Brotherhood's insurance is one of the finest on the market and that all members and prospective members should be well protected by it. Our new insurance portfolio is also announced in this issue.

"Today is still the first day of the rest of your life," says Carl, "and by making the Brotherhood's insurance No. 1 in your household, you can actually pay yourself, your wife, and your children in the years ahead. You owe it to your family not to become a burden to them."

Offices for this position will be located at 23522 Sidlee Place, Harbor City, Calif. 90710 — phone (213) 530-5295. Brother Sorensen will be responsible for all sales activity and will be building a sales force in the southern portion of California. Sales positions are open, and persons interested in a real opportunity should contact Brother Sorensen at his office address. He is servicing lodges in Los Angeles, Solvang, San Diego, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, Alhambra and Long Beach.

Brother Sorensen and his wife, Grace, reside at the above address. He is active in Lodge No. 126, and a member of Dania, Danish Soldiers Club, Veterans Club, and Danish-American Club. Mrs. Sorensen is President of Princess Marie Lodge No. 68 of the Danish Sisterhood.

## Viborg Has New Hall



Members of Lodge No. 139 in Viborg, S. D., are smiling a lot these days. One reason is this new lodge hall which was dedicated last fall. It is now the home for a number of new members as well as the "old reliables," those responsible for the continuing growth of No. 139. This is a prime example of what a lodge can do if they set their hearts and minds to it.

## JULY ASSESSMENT

No. 876

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE  
LODGE TREASURER

July 1, 1972

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

August 1, 1972

Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

*Often have I heard you say as if speaking in sleep. "He who works in marble and finds the shape of his own soul in stone, is nobler than he who ploughs the soil. And he who seizes the rainbow to lay it on a cloth in the likeness of man, is more than he who makes sandals for our feet."*

*But I say, not in sleep but in the overwakefulness of noontide, that the wind speaks no more sweetly to the giant oaks than to the lest of all the blades of grass; and he alone is great who turns the voice of the wind into a song made sweeter by his own loving.*

*Work is love made visible.*

N. F. S. GRUNDTVIG,  
Danish Author.

# Askov Team Repeats In Pin Tourney

What's better than winning the Danish Brotherhood's annual national bowling tournament? Winning it twice in a row, that's what. Just ask the Askov Alley Cats of Lodge No. 263, Askov, Minn.

The Cats are the winners of the 1972 team championship, winning the tournament for the second consecutive year. They whipped all other entrants in the 1971 tournament and apparently found the key to repeat. Their total team score in capturing the \$100 top prize this year was 3,170 including a handicap of 423. Second place was won by Team No. 4 of Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa., with a total score of 3,093 including 492 handicap points.

The men's individual high game was rolled by Ernest Munker of Lodge No. 227 in Detroit. Brother Munker ripped off a 293 game aided by a handicap of 28 pins. He is \$15 richer for his talents this week.

A series-best score of 698 was good enough for Louis Jensen of Lodge No. 242 to come out on top in the men's individual high series category. Louis also has \$15 extra pocket money this week.

In a new category this year, Les Girls women's team representing Omaha Lodge No. 1 ran off with the top prize in the women's team division, posting a total score of 2,707. Carol Hunecke of Lodge No. 92 claimed the women's individual high game with her entry of 227, and Mary Danielsen, also of No. 92, takes the cake in high women's series competition with a 606 total. Carol and Mary incidentally, are the daughter and wife, respectively, of DB National President Einar Danielsen.

Congratulations to the winners and better luck next year to the ones whose only prize was the fun they had. We hope the fellowship created new friendships and strengthened others.

## 1972 BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Lodge	Team	Score	Handicap	Total	Prize	Place
263	Askov Alley Cats	2747	423	3170	\$100.00	1
242	Erie No. 4	2601	492	3093	75.00	2
45	Old Timers	2565	513	3078	60.00	3
283	North Dagmar Kings	2597	435	3032	50.00	4
242	Erie No. 3	2775	249	3024	45.00	5
143	Petaluma No. 1	2709	288	2997	40.00	6
45	Minneapolis No. 2	2325	660	2985	35.00	7

51	Ludington No. 1	2623	351	2974	30.00	8
167	Scandia Bakery	2454	519	2973	27.50	9
227	Detroit No. 10	2436	531	2967	25.00	10
92	St. Charles No. 2	2435	519	2954	22.50	11
92	St. Charles No. 3	2368	582	2950	20.00	12
172	Philadelphia South	2430	510	2940	19.00	13
227	Detroit No. 7	2429	498	2927	18.00	14
227	Detroit No. 11	2356	570	2926	17.00	15
29	Old Timers	2159	759	2918	16.00	16
227	Detroit No. 9	2349	558	2907	15.00	17
29	Lucky Strikers	2248	645	2893	14.00	18
92	St. Charles No. 1	2339	543	2882	13.00	19
299	Solvang No. 1	2398	474	2872	12.00	20
306	Vikings No. 1	2309	558	2867	11.00	21
283	Dagmar Co-op	2347	513	2860	10.00	22
268	Junction City Bearcats	2428	429	2857		23
325	Lions	2054	801	2855		24
1	Addition	2034	819	2853		25
227	Detroit No. 1	2320	531	2851		26
29	Carpenter	2346	504	2850		tie 27
39	One	2388	462	2850		tie 27
227	Detroit No. 8	2302	546	2848		28
113	Huskies	2300	546	2846		29
229	Solvang No. 3	2302	543	2845		30
51	Ludington No. 2	2194	645	2839		31
29	The Flyers	2331	504	2835		32
1	Plus	2299	534	2833		33
227	Detroit No. 3	2296	528	2824		tie 34
306	Rebild No. 3	2269	555	2824		tie 34
227	Detroit No. 5	2233	582	2815		35
299	Solvang No. 2	2250	561	2811		36
143	Petaluma No. 3	2312	495	2807		37
113	Great Danes	2139	660	2799		38
227	Detroit No. 4	2218	573	2791		39
242	Erie No. 2	2307	477	2784		40
125	One	2296	486	2782		41
113	Chinooks	2116	657	2773		42
167	Northwestern Transfer	2363	396	2759		43
172	Philadelphia West	2456	294	2750		44
95	Danish Brotherhood	2275	471	2746		tie 45
306	Tivoli No. 2	2185	561	2746		tie 45
242	Erie No. 1	2337	402	2739		46
29	Seattle Danes	2056	678	2734		47
245	South Bend	2275	450	2725		48
325	Tigers	1748	963	2711		49
1	Les Girls	1873	834	2707		50
43	Columbine	2269	420	2689		51
332	Valley Lodge	2394	294	2688		52
227	Detroit No. 6	2166	516	2682		53
64	One	2052	624	2676		54
337	Anker Lodge	1865	810	2675		55
143	Petaluma No. 2	2023	648	2671		56
184	Hayward No. 2	2255	513	2768		57
184	Hayward No. 1	2121	507	2628		58
227	Detroit No. 2	2049	528	2577		59
1	Avon	1429	1146	2575		60

### Men's Individual High Game Winners —

227	Ernest Munker	265	28	293	\$15.00	1
242	Raymond Beck	254	25	279	10.00	2
242	Donald Beck	244	27	271	7.00	3
227	Paul Carlsen	221	39	260	6.00	4
242	Louis Jensen	245	14	259	5.00	tie 5
227	Howard Hansen	237	22	259	5.00	tie 5

### Men's Individual High Series Winners —

242	Louis Jensen	656	42	698	\$15.00	1
242	Raymond Beck	601	75	676	10.00	2
51	Gunnar Christensen	615	51	666	7.00	3
263	Robert Putnam	613	36	649	6.00	4
92	David Hunecke	602	36	638	5.00	5

### Women's Individual High Game Winner —

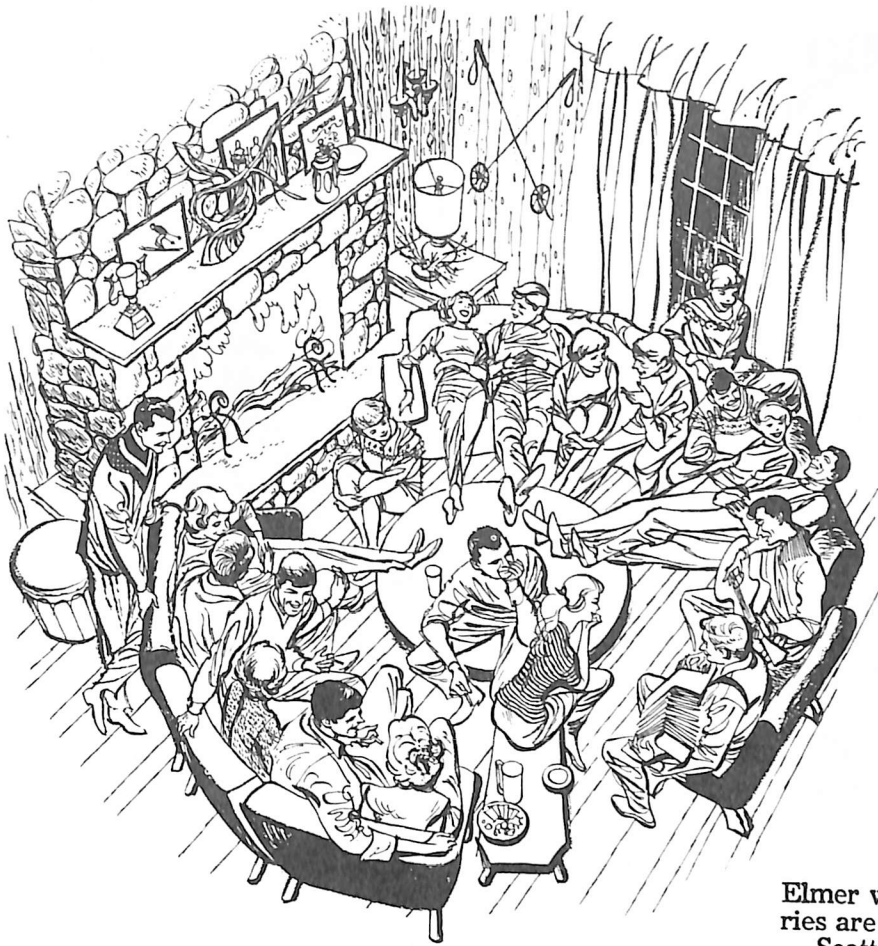
92	Carol Hunecke	174	53	227	\$15.00	1
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### Women's Individual High Series Winner —

92	Mary Danielsen	501	105	606	\$15.00	1
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### Top Women's Team —

1	Les Girls	1873	834	2707	\$100.00	1
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# Our Lodges in Action

## Consul General of Denmark Visits Pacific Northwest

Per W. Frellesvig, Consul General in the San Francisco office, was on hand for final tribute to Danish Composer Knudaage Riisager before his departure back to Copenhagen. Sonia and your correspondent were guests of Danish Consul Paul O. Nielsen and Mrs. Nielsen at the Washington Plaza reception as were Northwest Danes Newsletter Editor P. Sten Jessen and Birgit. Consuls Frellesvig and Nielsen were guests at Rotary on July 26 in connection with the Greenland exhibition on the following day in Seattle.

The Northwest Danish Home for Oregon and Washington is looking for a couple to manage the new 45-bed nursing home. Duties include maintenance of the building and grounds, cooking, keeping records and supervising 15 full and part-time employees. President Ed Olsen is looking for a permanent pair who would be willing to work toward becoming state licensed administrators. Telephone collect (206) 282-9323 or write Brother Olsen at 4224 33rd Avenue West, Seattle, Wash. 98199.

If you are interested in a Pacific Northwest Danish flight to Denmark on September 4, (approximately a three-weeks trip), call Brother Paul Hansen at WE 5-3528, Seattle, for full details. Another sojourn is being arranged on December 14. For information on any other travel, either in a group or otherwise, phone Sister Wilhemina Parker, MA 2-6412, Seattle.

Belated sympathies to the family and to the Brothers of DB 259 in Colman, S. D. Brother Elmer Sorensen passed away March 29 at the age of 76 and had been a member of the Danish Brotherhood since 1915.

Elmer was my mother's cousin and many fond memories are in my thoughts as I write this month's column.

Seattle Danes have not only an editor in Brother Sten Jessen but also an auctioneer for their "white elephant" sales. Brother Jim Langsted's salmon enthusiasts had their annual outing at Westport on June 25. Reserve August 27 for Lodge 29's annual picnic at Vasa Park on the shores of Lake Sammamish. Recuperating from a serious heart attack is Brother Jens Jorgensen. Master of Ceremonies at the District convention annual banquet was Brother Clyde Langsted.

Spokane Danes are staging their annual picnic at Audubon Park on Sunday, July 13, with music, fun, races, conversation, fraternalism, food, pop, ice cream and coffee. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Larsen are the new vice presidents of the Pacific Northwest Brotherhood and Sisterhood district offices. Congratulations to 50-year member Nels P. Nelson and 25-year members Fred Martin, Ing H. Hansen and Ernest L. Wales.

Canadian Danes again sponsored their annual Peace Arch picnic on Sunday, June 4, at the American-Canadian border.

Portland Danes extend wedding congratulations to Past District Presidents Hans and Astrid Jensen on their 45th anniversary.

Tacoma Danes won the yearly attendance trophy at the recent district conclave.

**Norbert Grove, Correspondent.**

## NEWS FROM THE MIDWEST DISTRICT

The board of directors and the scholarship committee of the Midwest District met in Chicago on May 20. The scholarship committee agreed to extend the deadline for applications to the 28th day of July, 1972. One application had been received. Lodge secretaries may request forms from the secretary of the Midwest District if they have none on hand.

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# Our Lodges in Action

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There were 194 seats sold on the plane that left for Denmark June 13. The Midwest District bowling tournament will be held in Rockford, Ill., May 5, 1973. The Midwest District convention will be held at the O'Hare Inn (on the tollway), Chicago, Ill., September 15, 16 and 17, 1972. Lodges No. 17 and 35 will host the convention.

The scholarship committee will meet again July 29 at Room 601 in the Prudential Building, Chicago.

**Ronald C. Jensen, Sec.-Treas.**

## NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

**Dannevirke Lodge No. 50, Byram, Conn.** It is with deep regret that Lodge No. 50 reports the death of our good friend and Brother Knute Swenson. Knute had been an active member of Lodge No. 50 for 46 years and will long be remembered by the brothers. Knute was a builder prior to his retirement. He was born in Nykøbing Mors in 1901 and came to the United States in 1926. Surviving are his widow Tove and his daughter, Janice, and four grandchildren, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

**Gunnar Schonning, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** Ladies' Night was held on Friday, May 12. It was a great success and everyone had a good time.

**Sick report:** No brothers to report on the sick list this month. Good to hear everyone is on the road to recovery!

Anyone who has chance books on the set of dishes being raffled off for the Home for the Aged, please send your stubs or unsold books to Anna Nielsen, 1988 Patten Road, Union, N. J.

**Paul Iverson, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** Election of officers took place at our May meeting and those installed on June 9 are the following: Past President Erling Braumann, President William Gill, Vice President Herbert Nelson, Secretary Carl Sorensen, Treasurer Jan Braumann, Conductor Arne Christensen, Trustees Paul Nielsen, Henry R. Nelson and Asbjorn Guldhauge, Inner Guard Edmund Sorensen and Outer Guard John Kapel.

President Erling Braumann declined re-nomination for personal reasons. He was first installed as president in absentia on January 13, 1967, having been called to military service on January 3. He was re-elected in January 1968 while serving with the Army in Vietnam. He returned to us in June 1968 and has done an outstanding job ever since. He was given a rising vote of thanks for a job well done.

Sister Agnes Aust has once again invited us to a box lunch at her summer home at East Beach, Charlestown, R. I., on Sunday, July 16. Rain date, July 23. All are welcome.

In conjunction with the 48th GCEL Convention, we are celebrating our 75th anniversary and here are some of the events in the planning stage: Saturday night: Entertainment for all; Sunday afternoon: Newport bus tour; Sunday night: banquet and dance; Monday: farewell brunch. Come to Rhode Island and have a good time!

Leaving for Denmark for a month's visit are: Brother Christian Gustavsen on May 31, Sister Stella

Guldhauge on June 26, and Brother Jorgen and Sister Karen Christensen (Danish silversmiths) and family on June 26. We wish them all bon voyage, good times and a safe return.

**Carl W. Sorensen, Correspondent.**

**Enighed Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Our report starts with the Christiansen family, which was initiated at our April meeting. This is a 100% family initiation and is a first for our lodge (see photo).



The Christiansen family, from left to right, Karen, Asbjorn, Christian and Tom.

Asbjorn is a carpenter by trade, was born in Copenhagen in April of 1915 and presently resides in Upper Darby, Pa. Both of the boys are students.

Enclosed is a picture of the Danish exhibit at the 1972 Philadelphia Folk Fair. The Danish exhibit was sponsored by Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 and is their



Left to right, Bente Busch-Petersen and George Clausen.

second exhibit at the Folk Fair. A lot of work, a lot of fun and we always enjoy it. We like to tell people about Denmark, and we always get a good response. Over fifty national and ethnic groups participated in the Folk Fair and this event always draws a good crowd over a three-day period.

That's about it. Hope to see you in Providence!

**George Clausen, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** At our regular meeting held Friday, May 12, the following important issues were discussed and voted on:

To dissolve the D.B.S. Building Association and transfer the funds to D. B. Lodge No. 242. The funds have been depleted to less than \$38,000. Most of the

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# Notes From The '72 Spring Meeting of National Officers



The National Board of Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America met in the home office April 9-12, 1972. All officers were present. During the four-day period, the members of the Board worked during regular Board sessions and in committee to provide for the future of the Brotherhood. Each Board member reported on his activities since the annual meeting. Several assignments had been made by the president and were completed.

The Chairman of the Scholarship Committee officially announced the scholarship winners for the year 1972. The six winners were chosen by the Scholarship Committee from a field of 17 applicants. Proposed changes to scholarship applications and procedures were taken under consideration by the committee.

Applications were approved for camp grants to be awarded this summer. Suggested procedures for awarding these grants were reviewed by the committee and rules are being developed for administration of this new fraternal benefit.

Invitations for hosting the 1975 Twenty-ninth National Convention had been received from Lodge No. 43 in Denver, Colo.; Lodge No. 242 in Erie, Pa., and Lodge No. 273 in Dillon, Mont. A vote taken among the Board members selected Denver as the site of the Twenty-ninth National Convention. The Board members expressed their thanks to each lodge submitting an invitation.

The secretary-treasurer reported to the Board of Officers on home office functions since the last Board meeting. Fraternal and Insurance department heads, Don Eversoll and Clayton Grady presented their portions of this three-part report to the Board.

The report included review and ratification of the society's 1972 annual statement, analysis and approval of the 1972 budget for the society, and a recommendation by the Nebraska Department of Insurance concerning the use of the cash value of fully paid-up additions to extend the insurance of members who are suspended and who let the automatic non-forfeiture option become effective. This recommendation was accepted by the Board.

Studies undertaken by the home office had progressed since assignment. The optional insurance study had revealed some interesting aspects, and additional information is being developed upon which a final recommendation will be made.

Fraternal department subjects reviewed by the Board covered fraternal activity and work with the Fraternal Activities Committee of the Board of Officers. The American Dane Magazine and proposed programs for and uses of this vehicle, and work in the field of public relations for the Brotherhood were discussed. Many interesting proposals were suggested and evaluated for implementation for our membership.

The Fraternal Activities Committee had been working closely during the past months since establishment to support the Fraternal Department in every possible way. A goal was being set by this committee, working to a large extent through the Director of Fraternal Affairs, to reinterest members of the Danish Brotherhood, in Danish-American culture, and in attending the local meetings and supporting the projects of the local lodge.

Use of the American Dane Magazine to provide members with information about their heritage and the contribution of Danes and those American-Danish persons who

had contributed and were contributing so much to humanity was stressed. A new emphasis would be placed on involvement with lifestyles today.

Four very important areas were covered in the insurance department report — membership, new insurance products, training and hiring full-time representatives and instituting new lodges.

Membership statistics, broken down by age group, were reviewed and indicate the need to increase juvenile membership and membership in the age group from 16 to 35. If we are to remain a strong dynamic organization, emphasis must be placed on youth and young adult activities. The new insurance programs were reviewed and discussed.

The following plans are being added to the Brotherhood's current portfolio: A retirement income at 65 for both male and female, a thirty-payment life, an endowment at age 65 for adult and juvenile, a decreasing term to age sixty-five, a special family plan for wife and children, plus a one-parent family plan or children's rider, an accidental death benefit, waiver of premium, guaranteed insurability benefit, payor death and disability benefit. The new life insurance contract is being revised and modernized and a new application is being developed.

The Board was shown the training equipment and procedures for the hiring and training of full-time representatives. They were advised the Society had hired its first full-time regional manager.

Vital to the growth and stability of the Society is the organization of new lodges and assistance provided established lodges which have become inactive. In conjunction with this, the Board reviewed the membership interest finder and the importance of maintaining active lodges with good leadership and participation in lodge activities by all members.

Suggestions from the Board were called for by the president to revise the current special aid applications. The Board decided to send suggestions to the home office after the meeting when they would have time to review and analyze the current application. Some procedural changes were adopted for special aid awards.

The Board took action to register the emblem of the Society.

A rough draft of a new ritual had been mailed to the Board members for their review prior to this meeting. After discussion of the rituals, it was decided to approve in principal the proposed ritual for local lodges, central organizations and the installation of the National Board of Officers. Use of the new ritual will be optional and not mandatory.

Reports were given during the meeting by the Chairman of the Investment Committee and the Chairman of Trustees and the financial affairs of the Society were found to be in order.

The date for beginning of the annual meeting of the Board of Officers next fall was selected as October 16, 1972. With discussion of all topics on the agenda completed, President Danielsen declared the meeting adjourned.

# Who Will Answer?

By Don Eversoll  
Director of Fraternal Affairs

**T**HIS article is an open appeal to all members of the Brotherhood to rekindle the spirit of common ancestry and thus provide a modern living heritage that our young people can identify with. We need to provide them with clear ideas so that in our homes and lodges the seeds of American-Danish culture and heritage may grow and prosper to benefit us all with new members and new lodges.

A new generation of Danish-Americans is watchful at this very moment of our Brotherhood and its programs — waiting for us to answer their quest for identification. How we respond to their needs will directly determine the strength of our organization in the coming years.

A logical place to start is in the area of needs. It is my opinion there is an urgent need in the Danish Brotherhood for a renaissance of interest in the wonderful legacies of culture and heritage that offer unique inspiration to all Danish-Americans.

This need is dramatically emphasized by the comments of many of our members in the Membership

Interest Finder, recently returned to the Home Office. Scores of our members are asking for renewed interest in the areas of culture and heritage.

One of the special attractions of the Danish Brotherhood is our Danish-American culture and heritage. If, indeed, our aim in the Brotherhood is to preserve, maintain and promote interest in everything that is good and worthwhile in the Danish-American national character, we must review what can be preserved, how it can be maintained and how we can promote those elements of the Danish-American character, both in mind and body, that are good and worthwhile.

Perhaps what is needed most is a sweeping re-evaluation and reas-

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***These comments are excerpts from a new publication entitled "Danish-American Cultural Activities" which will soon be provided to all lodges. Your comments are, of course, always welcome.***

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essment of the image we offer to our members and the general public. Is it not true that many of our members identify with a Denmark that is long gone? This writer agrees with Johannes Knudsen when he comes directly to this point in writing in *Kirke og Folk*:

"Many Danes relate to cultural life that flourished in Denmark 100 years ago as a memory that has been retained even in third and fourth generations. This is an interesting cultural and psychological phenomenon in regard to the survival value of ideas and ways; but sentimentality and nostalgia are not a living heritage. They are, instead, fond memories that young people have difficulty identifying with."

So it is then, that we must be very careful in a renaissance of interest in Danish pride, heritage and culture that we frame this in a Danish-American atmosphere. Knudsen underscores this for us when he asks:

"What is Danish heritage? With what can we identify it? Very few among us identify with the life that is lived in Denmark at the present. Much of it is strange and much of it we simply may not like. We like our friends and our relatives and we enjoy a beautiful, enterprising

and modern country when we visit there, but a real identification is difficult."

Does this not make sense?

In the Danish Brotherhood a large ground of common understanding and interest exists between the old and the young when both focus attention on the rich cultural heritage of Danes. Both the artistic young and the nostalgic old can share the beauty of modern skønvirke (ceramics painting), wood carving, folk dancing, gymnastics, Danish cross-stitch embroidery, knipling, sewing, cooking and so on. Within our fraternal society, the eagerness to learn and the patience to teach can be the bridge for the generation gap.

Would it not benefit the Danish Brotherhood to direct our emphasis from one of promoting Denmark per se and strictly Danish culture and heritage to one of promoting Danish-American philosophy, culture and heritage. What is it really that our members need us for? What is the basis of our unique fraternal programs if it is not to offer something they cannot get elsewhere — our name itself tells us what we have to offer — pride in our unique heritage.

There is in culture for all members of the Danish Brotherhood, a common meeting ground. The roll

call of Danes or of Danish-Americans who have merited world-wide fame for their contributions to the arts, for one, is an impressive one. Giants in literature, art, music and architecture include Hans Christian Andersen, N. F. S. Grundtvig, Steen Blicher, Piet Hein, Bertel Thorvaldsen, Arne Jacobsen, Jens Juel, Georg Jensen, Victor Borge, Lauritz Melchior and Georg Carstensen. Famous sport figures include Paul Elvstrøm, Lis Hartel, Grete Andersen and Ole Jensen.

Participation in lodge cultural activities is vital. No organization can hope to grow, much less survive, that feeds on a diet of passive acceptance or complete rejection. With the cooperation of lodge program directors, a catalog of lecturers or demonstrators in such fields as Danish mythology, cooking, handicraft, modern skønvirke (ceramics painting), folk dancing and singing can be compiled.

All districts, as well as lodges, should consider expanding their present officer structure to include the cultural aspects of the society by having an officer specifically designated as "Cultural Director." The district cultural director could render a distinct service by helping the Fraternal Department establish a "talent bureau." This bureau

would merely consist of a listing which is yearly updated and sent to lodges for their reference. The listing would include names, addresses and so forth of people who have appeared before lodges or who could be prevailed upon to do so, or who have information or props useful in presenting a program. We must find other ways, in addition to sponsoring trips to Denmark, of cultivating interest in our heritage and ancestry.

Often, talent lies hidden within a lodge itself. "Lecturers" and "demonstrators" can be found to provide an evening's program. Lodges, large and small, must seek out such persons. Even for many "amateurs," their greatest reward is acknowledgement of their effort in the form of an invitation to appear.

A local lodge would seem to be dooming itself to extinction if it did not insist that its members devote a separate division of time to cultural activity.

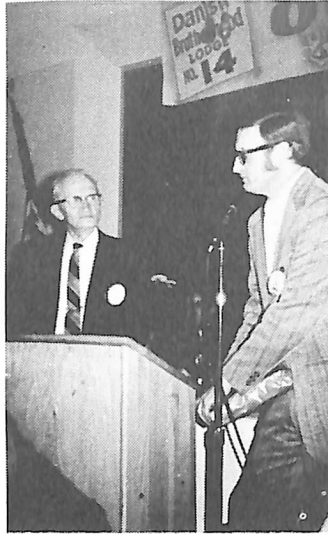
This would include a strictly social fellowship program, such as a ceramic painting demonstration, wood carving exhibition, folk dancing, slides, etc. In many of our lodges, the business meeting takes all too much time and can be abbreviated in the interest of promoting a cultural activity. If speakers, experts, amateurs and so forth are not to be found among the lodge membership, surely they can be found in the community or area. Open meetings are now optional — and encouraged — in our Brotherhood so the opportunity exists to share with and become a vital, dynamic part of your community.

It is my firm belief that once we nourish the pride of Danish-American heritage and culture that is the rightful legacy of our youth, we will see a budding interest in the activities of our unique fraternal benefit society. In closing, may I suggest that we find and promote Danish-American literature, Danish-American art, Danish-American music, Danish-American architecture, Danish-American enterprise and Danish-American social and political development. Then, perhaps, Danish culture and Danish heritage, placed in this context, can become meaningful in our daily lives and be kept alive for all generations.



Typical of the pride of American youth in their heritage is "The Happiness Group," an ensemble of bell ringers, dancers and gymnasts who add true Danish flair to their songs, melodies and choreography. They reside in Minnesota, but perform all over the country during the summer months. Please write the Home Office for their address if you would like to start a similar group, or see them perform.

# Kenosha Lodge Skaals to 80 Years of Brotherhood



DB President Einar Danielsen, left, presents 60-year pin to Kenosha member Jack Sorensen in the left photo. At right, banquet toastmaster Bob Ibsen is holding a gift No. 14 presented to 91-year-old member George Hansen.

Lodge No. 14, located in Kenosha, Wis., recently celebrated its 80th anniversary with a gala banquet attended by 215 people. Among the honored guests were President and Mrs. Einar Danielsen and Trustee and Mrs. Donald Moon, Vice President of the Midwest District Gene Anderson and Mrs. Anderson, Racine Lodge No. 4 President John Johansen and Mrs. Johansen, Racine Dania President Knud Hoffmeyer and Mrs. Hoffmeyer. From the Sisterhood were Virginia Christensen, National Secretary; Hazel Smith, National Trustee and Viola Sohr, President of the Kenosha Sisterhood Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Peder Back, retired from 42 years of broadcasting good Danish music in Racine, were also honored guests.

Service pins were awarded to the following: Nels Olsen and Carl Olsen, 25 years; Alfred Jensen and Mike Larsen, 50 years; and Jack Sorensen, 60 years. A special award of appreciation was given to Myrtle Ibsen, an honorary membership was given to the Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck along with checks for the stained glass window fund of St. Mary's Lutheran Church from both the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood in his honor. The Pioneer Award was given to Nels Nielsen and the Man of the Year Award to Everett Henriksen. Ellen Goode was also acknowledged for insuring that our 91-year-old member, George Hansen, gets to all of our social functions. George was also given a couple of gifts in honor of being our oldest member present.

Once again the widows of our departed brothers were also our guests of honor. Present this year were, Carrie Petersen, Milly Jensen, Lydia Ostergaard, Marie Pahl, Marie Sorensen, Helga Hansen, Cora Jensen, Laurina Jensen, Helga Johnson, Edna Nielsen, Pauline Larsen and Alice Jensen. Out-of-town members included Mr. and Mrs. Willy Andresen from Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Ingvar Rohling of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

We had a delicious meal as usual and the evening was capped off by dancing.

**Bob Ibsen, Secretary.**



New Member	Location	Sponsor
Donald D. Sorensen	Kenosha (14)	Ralph Petersen
Leif H. Petersen	Kenosha (14)	Ralph Petersen
Simon T. Fredericksen	Kenosha (14)	Leonard Haugaard
James A. T. Sorensen	Chicago (17)	Jens Sorensen
Erik Ernst	Chicago (17)	Peder H. Larsen
Erik Vange	Chicago (17)	John E. Hansen
Niels C. Nielsen	Chicago (17)	John Seiling
Jensine Marie Nielsen	Denver (43)	Svend Sonderup
Minnie Bowers	Denver (43)	Svend Sonderup
Norman O. Jensen	Perth Amboy (46)	Edwin Johnson
Harold R. Lovewell	Ludington (51)	Kenneth Johnson
Edward Voss	Ludington (51)	Alfred Seguin
Edward H. Andersen	Ludington (51)	Alfred Seguin
William H. Nephew	Ludington (51)	Alfred Seguin
Clara A. Rasmussen	Kansas City (56)	Emma Prinds
Robert G. Johnsen	St. Charles (92)	G. Rasmussen
Aaron T. Selby	Chicago (107)	Thorvald K. Hansen
Richard A. Urban	Newark (116)	George Godthaab
Kristina D. Gasas	Los Angeles (126)	Carl Sorensen
David R. Johnson	Dike (144)	A. B. Thode
Joyce Ann Potter	Canton (225)	John Christensen
Peter Galeas	Detroit (227)	Richard Clausen
Lawrence J. Cook	Fowler (261)	Victor V. Hansen
Chester F. Johnson	Solvang (299)	Andrew Petersen
George G. Morley	Bakersfield (319)	Donald Moody
Dorothy Adamson	Nassau Co. (325)	Hans Pedersen
Alice M. Johnson	Omaha (600)	Clayton Grady
Betty Jane McGillis	Omaha (600)	Clayton Grady
Klaus Antons	Omaha (600)	Clayton Grady
Nicol Marie Polleis*	Omaha (700)	Alfred Hedegaard

\* Juvenile Members

## CORRECTION TO MAY LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

In the May issue of American Dane Magazine we listed Donald Sorensen and Robert Rasmussen as new members of Lodge No. 299 in Solvang, Calif., and Carl Sorensen as the sponsor for these members. Although Brother Sorensen, as our representative, assisted these members with their applications, the actual sponsor was Knud Jacobsen of the Solvang lodge. We appreciate the efforts of both of our members.

**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:  
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Einar Danielsen: Salary \$241.50, less taxes \$45.68, net \$195.82. To represent the Danish Brotherhood at Pacific Northwest District Convention, transportation \$246.00, per diem \$75.00.

Donald Moon: To represent the National Board of Officers at Lodge No. 14's 80th anniversary celebration, April 29, 1972, transportation \$19.04, per diem \$25.00.

If you make \$10,000 per year and your wife earns nothing, she's a dependent; but if your wife makes \$10,000 per year and you earn nothing, you're a bum! That's the way it goes.

# Our Lodges in Action

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buildings have been demolished and three of the present directors are also officers in the lodge.

The liquor and catering licenses have to be renewed by June 1. The catering license costs us \$500 annually. Can we operate without it? Apparently many clubs manage to be in the food business without this license. What do you think?

Election of delegate and alternate delegate to the GCEL Convention to be held over Labor Day weekend in Providence, R. I.

**Edward Jonasen, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** The celebration in memory of Brother Sofus Christensen was well attended by our members and members of the Christensen family. We think it was enjoyed by all, partly because everybody knew one another and also because the one-man orchestra played so many of the old well-known Danish melodies. In honor of Sofus' memory, a minute of silence was observed. In contrast, a "Længe Leve" was played and everyone joined in. Perhaps a bit unusual to honor a man in this manner, but he will live long in our hearts and memories. If Brother Sofus could have been present, we are sure he would have approved. Perhaps he was present in spirit! Can anyone prove that he wasn't? Brother Sofus would have been 85 years old May 24. "Ære være hans minde."

A detailed report was received from our delegates to the Metuchen Home, which was recently inspected by the board of health and awarded an A-1 rating. Fifteen residents are presently at the home.

At the March meeting questionnaires were distributed among members. These were to be filled out and returned to our president. Perhaps you forgot about it but it is not too late — look them over and let us know what you would be interested in doing on the meeting nights.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** Our regular meeting May 3 started off with a chicken dinner, prepared by Rigmor Biering. Refreshments were given by the lodge. The meeting opened at 8 p. m., by President William Petersen. Sick Committee Chairman Chris Biering reported as follows: Ole Hansen still in Ellis Hospital making a slow recovery; Jack Marx is at home recovering; Eskild Smarup and John Larsen are both home, but still under doctor's care; Carl Kuehnel is at home but coming along slowly. The secretary was instructed to send cards to the sick Brothers. All the sick Brothers sent greetings to the lodge through Chris Biering. A discussion was held about our monthly newsletter to be sent to all members. Peter Nielsen was elected to look into this and report at our next meeting. Carl Christensen made a motion to invite the Troy Brothers to our next dinner-meeting on May 17 and the motion was carried. The secretary was to send an invitation to the Troy lodge. Carl Christensen was the winner of the meeting prize (three month's FREE dues). The meeting closed at 9 p. m.

The meeting of May 17 was preceded by a birthday dinner. Three Brothers were present to celebrate their birthday with us — Kay Nielsen, Knud Guldborg and Al Jensen. Al had his 75th birthday this month. The three Birthday Brothers donated schnaps and refreshments to the dinner.

After dinner we had a 15 minute recess and then went up to the meeting. The meeting was opened by President William Petersen. He welcomed five Brothers from Troy lodge to our meeting.

Chris Biering reported on the sick brothers — Ole Hansen still in the hospital but much improved; Jack Marx back to work but still under doctor's care; Eskild Smarup up and around but confined to his home; John M. Larsen still bedridden at home; Carl Kuehnel at home and expected to return to work next week; Al Jensen had been in the Veteran's Hospital but was not reported sick to the sick committee. He is now recovered. Svend Jensen is in Ellis Hospital for an ulcer operation — he is feeling fine and expects to go home next week.

Harold Hansen was elected to prepare a money tree for three brothers as an anniversary gift on their 25th wedding anniversaries. They were Peter Dix, John Marx and John Brann. The usual amount of \$25 each was approved.

A discussion was held about a joint picnic with Troy Lodge. President William Petersen is looking into this to locate a place for the picnic and will report at the next meeting.

Standing committee reported again on monthly newsletter. On motion by George Christiansen, seconded by Kay Nielsen, it was approved that a newsletter be authorized, printed and mailed by Mohawk Advertising Company. The motion was unanimously carried. Chris Biering to supply copy to printer each month.

Peter A. Sorensen was the winner of the meeting prize. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p. m.

**Chris Biering, Correspondent.**

## CALIFORNIA NEWS

**Los Angeles, Lodge No. 126.** We had our torskeilde on May 18 with 80 people attending, but only 50 had reservations. A special invitation was extended to our 25-year members and the following were presented with their pin: Carl Petersen, Anker Olsen, Marius Jespersen, Richard Thompsen, Chris Christensen, Marius Madsen, Ben Hansen, Erik Danam, Lars Westerskov and Hans Korsgaard.

On May 25 a memorial service was held together with the Sisters. Fred Holm conducted the service on behalf of the Brotherhood and as he read the name of a departed brother a rose was placed on the altar by one of those present. The evening closed with coffee and weinerbrød with the ladies.

The Grundlovsfest on June 4 was not as well attended as in some years past but those who came had a fine time as the weather was just right, the smørrebrød delicious and the Danish beer cold.

Our semi-annual general meeting was held on June 8 with election of delegates to the convention in San Francisco in September. By the way, does the convention dates conflict with the Danish Days in Solvang?

We lost one of our members, Valdemar Frankel, who passed away in Denmark. We are happy to have our Danish Pastor Vagn Duus join us as a social member, persuaded to do so by Carl Christensen, Sr. Chairman of the entertainment committee, Eric Roug, reports plans are underway for a big anniversary party on August 26.

**Peter Pedersen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 255, Selma, Calif.** We still have things going. On April 22, 50-year member Chris Andersen

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# Our Lodges in Action

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and 25-year member Harry Sorensen were decorated with their membership pins. Simultaneously Sisterhood Lodge 159 honored three charter members. The 65th anniversary of the Brotherhood lodge and the 50th anniversary of the Sisterhood lodge were celebrated with a ham dinner and all the trimmings. Skaal! We were pleased to have the attendance of Alfred and Marna Nielsen of Bakersfield, Chris and Ragnhild Nielsen and Aage (Gus) and Karen Holt of Fresno.

On May 24 at a potluck supper of the two Selma lodges, Ric Clausen was decorated with his 50-year pin by his long-time friend, Mrs. Carl Jacobsen of Albert Lea, Minn., in whose home he was living 50 years ago when he joined Albert Lea Lodge No. 75.

Sunday, May 28, the two lodges, DB and DSS of Selma enjoyed their annual picnic in Burris Park of Kings County. We thoroughly enjoyed the barbecued steaks, beer, soda, coffee and ice cream provided by the arrangements committee. The members of the two lodges meet twice a month, on the second Wednesday for business meeting and on the fourth Wednesday for potluck supper. Coffee and eats, at all meetings are provided and served by the Sisters of DSS Lodge 159. Surely you will understand that the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges in Selma cooperate on friendly terms.

**Humboldt Lodge No. 230.** Greetings from all of us in the Redwood Country. We want you to know that we are still active up here and our social life is going strong. Aside from two weddings last fall, Darrell and Vickie Kjer, Sheila and Keith Darling, we have had some good get-togethers. We had a delicious crab feed, which we had hoped to have guests from the south, but I guess the weather and a week night prohibited this. We were entertained by our newest member, Tay Robertson and his wife, Eva, for about 1½ hours of guitar music and singing of folk songs, which everyone enjoyed. There was about 35 in attendance at this affair.

Then last month we had an æbleskiver feed. Our president, Erling Remler, made the batter and our past president, Viggo Poulsen, and his good wife, Vera, cooked them for us. This was a real treat for many of us.

Brother Erling and his wife, Tora, are presently on a vacation in the South Pacific Islands. We are anxiously awaiting their return as they take some marvelous pictures and will show them to us in the fall.

We wish to announce that there will be no socials until our annual picnic in August, as many of us are going on vacation and our farmer members are real busy at this time. The lodge has furnished the chicken and the ladies bringing the rest of the goodies to the Arcata Redwood Park. We have great plans for our September meeting and a party is planned for about the middle of the month, so please any of you people, that will be coming up north at that time, contact me after the next meeting for a definite date as this is going to be a BIG event.

**Laura L. Schuler, Correspondent.**

**Ripon Lodge No. 332** will be hosting the Northern California Lodges State Bowling Tournament on Sunday, July 30. The tournament will be held at the

Yosemite Lanes, 2301 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto, at 11 p. m.

After the tournament a cook-out will be held at the E & J Lacoste Frontier Ranch, located at 3500 California Ave. Master chef for the day will be Brother "Uncle Glen" Olsen, serving his superb barbecue beef. Assisting will be his "right hand" Brother "two-fingers" Albert Hansen, serving refreshments.

Dinner will be \$1.50 per person. We would appreciate at least a week's notice on those planning to attend to allow for proper menu planning. Send reservations to Vernon Olsen, 2124 Edgebrook Drive, Modesto, Calif. 95351.

**Vernon Olsen, Correspondent.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

**Detroit Lodge No. 227.** At our meeting held May 10, we had 60 brothers present for the business part of the evening. Our pre-meeting dinner was attended by 140 brothers and sisters. It would be nice to see some of the brothers who have been coming out to these dinners and then going home, stay around for a while longer and attend lodge meeting occasionally.

At the business meeting, Peter Galeas was initiated in the Brotherhood. Twenty-five year pins were presented to Brothers Einar Jacobsen and Kaj Westergaard. Making the presentations was Past Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen. Brother Albert Halse was down to visit us for the first time since August 1, 1971 when he became ill. It was good to see you down with us again, Albert!

On May 24 we were given a report on the upcoming golf outing at Gene Jensen's place on Middle Straits Lake to take place June 4. Of course the golf was not played in the lake, but at El Dorado Golf Course, although a couple of us could have done just as well if we had played in the lake! After the meeting ended, sandwiches and coffee and beer were served to the brothers who attended the meeting and also to a few brothers who never seem to get to meeting on time but manage to make it for the refreshments afterward.

On the weekend of May 20 and 21, the Michigan-Ohio District Convention was held in Greenville, Mich. It was a rather spirited gathering with many suggestions and opinions given to Clayton Grady, the Director of Agencies from Omaha, as to ways to improve the Brotherhood and make it more attractive to prospective members. Brother Wesley Kraft stepped down as district president and has been succeeded by Howard Hansen of Detroit for the next year. The following brothers were also elected to office for the coming year: Vice President Ken Johnson of Ludington, Secretary Carl Jensen of Detroit, Treasurer Manus Norton of Trufant, and alternate, Clayton Hansen, of Muskegon. Our thanks to Lawrence Ritter, who stepped down as secretary after several years on the job. When the business portion of the convention ended, dinner was served at a nearby church, after which, most everyone returned to the Danish Hall for an evening of dancing and fun. Our thanks to all those responsible in Greenville for a very enjoyable convention. To Brother George Fenkell — a good time was had by all!

**Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.**

**Ludington, Mich., Lodge No. 51.** On Thursday evening, May 11, we held our regular monthly business meeting in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall with President Kenneth Johnson presiding. We had the

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# He Who Laughs, Lasts



"Now here's an unusual one—  
It says, 'Happy Birthday'."

Two business acquaintances were lunching together. One, whose wife was away on an extended vacation, complainly bitterly, "I can't describe how sick I am of making my own meals, taking care of the cat and dog, trying to keep the house tidy. How on earth can I persuade her to leave her mother's and come back home?"

"Simple," smiled the more experienced husband. "Just send her your current local newspaper with one item clipped out."

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Some who have studied the question maintain that the stresses of rural life are only half as great as those suffered by the urban citizen. According to a random sampling survey, only 16% or so of rural folk spoke of stress, while 31% of those living elbow to elbow in the cities remarked on it. This is good to know

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says a farmer friend, when your best cow has just stepped on a teat, your manure spreader breaks down on the far corner of the back 40 and your 10 acres of good alfalfa have been rained on for the third time. Is this rural stress not nearly as bad as problems in the asphalt jungle?

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Too many politicians make the mistake of forgetting they've been appointed — not annointed.

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A good salesman is a man who sell goods that don't come back to customers who do, but the super salesman is the one who can make his wife feel sorry for the poor girl who lost her lipstick in his car.

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Have you noticed on TV that even with earth shaking news bulletins, they always interrupt the program, never the commercial?

For a loss leader, a store featured a \$29.95 shaver at the low price of only \$16.95. They plastered their windows with signs announcing the offer.

The competitor across the street also hung up signs in his windows. His signs read: "We repair \$16.95 electric shavers."

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A pretty stewardess on a Chicago-Los Angeles flight had her hands full fending off two persistent drunks. The one, seated in the front of the plane, was doing his best to persuade her to come up to his apartment. At the rear, the second drunk was trying to get an invitation to her apartment.

As the plane headed for the runway, on arrival, the front-seat pest handed her a key and a slip of paper on which he had written his address. "Here's the key and my address," he whispered. "See you tonight?"

"Okay," she said smiling sweetly as she headed for the drunk in the rear. She handed him the key and the slip of paper and said: "Don't be late."

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Abraham Lincoln was smart enough to make fun of his homeliness. During the famous debates with Stephen Douglas, Douglas accused him of being two-faced. Lincoln replied calmly: "I leave it to my audience — if I had two faces would I be wearing this one."

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Why grieve because all your beautiful dreams haven't come true? Neither have your nightmares.

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One pleasure of retirement is that you don't have to hurry. One of its regrets is wondering why you ever did.

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The beauty you find in a flower or in some jewel or landscape is the beauty of your own mind. Without this inner beauty there can be no outer beauty. The world you live in is the world you are.

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The job applicant tried his best to fill out the employment application. On the line asking length of residence at present address, he thought and thought and finally wrote: About forty feet, not counting the garage.



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# Our Lodges in Action

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pleasure of welcoming four new members and initiating them into our lodge. They were, William Nephew, Edward Voss, Edward Andersen and Harold Lovewell. Following the meeting, lunch was served by Trustee Lars Christoffersen. The name of Brother Roger Andersen was called for our jackpot but he was not present to win the award, so the pot grows larger. Guess who won the Lars Christoffersen Trustee's Special — Trustee Lars, that's who!

On Wednesday evening, May 17, our lodge held another of its regular monthly pinochle parties. In charge of the games were Trustee Lars Christoffersen, Conductor Alvin Garcia and assisted by Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen and Mrs. Lena Hansen. Following the games, a potluck luncheon was served by the committee and prizes were awarded.

On Thursday evening, May 25, we journeyed out to Treasurer Al Seguin's hideaway on the south branch of the Lincoln River. On the grill committee we had Vice President Russ Bentz, Treasurer Al Seguin and Brother Howard Barber. In charge of the steaks were Trustee Wally Nelson and Secretary Earl Jensen. Trustee Lars Christoffersen and Brother Roger Hansen were our beverage dispensers and Brothers Carl Soneral and Harvey Lindeman were the pearl divers, with Conductor Al Garcia supervising them. Each of us broiled our own steak, so we couldn't complain if it wasn't cooked to perfection and 25 of our members turned out for this event and the weatherman surely did cooperate as we had a very fine evening. Brothers Merton Rasmussen and Alf Larsen were awarded the two Lucky Lars' Trustee Specials.

Our "get well" wishes go to Brothers Pete Copeyon, Wally Bentz and Henry Hansen.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

## NEBRASKA DISTRICT NEWS

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha** — Lodge No. 1 members are "going to the dogs" and what's more, we are going to have fun doing it. Saturday, July 15 we will leave via bus for the greyhound dog races in Sioux City, Iowa. What a great time we always have at this annual summer event! For a \$5 bill, you can hop on the fun wagon at 5 p. m., at Dannebrog Hall, attend the races and have a free ride home, celebrating the day with your friends. It's BYO and bring a sack lunch, plus all of your friends. For reservations, call Joyce Christensen, Frances Hansen or Leonard Davidson. See you at the cashier's window!

## IOWA UNITED LODGES

**Dike Lodge No. 144** — At the regular meeting, May 8, 35 members were present. After the usual business it was announced the Dike scholarship winner had been selected and would be announced at commencement. The recipient will receive a \$100 scholarship to the college of his or her choice. Plans were discussed about the yearly picnic to be held in August at Reinbeck City Park.

Plans are progressing for the Iowa United Lodges convention. Chairman Jerry Maixner, co-chairman Gary Andersen and committeemen Loyd Plaehn, Stan VanHauen and Art Thode met at the Ramada Inn and talked with their executive. It was decided that the Iowa United Lodges 44th state convention will open

Saturday evening, September 2, at the Ramada Inn with a get-together party at 8 p. m., at the Penthouse. The convention will open Sunday at 9 a. m., for registration. The afternoon meetings will be held in Constitution Hall and the banquet and dance in the Penthouse on Sunday evening. Meetings will end on Monday. A complete itinerary will be in the August issue of the American Dane. The Ramada Inn is an 11-story building in downtown Waterloo located on Highway 218. We are looking for a big turnout.

On May 25, Brother Markus Sorensen passed away in Chicago. He had been a member since March 28, 1924. He was 93 years old and a member of Waterloo Lodge No. 212 prior to joining Lodge No. 144.

A. B. Thode, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, Iowa** — Steven Sorensen, member of Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, graduated with a BA degree in religion from Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kans., on May 7. Recipient of a Danish Brotherhood Scholarship, Steven received "Magna Cum Laude" honors as he graduated with a 3.8 grade average. Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Sorensen, parents of Steve, attended the event.

Steve received intercollegiate athletic letters in soccer and basketball and received trophies as best offensive and most valuable player in soccer and best free throw percentage shooter in basketball. In addition the college faculty recognized him as the most outstanding student in the field of religion. Pastor and Mrs. Sorensen and son, Kriston, will assume ministerial responsibilities at Hesper Friends Church, Endora, Kans., in June. Steve plans to begin graduate studies at the University of Kansas this fall.

## COLORADO-WYOMING NEWS

The Colorado-Wyoming General Committee will hold its 43rd district convention in Brush, Colo., on the 25th and 26th of August, 1972. Lodge No. 254 in Brush will host the convention.

A get-acquainted party will be held Friday evening, August 25 at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, August 26 will be occupied with the business meeting during the day; the meeting will be opened at 10 a. m., by District President Andrew Christensen of Brush. We are planning to hold the social event on Friday evening and the business meeting on Saturday at Vondy Hall, 403 Curtis Street. The banquet will be held on Saturday evening at 7 p. m., followed by a dancing party.

The committee of the Brush Lodge is working very hard to make this convention one of the finest ever held in Brush. They are also planning some entertainment for the ladies on Saturday while the business meeting is being held.

We invite all brothers, their wives and friends from our two states to attend and we also extend an invitation to our neighboring states, Nebraska, Utah, Idaho and Montana. You will all be most welcome.

We hope a large number of members will plan to attend this convention and send in your reservation as soon as possible, so we can make hotel or motel and banquet reservations for you. This you can do by contacting Secretary Aksel Sorensen, 211 Custer Street, Brush, Colo. 80723, or write or call me at 388-2221. We hope to meet you in Brush so we can enjoy the wonderful time we always have at these state conventions.

Svend A. Sonderup, Secretary-Treasurer.



# Danish Kitchen

What on earth can you have for dinner when you are asked to make a typical Danish dinner? In the coming months, we are going to offer an authentic Danish recipe for the culinary enjoyment of our readers. Can't you just smell those wonderful aromas wafting from the kitchen right now?

## KRÆMMERHUS

(Danish Cones)

½ cup butter  
 ½ cup sugar  
**METHOD:** Cream butter, add sugar and blend well. Add sifted flour; fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Spread dough in buttered cake pan and

5 egg whites  
 1 cup flour

bake in moderate oven until light brown. Cut into squares while warm and form into "Kræmmerhus," or cones, made of the squares. Just before serving fill cones with whipped cream, slightly sweetened and flavored.

# Lest We Forget

In grateful remembrance of their service and fellowship, we honor those members who have passed away since the last report.

Death of	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
10-27-71	Karl Chr. Madsen	83	Højslev, Denmark	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1917
May 8	Fred Henning Olsen	47	Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1968
May 8	Knud Svendsen	71	Nykobing, Denmark	50	Byram, Connecticut	1927
Apr 13	Holger Petersen	65	Morsø, Denmark	107	Chicago, Illinois	1940
Apr 25	Hans M. Miller	91	Varde, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1908
Mar 21	Hans J. Schmidt	78	Dragor, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1917
Apr 12	Carl A. Reimann	84	Flensburg, Germany	116	Newark, New Jersey	1936
May 17	Andrew C. Holmgaard	86	Arlington, South Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1906
May 4	Eddie Davidson	82	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1937
Mar 1	Sophus C. Fynboe	65	Aarhus, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1926
10-31-71	Rasmus P. Nielsen	82	Khorig Præsto	183	Troy, New York	1911
May 18	Louis Thomsen	92	Borris, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1920
May 18	Erving Rasmussen	65	Marinette, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1933
May 3	Mads C. M. Hansen	76	Skovby, Denmark	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1916
May 8	Rasmus J. Jensen	84	Aarhus, Denmark	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1907
May 16	Clifford L. Langdon	56	Kansas City, Missouri	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1963
May 3	Allan N. Forbeck	65	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1949
May 25	Markus Sorensen	93	Skebsted, Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1924
May 16	Milton S. Albertson	63	Cleveland, Ohio	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1934
May 23	Carl George Nielsen, Jr.	55	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1937
May 28	Harry Michaelsen	82	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1908
May 23	J. Chris Larsen	83	Lexington, Nebraska	262	Cozad, Nebraska	1907
11- 9-71	Christian J. Watt	98	Jylland, Denmark	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1906
May 22	Edward A. Christensen	82	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1959
June 4	Ludwig E. Hartweyer	83	Skive, Denmark	332	Ripon, California	1947

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# Washington University Offers Danish Grants

The establishment of two \$3000 graduate fellowships and two \$500 undergraduate scholarships in Danish at the University of Washington was announced recently.

The announcement was made in connection with the arrival of Dr. Niels Kofoed of Copenhagen, who has come to the campus to fill the newly-established Chair in Danish Studies in the Department of Scandinavian and Literature.

The committee of Danes and Danish-Americans that established the Chair of Danish Studies also will provide the scholarships. The Chair in Danish Studies was made possible by a committee that included Torben Rønne, then Danish Ambassador to the United States; Hans Christian Sonne, New York businessman; Carlo Christensen, Danish Cultural Counselor; and Valdemar Hempel, Boston publisher. For the first five years, the chair will be financed by a \$114,000 fund raised by this committee. The University is scheduled to continue the funding at the end of the grant period.

Dr. Kofoed will develop undergraduate and graduate programs in Danish and will prepare teachers of Danish for American institutions. An undergraduate major in Danish, the only one in the United States, will be offered for the first time at the University beginning with autumn quarter.

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"Gee, that's too bad," said his friend.

"Yeah, I'll really miss her."