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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dear Friends:

There is an old Scandinavian proverb that says —

“On the path between the homes of friends grass does not grow.”

That expresses so well our feeling toward you, our reader. We’ve always done our best to deserve your friendship — and it is our hope that “on the path between your house and ours” that grass will never grow.

These thoughts come from the heart at this Holiday Season — and we add the wish that you and yours will have the most wonderful Christmas ever.

Sincerely,

the American Dane



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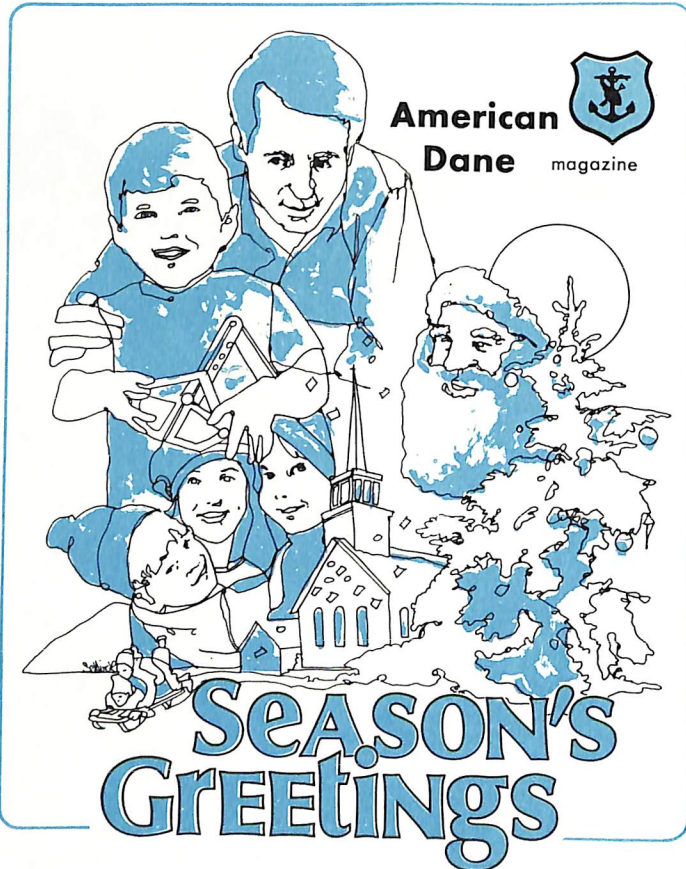
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The objects of the Brotherhood are to: (1.) Encourage its members in their fidelity to the constitution and laws of the country, in which they live, whether it be the United States of America, Denmark or the Dominion of Canada. (2.) Perpetuate memories 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.



MAY THE LOVE, THE JOY AND THE PEACE THAT IS IN CHRISTMAS DWELL WITHIN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR THIS HOLY SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE COMING NEW YEAR. It is our hope that all of us will remember that in spite of conflict and strife, the highest ideals of man still reside in the hearts of men.

'Monkeying Around' Is Benevolence Disguised



SHOWING REAL COMMUNITY SPIRIT — the Lincoln, Nebraska Children's Zoo has a new baby in its family. Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 84 in Lincoln, recently presented a five-month-old Hymadryas baboon to the zoo as part of an annual project to help their community. Russell Autz, 13, at left, feeds the baby from a bottle. Also on the scene are Soren Sorensen, No. 84's president, second from left, zoo staff member Sam Wolf and Lodge No. 84 member, Marie Block, right. This photograph is courtesy of the Lincoln Nebraska Evening Journal, where the story originally appeared.

By Marie Block

The Lincoln, Nebr., Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 84 has presented a five-month-old baby Hymadryas baboon to the Lincoln Children's Zoo as its community project for 1972.

Our lodge has started to do something each year that will help our community. Last year it was money to a center for underprivileged children; this year we gave \$100.00 to the Lincoln Children's Zoo to buy a baby baboon.

All of us can imagine the happy looks on the children's faces at the zoo. To all of us in Lodge No. 84, their fun gives us a deep satisfaction that we are doing something for others, particularly for the young people.

This project personifies the new spirit of brotherhood taking place in many of our Danish Brotherhood lodges. Is there an idea here that your lodge can apply on your own local level?

Brotherhood Flood Relief Gets National Plaudit

DALLAS, Texas—The 86th annual meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America, held in the Statler-Hilton Hotel in this north Texas metropolis October 1-4, broke all previous attendance records of the NFCA.

There were more than 600 delegates, most of them top leaders of 67 fraternal benefit societies that had representatives at the conclave, plus many visitors. Almost 800 persons attended the annual convention banquet. In each case this was about 100 persons more than for any previous convention.

Attending from The Danish Brotherhood in America were Howard Christensen, secretary-treasurer; Clayton Grady, director of agencies, and Don Eversoll, fraternal director. All are staff members in National Headquarters.

The three heard the convention give our society a public plaudit for initiating the Rapid City Relief Fund which helped flood victims in South Dakota. Normally, the NFCA does not single out individual societies for an honor, but that policy was side-stepped in this case to credit the DBIA.

It was the first NFCA convention in Dallas, and in Texas, since 1953, and those who had attended that earlier convention were astounded that Dallas had more than doubled in size in those 19 years, from 400,000 to about 1 million persons. The gathering of fraternalists, likewise, was more than twice as large

as it was 19 years ago. They came from all over the United States and Canada.

The speakers, including former U. S. Olympic Champion, Bob Richards, were outstanding, and they inspired their listeners to keep the "Faith in Fraternity," which has been the NFCA's motto for this year, and to go on to greater things in their service to their members and to mankind.

Texas Governor Preston Smith came to Dallas from Austin to welcome and address the delegates. Governor Smith told the fraternalists that their societies "have made contributions in a humane way that cannot be measured in dollars and cents."

Next year's convention will be held at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans from September 23-26. Las Vegas will be the site in 1974 and Cincinnati in 1975.

The 1972 convention featured a "fraternal spectacular," with young people performing in dancing, singing and musical groups, many of them in folk costumes.

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better person."

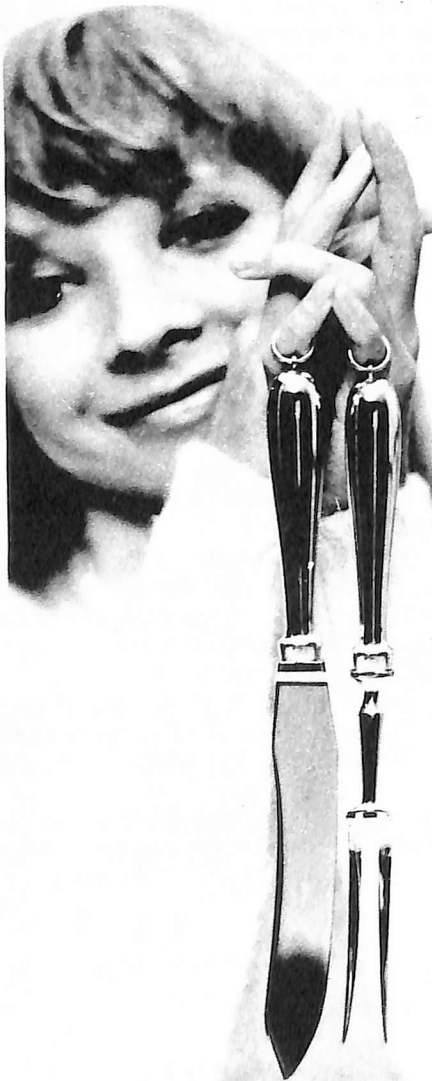
— Benjamin Franklin

Georg Jensen

The Silversmith

With credit to "DENMARK IS A LOVELY LAND" by Hudson Strode

Among the scores of Danish products that may be purchased in foreign lands three special ones have achieved an international reputation as unsurpassed in their respective categories for distinction and qual-



ity: Jensen silver, Royal Copenhagen porcelain and Heering's cherry brandy.

In this issue we will focus our attention on Jensen Silver. Future articles will explore the Royal Copenhagen porcelain story as well as that romantic tale of Heering's brandy.

To connoisseurs of metals, the name of Jensen immediately conjures an image of the world's finest silver.

When a small boy, Georg Jensen developed an ardor for modeling figures in mud. Born in a village north of Copenhagen in 1866, on finishing school at fourteen, he had only one desire: to be a sculptor. But his practical father apprenticed him for four years to a goldsmith so that he would have a wage-earning skill if he failed as an artist. In that workshop Georg got an excellent grounding in craftsmanship which was to prove invaluable in the later work that made his fame.

When his apprenticeship ended, however, he enrolled straightway in the Danish Academy of Art and studied drawing and sculpture. Like the great Bertel Thorvaldsen, he won in time the Academy's gold medal and a scholarship for foreign travel. While examining the great sculptures of Italy and France, he also became fascinated by the marvelous pieces of the Renaissance silversmiths.

Some years later, when his talent for carving figures in marble did not prove to be as remarkable as he had hoped, with typical Danish resourcefulness he turned his artistic gifts to

fashioning silver. Already possessing the technical proficiency for mastering the new medium, he found the work exciting. His very first pieces, brought wrapped in a newspaper to the director of the National Museum for criticism, evoked



Georg Jensen

admiration and even wonder. There had never been any treatment of silver quite like it before, the director said, and promptly bought them for the museum. The originality was based on the carefully calculated contrast of beautifully formed smooth surfaces with finely elaborated details and on a deliberate subduing of the sheen of the silver.

In 1904, in Copenhagen, Georg Jensen set up his first modest workshop. Now, at thirty-eight, he was endowed with all the mature knowledge and skill of an experienced craftsman and an original artist. Working patiently and happily with only one apprentice to help him, Jensen was his own salesman as well as designer and fabricator. His silver pieces quickly became known as something unique, and before long the Louvre and other famous foreign museums were acquiring examples of his art. By 1910 he was widely recognized as a European artist of distinction. A comment by his "discoverer," the director of the Danish National Museum, was quoted in every press article about him: "Georg Jensen has awakened in silver a beauty which has heretofore slumbered unnoticed."

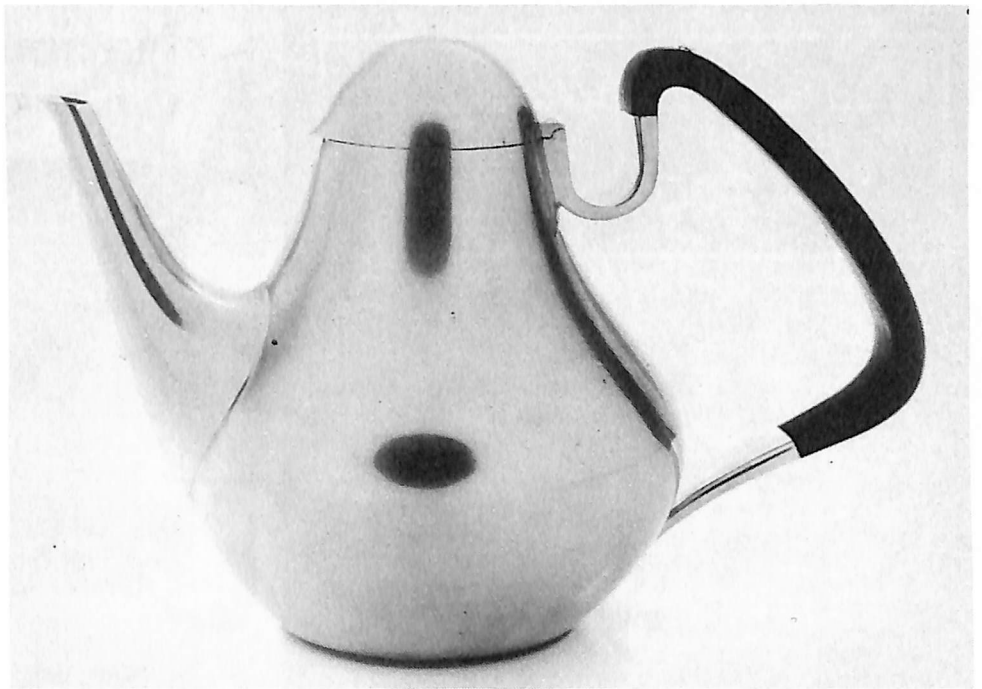
Jensen's work was strangely mod-

The distinctive elegance of this carving set personifies the spirit of Jensen Silverware.

ern and classical at the same time. It was at once functional and beautiful. His designs were simple and embellishments spare. In his decorations he was inspired by his childhood love of nature; he took his motifs from woods, from field flowers, trailing vines and seed pods, sometimes from fruit and occasionally from birds. His nature motifs are never imitative, but always stylized. He used decoration only to enhance the incomparable beauty of the plain surface of hammered silver. Because he found the polished shiny appearance of silver peculiarly distasteful, he greatly subdued the sheen of his hammered metal. The effect he aimed to achieve, as he himself wrote, was to make the color and texture of silverware suggest the play of moonlight on water. And that is precisely the subtly evocative effect his cool, pale gray silver gives.

Before 1912 Jensen conceived and made the drawings and specifications of each piece turned out in his workshop, living much like a great silversmith of the Renaissance, supervising everything himself and personally training his helpers. After 1916 he took into collaboration with him several of Denmark's most talented artists and gave them permanent positions in his establishment. In time, because of the export demand for his luxury products, he was forced to make extensive expansions, and as many as 250 assistants and apprentices came to be employed.

The artists and artisans who worked with Jensen were so thoroughly imbued with his ideas and ideals, as



The effect of Jensen silver is that of the play of moonlight on water. That is precisely the effect this pale gray silver teapot gives. Artist Henning Koppel created this piece which is entirely in Georg Jensen's spirit.

well as his special techniques, that after his death in 1935 Jensen silver lost no jot of its distinction or quality. In fact, some of the younger men more modern in spirit have designed flat silverware that surpasses in beauty any of the master's creations in that category. In individual vases, covered dishes, pitchers, bowls and cigarette boxes they have produced some pieces quite as fine as anything Georg Jensen ever made. One whose work is greatly admired by connoisseurs is Sigvard Bernadotte, second son of Sweden's King Gustaf VI Adolf. Highly talented in various arts, he was employed as a designer

at Jensen's in the early thirties, when his marriage to an alien commoner lost him his princely title and income.

In this mass productive machine age of doubtful values, Georg Jensen did something more than resurrect the lost art of the silversmith. He set a new standard in good taste which has had an effect in both hemispheres. Because of his unique achievement as a founder of a distinctive style of art industry, which sheds luster on his country and inspires men in other lands, Georg Jensen must be reckoned as one of Denmark's immortals.

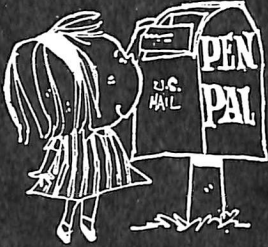


Jensens just recently introduced this set of cooking pots, made of copper with silver lining for durability. Called "Taverna," the cookware is fitted with stainless steel handles, insulated so they can be held by a bare hand. "Taverna" underscores the functionalism of modern-day Jensen silverware.

Danish Brotherhood

Pen Pals

A
YOUTH
PROJECT



It's an exciting moment when a stranger becomes a friend and that is just what happens when you belong to D. B. Pen Pals! Let us pick a pen pal for you and you'll share interests and hobbies with young people all over the United States, and perhaps even Denmark.

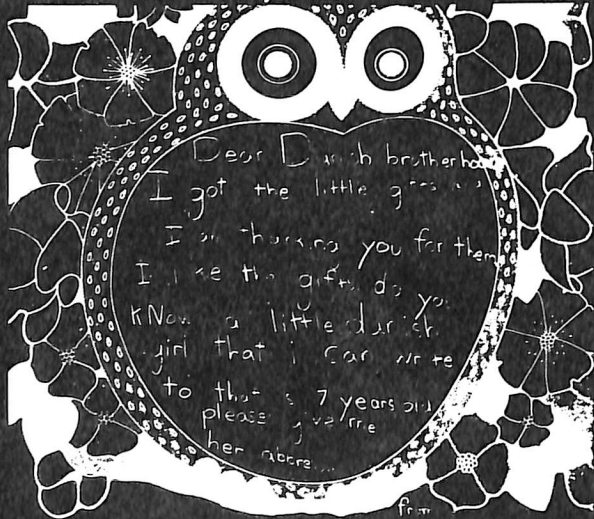
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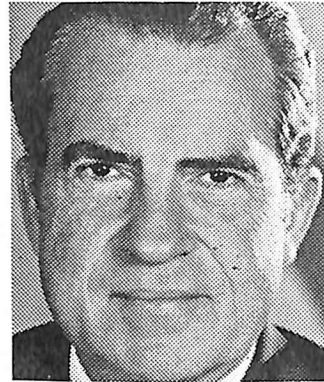
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I am a Girl Boy



Nation's Chief Executive Will Serve for 2nd Term



Inasmuch as one of our objectives in the Danish Brotherhood is to encourage our members in their fidelity to the constitution and the laws of the country in which they live, we would like to offer best wishes to Richard M. Nixon, re-elected President of the United States for a successful second term of office as chief executive. Speaking of the

President, here is an interesting article submitted by a member of Chicago Lodge No. 17:

By A. C. LYKKE

"Når det regner på Præsten, drypper det på Degnen."

So says an old Danish proverb, meaning that if it rains on the parson, it drips on the deacon.

My intention in submitting the following is therefore not any wish for self glorification, but if it is an honor to be congratulated from the White House on a birthday, this brother believes the honor should be shared by all the other brothers in Chicago's D. B. Lodge No. 17.

Accordingly I cite:

Dear Mr. Lykke:

Mrs. Nixon and I are delighted to learn that you recently celebrated your birthday.

We know this must have been a day filled with congratulations from your family and friends, and we want to add our own warm good wishes that peace, joy and contentment will always be yours.

Sincerely, **Richard Nixon.**

A deaf gentleman decided that hearing aids were too expensive, so he got a piece of ordinary wire and wrapped it around his ear.

"Does that wire really help your hearing?" asked a friend.

"No," said the man, "but everybody talks louder."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
FROM YOUR NATIONAL BOARD OF OFFICERS



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Take off with the Scandinavians. Navigators of the world...since it was flat.

(This is the second chapter of "Vagabondia." We pick up where Levi and his wife, Edith, are roaming Chicago's Humboldt Park.)

We located a bench where we first held hands way back in 1941. We held hands again and closed our eyes so that the memories would not be disturbed.

And we walked on, treading gently on across well-cared-for-lawns to the lake where we used to row in rented boats. We hum the Danish tune "under den hvide bro" as we walk across one of the old bridges. We note kids are still thrilled when

chanized, industrial Chicago. We still think that nothing compares to a summer day in Chicago, more specifically, in Humboldt Park.

It is said that all things have beginnings. Yet, it is impossible to say exactly when my journey to Africa began. I figure it began some 55 years ago, when, as a child, I played on the shores of Nakeskov Fjord, in Denmark where I was born.

I remember being envious of sailors and their ships when I heard they were bound for that land of Livingston and Stanley, darkest

pains of Africa's new nations, I thought perhaps here was an opportunity to watch history in the making. I thought also that somewhere, somehow, I might be able to give a helping hand to some worthy cause.

"Travel is for the young, the robust," warned a doctor friend of mine. "With your heart condition, arthritis and ulcers you should stay at home and tend to your garden. You should not galavant around the world on second class trains, tramp steamers and river boats. If you must travel, join the "jet set" and stick with the Hilton-Sheraton circuit.

I listened to the warnings for what they were worth (\$8.00) and then purchased a one-way ticket on "M. S. Randa," an old rusty steamer out of Genoa. My ticket states that the "Randa" will deposit me in the town of Matadi about a hundred miles up the Congo river in about 35 days. An accompanying letter said in effect that I should not hold my breath, that the journey could take longer, and probably would.

Total cost of the ticket everything included — less than \$400.00.

We spent several days gathering all the supplies necessary for our four month trip. We wound up with four tightly packed suitcases. Total weight was 145 pounds and still we had included only articles which we imagined were indispensable.

We then agreed to discard some items and thereby managed to reduce the weight by 20 pounds. Still, we had a problem because the limit for crossing the Atlantic on aircraft is 88 pounds.

Edith concluded that I should take only one camera and 24 rolls of film, and no books on how to shoot a travelogue. She thought I could eliminate my thesaurus and dictionary and a ream of paper.

I contended that she could do without a double supply of deodorants, shampoo, hair spray, bug spray, first aid kits, vitamin pills, aspirin, margarine, dramamine, antihistamine, entero-vioform and alka-seltzer.

After several heated arguments we realized that we were getting nowhere, fast. We agreed to carry only the things we could not do without. We discovered that we could honestly do without most things.

Our final package weighed less than 70 pounds and included my typewriter, my movie camera and also a still camera and a few cartons of cigarettes to be used as tips to hotel clerks and taxi drivers. I

Vagabondia

By LEVI PERSSON

catching miniature bluegills on worms dangling from a string.

We stop at the castle-like pavilion where we used to dance. And there is the sunken rose garden, with its lovers lane where we walked on hot moonlit nights. I conjure forth memories of half-forgotten blondes or brunettes whom I promised the world for a kiss — in Humboldt Park's lovers lane in my youth.

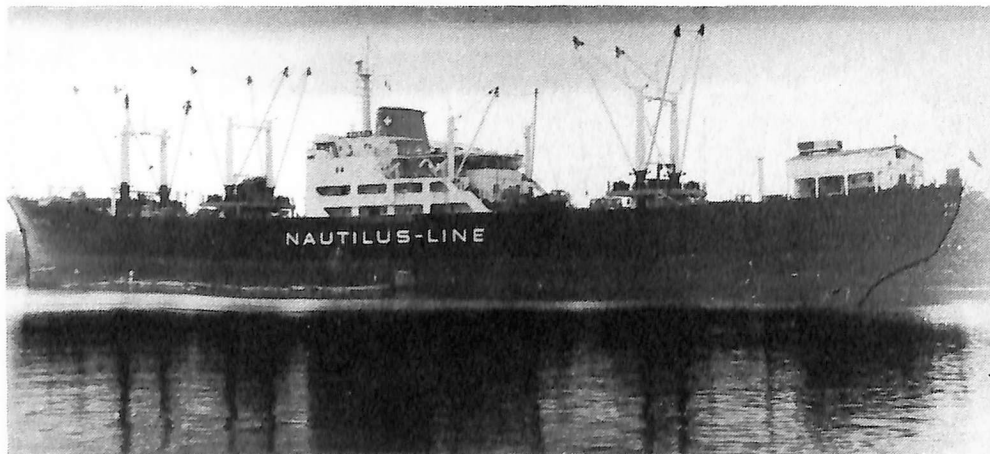
And I get to thinking that there must be many thousands who have as sweet memories from this park as I. I feel sorry that they never have the time or inclination to make this sentimental journey.

As we leave the park, we look back. We are happy that this oasis has withstood the onslaught of me-

Africa. I vowed that when I grew up I would visit Africa. I read voraciously the books of Kipling and Conrad and Stevenson and the other writers who wrote about the adventurous tropics. I remember my mother complaining because we used too much kerosene in the lamp and warning me that I would lose my sight from all that useless reading.

While "armchair adventure" sated the immediate travel hunger, the urge was always there. It is not until now, 55 years later, that I am able to satisfy a lifetime ambition of a journey to Africa.

There was a time when I thought I had gotten too old to travel on a continent so unsettled and half civilized. But on reading about the birth



The M/V Randa, out of Basel, Switzerland, was our home for 42 days, as we visited 14 exotic ports on the West Coast of Africa. Old and weatherbeaten, she shows scars from bouts with Atlantic gales and collisions with concrete piers, but she is cozy and comfortable. A six-weeks trip of the most adventurous type you can imagine, costs only \$375.00. \$700 will get you a three-months trip including accommodations and food. That is probably the biggest travel bargain in the world.



was also allowed to keep my thesaurus, but not the dictionary. Edith insisted that she can spell any word I can think of. I was not in a mood to argue the point.

Here are a couple of good travel tips. If you have to make a plane by 3 o'clock, do not babysit at the airport until 2:45. It can be very exciting, but I doubt it is worth the effort. I learned that in Chicago.

If your travel agent tells you that you need only two hours between planes in New York City, express some doubt.

It can be done in two hours but it is a jittery experience. The two hour thing will give you a few gray hairs. Assert yourself. Insist on three hours, or four, for a plane change; particularly when you are on a transatlantic flight which is booked solid for the following two weeks.

But to get back to the babysitting incident. My sweet niece, Maryann and her 6-month son, Mark, insisted on driving us out to Chicago O'Hare Airport. Actually Mark had nothing to say about it, but he is part of the act.

"It is not every day that an uncle and aunt of mine takes off for

Africa," Maryann said. "I want to make darn sure that you get on that plane."

The fact that I had monopolized her bathroom during my four days of "traveler's trot" may have had something to do with her willingness to take us to the airport.

As we approached the airport it was decided that Edith, Mark and I and our luggage should be dropped off at the reservations desk. We would check in and babysit while Maryann parked the car. No danger of our missing this plane. No sir! We had a whole hour til departure time.

Edith held little Mark as we checked in. The clerk looked at our tickets and then asked how old the baby was.

Edith looked at me for help; then answered, "we don't know — anyway, we just can't remember." I added that Mark was not our son and that he was not going along to Africa, if we could help it.

There was a painful look on the clerk's face as she handed me the cancelled ticket. "I guess you do have a problem," she said, "but please be at platform six, 15 minutes before departure."

A half hour passed and no Maryann. We started to worry a bit. We could not board the plane leaving a 6 months old baby alone at O'Hare Airport. If we missed the plane we would miss our New York connection. It was too frightening a thought to maintain.

I kept one eye on the big clock and another eye on the revolving door. Another ten minutes snailed past. I almost got frantic when I realized that our suitcases were now aboard the plane, irretrievable. We could not leave, we could not stay either. There was nothing in between. To call this a paradox and a dilemma was an understatement.

We had 18 minutes to go when Maryann came up the escalator three steps at a time. Breathing heavily and perspiring profusely she threw herself into a chair. Between gasps for air she told us that she had gotten caught in a traffic jam, missed a turn into a parking lot and then missed the bus. "I must have run a whole mile," she said, looking at her wrist watch. "I did it in 10 minutes flat. Maybe you'll see me at the Olympics," she laughed as she hugged her baby.

I swore I'd never babysit again, at O'Hare Airport or anywhere else.

I was soundly asleep aboard the New York bound plane when the loudspeaker system woke me, telling us to fasten our seat belts. We had flown into a thunderstorm and passing through a soup so thick we could barely see the wing tips of the plane. Every now and then blue-white flashes of lightning crackled. The flashes lit up our faces making us look ghostly.

I glanced at my watch. We were on time. I gave my belt another tug and leaned back into my seat for another bout with the sandman.

The captain's voice sounded again "Steady downpour and low ceiling in the New York area. Incoming flights stacking up" then the bombshell — "We'll be approximately two hours late."

The plane started its prescribed flight pattern as it waited for permission to land. My mind went into circles trying to determine what we would do in the event we missed our Atlantic flight.

Neither the 14 day wait for space, nor the \$300.00 in extra fare were acceptable. I could think of no alternatives.

The "No Smoking, Fasten Seatbelts" signs started to flash. We were informed that we would land in 15 minutes. We did.

(To be continued)

Mezoff Receives First "Friend of Fraternity" Award



Dana College News Service Photo by Drew Sorensen.

Dr. Earl Mezoff, center, receives first "Friend of the Fraternity" award presented on behalf of the Brotherhood, from Howard Christensen, right. Looking on is Don Eversoll at left. Lodges are invited to use the award as a community affairs project in recognizing outstanding individuals for their support of the society. Program guidelines and criteria are available from the Fraternal Affairs Department for those interested.

Great - - They're 100%



Another 100% family belonging to Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebr., is that of Norman and Mary Block with their two sons, Brian 5½ years old, and Christopher, two months. They live in Rapid City, S. D., but still keep up their membership in the Lincoln lodge.

The book, "Denmark is a Lovely Land," by Hudson Strode is available from Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc., 757 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10017.

The president of Dana College received a first from the Danish Brotherhood last month.

Dr. Earl R. Mezoff was the recipient of the first "Friend of the Fraternity" award bestowed by the Brotherhood. The award is the highest our society can award to individuals who are not Danish or eligible for membership. It recognizes support on the behalf of the Brotherhood.

Mezoff is the first president of the Danish Lutheran college who is not of Danish extraction. His ancestry is Austrian.

Mezoff said in receiving the award that "It is my firm conviction that what has made America the greatest country in the world has been the amalgamation of a host of cultures, mores . . . and spiritual backgrounds.

"What is truly American is not a distinctive set of differences from many cultures but a mosaic of the very best from many cultures." Mezoff said that through association with Dana, "My family and I feel Danish by conversion."

The presentation was made at the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters in Omaha. Also honored for his long standing support of the D. B. was Dr. Clifford Madsen, president emeritus of Dana.

Requests to honor D. B. friends with the award may be submitted to the Fraternal Affairs Department at the Home Office. The citation is not to be considered as "honorary membership" in the Brotherhood, but rather official recognition of support.

1973 GROUP FLIGHTS TO DENMARK via SAS from Seattle

May 28—June 14, Three Weeks

June 17—July 22, Five Weeks

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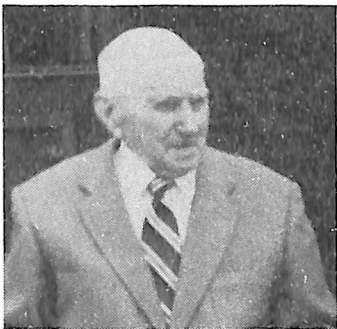
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Our Lodges in Action

Open House Honors Chris Sands On Occasion of His 101st

Chris Sands, long-time member of Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Wash., celebrated his 101st birthday anniversary recently at the Northwest Danish Home, Seattle, where he now resides. An open house at the Home honored Brother Sands who enjoys vigorous good health and the companionship of a host of friends.



Chris Sands

Attending the open house were Brother Sands' five children, several of his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and numerous friends. His immediate family consists of a son, Brother Hans of Lake Sawyer, also a long-time member of Lodge No. 113; Mrs. Esther Blanchatt, Mrs. Inga Nelson and Mrs. Clara Evans, all of Auburn, and Mrs. Karen Eagon of Enumclaw.

During his many years as an Enumclaw resident, Brother Sands was interested in several business ventures and was employed by the State Highway Department.

Congratulations and all the very best wishes for the future from all the brothers in Enumclaw.

Niels Nedergard, Past President.

The Danish lodges in Portland hosted the Pacific Northwest Danish Home Board of Directors quarterly meeting on October 7. President Ed Olsen and Treasurer Joe Matsen reported that the benevolent institution was doing quite well financially but that more important, the desire of further service never falters. About 120 were served a delicious ham dinner after which entertainment was by a Danish folk dance group under the direction of Elly Buckley. On Sunday morning, Brother Lawrence Cook served breakfast to all out-of-town guests. A non-profit organization, the Northwest Danish Home sponsored by all Danish groups, invites your individual annual membership of \$5.00 or a family life membership of \$100. Write Secretary Paul Hansen at 5626 48th Avenue SW, Seattle 98116. The board has recently learned that the Home will soon receive generous gifts from two estates — the Mary G. Matsen Fund and the late C. Fred Christensen holdings. And in that light, Donations Committee Chairman Anton Jessen would like to remind you of the importance of remembering the Home in the form of memorials, commitments in lieu of flowers at funerals and naming the Danish Home as beneficiary in wills. By the same token, the response to the Christmas commemorative stamp project is very gratifying. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hansen are to be the new managers.

Belated birthday congratulations to Past District President Peter Pihl who has reached his 80th milestone and methinks he and Veronica are also celebrating their golden wedding this month. And speaking of the brothers in the City of Roses, Jorgen Christensen just passed his 91st birth date. Brother Ralph Fyring spent part of October in Hawaii and Brother Alfred Jensen was recently married in Reno. Congratulations to Brother Robert Fahl as recipient of a Danish Brotherhood scholarship.

Spokane Brother Kris Wales "chaired" the regional meeting of the North American Wholesale Lumbermen's Association in Seattle during October. Enum-

claw Brother Oswald Pedersen vacationed in the Grand Canyon country during September. Silver wedding greetings to Brother Robert Nearhood and Brother Ed Hoiland had a most wonderful trip to Denmark this summer.

If you are interested in a class teaching the Danish language, write to Karen Foged, 2508 41st Avenue East, Apartment 151, Seattle 98112. This information comes through Brother P. Sten Jessen, editor of the Northwest Danes Newsletter.

NEWS FROM EASTERN LODGES

Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge No. 172 — More than 20 people attended our September meeting and if you missed, you really lost out on a terrific table prepared by our own chef, Claus Klitgaard, who with a little help from his lovely wife, Joyce, and Henry Janco, had let out all stops. He surely knows how to do it.

Stork call — Ea and John Keegan are the proud parents of a little girl who arrived in late July. We wish them luck with the new addition.

Flight '73: A flight to Denmark has again been arranged for next summer. Make your plans to join now. Contact Fleming Hinrichsen for further details.

Wanted: We are looking for the address of Karen and John Lindberg in Copenhagen. If you have it, please forward it to the editor.

Sick List: Recently Brothers Jacob Ravn and Erik Christiansen have spent some time in the hospital, both are, however, back at work again.

Dues for 1972 are now due. So please come down to our meeting and pay or send it to our financial secretary, Karl Gamborg-Nielsen. We congratulate Grete Hempel who won second place in the Danish Brotherhood essay contest. The subject was "What Can I Do To Keep Our Environment Clean." Grete received a \$50 savings bond. She is 12 years old and our lodge is proud of her.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Wilhjelm who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 27.

Childrens Christmas Party — This annual event will be held on December 17. It has always been a successful party. It will follow in the afternoon, right after our Christmas church service. The party will begin at 2 p. m.

Help Your Lodge — Once more we have come to the point in time where we choose a new president and board of officers — it is a time that seems to come around very fast — and now it is your turn to serve, if you have not already done so. It seems that it is always the same basic group of brothers that do the work, that set the policies and that we must rely on. If you are asked to "volunteer," why not do so? Besides helping your fellow brothers you are really also helping yourself to gain leadership ability and self-confidence. In addition it is not fair to those that have spent so many years in the leadership jobs not to get a little relief. But why wait to be asked? If there is something that you'd like to do, just speak up.

There will always be jobs such as entertainment chairman, membership chairman, editor of this newsletter, or you can dream up anything else you'd like put into action.

Niels Malmquist, Correspondent.

Newark, N. J., Lodge No. 116 — Last regular meeting was on Friday, November 10. This was our annual past presidents night.

Congratulations to Helga and Jens Mortensen who

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during the month of October. May you have many more.

The annual presidents dinner-dance was a great success. Those who attended know the good time that was had, and those who could not be there will have to wait until next year.

Don't forget the annual Christmas party for the children on December 17 at the American Legion Hall starting at 2 p. m.

Our good wishes for a speedy recovery to Edith and Viggo Nielsen, who were in a very unfortunate automobile accident. Hope to see you both at the meetings soon.

The nominating committee will present its slate of officers for 1973 at this meeting. Don't forget that in December, nominations can still be made from the floor. Brother Carl Hansen had his number drawn at the last meeting but was not present.

Paul N. Iversen, Secretary.

Hartford, Conn., Lodge No. 314 — From this person's eyes, there is nothing real earth-shattering to report. The lodge is between functions right now and when the next letter comes due, I should have a report on some activities that we have sponsored.

I know that you don't want to read past history so I'll try to keep this short. I hope all that attended the bingo and Christmas parties had a good time. I hope I will have had a good one too!

We will have installation of officers in January, and it looks like two or three new faces. I think that that shows your lodge is headed in the right direction. Let's try and have a good turnout for the occasion. Refreshments will be served. More on the actual dates later.

From all your officers and your fellow members, a most hearty Merry Christmas and may you have a good and successful New Year! Glædelig Jul!

Mark B. Thomsen, Secretary.

New Haven, Conn., Lodge No. 32 — On October 3, Brother Knud Sondergard passed away after a short illness. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

At our last meeting we had our annual roast beef dinner with members from Derby and Bridgeport lodges attending the meeting and dinner.

The committee for the GCEL convention in '73, has already made reservations for the meeting hall at the West Haven Motor Inn. The dinner will be held at a nearby place with the music also being accounted for. More specific details in upcoming issues.

Chris Simonsen, Secretary.

Providence, R. I., Lodge No. 102 — Just a belated note on the recent convention and 75th anniversary

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Food for Thought

(Editor's Note: This is a news item from Philadelphia Lodge No. 172. We think it could have a message for all lodges who find themselves struggling through unnecessarily long meetings month after month.)

In order to stimulate attendance and interest in our regular meeting, the officers have decided to handle all possible routine business at the frequent officers' meetings. Only essential business and matters of broader interest will be brought up at Ludlow Street. We tried this procedure last month with what seemed some success. At that time the meeting was very short and the social part of the evening was over at 11:30.

A Good Personal Philosophy

(taken from a 1692 inscription in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore)

Go Placidly Amid The Noise And Haste And Remember What Peace There May Be In Silence! As Far As Possible, Without Surrender, Be On Good Terms With All Persons. If You Compare Yourself With Others, You May Become Bitter Or Vain, For Always There Will Be Greater And Lesser Persons Than Yourself.

Take Kindly The Counsel Of The Years, Gracefully Surrendering The Things of Youth, Nurture Strength Of Spirit To Shield You In Sudden Misfortune. But Do Not Distress Yourself With Dark Imaginings. Many Fears Are Born Of Fatigue And Loneliness.

Beyond A Wholesome Discipline, Be Gentle With Yourself. You Are A Child Of The Universe No Less Than The Trees And The Stars; You Have A Right To Be Here, And Whether Or Not It Is Clear To You, No Doubt The Universe Is Unfolding As It Should.

Therefore, Be At Peace With God. Whatever You Conceive Him To Be. And, Whatever Your Labors And Aspirations, In The Noisy Confusion Of Life, Keep Peace In Your Soul. With All Its Sham, Drudgery And Broken Dreams, It Is Still A Beautiful World!

Our Lodges in Action

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celebration. We were all happy (especially the committee) to read the many congratulatory letters from the national officers, officers of the GCEL, the members and friends who attended.

Brother Stanley Theroux is now at home and recovering very nicely. Good luck, Stan.

A very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year from all of us to all of you.

Carl W. Sorensen, Correspondent.

Long Island, N. Y., Lodge No. 325 — Our meeting in October was well attended, a smorgasbord was served and Danish films shown, but no jack pot winner.

Our annual children's Christmas party will be held Sunday afternoon, December 17. The magician who entertained us a while back, will again do his tricks. Santa will be there in person. Due to limited space in the hall, only members' children and grandchildren are invited to the party. Of course, all adults are welcome. Special notices will be mailed at a later date.

Nomination and election of officers for the coming year will take place at our December meeting. The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates who are willing to serve in 1973. Nominations from the floor are in order. Perhaps you have someone in mind who would like to serve on the board.

The acting Danish Consul General, the Hon. J. O. Stephensen is being replaced by the Hon. Kragh Meyer. For that event the Danish Athletic Club is sponsoring a dinner-dance Monday evening, November 13. Tickets are \$10. The D. A. C. soccer game is scheduled for November 11.

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

Schenectady, N. Y., Lodge No. 190 — Brother John Brann and his family have moved back from New Jersey and are now located on Sacandaga Road, near Galway. We welcome them back and hope to see John at our meetings.

Last week I received a letter from Brother Dick Agervig in Denmark. Dick sends greetings to all the brothers and he says that both he and his wife, Erna, are doing well in the Old Country. It was nice to hear from Dick and we all wish him good luck.

Our first meeting in October was held October 4 at the Zef Club. As there was no bar open that night, our president, Bill Petersen, arranged it so we could set up our own bar downstairs. Bill Petersen greeted all brothers as they came in and told them, "go ahead and help yourself to a drink." That was a fine arrangement, as all drinks were "on the house." At 6:45 we all sat down to a fine dinner prepared by Rigmor and her little helper.

The meeting started at 8 p. m., and was opened by President Bill Petersen. Secretary Clarence read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. Financial Secretary and Treasurer Chris Biering gave his report which was also approved.

The sick committee reported that Ole Hansen was home and improving after his third trip to the hospital this summer. We all wish Ole a speedy recovery.

We had some discussion about the Zef Club, which is in the process of being sold. Our officers reported that even if the Zef Club sells out, we may be able to talk to the new owner about holding our meetings there. Members will be informed about this at a later date.

Our fishing trip to Lake George on Sunday, October

8 was a great success. We arrived about 12 o'clock and were welcomed by Mrs. Severson and George. Fifteen members attended this trip, and all had a great time. The weather was fine and the lake beautiful and calm. In the afternoon we did have a little storm, but it only lasted about a half hour. After the storm we saw the rainbow and all the boats came out again.

During the day we had all kinds of food: sausages, brockwurst, clam chowder and hamburgers, and all the beer and drinks you could drink and coffee and coffee cake for dessert. There were three tables with card players and everyone enjoyed himself. The last of the party left about 9:30 p. m. We thank George and his wife for their hospitality.

Our birthday dinner, October 18, was held at the Zef Club. Again there was no open bar, so President Bill and I brought in refreshments and everyone had to help themselves to a beer or a drink before the dinner. Rigmor served a nice dinner (bøf med løg og kartoffler), rye bread, cheese and coffee — a good meal for any man.

We had seven brothers to celebrate, but none were present to celebrate with us. After dinner we went upstairs to the meeting, which was opened by President Bill Petersen at 8:15 p. m.

The sick committee reported that Ole Hansen had recovered from his recent illness, and Ole was attending this meeting. The president welcomed Ole back and said he hoped Ole will stay well and again attend our meetings.

The secretary was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. George Severson for their hospitality Sunday, October 8.

Members were informed that our next meeting will be held at the Zef Club, November 1. After that date, we do not know where we will meet for the second meeting in November, but members can call me or Bill Petersen for information.

Olin Yauchler was the lucky winner of the meeting prize — three months free dues. Meeting closed at 9:10 p. m.

Chris H. Biering, Correspondent.

Barre, Vt., Lodge No. 294 — Green Mountain Lodge celebrated its 60th anniversary on Saturday evening, October 21, at the Venetian Restaurant. At 7:30 52 members and guests sat down to a roast beef supper. Greetings and welcome from President Ejnar Thygesen went out to the group. After the supper, Toastmaster Thygesen told of his and Vice President Louis Taft's enjoyable visit to the Nielsen home in Orange where they presented Niels C. Nielsen, the oldest and only remaining charter member, with a 60-year pin. Brother Nielsen was 87 years of age February 19. He was a dairy farmer until he retired and has lived most of his years with his family in Orange.

Members and guests were called upon and much merriment and humor was brought out from bygone days. President Thygesen kept the ball rolling. Harry Mikkelsen gave the early history of the lodge's organizing September 28, 1912, with 20 charter members joining. Their occupations were: sixteen farmers, two lumpers, one carpenter and one painter. Ejnar Thygesen read some of the highlights of the city of Barre in the year 1912. The committee in charge of this affair was Kenney N. Lunde, chairman; Francis Taft and Alfred Lunde.

Louis Taft, Sr., who was unable to attend, received his 50-year pin which was presented to him by his sons, Louis C. Jr., and Francis. Louis worked for the railroad for 25 years, operated a sporting goods

store for 20 years then was a rifle instructor at Norwich University for three years. He is now retired, spending summers at Lake Elmore, Vt., and his winters in Florida.

Louis C. Taft, Jr., and Francis R. Taft received 25-year pins this year.

Chris R. Mikkelsen, Secretary.

MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

Detroit Lodge No. 227 — At our pre-meeting dinner on October 11, we had approximately 160 brothers and sisters present to enjoy a meal of medisterpølse med rødkål. After dinner there were 75 brothers who found time to attend the business meeting. President Howard Hansen initiated new Brothers James Shortt and Albert Raffaele. Past President Robert Andersen did the honors of welcoming these new brothers to the Danish Brotherhood.

There was much business discussed at this meeting among which was the possibility of our lodge joining the Michigan Red Cross Blood Bank. The idea behind this thought was to try to benefit many of our members in the future if any of them have a need for blood. More information will be forthcoming on this subject.

On October 25, Vice President Harold Capion presided over our business meeting in place of President Howard Hansen. The name of Brother Winfred Facknitz was drawn for our jackpot but he was not present so the pot continues to grow. He missed out on \$43.

On November 8, there were 150 present for our pre-meeting dinner to enjoy cod fish with mustard sauce, boiled potatoes, green beans and coffee and pastry. For those who did not want the fish, there was pot roast as a substitute.

We had one new brother initiated into membership during the meeting that followed. He is Kaj Ove Larsen. We had a good turnout at this meeting also. There were 80 of us in attendance.

There was finally a winner in our lodge drawing — the lucky brother was Walter Suhr. Now the pot goes back to \$2.50 and starts to build from there. Incidentally, Brother Walter won \$46.00.

Brother Oluf Jensen has offered to take over the task of printing all the necessary correspondence our lodge members receive concerning any lodge business. This job has been handled for the past few years by Brother Ken Rehan who did an outstanding job.

The annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 26 as is the custom in Lodge No. 227. Lodge members will be advised of the time and any other information concerning this party.

In closing this letter, I would like, on behalf of all the members of Lodge No. 227, to thank all the officers for their efforts during the past year and also extend the best wishes of our lodge to all Brotherhood and Sisterhood members and their families for a very Merry Christmas and the best of everything for the coming New Year.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.

P.S. — After meeting on November 8, Brother Fred Marxson entertained us with a slide showing of his and his wife, Mary's trip to Denmark, Norway and Sweden during the past summer. He had a very delightful presentation prepared and I am sure everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to Fred for your efforts.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. held their regular monthly business meeting on Thursday evening, October 12, with President Kenneth Johnson presiding. Following the business meeting, the name of Conductor Alvin Garcia was called for our jackpot, and as he was present, he collected the pot, and now we must

start all over. Brother Carl Soneral was awarded the Lucky Lars Trustee Special. To close out the evening we were treated to open-face sandwiches, pickles, doughnuts and coffee by our lunch committee for the evening, Brother Everett Liebetreau.

On Wednesday evening, October 18, our lodge held their regular monthly pinochle party. The committee for the evening consisted of Conductor Alvin Garcia, Trustee Lars Christoffersen, Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen and Mrs. Lena Hansen. Following the games, prizes were awarded and a potluck lunch was served by the committee.

On Thursday evening, October 26, we held our monthly "social evening." The name of Brother Arvid Lumvstrom was called for the jackpot but he was not present to claim it. Brother Herbert Engfer was awarded the Lucky Lars Trustee Special. Brothers Carl Soneral and Trustee Lars Christoffersen were our beverage dispensers for the evening, and Brother Everett Liebetreau again put on one of his famous open-face sandwich delights, with all the trimmings, and of course coffee and other beverages.

Our lodge was saddened with the passing of Brother N. Chris Rasmussen, who died at the age of 84. He was well known to all our members and will be missed by all. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Get well wishes go to Brothers Eugene Cater, Peter Copeyon and Wallace Bentz who are ill at the time of this writing.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

NEBRASKA NEWS

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr. — Lodge No. 1 hoped to see a lot of our members and friends on our turkey bingo night on November 21, at Dannebrog Hall.

Our annual Christmas tree party will be held jointly with the Danish American Club at Dannebrog Hall on Tuesday, December 19. There will be singing of Christmas carols around the Christmas tree, young and old alike and the JADA girls will sing several Danish Christmas songs. Rumors are that Santa will appear.

Thanksgiving will be over by the time this goes to print and I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

There will be joint installation of officers with Lodge No. 195 on January 2. Lodge No. 1 will be host.

The officers and members of Lodge No. 1 wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA DISTRICT

Pacific Lodge No. 39 — Our lodge has been hit hard this fall with many of our brothers being ill. We ask all officers and members to visit our indisposed brothers.

Friday, October 20, the Sisters of Danmark Lodge No. 17 held their annual bazaar followed with a delicious chicken dinner to which the brothers of No. 39 were, of course, invited. A most enjoyable fellowship always prevails at these dinners.

On Friday, November 3, a potluck dinner was served at 6:30 p. m., at which time the brothers of No. 39 again joined with the Sisters. As one brother stated: "The trouble with these potlucks is we always eat too much!"

A big Christmas party is being planned for all members on Friday evening, December 15, at which time we expect to see a great many of our members.

Our annual election of officers will be held on Friday, December 1 at 8:15 p. m. Installation of officers will be on January 19, under the leadership of State President Jack Belmont. Our installation night is usual-

ly one of our biggest events of the year. Remember the date.

No. 39 has had a good year in 1972 and our new officers are making plans for another successful year in '73.

With best holiday greetings to all Brotherhood members and your families.

Melvin Oredsen, Secretary.

Los Angeles Lodge 126 — During the last month we had two brothers who passed away. They were John Salling and Harold R. Hansen.

This year we will not have the usual children's Christmas tree. Instead the entertainment committee has planned a Christmas dinner with a dance afterward at the Danish Center on December 9.

If anyone, anywhere has copies of the Danish Brotherhood ritual as adopted at the 1919 convention or earlier, one of our members would like to borrow it to be used in a research program dating back to the beginning of the Danish Brotherhood. All copies will be returned. Send eventual copies to Fred K. Holm, 1238 Spazeir Avenue, Glendale, Calif. 91201.

Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår.

Peter Pedersen, Secretary.

Golden Gate Lodge No. 49 — After a highly successful convention in San Francisco it is back to normal for Golden Gate Lodge No. 49. As usual our annual birthday was celebrated on November 4 with a dinner-dance attended by our faithful members and friends. An enjoyable evening featured the well-known accordion player Andy Nielsen from Santa Rosa.

Recently the famous Radio Boys Choir from Copenhagen visited the Bay Area. Their three concerts (Hall of Flowers, St. Francis Lutheran Church and Canada College) were very well attended by many members who all enjoyed the choir's tremendous performances. It is promising that our membership still remembers one of the DB's purposes, namely furthering the cultural exchange between our two countries — although the American people in the audience outnumbered the Danes better than 9-1. The rest of the country had the pleasure of listening to the boys over CBS-TV network as they were chosen to sing the American national anthem before the football game between the New York Giants and San Francisco 49'ers. Forty million TV fans were quite thrilled and Denmark earned a valuable goodwill which money could not buy.

Next attraction is our joint Christmas party with DSS Lodge No. 24 on Wednesday, December 13.

O. B. S.

**General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood
Lodges in California-Nevada
Proposed Installation Schedule 1973**

Ferndale, Lodge No. 95 Friday, January 5
Arcata, Lodge No. 230 Saturday, January 6
Solvang, Lodge No. 299 .. Wednesday, January 10
Fresno, Lodge No. 67 and Selma, Lodge
No. 255 Thursday, January 11
Hayward, Lodge No. 184 and Fremont
Lodge No. 337 Friday, January 12
Oakland, Lodge No. 39 Friday, January 19
Petaluma, Lodge No. 143 .. Saturday, January 20
San Francisco, Lodge No. 49 Wednesday, Jan. 24
Los Angeles, Lodge No. 126 Thursday, Jan. 25
Las Vegas, Lodge No. 339 .. Saturday, January 27
San Diego, Lodge No. 306 .. Saturday, February 3
Alhambra, Lodge No. 323 Saturday, February 10
Ripon, Lodge No. 332 Friday, February 16
Bakersfield, Lodge No. 319 Saturday, Feb. 17

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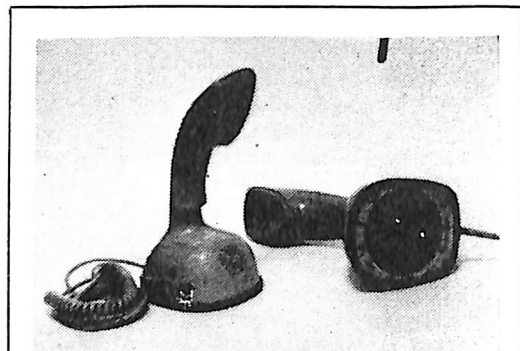
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The Danish Brotherhood in America has furnished us with a copy of its December 31, 1971, financial statement for examination, analysis, and opinion. Our analysis reveals the following:

GENERAL INFORMATION — The Society was incorporated under the insurance laws of Nebraska in 1882 and commenced business at the same time.

It is chartered as a Fraternal Benefit Society.

Territory in which the Society is authorized to transact business now includes: California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington, and Wisconsin.

It is subject to the rules and regulations of the Insurance Departments of these states and periodic examinations are made. The last such examination was conducted as of December 31, 1971.

HIGHLIGHTS—The Society:

Issued, revived and/or increased Life insurance totaling \$595,119.

Had total Life insurance in force of \$8,121,720.

Received total premium income of \$204,183.

Paid and/or credited \$51,111 as refunds to life certificateholders and set aside \$54,000 for this purpose in 1972.

Earned net investment income of \$225,668 on invested assets, a very satisfactory return.

FINANCIAL—Assets as of December 31, 1971, amounted to \$5,150,337. The condensed statement later in this Report shows the distribution.

Liquidity of assets should be noted. An amount equal to 91.9% of the total is invested in "liquid" items (cash or readily convertible to cash). In our opinion, the liquid position is excellent.

Reserves/Liabilities consist principally of contractual obligations to certificateholders and beneficiaries; but also include liabilities for current expenses, taxes, and general contingencies. The Danish Brotherhood has set aside \$3,355,399 of its assets to cover all reserves/liabilities. A detailed listing is contained in the condensed statement.

Certificateholders' Surplus is the amount of assets held in excess of all reserves/liabilities (as described above). The Society had \$1,794,938 of such funds at the year end.

Analysis reveals there was \$153.49 of assets for each \$100.00 of reserves/liabilities. We consider this to be an ample margin of safety.

MANAGEMENT—The Officers and Directors include: Einar Danielsen, President; Kristen Jorgensen and George Godthaab, Vice-Presidents; George Jacobsen, Byron W. Petersen, Donald Moon and Svend A. Sonderup, Directors.

HOME OFFICE-EXECUTIVE STAFF includes: Howard Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer; Clayton S. Grady, Director of Agencies and Donald V. Eversoll, Director of Fraternal Affairs.

CERTIFICATEHOLDERS' RATING — As of January 1, 1972, we assign to The Danish Brotherhood in America of Omaha, Nebraska, our highest certificateholders' rating, **A+ (Excellent)**.

Figures from Dunne's Report

CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As of December 31, 1971

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 156,720
Bonds	4,056,249
Stocks	520,560
Real estate	304,358
Certificate loans and liens	29,340

Premiums and interest	83,110
Total Admitted Assets	<u>\$5,150,337</u>

RESERVES/LIABILITIES	
Certificate reserves	\$3,076,468
Other funds held for certificateholders and beneficiaries ...	74,512

Securities valuation reserves ..	183,099
Miscellaneous liabilities	21,320
Total liabilities	<u>\$3,355,399</u>
Special Surplus funds	\$1,070,437
Unassigned Surplus..	724,501
Total	<u>\$5,150,337</u>

LODGE SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS THANKED FOR THEIR COOPERATION

Late in October the National Headquarters sent a list of members to the secretary and treasurer of each local lodge asking them to check the addresses of our members and make corrections where necessary. In less than one week from date of mailing we received more than one-third of the corrected lists.

This is a big project for the secretaries and treasurers and we sincerely appreciate their prompt response.

The address list will add greatly to our ability to handle information concerning requests from members and lodge officers. It will be computerized to provide a versatile method of communicating with the various segments of our membership. It will also support the various record-keeping systems in the Home Office and provide greater flexibility and accuracy.

We know more responses will be received by the

time this article is published. To those secretaries and treasurers who have not had time to review and return this list, we ask that you do so at your earliest convenience. Thanks again for your cooperation.

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT

No. 882

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE LODGE TREASURER

December 1, 1972

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

January 1, 1973

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
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?

DANSK RUM PUDDING

- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- ½ cup cold water
- 6 eggs separated
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 to 6 ounces light rum
- 1 pint heavy cream, whipped
- CHERRY SAUCE —
- 1 can (16 oz.) dark sweet pitted cherries
- ½ cup cherry syrup or Danish cherry wine and ½ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch dissolved in 3 tablespoons water

Soften gelatin in water. Place over low heat, stir until gelatin is dissolved. Beat egg yolk until lemon colored. Beat in sugar. Add rum and dissolved gelatin. Beat egg white until stiff, but not dry. Fold into egg yolk mixture. Then fold in whipped cream. Pour into a mold and refrigerate until set. Unmold and serve with cherry sauce. To prepare sauce, drain juice from cherries into a saucepan. Add syrup and cornstarch. (If wine is used, add ½ cup sugar.) Cook over medium heat, until thickened and clear. Remove from heat. Add wine, if desired. Serve at room temperature over the cold pudding.



NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Location	Sponsor
Bruce A. Haggstrom	Council Bluffs (10)	Bud Grunberg
Larry A. Ostergaard	Kenosha (14)	Harry Ostergaard
Bobby G. Poore*	Minden (16)	Herb Nielsen
Terry L. Catlett	Seattle (20)	Jens Nielsen
William V. Thompson	Spokane (42)	Lawrence Charneski
Robert J. Thompson	Perth Amboy (46)	P. Christensen
Hanne H. Biggs	Lincoln (84)	Gloria Outz
Stephen G. Biggs	Lincoln (84)	Gloria Outz
Burnett H. Thompson	St. Charles (92)	G. Rasmussen
Agnes C. Andersen	Dike (144)	A. B. Thode
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Royal Copenhagen Christmas	U.S. \$	B & G Christmas	U.S. \$	B & G - 5 years Jubilee-plates	U.S. \$
1908-	725	1895-	1500	1895/1915	85
1909-1910	60	1896-	825	1895/1920	55
1911-1914	66	1897-	525	1895/1925	85
1915-	55	1898-	325	1895/1930	110
1916-1920	44	1899-	575	1895/1935	450
1921-1923	40	1900-	360	1895/1940	660
1924-	44	1901-	165	1895/1945	195
1925-1926	40	1902-1903	125	1895/1950	100
1927-	50	1904-1905	66	1895/1955	100
1928-1932	44	1906-	44	1895/1960	100
1933-1935	55	1907-	77	1895/1965	66
1936-	66	1908-	40	1895/1970	28
1937-	77	1909-1914	44		
1938-1939	120	1915-	66		
1940-	176	1916-1918	44		
1941-	100	1919-	50		
1942-	165	1920-1926	40		
1943-	260	1927-1929	44		
1944-	88	1930-	55	B & G - Easter-plates	U.S. \$
1945-	150	1931-	40	1910-1926	30
1946-	66	1932-	44	1927-1929	40
1947-	88	1933-1936	40	1930-1933	66
1948-1949	55	1937-	44	1934-	175
1950-	70	1938-	66	1935-	285
1951-	150	1939-1940	85		
1952-1953	55	1941-	155		
1954-	66	1942-1943	55		
1955-	100	1944-	55	Mothers-Day-plates B & G	
1956-	66	1945-1947	85	1969	135
1957-	55	1948-1949	40	1970	22
1958-1959	66	1950-1955	41	1971	15
1960-1961	65	1956-1958	60	1972	8
1962-	88	1959-1960	77		
1963-1966	33	1961-	50		
1967-1970	22	1962-	33		
1971-1972	10	1963-	55	Mothers-Day-plates R C	
		1964-1965	26	1971	65
		1966-1967	22	1972	18
		1968-1970	17		
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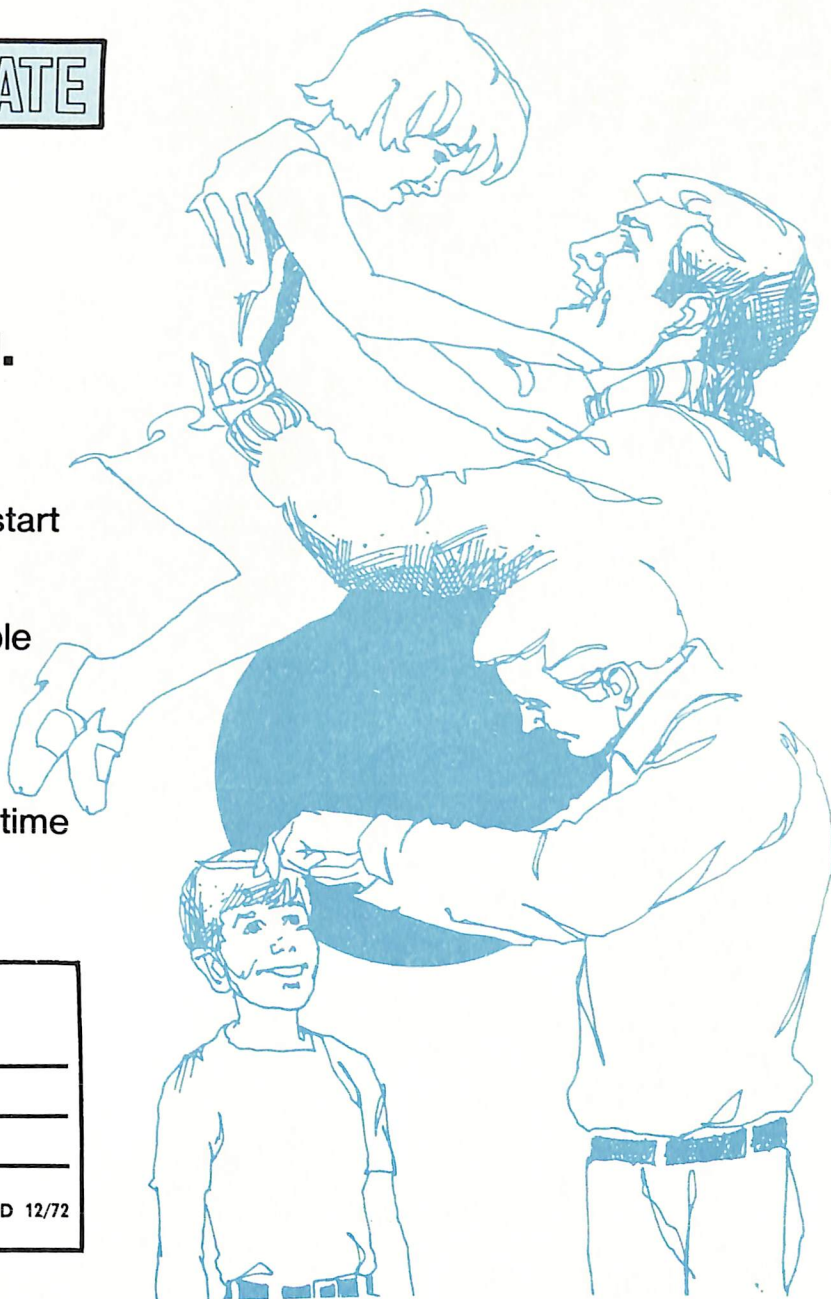
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Age at Issue	Annual Premium	Total Gross Premium to age 65	Total Cash Values and Dividends* at age 65	Return Over Premium*
M A L E				
0	\$86.30	\$5,609.50	\$24,570.00	\$18,960.50
5	95.50	5,730.00	21,770.00	16,040.00
10	107.60	5,918.00	18,880.00	12,962.00
15	122.60	6,130.00	16,072.80	9,942.80

Rates for females slightly lower.

* Assuming dividends accumulated at interest. Dividends are not guaranteed but merely illustrations.

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	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
Sept. 27	Ernest A. Wolff	76	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1923
Oct. 14	Harold Milton Larson	69	Albert Lea, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1963
Oct. 9	Paul Thofner	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	321	West Palm Beach, Florida	1938
Oct. 18	Carl Olsen	72	Viborg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
Aug. 22	William P. Lambert	57	Creighton, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1944
Oct. 3	Knud O. Sondergaard	68	Ydby, Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1935
Oct. 16	Berton Jensen	85	Sindal, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1906
Sep 26	Soren J. Jespersen	87	Aarhus, Denmark	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1909
Oct. 7	Hans Nelson	75	Waupaca, Wisconsin	9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	1937
Oct. 17	Johannes Th. Salling	81	Gronbeak, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1924
Oct. 10	Frederik Gregersen	85	Sundby, Denmark	64	Rockford, Illinois	1915
Oct. 18	Harry L. B. Hansen	73	Greenville, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1940
Sep. 30	Albert H. Petersen	63	Turner County, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1938
Oct. 7	Hans C. Grandt	81	Esbjerg, Denmark	221	Latimer, Iowa	1921
Oct. 18	Johan Kalstrup	74	Pindstrup, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1921
Oct. 22	Niels P. Jensen	67	Furbjerg, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1944
Oct. 24	Adolf Iversen	78	Sonderjylland, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1918
Oct. 19	Waldemar Jensen	87	Frederikshavn, Denmark	41	Derby, Connecticut	1907
Oct. 25	N. K. Rasmussen	84	Falkerslev, Denmark	51	Ludington, Michigan	1906
Oct. 10	Jacob E. Hansen	70	Omaha, Nebraska	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1966
July 20	Raymond L. Jones	66	Hope, Arkansas	167	Portland, Oregon	1967

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. OCTOBER:

Einar Danielsen: Salary \$241.50, less taxes \$45.68, net \$195.82. For attending anniversary of Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich.: Transportation \$54.00. For attending board meeting in Omaha, October 16-19: Transportation \$80.00, per diem \$150.00.

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tending board meeting in Omaha, October 16-19: transportation \$186.00, per diem \$150.00.

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