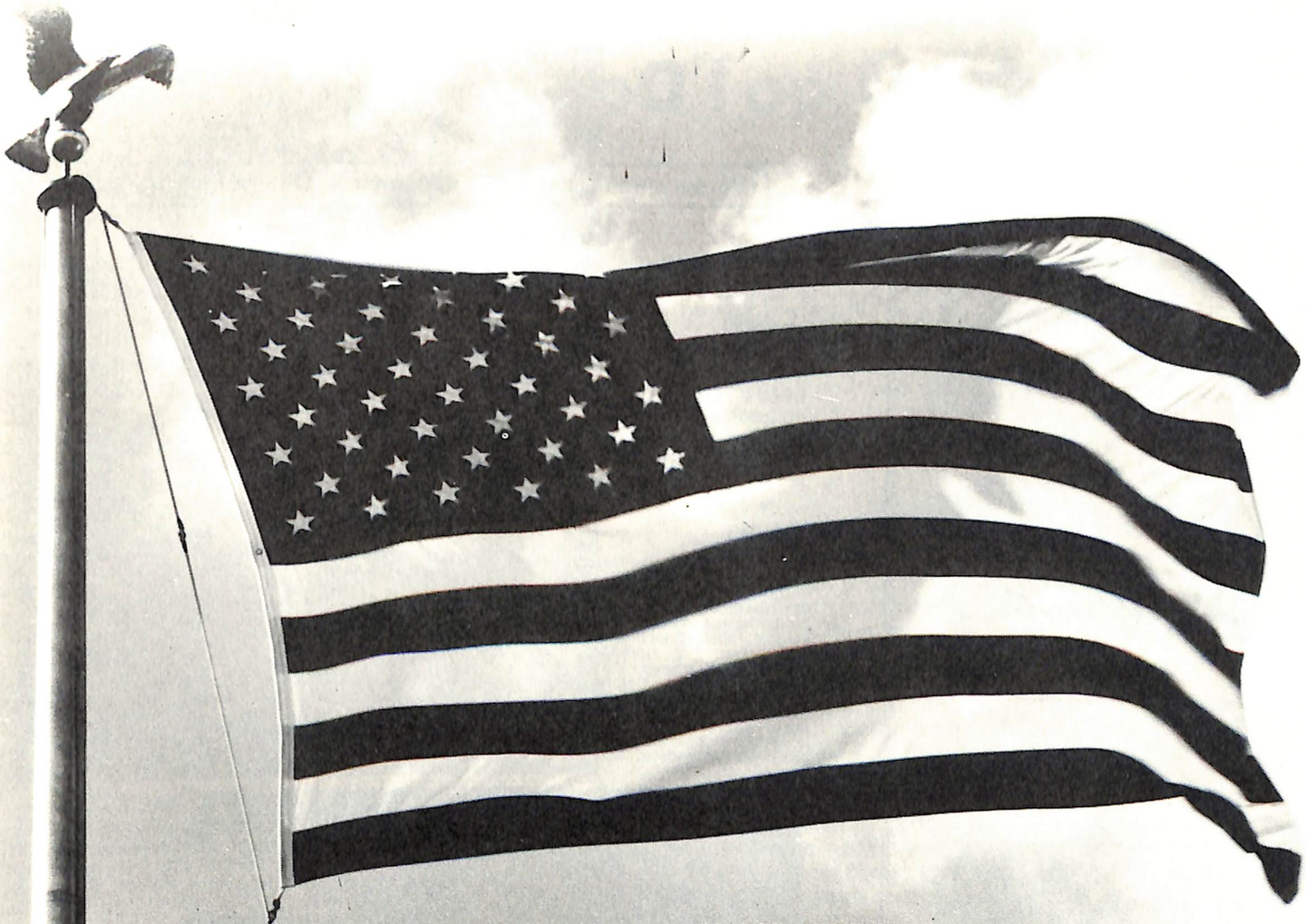


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DB comment

Getting out a publication is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly, if we don't they say we are too serious. If we clip things from other papers and magazines, we are too lazy to write our own material; if we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.

Last week I stuck close to the office and someone told me I should be out hunting up news. This week I happened to be on the street all day and I was told I ought to be on the job at my desk.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius; if we do, the paper is filled with junk. If we make a change in a fellow writer's work, we are too critical, and if we don't we are asleep.

Now, likely as not, someone will say we swiped this from another paper—we did, The Everett, Washington Herald.

Don Eversoll

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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.

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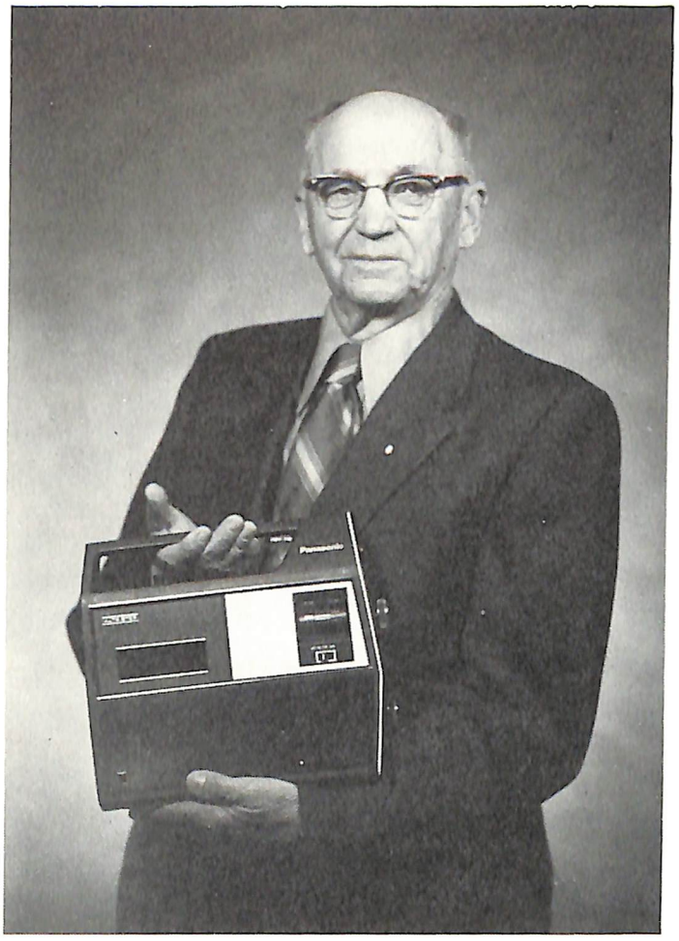
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Inside of one month, the citizens of the United States will pay homage to our flag, when Flag Day is observed on June 14. To emphasize the meaning of Flag Day, DB lodges throughout the country will be celebrating *Fraternal Week* during the period June 8-14. Please see page 5 for the full story, and with it a message from our President, Einar Danielsen.

Viborg Man Wins Top Contest Prize



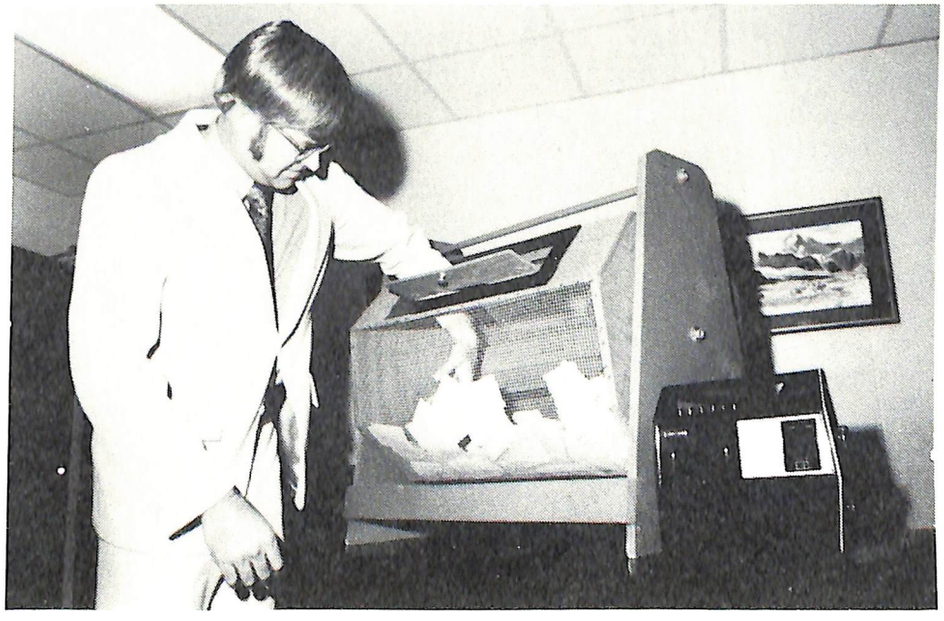
Brother Anton Jacobsen, Viborg, S. D., Lodge No. 139, shows what a little hard work and determination can do. Gracious in accepting his prize, Brother Jacobsen wrote, "I have always considered it a duty to promote the welfare of our Brotherhood without any thought of personal reward of any kind. However, I am sincerely grateful for the recognition and the prize."

Viborg, South Dakota lodge member, Anton Jacobsen, will have many hours of listening pleasure with a new FM/AM radio and tape cassette player he has won in the 1973 membership drive. The irony of it is that Mr. Jacobsen is so busy signing up new members, he may not have time to enjoy his new gift.

The membership contest, termed "The Presidents' Campaign," was open to the general membership during the period January 1 to March 31. Prizes were awarded for actual memberships, juvenile or adult, signed up during this period.

Brother Jacobsen is a member of Viborg, South Dakota lodge 139. The Viborg lodge is located in a small mid-western town and is showing some of the "big city" lodges what growth is all about. Recently they financed and constructed a brand new lodge building and now one of their members has won the top prize in the 1973 membership contest.

Winner of the bonus prize was Thorvald Jensen, lodge No. 194, McMinnville, Oregon. Brother Jensen also received a combination AM/FM radio/tape recorder. Every member who signed up a member had his name placed on a card and dropped into a "bonus barrel." Juvenile applications were worth two names. Brother Jensen's name was plucked from the barrel by Secretary-treasurer, Howard Christensen, acting on behalf of D.B. President, Einar Danielsen.



Secretary-Treasurer Howard Christensen of the National Headquarters, stretches to pluck a winner from the *bonus barrel*. Mr. Christensen was appointed by D. B. President Einar Danielsen, to act on the president's behalf to draw the lucky winner.

"BONUS BARREL" YIELDS PRIZE TO OREGON MEMBER

As an added attraction in the contest, each member's name was dropped into a "bonus barrel" for each application signed up. [Double bonus for juvenile applications]. The winner in this special category was Thorvald Jensen, Lodge No. 194, McMinnville, Oregon.

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USA 'Fraternal Week' Will Be June 8-14

The Danish Brotherhood will be joining 95 other fraternal benefit societies affiliated with the National Fraternal Congress of America in observing Fraternal Week, June 8-14, and in placing special emphasis on National Flag Day, June 14.

Members of the Danish Brotherhood are urged to remind all Americans on Flag Day that a rebirth of patriotism is needed to focus worldwide attention on the enduring values of our free society.

"This is also an ideal time," stresses DB President Einar Danielsen, "to call the attention of the general public to the importance of fraternalism and the many civic and community services it inspires."

June 14 has been National Flag Day since 1916 when it was so designated by President Woodrow Wilson. Fraternal Week always encompasses National Flag Day.

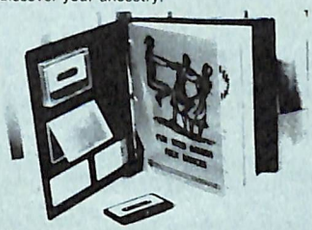
It's Here! Long-Awaited Danish Folk Dancing Kit Now Ready For Nationwide Distribution



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The Dances

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Developed expressly for the lodges and members of the Danish Brotherhood in America by the Fraternal Affairs Department, National Headquarters, Danish Brotherhood, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. Please address all inquiries and orders to this address.

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Please Let Us Know

All members, juvenile and adult, are eligible to receive a copy of "American Dane" magazine, and we want anyone who wants a copy to receive one. We ask your cooperation, however, in limiting the number of copies per individual home to a reasonable number.

In some cases, we have one and two-year-old members receiving copies when obviously they don't need to be. If mom and dad are members then that means four copies in the mail box each month. Our present system will handle future new mailings in the correct manner; however, we kindly ask your cooperation in cleaning up the current list.

If you are receiving extra copies in your home and don't actually need them, please notify the Home Office. We will sincerely appreciate it.



NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Location	Sponsor
Lettie Henrichsen	Omaha (1)	Effie Larsen
Carl Mortensen	Omaha (1)	Chris Christensen
Chris Burkall	Muskegon (30)	Arthur Burkall
Thomas Stafford III	Muskegon (30)	Thomas Stafford Jr.
Carl Johnson	Minneapolis (45)	Aage Aagaard
Arthur Abbott	Enumclaw (113)	Howard Abbott
Marvin Abbott	Enumclaw (113)	Howard Abbott
James Erikson	Enumclaw (113)	Howard Abbott
Steven Huckins	Enumclaw (113)	Howard Abbott
Thorvald Jensen	Portland (167)	Marcus Pihl
Douglas Yauchler	Schenectady (190)	Olin Yauchler
Jennie Knudsen	Grand Island (211)	Ervie Laursen
Jackie Hansen	Detroit (227)	Svend Hansen
Viggo Jensen	Detroit (227)	Otto Pedersen
Viggo Sorensen	Detroit (227)	Hans Hansen
Shannon Kenny	Juhl (238)	Johannes Ravn
Justine Kastman	Omaha (600)	Jens Haugaard
Lisa Jensen*	Omaha (700)	Jens Nielsen
Annette Miller	Omaha (700)	Ellen Charlebois

* Juvenile Members

We wish to give all due credit to the sponsors of our new members but cannot do so accurately if we cannot read the sponsor's name on the application. Please *print* your name clearly under your written signature. Thank you.

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For the convenience of beginners, both English and Danish are used on all tapes. In addition, a read-along script is provided as well as a Danish-English-Danish dictionary. All words and phrases are spoken three times, slow enough to allow the person to repeat each phrase. The songs are handled so that even strangers to the language can appreciate and learn them.

The tapes are entitled, "How to Speak Danish," "Putting Words Together," "What Did I Say?", "As We Say in Danish," and "Sing It, Say It." These cassette tapes have been developed to enable even the youngest beginner to discover that it truly is "fun to speak Danish."

The tapes are a part of a plan to make available to DB members as many opportunities as possible to learn about the nature of Danish heritage.

The programs made available along these lines will hopefully answer in part the curiosity of second and third generation Danes for tradition of Denmark and also provide them with a practical, educational experience. Members who wish to purchase the language tape cassettes will pay only $19.95, a special introductory price. Regular price is $24.95.

Here is another opportunity to involve young people in the affairs of our Society. Use this program and a Danish Folk Dance Kit at back-to-back social meetings and you'll find a new interest on the part of the young, and older members as well, in the affairs of your lodge.

Important Notice

Our readers are reminded that all address corrections for American Dane are now being handled from the National Headquarters in Omaha. Please use the label on the back page for submitting changes. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

PRINTER'S APOLOGIES TO: Lodge No. 139, Viborg, S. D. In the March issue, under the "List of Secretaries" Viborg's meeting days were misprinted as the first and third **Tuesday,** D.B.S. Hall, Viborg. This is in error, as the meeting dates are the first and third **Thursday**, D.B.S. Hall, Viborg.

MOTHER'S DAY

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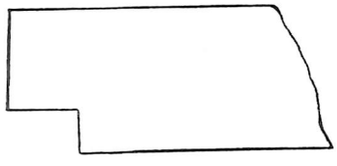
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The Danish Brotherhood in America

Our Lodges in Action





Nebraska

"Danish Day" will be celebrated June 13 at Minden, Nebr., in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of Ft. Kearney, located near Minden. Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 16, together with the Nebraska General Committee—Brotherhood—Sisterhood of Nebraska, will work together to display items of Danish heritage, folk dance kits, language tapes and travel teasers. Danish food specialties will also be featured in all Minden restaurants during the day.

Beginning at 10 a. m. at the Minden Theatre, there will be movies on Denmark, free of charge, then a smorgasbord will be held from noon until 2. The charge for advance tickets will be $3.50 and $4.50 at the door. For advance tickets arrange with Donald Thomsen, P. O. Box 104, Minden, Nebr., 68959. The smorgasbord will be served one block east of the main square.

At 2 o'clock there will be music, and the selection of the Nebraska "Miss American Dane." Also costume judging for all who wish to participate, special performances by the JADA dancers and greetings from Danish dignitaries and Brotherhood and Sisterhood officers, plus members of the Ft. Kearney Centennial Commission.

From 4 until 7 an aebleskiver feed will be served at Minden City Hall. The price will be $1.50 for adults and $1.00 for students and will be prepared and served by the D.B. Brotherhood and Sisterhood members of Nebraska. Proceeds after expenses will be donated to the Danish Home for the Aged in Minden.

There will be participation for all who attend in Danish folk dancing throughout the day, Danish films again in the evening, and closing the day will be an 8 o'clock service entirely in Danish held at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden.

Final preparations for the big day will be made on June 10, when the Nebraska State Picnic is held at Minden Park.

Each Nebraska lodge is urged to submit at least one candidate for Nebraska's "Miss American Dane." Contestants must be between the ages of 15-23, a member of the Brotherhood or Sisterhood in Nebraska, or a member of a Brotherhood or Sisterhood family. Each candidate must present a two-minute paper on Danish Day in Nebraska.

One project which will be completed on the afternoon of the State Picnic, will be the D.B.'s float entry in the parade during the Danish Day and Ft. Kearney celebrations.

All attending are encouraged to wear authentic Danish costumes. All inquiries may be addressed to Don Thomsen, at the above address.



Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)

Lodge No. 64, Rockford, Ill — President Don Moon discussed the happening at the National Board of Officers meeting that took place in Omaha, March 17-18-19-20.

A moment of silent prayer for two of our recently deceased brothers, Hans Sjogren and Niels Peter Larson was held. Both passed away recently.

The membership voted to sponsor a baseball team in the Rockford Boys' Club League. The team of ten and eleven-year-olds we sponsored last year won the league title.

The Mid-West Invitational Bowling Tournament is all set for Saturday, May 5. We will also celebrate the Danish Liberation Day and our lodge's 80th birthday. Plan on joining us for a great day, bowling, dancing, dinner and celebrations.

Ken Marlin.



California, Nevada

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, Calif. — San Diego is experimenting this year on a new approach to keep our lodge going and bring the members out. Our new approach is no meetings every month, only one every quarter and monthly the officers meet in homes. Now our gatherings once a month are social and meetings only occur once every three months. It seems to be working very well and it's keeping the social committee very active.

Our March social was a dinner to celebrate the 59th anniversary of the lodge. The evening honored all past presidents and the special event of the evening was the presentation of a 60-year pin to Brother Fred Jensen. A festive evening brought a very good time to all.

The May social will be a family night at the Ice Cream Parlor. I think young and old will enjoy a night like this. We hope to have more events as the year goes by where we can bring the whole family to share the fun mom and dad enjoy.

Mrs. Ebba L. Norby, Secretary.

Golden Gate Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, Calif. — The meeting March 14, was very well attended, as a matter of fact the biggest in many years. The planning committee was very pleased and the 60 members enjoyed a fine evening. Six members received their anniversary pins.

Recently our good member from Ripon, Raymond Olsen and his charming wife Vivian, showed us their beautiful movies from Danmark and other places. Better than 50 members were on hand.

Our excursion flight to Denmark leaves San Francisco, May 30, and will return July 5. PAN-AM Boeing 747 will carry our members to Copenhagen. Due to the recent dollar devaluation of 10%, we have shortened the trip's duration 10%. Still you will be able to participate in the festival at Kronborg Castle June 24, and Rebild July 4, where our all-time favorite, the Radio Boys Choir will appear. We still have spaces on the flight and suggest that you contact us immediately for further information. Adults $378.00, children under 12, half price. The flight is open for all members of the Brotherhood and their family.

Pacific Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif. — Friday, May 18, will be Thomas Nielsen Night. On this date "Tom" will receive his 60-year membership pin. "Tom" is one of our very active members, and as one of our trustees, takes a great interest in our finances. Let's make this an outstanding night for "Tom."

Friday, June 15, 50-year pins will be presented to three of our brothers, Ollaf Williamsen, Arthur Stockholm and Anker Miller. It is hoped that these brothers will all be able to be with us on this occasion; if not, arrangements will be made for some of the officers to visit them at their home and make the presentation.

Sunday, June 24, annual picnic at Little Hills Ranch. The committee has promised us that good weather has been ordered for the picnic. Spend the day in the park with your friends.

Keep your dues and assessments paid up-to-date. For your sake and the sake of your family—do not become delinquent with your insurance assessments. Do you want the officers to inform your widow or family that your assessments were not paid and therefore no insurance for them?

Melvin Oredsen.

Lodge No. 299, Solvang, Calif. — We are pleased to inform you the 1973 convention program is almost ready to announce. We have planned a steak bar-b-que in our new Hans Christian Andersen Park for Friday evening, July 20, plus lots of entertainment. For those of you that are early arrivals and play golf, we have a tournament scheduled on Thursday morning, July 19, on the beautiful Alisal Ranch Course. If any members are interested, the green fees will be $6.00 and cart rental is $8.00. Please address your inquiries to the Golf Tournament Chairman.

Arden D. Petersen, General Chairman.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif. — We have lost another member: Jens Vithen passed away on March 4.

Our semi-annual general meeting will be held on May 10 with election of delegates to the convention in Solvang. The Grundlovsfest will be held June 3 from 10 a.m. at the Swedish Vasa Park in the Malibu mountains about halfway between Los Angeles and Ventura. The Danish Consul General, Mr. Edsberg has been invited as well as other prominent public personalities. The South Gate City Youth Band (they were in Rebild in 1972) will entertain. A fodbold (soccer) game is planned. The Danish folk dancers will perform. There will be aebleskiver, varme polser, ol, kaffe og sodavand for sale. Games for young and old with prizes, also door prizes. Admission: adults $1.75, teenagers $1.00, children free.

Directions to Vasa Park: From Highway 101 near the town of Agoura take the Kanan Road off ramp, go toward the coast about 3½ miles to Triunfo Canyon Road No. 2854. Signs will be posted. We hope to see many of the Danes and their friends there. Everyone is very welcome.

Peter Pedersen, Secretary.



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — On our regular meeting night March 6, we had a very good turn-out. We also received applications for two new members, sons of Brothers Thomas Stafford and Arthur Burkall. I am glad to say they have been O.K.'d for insurance, so you will be seeing their names as new members next month. We have also received a request from another prospective member; so we are really happy in Muskegon. Sandwiches were served following the meeting, and of course a card game. Raymond Sweet's name was drawn for the jackpot, but he was absent, so the pot still grows.

At our social meeting March 20, we had a smoked fish supper. It was really delicious. George Williamsen and Clayton Hansen were in charge of refreshments for March, and again we had a very good turn-out. Next month our social committee will be Carl Hansen and Don Hansen, so I am sure we will be well taken care of.

We are planning to meet with the Sisterhood within the next few months, and have a sort of family night, with films from Denmark. I am sure we will all enjoy our evening together.

Clayton Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. — On Thursday evening, March 8, Lodge No. 51 held their regular monthly business meeting in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. The meeting was conducted by President Al Seguin. Following the business meeting a special "Tony the Bartender Award" was given and this was received by Brother Howard Barber. The name of Brother Ed Carlson was called for the jackpot but he was not present to claim the award.

On Wednesday evening, March 21, we held our regular monthly pinochle party in the Lodge Rooms. Committee for the evening consisted of Treasurer Al Garcia assisted by Brother Lars Christoffersen and Mrs. Lena Hansen and Mrs. Ella Jeppesen. Following the

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games, prizes were awarded and a potluck lunch was served by the committee.

I would like to offer my apologies to our Conductor, Tony Kobetich. In our last news item, I listed Brother William Huber as conductor — but really it is Tony — so I'm sorry about that Tony. Conductor Tony is also our custodial engineer in charge of renting and maintenance of the Danish Hall.

On Thursday evening, March 22, we held our monthly social evening. The name of Brother Art Sherman was called for our jackpot, but as he was not present to claim the award, the pot continues to grow. Brother Lars Christoffersen was the lucky recipient of the "Tony the Bartender" award. The lunch committee for the evening consisted of Brothers Lars Christoffersen and Alf Larsen.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — On March 14, Detroit Lodge No. 227 once again had a large turnout for the monthly pre-meeting dinner. There were 140 brothers and Sisterhood members who enjoyed this social function before adjourning to their respective meetings.

At the Brotherhood meeting there were 100 members in attendance. Even though this seems like a large turnout, 100 members represents only about 20% of No. 227's membership. At this meeting President Harold Capion initiated three more men into the Danish Brotherhood. They are Viggo Sorensen, Viggo Jensen and Jackie Hansen. As is custom in No. 227, a Past President welcomes the new members and tells them a little about our lodge and the Danish Brotherhood. Howard Hansen did the honors this time.

On March 28, there were only 40 members at the meeting, but we were rewarded by President H. Capion who had made arrangements in advance for Danish sandwiches to be served as well as coffee, cake and beer for those of us who wanted that. The sandwiches are always a surprise because only the president knows when they will be served.

By the time this article is in print, No. 227 will have hosted the annual Michigan-Ohio District Convention on May 5 and 6.

This ends the news from Detroit for this month but I hope everyone enjoys this article and also those of the other brothers who contribute to the Mich-Ohio news, namely Alfred Larsen of Ludington, Mich.; Clayton Hansen of Muskegon, Mich.; and Vern Minard of Greenville, Mich.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.



Connecticut, New York, Vermont, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island (Eastern Lodges)

The G.C.E.L. officers met in New Britain, Conn., for their spring annual meeting at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge where the Sisterhood of E.G.C. were holding their convention.

President Mark Jensen, presided over the meeting. The first point of business was a report of the setting up of the savings account as instructed by last year's convention. This has been done, and is now earning interest. The second point of business was discussion of re-establishing the Brotherhood Lodges in the state of Massachusetts. We have been assured that all help and assistance will be given by the National Board in trying to clear away obstacles that might prevent lodges to be reformed. Two of the National Board members were present — Brother George Godthaab and Brother George Jacobsen, who reported on the new insurance programs. It is proposed to have the local insurance sales agents attend the convention to be held in New Haven, Conn., over Labor Day weekend, to find out all about the insurance programs. At that time, the insurance director from headquarters will be present to show films, explain and answer any questions concerning the insurance.

Flemming Henrichsen, Flight Chairman 73, reported that there will be no flight this year, but that he was hoping that the international situation would be cleared up by 1974, so that at that time we could plan for another flight.

In the evening, the Board of Officers, together with the brothers from the area, joined the sisters at their closing banquet. It was a delightful time, and I thank the sisters for the hospitality extended to us by them and their newly elected officers. We wish them all the best for the coming year!

Arne Garde, Correspondent, G.C.E.L.

G.C.E.L. FLIGHT '73

It is with great regret that I have to announce the cancellation of all plans for a G.C.E.L. flight in 1973. A combination of problems; such as no commitment of aircraft, solid price and the open airline flights, and special charter companies popping up constantly are a few.

The whole flight business is somewhat in a turmoil at the moment, and no prices have been released beyond May 31, and the dollar devaluation does not help matters at all. Needless to say that we are upset as well as you, but unfortunately, there is nothing we can do for the moment. Plans are now being made for a Flight '74, and I hope things will change by then. There are other airline group flights available, which you can find out about. However, if you need any help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Flemming Hinrichsen.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. — Directly after our April meeting, the sisters put on a Hat Parade. This consists of beautiful and otherwise hats made and worn by the makers who compete for prizes. Vice President Herbert Nelson and Brother William Guldhauge were judges. Sister Lizzie Williams won first prize. It was lots of fun.

Brother Peter Rasmussen says he is enjoying his retirement. He was the owner of the only Danish bakery in Rhode Island and we all miss his wonderful pastry.

The Sister E.G.C. held their convention in New Britain, Conn., on March 29, 30 and 31. Those attending from here were Sisters Lizzie Williams and Lillian Gill which was a first for them. Also attending were Sisters Agnes Aust, Marie Demant, Brothers Erling Braumann and William Gill which was also a first for him. According to reports, all had a wonderful time, especially the firsts.

Brother Arne Christensen is leaving for his home in Denmark on June 15. We all wish him "bon voyage" and hope he will return soon.

Carl W. Sorensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. — Lodge No. 314 will celebrate its 56 anniversary, Saturday, May 19, with a dinner from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by dancing from 9 p.m. until ??? The party will be held at the D.B. Hall, 302 White Street, Hartford. Ticket donations will be $5.50 per person.

At our regular meeting on March 7, we transpired our usual business. The meeting was short in duration, but long in accomplishment (s). We made preliminary plans for forthcoming events and functions. Our anniversary dinner and dance will be held May 19, Saturday, from 7 p.m. til ????. Dinner will be from 7 to 9 p.m., with dancing commencing from then on.

Our second meeting of the month, March 21, was "cancelled" in favor of our first social night. Approximately 30 people (members and guests) showed up to listen and dance to Chris Lonstrup's fiddle. Chris did an excellent job of warming us up by having us sing along to four or five selections, both Dansk and English versions. After that he played a medley for about an

hour, to which three or four couples were brave enough to get out on the dance floor and do their "thing." Mange tak Chris, for a job well done — we really appreciated your efforts on our behalf.

We will be having a social night from here on in at our building on White Street, every third Wednesday of each and every month, in lieu of our regular business meeting. As was mentioned in earlier articles and news letters, the format for each evening will vary, so if you would like to do anything in particular, please say so.

A correction notice: Because of my ineptness, I had Einar Priskorn living elsewhere than home in the March issue of this magazine. Indeed, he is at home on Abbotsford Avenue, West Hartford. My sincere apologies to his family for any inconvenience I might have caused due to my stupidity.

Mark B. Thomsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. — We regret to report the loss of one of our members, Brother Carl Jensen, a member for more than 43 years who since his retirement had lived in Virginia; died in February at the age of 71. Our sympathy goes to his family and friends.

Two new members have been added to our membership list: Lillian Buhler of Baldwin and Victor Andersen of Amityville. "Welcome" — we are glad to have you in our lodge!

Chess is called the "Royal Game" and rightly so. Chess playing styles express personality as significantly as handwriting. Participation in chess becomes highly fascinating. The reward is its challenge of constructive planning to defeat your opponent. The interest and final addiction to chess comes with the understanding of its fundamentals. We would like to prove that point of above claim, and ask you to come for introduction participation at our next meeting. But, please — bring your board and figures!

With skill, Edward Yost defeated Niels Edelstein with a "mate." Their age ? — 10 and 6 respectively!

Our lodge has plans for a Chess Tournament with a $25 prize to the winner! The game will be started with eight players the first meeting night. The four winners will battle it out at the following meeting. Finally, the two players left will fight for the prize money and honors at the third meeting. This should be very interesting for players and spectators. "Good Luck" — "May the Best Player Win!"

Bill Steffensen and Jorgen Endler, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 202, Warren Pa. — January 17, we held a joint open installation with the Danish Sisterhood of Warren. Our services were preceded by a delicious dinner served by a committee of sisters. Immediately after the installation of officers elected to serve the Sisterhood and Brotherhood for 1973, a social hour and the serving of refreshments was enjoyed by all present.

February 21, Lodge No. 202 hosted a social evening for all Danes and their friends in the Warren area. The purpose being to interest prospective member possibilities to the Brotherhood. Our program consisted of showing slides of Denmark taken last summer during a visit made by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lund of Warren, to their homeland. Mr. Lund had taken many slides of Denmark from his arrival there until leaving for the U.S. He and Mrs. Lund explained the slides and provided historical information on each slide which was greatly enjoyed by all and brought back many beautiful memories to all present. A truly wonderful evening was enjoyed by all. The program closed with the serving of delicious refreshments.

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John Thompson
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Florida

Lodge No. 321, West Palm Beach, Fla., — A very pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Elmer W. Jensen at his home in Largo, Florida, for Andrew Thomsen of Troy, N. Y., who is spending the winter at St. Petersburg.

The occasion being to celebrate with Andrew, who became a 50-year member of the Danish Brotherhood, also 50 years in the U.S.A.! Andrew has been a long-time worker for the Danish Brotherhood. He has served as president of two lodges; as a member of New Haven Lodge No. 32 for several years, and also Troy Lodge No. 183, where he now belongs. He is a past president of G.C.E.L., and now holds the office of secretary, Ex-Officers Club for 20 years.



From left: Elmer Jensen, Viggo Mikkelsen, Andrew Thomsen and Herman Jacobsen.

Guests at the party were Past National President Viggo Mikkelsen of Detroit, now residing in Florida; Herman Jacobsen and Elmer Jensen of New York Lodge No. 257; Andrew Thomsen, Troy No. 183, and their wives.

There were many pleasant memories of the years together in the Brotherhood.

Elmer W. Jensen, Florida.



Washington-Oregon
British Columbia
(Pacific Northwest)

While Danes from the district's many lodges throughout the Pacific Northwest converged on Enumclaw, Friday through Sunday, May 4 to 6, for their annual convention of Brotherhood and Sisterhood members, the weatherman was at his best — sunshine and daffodils all the way. Surprisingly little gloom was in evidence and a good time was had by all — for as you know, Enumclaw was named after the Indian God of Thunder "Ee-Num-Cla" where peoples enjoy clean fresh air and relaxed country living. Next month's column will list a new panel of officers.

The Pacific Northwest Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood in Oregon, Washington and Canada, held their annual bowling tournament on Sunday, March 11 at Bowlero Lanes in Lakewood with the usual enthusiastic success. Enumclaw DB 113 hosted the event with Tacoma DB 33 donating the morning "Danish pastry." According to Secretary Einar Bruhn, the handicap team winners include the Sparks from Vancouver; the Great Danes, the Huskies and the 5 for 75 from Enumclaw; the Famous Forty and the Youth from Seattle — high scratch division going to the J. C. Bearcats from Junction City and Famous Forty from Seattle. Individual winners included Ray Limbo, Esther

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Petersen, Osa Jorgensen, Astrid Jensen and Laura Pedersen.

Seattle's DB 29 staged their 85th anniversary banquet at the Swedish Club on April 14 — Brothers Svend Nielsen and Sam Frederiksen reporting a good attendance. Two nights later, the Danish Club celebrated the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II at the Inglwood Golf and Country Club in Kenmore with a dinner-dance — this according to Danish Consul Paul O. Nielsen.

Danish Brotherhood in America, Lodge 328, Vancouver, British Columbia, had their annual birthday banquet on April 28 in the Gai Paree at Burnaby. Dancing followed the full course dinner arranged by Brothers Kaj Lange Jensen and Erik Esmann.

Portland's DB 167 initiated Thorvald Jensen into our order on March 7. Brother and Mrs. Hans Jensen as well as Brother and Mrs. Harry Miller have been vacationing in Reno. On April 7, the Rose City Danes celebrated their anniversary with a dinner-dance.

Tacoma's Brother John Lauridsen, a member since 1920, has been on the sick list — results from a sidewalk accident.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.

WHILE YOU'RE IN DENMARK, why not visit the DB brothers in Lodge No. 318? They meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Berejstes Hus, Emiliegade 7, 1918 Kobenhavn V. or call Bendt Forsbaek (Go 4920 or 118511 local 373) for information or help of any kind to make your trip more enjoyable.

Term Protection Plan Proving Very Popular

In recent issues of the American Dane, an advertisement has appeared giving a brief description of a new certificate the Danish Brotherhood is providing for its members. This certificate may well turn out to be one of the most popular plans ever developed for our membership.

We're speaking of the new Decreasing Term to Age 65 plan and we're very proud to announce a $100,000 certificate has been issued to one of our members.

The popularity of this plan stems from the excellent low-cost insurance protection with high death benefits per dollar of premium. The certificate is issued in amounts ranging from $15,000. The protection, after the first year, decreases slightly over a period of years until the insured reaches age 60. At this time the protection levels out to 25% of the initial face amount of the certificate. At age 65 the protection terminates. Premiums are payable throughout the term of protection and these premiums remain constant during the period of coverage.

This plan is especially adaptable for the young family where life insurance protection needs are great but dollars for premiums are scarce. This plan may be used to provide mortgage insurance protection. It also is a way of providing life insurance protection for your family at a minimum cost if you should be going into business and investing your savings in such a business.

Since its major purpose is low-cost life insurance protection, no cash values are developed. While our other new insurance plans do provide cash values, this plan was designed to offer our membership at least one type of protection which has as its major goal high dollar protection for very low cost.

We welcome all inquiries about this new plan, as well as the other new plans, and hope you will be watching future issues of the American Dane for information about the types of insurance now available to meet your family's needs. Please see page 5 of this issue for additional features of the Decreasing Term to Age 65 plan.



Think About This!

SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Essay Contest Rules:

1. Entrants must qualify in one of two age categories: (a) those 15 and under as of June 30, 1973, or (b) those 16 and over as of June 30, 1973.
2. Duplicate prizes will be awarded in both categories.
3. Entrants must be a member of the Danish Brotherhood or be related to a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.
4. Subject of the essay in each category must be: "Why should we preserve our Danish heritage and culture?"
5. Essays must not be more than 300 words in length.
6. Your name, address, phone, age, birthdate and number of lodge or lodge where relative is a member must be written on a separate sheet of paper attached to the entry. Also include name of DB relative, if applicable.
7. Essays should be typewritten. If this is not possible, they must be written legibly, in ink, on one side of paper only.
8. All entries must be sent to "Essay Contest, National Headquarters, Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131."
9. All entries must be accompanied by a black and white photo of author, head and shoulders only, measuring at least 2x3 inches.
10. Contest begins April 1, 1973, and all entries must be in by July 1, 1973.
11. Winners will be announced and their pictures and essays published in the September issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.
12. Winners will receive these prizes: First Place — a $100 Savings Bond and one authentic Danish coat-of-arms of their choice. Second Place — a $50 Savings Bond. Third Place — a $25 Savings Bond.

Lest We Forget

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

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
Feb 8	Hans Jorgensen	80	Vijstrup, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1934
Feb 24	Hans P. Nielsen	86	Raahede, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1904
Mar 1	Thorvald J. Larsen	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	107	Chicago, Illinois	1928
Mar 5	Julius S. Simonsen	84	Hjørring, Denmark	141	Irene, South Dakota	1928
Mar 1	Karl Klausen	90	Hjørring, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1909
Feb 28	Ludvig Toxvard	74	Frederickborg, Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1921
Mar 10	Thue C. Olsen	75	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1915
Mar 4	Chris R. Mikkelsen	64	Barre, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1935
Feb 16	Walter P. Chr. Kjar	74	Copenhagen, Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1924
Feb 25	Walter T. Hansen	77	Chicago, Illinois	17	Chicago, Illinois	1917
Mar 16	George Carl Larsen	77	Portland, Maine	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1919
Mar 8	Andro Peter Keldsen	85	Randers, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1924
Mar 10	Leo Kofoed	76	Bornholm, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1928
Mar 3	Peter Dyer	78	Sioux City, Iowa	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1913
Mar 22	Leo Zack	83	Sayreville, New Jersey	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1937
Mar 9	Magnus J. C. Christensen	86	Thisted, Denmark	26	Fremont, Nebraska	1925
Mar 28	Anders Jorgensen	84	Tydstrup, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1926
Feb 22	Nels Fred Petersen	92	Asmindrup, Denmark	111	Austin, Minnesota	1908
Apr 4	Martin Johnson	82	Weeping Water, Nebraska	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1909
Mar 30	Axel W. Christensen	70	Morup, Denmark	202	Warren, Pennsylvania	1927
Mar 9	William H. Jensen	79	St. Paul, Minnesota	306	San Diego, California	1912
Mar 12	Clifford Andersen	66	Bowbells, North Dakota	283	Dagmar, Montana	1936
Feb 18	Steven H. Willadsen	80	Granite Canon, Wyoming	148	Cheyenne, Wyoming	1941
Dec 31	Johannes Christensen	83	Aarhus, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1915
Mar 3	Clarence R. Nelsen	64	Spokane, Washington	29	Seattle, Washington	1963
6-5-72	Jimmy A. Jensen	64	Winside, Nebraska	110	Winside, Nebraska	1959
9-19-72	Ella Hansen	75	Tekamah, Nebraska	194	McMinnville, Oregon	1961
Mar 30	James Jensen	79	Randers, Denmark	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1969
Jan 23	Gotfred Jensen	74	Dannebrog, Nebraska	268	Junction City, Oregon	1947
Apr 6	Lester D. Willard	81	Chillicothe, Illinois	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1946

MIDWEST DISTRICT 1973

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Scholarship Winners Announced

The Scholarship Committee has completed its work of evaluating the applications for this year and takes pleasure in awarding scholarships to the following members:

Marie DeLaurant, Lodge No. 67, Fresno, California; Cheryl Eastlund, Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minnesota; David Johnson, Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa; Steen Nielsen, Lodge No. 700, Omaha, Nebraska; Margrethe Busch-Petersen, Lodge No. 173, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Julie M. Petersen, Lodge No. 177, Cordova, Nebraska.

The Board of Officers expresses its congratulations on behalf of the Danish Brotherhood in America to these young people, and also wishes to thank all those who applied for a scholarship for their interest in this program.

Kristen Jorgensen, Chairman,
The Scholarship Committee.

Our Readers Write



Thank you for sending me a copy of American Dane Magazine. What a pleasant surprise to see your magazine. The contents are interesting and it is presented beautifully.

Enok Mortensen, D.D.,
Danish Interest Conference
Frederic, Wis.

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Permit me to sincerely compliment you on the February issue of the American Dane Magazine. Especially the pictures and articles on Gutzon Borglum's lifework, the beautiful and colossal portraits of four eminent American presidents, sculptured into the rocks of Mount Rushmore.

Sincerely yours,

L. O. Hertz.
Member 345, Philadelphia.
Lodge 172, Philadelphia.

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I wanted to write a brief note about a fellow brother in our Green Mountain Lodge 294, Chris Mikkelsen, who recently passed away. He was the secretary of our lodge and dedicated much of his time to fraternal affairs, striving to generate excitement and enthusiasm for our lodge's functions and activities, but this was only one small aspect of his life, because on a larger scale, he generated excitement and enthusiasm for life itself and the art of living.

During his life, he sought for beauty and simplicity. He was a musician, and a farmer. Being a violinist, he was a member of several orchestras, including the Vermont State Symphony and the Vermont Philharmonic, but at the same time operated his own dairy farm. He was respected for his achievements in both fields, but perhaps his greatest achievement was in the art of living and his helping others to live. I remember when I went to visit him, that when it came time to leave, I would always be excited about a piece of music, or some interesting aspect of nature (he loved to fish and watch birds), or be laughing from a joke that he had just told. I guess the way that I can most easily picture him is with a big grin on his face as he visited with people, or the look of concentration as he sat in his wheel chair playing the Glockenspiel.

People marveled at his strength of will and determination to live after being paralyzed in a farm accident ten years ago. Although he couldn't play the violin or farm any more, he refused to give up. After much therapy and effort, he was able to learn to type and play the Glockenspiel. He directed his attention to others and helped people by giving them courage and an excitement for living.

I will miss Chris, as will our lodge and everyone else who knew him, but he will still be around when we get discouraged or disgusted with life, because his memory will be too strong for us to lose; and having not forgotten the way he lived, we will learn to face life with courage, awe and respect for its beauty, and a sense of humor.

Sincerely,

Andrew Christiansen,
Appleton, Wisconsin.

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Dear Brothers:

Thank you very much for your letter and the Danish Brotherhood scholarship check, which I have recently received.

In regard to my studies, I must admit it is rough. Having a combined course of chemistry, calculus and physics, called C.M.P., plus English composition and German, (in addition, I swim, between eating and sleeping) I find that there is not enough hours in the 24 hour day.

However, I am doing my best and despite the pressure of fierce competition, I am still in this special program.

Again, thank you for your interest and kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Steven Gordon.

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Dear Members:

Finding just a bit of time to myself, I thought I might write you concerning my past fall semester and my increasingly busy spring semester. I apologize for my unpunctuality, but I've found that there never seems to be quite enough hours in one day.

I'm sending a transcript of my grades for first semester, 1972. My accumulative average was a 3.15, which my overall accumulative grade average stands at 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

Accompanying my studies, I also found time to serve as little sister or "Rho Mate," as we've been dubbed, to Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. My duties included planning and carrying out a rush week party, baking 170 blueberry muffins, finding 35 blind dates in an evening for visiting chapters. I also served as activities chairman at the hall as well as co-chairman for home ec. college hospitality day style review. I've also been invited into Montage, an organization for fashion majors and I am now serving on both the college days and tours committees of builders, an organization attempting to build and promote the University of Nebraska.

This semester I am taking 15 hours and I find myself extremely busy.

As chairman of our formal, I planned, organized and carried out our spring formal on March 10. I was accepted as co-chairman of Western Weeks, an East Union committee, to help promote East Campus activities and hasten the building of our new East Campus union. Also, as hospitality day style review co-chairman, I am planning a home ec. college style review in the near future. I have also joined the Red Coats committee of builders which is sponsoring many activities for parents and incoming freshmen. As Alpha Gamma Rho, Rho-Mate, I find myself making curtains for the fraternity house, as well as serving as head pillow seamstress. The guys were unfortunate in that they lost their cook, so consequently, for three weeks I served as cook for 42 men as well as visiting pledge classes.

Most recently I was chosen as our hall's representative for mass E-week (engineering week). I am now serving as the hall rep. for the GOYA party during the ASUN elections (the governing body of students) and I have been asked to join Phi Upsilon Omicron, an upper-class honorary for home economics majors. I was also one of three chosen to run for outstanding sophomore.

Consequently, I find myself quite busy, but I must also add that I love the involvement. I would now like to thank you very much for your part in making my college career possible. These are days I shall never forget — and I realize they might not be possible if it weren't for your help. Thank you most sincerely!

Jinger Jorgensen.

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Dear Brothers:

This is a short letter describing my present studies at Lawrence University. First of all, I want to thank the Danish Brotherhood for the scholarship money. It has helped me very much, and made possible the continuation of my education. For this I am very grateful.

Last summer I transferred into the five year, double degree program, which grants a bachelor of arts and a bachelor of music degree at the end of five years. I will go to school an extra year and fulfill the requirements of two majors, that of psychology and music composition.

My courses in the Conservatory of Music at Lawrence are: music theory, music composition, piano lessons and concert choir. In the college I am studying psychology (learning and conditioning), German 2, and just recently computer programming. I am studying basic language programming at present but hope to also learn Fortran by the end of the year. I find that a knowledge of computers is particularly compatible with my two major interests of music composition and psychology.

Once again, I want to thank the Danish Brotherhood for the scholarship. I hope that this letter has been able to give at least a rough idea of my present activities.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Christiansen.

Dear Brothers:

I consider it a privilege to be able to attend a campus of what many consider to be the nation's finest university system, and I consider it an honor being a recipient of a Danish Brotherhood scholarship, which has been of substantial aid to me in the pursuit of my educational goals at the University of California.

With regard to my studies, I am presently in my junior year at the Davis Campus. Two quarters ago I transferred to the College of Engineering from the College of Letters and Science. At the end of last quarter I was placed on the College of Engineering Dean's List, with a grade point average of 3.598 averaged over my two quarters in engineering.

Despite my change in major I am still planning on graduating in mid 1974 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Engineering as a profession is again a growing field. Most experts are predicting that nationwide manpower shortages in almost all branches of engineering specialization will be felt by 1975.

Thanking you and the scholarship committee for your generous support, I am

Sincerely yours,

Niels Nielsen.

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Dear Editor:

I took my good friend, the Solvang cartoonist, John Lerch, along to an installation here in Lodge No. 299 recently. I let him eat his fill of "Gule Ærter," a dish similar to split pea soup. Only for the Danes, "Gule Ærter med Flæsk," is something filled with nostalgia. It is a favorite dish for Danes in Denmark during the long, cold winter. John posed some of our California Brotherhood members for personal caricatures and then sent me the enclosed photographs.

All of the caricatures are very much lifelike. Note that each man had some symbol on one side of the drawing, like the baker's "kringle and crown," which is the symbol for bakers in Denmark. I feel many of our members across the country can identify with this feature as many of them visit other lodges each year while they are on vacation in California and meet these very people.



Ferdinand Sorensen

This is Ferdinand Sorensen, master of all trades, jack at none. He is the father of Solvang's present Danish design and Danish architecture. Their first few buildings and windmills he not only designed but built with his own hands. He is also a talented poet, satirist, writer, master of ceremonies, singer, actor and a dime limit poker player.



Erik Pedersen

Erik Pedersen, is one of our newest members, but is already in his second year as the Solvang lodge secretary. Erik hails from Aalborg, the most American of Denmark's cities. When he immigrated to Chicago he was a "Mejerist," but later became a realtor in Los Angeles. He is now more or less retired and donates much of his time to cultural activities work in the Danish colony.



Nels Christensen

Nels Christensen wears his 50-year Danish Brotherhood membership pin with dignity and honor. For nearly a half century he has been a leading personality in the very active and ambitious Santa Barbara lodge. Nels knows more about arranging conventions and Christmas tree parties, installations, and potluck dinners than perhaps anyone else in the Brotherhood.



Jorgen Hansen

Solvang lodge draws regularly 30 per cent or more of its membership to its regular monthly meeting. One of the reasons is amateur culinarist Jorgen Hansen and his monthly home-cooked "eat-all-you-can" dinners. His steamed codfish and boiled potatoes with mustard gravy usually draws a full house, but his masterpiece is "Gule Ærter med Flæsk," which is a typical Danish dish during the winter.



Arden Petersen

Arden Petersen belongs to the younger set, serving two terms as secretary of the Solvang lodge, while his brother, Howard, was the president. Arden was formerly manager of the Solvang Bank, but now has his own escrow office. He is a member of the city council, where he also serves on several important committees. A man with many irons in the fire, he still finds time to attend the monthly meetings in his Solvang lodge.



Emil Jensen

Emil Jensen, retired Solvang painting contractor. A charter member of the Santa Barbara Danish Brotherhood, Emil has spent 45 active years in the Brotherhood. For many years he was an amateur thespian, and still is a tenor of note, and a colony leader.



Hans M. Andersen

Hans M. Andersen is loved and revered as the "grand old man" of the Danish Brotherhood in California. As past Supreme President of the D. B. he felt it an honor to be elected secretary of his own Selma Lodge No. 255 when he stepped down from the presidency of the Supreme Board. Hans is a welcome guest in any lodge.



Viggo Tarnow

Viggo Tarnow, a gymnastic instructor for more than 60 of his 80 years, is still active. He is a leader of the Danish cultural life in Solvang and has received many awards and honors for his contributions to youth programs and civilization in general. His 100-member children's gym team is still one of the main attractions of Danish Days.



Peter Weber

Peter Weber, a former exchange student from Denmark has become one of Solvang's best known businessmen (he is a baker). Peter is a former president of the Solvang lodge, member of the General Committee of California and a leader within the local Chamber of Commerce. He directed this year's Danish Days, said to be the best ever. He was also recently elected to Solvang's city council.

Don't forget to visit our California lodges next time you're in the "Golden State." You're always welcome and likely to see a cross section of many members from many great California lodges.

Fraternally,

Levi Persson.

This is the second chapter describing Levi's trip through Denmark. We pick it up as he and his wife near the end of a tour through Tivoli Gardens.

Vagabondia

by LEVI PERSSON

Now comes the finale. Rockets boom as they take off for the sky. They explode high above our heads and shatter gold and silver and magnificent blues and greens and magentas on a velvety black sky. And the crowd responds with "Ah's" and "Oh's" as is the tradition of the Copenhageners.

The last fuse sputters, the last spark dies. I glance at the big clock on the City Hall tower — it is midnight. Together with 50,000 other spectators we head for the exit. Our head hums with memories of a day in Tivoli. Cost for two, everything included, less than $8.00.

Strøget is said to be the first really successful mall in the world. The reasons for its success are evident to visitors. The Copenhageners were proud of Strøget for several centuries before it became a mall because it was the shopping center of a fine city.

Since becoming a mall a few years ago, more atmosphere has been added. The curbs and gutters have been eliminated and here and there on the three kilometer long street are small outdoor restaurants shaded by trees and flowers in barrels. When you get to Gammeltorv there is a fountain, and a little farther on is the flower market; an amateur photographer's dream when it comes to colors.

The shops along this street, and elsewhere in Denmark for that matter, depend particularly on originality of design and quality, and tourist prices are not inflated. If the store mails your purchase directly to your address in U.S.A. you will receive a sales tax refund amounting to about 10%; if you insist, the proprietor will pay postage and handling also.

World famous Danish Porcelain is sold directly from the factory outlet on this street by Royal Copenhagen and Bing and Grøndahl. The price you pay here is first of all, 10% below what the Danes themselves have to pay and that is below what is charged by the fine stores in Paris or London or New York.

If you are willing to sacrifice a little in quality and save up to 40% additional you should visit the second and third floor where porcelain with small flaws are sold. In most instances the flaws or color changes are so small that it takes an expert to tell the difference. A few wise purchases in this department could very well save you enough money to pay for your ticket across the Atlantic.

Here you can also purchase Royal Copenhagen and Bing and Grøndahl Christmas plates and Mother's Day plates. You can buy them any time during the year, but they will not be shipped until they get on the market in Denmark, however in plenty of time to arrive at the destination before Christmas. Buy as many as you want when you are there; but no mail orders if you reside outside of Denmark.

Incidentally, both Danish Porcelains are excellent hedges against inflation. Christmas plates increase in value at least 20% a year. R.C.'s 1962 plate, the Little Mermaid, originally cost $6.00. Today you cannot purchase one in Copenhagen for less than $60.00. You can't do much better than that on the stock market, even if you are an expert.

At the end of Strøget is "Kongens Nytorv," a park-like square with many trees, flowers and benches. It is hemmed in by some of the finest Danish architecture. In the center stands an imposing statue of King Frederik the VII. Here lies the Royal Theater, the center of Danish theatrical arts. It is an imposing building; you cannot miss its importance. It dominates the neighborhood.

On this square I played often as a boy. On summer evenings when darkness came late to Copenhagen, I would watch the patrons and their guests arrive for gala performances. I remember seeing Kings and Queens and Prime Ministers of foreign countries and of Denmark with our own King Christian the X as host.

I felt that I knew the King from my job as a delivery boy in a grocery store on H. C. Andersen Blvd. The King rode by our store every forenoon on his brown horse, and I tried to fit my schedule so I was on the beat when he came by. I would then swing my hat to let him know that I liked him. He would always smile slightly and salute.

When he arrived for gala performances, I would swing my hat and try to catch his eye, but he was always too busy with his Queen and other important people to notice me. When I saw him again on his horse, I would swing my hat to let him know that I understood, and that I had forgiven him. I loved that man greatly. He was indeed Mr. Denmark.

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Now it is a summer evening in 1972. With Edith, I stand and admire this old building, The Royal Theater. There is a ballet tonight, but we note two red lights over the entrance. It means sold out. I still go up to the ticket window and ask for two seats. The lady smiles and pushes two tickets toward me. "You're lucky," she says, "These were just returned." I pay her 15 Kroner and we enter the Royal Opera to see "Sylfiden."

Slowly we walk up the stairs marked by the footsteps of hundreds of thousands of theater-goers like me, over a couple of centuries. We feel awed as we touch the cool handrails worn smooth by hands of other generations.

We enter an elaborately decorated foyer where the "Greats" in Danish music and theater are immortalized in marble, bronze and on canvas. We recognize names like Andersen, Houlberg, Oenslager and Nielsen. We stare at their faces, their hands and read about their accomplishments.

I fill to the brim with wonder and happiness. I'm inspired and thankful that I, as a Dane, was allowed to be a part of this little nation's greatness. Until now I have only been a bystander, a spectator. It is my desire to add a little bit to this nation's cultural wealth. Perhaps there is still time to add something of value, however small.

We locate our seats in the yet half empty theater and note the antique beauty; the decor of it all. From the ornamental ceiling dangles a

mighty chandelier. It looks like glittering dew drops from the world of giants in fantasyland.

Each floor has the shape of a horseshoe lined with red velvet seats on brown mahogany chairs. The Royal Loge is directly above the stage. I note a half dozen comfortable chairs. From this choice spot the Kings of many nations, and Emperors too, have listened to operas or watched ballets as we will tonight.

The place is slowly filling up now. On the main floor I note ladies in formals and gentlemen in tuxedos; jewels and pearls glimmer and glitter. On other tiers the dresses are more informal. In the galleries are "abnormal" hippies who have deviated from rock-and-roll to the classics.

Musicians filter into their narrow confine "graven," where they add sound to the atmosphere with their instrument tuning. We feel relaxed — and still tense. It is 8:30 and the Royal Theatre is packed.

A red light starts to blink on the side of the stage and the theatre is darkened. The maestro steps on to the podium. The overture begins.

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We are chasing horizons again — aboard an immaculately clean Danish Express bound for Genoa, Italy. We speed across the green fields of Sjælland. We roll aboard the big ferry which takes the train and many automobiles across Store Belt to the garden isle of Fyn where Hans Christian Andersen was born.

We are constantly staring out of the open windows. There are forests of fruit trees, large berry patches, all in bloom, in vivid colors. Their fragrance fills the air and drifts into the speeding train. Every square yard of black, almost greasy loam is in use for growing, for harvest time and mowing. It is a process that goes on 12-14 and later 17-18 hours a day.

We admire the Danes for their cleanliness, their orderliness. Everything sparkles, has a touch of beauty. No junk along the tracks. There are places for such, but even they are orderly and neat. The farmers and their modern equipment are in the fields from dawn to sunset; every daylight hour is used for production. Production gives freedom, economic freedom, and with those things, political freedom. Denmark enjoys a large measure of freedom; the ultimate in liberty.

Denmark is behind us. We roll into the big seaport of Hamburg. Here we change trains. We are very careful about obtaining the correct number of the track and train. It is evening now as we rattle through Germany, Switzerland and enter Italy. We are awakened briefly as we cross the international borders, to show our tickets and our passports, but we are not required to open our baggage; we are asked no questions.

We change trains in Milan and a couple of hours later we are in Genoa. The Keller Shipping Office informs us that our ship is in port and that we can go aboard this afternoon. We make some last minute purchases because we will be at sea for most of the next five weeks. A rickety taxi, with us as reluctant passengers, gambles its way through Genoa traffic down to the water front. This is one of the largest ports on the continent, and its piers are filled with ships from all over the world.

The smells of brackish salt water, tarred rope, diesel fuel, mixed with nuances of coffee and other exotic foods reach our nostrils. I recognize these nostalgic smells from my days as a sailor before the mast in my early youth and from other adventurous trips down to the sea. At home I often walk the windblown beaches west of Lompoc to satisfy my longing for the sea.

(To be continued)

Another 100% Family



Lodge No. 139, Viborg, S. D.—It was a very special occasion here at Viborg recently when the family of Robert Haar, his wife Charlene, and their two-year-old daughter Elizabeth became members of Lodge No. 139. It marked the first time that Viborg has enrolled an entire family at once. Brother Haar is a lawyer here in Viborg and recently moved out to the outskirts of our fair city where this picture was taken.

Melchior Dies at 83

Our countryman's noted Danish tenor, Lauritz Melchior, is dead at 83. One of the greatest Wagnerian tenors of operatic singers passed away in California's St. John's Hospital last month where surgeons had operated on his gall bladder for tumor of the liver. Along with his magnificent voice, Melchior had the excellent acting ability demanded by Richard Wagner operas. The Danish-born singer's endurance was legend and from 1926 to 1950, he reigned supreme — and in recent years, performances were occasional despite a hearing deficiency and advanced age.

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STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
INCOME:			
Life premiums and membership assessments	$ —	$ 200,468.87	$ 200,468.87
Investment income	8,961.50	266,949.11	275,910.61
Miscellaneous	4,387.96	2,940.87	7,328.83
TOTAL INCOME	$ 13,349.46	$ 470,358.85	$ 483,708.31
DEDUCT:			
Death benefits	$ —	$ 184,681.74	$ 184,681.74
Matured endowments and surrender benefits	—	21,192.77	21,192.77
Increase in life policy reserves	—	15,689.00	15,689.00
Provision for retirement plan	—	5,273.00	5,273.00
General expenses, per accompanying statements	11,217.38	186,375.86	197,593.24
Taxes, licenses and fees	—	21,609.47	21,609.47
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	$ 11,217.38	$ 434,821.84	$ 446,039.22
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS, before refund to members	$ 2,132.08	$ 35,537.01	$ 37,669.09
REFUND TO MEMBERS	—	51,226.66	51,226.66
NET INCOME (LOSS)	$ 2,132.08	$ (15,689.65)	$ (13,557.57)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	251,287.86	1,543,650.32	1,794,938.18
Realized gains (losses) on sale of securities	—	3,405.50	3,405.50
Increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of securities	—	34,531.59	34,531.59
(Increase) decrease in non-admitted assets (Note 1)	—	(1,242.96)	(1,242.96)
(Increase) decrease in mandatory securities valuation reserves	(75.00)	(35,849.77)	(35,924.77)
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2)	$ 253,344.94	$1,528,805.03	$1,782,149.97

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1972 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Rent	$ —	$ 12,000.00	$ 12,000.00
Salaries and wages	—	69,426.36	69,426.36
Membership awards	—	1,564.77	1,564.77
Traveling expenses	—	15,342.89	15,342.89
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	—	4,364.08	4,364.08
Printing and stationery	—	17,849.09	17,849.09
Annual statement expense	—	1,471.17	1,471.17
Actuarial and data processing fees	—	9,877.55	9,877.55
Official publication	—	15,730.10	15,730.10
Real estate expense	—	4,828.16	4,828.16
Legal and audit fees	—	1,472.66	1,472.66
Fraternal payments	5,467.38	—	5,467.38
Scholarship grants and prizes	5,750.00	—	5,750.00
Sundry general expenses	—	16,511.85	16,511.85
Depreciation expense (straight line)	—	8,437.18	8,437.18
National convention expense	—	7,500.00	7,500.00
General expenses incurred	$ 11,217.38	$ 186.375.86	$ 197,593.24
General expenses unpaid, December 31, previous year	—	20 000.00	20,000.00
General expenses unpaid, December 31, current year	—	(25,125.98)	(25,125.98)
General expenses paid	$ 11,217.38	$ 181,249.88	$ 192,467.26

BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 1972 (Note 1)

Admitted Assets	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
CASH, including $123,260.78 certificates of deposit and savings accounts	$ 28,578.93	$ 129,363.56	$ 157,942.49
INVESTMENT IN BONDS, at amortized cost (market $3,828,226.76)	225,019.84	3,843,282.30	4,068,302.14
INVESTMENTS IN STOCKS, at market (cost $493,748.17)	—	577,020.84	577,020.84
PREMIUMS RECEIVABLE FROM LODGES	—	20,385.12	20,385.12
INTEREST INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED	1,681.76	59,576.24	61,258.00
CERTIFICATE LOANS AND LIENS	—	27,320.85	27,320.85
REAL ESTATE, at cost:			
Land	—	75,910.00	75,910.00
Building and other improvements, net depreciation of $32,000.00	—	222,978.46	222,978.46
	$ 255,280.53	$4,955,837.37	$5,211,117.90



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Rolled Sandwich Meat

1 flank of beef or lamb
3 or 4 thin slices pork
2 tbsp salt
1 tsp pepper
½ tsp saltpeter
1 onion, cut fine
½ tsp allspice

Remove sinews from meat and cut it so it forms a square or rectangle. Flatten out and sprinkle with seasonings. Lay on pork slices. Roll meat tightly so when cut it will slice across grain of meat, and sew ends and sides. Put in cold brine for 10 days.

Brine: 2½ qts boiling water, 2 cups salt, ½ tsp saltpeter.

After 10 days remove meat from brine, wind securely with cord and put into boiling water. Cook slowly for 2 hours or until tender. Remove from water; press between two flat surfaces until cold.

Liabilities and Fund Balances

LIFE CERTIFICATE RESERVES, 1941 CSO 2½% mortality tables	$ —	$3,023,419.00	$3,023,419.00
POLICY AND CERTIFICATE CLAIMS	—	17,549.00	17,549.00
ESTIMATED REFUNDS TO MEMBERS, payable in 1972	—	54,000.00	54,000.00
ACCRUED GENERAL EXPENSES	—	25,125.98	25,125.98
RETIREMENT PLAN RESERVE	—	74,011.00	74,011.00
OTHER LIABILITIES	—	15,838.95	15,838.95
Total Liabilities	$ —	$3,209,943.93	$3,209,943.93
MANDATORY SECURITIES VALUATION RESERVE	1,935.59	217,088.41	219,024.00
FUND BALANCES (Note 2)	253,344.94	1,528,805.03	1,782,149.97
	$ 255,280.53	$4,955,837.37	$5,211,117.90

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these balance sheets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1972

(1) The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. These unaudited statements are presented in the same format as have been presented in the past by an independent public accounting firm. Such practices differ from those generally accepted accounting principles commonly followed by other types of enterprises primarily in that:

(a) Certain assets, principally furniture and equipment, are excluded from the accompanying balance sheets.

(b) Certain costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred, rather than being amortized over the expected terms of the insurance contracts.

The aggregate net effect of such variances on the financial statement does not have a material effect on income or financial position.

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1972, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Special Reserve	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal	$ —	$253,344.94	$ —	$ 253,344.94
General	781,649.22	37,500.00	709,655.81	1,528,805.03
	$781,649.22	$290,844.94	$709,655.81	$1,782,149.97

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. For attending Board meeting, Omaha, Nebr., transportation $80.00, per diem $150.00.

Kristen Jorgensen: For attending Board meeting, Omaha, Nebr., transportation $202.00, per diem $150.00.

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George Jacobsen: For attending Board meeting, Omaha, Nebr., transportation $174.00, per diem $150.00.

Byron Petersen: For attending Board meeting, Omaha, Nebr., transportation $110.88, per diem $150.00.

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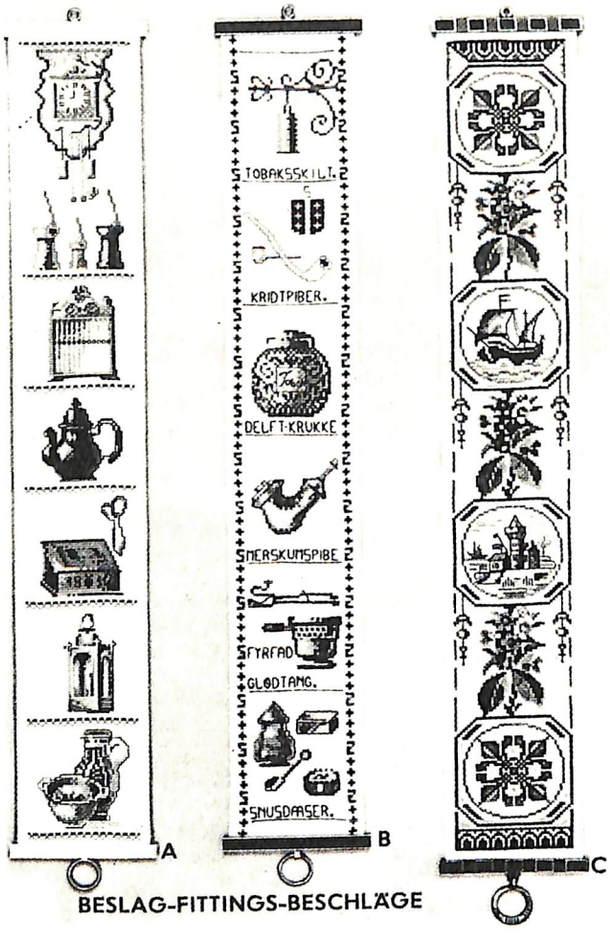
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