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# D B comment

(Please find below a letter which is representative of the types of letters of praise the Home Office receives about the Danish language tapes available through our office.)

I received a page of your magazine with the enclosed coupon in it from a person who knew I was wanting to learn Danish. It sounds too good to be true.

Could you also send information on your Brotherhood? My late parents were born in Denmark, and I was raised in Omaha, but didn't realize the Brotherhood existed. I see there are feminine names on the list of new members. My mother was a member of a Sisterhood years ago. Is this connected with your association?

Thank you.

Mrs. Violet Collins  
(nee Nielsen)  
Mt. Carmel, Ill.



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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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Meet the royalty of "Danish Days," celebrated at Minden, Nebraska, June 13. At left is "Miss American Dane," Julie Petersen; center is Anine Davidson, second runner-up, and at right is Vicki Hansen, first runner-up. The queen contest was just one of many exciting events that marked the first "Danish Days" ever in Nebraska history. In true fraternal spirit, Armand Thomsen, Omaha, Lodge No. 1, donated a \$25.00 savings bond to the queen for first prize. Other photos on page 13.

# Seven Win Grants to Summer Camp

The 1973 Danish Brotherhood Camp Grants have been awarded, and as a result there are seven youngsters who will soon be tramping off to the camp of their choice, thanks in part to the generosity of this new Danish Brotherhood youth program.

The 1970 National Convention established the grants by resolution, and this is the second year they have been awarded. Each grant is worth \$25.

Winners this year are: Steve Hansen, Minden, Neb.; Lonney Nielsen, Minden, Neb.; Eric Thomsen, Minden, Neb.; Mark McKenzie, Omaha, Neb.; Ronald Hansen, Omaha and Tim and Heidi Petzke, Racine, Wis.



Three grants will go unfilled this summer, as a total of ten are available each year. Danish Brotherhood officials in the home office are expressing surprise and some disappointment that more members and lodges are not taking advantage of this program. Many lodges, while asking for youth programs to build up their youth membership, simply have neglected one such program set up for this very purpose. Full details of this program are announced each spring in the "American Dane." Applications for the 1974 season are now available by writing the National Headquarters. Applicants need not be members of the Brotherhood to qualify.

# Grand View Singers Release New Album

"A World of Song" is the name given to an album made recently by the Grand View Singers, under the direction of D. Richard Stromberg, assistant professor of music. The 12-inch stereo record will contain 19 hymns and songs that are well-known among those familiar with the Danish background, out of which Grand View College grew.

The hymns and songs are, with one exception, translations or adaptations of Danish works. All are taken from "A World of Song," the volume produced by the American Evangelical Lutheran Youth Fellowship in 1958. Among them are such favorites as: "O Day Full of Grace" "The Sun Now Shines in All Its Splendor," "Evening Star," "That Cause Can Never Be Lost," "Gracious and Mighty God," "Happiness Never Depends on Success," "Youth Undaunted," and the well-known Danish hiking song.

The album is a project of the Danish Interest Conference of the Lutheran Church in America. It will be available through the Grand View College Bookstore (1200 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50316) by mid-summer. The price will be \$4.00, postpaid.

**JULY ASSESSMENT NO. 889** is due and payable to the lodge treasurer July 1, 1973 and must be paid before August 1, 1973. Members failing to pay their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

## Home Office Affairs



50th ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS . . . Howard Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, presents a "Congratulations" card to Axel Skelbeck, right, on behalf of all Home Office employees, on the occasion of Axel's 50th anniversary with the Brotherhood, June 5. Now a member of the Investments Committee, Axel served 27 of those 50 years as Secretary-Treasurer in Omaha, and four years prior to that as Secretary.



"VELKOMMEN," BORGE, SAYS HOWARD CHRISTENSEN, as Borge Rosing, left, Secretary of the Rebild National Park Society, visits National Headquarters June 6. Mr. Rosing dropped into the Omaha office during a visit to the Midwest, which also called for a tour through Dana College, at Blair.



A recent visitor to the Home Office was Bent Albrechtsen, American correspondent for the Danish publication, Berlingske Tidende. Bent was enthusiastically received by the Home Office staff and greeted as a guest at an evening meeting of Lodge No. 1, where he interviewed several "second generation" Danes in Omaha.

Some Stimulating Thoughts . . .

## ABOUT LOVE, AND BROTHERHOOD, AND FRATERNALISM

*The essence of all religions is to love your neighbor as yourself. And to love one's neighbor, we must respect his beliefs, though they be different from our own.*

*To try to impose our values on others is not only a denial of their rights, but also a form of arrogance, which in itself is irreligious.*

*The truly humble Christian does not inquire into his neighbor's faults; he takes no pleasure in judging them; he is occupied wholly with his own.*

—Anthanasius

*I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.*

—Albert Schweitzer

*Those who enter to buy, support us. Those who come to flatter, please us. Those who complain, teach us how we may please others so that more will come. Only those hurt us who are displeased but do not complain. They refuse us permission to correct our errors and thus improve our service.*

*Those of us who shout the loudest about Americanism in making character assassinations are all too frequently those who, by their own words and acts, ignore some of the basic principles of Americanism.*

—Sen. Margaret Chase Smith

*Leadership is one of the highest forms of service. It is best exercised when it freely motivates others to a decision that is really theirs—but which may never have been reached without the leader's beneficial influence.*

*Love is patient and kind, never jealous; love is humble, never rude or selfish. Love delights in truth, never takes pleasure in other people's pain. Love is always ready to excuse, trust, hope and endure. Love does not come to an end.*

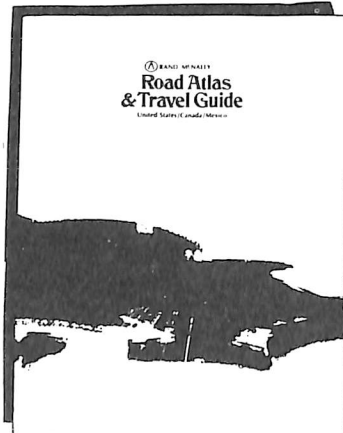
Catholic Knights of St. George.

## Get This Road Atlas Free!

As a special incentive for signing up new members during the months of June, July and August, the Home Office is offering (in the nick of time for the summer travel season), a compact, Rand & McNally road atlas, free for each new member signed up.

Just recommend an eligible friend, relative or acquaintance, and when he (or she) becomes a member, you'll be mailed this handy 96-page, full-color guide to America's highways and by-ways.

Send the coupon below to —  
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Danish Brotherhood in America,  
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68131.



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## Copenhagen's Cozy Cafes Captivate the Tourist



Danish food specialties are often served by girls in authentic Danish folk costumes.

Sampling Danish specialties in Copenhagen's many attractive restaurants has always been a treat for tourists, but in the past year it has become even more of a treat with the opening of some 200 small, cozy restaurants featuring typical Danish fare.

Popular with the Danes because of their good food and reasonable prices, these small cafes are flourishing in all areas of town. A number are located on or near Copenhagen's charming pedestrian streets reserved for strollers and shoppers.

On a walking tour of the narrow, winding Stroget—the collective name for a row of five pedestrian streets connecting the city's two main squares—a "cafe break" at lunch or supper hour is a delightful experience.

The menus in these new, cozy cafes are limited but hearty, and each offers its own distinctive specialty. The Hof Cafeen at Store Kongensgade 25, near Copenhagen's King's Square, for example, is housed in the old court pharmacy and features beef hash (biksemad) with beer and aquavit. Another, Schonemann Cafe on the Koebmagergade pedestrian street, serves open Danish sandwiches with beer and aquavit.

The menu at the century-old Tivoli Hallen near City Hall Square always lists old-fashioned dried cod (klipfisk), while one of the newly opened cafes, Boef & Ost, set in an attractively appointed historic old cellar, specializes in steak and cheese, as its name suggests.

Although Danish dishes may appear unpronounceable, American tourists find them delectable and return to sample more. The Danes go out of their way to help tourists learn more about their country, and, as one Copenhagen restaurant proprietor said, "Dine where the Danes do and you'll love Denmark"—a Scandinavian twist on the old saying that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Having a meal in a small, cozy cafe abroad is more than just getting something to eat. It is an opportunity to absorb the local atmosphere and culture. Visitors often learn a lot about a country by trying its restaurants.

One thing is essential, however: You must show courage! Don't insist on hamburgers and ice cream. Try the local specialties, even if they sound surprising or mysterious to you. It's a good way to make your own world bigger, your horizon wider, your taste more tolerant—in other words it may turn you into a true citizen of the world.

Returning home with delicious culinary discoveries (and you definitely will after visiting a country like Denmark, which exports delicacies to the whole world)—you may find your friends referring to you as an international culinary authority!!

# Pin Prize to Oakland

A record number of teams took a crack at the huge pot of prize money up for grabs in the society's 1973 National Bowling Tournament. A total of 64 teams entered what has become one of the most popular fraternal programs of the Danish Brotherhood.

Members of the winning team, from Oakland, Calif., Lodge No. 39 are: C. M. Hedrick, R. V. Hansen, Hans Sorensen, Fred Jensen and Robert Langeberg. Their total team score in capturing the \$100. top prize this year, was 3,120 pins including a handicap of 447. Second place was won by the "Old Timers," of Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn., with a total score of 3,071, including a handicap of 495.



The men's individual high game was rolled by Tom Nielsen of Lodge No. 1, Omaha. Brother Nielsen streaked to a 276 game aided by a handicap of 20 pins. He also placed fifth in the men's individual high series category with a total score of 659. Tom is \$20 richer for his talents this week.

A series best score of 704 was good enough for Robert Langeberg of Lodge No. 39, to win the men's individual high series category. Robert has \$15 extra pocket money for his efforts.

In the special category for women's entries, the Anchor Lodge No. 337 team from Fremont, Calif., ran off with the top prize, posting a total score of 2,780. Diane Villadsen of Lodge No. 184, Hayward, Calif., claimed the women's individual high game and high series honors with scores of 250 and 634, respectively. Diane wins \$15 for winning each category.

Congratulations to the winners and to those whose biggest prize was the fun they had. We hope the fellowship of this fraternal program created new friendships and strengthened many others.

Lodge	Team	Score	Handicap	Total	Prize	Place
39—One		2673	447	3120	\$100.00	1
45—Old Timers		2576	495	3071	75.00	2
172—Philadelphia South		2515	522	3037	60.00	3
64—Odin No. 1		2403	585	2988	50.00	4
172—Philadelphia North		2659	327	2986	45.00	5
283—North Dagmar Kings		2559	411	2970	40.00	6
227—Nine		2399	540	2939	35.00	7
263—Askov Alley Cats		2613	312	2925	30.00	8
242—Two		2302	606	2908	27.50	9
84—Two		2464	435	2899	25.00	10
227—Seven		2359	534	2893	22.50	11
45—Two		2304	588	2892	20.00	12
113—Enumclaw No. 1		2262	627	2889	19.00	13
1—King Pins		2363	525	2888	18.00	14
227—Ten		2355	525	2880	17.00	15
268—Junction City Bear Cats		2452	423	2875	16.00	16
167—Rainbow Knit		2331	534	2865	15.00	17
92—One		2389	474	2863	tie14.00	18
29—The Carpenters		2362	501	2863	tie14.00	18
184—Hayward No. 1		2371	489	2860	13.00	19

325—Long Island Lions	2035	819	2854	12.00	20
227—Eleven	2320	528	2848	tie11.00	21
39—One (subs)	2275	573	2848	tie11.00	21
167—Northwestern Transfer	2434	408	2842	10.00	22
125—One	2330	507	2837		23
325—Long Island Tigers	2002	831	2833		24
184—Hayward No. 2	2360	471	2831	tie	25
143—Petaluma No. 3	2309	522	2831	tie	25
29—The Old Timers	2049	768	2817		26
299—DBS No. Two	2331	474	2805	tie	27
227—One	2331	474	2805	tie	27
1—Addition	2000	801	2801		28
29—The Flyers	2223	576	2799		29
113—Enumclaw No. 3	2276	510	2786	tie	30
95—D. B. No. 95	2291	495	2786	tie	30
242—Four	2358	423	2781	tie	31
227—Eight	2283	498	2781	tie	31
337—Anker Lodge	2081	699	2780		32
84—One	2046	726	2772		33
51—Two	2228	543	2771		34
43—Columbine Lodge No. 43	2306	459	2765		35
227—Two	2257	501	2758		36
113—Enumclaw No. 2	2069	681	2750		37
167—Brotherhood	2248	501	2749		38
227—Three	2265	483	2748		39
242—Three	2333	414	2747		40
325—Long Island Vikings	1937	807	2744		41
332—One	2353	384	2737		42
227—Five	2244	492	2736		43
92—Three	2206	522	2728		44
143—Petaluma No. 1	2380	345	2725		45
242—One	2287	435	2722		46
227—Six	2146	570	2716	tie	47
92—Two	2206	510	2716	tie	47
184—Hayward No. 3	2039	660	2699		48
227—Four	2209	489	2698		49
143—Petaluma No. 2	2112	573	2685		50
29—Seattle Danes	1969	714	2683		51
1—Les Girls	1806	873	2679		52
51—One	2328	342	2670		53
299—DBS No. 1	2161	492	2653		54
1—Avon	1639	1008	2647	tie	55
126—One	2299	348	2647	tie	55
299—DBS No. 3	1984	603	2587		56

## Men's Individual High Game Winners —

1—Tom Nielsen	256	20	276	\$15.00	1
42—Raymond Johnson	222	44	266	10.00	2
227—Ken Rehan	232	32	264	tie 7.00	3
39—Fred Jensen	233	31	264	tie 7.00	3
39—Robert Langeberg	231	32	263	6.00	4
227—Herluf Iversen	233	28	261	tie 5.00	5
332—Richard Olsen	216	45	261	tie 5.00	5

## Men's Individual High Series Winners —

39—Robert Langeberg	608	96	704	\$15.00	1
283—James Olsen	606	72	678	10.00	2
184—Walter Hansen	591	84	675	7.00	3
299—Harry Kierch	591	72	663	6.00	4
1—Tom Nielsen	599	60	659	5.00	5

## Women's Individual High Game Winner —

184—Diane Villadsen	221	29	250	\$5.00	1
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## Women's Individual High Series Winner —

184—Diane Villadsen	547	87	634	\$15.00	1
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## Top Women's Team —

337—Anker Lodge	2081	699	2780	\$100.00	1
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# NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Location	Sponsor
Mary Krogh .....	Omaha ((1) .....	Chris Olsen
Chris Krogh .....	Omaha ((1) .....	Chris Olsen
Kermit Hansen .....	Omaha (1) .....	Axel Skelbeck
Jeffrey D. Oberholtzer ...	Racine (4) .....	Walter Jensen
Orvin F. Jarlsberg .....	Racine (4) .....	Eugene Anderson
James F. Irving .....	Racine (4) .....	Gordon Sorenson
Alfred Hansen .....	Muskegon (30) .....	Clayton Hansen
Arthur Sinivee .....	Muskegon (30) .....	Paul E. Carr
Albert W. Bilgrav .....	Perth Amboy (46) .....	Peter Christensen
H. Folmer Molgaard .....	Rorbeck (150) .....	A. P. Mickelsen
Harley R. Jensen .....	Ruskin (161) .....	Wayne O. Schultz
Carla E. Jensen .....	Ruskin (161) .....	Wayne O. Schultz
Soren C. Nelson .....	Ruskin (161) .....	Kenneth Pedersen
Eric C. Hojberg .....	Detroit (227) .....	Verner Vollquartz
Meegan Ann Kenny* .....	Juhl (238) .....	Arnold Laursen
Erik N. Christensen* .....	Omaha (700) .....	Preben Christensen
Shawn M. Tweedt* .....	Omaha (700) .....	A. P. Mickelsen

\* Juvenile Members.

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## 'Short Form' Is Ready

The National Headquarters has received several complimentary letters pertaining to the new agenda for business meetings (known as the short form to some) recently mailed to all lodge secretaries. Typical of the letters is this one;

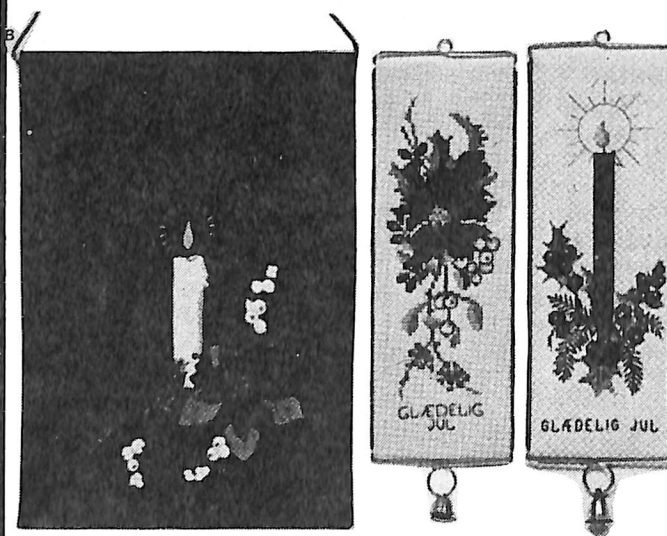
"Thanks for the new agenda for the business meeting. Our lodge has known for a long time we've needed a new, shorter form, and for this we say "mange tak."  
A California Lodge

The forms contain a new "check off" procedure the presiding officer can use in conducting a business meeting. After each item is completed it is simply checked off, making the job much easier. The four-page guide, in addition to the agenda for business meeting, carries an initiation ceremony for new members, and the installation ceremony for elected lodge (or district) officers. Copies are available from National Headquarters.

## Christmas in July

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do it simply by offering you more flights to Scandinavia than all other airlines combined. Plus the most connecting flights to cities within Scandinavia. As a matter of fact, SAS Viking jets fly to more cities within all of Europe than any other airline from North America. All this at the lowest fares available! Get complete details now. Call your travel agent. Or SAS. We speak your language.

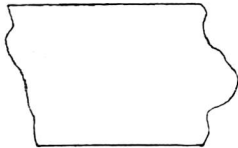
**Take off with the Scandinavians. Navigators of the world...since it was flat.**



# Our Lodges in Action

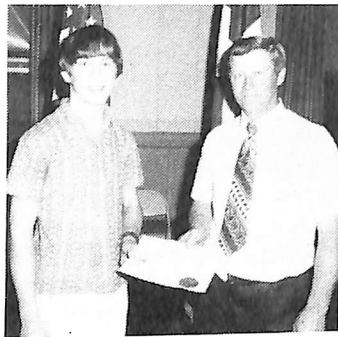
their thoughts on different issues that may come up and brought to the attention of the home lodge, so come and enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones.

A. B. Thode, Correspondent.

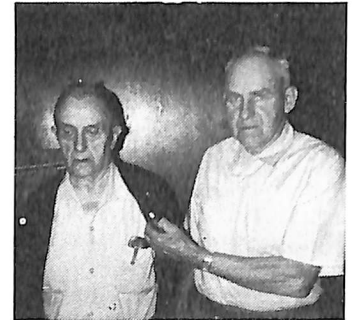


## Iowa

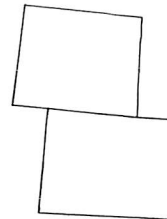
**Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa**—held their regular meeting on May 14, President Gordon Sloth presented David Johnson a \$1,000 scholarship from the Danish Brotherhood in America. David will go to Iowa State in Ames where he will major in chemical engineering. Both David and his father, Raymond are members of Lodge No. 144 in Dike. On May 21, Dike Lodge No. 144 presented a \$100 scholarship to a Dike high school senior, Roxanna Gutknight. The third Sunday in August the lodge will hold its annual picnic at the Reinbeck, Iowa, city park. Election of delegates to the Iowa United Lodges Convention will be held at the June meeting.



**Lodge No. 147—Newell, Iowa**—We are proud to present this picture of Brother Chris P. Thomsen, left, receiving his 60-year pin from President Jens Pedersen, at our May 17 meeting. Brother Thomsen is 86-years young and seldom misses a meeting. Chris is making a trip back to Denmark this summer to visit family and friends.



Elmer Jensen, Secretary.



## Colorado-Wyoming

**Lodge No. 10 Council Bluffs, Iowa**, will be the host lodge for the annual convention to be held over the Labor Day weekend. Convention Chairman Bud Grunberg has started the ball rolling for a good convention. By this time lodge secretaries should have information as to accommodations for those who stay over and where all the activities will be. The new hall should be ready for use at that time. All lodges can help by being in Council Bluffs and by letting the chairman know in advance how many he can expect. These conventions are a way of getting together and provide all members to express

**The Colorado-Wyoming General Committee** will hold its 44th District Convention in Denver, Colo., on September 7 and 8. Lodge No. 43 in Denver will host the convention. There will be a get-together party Friday evening, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. Card playing and refreshments will be served.

Saturday, September 8th the business meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. by District President George Daley of Denver. The social event will start on Friday evening, and the business meeting on Saturday at the American Legion, Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post No. 1, 4500 East

Alameda Ave. Denver, Colo. The banquet will start on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Dancing after the banquet.

The General Committee invites all members, their wives and friends from our two states to attend, and we also extend an invitation to our neighboring states of Nebraska, Utah, Idaho and Montana. Please come, you are all most welcome.

We hope a large number of members will plan to attend this convention, so send in your reservations as soon as possible, so we can make hotel or motel reservations as soon as possible. Also banquet reservations for you. You can do this by contacting President George Daley at 1460 South Marion Parkway, Denver, Colo. (722-9919) or myself at 6004 West 62nd Ave. Arvada, Colo. (424-3440).

The committee of the Denver lodge is working very hard to make this convention a big success. There is going to be entertainment for the ladies, who are not members, on Saturday while the business meeting is held.

**Gabriel Cymanski, Sec.-Treas.**



**Washington-Oregon  
British Columbia  
(Pacific Northwest)**

DB 328 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada celebrated the 90-year anniversaries of Brothers Charles Jensen and of Andy Anderberg this month. Representatives to the district convention last month were Brothers Elith Marcussen, Erik Esmann, Mogens Mogensen, Poul Christensen and Edvind Andreasen. "Grundlovsfesten" was celebrated June 3 at the Peace Arch Park.

DB 113 in Enumclaw, Wash., paid tribute to their fathers and grandfathers at the regular June monthly meeting and on the 23rd, Immediate Past District President Niels Nedergard entertained at a "St. Hans Fest Midsummer Night Party."

DB 42 in Spokane, Wash., was represented in Enumclaw by Past District President John Bech, newly elected District President Emil Larsen, Brother Sheridan Perry and by a nice delegation of ladies. The Kaufmanns, the Holms, the Perrys and the Bechs journeyed to Brother Rasch Paulsen's home on April 9 to sing "Happy 90th Birthday." New members include Brothers Pat Gilbert and Fred Matheney. Two faithful brothers, Svend Gommesen and Jens Borup, both well known through the years, have been laid to rest in the past few months. Congratulations for 25-year memberships to Brothers Ing Hansen, Elmer Christensen and Glen Andersen. On the sick list are Brothers Gunnard Linden and Henry Nielsen. Past President Ernie Wales and wife Ellen spent last month in Washington, D. C. and in Bermuda.

Speaking technically, we are greatly pleased with the increased emphasis being placed upon the youth, the heritage, the actions of local lodges, the new insurance aspects and "all the new wrinkles" in our American

Dane—the official news organ of our fraternity. Felicitations to Editor-in-chief Don Eversoll and to Administrative-editor Howard Christensen.

**Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.**



**Michigan, Ohio**

**Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich.**—Since our last report, we had our Michigan-Ohio District convention at Detroit. I am sure everyone had a good time and also we were able to find out about the insurance program.

We have several applications out for new membership, so maybe we'll be hearing from them at our business meeting in June.

We had our fishing party, but the fish did not cooperate. At least we had a lot of fun even if the fish didn't bite.

Our entertainment committee for May was Tom Thompson and Paul Carr. They served a delicious lunch at the business meeting, and for our social meeting, we went out to eat at a local restaurant. We really had a good time too. At our last business meeting, we discussed getting some members interested in playing cribbage so next year we would be able to play in the city tournament.

I am happy to report one of our older members called and thanked me for putting some news in the paper—it was George Nelsen. He was our treasurer for many years.

This month we plan to have a steak fry and view some films from Denmark. Holger Thuesen and Tom Stafford are in charge. Jeff Hansen's name was drawn for the jackpot at our last business meeting, but he was absent, so we still do not have a winner.

**Clayton Hansen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich.**—On Thursday evening, May 10, Lodge No. 51 held their regular monthly business meeting in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall with President Al Seguin presiding. An interesting report of the District Convention which was held in Detroit was given by our delegates; Secretary Earl Jensen, Trustee Kenneth Johnson and Brothers Lars Christoffersen and Carl Soneral. The name of Brother Wallace Bentz was called for the jackpot but as he is ill, he was not there to claim the pot. Trustee Wallace Nelson was awarded the "Tony the Bartender Special." Following the meeting we were treated to a lunch prepared by Treasurer Al Garcia.

On Wednesday evening, May 16 we held our regular monthly pinochle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. Treasurer Al Garcia and Brother Lars Christoffersen were in charge, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen, Mrs. Lena Hansen and Brother Oscar Peterson. Following the games, prizes were awarded and a potluck luncheon was served by the committee.

On Thursday evening, May 24, we held our monthly social evening. The name of Brother Arvid Lundstrom was called for the jackpot, but as he was not present to claim the pot, it will grow larger. Brother Lawrence Cabot was the winner of the "Tony the Bartender Special." President Al Seguin was chef for the evening,

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# Planning For Retirement

by A. C. Harlander

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Editor's Note: This article originally appeared in the Safeway News, in response to a question by the editors how Al Harlander, who retired in 1963, could be as active, vigorous and alert as he appeared. This is his answer.

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I hadn't given much thought to retirement until a retired Safeway executive from the Portland Division dropped into my office one day. That was in 1954, ten years before I was to retire. Only a few months previously he had looked forward with much anticipation to retiring, so I was eager to hear how he was getting along.

He didn't seem very happy, and when I asked him what retired life was like he replied "It's hell." He was already fed up with golf, and having developed no other interests outside of his job and family, he was bored with life. He said that he went to bed at night with no plans for the morrow, and in the morning he was faced with the haunting question: "What am I going to do today?" He died of a heart ailment a short time later.

After his visit I resolved to give some serious thought to retirement. I realized that we were all so busy trying to succeed and to provide well for our families that we were unprepared when the day of retirement arrived.

During the ensuing ten years I read every article on the subject that crossed my desk, and began to lay out a program of my own. Most of what I read was plain, common sense. What it boiled down to was this: happy people live longer than those who are bored with life, and to prevent boredom we need to find a purpose in living.

I learned that happiness in retirement requires four main ingredients: Good Health, Financial Security, Proper Use of Leisure, and a Satisfying Spiritual Attitude. I took an inventory of my qualifications based on the foregoing yardstick. With respect to "Good Health" I felt that I would qualify. I had been a disciple of the Father of Physical Culture, Bernarr Mac-Fadden, since my youth. His credo for good health was "Exercise and Proper Eating (natural foods)." As many of my former associates know, I exercised regularly at health clubs, and induced many of them to do likewise. Upon retirement I installed a gym in my home and still continue to workout regularly with barbells, etc. Also, I jog and, with my wife, take long walks daily.

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With respect to proper eating, our family, for years, has had a reputation as "Health Nuts." White bread, pies, cakes, pastries, and sugar are taboo. We use only natural honey for sweetening purposes. As the old saying goes, "We are what we eat." Our bodies are like the soil which yields according to the kind of nourishment it receives.

Perhaps it is accidental, or just pure luck, that our entire family enjoys excellent health. I don't think so. I am now going on 75 and have no aches or pains, no health problems, and enjoy every hour that I am awake. Just to make certain that "all is well," my wife and I attend a well-known clinic every other year for a thorough diagnostic examination. We have done so since 1958.

The second ingredient, "Financial Security," obviously, is very important to happiness and peace of mind. Here, each of us must plan according to his means and needs. The budget that I set up nine years ago for my retirement has long been outdated. The best laid plans and budgets have been wrecked by inflation during the past decade, and especially those that have been dependent, primarily, on fixed incomes. For example: since the Safeway "Class of 1963" retired, the cost of living has increased about 33%. Fortunately, for many, social security benefits have been increasing regularly and, starting in 1975, will be increased automatically as the cost of living increases.

With unpredictable accidents and illnesses, and soaring hospital and medical costs, it would be prudent for retiring employees to supplement their Medicare with other coverage.

The third ingredient, "Use of Leisure," most definitely spells success or failure in achieving true happiness and fulfillment in our "Golden Years." We can retire from the mainstream of life and sit passively by and watch the parade pass, or we can use our new leisure time to broaden and deepen our interest in everything that goes about us. The choice is ours to make. If we look for recreation, entertainment, and casual pastimes to fill our days, we soon find that they are not lasting. They offer nothing to make tomorrow exciting and challenging.

This, however, does not preclude the realization of our pre-retirement dreams of pursuing hobbies, fishing, golf, travel, and just loafing in the sun occasionally.

True happiness comes from helping and serving others, and the opportunities to serve in retirement are unlimited—in the church, youth and charitable organizations, political and senior citizen groups. All of these, and many more, are begging for volunteer help.

We have spent a lifetime accumulating talents and capabilities which can be put to use. And to the extent that we give of ourselves, we will receive in return, recognition and self respect, two of life's most precious gifts.

The fourth ingredient, "A Satisfying Spiritual Attitude," is essential to complete peace of mind. How we achieve it is a personal and individual thing. As we approach the end of this earthly existence, as we all must some day, we inevitably stop and think about it occasionally. I have never believed that "Church Going" alone could solve all spiritual problems. Personally, I have no qualms about leaving the security of this planet for the Great Unknown. I have always had a deep and abiding faith in the Supreme Being who could create this earth, and all the life, beauty, and wonders that it contains. In this area I have complete peace of mind. As Henry Thoreau on his deathbed said to the minister when asked if he had made his peace with God, replied, "No need to; we have never quarreled."

With a balanced well-planned program, retirement can be the most satisfying and happy period of our lifetime. We have few if any responsibilities; we are able to sleep late, not gulping our breakfast and heading into that death-defying traffic. We can get up, put on the coffee pot, get the morning paper from the front porch, and crawl back into bed with the luxurious feeling that we are no longer a slave to the clock. After I retired, especially on stormy mornings, I actually felt sorry for all of my former associates who had to get up and go to work.

I had no difficulty retiring. On the contrary. Having made plans for it, I looked forward to it—to the day when I could clean out my desk and leave the office for the last time. I enjoyed my work, and the fellowship of my associates, but a phase of my life was ending and I was about to embark on another phase—a new and challenging adventure.



## THOUGHTS ON RETIREMENT

As Retiree Harlander points out, the time to start retirement plans is long before you retire. With a pattern of sane health habits and proper moderation in all things established years before retirement, most people today will have an excellent chance to enjoy life well into the more venerable years. Here's what the American Medical Association suggests to help insure a healthy old age:

**\* See your family doctor regularly.**

With all the advances in medical science, your doctor can diagnose and treat successfully almost any disease or ailment—if he finds it early enough. He can also help prevent many of the illnesses that may otherwise come your way.

**\* Watch your diet.** As the years pass, one usually needs less food. Yet there are those who slow down their activities but keep right on eating as though they were active teenagers. No one can feel young and peppy and zestful when he's carrying an excessive load of weight.

**\* Pursue some physical exercise.** Try to keep all the parts in good working order by USING them. A mild amount of exercise never hurts anyone in good health.

**\* Fill your days with productivity.**

One of the quickest ways for a middle-aged person to get older in a hurry is through sheer boredom and inactivity (clue: when it seems easier **not** to do something, don't yield to the impulse). So keep up your interest in your family, your hobbies, your surroundings.

**\* Participate in community affairs.**

The happiest people are the doers, and associating and working with other stimulating citizens can whet your appetite for life and give you a sense of accomplishment—and of belonging.

**\* Prepare for your future financial needs.** Remember your spending pattern will have to be adjusted to your changed income after retirement. A good booklet which may prove helpful in planning is "A Guide to Budgeting for the Retired Couple," available (not from us!) for 10 cents from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 20402.

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and we were treated to hamburgers and french fries. Highlight of the evening was when Brother Carl Soneral produced a birthday cake in honor of Brother Emmett Jacobson's birthday and the "Danish Brotherhood Nightengales" gathered around to sing "Happy Birthday" for Brother Emmett.

Our lodge was saddened by the loss of Brother William Huber who passed away, and we send our sympathy to the family.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 70, Greenville, Mich.**—Once again, D.B.S. No. 70 has had the privilege to serve the honored couple—Clayton and Lorraine Rasmussen, their silver anniversary dinner, after which, music was furnished by the Mattison Orchestra, the members of which are also active members of our lodges.

May 26 was the convenient time for the celebration of the June 5 anniversary. The sisters prepared the usual hearty and delicious dinner which was well attended by a fine crowd of brothers and sisters, relatives and friends.

On June 16, a 50th anniversary celebration was held for Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kraft, both long-time members of our lodges. He is the president of Lodge No. 70. A good crowd was in attendance and a jolly good time was had by all, and one of the big hits of the year.

We would like to say many thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Detroit Lodges for a good time enjoyed by the 15 members from Greenville.

Another big event coming in August is the annual Staffelsvest, August 18. This is the time for all the friendly people of Greenville to welcome folks to our city for a good time for all. Each year the activities become more exciting. There is fun, food, and activities galore. This year a film team from National Headquarters will be on hand, making a special slide program for use by our lodge to attract new members in the future. We invite you to come for an exciting celebration with Danish food, Danish dancing, Danish beer and all the activities to promote a hearty and healthy weekend.

Vern Minard, Reporter.

**Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich.**—On May 9, Detroit Lodge No. 227 had 130 brothers and sisters in attendance at our pre-meeting dinner after which 65 brothers were able to stay and attend our business meeting.

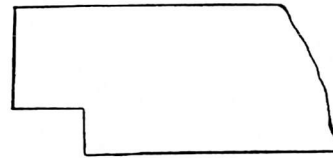
It was at this meeting that Brother Axel Nielsen, who lives in Traverse City, Mich., was presented his 60-year pin by Past President, Robert Andersen. Brother Axel told us that he joined the Brotherhood in 1912 in Seattle, Wash.

One new brother was initiated at this meeting. He is Fred Bisballe. Past President Eric Larsen bid the new member welcome and gave him some information about our lodge activities, as well as the Brotherhood functions.

May 23 was the date of our second meeting of the month. At this meeting, President Harold Capion, stepped aside to let Vice President Werner Walther get his feet wet in presiding over a regular business meeting. This is something our presidents do so that when the time comes for the V.P. to take the president's chair, he is not going to come into office without at least a little experience.

Due to personal reasons, our two door guards had to give up their offices. Replacements for these positions are: Inner Guard George Fenkel and Outer Guard George Petersen.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.



## Nebraska

The Nebraska General Committees of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood, held their annual state picnic in the American Legion Park in Minden, Nebr., on Sunday, June 10. The weatherman cooperated with a nice, sunny day, except for strong winds. Over 100 people enjoyed the day. The tables were bulging with food, so I'm sure no one went home hungry.

There were all kinds of games for the children with lots of prizes. Mrs. Leonard Davidson of Omaha, was in charge of this.

The outstanding event was choosing the three finalists for "Miss Nebraska American Dane." All contestants were dressed in Danish costumes, and each had to write and read an essay on "Our Danish Heritage" in 100-200 words. The judges determined the winners on the basis of their costumes and essays.

The queen, Julie Petersen, was crowned on "Danish Day," Wednesday, June 13 and she and the two other finalists rode on the Danish float in a parade on Saturday, June 16, and she was also a guest of honor at a banquet on June 15. Hoping to make this an annual affair, she will reign as "Miss Nebraska American Dane," for the next year. The contestants were as follows: Donna Thomsen, Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebr.; Cindy Jones, Lodge No. 16; Julie Petersen, Lodge No. 177, Cordova, Nebr.; Vicki Hansen, Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebr., (D.S.S. No. 90); and Anine Davidson, Lodge No. 1, (D.S.S. No. 6) Omaha, Nebr. The three finalists were: Julie Petersen, Vickie Hansen, and Anine Davidson.

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr.**—The social meeting on May 15, was spent playing court whist. There was a prize at every table and a prize for top man and woman player. Refreshments were served later.

Our entertainment committee is working hard to come up with new programs for our social meetings. They have planned several interesting programs for the summer months. The social meeting of June 19 was held at Vennelyst Park. A supper was served, with free chicken provided by the lodge and the members provided the rest of the dinner. Bingo and softball were the main entertainment events. Keep up your good work, committee.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.

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*'Danish Day'* →  
at Minden, Nebraska  
Wednesday, June 13  
Host Lodge No. 16 →  
Danish Brotherhood in America



The JADA girls from Omaha, under the direction of Mrs. Chris Larsen, performed native Danish dances using the Danish Brotherhood's new folk dance kit, at the Danish Day activities at Minden. Hundreds lined the streets to watch the folk dancing, hear several speeches and see the new 'Miss American Dane' crowned.



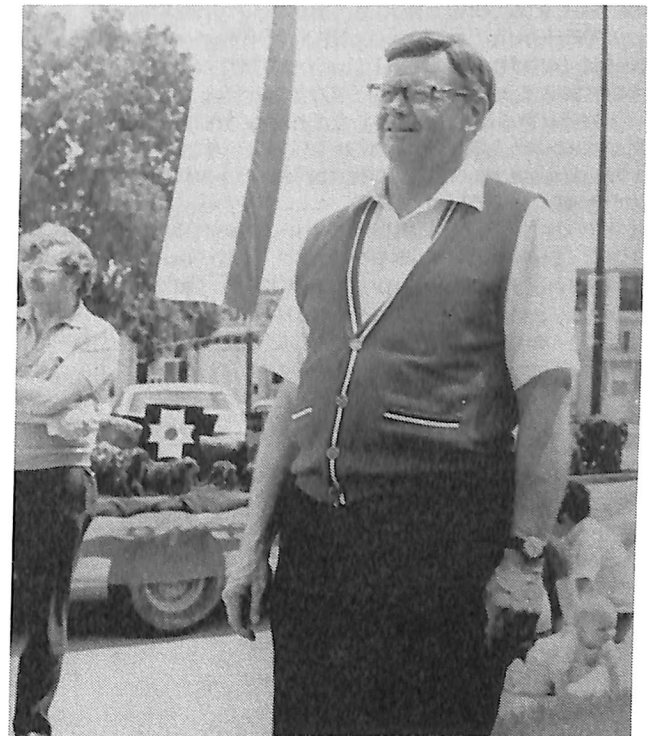
This scene is evidence of patriotism to America, and respect to Denmark that the overflow crowd displayed. Visitors to Danish Days took part in a sell-out smorgasbord at noon, the selection of the queen at 2 p. m., an over-flow æbleskiver feed at 7 p. m., and a worship service, completely in Danish at 8 p. m. A softball game and dance capped off the ceremonies later in the evening. Three local television stations, three newspapers and two national magazines provided extensive news coverage of the event.



Winner of the best Danish women's costume, was Mrs. Wesley Nielsen of Minden (seated at left). Far right is National Board Trustee Svend Sonderup, an honored guest and speaker at Danish Day. Svend's speech was entitled, "To Light the Way," and he called on all DB lodges to follow the example set by Minden Lodge No. 16, in sponsoring a special Danish Day each year. Chris Larsen of Omaha was winner in the best dressed men's costume competition, and Kathi Carver, Minden, was best dressed young Dane.



The æbleskiver pans at Minden smoked far into the evening, as hungry visitors filed into the City Hall for the delightful Danish treat. Virtually thousands of the delicacies were served prior to church services at the Minden Bethany Lutheran Church.



Minden businessman Don Thomsen, a member of Lodge No. 16, stands in front of Viking float which carried the DB colors in the parade later on in the week. Standing at the left is a reporter for the *National Geographic Magazine*, which assigned two men to cover the event.

Chairman for the 1973 Danish Day affair was Andrew Madsen, president of Lodge No. 16. The committee was headed by Herb Nielsen, Don Thomsen, Tom Thompson, Ernest Christensen and Margaret Poore. DB members from throughout the state joined hands in helping No. 16 enjoy overwhelming success with their first endeavor at a Danish Day celebration. The Danish Sisterhood, headed by Mrs. Ingrid Hansen of Lincoln, and the Nebraska State Brotherhood President, Leonard Davidson, also helped to complete arrangements and do the thousand and one things nobody thinks of until the day of the event itself. Telegrams of good tiding was read from Einar Danielsen, DB President; Senator Carl Curtis and Nebraska Governor J. J. Exon, who declared June 13 Danish Day in the state of Nebraska. Although there was no direct connection between the title, "Miss American Dane," and the name of this magazine, your Brotherhood publication does appreciate the similarity.

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## **Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)**

**Lodge No. 17, Chicago, Ill.**—The Danish National Committee invited all Danes to the annual Grundlovsfest picnic, which was attended in fairly large numbers even though the mercury went up to 94 degrees.

The festivities were opened by the new Consul General in the Chicagoland area, who told the members a little history of how and why the constitution of Denmark originated. Grundlovsdag is as all Danes know, on June 5, and it is a half day off from work.

The very fine singers of Harmonien, the oldest singing group outside of Denmark, sang the national anthems of both countries, and then the folk dancers exhibited their skills in the old Danish folk dances.

Our National President, Einar Danielsen, was given the microphone and spoke about the Danish Brotherhood and fraternal organizations. Hopefully, his words gave a boost to the lodges in attracting new members.

After Einar's speech the picnic baskets were opened, the akvavit and Carlsberg and Tuborg beer were consumed and then the kiddies played games. In addition, there were games for the big kiddies, man and wife throwing eggs, etc.

Your reporter thinks that everyone had a good time; if not it was certainly their own fault.

**Kaj V. Jensen, Lodge No. 17.**



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

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.**—Highlites of our last meeting were installation of officers by Past President John Christiansen and President Elmer Homo of Hartford Lodge 314 to whom we are grateful. Those installed were the following: President William Gill, Vice President Herbert Nelson, Secretary Carl Sorensen, Treasurer Jan Braumann, Conductor Edmund Sorensen, Trustees Paul Nielsen, Henry R. Nelson and Asbjorn Guldhauge. The ceremony was conducted under the new rules much to the surprise and delight of all those attending.

Our special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bent Nielsen, sister and brother-in-law of Brother Raymond M. Jensen, who are here on a visit from Denmark. We were happy to meet them and just know that they enjoyed our evening's activities.

News of our "picnic in the woods" at the home of

Brother Henry Nelson will be in the next issue. Our "picnic by the sea" at the summer home of Sister Agnes Aust will be held August 12 rain date, August 19. All are welcome.

Brother Carl Sorensen was elected delegate to the G.C.E.L. convention with Brother Jan Braumann as alternate.

**Carl W. Sorensen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.**—Our deepest condolences to the families of Brothers Alfred Carlsen and Alfred Petersen who have both passed away. They will be sadly missed by all.

This will be the last word until September as the summer season once again is upon us. Although you are all enjoying the warm weather again, don't forget that your lodge will still meet in July and August. Have a happy and safe vacation.

Don't forget to mark down the date, Saturday October 27. That is our annual President's Dinner-Dance. Tommy Eliason is all set to play for us and the place is the Squiers Inn, Greenbrook, N. J., \$9.75 per person. We had a wonderful time last year, and this year should be no different. See you all there. Tickets will be available shortly.

**Paul Iversen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.**—Congratulations to Enighedden Lodge for 70 years of service and brotherhood to the Danes of the Delaware Valley area! The lodge originated with men of vision and with an idea. The purposes have changed, but today our lodge is as active as on the founding day, and we are looking for many more years of fraternity and brotherhood.

The Annual Picnic at the Old People's Home at Metuchen, N. J., will be held on July 8. As always, we hope to see a number of our members join in on this one. It may be of interest to many of our members that the home is in need of a mature married couple to take care of the home. In addition to an excellent salary, lodgings will also be available. If you are looking for an interesting job, we suggest that you contact our representative, Georg Olesen (Phone 543-6478) or Pete Christensen at the home (Phone: (201) 752-6378).

On July 3, William Bauer will celebrate 60 years of membership. On August 11, Anton Mou will be eligible for his 50-year pin. And Ole Cortsen has been a member for 30 years on June 12.

To Denmark: Troid and Joshua Wendell along with Eddy and Charlene Milne are heading for Denmark on June 26. Brother Bob Milne will have to stay home and hold down the fort. While there, they will be attending the christening of Troid's great niece for which Eddy and Bob will be godparents.

From Denmark: Visiting Christian Wilhjelm and Niels Malmquist will be Holger Gam, currently of Tarm, Jylland. Holger Gam lived with the Wilhjelm's during the war years when he and your editor were sent from Greenland to the U.S. for schooling.

**Neils Malmquist, Corresponding Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.**—Kaj Nielsen and Al Jensen were honored at the birthday dinner party held prior to our meeting on May 16. A smoked ham dinner was served; the two birthday brothers donated the snaps to the dinner. After the dinner, Bob Nielsen from Troy Lodge, showed some fine pictures in color from Lake Placid last winter's bob sledding contest. This was enjoyed by us all. Then we went upstairs to the meeting, conducted by President Bill Pererson.

Three brothers from Troy Lodge were bid welcome by

our president. They were Bob Nielsen, Andrew Thomsen and Fred Jensen.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Ole Hansen who lost his wife May 8.

I wish to give Harald Hansen credit for his fine job of presenting all the money trees to our brothers, when they have an anniversary. I know it is a lot of work, but keep up the good work Harald. Thanks from the lodge.

Brother Horst deLorenze was the lucky winner at our meeting May 2. He and his wife are going back to Denmark to live. We wish them "held og lykke" and hope to see them back here in the future. On May 16, Brother Willenorup won three months free dues.

No. 190 News may not be published during July and August, unless something special comes up, so I will give you notice of our meetings now. Our next meeting will be June 6 in the old Danish Hall. The meeting June 20 will be held at our president's home, 3 Frederick Avenue, Albany. July and August we will only have one meeting a month, the third Wednesday in each month. Birthday dinners will be served at all these meetings.

The lodge has received invitation from our good Brother George Severson to have our outing at his place. It will be held Sunday, October 14, and you will get more information later, but hold that date open.

During May, we lost two brothers. On May 16 Brother Lawrence O. Petersen died in Ellis Hospital, and on May 17 Brother Peter C. Sorensen passed away. The lodge sends our deepest sympathy to their families. Brother Pete had just received his 50-year pin at our anniversary party, April 7.

**Chris H. Biering, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.**—Sorry I missed you last month. The only excuse I can offer for being remiss in my duties is that the time just flew right by—seems as though the whole year is flying by. When you read this, it'll be the middle of July. The summer will be half gone—Christmas shopping done yet?

Since I'm planning the rest of the year for you, try not to miss our annual convention of the G.C.E.L., coming up on Labor Day weekend in New Haven. It looks to be as good a time as ever—barring over-booking, so get your reservations in to your secretaries early.

May 19 was the evening of our annual anniversary celebration. The 70 to 80 people (members and guests) had a good time. The turnout was good from one standpoint, poor from another. Many, many thanks to all of the "faithfuls" out there who do support your lodge and its functions. The main item on the menu that was catered professionally, was "Seafood Newburgh." Although we did deviate from "a standard Danish menu" and from an old standby called "roast beef," the dinner was well received by all. Young and old alike paid compliment to Einar Petersen and his committee.

National Board Second Vice President George Godthaab, was our guest of honor, and had an inspiring talk for us. Mange Tak, George, for your time.

Plans are being made for our second annual family picnic to be held later on this summer. You will be getting something in the mail when more definite plans are consummated as to the date, time, place, etc.

On a more somber note, two of our more well known members have passed away. Svend Nielsen died after a long illness. Andrew C. Petersen died suddenly while vacationing in Florida. The altar has been draped in honor of their memory. Both A. C. and Svend will be missed.

**Mark B. Thomsen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.**—Our May meeting was very well attended. Many valuable prizes were

awarded the winners in the bingo games. The chess players had their noses glued to the chess boards. Several applications for membership in our lodge were received, and will be voted on at this meeting. It is encouraging to know that so many people are interested in our Brotherhood. Bill Steffensen was the lucky one who won the jackpot for the second time, thus enriching The Steffensen Enterprises by 15 dollars!

Smorgasbord was served, and to top it off, we all had a taste of a beautiful Mother's Day cake, baked by none other than our President, Egon Larsen. There was more than enough to go around. If you didn't have a piece, you don't know what you missed.

We are pleased to report that John Hjulmand is our new delegate to the Metuchen Home, taking over for Frances Larsen, who served us so diligently. "Nice piece of work." Thank you, Frances.

More good news! Thomas Robert Petersen, who had his 16th birthday on May 19, has graduated into adult membership in our lodge and has No. 391 in our membership book. Welcome, Robert! Don't forget to visit us, we hope to see you often.

We regret to report that Vibeke Gerlich had a serious brain operation, but is on the road to recovery. "God Bedring, Vibeke."

**Chess Avis:** Our chess tournament is well on its way, each participant will have a chance to show his strength against another opponent—a game won will count one point. The highest total will be the winner. In case of an equal score, winners will share the prize. The running score shall be posted. If the amount of competing and brave players are small, then its compensation is in the quality and skill of the players. But, we know! There are more hidden talents who can play Chess, but are without the courage to improve their ability. It is to those we direct our appeal to join us in a social game. They may be the winners of our future and promising tournaments. It's possible!

**Bill Steffensen, Secretary.**



## **California, Nevada**

**Pacific Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif.**—Our meetings have been well attended, so far this year—let's keep it up—support your lodge.

On Friday, May 18, we had an exceptional good turnout, due to the fact it was a testimonial night for one of our 60-year members, Thomas Nielsen. The evening started off with a 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner together with the sisters of Lodge No. 17, which was enjoyed by all. After a short business meeting, President "Skip" Ward, declared the meeting and "open meeting," where-upon the sisters of No. 17 and the family and friends of Brother Nielsen, all entered the lodge room to witness the presentation ceremony.

A recapitulation of Brother "Tom's" past history and activities was presented with much interest. Brother Jack Belmont, president of the California-Nevada General Committee, was then called on to make the presentation of the 60-year membership pin to Brother Nielsen. Brother Belmont is, indeed, most adept in

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making presentations, and his part in the ceremony shall be long remembered. Brother Nielsen responded in his usual casual and proficient manner with some most appropriate comments, and closed his remarks by presenting his wife, Frieda, their two daughters and their husbands, and a number of grandchildren.

We are all most proud to have "Tom" as one of our brothers and owe him a big vote of thanks for the work he has done and is still doing as one of our trustees.

We are looking forward to going to Solvang on July 19, 20 and 21 for our annual state convention. The Solvang lodges are well recognized for their cooperative efforts in putting on these conventions. See you all in Solvang.

**Mel Oredsen.**

**Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, Calif.—**C. H. (Chris) Rasmussen, retired Ferndale dairyman and President of Gimle Lodge No. 95, was the choice of judges for the title of "Ferndale Good Neighbor" for 1973 and was presented the Chamber of Commerce "Good Neighbor" plaque at a public dinner in Ferndale earlier this spring. Brother Rasmussen, taken completely by surprise, expressed his appreciation for the honor, hoped that he had earned it and also that he could be of service.

Mr. Rasmussen's selection was based on his career of 50 years or more in the community, church, fraternal, dairy organizations, as a high school trustee, his aid to the Chamber of Commerce in a variety of capacities, and his encouragement to numerous youth programs. Brother Chris joined D.B. No. 95, on February 22, 1921. He has held various offices in the lodge during the years and has always been a hard worker for the lodge and its



C. H. Rasmussen, left, accepts award from Mrs. Herbert Whitney as "Good Neighbor" of Ferndale for 1973. —photo courtesy of Ferndale Enterprise

activities. According to the "Ferndale Enterprise" newspaper, Brother Rasmussen "In addition to being a willing worker on the community level, gave much time to service for the community, its dairy industry and its youth on the county and state levels." The paper continues, "In the broader sense of a 'Good Neighbor,' Mr. Rasmussen has an unselfish and unequalled record of able and thoughtful fellowship for his community and its people."

**Niels Lorenzen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif.—**Our Grundlovsfest on June 3 was one huge success. It was held in the big Swedish Vasa Park in the Malibu mountains. The weather turned out fine and we had close to a thousand people, not including the South Gate City Youth Band. The band was what made the day. They are outstanding and in 1972 entertained in Rebild Bakker.

The kitchen personnel made hundreds of smorrebrod and baked nearly three thousand Aebleskiver and still we ran out of food. We are sorry if someone went a bit hungry, but the attendance was much better than we had dared to expect as this was the first time we had the affair in Vasa Park. The tombola sold out, most of the dishes in the muntre Kokken were busted. Only the beer supply held out.

Miss Sylvia Baker was crowned Miss Grundlovsfest. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Munck, Vice Presidents of California-Nevada General Committees Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Roug, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mathiasen and Marius Jespersen have just left for a month in Denmark but they will all be back in time for the convention in Solvang.

One of our old-timers, Martinus Nielsen passed away recently. He lived in Hinckley, California.

**Peter Pedersen, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev.—**Being born on May 13 was not the least unlucky this year to Alice Pinkerton, president of Silver State Lodge No. 339, and secretary-treasurer of the California General Committee. Since May 13 was both a birthday celebration and Mother's Day this year, Alice's daughters planned a surprise party for her which was a most successful party. The first surprise to Alice was to walk into her daughter's home, April Gerrity, to attend a family dinner, to find many of the lodge members present as well as many of her friends. The ultimate of surprises was when her daughter, Delia, who is her youngest and has been residing in Denver, Colo., since June of last year, appeared on the scene, making the surprise almost too much to take. The tears of joy were spontaneous and a most happy reunion of the whole family was now complete.

The evening was a most enjoyable one, particularly when one is surrounded with such a lovely family and so many, many friends. The celebration included cocktails, a most delicious smorgasbord set in a most colorful surrounding of yellow and orange daisies and streamers in the same colors. A delicious birthday cake was also served. Many lovely gifts were presented to the birthday celebrant and it was a most memorable evening for her. To help celebrate this occasion were her family, April and Ron Gerrity, Julie and Rick Gammell, Delia Pinkerton, Steven Rogers and a friend, Donald Thompson. Also present were Birgitte and Harry Conradsen, Jutta and Harold Reed, Melvin and Inge Holmes, Leona and Gordon Adkisson, Margie Evans, Klaus and Joyce Ansoerge and Terry Little. It is quite certain that Alice Pinkerton will never forget this occasion and the happy surprises sprung on her this evening.

More news from Las Vegas: Melvin and Inge Holmes have now moved into their new home, and a wonderful housewarming gathering was held on Sunday, June 3 where cocktails were served together with a delicious "danske" smorgasbord. A grand tour through the new home was conducted and everyone had an enjoyable evening. All the members of Lodge No. 339 wish Melvin and Inge many happy years in their new home.

**April Gerrity, Secretary.**

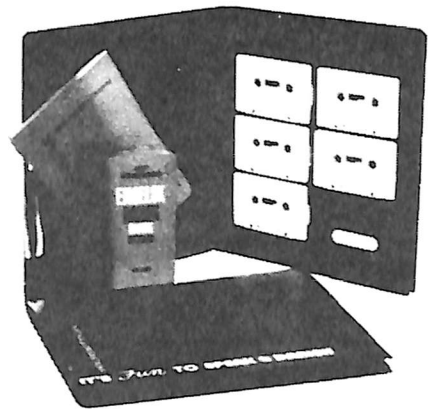
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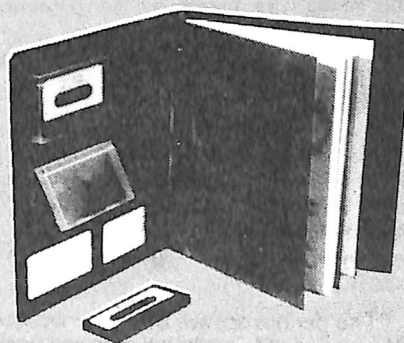
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# DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION



## 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?

### Şødsuppe—Sweet Soup

1 qt. water  
 1 cup prunes  
 1 cup raisins  
 1 cinnamon stick  
 Cook until prunes are done.

Then add:  
 1 cup sago or tapioca  
 ½ cup fruit juice and a few lemon slices  
 ¼ cup sugar  
 Boil until sago is clear. Serve hot as soup or cold, with cream as dessert.



Street scene from "Scandinavian Festival" in Junction City, Oregon. Dates this year are August 2 to 5.

## Festivals to be Filmed

If you attend one of the major "Scandinavian Festivals" or "Danish Fairs" around the country this summer, then you're invited to be a part of a new, exciting film program sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood Fraternal Affairs Department.

A team of photographers and film makers from National Headquarters will be attending the Junction City, Oregon Festival, August 2, 3, and 4; the Greenville, Michigan Festival, August 17 and 18 and the Solvang, California Festival September 15, to document the excitement of these summertime extravaganzas and also show, whenever possible, how the Danish Brotherhood is involved in their makeup.

The end result of the filming will be to produce special 35mm slide programs for use by lodges in the area of the festivals (and all lodges for that matter) in order to promote the Danish Brotherhood and attract new members. Filming and editing will be directed by Don Eversoll, Director of Fraternal Affairs, and Jim Keith, special consultant in audio-visual aids.

"We are convinced there is a growing curiosity", said Mr. Eversoll, "for the folk-lore, customs, heritage and life style of the American Dane. We feel that the Danish Brotherhood can capitalize on this curiosity to expand our membership. We can do this by showing how Danish

## California D B Members Salute Per Frellesvig

**DB's Farewell to a Popular Diplomat**—The Danish Brotherhood in general and northern California lodges in particular were very sad when they learned that Denmark for economical reasons decided to close her consulate general office in San Francisco. For many years this "little piece of Denmark" has not only been doing a great job for the old country but has also affected our daily life. Having an official Danish agency located in a big city somehow makes our work easier—it creates more interest, goodwill and contacts of great value to the countries and the various ethnic groups. Ironically enough, Golden Gate Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco, is the last DB Lodge which uses the Danish language.

Consul General Per W. Frellesvig is now in Copenhagen in his new position as chief of protocol. Before he left there were several goodbye parties and receptions for this popular man, and his family. On behalf of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Golden Gate Lodge No. 49 invited Mr. Frellesvig to a short reception at Cliff Hotel in San Francisco. Contributing Editor Henning Jensen spoke briefly and thanked Per for a happy and fruitful cooperation through the years. Acting President Jorgen Larsen presented the leaving diplomat with a beautiful certificate from DB in America signed by President Einar Danielsen. Obviously surprised with this honor, Mr. Frellesvig expressed his thanks and appreciation and wished the DB continued success in its work.

Participants in the event were among others, Consul and Mrs. R. Lehmeir, No. 49, conductor Douglas Pedersen, Carl Sorensen, Christian Pedersen, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bavneman, publisher of *Bien Rae* Stribolt, and Editor Sven Stribolt.

Brotherhood members are involved in these festivals and how people from all neighborhoods can meet, mingle, share, talk and be joyous together. There's something exciting about people dressed in native costumes singing old-time Danish folk songs and serving up delicious food."

The release date for the new film programs will be sometime in early 1974.

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# Lest We Forget

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Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
Jan 23	Chris Jorgensen	70	Copenhagen, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1941
Mar 23	Peter Mikkelsen	85	Norre, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1912
12-3-72	John P. Johansen	73	Brenderup, Denmark	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1949
May 9	Alfred Carlsen	84	Elsted, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1923
May 6	Soren M. Jensen	70	Grove, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1953
May 7	Carl M. Hansen	80	Kolding, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1913
May 17	Peter Chr. Sorensen	77	St. Olaf Sogn, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1921
May 16	Laurence O. Petersen	76	Charlton, New York	190	Schenectady, New York	1935
May 22	Lewis R. Olsen	67	Brigham City, Utah	267	Brigham City, Utah	1950
May 21	Charl J. Schmidt	74	San Francisco, California	49	San Francisco, California	1929
May 5	Rasmus M. Laursen	72	Randers, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1925
Apr 29	Martinus Christensen	80	Mygdal, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1924
May 28	Anton Gade Andersen	87	Aalborg, Denmark	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1919
June 3	Peter Jensen	83	Ringkøbing, Denmark	255	Selma, California	1914
May 12	Bruce M. Harkson	30	Portland, Oregon	167	Portland, Oregon	1962
Apr 17	Andrew C. Petersen	80	Hundborg, Denmark	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1933
Apr 13	Eli Karl Rasmussen	73	Oro, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1929
May 23	Axel J. Andersen	71	Hammerum, Denmark	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1942
June 6	Lloyd Ottesen	54	Hunter, North Dakota	279	Hunter, North Dakota	1936
Jan 10	Herman Wickstrom	72	Sweden	319	Bakersfield, California	1951
Mar 23	Andrew Neldeberg	85	Denmark	77	Turin, Iowa	1950
May 26	William Otto Huber	71	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1969

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