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A new year just dawning. A whole new year of challenge and opportunity made for us! "What's ahead?" people ask. We can answer with only a single word. Change.

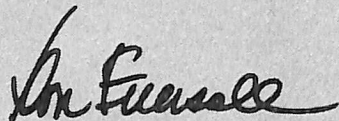
It's all around us. It's in the air. It's what 1974 will be made of.

John Steinbeck said it:

"It is the nature of man as he grows older, a small bridge in time to protest against change, particularly change for the better."

As we step into 1974, perhaps we should all take a personal inventory of our lives and our careers by asking ourselves some questions.

Are we getting better at what we do best? Are we living up to our full potential? Are we bringing out the best in people around us? Do we still believe in the Brotherhood of Man?



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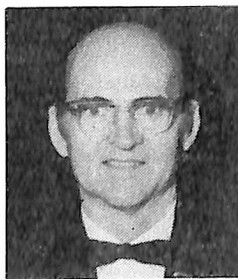
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A Message From The President

In behalf of the officers of the Danish Brotherhood in America, I extend a very special New's Greeting to all of our members, their families and friends.



Einar Danielsen

I hope that 1974 will bring happiness and prosperity to all.

The world seems troubled as never before but I believe that if everyone would practice a little more *Brotherly Love, Fraternalism and Good Will* toward all mankind and let the spirit of Christmas and New Year prevail throughout the entire year, then 1974 will be a great year and we can face the future with confidence and security.

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SOREN KIERKEGAARD, THE DANISH PHILOSOPHER

In order to be able to understand the human side of Soren Kierkegaard, known as the father of existentialism, one must know a little about the period in which he was born. He was born in 1813, the same year bankruptcy took over in Denmark, following six years of hopeless war with Britain as a forced ally of Napoleon. The period following the war and bankruptcy were the poorest in Danish history and it was these years that provided the setting for Kierkegaard's life.

In such a setting a man of feeling can react in one of two ways: he can acquiesce or he can rebel. Kierkegaard acquiesced, and turned from the affairs of the world. One might say that it's not right for a man to turn away from political problems but it should be noted that a man named Karl Marx, who stepped into politics, was writing his communist manifesto at exactly the same time Kierkegaard was writing "The Works of Love," his religious manifesto.

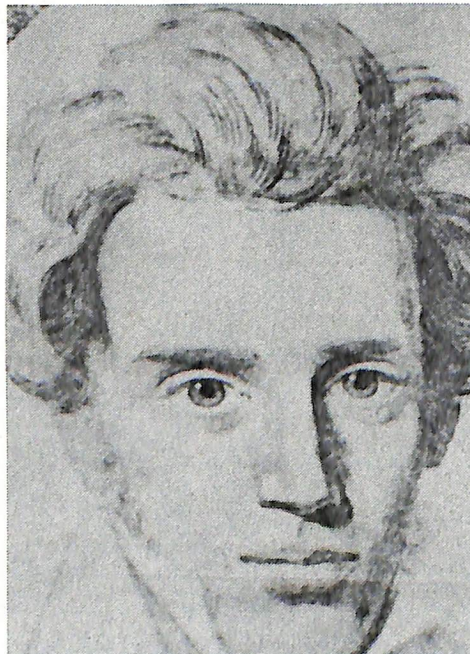
Kierkegaard's life was uneventful but to the ethical and religious personality it is not events which matter. He experiences and is moulded by the few events, and makes an indelible impression by his personality on those whom he comes in contact with. Two of the people whom Kierkegaard came into special and vital contact with were his father, who made him a believer; and Regina, the girl to whom he became engaged, who made him a poet.

Peter Michael Kierkegaard, Soren's father, was a well known figure, and his house was the meeting place of some of the City's intellectuals; for though he had no formal education, he was able, thanks to his keen mind combined with a lively imagination, to debate on equal terms

with university men. His son inherited his father's logical mind and imagination, as well as a deep and inveterate melancholy. As a general rule, they would argue and converse like two good wits. Why? The father had aimed at bringing the child up

"Danes are not only non-ostentatious about their religion; they are shy about it and they hate any show or pretense. In this respect Soren Kierkegaard was a real Dane; he hated ostentation. Each nature has to find its own level of expression; the great temptation is to be judgmental of others who are different."

—Johannes Knudsen.



Soren Kierkegaard

as a thinker, a writer, an ethical man and most important a Christian.

What it was that his father did, no one can be sure of, but certainly, however, the revelation was a mental shock to the son, shaking his former, absolute confidence in his father. More than that, his whole moral outlook was affected and he plunged into a period of dissipation, in which he completely neglected his theological studies at the University. However, he had acquired from his father a religiosity which he never lost. When his father died, the event stimulated Soren to pull himself together. He saw that he had been wrong and felt he owed it to his father to keep his promise and pass his examinations. This he did in the course of the following two years.

At the same time he became engaged to a 16-year-old girl of the Copenhagen upper classes, named Regina Olsen, whom he had known and been attracted to for a year or more. Scarcely, however, had the engagement taken place when Kierkegaard realized in short that he could not overcome his melancholy and he felt unable to confide in the girl what he believed to be the cause. The figure of his father barred the way; and the tragedy of the family curse was a thing that could not be revealed. Two months later he had made up his mind that he would not be justified in attaching this light-hearted girl to himself. To save Regina's face he decided to take all the blame on himself, and in such a way it would be apparent to everyone that it was she who had broken off the engagement, and could hardly do otherwise. Two weeks after he broke off with Regina, he travelled to Berlin, and took up writing. It came over him like a torrent driving him ceaselessly on during the next ten years — the most concentrated period of output ever displayed by a Danish author, and surely one of the most compact in world literature.

During this period he published his longest and one of his best known works. It is significantly entitled "Either/Or"; and it leads straight into the world of Kierkegaard's thoughts. It is his meaning to force the reader into making a decision. He must decide how he wants to live out his life, instead of simply passively drifting down the river of life. Hopefully when one reviews these outstanding characteristics of Kierkegaard's life they can better understand why this man was a supreme individualist, bent at all times on isolating the individual with his responsibility.

Kierkegaard employed a crystal-clear dialectic which can very well be transplanted to other languages. Because of this, his works will remain, and his meaning can never be in doubt; using the subtlest weapons of logic and philosophy, he achieved the feat of demonstrating the impotence of logic and philosophy to face the supreme problems of existence.

DB's Jinger Jorgensen Crowned N.U. Queen



Nebraska University Homecoming Queen and DB member Jinger Jorgensen (left) with escort Rick Crosier at her coronation between halves of Kansas-Nebraska football game.


Special significance was attached to the Kansas-Nebraska football game played in Lincoln, Nebraska this fall. Not only did Nebraska come out a winner (10 to 9), but Nebraska Danes also celebrated a great moment of pride.

Sparkling 5 foot 10 inch blond Jinger Jorgensen, a resident of Exeter, Nebraska and a member of Lodge 177, was crowned Homecoming Queen during a lively half-time ceremony.

Jinger, a 20-year old fashion merchandising major is a recipient of a Danish Brotherhood scholarship. Jinger's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jorgensen, also members of Lodge 177.

The new queen declared the crowning her "biggest thrill ever" then she explained that her first name begins with a "J" because of two older sisters. "With a Jackie Lee and a Jerrie Lin, I had to be a Jinger Lois," she beamed.

It's All For You!



Your DB will be saying "Thanks," in a number of attractive ways, to members who sponsor new members in the months and years ahead. A new and exciting Awards Program will be a permanent part of a major effort to recognize those loyal DB members who sponsor new membership applications. Watch for the full details of this generous new program in the February issue of "American Dane."

Miss Jorgensen is also a recipient of a York County Extension scholarship and is a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron honorary, East Union Committee, Builders Red Coats and Tours Committee and All-University Fund.

Jinger's sister Jackie was also the recipient of a DB scholarship award, from 1968-72.

Lest We Forget

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP, WE HONOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
Oct. 27	Niels Petersen	89	Onsl, Denmark	299	Solvang, Calif.	1913
Oct. 14	Alfred Jensen	80	Jylland, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1916
Nov. 23	William Petersen	85	Little River, Missouri	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1906
Nov. 14	Paul Jensen	66	Greenville, Michigan	70	Greenville, Mich.	1948
Oct. 22	Bonde Bondesen	78	Jonderup, Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1928
Nov. 3	Fred Sorensen	87	Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1936
Nov. 3	Svend Due	85	Skovby, Denmark	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1928
Oct. 16	Victor Olson	84	Fairplain, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1912
Nov. 30	Hjalmar Nielsen	77	Royle, Denmark	169	Hubbard, Nebraska	1928
Dec. 3	Velma Jean Pedersen	39	Falls Creek, W. Virginia	225	Canton, Ohio	1964
Dec. 10	Jens Nielsen	87	Faxe, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1921
Nov. 12	Christian Sand	102	Vester Thorup, Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1889
Oct. 30	Henry W. Harkson	83	Lincoln, Nebraska	167	Portland, Oregon	1957

Popular Bowling Meet Begins March 15



The Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament, always a popular event, will be held again in 1974. Entry forms and a special announcement will be sent to your secretary soon, so please contact him for entry forms and contest information.

Entry deadline is March 1 and you may bowl anytime between March 15 and May 1. The prize list will offer the same generous cash awards as last year and again will feature a special junior members category. The total

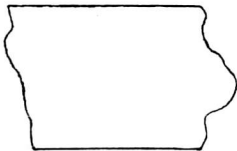
prize money to be awarded will amount to \$1,000.

You cannot win any of the prize money unless you enter the tournament before the deadline and also submit your score in accordance with the rules printed on the entry form.

Should you fail to receive an entry form from your Lodge Secretary, you may request one through National Headquarters.

And remember to support your District tournament. Good Luck!

Our Lodges in Action



Iowa

Council Bluffs Lodge No. 10 — Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 10 of Council Bluffs, Iowa, once again has a Danish Hall. Our old Danish hall which we occupied since 1904 was taken from us in January 1972 by urban renewal. It was a sad occasion for the members as we walked out the doors for the last time. We started to recall the many good times we had had from the time we were children up to the present time. But of course we can't live in the past, so after many meetings last year, a contractor was obtained and ground was broken in November of 1972.

New Hall for Lodge No. 10



Lodge No. 10, Council Bluffs, Iowa, takes pride in announcing the opening of their new lodge hall in that city.

Because of a bad winter and very wet spring our hall didn't progress like it should have but we were fortunate enough to have it completed to where we could host the state convention of the Iowa United Lodges. Our room divider which will make three halls out of the one big one had not arrived so the Sisterhood had to meet at a nearby church. There were other little details left to be done including our parking lot. The contractor hauled in some gravel the day the convention started. We all felt very proud as the members and friends congratulated us on our new Danish hall.

In November we had an open house for the public to attend so they might look over the facilities we have to offer. We have already had several wedding receptions, square dances and Christmas parties. We are hopeful to get many of our old renters back with us again. We always hold the fifth Friday of any month for our own use. We had wanted a flounder supper for our Council Bluffs and Omaha members but here in the Midwest we have a problem getting the whole flounder. Maybe some of our brothers on the East Coast could send us some names of fisheries where we could obtain the whole flounder rather than the fillet. Please send to E.A. Grunberg, 2315 So. 11th St. Council Bluffs, Iowa. 51501.



Minnesota

Lodge No. 111, Austin, Minn. — Austin Lodge along with the Sisterhood held their annual Christmas party at the Oak Leaf Cafe on Friday, December 7. There were over 50 members and guests present.

We had a delicious meal of beef and Arling Holmes of Glenville gave a demonstration in magic which brought much merriment, after which cards and a general get together along with singing was enjoyed until a late hour.

We had the privilege to have our oldest and youngest

members with us. Quite a span of years, Axel Nelsen over 92 and Brian Block 4 years. So you can see we are at both ends of the age ladder

Carl Shutt, Secretary.



California, Nevada

Silver State Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — Hosting the Danish Boys Choir in Las Vegas has brought the members of this Lodge in contact with prospective members and fellow danes living in this area. One of the families who offered to house some boys during their stay was the family of Dr. and Mrs. David Young, who were given the charge of two boys, one of whom came to Las Vegas with his arm in a cast from a riding accident which occurred earlier in the tour. Being a doctor's wife, Mrs. Young took the boy to have additional x-rays on his arm to check the progress of the break, but the x-rays showed that in fact the arm had not been broken, as previously diagnosed. Therefore, the doctor attending removed the cast and treated the arm and the boy was most pleased to be able to perform that evening without the cumbersome cast on his arm. Now this story doesn't end here; when the boy returned to Denmark he was telling his story to his father in the presence of a lawyer friend of the family, who turned out to be Mrs. Young's uncle. Now this IS a small world!!!

To introduce the prospective members to our Lodge, a genuine Danish Smorgasbord was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed recently, and among the many members of the Lodge present, which included our newest juvenile members, Melissa Holmes and Crystal Gerrity, there were present Kathe Romano, Elizabeth Patrick and Dr. and Mrs. David Young. Everyone was pleased to have Anne Lund present who has recently returned to Las Vegas from Denmark. Her husband, Folmer Lund, was unable to attend due to his work schedule, but we are looking forward to having him present at some future gathering.

The smorgasbord was delicious, as always, and everyone enjoyed a very sociable evening together getting acquainted with the new arrivals and the brotherly enjoyment of long acquainted friends.

A birthday surprise party was given to Jutta Reed by Inge Holmes. This was a ladies afternoon luncheon and Inge served many delicious dishes. Many members attended as well as the new members coming into the Lodge. Jutta was very much surprised when she entered the house to see so many present, when all she was going on was a shopping tour with Inge and Anne Gam. April Gerrity brought a lovely birthday cake, and everyone enjoyed smorgasbord, akvavit, cake and coffee. Thank you, Inge, it was all so very delicious and enjoyable.

Alice M. Pinkerton.

UP-DATE YOUR WILL NOW!

Is your will up-to-date? Will your family inherit more problems than benefits when you die?

The drafting of a will is a lawyer's work; it involves the consideration of many legal angles. These angles are not to be found in any "do it yourself kit." Good advise, fraternal advise, is don't put it off, see your lawyer, trust him with all the facts. Have your will drafted; if an old will, have it updated. Changes may have occurred affecting the legality, or your own desires may have changed.

Oakland Lodge Celebrates "Junior Viking Night"



President of Lodge No. 39, "Skip" Ward, presents awards to Michael Jepsen, Lynn Oredsen, Donna Jepsen, Carol Oredsen, DeeAnn Hedrick and Hans Jensen at special ceremonies.

November 16th, was a big night at Pacific Lodge No. 39. All of our junior members, their parents and friends had been invited, by special invitation.

The evening was opened with an explanation of the principles and purposes of the Junior Viking program, the number of members we have had since its inception, the number of graduates to adult membership, and the number of deaths we have had.

Van Ortega, a 12-year-old musical protege', entertained us with a few renditions on his accordion. He is a "Boy Wonder" by being very adept in his musical talents. He plays, not only the accordion, but the piano, trumpet, guitar, etc. May his future be bright.



Van Ortega Entertains

The "slides" received from the Home Office, were shown, including "The Danish Brotherhood at Work" and from the Junction City, Oregon Festival. These slides are very good and were well received by our members and everyone in attendance.

President Charles "Skip" Ward, then called each Junior Viking to the stage, where he presented Viking Certificates to: Michael Jepsen, Lynn Oredsen, Donna Jepsen, Carol Oredsen, DeeAnn Hedrick and Hans Jensen. Hans is a member of Anker Lodge No. 337, but was unable to be present at Anker Lodge on the evening he was supposed to receive his certificate, so as a courtesy, he received it in Oakland.

The evening was brought to a close with more accordion music by Van Ortega. Our vice president and chairman of the evening's activities, Aage Lundquist, presented our entertainer with a trophy depicting an accordion and duly inscribed as a gift from Pacific Lodge No. 39, Danish Brotherhood in America, together with a resolution of appreciation.

Following the program, refreshments were served to all. Many expressions of appreciation were heard from our guests, who had learned more about our "Brotherhood." We need more of these incentives to hold a get-together and spread the philosophies of our Brotherhood.

Mel Oredsen.



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — Here we are again, approaching the holiday season. We had a very good turnout at our business meeting on November 6. Brother Tom Stafford got us some fresh Lake Michigan perch, and Brothers Art Burkall, Art Sweet, Ray Sweet and Tom Stafford did a fine job of preparing them. I am sure everyone ate a couple more than he should have, as they were so delicious.

We did not plan a social meeting for November, as so many of our members were going hunting. Brother Carl Hansen won the jackpot, so now we can start over again.

We were all saddened by the sudden death of our active member Paul Carr. We will miss him.

As yet, we have not gotten our cribbage players organized, but we will get started after the holidays. We will be presenting 25-year pins to three members at our next meeting — Larry Ritter, Arthur Burkall and Niels Petersen, so we are hoping for a good turnout.

Clayton Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 170, Rocky River, Ohio — First we must report that our 70th anniversary banquet turned out to be the best we ever had. Well over 100 persons showed up and among them the newly appointed Consul from Denmark Mr. H.S. Madsen. National Board Officer George Jacobsen kindly sent a telegram and we received a beautiful plaque for Magnus Gundresen from the Home Office. We have heard from our president that Magnus was extremely proud and moved when it was presented to him. I had it framed right away so today they tell me he has it hanging right over his desk.

Edmund C. Bentzen, Secretary-Treasurer.

Detroit Lodge No. 227 — On November 14, there were 50 brothers present for our regular business meeting. Three new brothers were initiated into the Brotherhood by President Harold Capion. They are: Carl Beck, David Christensen and Harold Mikkelsen. Past President Eric "Moose" Larsen welcomed them to the Brotherhood and to the lodge.

On November 21 several members of the lodge had the pleasure of entertaining about 70 gas station owners from all over Denmark. Coffee and cake were served at the Danish Club and the evening was spent in getting to know a little bit about each other.

On November 10 the 68th anniversary was held at the Danish Club and it was a gala affair with just over 200 people enjoying the evening.

In the lodge at the November 14 meeting the name of Rasmus Prince was called but he was not present so he lost out on a nice sized jackpot.

On November 28 the second business meeting of the month was held with 40 brothers attending the meeting.

It was announced at this meeting that Brother Jim Hansen and his wife Kay have become parents for the second time. Mark James was born to them on November 8. Jim and Kay are now living in Cleveland, Ohio. Our congratulations to you both.

After the meeting ended we were served Danish sandwiches and beer along with coffee and pastry. This treat comes along every once in awhile at the president's

discretion, and I know that when we have them they are thoroughly enjoyed.

The name of Raymond O'Donnel was called for the lodge drawing but he was not at the meeting so he missed out on \$52.50. Maybe we will have a winner next time. The only rule is that a brother must be at the meeting when his name is called.

By the time this article is published, the holidays will have passed and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.

Editor's Note: Why not follow the lead of lodges like No. 39 and No. 225, in sponsoring your own "Young Vikings Night" to recognize those very important young members? As this article reports, special films are available, and the Home Office will even help you plan your event. Our new films are appropriate for anniversary parties and recruiting meetings, too.

Canton, Ohio, Lodge No. 225 — At the November meeting our oldest member, Jacob Larsen, had the honor of presenting our younger members with their "Young Viking" certificates. Along with the framed certificate each Young Viking received a corsage or boutonniere.

Bob Williams, president of the Akron Lodge, took photographs of the presentation and each Young Viking will receive his own picture at the December meeting. Bob also brought several Akron members as guests to our meeting.

After one of our finest meetings we celebrated Jacob Larsen's 92nd birthday. Sandwiches, cake and coffee, was enjoyed by all, but the younger folks liked the pizza and coke.

Audrey T. Pedersen, Secretary.



Front, left to right, Jeffrey Dews, Debra Pedersen, Timmy Pedersen. Back row, left to right, Jacob Larsen, Benjie Boring, Tom Christensen, Kathy Pedersen, Berri Boring and Robert E. Pedersen, president of our Lodge No. 225.

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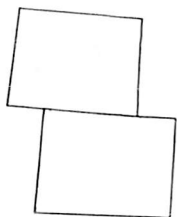
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Echoes From the Rockies



Colorado-Wyoming

The Steering Committee for the 1975 National Convention held a meeting last November to look over the selected convention site, and facilities in the new Holiday Inn Denver Downtown at 15th and Glenarm Place. It was finished and open for business in August of 1973.

The Committee found the Hotel's facilities to be very convenient and suitable for a national convention of the Danish Brotherhood.

We will from time to time write articles for the American Dane magazine to inform our membership of the Danish Brotherhood, and of the scheduled plans. We will develop social events and sight-seeing tours of the city and Colorado, to be combined with the business session of the convention, to make your stay here enjoyable and very pleasant for you.

We will try to have in Denver a most successful and profitable convention for the Danish Brotherhood in America.

All you good members in every Lodge of the Brotherhood throughout the country, begin to make your plans now to come to Denver in September of 1975.

We hope you have had a very nice holiday season, and that you will help us bring the new year of 1974 to be the best year for the new membership drive for the Danish Brotherhood.

Our motto will be: Every Lodge must send a delegate; get that new member to join.

Svend A. Sonderup,
Chairman and National Trustee.



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

New Haven Lodge No. 32 — The fall dance held on November 24, was a success; we had full house, the kitchen committee did a wonderful job; at 11 o'clock they served Danish pastry and cheese sandwiches.

At the meeting held on December 12, we had election of officers for '74. Our new president is Berry Edmonds, Secretary Norman Edmonds, Finance Secretary Wooding Skelding, Treasurer Chris Petersen. Congratulations to the new officers.

It has been a prosperous year for our lodge, as usual we had a spring dance, picnic at Art and Eleane Sorensens, the convention in September, here again Art and Eleane had open house.

For the first time, our vice president had sent our Christmas cards to widows of deceased brothers.

At last, a Happy New Year from officers of Lodge No. 32.

Chris Simonsen, Secretary.



Juel Juelsen with plaque presented to him by Lodge No. 90. Everyone in the photograph is identified in the article below.

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, New Jersey — At our December meeting National Board Member Brother George Godthaab, on behalf of the Danish Brotherhood, presented Brother Juel Juelsen with his fifty-year membership pin. Brother George requested Chris Nielsen to present Brother Juelsen, his step-father, before the altar of Lodge No. 90, and bestow upon him his 50 year pin. This is represented by the smaller picture with this article.



Juel gets 50-year pin from Chris Nielsen as George Godthaab looks on.

President Robert Reid, the talented man that he is, then presented Brother Juel with a plaque inscribed: "Danish Brotherhood in America presents to Juel Juelsen 50 years service for the inspiration and dedication he

has given us by his selfless interest in the cause of The Danish Brotherhood." Others in the picture left to right are: Anton Andersen, Viggo Krapper, Elmer Kjems, Peter Christensen (No. 46), Bende Juhl, Eilif Kjems, Chris Nielsen, Magnus Johnson and our unseen vice president who took the picture, Brother Ejvind Kjems.

An enjoyable evening was had celebrating such an occasion and Brother Juel sure has given a lot in the interest of Brotherhood during his 50 years of service and all with Lodge No. 90.

There was Christmas atmosphere present at this time because our president, who is active in helping others, especially children at Christmas time, requested each member to bring a toy gift and in return he delivered these gifts to needy children who have written to Santa Claus. Bob has been doing this for a few years in conjunction with the postal system and has found it most gratifying.

We all here at No. 90 wish you and your families a joyful, happy and healthy 1974.

Christian A. Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I. — Our harvest steak night, held in our meeting hall on Saturday, November 17 was a huge success. All committee members are to be congratulated on a fine job well done. After the dinner, several raffles were held including a well-stocked Thanksgiving basket with all the fixings, which was won by Marcel Levesque of West Warwick. Other winners were Danish Silversmith Jorgen Christensen, (five Delmonico steaks) and Inger Lesvesque, (four Delmonico steaks.) A great night was enjoyed by all.

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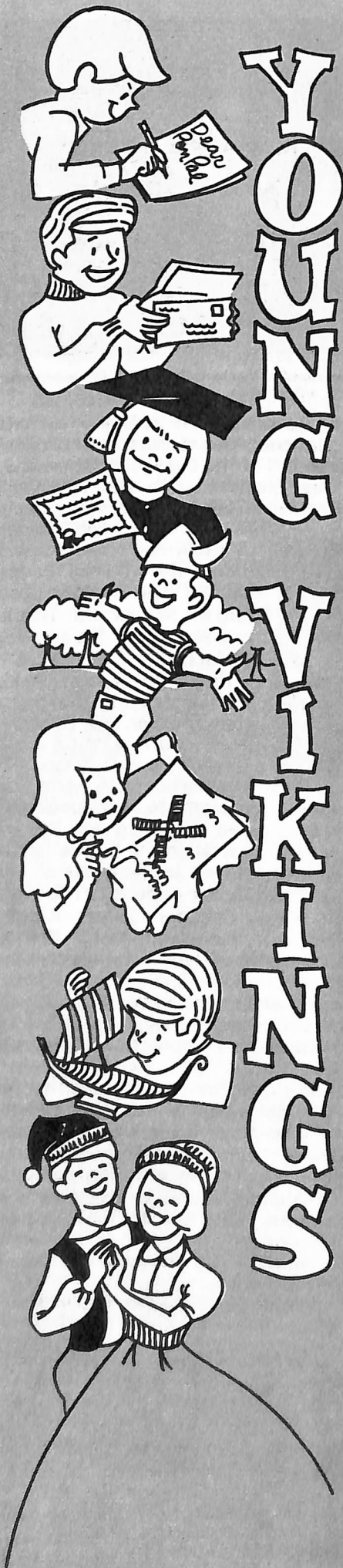
"YOUNG VIKINGS" TO INVADE AMERICAN DANE

Beginning next month this space will be filled by and for young members of our fraternity from the ages of one through the teen years.

As the attractive masthead on the left indicates we'll be publishing news of a wide range of activities including Pen Pals, Scholarships, Camp Grants, and a variety of craft and hobby ideas for the do-it-yourselfers such as sewing kits, and Viking ship kits. Even special folk dances and language tapes will be announced, plus many more interesting projects for our young members.

We'll also be offering special items for sale including lettered T-shirts with the words "Young Viking" imprinted on them.

There will be many other interesting articles and surprises too, kids, so be watching for the "Young Vikings" section beginning in February.



Our Lodges in Action

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Our annual Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 9. News of this in the next issue.

The Danish language and folk dance tapes arrived recently and are now available to all members of the lodge and the sister lodge.

Carl W. Sorensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — At our meeting in November, we were greeted by the newly-elected Surrogate Judge, George Svendsen, for Schenectady County. George is a 20-year member of the lodge. After the meeting, George treated us all to cocktails before we went downstairs, where we were served a good pork roast dinner with all the trimmings and more refreshment. After the tables were cleared, our president opened the meeting with a few words to Brother George and congratulated him. George responded and thanked all the brothers who supported him.

We also had a long discussion about where we are going to hold our meetings in the future. The sick committee reported that Brother Arthur Chase is in the Hospital and Brother Howard Andrew is home and feeling fine.

Chris Biering, Secretary.

Lodge No. 192, Philadelphia, Pa. — A Message from the Lodge President: Now that 1973 is about to come to an end, I would like to thank my fellow members for the help you have been giving me as president, and hope that you will give the new officers the same cooperation in 1974. On behalf of the officers I wish all a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you will remember the people all over the world who are in worse shape than we are and be thankful.

Donations to our printing fund have gratefully been received from Peder Munson, Geert Pedersen and Svend and Virginia Nielsen.

Brother William Christiansen died on November 23, although Bill had not been a member for years, he was well-known among the Danes.

On January 2, Brother John Hojer celebrated his 75th birthday.

If anyone is interested in reading the Danish Pioneer, they can call 626-8634 for a subscription to this twice-a-month publication.

George Clausen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N.Y. — Our hosts for the January meetings are Hans and Jean Petersen, Eleanor Petersen and Dorothy Adamson. We were glad to see so many to our November meeting. With the initiation of Kaj Mogensen one more was added to our membership. "Welcome Kaj." There was no winner for the jackpot but somebody walked home with a bottle of snaps and good prizes from the bingo games. The jack-pot is up to \$10.

Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 15 at the meeting hall; a clown and magician were there to entertain.

Luckily chess will not go out of style, a proven fact for 3000 years, with some minor changes it has been and at times a violent game, since we had hoped to complete our competition and announce the grandmaster of Lodge No. 325 this year. Please have Taalmodighed.

Frimærker or Postage stamps? Do we support enough interest to initiate a stamp-collection exchange? If so, I am listening.

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.



**Washington-Oregon
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(Pacific Northwest)**

Now that we have expressed our good will this current Christmas season and exchanged friendly greetings, let us continue in this spirit of friendship throughout the New Year with genuine appreciation for the pleasant relations we have enjoyed. Best wishes for a Happy and Healthful 1974.

The Lamplighter Lodge in Spokane, Headquarters for the 25th Convention of the "Great Danes," has 120 luxurious rooms with a heated pool waiting your pleasure but you must remember that its first come, first serve — so register early. The dates are May 17, 18, and 19. "Its Expo '74 and the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood's Silver Anniversary" — so says District President Emil Larsen.

Former Ambassador to the United States and a friend of the Pacific Northwest, well-known Danish Diplomat Torben Rønne, died of a stroke on October 18th at the age of 54. The Director for the Danish Foreign Department was accompanying the Danish Prime Minister Anker Jørgensen on an official visit to Russia when he took ill and passed away in Moscow.

Danish Author, Sven H. Rossel of Copenhagen, joins the faculty at the University of Washington this month to hold the Chair of Danish Studies. Dr. Niels Kofoed, who Dr. Rossel replaces, has returned to Denmark. Previously teaching at the universities in Kiel and Hamburg, Germany, our newly acquired authority on Danish folk ballads and modern literature is 29 and received his doctoral degree in 1968 from the University of Copenhagen.

Director of the Royal Danish Conservatory of Music, that grand old man we met during the past year, Danish Composer Knudage Riisager, recommended that the Seattle University A Capella Choir be invited to take part in the 1974 Fourth of July celebration in the Hills of Rebild at Aalborg. And guess what — they have now received an official invitation from the President of Denmark's National Park Society, Erik Emborg.

Past District President Niels Nedergard and his bride of 25 years, Rita, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on December 28th. Mrs. Nedergard's mother, Johanne Frederiksen and the elder Niels Nedergard, both from Odense, Denmark, arrived on the 19th to help celebrate the occasion and the holidays.

Enumclaw's Brother Chris Sand and only centenarian was laid to rest on November 17th, DB 113 officers, officiating. Casket Bearers included Brothers John Rieck, Ingvald Nelsen, Hans Weston, Elmer Boysen, Einer Bruhn and Oswald Pedersen. A resident of the area for 56 years, coming to the United States in 1891, Brother Sand lived and worked in North Dakota and in Alaska before coming to Washington. Previously in the stage line business, he retired from the State Highway Department, the King County Parks and the Tacoma Water Works. His next birthday would have been number 103.

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Glance Back -and- Look Ahead

(Concluded)

Can we now turn and look ahead? Yes, we can and we should. I personally think we have no right to try a forecasting of the future for American Danes, nor do I see much sense in seeking a specific future for the Brotherhood and the culture itself if we fail to understand and accept some basic facts about ourselves and about the states, provinces, islands and territories that are America.

First: We Americans are the most mobile, the most ambitious, the most restive people on Earth. We are not yet truly a nation. We are still one large amalgamation of humans.

Second: We are the only large country in the world whose peoples do not stem from just one or a few ethnic sources. We are from many, many cultures. We never were a "melting pot." We are a meeting place. Perhaps the biggest and maybe even the best one. We are United certainly, but unified? No!

We are tribes, councils, assemblies, federations, societies, conferences, congresses, leagues, synods and brotherhoods. We are senior citizens, we are the new Left and the new Right. We are blacks. We are a hundred minorities! We are liberated women, we are stirring and stirred up college kids. We are Knights and we are Shriners. We are many, many other things, yet aren't we all seeming to seek our identity? Are we not, seemingly, seeking and wanting a way out — rather than finding the way In — and Together?

Now, if this sounds like sermonizing and moralizing to you, you are going to read wrong what I next write. Either that, or I am writing poorly and badly. Maybe I can come across more clearly if I try to recollect the meaning and properly paraphrase the words of Chester Graham as he spoke to a group of youngsters years ago at Ashland People's College (a folk school in the thirties, near Grant, Michigan). I don't believe Chet is a Dane and I understand he is now back in Muskegon, Michigan. Listen to what he

tried to say: "We Americans are Scot, Finn, Bahamian, Slav, Aleut, Dane and Welshman. We are Swedes, Germans, Africans, Irishmen and Jews. We are Polynesians, Chinese and Japanese. We are Red Indians and Asians. We are Pole, Greek, Latin and Frenchmen."

"We are in 3,000 different churches and temples, we are in more than 20,000 different organizations." Now Mr. Graham was no fatalist and no pessimist. He would rather have been run over and cut up by the sharpest sod-busting John Deere, harrow and disc, than to be labelled a cynic. Critic? Yes. Thinker? Yes. Dissenter? Again, yes.

He continued: "We are not really Americans. We are just American citizens and American residents. We are tax

payers and voters (though, sadly, here, by a ratio of two to one)"

"We profess to be Americans and we honestly believe ourselves Americans. In war and in peace we would and could 'up and lick anyone who says different.'"

"No," he went on, "we are a combined bunch of people, a combination of many cultures. This isn't necessarily bad — in fact it's probably all to the good — but as I see it, we will be many decades if not a century getting to be truly an American People."

Then this crusader and pragmatist came to the point (and I too, finally come to the point of this long story) "Your heritage, your root-stock, your parents and grandparents' culture is the most important thing in your possession — second perhaps only to the success-victory of the Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights!"

"Danes — all the Scandinavians for that matter — are pretty damn good people generally. Their contributions to the building of America are well known and fully recognized, but many other kinds and colors of people had so much to do with this country's power and greatness." No one place of origin did any more for Freedom than the rest. etc. etc.

There was much more of course. Even though Dr. Graham was not born Danish, he was possessed with the talents of both organizational skill and prophecy. He correctly foresaw great growth and broadening for both the USA and Canada, and I would bet a solid gold statuette of King Canute that he also foresaw great wars and great upheavals ahead for a world and country moving onward in the 20th century's years to come.

More to come — more to do — more to think about, but this article must end here.

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Tacoma's Danish Colony met on December eighth for their Christmas Meeting and re-elected the entire slate of officers for another year — President Henning Lindberg, Vice President Ragnar Brockner, Secretary Treasurer Martin Rasmussen, Conductor Ebbe Olsen, Innerguard Ogie Enwall, Outerward Axel Larsen and Trustees Albert Jensen (also the incoming President of the Scandinavian Fraternity) and Norbert Grove. Sixteen Brothers and their ladies enjoyed a schnapps and some delicacies following a short business session which included the election of delegates to Spokane (Rasmussen and Brockner) — the latter getting ready for a two months sojourn to South America; the audit of income and expenditures including \$50 to Dana College and \$100 to the Danish Home; and a discussion of the possibility of new members.

DB 113 President John L. Rieck has scored the high series in the Danish Bowling League and Past President Niels Nedergard posted a high game of 199; Danish Visitors in Enumclaw presently include Anna Bondesen from Esbjerg and Frey Holm from Herring; at the Annual Halloween Dance, Sisters Rita Nedergard (Danish Instructor) and Myrna Rieck as well as Brother Marvin Abbott won prizes; Past Presidents Martin Petersen and Oswald Pedersen vacationed in Canada last fall; newest member is "retread" Brother Magnus Hansen; Brother Jack Oakley is the 1974 District Bowling Tournament chairman; and Brothers and Sisters scheduled their potluck Christmas Dinner on December ninth.

DB 29 will stage their annual installation party in conjunction with their celebrated veterans night; congratulations to the juvenile members who have now reached adult status — Brothers Jay Matsen, Carl Krigbaum, Gary Hollister and Michael Clouse; Brother Fred Sorensen passed away on November third; and Northwest Danes Newsletter Editor Sten Jessen has sold PJ's Restaurant in Kenmore.

DB 42 lost Brother Gunnard Linden last month; congratulations to Brother Rasch Paulsen who has been presented his 50-year membership pin; and Lilac City Danes had their Christmas Party and Bazaar on December 15th.

DB 167's Brother Lawrence Cook vacationed in Canada before the end of the year; and Brother Nelson Esrom is in Bermuda with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Emil and Mary Larsen, Spokane Lodge No. 42, report four successful "It's Fun to Speak Danish" classes have been held in their home. Two meetings with 19 present and two with 14. All interested in learning and enjoying the fun of speaking Danish together. Even though you may not have attended before but still want to, classes are held at North 2806 Center Road. The Larsens will welcome you, so join the fun.

Paul Alexander joined mom, dad and big brother on October 24, 1973. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 18 inches. Our Congrats to Kelly and Else Farris!

Brother Tage Mortensen traveled to California where he is visiting his son's and daughter's families. He enjoyed Thanksgiving there and is expected home soon. John Bech spent Thanksgiving — which just happened to be his birthday this year — with his sons and their families in the Portland area. He reported plenty of rain,

green lawns and blooming flowers. Iver Hansen left on a 30-day Greyhound Tour last month. He expects to cover a number of states while visiting a number of friends and relatives along the scheduled route. He plans to travel all the way back to the East Coast.

Coming events for the new year in No. 42 include public pinochle party Saturday, January 19 at 8:00 p.m. and of course we are looking forward to hosting the Northwest District Convention and Expo '74 May 17-19 at the Lamplighter Lodge. Get those reservations in now!
Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.

DB Board Announces 18th Consecutive Refund

A very tangible benefit of your membership in the Danish Brotherhood makes itself known this month as the National Board of Officers announces the 18th consecutive refund of gains and savings to insured members of our fraternity.

The refund will be applied this year to all benefit certificates on the anniversary date of each certificate. All certificates which have been in force for three full years including fully paid-up certificates, except those carried on extended term insurance and "term to age 16," will share in the 1974 refund.

Members have the same options for receiving or applying the refunds that they have had in the past. These options are as follows:

1. They may be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. This means that there will be no monthly assessments to be paid on this additional insurance which the dividend will buy. This additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate. This additional "paid-up" insurance is allowed regardless of the age, occupation and state of health of the member and, as mentioned, no additional payments of assessments on account of this additional insurance are required of the member.

2. They may be left on deposit with the Brotherhood to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the board.

3. They may be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate, the month of issue, or effective date of issue. (Consult your benefit certificate.)

Each member is permitted to choose either of the mentioned optional uses of his refund.

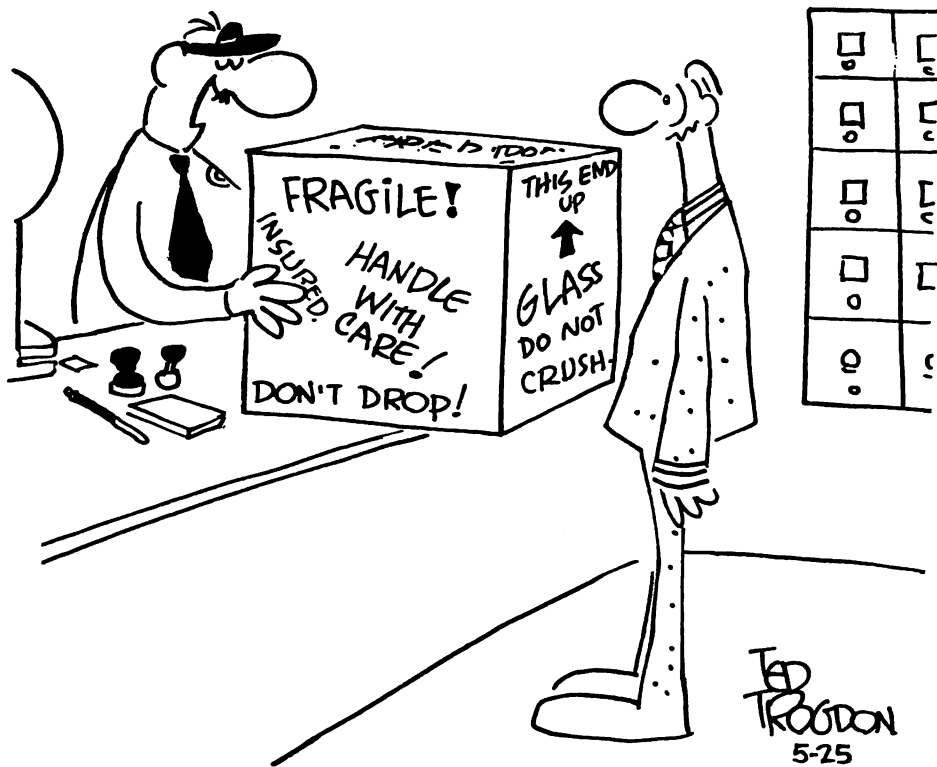
If a member exercises no choice, his dividend will automatically be used to buy additional "paid-up" insurance to which he will be entitled.

In all such choices the member need not do anything at all. The insurance will automatically be added to his present amount of insurance on the records at the home office. However, any member can receive payment of the cash value on the paid-up additions, or payment of the refunds on deposit, whenever he wishes to do so by making a written request to be sent to the home office.

Your officers believe that the members will welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability and regardless of age and state of health and without the payment of monthly assessments on the additional paid-up portion. In the interest of the member, this is the use of the dividend which your officers recommend.

While the amount of insurance thus purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the dividends are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

He Who Laughs, Lasts



"Feeling pretty confident about this, aren't you?"

A man in Chicago was grumbling about the heat last summer. Said another, who had just returned from a trip through the South.

"Hot! Boy you don't know what hot is. One day last week in Mississippi I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walking."

Sickness — Means not to feel well. There are three stages: Ill, Pill, and Bill.

Honesty — The biggest handicap in golf.

Golfer (far off in the rough): "Say, caddy, why do you keep looking at your watch?"

Caddy: "It isn't a watch, sir; it's a compass."

The Meek — The people who are going to inherit the earth to pay off the mortgage we leave them.

The prisoner reeled before the bar of justice. "I want to know," he demanded thickly, "why I've been arrested." "You were brought in for drinking," answered the sergeant. "Thass fine," shouted the culprit. "Let's get started."

If two friends ask you to judge a dispute, don't accept, for you will lose a friend. If two strangers ask you to judge a dispute, accept — you will gain a friend.

A beggar, with a hat in each hand, approached a prosperous looking man on the street. "What's the idea of two hats?" asked the man. "Business was improving," replied the beggar, "so I opened a branch office."

De Twitter — "Did your wife lose much weight on her diet of bananas and coconuts?"

McTweet — "Only a couple of pounds, but you ought to see the way she can climb a tree."

A motorist was driving in the country when suddenly his car stopped. He got out and was checking spark plugs when an old horse came trotting up the road.

"Better check the gasoline," the horse said and trotted on. The motorist ran to the nearest faarmhouse and told the farmer what had happened.

"Was it an old horse with a flopping ear," asked the Farmer.

"Yes! Yes!" cried the man.

"Well, sir," said the farmer, don't pay any attention to him. He doesn't know a thing about cars."

Mother? "Who ever taught you to use that dreadful word?"

Tommy: "Santa Claus, mama."

Mother: "Santa Claus?"

Tommy: "Yes, mama, when he fell over a chair in my bedroom on Christmas eve."

You don't have to know how to sing. It's the feeling as though you want to that makes the day a successful one.

Wife: "When we were married, I thought you were a brave man."

Husband: "So did many other people."

Army recruit: "Sarge, I've got a pet skunk."

Sergeant: "Where do you expect to keep him?"

Recruit: "Under my bunk in the barracks."

Sarge: "What about the smell?"

Recruit: "He's gonna have to get used to it, the same as I did."

A visitor to New Mexico was talking to a sun-browned native and commented on the lack of rain. "Doesn't it ever rain here?" the tourist asked. The native thought a moment and said, "Mister, do you remember the story of Noah and the Ark, and how it rained 40 days and 40 nights."

"Sure I do," said the tourist.

"Well," drawled the native, "we got a half-inch that time."

If a man tells a woman she's beautiful she'll overlook almost all of his other lies.

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

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

When dial telephones were installed in a rural community, telephone company operators conducted an indoctrination program on the use of the new equipment. After a lengthy conversation with a sweet old lady, one operator felt she had finally accomplished her mission, but the subscriber announced she had another question. "What number do I dial," she demanded, "when I want to listen in?"

Please note: It's no accident that we print two full pages of material on the 'light side' this month. What with all the heavy news circulating in most of the media lately, we thought you deserved at least a chance to laugh at something for a change.

"Lady" said the drunk, "you're the ugliest woman I ever saw." "And you're the drunkest man I've ever seen," answered the woman. "I know lady," the drunk replied, "but I'll be sober in the morning."

As a concerned father, I want my girls to attend sex-education classes in school. And I want them to go out with boys and enjoy drive-in movies, hay rides, and beach parties. I only ask that they wait until they're old enough. Say about 35.

An insurance agent said to a new client: I want to sell you this policy. but I'm not like other insurance agents. I'm not going to scare you into buying it. Take the policy home. Sleep on it tonight. If you wake up in the morning, give me a call.

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

Two duffers were enjoying their liquid refreshments at the 19th hole one day. "My wife says she'll leave me if I don't stop playing golf." "Gee, that's too bad," said his friend. "Yeah, I'll really miss her."

A marriage counselor began to ask a woman some questions concerning her disposition: Did you wake up grumpy this morning? No, she said. "I let him sleep."

The average girl would rather have more beauty than brains because she knows that the average man can see better than he can think.

The man who thinks he knows it all is a pain in the neck to those of us who really do.

The biggest adjustment a bride must make is getting used to being whistled for instead of at.
Woodmen of the World Magazine.

I believe in the two-party system — but not in the same night.

Some kids nowadays have hairdos that look like the parole came through just as the warden pulled the switch.

Shot-gun wedding: A case of wife or death.

"It's too bad he's gone," consoled the friend. "I hope you were left with something." "Oh I was," replied the widow. "He left me \$50,000." "Fifty thousand dollars! land sakes. And him that couldn't read or write!" "That's right," nodded the widow, "or swim."

Father: "Did I hear the clock strike three when you came home last night?"

Son: "Yes, dad. It was going to strike eleven, but I stopped it so it wouldn't wake you up."

Once there was a lion tamer who said that his father before him had also been a lion tamer. "Did you ever put your head in a lion's mouth?" he was asked. "Only once," said the fellow, "To look for Dad."
Woodmen of the World

Missionary: "Do you people know anything about religion, Chief?"

Cannibal: "Well, we got a little taste of it when the last missionary was here."

Two men robbed a bank but luckily the police got a description of the car. It was either a 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, or 1970 Volkswagen.

A man approached his neighbor and said, "Will you be using your lawn mower this afternoon?"

"Yes definitely," replied the wary would-be lender.

"Good. Then you won't be needing your golf clubs. Mind if I borrow them?"

A farmer's son came home from Massachusetts Tech and said his class was trying to find a universal solvent. "What is that?" asked the farmer. "It's a liquid that will dissolve everything," explained the son. "Great idea," nodded the farmer. "But when you find it, what you gonna keep it in?"

Woman learning to drive: "But I don't know what to do!" Husband: Just imagine that I'm driving."

Trying to mediate a family hassle around the dinner table, the father finally exploded: "Everybody wants his way around here. Me, I'm just a poor schnook of a father. When do I once get my way?" Touched by his pleas, his six-year-old daughter tugged at his sleeve and suggested, "Cry a little."

The sheriff said his deputies had set up roadblocks at all main roads of the city and all ears were being examined.
Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

The neighbor's wife was giving her husband a good going over yesterday and we heard her yell: "Look at the old clothes I have to wear. If anyone came to visit, they would think I was the cook."

Barely audibly, he murmured, "Not if they stayed for dinner."

Doctor: "You must avoid all forms of excitement."

Male Patient: "Can't I even look at them from across the street?"

One small school boy to another: "It may be unconstitutional, but I always pray before a test."

A mother came home from the hospital with her new baby daughter who was still wearing her hospital identification tag. The mother's two-year-old daughter saw it and promptly asked, "Mommy, when are you going to take her price tag off?"

Dr. Wilson: "I note that you gave that pretty new patient a private room" Dr. bishop: "Yes, she was too cute for wards."

BE THANKFUL MY BROTHERS

Look around you, my brothers. What do you see?
Pollution, inflation, drugs, crime and poverty?
Yes, these confront us but take a good look
Past murky waters to the depths of the brook.
What lies there below is goodness and hope—
challenges and chances, not reasons to mope.

There are trees, streams, many a hill and dale,
Sounds of man's progress, a newborn baby's wail.
We've the right to protest, vote and to speak.
To walk our own paths each day of the week.
Yet life isn't all roses, on this we'll agree.
But who'll make it better, if not you and me?

"It's all in your outlook," a wiseman once said.
So if you don't like it, help remake the bed.
Seek out the truths, the wonders of our land.
Love it. Cherish it. And lend it your hand.
Be thankful, my brothers. We're truly blessed.
Bow down. Praise God. And give life your best.

Clayton Arnold

(in NW Danes Newsletter)



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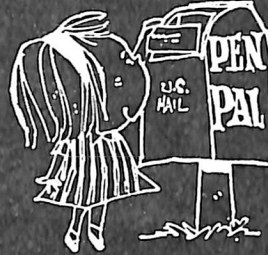
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Name _____

Address _____

Age _____ Hobbies _____

I am a Girl _____ Boy _____

Like to Show a Danish Film?

If you are considering using a film for a lodge meeting, you might like to contact one of the addresses listed below for "films on Denmark." Please order from location nearest you:

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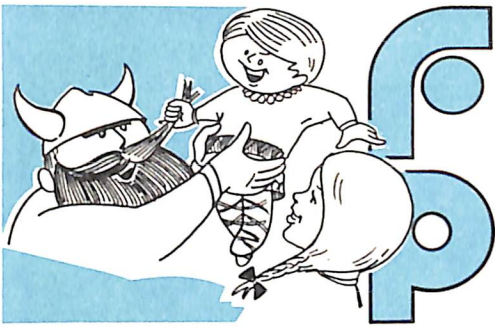
CHICAGO —

Royal Danish Consulate General
360 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60601
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Thought for the Month

To be able to bear provocation is an argument of great reason, and to forgive it of a great mind.

—John Tillitson.



fraternal Protection

Topic: Family Income and Social Security

I UNDERSTAND THAT SOCIAL SECURITY PAYS MY WIDOW AND CHILDREN CASH AND INCOME BENEFITS IF I SHOULD DIE PREMATURELY. WHY THEN WOULD ANYONE NEED PROTECTION FROM THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD?

Social security was never intended to pay for all of a worker's security needs. It does pay maximum lump

sum benefits of \$255 and income to a spouse of a worker who has dependent children under age 18 [or 22 if a full time student]. But all families have a definite need for supplementary income after the death of a parent.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT I NEED MUCH MORE PROTECTION THAN \$255 CASH FOR MY FAMILY AT DEATH. HOW MUCH INCOME

DOES MY FAMILY RECEIVE FROM SOCIAL SECURITY?

It depends upon your age, past income and number of children under age 18. Assuming you are age 40 or older with (3) qualified children your family could receive a maximum of \$550 a month in round figures. As each child becomes 18, the total family income would drop. When no children qualify, then your widow (or widower) will not receive any survivors benefit.

MY FAMILY WOULD NEED MORE THAN \$550 TO MAINTAIN OUR PRESENT HOME AND LIVING STANDARD AND CERTAINLY MY WIDOW WOULD NEED SOME INCOME AFTER THE CHILDREN ARE 18. WHAT CAN THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD DO FOR US?

The Danish Brotherhood has a new lo-cost FAMILY INCOME BENEFIT that is designed to fill in the security gaps. It can pay \$100, \$200, \$300 a month or more and is added to a basic DBA certificate. Income is paid to the beneficiary during 20 year, or 30 year periods, or from death to age 65.

DBA FAMILY INCOME BENEFIT — \$100 per month**

Age at Issue	20 year period		30 year period		To age 65	
	Monthly Premium	Total Max. Income Ben.	Monthly Premium	Total Max. Income Ben.	Monthly Premium	Total Max. Income Ben.
25	\$3.60	\$24,000	\$ 6.20	\$36,000	\$ 9.30	\$48,000
30	4.30	24,000	7.90	36,000	10.00	42,000
35	6.57	24,000	10.80	36,000	10.80	36,000
40	7.90	24,000	15.60	36,000	11.30	30,000

**Income payments are made from death until the end of the period selected. This date coincides with the 20th or 30th anniversary of the rider or age 65, based on your plan selected.

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Please send me information on the FAMILY INCOME BENEFIT

_____ \$100 _____ \$200 _____ \$300 Monthly

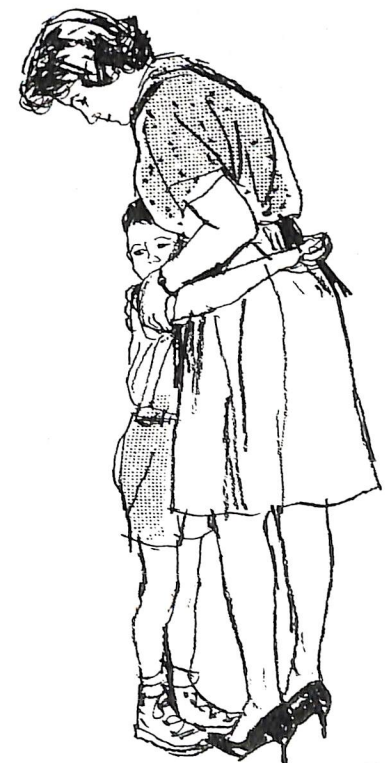
Name _____

Address _____

City and State _____

Children under 18 _____ Spouse's age _____

MAIL TO: Danish Brotherhood, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebr. 68131





The value of a smile

It costs nothing, but creates much.

It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give.

It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

None are so rich that they can get along without it and none are so poor but are richer for a smile.

It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in a business and is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody till it is given away.

And if it ever happens that some people should be too tired to give you a smile, why not leave one of yours?

For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.



Danish Kitchen

What on earth can you have for dinner when you are asked to make a typical Danish dinner? This feature offers a new and authentic Danish recipe each month for the culinary enjoyment of our readers. Can't you just smell those wonderful aromas wafting from the kitchen right now?

KAFFEKAGE — COFFEE CAKE

1 cup milk
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/3 cup lard
 1 tsp salt
 1/2 pkg. gran. yeast
 or 1 cake yeast
 sprinkle of sugar
 2 tbs warm milk
 1 egg
 1/3 cup raisins
 (also citron if desired)
 1/2 tsp grd. cardamom
 (optional)
 3 cups flour
 3 tbs butter
 3 tbs sugar
 cinnamon

Scald milk and pour into bowl with sugar, lard and salt, stir. Add warm water to yeast with a sprinkle of sugar. When milk mixture has cooled to lukewarm, add raisins, cardamom, egg and 1 cup flour. Stir well and add yeast mixture. Add remaining flour, beating well with spoon. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Roll out on floured board, spread with soft butter and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Roll up, pinch ends in and place in greased pan to rise until doubled in bulk. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Can be frosted with powdered sugar icing.

BROTHER'S LOVE LIVES ON IN FAMILY

Although Brother Anton "Tony" Michelsen, Atlantic, Iowa (shown here with three of his five great-grandchildren) has passed away, his love and concern for those in his family lives on.

This is due in part to Brother Michelsen's foresight in providing precious Danish Brotherhood certificates for his five great-grandchildren.

We regret Brother Michelsen passed away before he could see his picture in the magazine with his great-grandchildren but hope this article will serve as a fond reminder of his faith and generosity.



Anton is pictured holding Brian Lensch and the two other children pictured are Lori Ann Odsather and David Alan Tweet. Anton also purchased certificates for Mark Odsather and Shawn Michael Tweet (not shown).

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Our Readers Write



Your November magazine was very interesting to me. Especially the Grundvig and "Glance Back and Look Ahead" articles. About 10 years ago I started writing a book about the experiences and stories of the old Rosendahl family which runs through my family tree. Do you suppose your readers might give me some information about my ancestors, the Rosendahls, through your magazine? They seem to have originated in Middle Jutland and neighboring cities and countries about the Olgod area. Might they also tell about their families experiences just as author Rasmussen has done in "Glance Back"?

My father was born July 4, 1870 in Jutland and came to America in 1888. My grandfather Nels Peter Hans Madsen was born June 3, 1844, in Rosendahl Aadum Sogn. He had five sons — Nels, Peter, Mads, Christian (my father), Hans and Thomas. Also two daughters, Anna and Dora. He had several brothers who called

themselves Rosendahl, Madsen, Nielsen, and Christensen (who went to sea and was never heard from again). The Rosendahl brother was probably Hans Rosendahl (1839-1921). He was a folk school principal and active in the Grundvig persuasion era. In 1867 he established the Vingling Folk School near Vejle. He was also principal of the Grundvig folk school in Lyngby.

My father has a cousin named Nielsen Rosendahl, a Methodist minister in Denmark. He was active in the Scandinavian Seminar (1950-1960). He came to Racine, Wisconsin to visit my father in the late 40's, I believe.

In the mid 1920's I organized the Danish-American cycle club in Chicago. In one of those clubs we had a nice young fellow named Rasmussen. Would your columnist Paul A. Rasmussen know of him?

Respectfully,
Leonard P. Matson,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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Name

New Address

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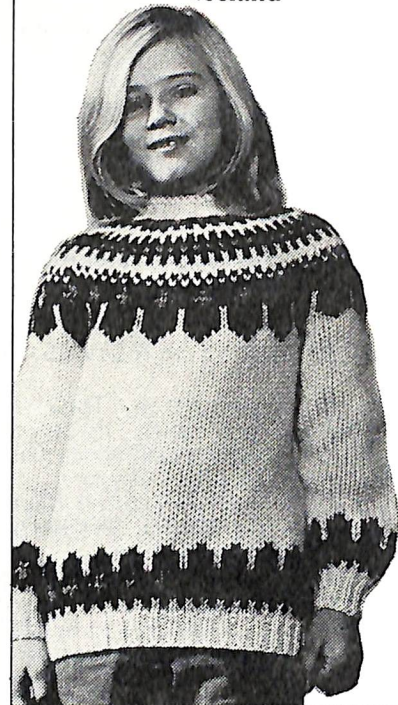
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