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It's a little late in the season to do it now, but here's an idea that might be of interest to the local lodges for next year.

Sponsoring a "Little League" team, (or co-sponsoring one) would be excellent public relations for your lodge.

And, "Little League," while it has been the center of some minor controversy lately, is still an excellent summertime activity for your children. It's fun, it builds character, and it's deserving of all our support.



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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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"Now remember, three fingers is a fast ball and two fingers is a curve, and this guy's a sucker for a fast ball right across the letters, so let's get 'im out 'a there." Please see the D. B. COMMENT and — support those youngsters this summer.

Here Are the Steps Your Lodge Must Take in Preparation for the 1975 Convention

This "calendar" illustrates the steps to be followed by local lodges in preparing for the 1975 National Convention. The specific requirements are set forth below and must be complied with prior to the deadline. We ask all lodges to select a delegate and notify the home office of this delegate selection prior to October 17, 1974. Even though the deadline for selection of the Law Committee is not until January of 1975, the Board of Officers will appoint the Nine-Man Convention Committee on Laws at the annual meeting which will convene in the home office beginning October 17, 1974. If your delegate is to be considered for a position on this committee, notification to the home office should be received by October 17, 1974. If any lodge has any questions concerning these requirements, they should feel free to write to the home office.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1974

Deadline for Lodges to Elect Law Committee

SECTION 30. §1. a. For the election of a delegate to a national convention the following rules shall prevail in all cases. A lodge must elect a law committee not later than twelve (12) months before the convention convenes. The law committee shall consist of at least five (5) insured members, in good standing in the lodge and society, all of whom have been members of the lodge at least one (1) year at the time of election. At least one (1) member of the law committee must be a former delegate, excepting in newly instituted lodges; also excepting cases where a lodge, because of resignation, suspensions, transfer or death of former delegate or delegates, should be unable to meet such a requirement.

OCTOBER 24, 1974

Deadline for Election of Local Lodge Delegate

b. A delegate to the national convention and an alternate must be elected by the members of the lodge from the membership of the law committee at least eleven (11) months prior to a national convention.

JANUARY 24, 1975

National Board of Officers Will Notify Convention Committee on Laws of Their Selection

SECTION 23. §1. The board of officers shall appoint one convention committee on laws consisting of nine (9) lawfully elected and qualified delegates to consider the proposals submitted, to come before the national convention, for amendment of the articles of incorporation and bylaws. The board shall inform the selected delegates of their appointment at least eight (8) months prior to the date the national convention is scheduled to convene.

FEBRUARY 24, 1975

Deadline for Sending Motions for Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to the Home Office

SECTION 32. §1. All motions for changes in the laws shall be written in the English language and forwarded to the home



office seven (7) months before the convention so as to be listed in order on the calendar of the convention.

§2. All amendments, new proposals and resolutions to be acted upon at a national convention shall be submitted in the English language.

§3. Motions to the convention must be read and passed by a majority of the members present at the meeting of the lodge, before they can be sent to the convention, and the members of the lodge shall be notified of the time when such motions will be voted on.

§4. The board of officers may submit motions to the convention in the same manner as the local lodges.

§5. No proposal for amendment of the laws will be considered by the committee on laws unless they are submitted in typewritten and duplicate form in the English language. A brief summary of the sponsor's reason for proposing the amendment must accompany all proposals and must be submitted in typewritten and duplicate form in the English language. It is mandatory that each, and every, proposed amendment and explanation be presented in the exact wording that the sponsor wishes it to appear in the book of proposals and may be in mimeograph form.

MARCH 24, 1975

Convention Law Committee Meets at the Home Office

SECTION 24. §1. The convention law committee appointed under Section 23 shall meet at the home office not later than six (6) months prior to the national convention. It shall be the duty of the committee to study and, in so far as is possible, consolidate all proposals having the same intent and purpose. Having similarly studied and considered all proposals, lawfully submitted for action by the convention, the committee shall make one all-inclusive report on their recommendations for consideration by the assembled delegates. Final action shall be reserved the delegates entitled to vote on the question, unrestrained by the committee's recommendations.

Scholarship Winners Announced

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

Linda Sue Bracker, Lodge No. 10, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Jeffrey A. Christiansen, Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N.Y.; Nathan Eckloff, Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska; Lena Jessen, Lodge No. 700, Omaha, Nebraska; Karen Larson, Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minnesota; and Timothy McCarthy, Lodge No. 167, Portland, Oregon.

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

Kristen Jorgensen, Chairman,
The Scholarship Committee.

"Ask Birgit" Begins Next Month

Starting next month on the Y-VI page a new feature, "Ask Birgit." If you have any questions or need advice concerning manners, morals, make-up, dating or any teen problems at all, write to **Birgit**, %American Dane, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska, 68131.

Each letter will be kept in strict confidence and will receive a personal reply. Some will be selected each month to be published (with the writer's permission) on this page. If **Birgit** doesn't know the answer to your problem, she'll refer you to someone who can help you — so come on all you "Young Vikings," whether you have a problem or just want to rap — write in and "Ask Birgit."

APPLY NOW FOR A SUMMER CAMP GRANT

If you plan to go to camp this summer, you won't want to miss this opportunity to defray your camp costs by \$25. You can do this by receiving a Danish Brotherhood Youth Camp grant. Ten grants are awarded each year to deserving youngsters, whether members of the Danish Brotherhood or not. So if you're tired of the cold, ice and snow — turn your thoughts to warm summer fun and write to National Headquarters right away for your Camp Grant Application. Deadline for entries is May 15, 1974.

TO: The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE. 68131.

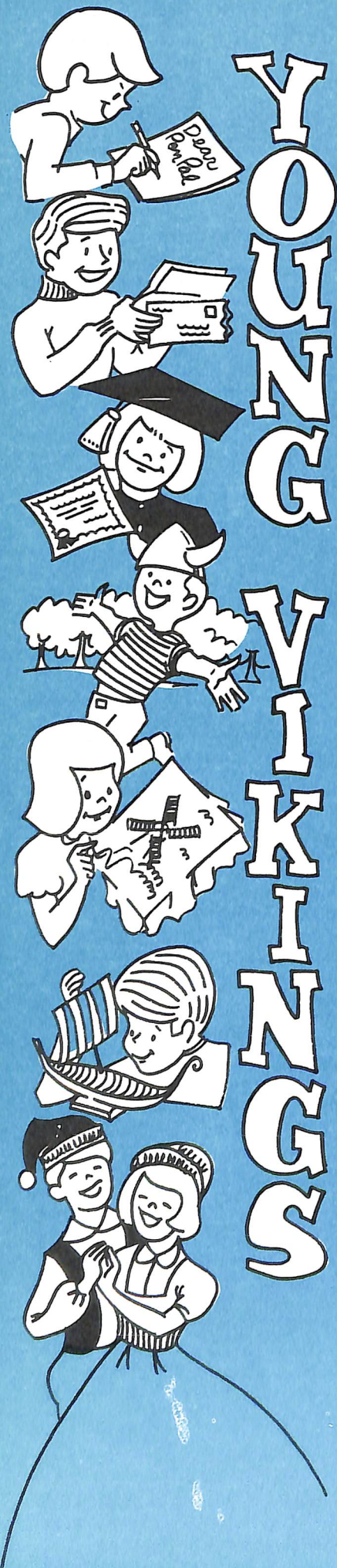
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Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich., — We finally had our rabbit supper that had been previously planned. We were able to get Tom Stafford to take over the job of cooking the rabbits, and they were delicious. We had a little help from Beulah Hansen who fixed chicken for those who did not care for rabbit. Art and Dee Burkall took care of games and prizes, and I can report we had a very nice social meeting with the wives. Already there is talk of doing more of the same.

We are planning a bullhead fishing party in April. Art Sweet is going to get it organized. I am sure we will have a good time, as we did last year. We are looking forward to our summer months, as we usually have several outings and a steak cookout.

Clayton Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich., — On Wednesday evening March 6, 1974 Lodge No. 51 held their monthly business meeting in the Lodge Rooms of the Danish Hall with President Bill Smith presiding. Following the meeting, the name of Brother Tom Jensen was called for the jackpot, but as he was not present, the pot grows larger. President Bill was also the chief of the lunch committee.

On Wednesday evening, March 20, we held our monthly social evening in our Lodge rooms. The name of Brother Elmer Fredericks was called for the jackpot, but as he was not present we will let the pot grow until our next meeting.

On Wednesday evening, March 27, we held our monthly pinochle party with Treasurer Al Garcia and Inside Guard Lars Christoffersen in charge. Following

Our Lodges in Action

the games, prizes were awarded and a potluck lunch was served by the committee assisted by Brother Oscar Peterson and Mrs. J.M. Jeppesen.

Our Lodge is holding bingo games every Thursday evening, and we want to thank the members who have been so faithful in helping out on this task.

Our President Bill Smith, and our District President Kenneth Johnson, are busy finalizing plans for the District Convention to be held here in Ludington on the weekend of May 4th. We hope to see a lot of our brothers from the other Lodges at the convention — let's make it a nice get together so we can make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

Detroit Lodge No. 227 — on March 13 Lodge No. 227 had 132 brothers and sisters for dinner before they attended their respective meetings. This number of people attending the dinner and then for the most part staying and going to lodge meeting has helped us to have consistently high attendance at our business meeting at the first meeting of the month, evidenced by the 85 brothers at the meeting. We normally have far less at the second meeting during the month, about 45 to 55 brothers.

We once again had the pleasure of watching our president initiate a new member into the Brotherhood; he is John F. Boesen. Brother John was welcomed by "Moose Larsen" to the lodge and Brotherhood.

Brother Richard Sorensen has taken charge of forming a committee whose sole purpose will be to welcome new members to the lodge and to make them feel as if they belong. Many times in the past a new member is initiated and then he is left alone after the meeting because he doesn't know anyone in the lodge. Hopefully Dick and his committee will correct this situation.

The following brothers were elected to be delegates to the upcoming Mich-Ohio District Convention: Eric Larsen, Werner Walther, Howard Hansen, Ed Woods, and Ken Rehan. Tage Gulbrandsen will attend as alternate. Bob Sorensen will attend as the District Secretary. The convention will be held on May 4th and 5th in Ludington.

In the lodge drawing the name of Vaughn Letenyei was drawn but he was not present so could not collect.

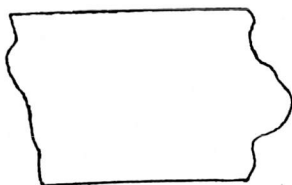
The pot continues to grow by \$2.50 a meeting and someday a brother will be glad he attended a lodge meeting.

On March 27, there were 45 brothers present for the business meeting during which it was announced that our 2nd Annual Blood Drive is scheduled for May 22 at the Danish Club. The lodge brothers will be getting more word on this in the mail and I urge as many as possible to take part in this project as we found out last year that several brothers or members of their families were able to benefit from our first drive. This is the type of project that makes us glad that we are members of the Brotherhood and helps us understand what the real meaning of brotherhood is.

Jim Crockett announced that the annual "Grundluvs-fest" will be held on June 9 at the grounds of the Old Peoples Home where it has been held for several years. This year we are looking forward to a special treat as we have received word that a bus load of brothers and sisters from Rocky River Lodge No. 170 in Ohio are planning to come up and visit us for the festivities.

In the lodge drawing Irvin Christensen missed out on the jackpot because he was not present so the pot will grow a little bigger and maybe we will come up with a winner at the next meeting. That should take care of the news from the Detroit area for this month. See you next month.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.



Iowa

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Iowa — Tuesday, April 2 our regular meeting night was a little special for two of our members. It was the birthdays of Mrs. Gudrun Andersen and Walter Pedersen, whose birthdays both fell on April 2. The traditional birthday cake was on the serving table.

To add to our gala evening was in having E.M. (Andy) Andersen of Omaha with us. He spoke concerning the Danish Brotherhood Lodge and then showed special slides of the Danish Brotherhood. Other pictures were shown of Solvang, California and "Little Denmark" in Junction City, Oregon. These were greatly enjoyed by all and our thanks to Andy.

Visiting lodges were Newell, Iowa Lodge No. 147 and Clear Lake, Iowa Lodge No. 219. We were most happy to have them with us. A special thanks to Andy for making our evening a long remembered one. We welcome all our friends back again.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa — Regular meeting held April 8 at Dike Legion Hall. Two new members were initiated, Art Hansen and Dean Hansen. At the January meeting Wendell Crotty and Daryle Nagel were initiated into Lodge No. 144. A total of four new members in 1974. We hope to have more before the end of 1974.

Brother Andy Andersen from Omaha spent a few days with the correspondent briefing him in new insurance policies and signing up some new members. One, a juvenile, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mikkelsen. We enjoyed his time spent with us and sure hope to have a repeat performance.

We lost a long time member of the Danish Brotherhood, Peter Christensen who was a sixty-year member. We will miss him as he was a faithful member and liked to be with the brothers until ill health made it impossible.

Our new year party was the usual success, in March we shared an oyster stew with the Sisterhood. Some more than 50 people enjoyed the evening.

The trustees of the lodge are working on a scholarship for a senior student of Dike high school. We hope to announce the recipient in June. Notice to Iowa lodges — if you have news please forward it to your correspondent.

A. B. Thode, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 10, Council Bluffs, Iowa — March 22 marked the date for a flounder dinner at Danish Hall. Many people from Council Bluffs and Omaha will remember it for a long, long time. A packed house, including the National Board of Officers who were attending their annual meeting in Omaha, dined on this succulent Danish specialty following a "no host" cocktail party.

The highlight of the meeting was the announcement by National Scholarship Chairman, Kristen Jorgensen, that Linda Sue Bracker of Lodge No. 10, and daughter of Edward Bracker of Lodge No. 10, was awarded one of the annual Danish Brotherhood scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00.

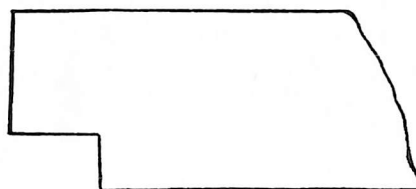
Many months of planning and hard work went into the fish fry on the part of the Sisterhood and the Brotherhood and the kitchen crew, headed by Mary Jean Grunberg, was given standing ovation by the house for their outstanding efforts.

If other lodges would like to start a similar event, this dinner is a recommended model.

The Editor.



Scenes at the Council Bluffs Fish Fry. Top Left — Kristi Grunberg served to members of the National Board: Top Right — Harold Andersen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nielsen, and Mary Jean Grunberg keep the plates rolling; Bottom Left — "Something's fishy here," says Mary Jean. Bottom Right — Gus Axelsen, D.B. representative, serves Omahan, Bob Gabelhouse.



Nebraska

Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebr. — Before our February meeting an aebleskiver dinner was served by the Sisterhood and Brotherhood, and was enjoyed by all.

On April 13 we celebrated our 79th anniversary. A social hour preceded the dinner with the regular meeting following.

We were pleased to have Andy Andersen, Howard and Joyce Christensen and Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 as our special guests.

Our Readers Write



To National Headquarters:

The Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 299 of Solvang, Calif., wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the very worthwhile gift of the Danish Days Slide Program presented to us by Mr. Tobeck.

The slides are being used constantly by various organizations and individuals in the valley.

We anticipate using them, not only for entertainment, but also for furthering our cause in the community and continue growing as a Danish Brotherhood Lodge.

Again we wish to thank you.

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

Bob Lassiter

Secretary
Lodge No. 299
Solvang, Calif.

Dear Editor:

Julia and Stu Tufford, publishers of "Scandinavian Recipes," were kind enough to give your name in hopes you or your readers might assist me in an unusual problem.

Because my husband is of Danish heritage, I wish to decorate a living room wall in that theme. However, I am at a loss to find two items to complete my grouping.

I am looking for plaster pans or ceramic pieces of The Little Mermaid sitting on the rock, and also the crest of Denmark. These figures need to be 6" to 8" in height, and can either be finished or unpainted. I prefer unpainted. The molds would be just as useful as the unpainted figures, as I

have facilities to cast them.

As I write this, I feel hopeful that somewhere, someone must have such items. I have exhausted all of my sources. Consequently, I will be very grateful for any help which you can give me.

Also, would you be kind enough to send me literature on your magazine. I should be very interested.

Thanking you in advance, I am sincerely,

Mrs. Russell C. Jensen

724 — 84th Ave., N.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432.

Dear Friends:

My name is Aksel Laustsen, 36 years old, single and a Danish citizen. I wish to immigrate to America and am writing to you to ask if you will help me by finding an employer who will sponsor me. I have no family or friends in USA. I seek in this manner to meet the requirements for admittance. I found your address at the library in the American Embassy in Copenhagen.

Inasmuch as the USA does not have an immigration program, I must on my own furnish a sponsor. I have tried an advertisement in a couple American newspapers but have not received any answer. For this reason I now ask you kindly to assist me.

My biography is with immigration, visa and certificates I have completed and have sent them to the American Embassy in

Copenhagen. I need only the sponsor with whom I can exchange application for permission to work in the U.S.

I am well educated. A men's hair stylist, I have lots of experience in Denmark, Norway and other countries, but now I want to go to USA.

I have just completed a special course in modern hair styling in Copenhagen. I speak English and I can assure you I am honorable and I have honest intentions.

I hope to receive an answer soon.

Sincerely,

Aksel Laustsen,
Nastvedgade 41
2100 Copenhagen Ø
Denmark.

Dear Editor,

We have received an inquiry from a lady in Denmark, Mrs. Else Holst, Dag Hammarskjoldsalle 40, 2100 Copenhagen Ø, who is interested in re-establishing contacts with her half brother Mr. Ejnar Dybdal or his sister Amalie who should reside in the state of Nebraska.

Mr. Dybdal and his sister are both in their seventies and were born in Nørredaby on the island of Mors, Denmark. Before Mr. Dybdal moved to the United States, he lived in Copenhagen.

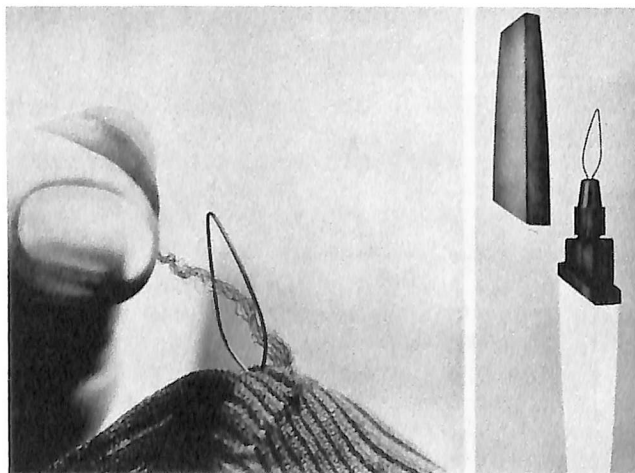
I ask you kindly to inform me whether it is possible for you to insert a short notice in the Danish Brotherhood magazine in an effort to locate the above mentioned persons, or to reach persons who might have knowledge of their present whereabouts.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain.

Very truly yours,

Hugo Petersen,
Danish Consulate
General's Office
Chicago, Ill.

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This will be a continuing program, with no gimmicks or fancy rules attached. Awards will be announced quarterly through the American Dane magazine and major awards presented personally by National Officers or National Headquarters personnel.

All winners will be announced at the National Convention to be held in

Denver in September of 1975.

To win one of these prizes, here's all you have to do:

Sign up a new member. **When he is accepted** you win one or two points, depending upon his (or her) status (insured or social). When you have signed up enough new members to accumulate 10 points, you receive the handsome plaque pictured on this page, plus a \$25 Savings Bond.

When you have signed up enough new members for 25 points, you also receive the handsome cup, plus a \$50 Savings Bond.

At 100 points, the beautiful trophy

will be presented to you personally by a Danish Brotherhood officer or staff member, along with a \$100 Savings Bond.

The free trip to Denmark is awarded any member who accumulates 200 or more member points.

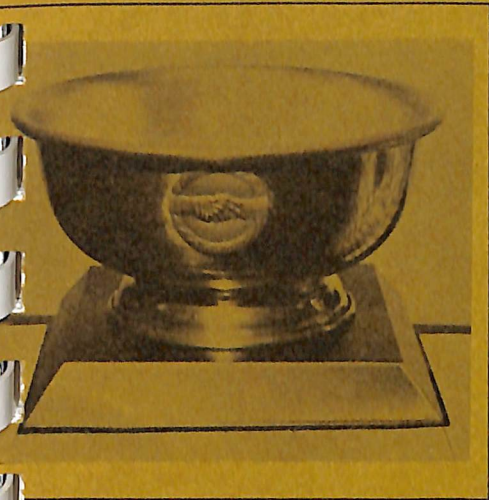
There is no time limit on any of these awards, which means you can take as long as you need, and points accumulated in winning one award count toward winning the others.

Although the contest is not open to full or part-time representatives of the Danish Brotherhood, they will assist you with the insurance item



BOOSTER AWARD:

You can win this handsome plaque, with your name engraved, plus a \$25 Savings Bond by accumulating 10 member points on applications received in the Home Office January 1, 1974, and after. Plaque presented by your lodge president.



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3. Points will be accumulated beginning January 1, 1974 and after. No time limit involved.
4. All Danish Brotherhood members, with the exception of full or

part-time representatives are eligible for these awards. Your area representative will help you win these awards. Call him soon if you need help.

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- 5) ASSISTANCE TO UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS
- 6) SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY ACTION

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- 1) BROTHERHOOD -
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- 2) SCHOLARSHIPS, CAMP GRANTS -
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- 3) SOCIALS -
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- 5) HERITAGE AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS -
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- 6) THE "AMERICAN DANE" MAGAZINE -
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NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Location	Sponsor
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Burdsil A. Rice	Council Bluffs (10)	Gus Axelsen
Barbara A. Oates	Chicago (17)	Flemming Andersen
Anthony J. Romano	Chicago (17)	Flemming Andersen
Vickie L. Romano	Chicago (17)	Flemming Andersen
Michael A. Helm	Muskegon (30)	Clayton Hansen
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Terry R. Hahn	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Robert L. Andersen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Kenneth C. Jensen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Francis P. Lund	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
James L. Lauritsen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Richard H. Perschnick	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Warren Ferdinandsen, Jr.*	Perth Amboy (46)	Norman Jensen
Joseph C. Ferdinandsen*	Perth Amboy (46)	Norman Jensen
Jack L. Hansen	Greenville (70)	Vern Minard
Arne J. Wendt*	Newark (116)	Viggo Nielsen
Kenneth M. Petersen	Plainview (117)	Andy Andersen
Todd D. Mikkelsen*	Dike (144)	A. B. Thode
Arthur V. Hansen	Dike (144)	H. H. Jorgensen
Dean V. Hansen	Dike (144)	A. B. Thode
Holger A. Honore	Grand Island (211)	Ervie Laursen
Harland H. Petersen	Grand Island (211)	Ervie Laursen
Nis N. Bennetzen	Grand Island (211)	Julius Thomsen
Sena Bennetzen	Grand Island (211)	Julius Thomsen
Jack Silcock	Detroit (227)	Tage Guldbrandsen
Earven A. Andersen	Detroit (227)	Tage Guldbrandsen
Farrell E. Rasmussen	Dagmar (283)	Lloyd Sorensen
Gordon Nielsen	Nassau County (325)	Svend Edmonds
Nancy A. Conradsen	Las Vegas (339)	Per B. Conradsen
Thomas J. Sorensen	Omaha (700)	Ervin Tobeck

* Juvenile Members

THESE MEMBERS HAVE WON POINTS IN THE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM

These 62 members are on their way to winning the Booster Award of a \$25.00 Savings Bond and a beautiful plaque (10 member points) in our Membership Recognition Awards program. Remember, you receive 2 points for each insured member and 1 point for each social member when they are accepted for membership. That's for merely recommending the member.

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Points
Clifford S. Bay	273	Dillon, Mont.	6
Eva Bendixen	326	West Branch, Ia.	1
Joen N. Bodtker	268	Junction City, Ore.	1
Edward Bracker	10	Council Bluffs, Ia.	4
Ove Bruhn	328	Vancouver, B.C.	2

Robert Buckhave	227	Detroit, Mich.	1
John Christiansen	225	Canton, Oh.	1
Niels Christiansen	323	Monterey Park, Ca.	2
Per B. Conradsen	339	Las Vegas, Nev.	2
Viva Covelle	329	Long Beach, Ca.	1
Einar Dansholt	4	Racine, Wis.	2
Leonard Davidson	1	Omaha, Neb.	1
Hans Dons	273	Dillon, Mont.	2
Barry Edmonds	32	New Haven, Ct.	3
Norman Edmonds	32	New Haven, Ct.	2
Jens P. Ericksen	4	Racine, Wis.	2
Herman Farber	46	Perth Amboy, N.J.	1
Geo. Ferdinandsen	46	Perth Amboy, N.J.	1
April Gerrity	339	Las Vegas, Nev.	2
E.A. "Bud" Grunberg	10	Council Bluffs, Ia.	4
Hans K. Hansen	49	San Francisco, Ca.	1
Clayton Hansen	30	Muskegon, Mich.	2
Howard Hansen	227	Detroit, Mich.	4
Leif S. Hansen	170	Rocky River, Oh.	2
Svend A. Hansen	325	Nassau Cnty., N.Y.	1
Mogens Hempel	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	2
Birgit Jacobsen	325	Nassau Cnty., N.Y.	2
James P. Jacobsen	211	Grand Island, Neb.	1
Arthur G. Jager	268	Junction City, Ore.	2
W.S. Jensen	46	Perth Amboy, N.J.	2
Bob Jones	329	Long Beach, Ca.	2
Eric Jorgensen	322	Santa Barbara, Ca.	2
H.H. Jorgensen	144	Dike, Iowa	1
Walter Knudsen	139	Viborg, S.D.	2
Thorvald Kramme	17	Chicago, Ill.	1
Paul Larsen	211	Grand Island, Neb.	7
Hardvig Mathiasen	46	Perth Amboy, N.J.	1
Robert McKinley	10	Council Bluffs, Ia.	4
Richard A. McMahon	242	Erie, Pa.	4
Signe A. McNeil	184	Hayward, Ca.	2
Marius Melgaard	242	Erie, Pa.	1
Vern Minard	70	Greenville, Mich.	2
Alfred Munck	126	Los Angeles, Ca.	2
Harold C. Nielsen	283	Dagmar, Mont.	2
Viggo Nielsen	116	Newark, N.J.	2
Herluf Pedersen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	1
Walter Pedersen	217	Humboldt, Ia.	1
Fred Petersen	268	Junction City, Ore.	2
Melvin H. Pihl	167	Portland, Ore.	2
Erik A. Raahauge	4	Racine, Wis.	2
Robert Rasmussen	164	New York, N.Y.	1
Oscar Redder	299	Solvang, Ca.	1
Jutta Reed	339	Las Vegas, Nev.	2
Laura Schuler	230	Arcata, Ca.	2
Gilbert Sorensen	283	Dagmar, Mont.	2
Gordon J. Sorensen	4	Racine, Wis.	2
Lloyd Sorensen	283	Dagmar, Mont.	2
Vernon E. Sorensen	700	Omaha, Neb.	2
Otto Thompson	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1
Julius Thomsen	211	Grand Island, Neb.	2
Jan Thyrring	337	Fremont, Ca.	4
Richard K. Walker	14	Kenosha, Wis.	2

So sign up a new member, or call your D.B. representative and give him the name of someone you think might be a prospective member. You could be on your way to winning all of the following awards:

Booster Award (10 member points) \$25.00 Savings Bond and A Beautiful Plaque with your name engraved; **Meritorious Service Award** (25 member points) \$50.00 Savings Bond and a beautiful cup with your name engraved; **Distinguished Service Award** (100 member points) \$100.00 Savings Bond and handsome gold cup with your name engraved; **Great Dane Award** (200 member points) Free trip to Denmark!

Our Lodges in Action

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During the dinner, Howard presented 25-year pins to William Walker and Arno Rank, congratulations to both.

Visiting with Arno and his wife Dorothy I learned that for the last nine years they have had an Easter egg hunt for their grandchildren and neighbor children, they have as much fun as the children.

After the meeting, we enjoyed the coffee hour and door prizes.

Thanks to the entertainment committee a good time was had by all.

Marie Block, Secretary.

Lodge No. 262, Cozad, Neb., — The members of Danish Brotherhood Society and Danish Sisterhood Society Lodges No. 262 and No. 90 met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jensen Sunday afternoon, March 24, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Champagne was served with a toast to the honored couple. Members of the Danish Sisterhood served a delicious lunch consisting of sandwiches, coffee cake, Danish apple cake and coffee. An enjoyable afternoon was spent in visiting and taking pictures.

Aksel Jensen, Secretary.



California, Nevada

Silver State Lodge No. 339 — Added four new members to the Lodge at their regular meeting, March 25, held at the home of Anni Gam. President Jutta Reed initiated Kathe Romano, and Nancy Corradson as new members, and reinstated Anna Lund and Folmer Lund, who have recently returned to Las Vegas. Following the meeting everyone enjoyed a social time with good coffee and some delicious cakes made by the hostess Anni Gam.

Some of the members of the Lodge are now concentrating their efforts on making various items to be used to offer for sale at a Bazaar which will be held sometime in the fall of this year. Many beautiful articles are being created. Every Monday evening has been designated as a work-together night when everyone gets together and shares in the work as well as some good companionship and refreshments are served by the hostess of the evening. These get-togethers are held at various homes each week, and proving very enjoyable to those attending.

Plans are in the making for the coming Anniversary Party of Silver State Lodge, which will be held on May 5th, this year. The place has not yet been designated, but hopefully will be set in the very near future.

Alice Pinkerton, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif. — Brothers, our Executive Committee is working very hard to make our meetings interesting, short and free of boredom. After each meeting now, our lodge gets together with the sisters for coffee and cake and we have a social hour. We are trying to make our second meeting night in the month a social evening only. Coffee will be served, you are free to play cards, checkers, chess, dance or learn to dance folk dances. We also have two courses in the Danish language. We will do anything in our power to have the activities that you and your family would like to participate in.

We had a tremendous trip to Las Vegas and another really big event coming up will be the Danish Day at Dodger Stadium on May 18. Mark it on your calendar. There will be a pre-game show at 12:00 Noon featuring the Danish Folkdancers, then we'll get to watch the Atlanta Braves vs. our own Dodgers. Might even get to meet "Home Run King," Hank Aaron. Eats after the game. This event is sponsored in conjunction with the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 68, L.A., and you can get your tickets now by calling Carl Sorensen, 213-325-1074.

June 2 is the big day in Vasa Park — "Grundlovsfest."

July 4 we will join the NAVER's and celebrate the Fourth of July.

Carl Sorensen, President and Alfred Munck, Secretary.

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
Feb. 1—	Herman Sorensen	89	Minden, Nebraska	43	Denver, Colorado	1903
Feb. 12—	Hans P. Christiansen	84	Borrit, Denmark	225	Canton, Ohio	1924
Mar. 5—	Jakob P. Christensen	83	Fuglsang, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1929
Jan. 20—	Axel O.E. Nielsen	85	Nykobing, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1908
Mar. 6—	Oscar E. Jensen	68	Varde, Denmark	34	Dwight, Illinois	1938
Dec. 28—	Anton J. Brandenhoff	84	Slesvig, Denmark	65	Duluth, Minnesota	1912
Mar. 14—	Hans P. Rasmussen	87	Hayrup, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1931
Mar. 16—	Hans Jacob Hansen	84	Kalorslund, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1912
Mar. 18—	Carl Knudsen	83	Sindal, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1918
Mar. 11—	Elmer Nelson	73	Kansas City, Mo.	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1924
Mar. 11—	Christian Enemark	88	Copenhagen, Denmark	3	Davenport, Iowa	1910
Mar. 18—	Nels C. Rasmussen	78	Denmark	221	Latimer, Iowa	1934
Mar. 23—	Hans I. Sidelman	81	Naur, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1938
Mar. 25—	Oluf P. Svendsen	89	Hjorring, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1906
Mar. 27—	Eyvind Normann	71	Herning, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1930
Feb. 24—	Jacob C. Jacobsen	82	Amslev, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1925
Feb. 24—	Arnold W. Hansen	83	Odense, Denmark	184	Hayward, California	1930
Dec. 8—	Viggo C. Jespersen	89	Odense, Denmark	190	Schenectady, N.Y.	1905

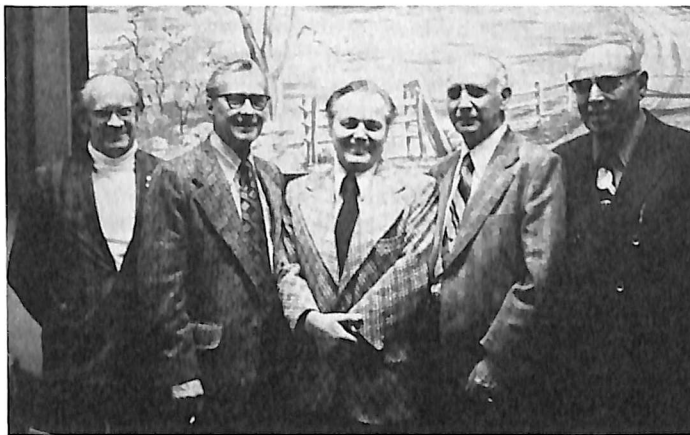


**Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois
(Midwest)**

Lodge No. 64, Rockford, Ill. — At our March meeting, Flemming Andersen, DB Area Manager from Chicago, spoke concerning how our lodge can gain new members. He also showed the very excellent slides on Solvang, California produced by the Home Office.

The Convention Committee is busy with plans to host the Midwest Convention in Rockford this September.

Another highlight of the evening was when Brother John Andersen was presented with his 50-year pin by National Board Member, Donald Moon.



John Dressler, Home Office Consultant, was a guest at our meeting. The accompanying photograph shows, from left to right, Sofus Sorensen, Donald Moon, Flemming Andersen, Otto Ehlers, and Alfred Lund. This picture was taken at Viking Hall after the March potluck supper following the excellent slide program.

Ken Marlin.



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

Will we see you all at the silver anniversary district convention on May 17th in the Lilac City? There still might be time to reserve a room and make the registration line by phoning 509-924-9000 or postcard Box 3385, Spokane. Looks like a good session in the Expo 74 World's Fair metropolis and we hope you can participate in some good Scandinavian Fellowship and a three day gala affair. The Lamplighter Lodge is the Jubilee Headquarters — a new luxurious motor hotel.

DB 328 Vancouver — Helping to celebrate DS 179's Second Anniversary were Past District Presidents Hans and Astrid Jensen of Portland.

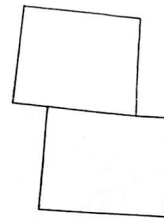
DB 167 Portland — Honor emblems were presented to Brothers Hans Junker and William Haraldsen at the April 20 session — Brother Oscar and Edna Oslund vacationed in California last month — congratulations to the Rose City Danes who last month celebrated their 71st Anniversary.

DB 113 Enumclaw — Past President John Nielsen of Burlington was presented his 50-year membership lapel pin at the March eighth meeting — Sister Esther Sorensen is presently on a cruise to India — Enumscratch Danes hosted the quarterly meeting of the Northwest Danish Home Board on April 27.

DB 268 Junction City — The 1974 officers include President Fred Petersen, Ex President Herman Borgaard, Vice President Flemming Pedersen, Secretary Andrew Bodtker, Treasurer Eigner Christiansen, Conductor Arthur Olsen, Innerguard Jorgen Nielsen, Outer guard Arthur Jaeger and Trustees Brooks Mikkelsen, William Jensen and Fred Aasted.

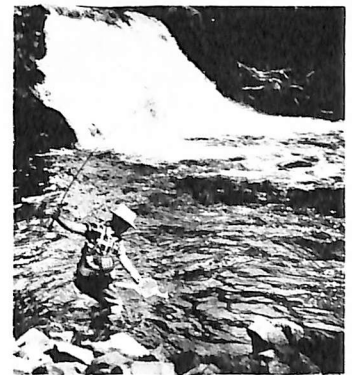
DB 29 Seattle — Dr. Sven H. Rossel, who has recently been appointed to fill the Danish Chair at the University of Washington, was the guest speaker at the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood April meeting — Dr. Louis Christensen from Seattle University and Hanne Gliese-Lee, who teaches in the Scandinavian Department at the University of Washington, were the features at the February meeting of the Danish Colony — Sister Wilhemina Parker has for the third time been named Royal Viking Agent by the SAS with the largest number of Northwest bookings — Sister Marie Mauritsen asks that you send her your Betty Crocker coupons for the Northwest Kidney Center (address: 21703 84th South, Kent 98031).

Norbert E. Grove,
Correspondent.



Colorado-Wyoming

Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colo. — National Convention City, 1975. Few cities, if any, can match the year round combination of Convention advantages offered by beautiful Mile High Denver. It's a unique combination. A bustling, skyscraper-studded cosmopolitan city, western in character and dotted with sophisticated shops, superb restaurants, night clubs and theaters. And just minutes west, the fabulous playgrounds and scenic wonders of the great Colorado Rockies with forests, lakes and glaciers, tumbling streams, high rock and tundra, internationally known ski areas, ghost towns, big game hunting, and very good fishing.



In a few months, Lodges throughout the country will elect the Delegate for the National Convention in Denver, 1975. Our motto is, "Every Lodge send a Delegate." There is still time to get these new members to join your Lodge, if your Lodge does not have the 11 insured members required. We all support you in that effort.

Svend A. Sonderup,
Chairman and National Trustee.



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

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I. — Due to the Navy leaving Rhode Island, Brother Paul Nielsen, a civilian Navy Bay Pilot, has been transferred to Norfolk, Va. As soon as his personal problems have been solved, his family will join him there. While we regret his moving there, we wish he and his family the best of luck and success in their new surroundings. We'll all miss them.

A barbecue is in the planning stage and Brother Asbjorn Guldhaug has agreed to chair the committee. More about that later.

We attended a delightful birthday party at the home of Sister Hilma Nelson who was 85 years young on April 2. Many relatives and friends were present. Sister Hilma is the wife of former treasurer Henry Nelson and the mother of Vice Pres. Herbert R. Nelson.

Belated birthday greetings to Brothers Ray Frederickson April 11 — Gilbert Mortensen April 18 — Jan Braumann April 13 — Ray M. Jensen April 24.

Our June meeting has been advanced to the first Friday or June 7th at which time newly elected officers will be installed also Brother Christian "Gus" Gustavsen will be presented a 50-year emblem.

Carl Sorensen.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — At our last meeting, we had election of a law committee which will be formulating our proposals for submission at the 1975 National Convention.

The Folk Fair event is being held on April 19-21, at the Civic Center. On June 23, we are having the annual family picnic. A chartered bus will leave the Swedish Museum at 9:30 a.m. and from Roosevelt Mall at 10:30 a.m. Donations are \$3 per adult and \$1 for children that are not junior members. Reservations are a must. For reservations, call 215-563-8276.

Donations for our printing fund have been received from George Godthaab and Viggo Nielsen, Newark; George Jacobsen, Long Island; Mrs. Elsa Clausen of North Cape May has sent donations in memory of her husband, Wm. H. Clausen. Thanks for your help.

News about an old member — Jorgen Hertz. He will be 73 on May 21 this year. He joined the lodge on March 8, 1924 and has just earned his 50-year pin. He is getting along quite well in his home in Virum, Denmark.

George Clausen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa., — Sunday, April 7, we had our first annual Young Vikings Party. American and Danish songs were sung, refreshments were served and two very interesting Danish movies were shown, "Five Hundred Islands," and "The Viking Ships of Roskilde." The latter film was a report of the extensive excavations made after ships from the Viking period were found underwater in a channel in Roskilde Fjord.

Young Viking Certificates were presented to Andrew Wells, Martin Beck, Edward Jonassen, John Brown, Clark Johnson, Andrea Jonassen, Gwen Gronborg, Christina Jonassen, Douglas Fleming, Jodi Gronborg, Shannon Lampe, Erin Lampe, J.M. Wiech and Pat McMahan.

Edward Jonassen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island — At the meeting, April 12, we were entertained by the Solvang Slide Program and we initiated a new member, Gordon Nielsen.

Our lodge will again participate in the annual National Bowling Tournament of the Danish Brotherhood. Our teams will bowl Sunday, April 21.

The following Sunday, April 28, is our annual Fastelavns Party. The children will Slaa Katten Af Tonden. There will be refreshments for the youngsters and coffee and winerbrød for the adults.

In the month of March we lost two of our members — Brother Julius Petersen died at the age of 88 and Sister Dorothy Jean Pedersen died on March 31. Our sincere sympathy goes to the families of these departed members.

We have just had our first Chess Tournament with J. Hjulman the winner and J. Endler the runner-up. We thank all players for their valiant efforts and wish them success in the next match.

Bill Steffensen.

Lodge No. 116, Springfield, N.J. — At the meeting held on April 12, a new by-law committee was elected. From this committee of no less than five insured members, a delegate and an alternate delegate will be sent to represent us at the National Convention in Denver, Colorado. A delegate from this committee will also be sent to represent us at the G.C.E.L. Convention to be held over the Labor Day weekend in Philadelphia.

On March 28, Brother Carl H. Olsen passed away. Our sincere sympathy goes to his family.

Brother Chris Jensen has been in the hospital, but is now home again. We also hope Brother Niels Thomsen and K. Laan are feeling better.

Viggo Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — Meeting March 6 was held at House of Haiku. After a few cocktails, we were served a fine dinner by Nina Bukke and Gerda Christensen. (Bøf med Løg, etc.) We all enjoyed the dinner. After dinner we started a short business meeting. Meeting was opened by President Bill Peterson at 8:15 p.m.

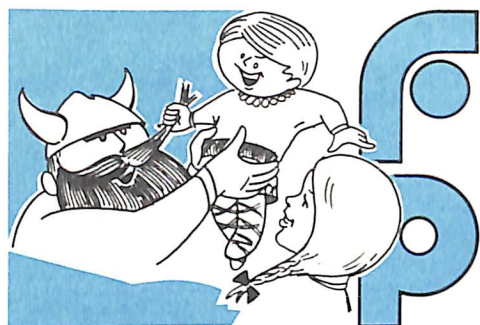
Our Meeting March 20 was also held at House of Haiku. This was our Birthday Dinner night. We had seven brothers celebrating their birthday this month, but only one of them was present — Brother Peter A. Sorensen.

We had a fine dinner (Ham & Cabbage) served by
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'Fraternal Week' Celebrated June 8-14

The Danish Brotherhood in America is joining the 98 other fraternal benefit societies affiliated with the National Fraternal Congress of America in observing Fraternal Week, June 8-14, and in placing special emphasis on National Flag Day, June 14.

Members of all of Danish Brotherhood lodges are urged to remind all Americans on Flag Day that a rebirth of patriotism is needed to focus worldwide attention on the enduring values of our free society. All fraternalists are urged to celebrate at that time by holding and attending patriotic ceremonies honoring the flag. All fraternalists are also urged to call the attention of the general public to the importance of fraternalism and the many civic and community services it inspires. It is requested that as many programs as possible be focused on the 1974 Fraternal Week theme which is, "Fraternalism is Participation!"



Brotherhood Protection

Topic: Tax Advantages of Life Insurance

- Q. I have heard that there are no federal income taxes on the benefits of life insurance when paid to beneficiaries. Is this true?
- A. Yes. The government has recognized many social and economic values for families who purchase this valuable property. The following are tax advantages and good reasons for purchasing your savings, retirement and protection from Danish Brotherhood.
- 1] All death benefits paid in cash are income tax free to either the primary or secondary beneficiary.
 - 2] Double indemnity benefits in the event of an accidental death are also excluded from income tax.
 - 3] Widowed beneficiaries receive an annual interest exclusion of \$1,000 when proceeds of insurance are paid to her in income installments.
 - 4] No income taxes are levied on the yearly increases in the guaranteed cash values.
 - 5] An optional benefit, disability waiver of premiums, has no income tax applied to the insured's premiums waived by the Danish Brotherhood.
 - 6] More favorable tax treatment is given to retirement annuity income benefits than on regular interest or other ordinary investment income. [The annuity is an optional benefit on all Danish Brotherhood cash value plans.]
 - 7] Unrestricted gifts of life insurance premiums to family members, children or grandchildren qualify for the annual and lifetime gift tax exclusions.
 - 8] Gifts of a life policy to your favorite charity, education or religious group usually qualify for tax deductions.
 - 9] If you borrow cash values on a Danish Brotherhood certificate, you can generally deduct the interest expense of the loan as a tax benefit.
 - 10] Businessmen can provide \$5,000 tax free death benefits to an insured employee's spouse and deduct the premiums paid as a business expense.



The above ten points are only a few of the advantages for purchasing your life insurance from Danish Brotherhood. Contact your local representative today or send an inquiry to our headquarters indicating any special family need.

Send me a proposal on the following family need:

Retirement Income _____ Mortgage _____ Life Protection _____

Children's Protection Income _____ [List ages of children] _____

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

The Danish Brotherhood in America

STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973 (note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
INCOME:			
Life premiums and membership assessments	—	\$ 191,873.99	\$ 191,873.99
Investment income	9,126.64	271,891.23	281,017.87
Miscellaneous	2,073.00	6,997.61	9,070.61
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 11,199.64	\$ 470,762.83	\$ 481,962.47
DEDUCT:			
Death benefits	—	\$ 159,724.00	\$ 159,724.00
Matured endowments and surrender benefits	—	21,211.19	21,211.19
Increase in life policy reserves	—	23,463.30	23,463.30
Provision for retirement plan	—	5,882.00	5,882.00
General expenses, per accompanying statements	11,109.17	212,066.98	223,176.15
Taxes, licenses and fees	—	12,222.56	12,222.56
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 11,109.17	\$ 434,570.03	\$ 445,679.20
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS, before refund to members	\$ 90.47	\$ 36,192.80	\$ 36,283.27
REFUND TO MEMBERS	—	51,122.46	51,122.46
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 90.47	\$ (14,929.66)	\$ (14,839.19)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	253,344.94	1,528,805.03	1,782,149.97
Realized gains (losses) on sale of securities	—	1,000.00	1,000.00
Increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation of securities	—	(113,042.70)	(113,042.70)
(Increase) decrease in non-admitted assets (Note 1)	—	(4,096.94)	(4,096.94)
(Increase) decrease in mandatory securities valuation reserves	(75.00)	111,126.38	111,051.38
FUND BALANCES, end of year (Note 2)	\$ 253,360.41	\$1,508,862.11	\$1,762,222.52

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973 (Note 1)

	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
Rent	—	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Salaries and wages	—	66,981.41	66,981.41
Membership awards — Cultural and Heritage Program Dev.	—	13,095.00	13,095.00
Traveling expenses	—	15,468.43	15,468.43
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	—	5,126.74	5,126.74
Printing and stationery	—	14,265.18	14,265.18
Annual statement expense	—	1,552.69	1,552.69
Actuarial and data processing fees	—	2,499.60	2,499.60
Field Worker Expenses	—	12,671.19	12,671.19
Official publication	—	17,083.07	17,083.07
Real estate expense	—	7,457.08	7,457.08
Legal and audit fees	—	8,439.24	8,439.24
Fraternal payments	5,309.17	—	5,309.17
Scholarship grants and prizes	5,800.00	—	5,800.00
Sundry general expenses	—	12,979.16	12,979.16
Depreciation expense (straight line)	—	9,448.19	9,448.19
National convention expense	—	10,000.00	10,000.00
General expenses incurred	\$ 11,109.17	\$ 212,066.98	\$ 223,176.15
General expenses unpaid, December 31, previous year	—	25,125.98	25,125.98
General expenses unpaid, December 31, current year	(125.00)	(34,717.65)	(34,842.65)
General expenses paid	\$ 10,984.17	\$ 202,475.31	\$ 213,459.48

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1973 (Note 1)

Admitted Assets	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Total
CASH, including \$217,882.22 certificates of deposit and savings accounts	28,667.43	\$ 209,598.39	\$ 238,265.82
INVESTMENT IN BONDS, at amortized cost (market \$3,646,488.40)	225,146.81	3,772,140.48	3,997,287.29
INVESTMENTS IN STOCKS, at market (cost \$513,122.24)	—	483,352.21	483,352.21
PREMIUMS RECEIVABLE FROM LODGES	—	19,475.66	19,475.66



Danish Kitchen

Company's coming and you want a really special dish. Pork's reasonable now (I didn't say cheap), and this traditional Danish fare will please even the most demanding guest.

STUFFED TENDERLOIN [Flydt Mørbrad]

- 4 1/2 to 5 lb. boned loin of pork
- 8 medium sized pitted prunes
- 1 large tart apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tbsps. butter
- 3 tbsps. vegetable oil
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tbsp. red currant jelly

Make a pocket in pork loin by slitting with sharp knife to within 1 inch of other side. Salt pocket lightly and sprinkle with lemon juice. Spread

pocket with chopped apple and prunes (which you have soaked in hot water until plump, then chopped). Tie loin securely at 1" intervals with butcher's string.

Brown loin in butter and vegetable oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Remove all fat from pan. Whisk wine and cream together and pour over loin. Cover and cook in preheated 350° oven for 1 1/2 hours, basting with pan juices every now and then.

Remove loin to warm platter and skim fat off pan juices. Add currant jelly to pan juices and whisk. Bring to boil. Serve sauce with slices of pork loin.

INTEREST INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED	1,681.76	59,032.06	60,713.82
CERTIFICATE LOANS AND LIENS	—	29,048.67	29,048.67
REAL ESTATE, at cost:			
Land	—	75,910.00	75,910.00
Building and other improvements, net depreciation of \$38,400.00	—	216,578.46	216,578.46
	\$ 255,496.00	\$4,865,135.93	\$5,120,631.93

Liabilities and Fund Balances

LIFE CERTIFICATE RESERVES, 1941 CSO 2 1/2 % mortality tables	\$ —	\$3,046,788.00	\$3,046,788.00
POLICY AND CERTIFICATE CLAIMS	—	17,381.00	17,381.00
ESTIMATED REFUNDS TO MEMBERS, payable in 1973	—	54,000.00	54,000.00
ACCRUED GENERAL EXPENSES	125.00	42,412.83	42,537.83
RETIREMENT PLAN RESERVE	—	79,893.00	79,893.00
OTHER LIABILITIES	—	9,836.96	9,836.96
Total Liabilities	\$ 125.00	\$3,250,311.79	\$3,250,436.79
MANDATORY SECURITIES VALUATION RESERVE	2,010.59	105,962.03	107,972.62
FUND BALANCES (note 2)	253,360.41	1,508,862.11	1,762,222.52
	\$ 255,496.00	\$4,865,135.93	\$5,120,631.93

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1973

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

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

(b) Certain costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred, rather than being

amortized over the expected terms of the insurance contracts.

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

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1973, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Special Reserve	Unassigned Funds	Total
Fraternal ..	\$ —	\$253,360.41	\$ —	\$ 253,360.41
General ...	781,649.22	37,500.00	689,712.89	1,508,862.11
	\$781,649.22	\$290,860.41	\$689,712.89	\$1,762,222.52

Our Lodges in Action

(Continued from page 16)

Nina Bukke and Gerda Christensen. Brother Pete supplied the refreshment. After a few songs and some speeches, we went upstairs for our meeting.

After some of our regular business was taken care of, some member brought up that the announcement of our departed brothers in The American Dane was changed to a fine print and he suggested that we as a lodge have our secretary send a letter to Mr. Eversoll, and ask him if it could be changed to the old type letters. We all agreed that The American Dane is a very good magazine, and we all like it, and give the editor credit for a fine paper.

Lodge No. 318 — Kobenhavn, Denmark — It is only two or three times a year that Lodge No. 318 uses our "American Dane" magazine to tell some news from Denmark.

Last February, our lodge installed the newly elected Board. There were only three changes of officers from the old Board. The installing officer was our lodge's oldest member, who is also the only living charter member, Brother Anthon Christensen. Brother Anthon is

For those of our Danish Brotherhood members on tour in Denmark who would like to visit Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen, it meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The address is: Kastruplundgade 56, 2770 Kastrup, Copenhagen, Denmark. Henry Schack-Eriksen is the President and Ib Schack-Eriksen, Secretary.

86 years old and he did an excellent job performing this ceremony. He has a married daughter in Philadelphia, and both her and her husband and two children belong to the Danish Brotherhood — a fine record I think.

After the installation, Lodge No. 318 treated the members with delicious sandwiches, beer and coffee.

Our lodge tries to keep up its brotherly activities but

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May 1974

I belong to Lodge No. My number in the lodge is

Name

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In future issues watch for the article about Paul Rasmussen's recent trip to Denmark — an interview with a Danish foreign exchange student — and, the "Ask Birgit" column.

the membership is steadily decreasing, and at the present time we are only 76 members. We lost five good members last year, and have several brothers on the sick list.

Our president, Henry Scack Eriksen, celebrated his 70th birthday the latter part of January in a big way. His son, Ib, is the lodge's newly elected secretary and a good man for the lodge.

On May 8th, Lodge No. 318 is going to celebrate its 49th birthday, and on the same day six members will be awarded their 25-year membership pins. Usually on that occasion, a dinner is served.

Next year, Lodge No. 318 will celebrate its 50-year jubilee and a committee has already been selected and is going to make a big affair out of it. I ask members of the Brotherhood to bear that in mind if some of you intend to visit Denmark next year. The date of the Jubilee is May 8, 1975.

There is one thing that Lodge No. 318 is wondering about, and that is why we don't hardly see any of visiting lodge brothers during their visits in Denmark. Last year we only saw two. For a long period we had a notice in the American Dane magazine giving information about the dates we have meetings, the address and names of our secretary and also the address of our meeting place. Hope we see you this coming summer.

Lodge No. 318 sends its best greetings to all lodges in the U.S.A. and Canada.

Ib Schack Eriksen, Secretary.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3[b]

Payment authorized in the laws of the Society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4, and/or Section 6, paragraph 1; Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2, is hereby published.

Einar Danielsen — Attend Spring Board Meeting — Transportation — \$85.27; Per Diem — \$150.00.

Kristen Jorgensen — Attend Spring Board Meeting — Transportation — \$213.28; Per Diem — \$150.00.

George Godthaab — Attend Spring Board Meeting — Transportation — \$187.10; Per Diem — \$150.00.

George Jacobsen — Attend Spring Board Meeting — Transportation — \$187.11; Per Diem — \$150.00.

Byron Petersen — Attend Spring Board Meeting — Transportation — \$117.43; Per Diem — \$150.00.

Svend A. Sonderup — Attend Spring Board Meeting — Transportation — \$97.27; Per Diem — \$150.00.

MAY ASSESSMENT

Number 899

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE LODGE TREASURER

May 1, 1974

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

June 1, 1974

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.