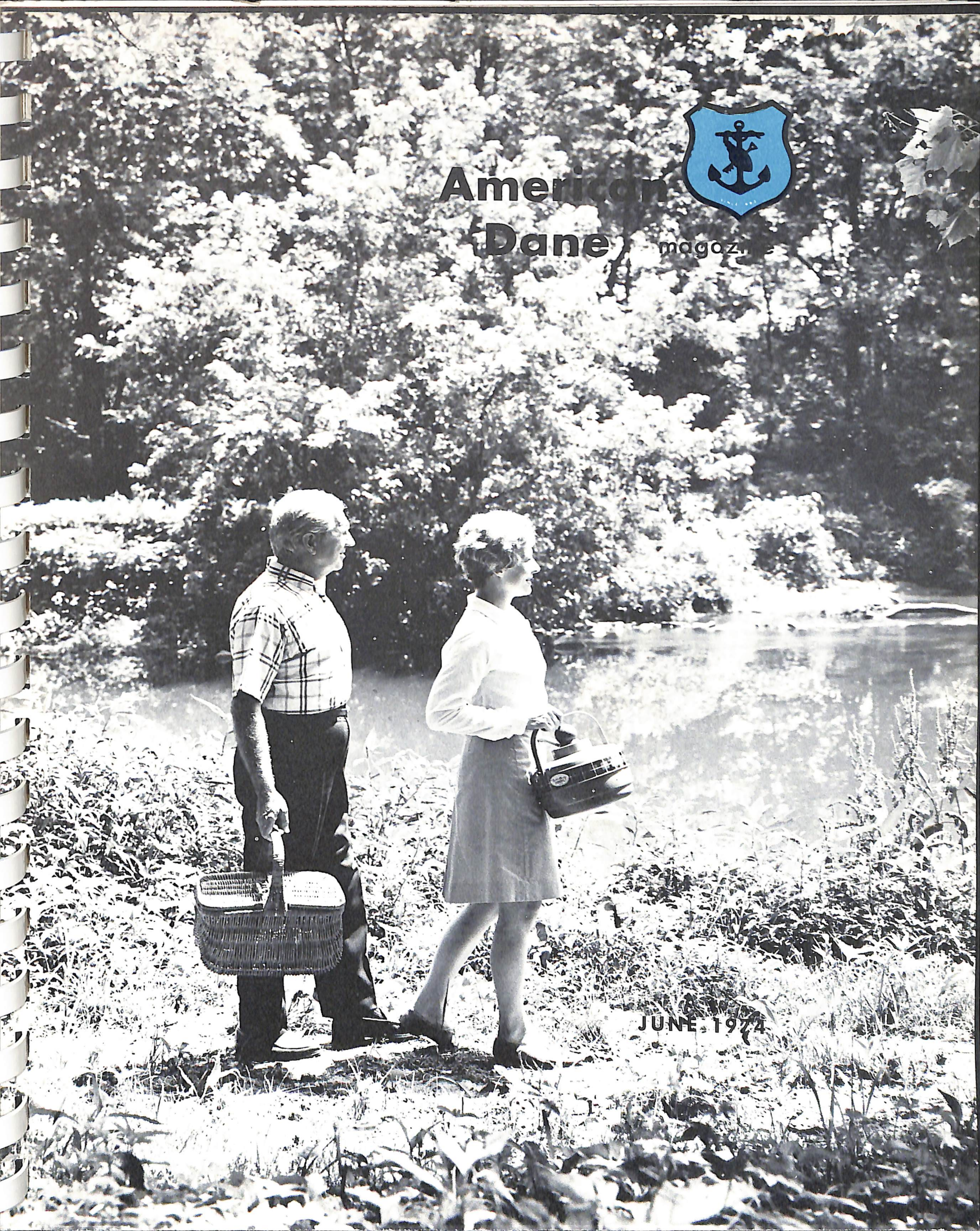


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1974 has seen the biggest surge in growth of the Brotherhood's membership in many years, and for this we are proud, pleased and grateful.

But we have a responsibility to the new member. Am I fulfilling that responsibility? Has the new member been made aware of **all** the activities and benefits connected with his lodge membership? Is he given the opportunity to get involved in lodge work?

Let's make every effort to welcome and get to know the new members — to do what each of us can, individually, to insure that the Danish Brotherhood continues to grow, not only in numbers, but in brotherhood and fraternal spirit.

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Whether it's a group of summer revelers or tea under the trees for two — this is the season and you don't need a reason — just pack a picnic basket, find some grass and some shade [the ants will find you] and enjoy! See this month's Danish Kitchen for a terrific picnic recipe.

Records Fall as DB Membership Expands!

Area Managers Appointed to Lead Growth

The Danish Brotherhood in America is proud to announce that two new records for the Society have been established as of April 30, 1974.

At the same time, the appointment of four area managers is announced from the National Headquarters in Omaha.

The first record established by the Brotherhood's expanding field force was in the category of insurance issued and in force. More insurance was issued through the first four months of 1974 than for any similar period in the Society's 92-year history. The second record set was even more noteworthy as the same figure exceeded all records for total annual production as well.

It is important to follow the growth of the Brotherhood's insurance program for two reasons: (1) Proceeds from certificates issued help fund the unique fraternal programs of the Brotherhood, and (2) the increased amount of insurance issued indicates a willingness on the part of the members to accept the Brotherhood's new portfolio for what it is — an outstanding new program of family financial protection.

The new area managers appointed, and their districts, are: Eigil "Andy" Andersen, Nebraska-Iowa; Ervin Tobeck, California; Flemming Andersen, Wisconsin-Illinois; and John Hinrichsen, area manager for the Northeastern U.S.

Each of these men is an experienced developer as well as underwriter and is helping lodges in his district to expand membership at a rapid pace. More new members were signed nationwide this month (please see new

member list this issue) than for any month in the Brotherhood's recent history.

If the present trend continues, more new members will have been signed for the first six months of 1974, than were signed for the entire year of 1973.

The Danish Brotherhood takes pleasure in introducing the four new area managers in this issue, in addition to listing all representatives of the Danish Brotherhood, by territory, below:

MIDWEST SECTION — Area Manager, Flemming Andersen; Representatives: James H. Andreasen; Floyd F. Christensen; Terry Clayton; John E. P. Jacobsen; Ken Janssen; Kaj V. Jensen; Bennie G. Petersen.

OHIO-MICHIGAN — Representatives: Dennis R. Andersen; Tage Guldbrandsen; A.H. Lauresen; Robert E. Pedersen, Jr.

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WASHINGTON — Representatives: Henry Nielsen; Jens Nielsen; Herbert Sorensen.

WEST COAST SECTION — Area Manager, Ervin F. Tobeck; Representatives: L. S. Delaurant; Edmund Fishbeck; Carl G. Jensen; Barbara L. Kargard; Frede Kargard; Jim Larsen; Niels Lorenzen; Alfred Munck; Arthur Norgaard; Carl J. Sorensen; Warren Stevens; Alfred Vestergaard.

NEBRASKA-IOWA — Area Manager, Eigil M. Andersen; Representatives: Gustav Axelsen; John L. Cannon; Alfred Hedegaard; Ervie Laursen; Herbert Nielsen; Kenneth Pedersen; L. B. Sherman; Jerome Sonsalla; A. B. Thode.

MINNESOTA — Representative: J. D. O'Brien.

COLORADO-WYOMING — Representative: Victor V. Hansen.



Eigil Andersen



Flemming Andersen



John Hinrichsen



Ervin Tobeck

**Viggo Starcke
THE VIKING DANES
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They merely had a different culture from that of the Christian lands. Dirty and unkempt they were not; but at first they were by no means liked. One explanation why the Anglo-Saxons hated them is suggested by the Anglo-Saxon chronicler John of Wallingford, who says, "The Danes combed their hair every day, took baths every Saturday and changed their under-clothing frequently, so that they were held in high favour by the ladies." Of course they were hated!

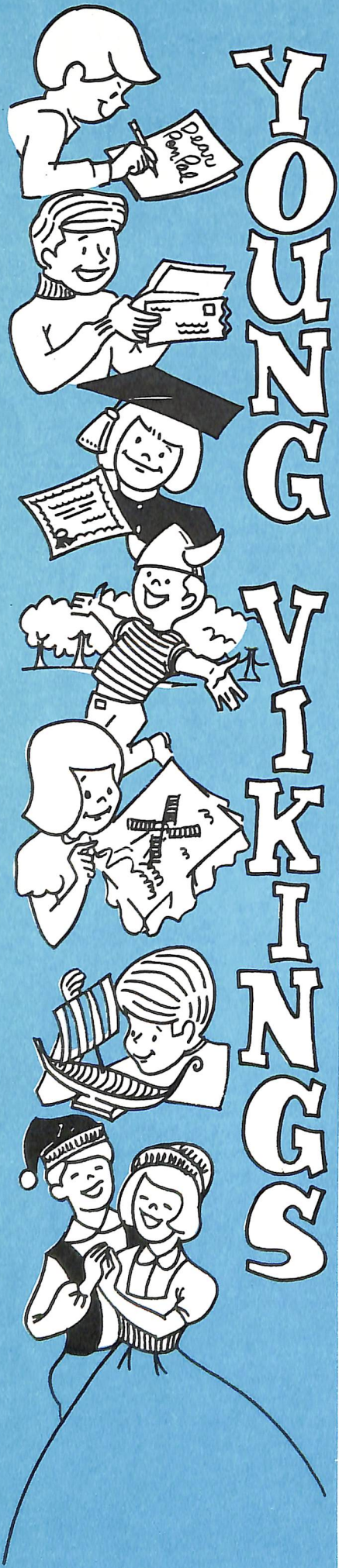
Shetelig adds this remark, "If this seemed surprising to their contemporaries, as it did, we may venture to draw the inference that the later English partiality for baths and washing is not an Anglo-Saxon characteristic, but a heritage from viking times."

Guno Karlberg, 1967.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3[b] — Payment authorized in the law 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:

APRIL:

Einar Danielsen — Salary, \$229.85.



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Large and small red and white inflatable Viking balloons. The little ones are cute and cuddly and the big one would make a great room "mascot."
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"Ask Birgit"

Dear Birgit:

I'm 11-years old, a boy, and I would like to work this summer and earn some extra money. How do I go about finding someone who would want to hire me. All the paper routes are taken in our neighborhood and dad won't let me hire out our lawnmower.

Jim,
Los Angeles.

Dear Jim:

First, phone or make a visit to your local newspaper. Many of them run ads for teens and pre-teens during the summer months, free, as a public service. Also, get around to your local supermarket, laundromat or other public place that maintains a bulletin board and put up cards with your name, age and phone number, listing the type work you would be interested in.

There are many people, especially the elderly, who would be glad to pay a willing young man to help out during the summer. I commend you on your ambition.

Birgit.

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

PLEASE SEND ME THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

QUAN.	ITEM	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE
_____	Viking Ship			\$2.49
_____	"Y-VI" T-shirt (Give age, ht. & wt.)	_____	_____	1.99
_____	Inflatable Viking	_____	36" — 1.99 18" — 1.49	

MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED FOR \$ _____

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D. B. Scout Members Help Set Record

On April 21, 1974, Troop No. 75 of Omaha, honored eight young men who achieved the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. Two Danish Brotherhood members were involved in the awards which generated the largest Eagle Court of Honor in Omaha's history.

The members are James Keith, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 75, and Michael D. Andersen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eigil "Andy" Andersen. Michael was one of those receiving his Eagle award. His father is Area Manager of Nebraska-Iowa for the Danish Brotherhood.

New Member	Location	Sponsor
Patricia G. Bicket	Omaha (1)	Katherine Paludan
C. William Bicket	Omaha (1)	Katherine Paludan
Geoffrey A. Walthers	Omaha (1)	E. V. Walthers
Dorothy P. Williams	Omaha (1)	Chris Krogh
Albert M. Williams	Omaha (1)	Chris Krogh
Taft R. Larsen	Omaha (1)	Effie Larsen
Janice D. Johnson	Omaha (1)	Howard Christensen
Robert K. Johnson	Omaha (1)	Howard Christensen
Daniel W. Neider	Racine (4)	Hans Smedegaard
Orville W. Jensen	Racine (4)	Ken Janssen
Douglas Larsen	Racine (4)	Gordon Sorensen
Walter C. Denman	Racine (4)	R. H. Thielen
Donald H. Eckert	Racine (4)	R. H. Thielen
David A. Kirk*	Racine (4)	Ken Janssen
Vernon Johnson	Kenosha (14)	Wm. G. Nelson
Clarence B. Hansen	Kenosha (14)	Einer Sorensen
Mark A. Isserstedt*	Des Moines (15)	Arthur H. Isserstedt
Kambi Kay Meier*	Minden (16)	Wm. H. Meier
William Jorgensen, Jr.	Minden (16)	Herb Nielsen
Susanne M. Andersen*	Chicago (17)	Alan Andersen
Anna B. Andersen	Chicago (17)	Alan Andersen
Terry E. Clayton	Chicago (17)	Flemming Andersen
Mona L. Clayton	Chicago (17)	Flemming Andersen
Ingrid Winther	Chicago (17)	Thorkil Winther
Floyd T. Christensen	Chicago (17)	Alan Andersen
Anette M. Nielsen	Chicago (17)	Erik Nielsen
Karen M. Kramme	Chicago (17)	Flemming Andersen
Delbert L. Andersen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Glen E. Bloxam	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Robert E. Weller	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Donna L. Andersen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Dorothy L. Andersen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Douglas J. Pedersen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Joann Pedersen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Emma H. Madsen	Dwight (34)	James Andreasen
Ejner E. Olsen	Milwaukee (36)	Jess P. Bundesen
Kenneth B. Høj	Minneapolis (45)	Jens Høj
Ebba Hammerdahl	Perth Amboy (46)	Peter Christensen
Erik Hammerdahl*	Perth Amboy (46)	Peter Christensen
Harold T. Martensen	Perth Amboy (46)	Norman Jensen
Raymond Martensen	Perth Amboy (46)	Norman Jensen
Joseph Dudick	Perth Amboy (46)	Norman Jensen
Lafayette Rodner	Perth Amboy (46)	Peter Christensen
Eugene R. Samsøe	Perth Amboy (46)	Peter Christensen
Arthur A. Overgaard	Perth Amboy (46)	Geo. Ferdinandsen
Lester W. Jensen	Enumclaw (113)	N. Nedergaard
Wilbur Myreholt	Viborg (139)	Esther A. Jorgensen
Mary V. Myreholt	Viborg (139)	Esther A. Jorgensen
Gary K. Nielsen	Ruskin (161)	Floyd Andersen
Ilene J. Nielsen	Ruskin (161)	Floyd Andersen
Donald J. Christensen	Rocky River (170)	Edmund Bentzen
Lennart C. Bilen	Philadelphia (172)	Mogens Hempel
Sigurd M. Bilen	Philadelphia (172)	Mogens Hempel
Helen M. L. Comaskey	Hayward (184)	John Villadsen
Julius L. Thomsen	Grand Island (211)	Paul Larsen
Russell L. Jensen	Grand Island (211)	Paul Larsen
Walter Helzer	Grand Island (211)	Paul Larsen
Helga E. Helzer	Grand Island (211)	Paul Larsen
Carla Faltinson	Humbolt (217)	Walter Pedersen
Vernon Faltinson	Humbolt (217)	Walter Pedersen



From left, Bob Schulte, Clark Mleynek, Jere Jenkins, Mike Andersen, Steve Tompsett, Chuck Delp, Scott Delp and Scott Ziebarth. Mr. Keith is in the foreground.

Marvin Christensen	Humbolt (217)	Walter Pedersen
Randall A. Nelson	Detroit (227)	Harvey C. Nelson
Philip J. Jensen	Fowler (261)	Richard Jensen
Gene L. Andersen	Dagmar (283)	Jerry V. Thuesen
Kenneth D. Torgersen	Dagmar (283)	Morris Nielsen
Brian W. Olesen	Solvang (299)	Ervin Tobeck
William J. Petersen	Solvang (299)	Kenneth Fitzgerald
Robert G. Petersen	Solvang (299)	Kenneth Fitzgerald
Hans J. Birkholm	Solvang (299)	Nis Christensen
Svend A. Petersen	Solvang (299)	Jorgen I. Hansen
Thomas B. Garland	Solvang (299)	Wm. R. Springer
Clinton W. Steffensen	Solvang (299)	Peter Weber
Mabel G. Grosch	Long Beach (329)	Lorraine Edwards
Falmer Lund	Las Vegas (339)	Jutta Reed
Anne Lund	Las Vegas (339)	Jutta Reed
Edmund W. Fischbeck	Omaha (600)	Ervin Tobeck
Kathy Ann Sorensen	Omaha (600)	Gilbert Sorensen
John L. Cannon	Omaha (700)	Andy Andersen
Vernon E. Sorensen	Omaha (700)	Edward Sorensen
Michael A. Sorensen	Omaha (700)	Vernon E. Sorensen

* Juvenile Members



Modern Denmark

DANISH FOREIGN EXCHANGE
STUDENT GIVES VIEWS OF LIFE
IN U.S.A.

by Dolores Kraner
Staff Writer

Franz Etzerodt is a Danish foreign exchange student attending high school at Thomas Jefferson High in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He came to the U.S. under the auspices of the A.F.S. Student Exchange Program in late August, 1973, and will return to Denmark after the school term in June, 1974.

Franz is a 19-year old senior — a tall, brown haired, blue-grey eyed, handsome, rather reserved young man. He seldom smiles, but the twinkle in his eye belies an altogether serious attitude. This writer was impressed with his humanitarian attitude and obvious pride in his native country.

Franz comes from a large (by Danish standards) family. He has three brothers and four sisters. His father, Ejvind, has been in the dairy industry, does some construction work and is also working on the restoration of an old church. He was also running for a local government office in Franz's home town of Kalundborg on the island of Zealland when I spoke with Franz. Franz is majoring in political science and his interest in that field might have been sparked by his father.

Franz's mother, Karen Elizabeth, is a busy housewife and mother, but Franz did say that the atmosphere around their house was much more relaxed than what he has observed of American family life. He also confided that she is a good cook (what Danish woman isn't?) and that he really missed the native smorebrød unavailable outside Denmark. The open-faced sandwiches and, he guessed, "fromage" were his favorite Danish dishes. His description of fromage was "a fluffy dessert, sometimes lemon flavored."

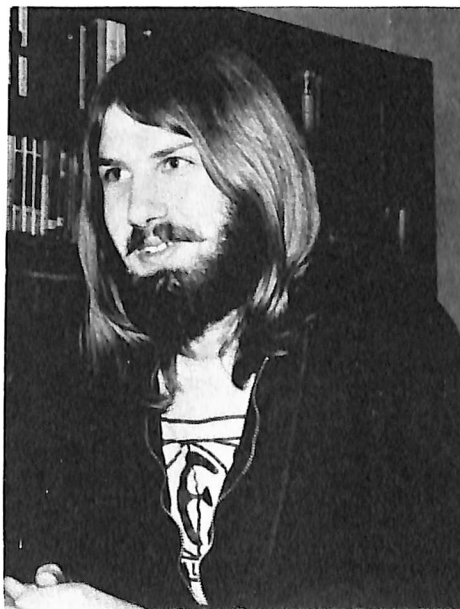
And his favorite American food? Brown beans. Yep! "Nothing very special, I guess," said Franz, "but I really like them." When I asked him what he thought

of American foods such as hot dogs, etc., he told me, almost apologetically, that Denmark had better. After tasting various Danish sausage, I would have to agree with him.

Franz volunteered that his family was "very big" for a Danish family, which led me to ask if there was a population problem in Denmark. He said, "Our population growth is very, very little. I don't know exactly how much it is, but it's very, very small. Birth control is widespread — it's supported by the government with free clinics, and so on, and has been for a long time."

Naturally, I asked him what differences he noticed particularly between Denmark and the U.S.

"Well, the so-called 'freedom' here," he mused. "At home it's a different kind of freedom, a disciplined personal freedom.



Danish student Franz Etzerodt

There is very much left up to the individual to handle. The laws there are more for not bothering somebody else. We do not have as many restrictive laws, I don't believe, as you. And I think that, at home, not from disinterest, but from old custom, people do not really 'put their noses in other people's business' as they do here."

"And, I don't know how much it is here, since I've only seen part of your country, but I see that here there is a very big gap between the so-called 'respectable people' and the rest... and it's just too big."

I was a little unsure of Franz's meaning, so I attempted to clarify it further by asking, "In other words, too big a difference between the rich and the very poor?"

"Not even that," Franz replied, "just between the respectable bourgeoisie and the poor. Any social help to people — that's already taken care of in Denmark. There are institutes for helping say the old people... and medical care, \$6 to \$8 a month pays for any and all medical expenses. Even if you're in the hospital for half a year, everything is paid for."

I think that Franz compares our welfare system rather unfavorably with Denmark's, and when I asked if he didn't think our "welfare lag" was due to the fact that we are a young country, compared to Denmark, he said, "Perhaps, but it's also the idea that in the U.S. every man seeks for himself. I mean, that's one of the basics here. Every man is to himself."

Franz hasn't really been in our country long enough to know about our various social agencies, both government funded and privately funded and our self-help programs, etc., but I'm sorry that he somehow got the impression that we are an unfeeling, self-seeking people.

(Continued on page 19)



Our Lodges in Action



Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)

Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis., — On April 19 the annual Lodge No. 4, 25-year banquet was held. A unique feature this year was the formation of a new inner-lodge 25-year club, known as "Racine Lodge No. 4 Twenty Five Club".

The club has its own officers and committeemen to handle the club functions. Each member received a 25-year club membership card and they will pay nominal yearly dues. This is probably the first organized inner-lodge 25-year club in the Danish Brotherhood, and the members feel it will be a valuable asset to Lodge No. 4.



Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis., — About 190 people experienced another fine banquet and dance as we celebrated our 82nd Anniversary in fine style April 20. Ronald Jensen did his usual fine job of toastmaster and Vice-President Gordon Andersen took over in good style for our President Elmer Nelson who was ill. First of all a hearty thank you to the banquet committee — Elmer Nelson, Bill Nelson, Charles Madsen, Rudy Bernhardt, Sr., Rudy Bernardt, Jr., Clarence Duffin, Randy Ibsen, Arnold Lehte and Ronald Jensen. The widows in

attendance as our guests were: Lydia Ostergaard, Laurina Jensen, Cora Jensen, Milly Jensen, Carrie Petersen, Sina Nielsen and Marie Sorensen.

Attending as guests of the lodge were National President Einar Danielsen, Racine Lodge No. 4 President Howard Bassinger, Racine Dania Lodge President Chester Sheppard, Kenosha Danish Sisterhood President Viola Sohr, Pastors Raymon Pedersen and Lawrence Siersbeck of St. Mary's Lutheran church. A check was presented to Pastor Pedersen in honor of St. Mary's 100th Anniversary. Receiving their pins for service to the Danish Brotherhood from President Danielsen were Niels Nielsen for 60 years and Lenius Gottlieb for 50 years. Not present for their pins were Christ Jensen (60), James Hellensen, Peter Pahl, Ewald Thomsen, and Alwin Hansen, all 50-year members. Our congratulations to all these fine brothers. Awards Chairman Bennie Petersen gave the Pioneer Award to Jens Emanuelson and I was fortunate enough to win the Brother of the Year Award. I know Jens joins me in thanking the committee for these fine awards. All in all a fine time was had by all.

By the time you receive this we will have completed the aebelskiver breakfast with profits going to the building fund. The air conditioning units are on the roof so it will not be long before they will be hooked up.

Word has been received that Rockford has graciously accepted the bowling tournament for this year to be held on June 1. Let's help support this fine group by going to Rockford to bowl. Some of you who have never gone should come along. It doesn't matter how well you bowl — it is all on a handicap system and we always have a lot of fun at the banquet and dance afterwards. Maybe we can get Harold Petersen to wear his paper bathing suit in the swimming pool again!!

Welcome to still another new member — Clarence Hansen recently joined our lodge and we are all glad to have you with us Clarence. Hope I can keep reporting a new member every time we go to press.

Bob Ibsen, Reporter,
Elmer Nelson, Photographer.

KENOSHA HONORS GENE ANDERSON

A farewell party was recently held by a group from Kenosha Lodge No. 14 for a guy and his wife from Racine named Marilyn and Gene Anderson. Marilyn and Gene as you know have left this area to live in New Mexico.

The reason for the party was simply our way of saying thanks to a guy who has done so much not only for his own lodge but also to cement relations between Racine and Kenosha. Through his efforts as President of No. 4 and also the Midwest District many lodges in this area now work closer together in a common cause than ever before. Time after time he supported our lodge by bringing a large delegation from Racine which spurred us on to reciprocate the favor in supporting Racine activities.

I know everyone in both lodges will miss them both. Good Luck and God be with you Marilyn and Gene.

Bob Ibsen, No. 14.



Seated: Paul Sorensen, Gene Anderson, and Elmer Nelson. Standing: Harold Petersen, Bill Lee, Ronald Jensen, Jens Haugegaard, Bob Ibsen, Charles Madson, Einar Sorensen, Andrew Hansen, Aage Gram.



Brother of the Year Award recipient Bob Ibsen, Pioneer Award winner Jens Emanuelsen, National President Einar Danielsen and No. 14 Vice-President Gordon Andersen.



No. 14 Vice-President Gordon Andersen, Niels Nielsen — 60 years, Lenius Gottliebson — 50 years, National President Einar Danielsen.



Bob Ibsen presenting Gene and Marilyn Anderson a gift from Kenosha Lodge No. 14.



California, Nevada

Golden West Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, Calif., — It is some time since articles from Petaluma have appeared in this publication, but we will try to make up for lost time!

Our installation of new officers was held jointly with Golden Star Lodge No. 126, D.S.S. on February 2. A cocktail hour and buffet dinner preceded the ceremonies, and we were happy to welcome guests from San Francisco, Oakland and Ripon lodges, as well as our local members.

New officers were installed by California General Committee Presidents Alfred and Edith Munck of the

Los Angeles lodges. Acting as installing Conductor for Lodge No. 143 was Past President of the California General Committee Jack Belmont, of Ripon. The installing Marshall for D.S.S. No. 126 was Past President of the California General Committee Mary Jensen, of Petaluma. The D.B.S. officers of 1973 remained in office for this year and are as follows: Past President Jim Larsen; President Helmuth Petersen; Vice-President Neal Rasmussen; Secretary John Hansen; Treasurer Walter Miller; Conductor Russell ("Rusty") Petersen; Inner Guard Hans Nielsen; Trustees Harvey Rasmussen, Henry Brown and Frede Kargard. Following the installation ceremonies, dancing was enjoyed until a later hour, and during the evening coffee and cookies were served.

An officers' meeting was held at the home of Helmuth and Ilka Petersen to plan activities for the year. We hope to have a very successful year and that our meetings will be well attended. We send Brotherly Greetings to all.

Mrs. H. P. Rasmussen.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles — It was a proud moment for Mrs. Ula Germansen, Highland Park, when she fastened the Eagle Scout pin on her young son's chest, and he in turn presented her with her pin.

More than 500 people attended the ceremonies at Faith United Church when Peter Germansen and five of his friends received their Eagle Scout badges. (juvenile member of Lodge No. 126)

Peter is the son of the deceased Evald R. Germansen. We wish to congratulate this young Dane on his achievement.

(Information courtesy Bien Magazine).



Los Angeles, Lodge No. 126 — From Las Vegas Lodge 339 came an invitation to attend their sixth anniversary which was celebrated with a Luau at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Holmes — a beautiful new home. A delicious meal was served and before that we enjoyed a Mai-Taj. Afterwards we were entertained by three "Young Viking" hula dancers. They were Nicole Stark, Anita Leslie Reed and April Gerrity. Harold Reed, Past President of C.N.G.C. was unable to be present as he was home flat on his back due to an industrial accident. On the way back to the motel we stopped and visited with him awhile. Had a bit of difficulties with the phones in Las Vegas, seems they work like the slot machines, hit and miss. However a very enjoyable trip.

Peter Pedersen, Lodge 126.

Silver State Lodge, No. 339 — Celebrated their sixth anniversary on Sunday, May 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Holmes. The theme of the day was Hawaiian and a delicious Luau was prepared by Inge Holmes, April Gerrity, and Ani Gamm. Our host, Melvin Holmes, also prepared his famous Mai Tais.

Many members attended this event, as well as most of our young juvenile members, all having a very good time with plenty of delicious food to eat and entertained by three small hula dancers, Nicole Stark, Leslie and Anita Reed and their teacher April Gerrity. These girls did very well considering they had only six lessons before the performance to learn their dances.

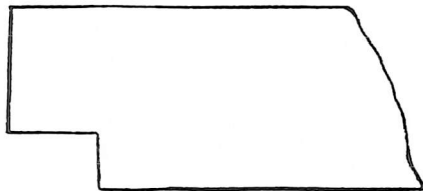
We were honored by a visit from our Founder, Pete

Petersen and his lovely wife, from Los Angeles, also attending. Pete has never missed an anniversary since the founding of Silver State Lodge No. 339.

We all felt the absence of Harold Reed, who was unable to attend due to a recent back injury, but all hope he will be back on his feet again. Reports are that Lena Boas has been very ill recently, but has now returned to work, and we hope she will now remain in good health.

Inadvertently omitted from our list of new officers last month were April Gerrity, Secretary and Julie Pinkerton, Treasurer — two important positions.

Alice M. Pinkerton, Correspondent.



Nebraska

Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebr. — We are again planning our second annual Danish Days, June 15-16. Plans are filling in fast for two fun-filled days of looking back at our Danish heritage. The Nebraska Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood along with the Minden Chamber of Commerce will also be contributing a great deal to the event.

The program starts with free movies in the theatre at 10 a.m., Saturday morning, followed by a smorgasbord Saturday noon, and a full schedule of events in the afternoon, including a costume contest, Danish dancers, and a guest speaker. King and Queen contestants will be eliminated down to three contestants.

In the evening, aebleskiver will be served, followed by a dance. Sunday morning, there will be a Danish Church Service in the old Lutheran Church at Pioneer Village. Sunday noon, a picnic lunch will be served followed by the crowning of the King and Queen.

We would like to have each lodge in Nebraska submit at least one candidate for King and Queen. There will be



Lodge No. 16 members Don Thomsen, Herb Nielsen and Lloyd Johnson welcome new members, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jorgensen in the left photo. At right, Nathan Eckloff, D.B. Scholarship winner, is awarded his certificate by No. 16's President, Don Thomsen as Herb Nielsen, Secretary, looks on.

several prizes for the winners and runners-up. We would also like to have as many persons as possible wear a Danish costume for the festivities.

For motel reservations, write Pioneer Motel or the Nichol Hotel. For further information, you may contact Herb Nielsen, Rt. 1, Minden, or Don Thomsen, Box 104, Minden.

Coming events out here include the state picnic, which will be held at Lovewell Lake, just south of Superior on July 21 at 1:00 p.m. Ruskin's lodge will host this fun-filled day.

The State Convention this year will be at Omaha September 20 and 21 at the Ramada Inn, 72nd and Mercy Road. Looking forward to seeing you at these events.

Herbert Nielsen, Secretary.

Nebraska News — We have a busy summer ahead of us in the Nebraska General Committee of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. The first big event is the Danish Days in Minden, June 15 and 16. Herbert Nielsen, our State Secretary, will write more about this in detail. I would just like to say that when you go to Minden, you are in for a good time. Minden seems to know how to do it, so hope to see you there on June 15 and 16.

State Picnic — The State Picnic is to be sponsored by D.B. Lodge No. 161 in Ruskin. It will be held at Lake Lovewell on Sunday, July 21. Lake Lovewell is just seven miles south of Superior, and in case of rain, preparations are made to take care of plans. So, let's make it a must!

The Nebraska General Committee of Sisterhood and Brotherhood will hold their convention on August 23, 24 and 25, at the Ramada Inn at 72nd and Grover Streets in Omaha. (Get off Interstate 80 at 72nd Street and drive two blocks north.)

D.B. Lodge No. 195, Omaha, is host for the convention, with assistance from D.B. Lodge No. 1 and D.S. Lodge No. 6 and No. 119. Brother Fred Jensen, No. 195, is chairman. The General Committee is celebrating their 50th Anniversary at this convention, and there are lots of plans being made to make this a big event.

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Danish Food Exec's Entertained

On Sunday, March 24, a delegation of about fifty Danish Masterbutchers, and several of their wives, were entertained at a coffee hosted by the National Board of Officers and the Home Office Staff at National Headquarters in Omaha.

Their visit fortunately coincided with the Board's Annual Spring Meeting, so all of the Board Members who were present got to meet the Danish Food Executives and share a little wienerbrød, coffee and punch with them, as well as news and reminiscences from Denmark.

Axel Skelbeck, Past Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, was present, as well as Fred Jensen, President of Lodge 195, Omaha, and his wife. After a brief welcoming address by Einar Danielsen, DB President, the slide program, "Solvang, U.S.A." was shown, followed by the singing of both the Danish and American national anthems and then refreshments.

The Danish delegation, who were touring the midwest to visit packing plants, supermarkets and feed lots in the area, wrote after their return to Denmark to thank the Danish Brotherhood for their kind "velkommen" and warm hospitality.



Pictured here is Board Secretary, George Jacobsen, showing some of the visitors from Denmark through National Headquarters.

Wanted--Help in Making Danish Folk Costumes

The National Board of Officers has nodded preliminary approval of an idea for the 1975 National Convention in Denver that should be lots of fun for all the delegates and their wives.

This idea is to ask everyone to show up for one day's session in Danish folk costumes, then later in the day, roll up the rugs, turn on the folk dance music, and swing those partners. Instructors will be on hand to teach some of the simple steps to those who would like to learn the Danish Folk Dances.

Sound like fun? It could turn out to be an every-year event, and almost certainly would draw the interest of our younger members.

One big question must be answered first — is there anyone among our readers who could help others make a Danish Folk Costume? If you have an idea how to make one, or can share your own pattern, photographs, or even if you can just describe a costume, we'll put an artist to work and illustrate these patterns in the American Dane magazine so others can make one, then share in the fun.

Wouldn't it provide you with a deep sense of pride and happiness to see someone else wearing a costume that was made indirectly possible because of you? Please send your ideas, patterns, photographs, or sketches in care of the editor. We'll send a free Viking Ship kit to the person submitting the most complete plan.

Danish Queen Names Two New Consuls

The Danish Consulate General in Chicago has the pleasure to announce that Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe the Second of Denmark, by Royal Decree has decided to elevate the Danish Vice Consulate in Des Moines, Iowa, to a Consulate with a district comprising the State of Iowa and at the same time has appointed Mr. William Wimer as Royal Danish Consul in Des Moines.

Consul Wimer has been recognized as Danish Consul by the U.S. Department of State on January 22, 1974.

Consul Wimer was installed as Consul by the Consul General of Denmark in Chicago, Ambassador, Frederik de Jonquieres, on April 5, 1974.

The address of the Royal Danish Consulate in Des Moines, Iowa, is: 400 Central National Bank Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, telephone: (515) 244-4201.

The Danish Consulate General in Chicago has the pleasure to announce that Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe the Second of Denmark, by Royal Decree has decided to establish an honorary Danish Consulate in Milwaukee and at the same time has appointed Mr. Mogens Løngreen as Danish Consul in Milwaukee with a district comprising the State of Wisconsin.

Consul Mogens Løngreen has been recognized as Danish Consul by the U.S. Department of State on March 13, 1974.

The address of the Royal Danish Consulate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be: 9015 W. Maple Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53214, telephone: (414) 476-3630.



ANNOUNCING Third Annual National Essay Contest

Contest Rules

1. Entrants must qualify in one of two age categories: (A) those 15 and under as of June 30, 1974, or (B) those 16 and over as of June 30, 1974.
2. Duplicate prizes will be awarded in both categories.
3. Entrants must be a member of the Danish Brotherhood or be related to a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.
4. Subject of the essay in each category must be: "Why is it Important to Share our Danish heritage with Americans of Other Ancestry?"
5. Essays must not be more than 300 words in length.
6. Your name, address, phone, age, birthdate and number of lodge or number of lodge where relative is a member must be written on a separate sheet of paper attached to the entry. Also include name of DB relative if applicable.
7. Essays should be typewritten. If this is not possible they must be written legibly, in ink, on one side of paper only.
8. All entries must be sent to "Essay Contest, National Headquarters, Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131."
9. All entries must be accompanied by a black and white photo of author, head and shoulders only, measuring at least 2 x 3 inches.
10. Contest begins April 1, 1974, and all entries must be in by July 1, 1974.
11. Winners will be announced and their pictures and essays published in the September issue of the Danish Brotherhood magazine.
12. Winners will receive these prizes: First Place — a \$100 Savings Bond and one authentic Danish Coat of Arms of your choice. Second Place — a \$25 Savings Bond and one authentic Danish Coat of Arms of your choice. Third Place — One authentic Danish Coat of Arms of your choice.

Our Lodges in Action

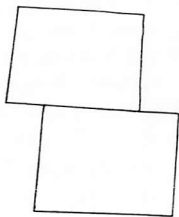
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There will be a get-together on Friday night at the motel, meetings, banquet, installation and dancing on Saturday, and tentative plans are being made for a breakfast at D.B. Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street.

Special entertainment is planned for the children. Rates for rooms are: \$15.00 for one bed in room; \$20.00 for two beds in room; More details in July issue of the American Dane. Plan your vacation around these dates; surely you don't want to miss this 50th Anniversary. Come and celebrate with us.

I can't close this without mentioning Dorothy and Eivind Pedersen's 10th Anniversary party out at Vennelyst Park for about 140 friends. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Dorothy and Eivind are both members of D.B. Lodge No. 1. Thank you both for a lovely evening.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.



Colorado-Wyoming

Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colo. — The April 19 Banquet and Dancing Party held at the American Legion honored our 60, 50 and 25-year members of the lodge. It was in every way a big success as the attendance was good, the sirloin steak dinner delicious and the facilities and music excellent.

Members honored at this event were Carl Johnsen and Niels Nielsen — 60 years; Adolph Hansen, Walter Krogh, Alfred Miller, Al Johnsen and William Rasmussen — 50 years; and Harry Nelsen — 25 years.

We were honored by the attendance of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Forselius, Royal Consul of Finland, and Mr. and Mrs. Hans T. Nielsen, Royal Consul of Denmark. We also enjoyed the company of Mrs. Helen Ronlov, President of Ellen Lodge No. 21 of the Danish Sisterhood.

This writer and his wife, Marie, were very pleasantly surprised with a Meritorious Service Award and a beautiful bouquet of red roses. We are thankful to you all.



Honored members at No. 43's Awards Meeting: Left to right: Carl Johnson; Adolph Hansen; Walter Krogh; and Harry Nelsen. Svend Sonderup is at far right.

The next regular business meeting of the lodge will be held June 4 at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Post. It will be an open meeting, so please bring your wife, or friend, or a prospective member. After the meeting, social gathering.

From your National Convention City in 1975.

Svend Sonderup, Secretary.



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

G.C.E.L. CONVENTION

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia — As most of you know by now, Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, will host the upcoming 50th Convention of the Eastern Lodges.

We have begun our plans and preparation to make sure nothing will be lacking for the enjoyment of our delegates and guests.

Plans have already been made to use the facilities of the "Alpine Inn" in Springfield, Pa., for lodging, banquet and breakfast.

We will be sending out further information and will be publicizing the coming convention from time to time by letters to delegates and lodges.

Plan now to visit our convention over Labor Day weekend.

**Fleming Hinrichsen, General Chairman,
George Clausen, Correspondent.**

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — Our Spring dance, held on May 4, was a success. Many people attended and the roast beef was delicious. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. The oldest member of our lodge, Anders Hansen, and his wife, were there. We saw many new faces — mostly young people.

Barry Edmonds was elected delegate to the convention, and Art Sorensen, alternate. Anyone interested in going should call Eleane Sorensen or Barbara Larsen for bus reservations. Our annual picnic will be held on June 23 at Art Sorensen's place. Hope to see you there. The affair begins at 12 Noon.

Norman Edmonds, Secretary.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N.J. — Following a short meeting Friday, May 10, Ladies Night was held. Thomas Eliassen played his accordion and coffee and cake was served.

17, has been a member for 50 years. Brother Hans is now residing in Florida, is a past president of our lodge, was very active while living in New Jersey, held a number of positions within the lodge, and served on many committees. Brother Sigurd Holme, also a resident of Florida, has promised to present Brother Hans with his 50-year pin. We in Lodge No. 116 are grateful to Brother Sigurd.

Election of a new by-law committee took place at our April meeting. The following brothers will serve on that committee for the next four years, with one of them to be elected delegate to the National Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado, in September, 1975: Paul Ifversen,

Svend Sorensen, Carl Torp, Janes Brochu, Knud Fobian and Leif Larsen. Delegate and alternate delegate to represent our lodge at G.C.E.L. Convention in Philadelphia over the Labor Day weekend were also elected. They are Brother Paul Ifversen, delegate; Brother Svend Sorensen, alternate delegate.

Viggo Nielsen, Secretary.

Long Island Lodge, No. 325 — Every year the Long Island Lodge No. 325 sponsors a 250 Dollar scholarship to some deserving student at Dana College. This year the scholarship was divided evenly between Jan Mogensen, Westbury, N.Y. and Paul Johnson, Carnegie, Penn. On the picture you see Dr. Mezoff, President of Dana College, presenting the scholarship check to Paul Johnson.

Jan's photo has already appeared in the magazine.



William Steffensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — May brings Mother Nature into full bloom. Most important, however, is Mother's Day. I would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes to all the beautiful ladies in and associated with the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Joseph Janco, President.

A new Law Committee was voted in at our April meeting. A delegate will now be selected for the National Convention which will be held in Denver next year. Flemming Hinrichsen is our delegate for the G.C.E.L. convention to be held this coming Labor Day weekend.

Welcome home to Elizabeth Christiansen. She has been three weeks in Denmark. Ellen and Jacob Ravn left for Denmark on April 17. Bent Bush-Petersen left April 4, for a business trip to Russia, Poland and Rumania. Thereafter, he will be vacationing in Denmark for a week. On May 25, the members are going on a fishing trip. After a light breakfast at Kay's Bakery in Ocean City, it will be off to the sea in wooden ships like the old Vikings.

Folk Fair — For the third time, our lodge sponsored an exhibit booth at the Folk Fair in Philadelphia at the Civic Center. It was our way of bringing Danish Culture to Philadelphians and to meet new Danes. Ours was one of the nicest booths on the exhibit floor. My thanks and all the credit goes to those who helped.

George Clausen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N.Y. — At our last meeting, held on April 3, the Secretary read a letter from Don Eversoll explaining the position of the magazine in regards to the "Lest We Forget" column in American Dane magazine, in which he promised to do what was best for the membership. Olin Yanchler and George Christensen were nominated to attend the convention in Philadelphia, Sept. and 2.

On April 17 a Birthday Dinner was served by Nina and Gerda Christensen for four brothers. The brothers provided the snaps and pastry. Everything was fine.

The Secretary read a letter from the headquarters on the admission of members without taking any life insurance. Doing this might cause the Lodge to lose its tax exempt status. It was recommended that the mandatory insurance requirements not be changed.

On April 20, our lodge celebrated its 70th Anniversary at the Elk's Club. We had a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 and at 7:30 a delicious roast pork dinner was served.

The President bid all the guests welcome. Brother George Severson was master of ceremonies.

At the meeting held on May 1, a report on the Law Committee was given by the secretary. At the first meeting in June, we will have election of the Law Committee.

Chris Biering, Secretary.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I. — Our last regular meeting was a spirited one with several members discussing pro's and con's for the betterment of the lodge. We'll have to wait to see the results of these discussions.

Meanwhile, nominations and elections of the delegate and alternate to the G.C.E.L. convention in Philadelphia, Labor Day weekend, took place. Brother Jan Braumann was elected delegate and Brother William Guldhauge, alternate.

Carl W. Sorensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 164, New York, N.Y. — On April 20, our lodge celebrated it's 71st Anniversary with a homemade luncheon. Many thanks go to all there who were responsible for putting together such a fine table. We enjoyed pickled herring, rødbeder, sylte, leverpostej, home-made Swedish meatballs, various cheeses and smoked eel. This was topped with akvavit, beer and coffee. Brother Knud Petersen led us in singing Danish songs and we were entertained by the delightful music of the accordian played by Olaf Larsen, a good friend of Modersmaalet. Thereafter, we had dancing, and it was an altogether wonderful day. Brother George Godthaab addressed our lodge and it was filled with a lot of Brotherhood Spirit.

Robert Rasmussen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325 Nassau County, N.Y. — The May 10 meeting was the last meeting at which smorgasbord will be served. During summer, coffee and cake will be served. Gordon Nielsen was initiated at this meeting and square dancing was enjoyed by all. At our April meeting, a slide program, "Solvang U.S.A." was presented. Many people attended and we all enjoyed it. Some of us had never seen "talking slides."

Soren Christensen was elected delegate to the Metuchen Home after Harold Jorgensen moved to Denmark.

The jackpot is now worth \$35. Gunner Elgaard was not present when his name was drawn and you have to be present to win — so you really can't afford to stay home from the meetings.

Bill Steffensen, Correspondent.

JUNE ASSESSMENT

Number 900

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.



Michigan, Ohio

Report of Michigan-Ohio District Convention — On May 4, Ludington Lodge No. 51 hosted the annual Michigan-Ohio District Convention. There were twenty delegates representing five different lodges in attendance along with Svend Sonderup, who represented the National Board.

Host Lodge President, Bill Smith, opened the Convention with a few welcoming remarks and then turned the meeting over to District President, Ken Johnson. The usual business was taken care of and then Brother Sonderup talked about the National Board's



New Officers of Mich-Ohio District, 1974-75. Left to Right: Werner Walther, Installing Escort; Svend Sonderup, Installing Officer; Howard Hansen, Alternate Officer; Manus Norton, Treasurer; Bob Sorensen, Secretary; Paul Worden, Vice-President; Clayton Hansen, President; Ken Johnson, Past President.

efforts to improve the Brotherhood, after which he asked for comments and also suggestions from the member lodges. We also heard a few words from John Dressler, who explained some of the insurance and promotional benefits available to the Brothers.

The following Brothers were elected to office for the next year. Clayton Hansen, President, Paul Worden, Vice President, Manus Norton, Treasurer, Robert Sorensen, Secretary, and Howard Hansen, Alternate. They were installed by Brother Sonderup.

PLEASE NOTICE

In an article informing lodges and members of pre-convention procedures and deadline dates last month, the opening date for the 29th National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood was given as September 24, 1975 — the correct opening date is September 17, 1975.

Please change your convention calendar to make this adjustment. This adjustment will not affect the dates set for submitting Notice of Election of Delegate Forms for consideration when the Board selects delegates for the nine-man committee on laws, which remains October 17, 1974.

In the evening there was a banquet held in the Bethany Lutheran Church with approximately 150 people attending. After dinner, most everyone went across the street to the Danish Brotherhood Hall for an evening of dancing and refreshments.

We of the District wish to extend our thanks to the members of Lodge No. 51 for making this a successful convention and also a very pleasant weekend.

Robert Sorensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. — On Wednesday evening, April 3, 1974 Lodge No. 51 held their monthly business meeting in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. The meeting was conducted by President William Smith. The name of Russell Andersen was called for the jackpot, but as he was not present, the pot grows larger. President William Smith was in charge of the lunch, and we had various sweet rolls, home made pickles (by Mrs. Smith (Helen) and assorted beverages.

On Wednesday evening, April 17, 1974 we held our monthly social evening at the Danish Hall. The name of Brother Andrew Andersen was called for the jackpot, but he was not present to claim the prize, so the pot grows and grows. President William Smith was again on the lunch committee (I guess that is a fringe benefit of the presidency) this time he served open face sandwiches, home made pickles (by Helen Smith) and the beverage of your choice.

On Wednesday evening, April 24, 1974 we held our monthly Pinochle party in the Lodge Rooms of the Danish hall with Treasurer Al Garcia and Inside Guard Lars Christoffersen as a committee. Following the games, a potluck lunch was served by the committee assisted by Brother and Mrs. Frank Hansen. Prizes were also awarded to the winners.

On Saturday evening, April 27 the Bingo workers were treated to a dinner at Wally's Dining Room. The wives came along also and we had a delicious dinner of Swiss steak, fried fish with all the extras that go with it. So far we have had 25 different members volunteer to assist with the Bingo games, but we would like to encourage other members to volunteer to help us, as this is a way for the lodge to make an extra amount for the treasury. We met after the dinner and came up with several good ideas to try to perk up attendance at our meetings. Brother William Klemm volunteered to put out a monthly news letter — so watch for more activities from Lodge No. 51.

Alf Larsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — On April 10, we had our usual good turnout for the pre-meeting dinner and also we had 80 Brothers in attendance for the lodge business meeting.

President Werner Walther initiated four new brothers into the lodge at this meeting. They are: John R. Boesen, James Nelson, Randal Nelson and Jack Silcock. Past President Harold Capion welcomed them to the Brotherhood and to the lodge.

Due to the transfer of our recording secretary, Gary Jensen, to Toronto, Canada, a new recording secretary, was elected to finish out his term. Yours truly, Bob Sorensen, was given the honor of this position and was installed by Past President, Harold Capion.

A challenge was issued to our lodge by one of our brothers who currently is living in Traverse City, Michigan. The challenge came from Brother Axel Nielsen who said he would race any brother his own age on ice skates at the new ice rink in Traverse City. The bet: Loser to treat the winner and any other brothers who are present. Incidentally, Brother Axel is 88 years old. He sent a picture of himself at the dedication of the new

rink doing a turn around the ice. Oh, to be so young at heart.

Howard Hansen brought greetings to the lodge from Past Supreme President, Viggo Mickelsen, who is now residing in Florida. It was nice to hear from Viggo and all of us here in Detroit send our best to him.

In the lodge drawing, the name of Monroe Jorgensen was drawn but he was not present, so did not qualify for the pot.

On April 24, we had 50 brothers at the business meeting. We had a rather short meeting due to very little business to transact. This time the name of Carl Petter was drawn, but he was not present, so he lost out on a jackpot that is beginning to mount up to a very tidy sum.

The lodge wishes to extend our sincere sympathies to the families of two of our brothers who recently passed away. They were Knut Nielsen and Alfred Andersen.

That is all the news from Detroit for this month, see you all at the next lodge meeting.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — Well, we have had better attendance at our meetings since we have some decent weather. We are looking forward to the Michigan — Ohio convention at Ludington. I am sure everyone will have a good time.

Our chairman for the entertainment committee, Art Burkall, has been doing a fine job. I might also add so has his wife, Dee.

Our fishing party was not too good. Everyone had a good time, but the fish just didn't cooperate too well. We'll have to try again later.

We have not had a drawing for a couple of meetings, but we shall now that we are getting better turnouts.

Clayton Hansen, Secretary.



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

Vancouver, B.C. Canadians have a new editor of their official lodge organ — Brother Arne Møller.

Seattleites celebrated Queen Margrethe II of Denmark's birthday on April sixteenth with a cocktail party at the Danish Club. Over 75 members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood attended a potluck dinner on March 20. "Read the American Dane" says DB 29 President Sten Jessen. Brothers Sam Fredericksen and Svend Nielsen report a successful gala event at their Eighty Sixth Anniversary Dance.

Spokane Convention Committeemen and Committee-women "rolled out the red carpet" for the annual "gathering of the Danes" despite Expo 74, Lilac Festivals and Visits from World Leaders. Ellen, wife of Past President Ernie Wales, was elected First Vice President of the Inland Empire Women of Rotary and then a few days later, fell and fractured her ankle in three places.

Portland Danish Colony participants presented a

50-year pin to Brother Alfred Ostergaard at their 71st anniversary on April 20. Brother Oscar Oslund reports a good vacation trip to Arizona and Nevada. Past District President Sigurd Nielsen enjoyed the Worlds Fair in the Lilac City simultaneous with our Danish Brotherhood Silver Anniversary Conclave. Brother Sherman Harkson has recently had a pacemaker inserted in his heart and Past District Presidents Magnus Esrom and Peter Pihl are recuperating from recent surgery. Congratulations to Brother Timothy McCarthy, grandson of Brother Max Madsen, on receiving a DB Scholarship to study medicine at Portland State University. Welcome Aboard to new member Rene Ardon.

Tacoma Danish Members met at Past District President Henning Lindberg's home on May 4 to discuss dues, benefits, certificates, conventions and to elect a law committee. Present were Ragnor Broekner, William Mathiesen, Albert Jensen, Peter Hansen, Maurice Melgaard, Ogie Envoldsen, John Lauridsen, Chris Miller, Grant Nylander, John Moeller and the very fine Secretary Treasurer Martin Rasmussen besides our host and your scribe. A member since 1914, Brother H. P. Hansen was presented a 60-year honor pin and it is hoped that he and all the old timers will join us in our annual picnic doings at Harold Olsen's home in Gig Harbor this summer. And speaking of the elderly, eighty five year old Sister Abelona Jorgensen is presently in Washington, D.C. visiting a son.

Enumclaw Danes were represented at the District Convention of Pacific Northwest Lodges in Spokane by the Nedergards, the Riecks, the Hergerts, the Boysens and by Esther Jorgensen just back from India where she visited her son. Mothers Day was celebrated by DB 113 with special geraniums for each of the Sisters on May 11. Secretary Einar Bruhn's wife, Sister Sally, has had a heart attack and we wish her speedy recovery. Brother Jens Holm reports that the recent District Bowling Tournament was a good contest and that the Sam Frederiksen Traveling Trophy was won by Enumclaw, the Pete Pihl Travel Trophy by Seattle, and high scorers included Brothers Per Larsen, Wendell Oliver, Harold Hansen and Ed Hickenbottom.

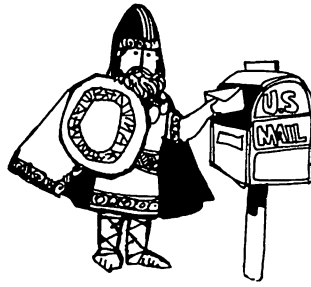
**Norbert E. Grove,
Correspondent.**

Portland Lodge, No. 167 — Timothy McCarthy receiving Certificate from President, Jim Tyger, for Scholarship awarded to him at Lodge No. 167's meeting on April 3, 1974. Tim is the Grandson of Max Madsen. He joined as a Juvenile member in January 1955 and graduated to Adult membership in February 1971. He is a student at Portland State University and is majoring in Medicine.



In the second photo are Alfred Ostergaard, Hans Junker, and William Haraldsen with President Jim Tyger, second from left, after receiving their 50-year pins and 25-year pin respectively, at the 71st Anniversary Party of D.B. Lodge No. 167 on April 20, 1974.

Our Readers Write



Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in appreciation for your kindness in printing my picture and writeup in the Danish Brotherhood magazine. We have had so many admiring it. We must say "thanks" to you.

If by chance you have any more pictures like those you sent me, I would like to have them.

When in Lincoln, please stop by and see my new addition. It's an old time kitchen cupboard like Grandma used to have with glass doors, but it's only about two feet tall.

**Otto Petersen,
Lincoln, Nebr.**

Dear Editor:

I need help in translating two books about my grandfather.

One book has 190 pages, 4½"x7", and was written in 1860. The other book has 127 pages, and is also 4½"x7".

Maybe you can tell me of someone in the New Jersey area who would help me out with the translation.

I have moved here from California to be near our daughter but Iowa is where I spent most of my life.

**W. E. Kerr
Green Valley Apts., #A-1
Grant Avenue
Somerdale, N.J. 08083.**

Gentlemen:

My husband is a Past President of Lodge No. 116, Newark, and I am a Past President of the Sisterhood Lodge No. 84, Newark, of which Millie Sorensen was a member (and a good friend).

I would like to order four of the Viking ships for our grandchildren.

We lived in Springfield, New Jersey until 11 years ago when we moved to Denmark to retire. We are, however, still members of the D.B.S. and D.S.S.

The new magazine is a very big improvement over the old one.

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Hans Nielsen,
[Florence Nielsen]**

Dear Editor:

During a recent Lodge meeting it was moved and carried that the Secretary write to the editor and express on behalf of the Lodge the appreciation and THANKS for the splendid magazine. Our publication has never looked better and the content is of great interest for our membership as well as for the public. Congratulations!!

**Henning Jensen,
Secretary.**

WHAT REALLY IS A FATHER?

By Paul Harvey

A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.
A father is a thing that growls when it feels good... and laughs very loud when it's scared half to death.
A father is sometimes accused of giving too much time to his business when the little ones are growing up.

That's partly fear, too.

Fathers are much more easily frightened than mothers.

A father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in a child's eyes.

He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks... never quite the man his son believes him to be... and this worries him, sometimes.

So he works too hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him.

A father is a thing that gets very angry when the first school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be.

He scolds his son... though he knows it's the teacher's fault.

A father is a thing that goes away to war, sometimes...

And learns to swear and shoot and spit through his teeth and would run the other way except that this war is part of his only important job in life... which is making the world better for his child than it has been for him.

Fathers grow old faster than people.

Because they, in other wars, have to stand at the train station and wave goodbye to the uniform that climbs aboard...

And while mothers can cry where it shows...

Fathers have to stand there and beam outside... and die inside.

Fathers have very stout hearts, so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what's inside.

Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough... so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybods.

Fathers fight dragons... almost daily.

They hurry away from the breakfast table...

Off to the arena which is sometimes called an office or a workshop...

There, with calloused, practiced hands they tackle the dragon with three heads...

Weariness, Work, and Monotony.

And they never quite win the fight but they never give up.

Knights in shining armor...

Fathers in shiny trousers... there's little difference...

As they march away to work each workday.

Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who'll live the longest.

Though they know the odds they keep right on betting...

Even as the odds get higher and higher... they keep right on betting... more and more.

And one day they lose.

But fathers enjoy an earthly immortality... and the bet's paid off to the part of him he leaves behind.

I don't know... where fathers go... when they die.

But I've an idea that after a good rest... wherever it is... he won't be happy unless there's work to do.

He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children he bore...

He'll be busy there, too... repairing the stairs... oiling the gates... improving the streets... smoothing the way.

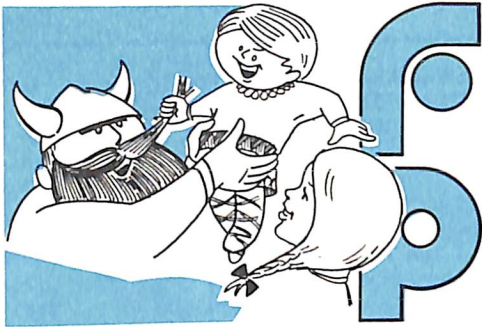
[ABC network]

My brother is away at college. When he was home for a visit, he was working on a paper about the Declaration of Independence for his English comp class, since it's almost time for the Bicentennial. He found out how the Declaration was published in newspapers in the American colonies, but just could not find out if it was published in European papers. I would like to show him I can find this out even if he can't. Can you help?
—E.P., South Bend.

News traveled slowly in those pre-teletype days. On Sept. 2, 1776, a daily Denmark paper, the Berlingske Tidende, became the first and only paper to print the full text of the Declaration. At that time in Europe, it was called the "declaration of independence of the United Colonies."

(Reprinted from Southbend, Ind. Tribune.)





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Q. I've heard that there are hundreds of companies that sell life insurance in the U.S. What advantages do we have as a Danish family for buying life insurance from Danish Brotherhood?

A. **FIRST**, Danish Brotherhood's new program offers more than regular life insurance — we have a variety of financial programs that include retirement income, education for children, mortgage and debt cancellation, family income and protection for the whole family.

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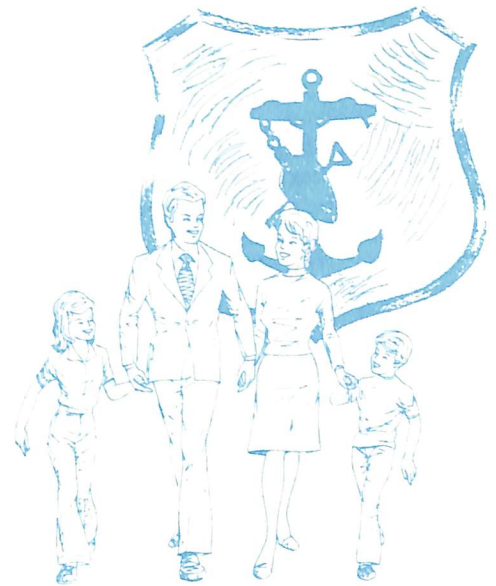
1. The safety and security of Danish Brotherhood is unexcelled. The ratio of assets to liabilities is \$152.47 for D.B.A. compared to \$105.90 for the average of the twenty-five largest U.S. insurance companies.

2. Danish Brotherhood was organized in 1882. It is in the top 10 per cent of all U.S. life companies measured by years of service and has recently widened its portfolio of benefits both financial and fraternal.

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4. Your dollars invested in one of the Brotherhood's financial contracts make possible the outstanding Danish heritage programs sponsored by the National Headquarters. Double duty dollars provide both financial and brotherhood benefits.

5. A recent comparison of Danish Brotherhood's low rates were made with a dozen of the largest commercial and fraternal life insurers. Only one organization had a rate as low as the Brotherhood. (A copy of this study will be sent upon request.)



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Age	Retirement Values at 65		Income 10 Years Certain	Annual Premium	
	Cash Values + Dividends*	Gain [+] Loss [-]		Male	Female
25	\$11,627	\$+5,539	\$111.74	\$152.20	\$147.20
30	10,120	+3,911	97.25	177.40	171.40
35	8,688	+2,382	83.49	210.20	200.20
40	7,302	+ 982	70.17	252.80	235.80
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*Includes Dividends accumulated at 5%, on current scale. Not guaranteed.

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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
Apr. 6	Hans P. Fredericksen	75	New Haven, Conn.	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1917
Apr. 5	Anker Jorgensen	85	Kradberg	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1921
Apr. 4	Jens C. Jensen	85	Randers, Denmark	111	Austin, Minnesota	1913
Feb. 13	Laurits Petersen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1926
Mar. 28	Carl Herman Olsen	79	Valley, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1929
Apr. 7	Walter C. Pedersen	70	Denmark	334	Geneva, New York	1952
Apr. 12	Otto Jackobsen	82	Aalborg, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1917
Apr. 14	Christian N. Jensen	80	Fredericia, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1922
Jan. 20	Christ G. Christensen	90	Jylland, Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1906
Apr. 20	Augustinus Jensen	88	Grundsted, Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1911
Apr. 5	Aage Gribkov	71	Cozad, Nebraska	268	Junction City, Oregon	1946
Mar. 23	Lester Brenteson	67	Big Lake, Minn.	283	Dagmar, Montana	1944
Apr. 16	Alfred Johnson	80	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1913
Apr. 4	Peder Chr. Back	85	Aalborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1910
Jan. 15	Ludvig S. Hansen	89	Nostved, Denmark	65	Duluth, Minnesota	1906
Apr. 23	Morris Sorensen	83	Odense, Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1938
Apr. 8	Louis Dyrlyund	84	Racine, Wis.	301	Akron, Ohio	1921
Apr. 26	Aksel Jensen	71	Vejle, Denmark	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1932
Apr. 4	Marinus Diksen	79	Ose, Denmark	42	Spokane, Washington	1929
Apr. 21	Lauridts Sorensen	88	Aarhus, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1913
Apr. 27	Hans Peter Johnsen	81	Cordova, Neb.	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1923
Mar. 20	Ouren Coulter	68	Oklahoma	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1973
Feb. 9	George Nielsen	70	Marinette, Wisconsin	73	Alden, Minnesota	1904
Apr. 28	Martin Miller	82	Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1971
Apr. 11	Hanna Petersen	82	Elkhorn, Iowa	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1962
July 4, '73	Fred Petersen	92	Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1948
Sept. '73	Christian Winther	72	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1970
Mar. 30	Fred L. Hansen	93	Fano, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1930
Mar. 24	Henry A. Thompson	79	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1947
Feb. 28	Carl S. Nielsen	76	Smidie, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1937
Feb. 25	Carrie Langeland	82	Spring Valley, S.D.	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1972
Feb. 21	Elly Olsen	74	Germany	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1963
Feb. 13	Soren M. Sorensen	78	Norre Nebel, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1952
Jan. 31	Paul P. Hansen	78	Hillerod, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1967
Jan. 24	Marie Krestensen	83	Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1968
Feb. 7	Marie Christiansen	85	Ferndale, Calif.	230	Arcata, California	1969
Feb. 16	Hans G. Jorgensen	89	Odense, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1949

The only reason Americans don't own more elephants is that they have never been offered one for a dollar down and a dollar a week.

Two cannibals were chatting over lunch. One said, "You know, I just can't stand my mother-in-law."

"Forget about her," the other replied. "Just eat the noodles!"

They sell so much horsemeat at a certain butcher shop that they've changed their grades from prime and choice to win, place and show.

If you drink a quart of milk a day for 1200 months you'll be 100 years old.

A neurotic is a person who suffers from causes for which there is no known disease.

If necessity is the mother of invention, how come all this unnecessary stuff gets invented.

One day an Indian came into a bank in Oklahoma and asked to see the president. He wanted to inquire about a loan.

"Me want \$200," he told the bank president.

"And what security have you?"

"Got 200 horses."

This seemed sufficient security and the loan was made. A short while afterward the Indian came back with \$2,200 in cash, paid off the note and started to leave with the rest of the money in his pocket.


"Why not let me take care of that money for you?" asked the banker.

Looking the banker straight in the eye, the Indian asked, "How many horses you got?"

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8 cups cooked, diced potatoes
1 cup diced cucumber
½ cup minced onion
¾ tsp. celery seeds
Salt
White Pepper
4 hardboiled eggs, diced
1½ cups sour cream
1 cup mayonnaise
¼ cup vinegar

1 tsp. dry mustard
Combine the potatoes, eggs, cucumber, onion, celery seeds, salt and pepper. Toss lightly.
Combine sour cream, mayonnaise, vinegar and mustard. Mix well. Add to potato mix and toss lightly.
Let stand at least 1 hour before serving. Garnish with chives, parsley, paprika or strips of pimento — or with anything of distinctive flavor and bright color.

Franz says, 'No drug or drink problems in Denmark'

(Continued from page 7)

I had to ask Franz what he thought of the current craze of "streaking."

He thought a minute, then said, "I don't know. I'm not sure they would do it at home, because it's a little too 'popular' and there's too much of this crowd idea. Like if you can just get enough people excited, then you can get them to do anything. But, well, in Denmark we just don't have many student demonstrations, at least not the kind where anyone would get hurt, or the police would drag anyone in. Like at Kent State — it was an accident, I'm sure, but it was a tragic accident and it shouldn't happen. For one thing, the police officers don't carry guns at home. That's very good, I think, because carrying guns is actually a provocation to the people."

Are there gun laws in Denmark?

"Oh, it's almost impossible to buy a gun in Denmark," said Franz. "You can buy them underground on the docks in Copenhagen, but they're very hard to get. In fact, two years ago they passed a stricter gun law, and they declared an Amnesty Month where anyone who had weapons, like a lot of people had them from World War II, could go and turn them in and no questions asked."

He said that even the criminals in Denmark were against guns and that the incidence of armed violence in the commission of crimes is almost non-existent. "Even bank robbers use toy guns," Franz said.

When I asked Franz what he thought about drugs and if there was a drug problem in Denmark, he replied, "I would like to know more about drugs — what they can do to you. I believe the use of drugs is much more over here. At home, when drugs are used, it's almost always hashish." He then volunteered, "There is a lot more drinking in Denmark. Lots of people are almost taught to drink... it's something you get at your lunch table from the time you are small — beer."

Is there an alcoholism problem in Denmark?

"I wouldn't say so — people are not drunks. They drink when they eat, and much slower. They drink more than maybe a lot of people. We are second to France in the consumption of alcohol, per capita, but I wouldn't say we have a large amount of alcoholism."

Franz said that only about one Dane in five owns a car, but that almost everyone has a bicycle, and that the very small motor bikes are becoming very popular. He said that you could purchase the small motor bikes when you are only 15, without a license, all you have to do is insure them for \$5.00 a year. Gasoline costs about \$1.50 per gallon in Denmark.

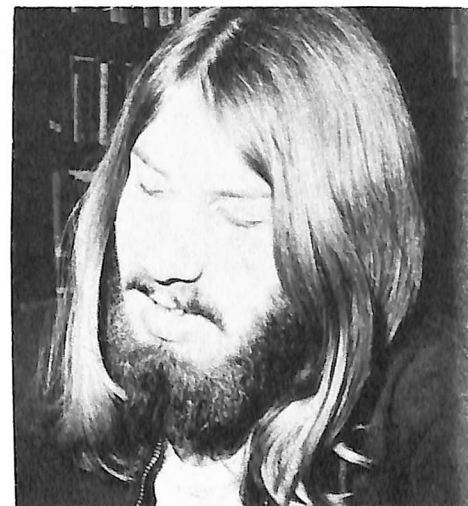
Franz would like to see Denmark "get a little closer to our Scandinavian brothers and sisters." He also allowed that this would require everyone shifting a little, politically.

There are 1,200 foreign students going

to schools in the U.S. this year through the A.F.S. program, 70 of them from Denmark. Franz knew of a Danish boy in Grinnell, Iowa and a Danish girl in Adel, Iowa. There are, of course, many more going to schools here under private grants and other programs.

The A.F.S. Program offers an excellent opportunity for students of all nations to get to know and understand each other better.

If you would like to write to Franz, he would be glad to hear from you. Please address your letters to Franz Etzerodt, % American Dane, Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska, 68131. Your letters will be forwarded to him.



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Interest Conference To Meet June 28-30

BY THORVALD HANSEN

If one were to construct a kind of organizational geneology chart he would note that there is a direct line between the church founded by Danish Lutherans in America in 1872 and the Danish Interest Conference of today.

A divisive period of some years, followed by a schism in 1894, left the Danish Lutherans fragmented, but that fragmentation eventually resolved itself into two groups. One of these was the Danish Lutheran Church in America. In 1953 this group took the name, The American Evangelical Lutheran Church, or, popularly, the AELC. Ten years later, when mergers that formed the Lutheran Church in America became effective, the AELC ceased to exist as a separate entity. However, within the structure of the Lutheran Church in America, provision was made for establishing organizations having a particular ethnic or linguistic background. It was thus that the Danish Interest Conference came into being.

Since that time the conference has met every two years and has been active in giving attention to matters that pertain to the background and heritage of Danes in America. At its biennial meeting in the fall of 1972, the conference took the lead in the observance of the centennial of the Danish Lutheran Church in America.

While the Danish Interest Conference has most of its roots in the AELC and has a theological background that is oriented toward the views of the Danish bishop, N.F.S. Grundtvig, it is by no means exclusively Grundtvigian. All who have an interest in the Danish-American heritage, or whatever orientation, are welcome to attend and take part in the meetings.

From its inception, the conference has been responsible for the publication of the bi-monthly and bilingual paper, "Kirke og Folk." Actually, "Kirke og Folk" was established by the AELC as its Danish language organ, but since the merger it has been carried on by the conference as a bilingual endeavor. Aply edited by Dr. Johannes Knudsen, the paper had become a prime medium for the dissemination of articles and items of interest to those of a Danish-American background. The paper knows no geographical, theological or ideological barriers and subscriptions from all quarters are welcome.

One recent project of the conference was the publication of a recording, in the English language, of well-known translations of nineteen Danish-American hymns and songs. Called "A World of Song," because the numbers recorded were taken from the songbook of that name, the recording was made by the Grand View College singers. At this writing the supply of records is virtually sold out.

The conference will meet again this summer at Grand View College in Des Moines. The specific dates are June 28-30. The program this year centers on the Danish-American heritage with particular emphasis on its relevance to our own time. In a time of accelerating interest in ethnic studies, the heritage and the contributions of the Danish immigrant deserve more than a simply nostalgic consideration.

For a detailed program of the meeting or to register in advance write to: Prof. Thorvald Hansen, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa 50316.