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In an effort to keep our local lodges informed of new lodge programs, services and ideas available from the Home Office, the Fraternal Department has developed a monthly newsletter, "Viking Adventures", which is being sent to lodge presidents, secretaries and treasurers (and entertainment chairmen, where we have their names).

We hope your lodge will try some of the "programs" outlined in "Viking Adventures". If your lodge has presented a unique and successful program, we'd like to hear about it so it can be shared with other lodges.

Pick up a copy of "Viking Adventures" from your lodge officers, or notify us to put you on the mailing list and you'll see that the D.B. really is "dedicated to providing better fraternal service to our members."

Don Eversoll

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The objects of the Brotherhood are to: (1.) Encourage its members in their fidelity to the constitution and laws of the country, in which they live, whether it be the United States of America, Denmark or the Dominion of Canada. (2.) Perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America. (3.) Render aid to its members and their dependents whenever illness, disability or death may befall its members or their dependents. (4.) Assist unemployed members in securing employment. (5.) Provide and maintain a fund for the payment of such sums, as may be stipulated by law, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries of every insured member or person. Rules governing the administration and maintenance of the insurance fund are prescribed in the by-laws of this society. (6.) Conduct its affairs, as a fraternal benefit society, in the manner of the subordinate lodge system.

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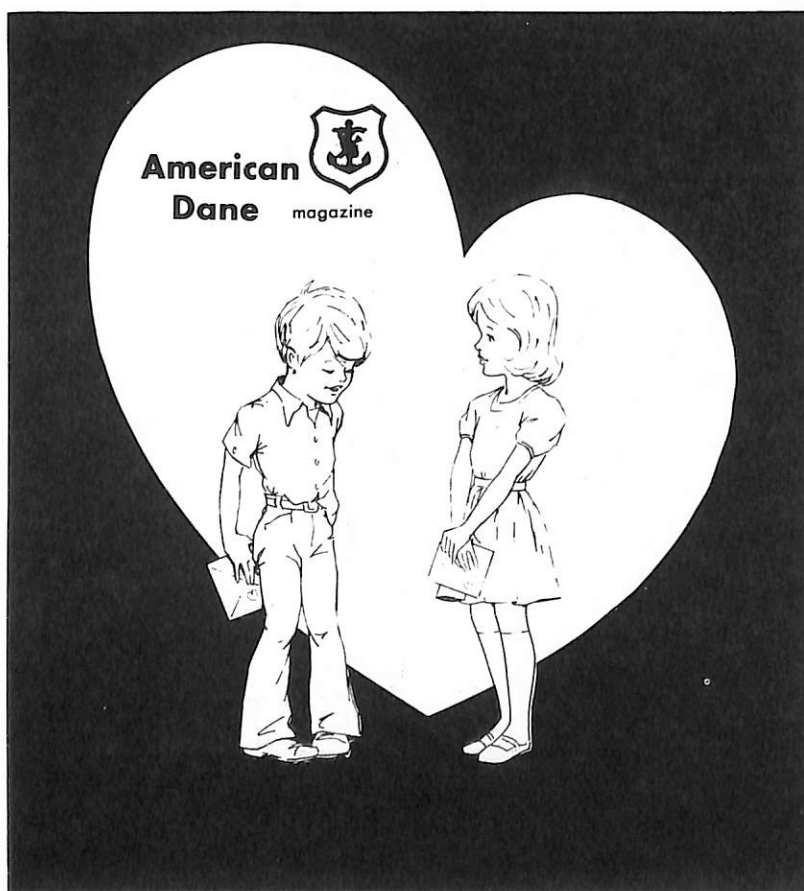


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Valentine's Day, February 14, is the holiday for happy hearts and particularly young lovers. The little boy on the cover is hoping Cupid's arrow will fly straight and true to the heart of the little Miss whose affection he hopes to win.

Midwest Flight Open To All DB Members

The Midwest District is pleased to sponsor a charter flight to Copenhagen, Denmark from Chicago, Illinois. The flight will depart Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on June 18, 1975 and return on July 15, 1975. The carrier will be Finnair and we will fly in a DC-8. There are 185 seats available.

According to federal regulations, all persons who have been members of the Danish Brotherhood for a period of more than six months, their wives/husbands, dependent children and parents **who live in the same household** are eligible to participate in the flight. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

The price per ticket is expected to be approximately \$375 for adults and approximately \$275 for children between the ages of two and twelve inclusive. Infants under the age of two who do not occupy a seat travel free. Ages are as of the date of departure (6/18/75). Prices are subject to change due to conditions beyond the control of the committee. The per seat price is a pro rata share of the total charter cost, and is subject to increase or decrease depending on the number of participants. All participants are responsible for their own transportation arrangements and costs (both air and ground) to and from O'Hare Airport and in Europe. The estimated prices include only the round trip air transportation between Chicago O'Hare and Copenhagen.

Requests for reservations should be sent to Ricardo Nelson Travel, 5245 North Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. 60640. Attn: Palle Juul Larsen, telephone (313) 561-2435. All reservations must include a \$100 deposit. The balance is due 45 days prior to departure (5/5/75).

Information required to be submitted includes:

- . Name of participant
- . address and telephone number
- . date joined the Danish Brotherhood or
- . relationship to the Danish Brotherhood member and the date he/she joined
- . name and address of the member relative if he/she will not participate in the charter flight

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We have had a number of successful charters to Denmark and look forward to another great trip home. Because of problems in obtaining confirmation of an airplane, we have a very short time period to work with. Send your reservations in early and spend the summer in Denmark. Travel in Denmark, and in the other countries of Europe is unlikely to ever be more economical. Let's do it now! We may never have another opportunity.

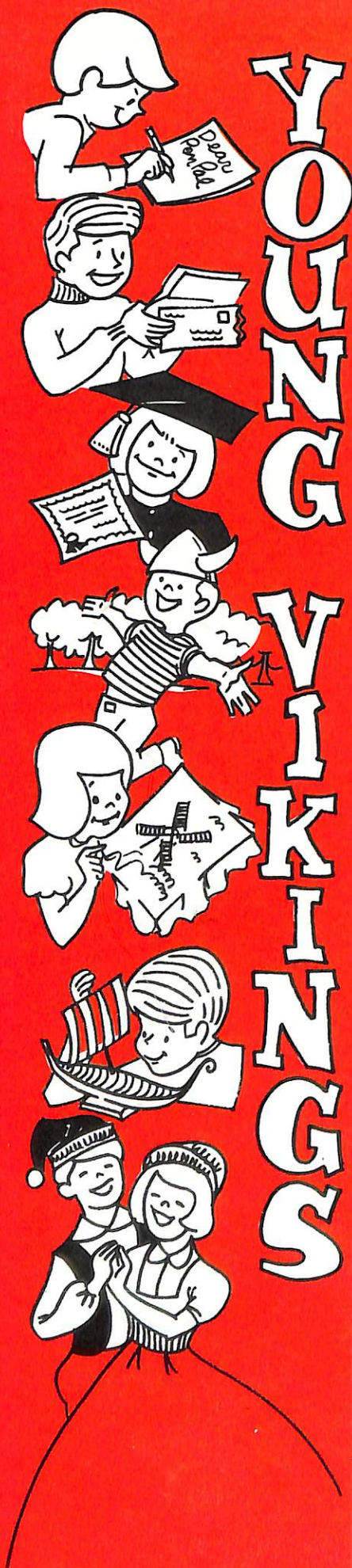
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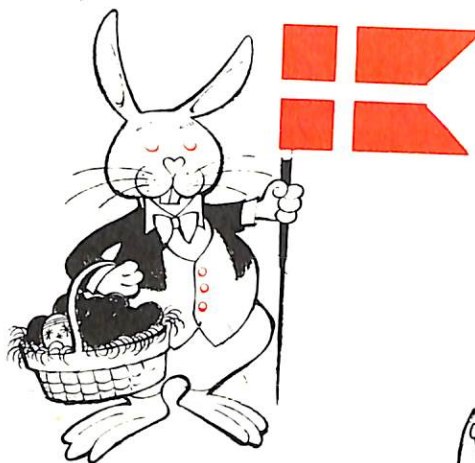
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Let the whole world know "Danes Have More Fun". Give one to a friend and let him be "Dane For A Day". Or try the "Kiss Me, I'm Danish" sticker — it just might work. Please use coupon on page 4 to order.





Danish Easter Eggs



Easter is just around the corner, and a really neat way to decorate some of the Easter eggs at your house is with Danish stickers...make a "Paaskedag" basket for your grandparents full of Danish goodies and Easter eggs decorated with Danish stickers...give a "Kiss Me — I'm Danish" egg to your boyfriend...or leave a "Danes Have More Fun" egg at your neighbors.

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WORDS TO LIVE BY

GEORGE WASHINGTON

1732-1799

First President Of The United States

Elected 1788

"Father Of Our Country"



"The consideration that human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected, will always continue to prompt me to promote the former by inculcating the practice of the latter."

"Religion and morality lead to political prosperity."

"I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."

"Friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation."

"While just government protects all in their religious rites, true religion affords government its surest support."

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace."

"Labor to keep alive in your heart that little spark of celestial fire called conscience."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

1809-1865

Sixteenth President of the United States

Elected 1860

"The Great Emancipator"



"Let us at all times remember that all Americans are brothers of a common country and should dwell together in bonds of fraternal feeling."

"I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be."

"I claim not to have controlled events, but confess plainly that events have controlled me."

"Our defense is in the spirit which prized liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands everywhere."

"If you look for the bad in people expecting to find it, you surely will."

"And having thus chosen our course without guile and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God and go forward without fear and with manly hearts."

"Let not him who is homeless pull down the house of another; but let him labor diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built."

"Folks who have no vices have very few virtues."

The lives of great men serve to guide and inspire those of us who accept the call to leadership. We have selected the above quotations from the lives of two great Americans because they exemplify the intrinsic fraternal goals we ourselves strive to achieve.

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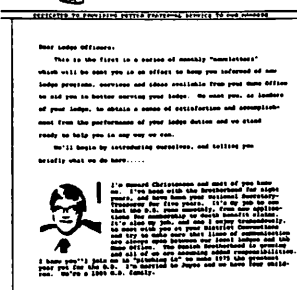
Beginning this month, your lodge officers will receive a monthly newsletter, "Viking Adventures," from the Home Office Fraternal Department.

Contained in this newsletter, among other things, will be new lodge program ideas for entertaining, fun, family-type programs.

For instance, for March have a Fastelavns Party. Have the kids come in costume (Halloween costumes are fine) and play new versions of the old Danish games — Cat-In-A-Barrel, Riding at the Ring, etc. Complete plans and details will be in the newsletter.

All presidents, secretaries, treasurers and entertainment chairmen (where possible) will be provided this publication free of charge. Anyone else who would like to receive it may do so by notifying the Home Office that they would like to be put on the mailing list.

Make this year the year you attend, and participate in, your local lodge meetings. You'll be glad you did.



Total cost for four weeks in beautiful Scandinavia is \$895.00, plus personal expenditures.

The Institute is directed by Norman Nordstrand, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, at Wayne State, former U.S. Cultural attache' to Norway, and director of the United States Information Service in Denmark.

A limited number of spaces are still available. If you are interested in participating in the Institute, please write Dean Norman Nordstrand or Dr. Ed Elliott, c/o Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska 68787. Deadline for all applications is March 1, 1975.

Souvenir Convention Booklet Now Accepting Photos and Ads

The Steering Committee for the 29th National Convention in Denver, Colorado, September 17, 1975, announces that they are now accepting advertising for the souvenir program.

This is your opportunity to support the National Convention and to have your lodge, club, fraternal organization, business, etc., recognized in the nicest possible way. Members are also invited to extend personal "Greetings" through the souvenir program.

We also invite and urge every delegate and alternate to provide us with a black and white photo, plus your name, address, occupation, location of your lodge and lodge number. The cost is only \$15.00 per person.

The prices for advertising are as follows: Full page ad — \$150.00; half page ad — \$75.00; quarter page ad — \$40.00; eighth page ad — \$25.00; personal "greetings" from members — \$5.00.

All ads must be in our hands before May 1, 1975. Make checks payable to D.B.S. 1975 National Convention Committee, and send ads and checks to Russell G. Overgard, 950 Everett Street, Denver, Colo. 80215.

Svend A. Sonderup, Chairman,
National Convention Steering Committee.

Wayne Will Sponsor Scandinavian Institute

Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, has announced plans for the Fifth Annual Nebraska-Scandinavian Institute to be held in the Scandinavian countries during July, 1975. Danish Brotherhood members and their relatives and friends have been invited by the college to participate in this unique experience in international living.

The program is open to students, teachers or others who may simply wish to audit the program's offerings. A feature of the project will be a tour through Denmark, to Aslo and Bergen, Norway, and through the magnificent fjords in that country's "Vestland."

Academic headquarters will be at the Lolland Folk High School in Sollestad, Lolland. Tours to various sights of historical and educational interest supplement courses and lectures. The faculty is composed of prominent speakers from the Scandinavian world of public affairs and the academic community. Lectures highlight all areas of the historical and contemporary lives of these social democracies.

The group will depart for Copenhagen on or about June 30, 1975, and return approximately July 27, 1975.

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Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — On January 8, the brothers and sisters held a joint installation. We had members from Bridgeport, Hartford and Rhode Island. It was a very pleasant evening. The sisters had sandwiches, coffee and cake ready after the meeting and initiation and a good time was had by all.

The annual codfish dinner will be held on our regular meeting night, Wednesday, March 12. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are a must — for reservations call Marinus Bjarno at 239-0878.

On March 8 we will have our spring dance. There will be a social hour from 8:00 p.m. Ted Novak will be playing. Tickets are \$4.75 per person and will be sold at the door. This will be held in Apollo Hall on Sherman Avenue.

For reservations to the Sisterhood banquet and dance at Grasso Hill Lodge on April 12, call Marian Sorensen at 795-5841.

Chris Simonsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 41, Derby, Conn. — Lodge No. 41's 85th anniversary banquet and dance will be held on May 17. For reservations call: Aksel Nongart, 929-3954; Henrik Bundgaard, 929-1371 or Chris Andersen, 735-0251.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I. — On December 8, at our annual Christmas party, Miss Ellen Nielsen tap-danced her way into the hearts of those present. Thank you very much, Ellen. Among our guests were

Our Lodges in Action

Danish LCDR E. H. Bengtsen, his wife and two children. He is studying at the Naval College in Newport, R. I. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Hartvig and family from Attleboro, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Levesque and family from W. Warwick, R. I. There were also two foreign exchange students, one from Holland and the other from Denmark. Both are attending school in West Warwick.

Our president, Herb Nelson, is now home and getting along fine after ear surgery, and Sister Edith Rasmussen has been in the hospital for knee surgery.

Carl Sorensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N.J. — The picture at right features Brother Axel Hansen, on the left, who was presented with his 50-year service pin by his brother, George Hansen, on the right. In the center is Secretary Bob Reed, who is presenting a plaque (made by him) to Brother Axel commemorating his many years of loyal service to Lodge No. 90 and the Danish Brotherhood in America.



Even though Christmas, 1974 is behind us, we want



you to know one of the worthy happenings that go on in Lodge No. 90. Pictured at left is Secretary, Bob Reed, with gifts for children from members of Lodge No. 90. Each year at Christmas time, Bob goes to the post office and requests letters they have received from needy children addressed to Santa Claus. Then he selects the neediest of these children and Lodge No. 90 buys gifts for these children, which Bob delivers. Bob says, "many of

us do not know and realize how these children react to receiving such gifts. Most of the youngsters do not have Christmas as such, and are most grateful."

There is a lot of food for thought here and, who knows, you may also want to undertake such a program and give yourself a lift.

May you all have a good year in 1975.

Chris Nielsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N.J. — At our meeting held Friday, January 10, we will have a joint installation with Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 84. There will be three new brothers installed. After the initiation and installation, there will be dancing, coffee and cake will be served, and setups of ice and soda will be provided by the lodge. We hope to continue getting new members. There are already members, but it takes more than members to run a lodge.

Viggo Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — At our last meeting, a new member, Kresten Sorensen, was initiated, bringing our total of new members joining in 1974 to 15.

We have received donations to our printing fund from Theodore Tjader, Mr. and Mrs. Foss Munksgaard, Henry Bogelund, John Lindberg, Niels Mou, Carl Ingeholm, Emily Moldrup, Henrietta Hale and Gunner Froelick. Thanks everyone.

Want to be a real Viking and take part in the Bicentennial festivities in 1976? Join the Leif Ericson Society. Contact President Ivar Christensen, the RMA Building, 11 South Olive St., Media, Pa. 19063. Annual dues are \$2, less if your name is Leif Ericson.

George Clausen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, N.Y. — At our meetings in January, Teddy and Millie Peterson and Ann Kargaard and Viggo Schonberg are in charge of the smorgasbord. After the meeting and dinner, we will have a game of bingo. There will be some nice prizes for the winners.

Our Christmas party had a good turnout, with more than 100 present. A good time was had by all.

Brother Jack Svendsen has been in the hospital for some tests, and Jorgen Endler is doing fine after open-heart surgery. We are looking forward to seeing both brothers at our meetings soon.

Chess and Stamp Exchange — Back to Square One. Three awards are waiting for the completion of the chess tournament. We urge all players to complete their games to qualify for one of the prizes. Bring your chess set. Stamp collectors are invited to exchange and trade.

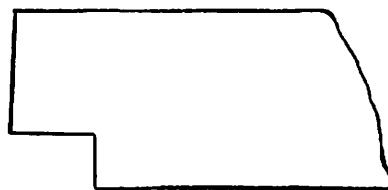
Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 334, Geneva, N.Y. — The annual Christmas party of Lodge No. 334 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 172 was held on the evening of December 15, with a large attendance of brothers and sisters and running, dancing and screaming children and grandchildren. Brother Andy Christensen was present with his new addition from Texas, with her mother, for the holidays. There were several almost strange faces present — brothers we had not seen for some time. Good to see you brothers and families. The dinner for the event was home-baked ham and many old Danish dishes, which we all enjoyed very

much. We did miss the families of our departed brothers, Walter Pedersen and Ernest Larsen.

Plans are now being made for our annual banquet, which will be held at the Geneva Rod and Gun Club, on Saturday, April 12. Anyone interested in coming should contact Arthur Christensen, 479 Castle Street, Geneva, N.Y., 14456, Phone (315)-789-7749.

Arthur Christensen, Secretary



Nebraska

Lodge No. 206, Blair, Nebr. — Nearly 70 members and guests of the Blair lodge celebrated Christmas December 16. The party was held in the local Grange Hall which is serving as temporary meeting place for the lodge. Included in the festivities was a potluck supper featuring various Danish side dishes and desserts as well as American food. Hams were served by the lodge which were prepared at the Fiesta Grande Restaurant.

Following the meal, members were entertained by the "Four Winds," a barbershop quartet based at Dana College. Greg Witte, one of the "Winds" and the lodge's delegate to the upcoming Brotherhood National Convention, then lead the group in singing several Christmas carols.

A treat for the little ones was the reading of two Hans Christian Andersen Christmas tales, read by Doug Bro and lodge president John Nielsen. A special thanks to all those involved in planning the party, especially Larry Knudsen, who proved to be a right jolly old elf, mistaking his laundry bag for his toy sack.

The lodge is looking forward to the new year. Its size has nearly doubled since reorganizing September 17, 1974. Membership has jumped from 41 to 80 paid members in just the last four months. All of us in Blair want to wish every Brotherhood member a Happy New Year!

Doug Bro, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebr. — Because of bad weather on December 14, our regular meeting and Christmas party was postponed until December 28. At the meeting, officers of the past year were re-elected for the year 1975.

Lincoln Lodge No. 84 will be sending Bud Outz as our delegate to the National Convention in September. Marie Block is the alternate delegate. A nice time was had by all at our Christmas party, exchanging gifts, drawing for door prizes, and playing bingo. Wishing all a very Happy New Year from Lodge No. 84.

Marie Block, Secretary

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr. — Our annual Christmas party, which was held jointly with the Danish American Club, was a great success. There were about 70 children and 80 adults present. First, the JADA girls sang several Danish Christmas songs, including a new one. It always amazes me how quickly the girls learn the words — they had had only two practice sessions on the new one. There was dancing around the Christmas tree to music by Margaret Larsen. Then the big moment came when

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MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM



"It's Working" is a phrase which 365 members will say accurately describes our new Membership Recognition Program in the Danish Brotherhood. That's how many of our members have accumulated points toward cash prizes, handsome plaques and the free trip to Denmark.

Twenty D.B. members went beyond the common call of duty to accumulate enough points to win the "Booster

Award," in the first year of our program, and one member, Larry Knudsen of Lodge 206, Blair, Nebraska, won both the "Booster Award" and the "Meritorious Service Award" for his efforts in helping to revitalize Lodge No. 206. Larry now has 71 points for recommending 26 insured and 19 social members, and is well on his way to winning the "Distinguished Service Award" and, ultimately, the trip to Denmark.

Several lodges had three "Booster Award" winners. They are: Lodge No 17, Chicago — Alan Andersen, Faye Christensen and Richard H. Christensen. Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy — Peter Christensen, George Ferdinand- sen and Hardvig Mathiasen. Lodge No. 206, Blair — Larry Knudsen, Elna Petersen and Paul Strand. Lodge No. 211, Grand Island — Paul Larsen, Julius Thomsen and Jay Petersen.

Congratulations to all the award winners and to every member who is working to increase our lodge membership. Call the D.B. representative in your area and recommend someone you know for membership.

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Points
Albertsen, Ellen	172	Philadelphia	1
Albrechtsen, Anders	34	Dwight	8
Alderman, Betty	211	Grand Island	2
Andersen, Alan	17	Chicago	19
Andersen, Alvin L.	4	Racine	4
Andersen, Benjamin F.	67	Fresno	2
Andersen, Floyd	161	Ruskin	4
Andersen, Susanne	17	Chicago	1
Andersen, William G.	14	Kenosha	4
Andersen, William L.	242	Erie	2
Anderson, Bob	4	Racine	1
Anderson, Glen R.	600	Omaha	6
Anderson, Jeffrey	4	Racine	2
Andreasen, Genevieve	34	Dwight	6
Andreasen, Leo	34	Dwight	2
Axelsen, Lydia	10	Council Bluffs	2
Baggott, Birgit	325	Nassau County	2
Bang, Aage	328	Vancouver	1
Bay, Clifford S.	273	Dillon	15
Bech, John	42	Spokane	2
Bendixen, Eva	326	West Branch	3
Bentzen, Edmund	170	Rocky River	1
Behrens, Bud	75	Albert Lea	1
Berkhardt, Rudolph	14	Kenosha	6
Bertell, C.C.	227	Detroit	1
Bilgrav, Albert W.	46	Perth Amboy	2
Birkholm, Sidney	299	Solvang	1
Bodtker, Joen N.	268	Junction City	1
Boyd, Donald R., Sr.	227	Detroit	2
Brems, Christian	46	Perth Amboy	5
Bruhn, Ove	328	Vancouver	2
Buckhave, Robert	227	Detroit	1
Bracker, Edward	10	Council Bluffs	4
Bundesen, Jess P.	36	Milwaukee	1
Burkall, Arthur M.	30	Muskegon	4
Cherney, John H.	329	Long Beach	10
Christensen, Arthur	334	Geneva	2
Christensen, Faye	17	Chicago	20
Christensen, John	1	Omaha	2
Christensen, John	225	Canton	8
Christensen, Marvin	217	Humboldt	1
Christensen, Nis	299	Solvang	2
Christensen, Peter	46	Perth Amboy	14
Christensen, Richard H.	17	Chicago	10
Christiansen, John	225	Canton	1
Christiansen, Niels	323	Monterey Park	2
Clausen, George	172	Philadelphia	6
Clausen, Richard E.	227	Detroit	2
Cloud, Marion	294	Barre	2
Collin, Bent	42	Spokane	2
Conradsen, Per B.	339	Las Vegas	2
Cook, Lucille	167	Portland	1
Covelle, Viva	329		
Dalley, Nielsen S.	227		
Danielsen, Carl	182		
Danielsen, Delmar	144		
Danielsen, Einar	92		
Danielsen, Vernon	92		
Dansholt, Einar	4		
Davidson, Leonard	1		
Dons, Hans	273		
Duffin, Clarence	14		
Edmonds, Barry	32		
Edmonds, Norman	32		
Edwards, Lorraine	329		
Elster, Christian	167		
Ericksen, Jens P.	4		
Ericson, Olaf	126		
Ervin, Leila	172		
Fahl, Lawrence R.	167		
Farber, Herman	46		
Farrup, Gerda	164		
Ferdinandson, G.W.	46		
Fitzgerald, Kenneth	299		
Fournais, Soren	4		
Frederiksen, George	263		
Frederiksen, Sam	29		
Freeberg, Jan	1		
Germansen, Peter M.	126		
Gerrity, April	339		
Grunberg, E. A.	10		
Hahn, Terry	34		
Hansen, Arol D.	263		
Hansen, Clayton	30		
Hansen, Dorteia	126		
Hansen, Erik	84		
Hansen, Frances	1		
Hansen, Hans K.	49		
Hansen, Howard	227		
Hansen, John	143		
Hansen, Jorgen I.	299		
Hansen, Kenneth	14		
Hansen, Leif S.	170		
Hansen, Svend A.	325		
Harmsen, Alice	1		
Hedegaard, Mel	1		
Hegedus, Alice	600		
Heiser, Harold E., Sr.	184		
Helzer, Helga	211		
Hempel, Mogens	172		
Hess, Harvey, Jr.	4		
Hinrichsen, Flemming	172		
Hoj, Jens	45		
Holme, Carl C.	116		
Ibsen, Robert	14		
Isserstedt, Arthur H.	15		
Long Beach	1		
Detroit	2		
Waukegan	1		
Dike	2		
St. Charles	8		
St. Charles	1		
Racine	2		
Omaha	1		
Dillon	2		
Kenosha	2		
New Haven	7		
New Haven	2		
Long Beach	1		
Portland	1		
Racine	2		
Los Angeles	3		
Philadelphia	4		
Portland	2		
Perth Amboy	3		
New York	1		
Perth Amboy	21		
Solvang	4		
Racine	2		
Askov	2		
Seattle	1		
Omaha	2		
Los Angeles	2		
Las Vegas	2		
Council Bluffs	10		
Dwight	2		
Askov	2		
Muskegon	2		
Los Angeles	2		
Lincoln	4		
Omaha	6		
San Francisco	1		
Detroit	7		
Petaluma	2		
Solvang	1		
Kenosha	3		
Rocky River	2		
Nassau County	1		
Omaha	3		
Omaha	2		
Omaha	2		
Hayward	4		
Grand Island	1		
Philadelphia	10		
Racine	3		
Philadelphia	8		
Minneapolis	2		
Newark	2		
Kenosha	7		
Des Moines	2		

Jacobsen, Anton	139	Viborg	7	Melgaard, Marius	242	Erie	1
Jacobsen, Birgit	325	Nassau County	2	Midgard, Herluf	227	Detroit	1
Jacobsen, Elmer	211	Grand Island	4	Mikkelsen, Elsa	337	Fremont	2
Jacobsen, Herman	257	St. Petersburg	1	Mikkelsen, Helga	600	Omaha	1
Jacobsen, James P.	211	Grand Island	1	Minard, Keith	70	Greenville	2
Jaeger, Arthur G.	268	Junction City	2	Minard, Vern	70	Greenville	4
Janco, Joseph G.	172	Philadelphia	2	Mohnsen, Robert	126	Los Angeles	2
Janssen, Larry S.	4	Racine	2	Morch, Hanne E.	325	Nassau County	4
Jensen, Aage W.K.	29	Seattle	2	Nedergaard, N.	113	Enumclaw	3
Jensen, Arnold	500	Wood Dale	3	Nelson, Harvey C.	227	Detroit	2
Jensen, Carl F.S.	126	Los Angeles	2	Nelson, Irvin L.	16	Minden	2
Jensen, Chris	34	Dwight	1	Nelson, William G.	14	Kenosha	2
Jensen, Earl G.	51	Ludington	2	Neve, Lela	206	Blair	2
Jensen, Elmer W., Sr.	257	St. Petersburg	7	Nielsen, Benny	126	Los Angeles	5
Jensen, Hans P.	167	Portland	2	Nielsen, Christian	107	Chicago	4
Jensen, Harold	211	Grand Island	2	Nielsen, Erik	17	Chicago	2
Jensen, Henning	49	San Francisco	2	Nielsen, Harold C.	283	Dagmar	2
Jensen, Jack M.	172	Philadelphia	5	Nielsen, Irwin R.	34	Dwight	12
Jensen, James	261	Fowler	2	Nielsen, John Mark	206	Blair	1
Jensen, Jan Burnhardt	700	Omaha	2	Nielsen, Morris	283	Dagmar	2
Jensen, Julius	161	Ruskin	2	Nielsen, Viggo	116	Newark	2
Jensen, Mark E.	71	Penn Yan	1	Nissen, John	172	Philadelphia	2
Jensen, Metha	34	Dwight	7	Oakley, Jack D.	113	Enumclaw	2
Jensen, Richard	261	Fowler	6	Olesen, Chris	1	Omaha	1
Jensen, W. S.	46	Perth Amboy	2	Olesen, George	172	Philadelphia	4
Jessen, Sten P.	29	Seattle	3	Olesen, Linda	172	Philadelphia	2
Johnson, Janice	1	Omaha	1	Olsen, Helen	206	Blair	4
Johnson, Kenneth Lee	51	Ludington	4	Olsen, Jens	328	Vancouver	1
Johnson, Rick	299	Solvang	3	Olsen, Leo	144	Dike	2
Jones, Bob	329	Long Beach	4	Pagel, Phillip	206	Blair	1
Jones, Clinton	16	Minden	2	Paludan, Katherine	1	Omaha	4
Jorgensen, Eric	322	Santa Barbara	2	Pedersen, Anton	110	Winside	2
Jorgensen, Esther A.	139	Viborg	2	Pedersen, Georg	257	St. Petersburg	5
Jorgensen, H.H.	144	Dike	1	Pedersen, Herluf	328	Vancouver	1
Jorgensen, Karna	600	Omaha	2	Pedersen, Knud H.	164	New York	2
Justesen, Eric	75	Albert Lea	4	Pedersen, Otto W.	227	Detroit	3
Kasputis, Charles	14	Kenosha	3	Pedersen, Vagn L.	182	Waukegan	2
Kirkegaard, Peter	182	Waukegan	2	Pedersen, Walter	217	Humboldt	21
Klitz, Borge	328	Vancouver	1	Petersen, Byron	263	Askov	3
Knudsen, Harry J.	30	Muskegon	1	Petersen, Carl	117	Plainview	2
Knudsen, Larry	206	Blair	71	Petersen, Carl L.	182	Waukegan	6
Kramme, Thorvald	17	Chicago	1	Petersen, Elna	206	Blair	10
Kreidke, Harvey E.	227	Detroit	2	Petersen, Fred	268	Junction City	2
Krogh, Chris	1	Omaha	2	Petersen, Hans	326	West Branch	4
Kusk, Walter	92	St. Charles	5	Petersen, Harold A.	242	Erie	1
Lampe, John E.	242	Erie	2	Petersen, Harold R.	14	Kenosha	5
Langstead, James B.	29	Seattle	2	Petersen, Howard	3	Davenport	2
LaPointe, Arthur	17	Chicago	1	Petersen, Jay	211	Grand Island	12
Larsen, Edward C.	51	Ludington	10	Petersen, Julia	206	Blair	4
Larsen, Effie	1	Omaha	1	Petersen, Laurits	182	Waukegan	1
Larsen, Einer	4	Racine	2	Petersen, Magnus	110	Winside	2
Larsen, Hans C.	4	Racine	2	Petersen, M.B.	172	Philadelphia	1
Larsen, Harold	227	Detroit	1	Petersen, Martin M., Jr.	14	Kenosha	2
Larsen, Paul	211	Grand Island	16	Petersen, Ralph A.	14	Kenosha	2
Larsen, Peder	17	Chicago	6	Petersen, Roger H.	206	Blair	6
Larsen, Swen E.	227	Detroit	2	Pihl, Melvin P.	167	Portland	2
Lassiter, Bob	299	Solvang	7	Plugge, Ellenora	206	Blair	3
Lauritsen, Alice	211	Grand Island	1	Raahauge, Erik H.	4	Racine	2
Lauritsen, James L.	34	Dwight	3	Rafaelle, Albert	227	Detroit	4
Laursen, Leif T.	227	Detroit	2	Rasmussen, Elmer	206	Blair	2
Laursen, Maxwell	211	Grand Island	2	Rasmussen, Holger	238	Juhl	10
Learmont, Kenneth	14	Kenosha	4	Rasmussen, Jacob	62	Sioux City	2
Lee, William T.	14	Kenosha	4	Redder, Oscar	299	Solvang	2
Leese, Edmund	263	Askov	2	Reed, Jutta	339	Las Vegas	5
Levison, Arnold	75	Albert Lea	2	Reinhardt, Edwin	257	St. Petersburg	1
Lister, Arthur J.	51	Ludington	2	Saaybe, Howard I.	332	Ripon	2
Lorentzen, Gerhardt	182	Waukegan	2	Schou, Hilda	34	Dwight	2
Lund, Harold O.	34	Dwight	4	Schouw, Carl	92	St. Charles	2
Madsen, C.C.	206	Blair	1	Schuler, Laura	230	Arcata	2
Madsen, Charles P.*Jr.	14	Kenosha	7	Seerup, Oscar C.	34	Dwight	4
Madsen, Einar	301	Akron	9	Sloth, Gordon	144	Dike	4
Madsen, Gunnar	227	Detroit	1	Smedegaard, Hans B.	4	Racine	2
Mahler, Fred	184	Hayward	1	Sonderup, Svend	43	Denver	4
Marcussen, Viggo	182	Waukegan	2	Sorensen, Edward	600	Omaha	2
Mathiasen, Hardvig	46	Perth Amboy	17	Sorensen, Einer	14	Kenosha	2
Mathiasen, Harold	126	Los Angeles	8	Sorensen, Gilbert	283	Dagmar	4
McBride, Ellen S.	16	Minden	2	Sorensen, Gordon J.	4	Racine	9
McKinley, Robert	10	Council Bluffs	4	Sorensen, John	75	Albert Lea	1
McMahon, Richard A.	242	Erie	4	Sorensen, Lloyd	283	Dagmar	2
McNeil, Signe A.	184	Hayward	2	Sorensen, Roger	14	Kenosha	1
Meier, William H.	16	Minden	2	Sorensen, Vernon E.	700	Omaha	2

Days I'll Always Remember

by SORENS K. PETERSEN

MINING TOWN "JUSTICE"

Since all construction work in Chicago had stopped on account of the strike, through an ad in the "News" I obtained a carpenter's job from Zeigler Leiter, an American tycoon who owned an entire county in southern Illinois, with soft coal a few feet below the surface, where he planned to build a town to house the miners. While building the houses my partner and I boarded with a Georgia Cracker, who wore the stickiest clothes and had the filthiest tobacco-stained beard ever. He furnished accommodations for twelve persons in a rented seven-room hovel. All our meals consisted of sowbelly, corn-bread, potatoes and molasses; and the meals were preceded by a long, windy prayer by the Cracker, with a song at the end of the meal by his two pipe-smoking daughters whose favorite and oft-repeated song was "Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine."

When the houses, more like shacks,

were finished, the town was called Zeigler and encircled by a 10 foot iron fence with armed guards stationed at each entrance.

Non-Union miners were employed who paid high rent for the shacks and Park Avenue prices for their groceries in the Company's store. This town later became a bloody battleground between Company guards and Union miners.

Early on the day before Christmas, my partner and I decided we had had enough sowbelly and high prices and left for Chicago. Before leaving we went to the Company store where my partner bought a pair of overalls, a cap for himself and one for me. When he offered to pay for his purchases, the clerk said, "We're not allowed to handle money here, you're not better than anyone else; you'll find the price in your monthly bill." This is a scheme most used in mining towns where there's only one store and a worker can get credit up to the amount he has earned.

We went outside the gate to board the train for St. Louis, which consisted of a new coach and a locomotive. Mr. Leiter had recently had the line constructed, which ran from somewhere in Kentucky to St. Louis. Only one other passenger entered the coach. I learned later that he was Zeigler Leiter's son Joseph who created financial chaos in the U.S. when he cornered the wheat market in Chicago in 1898.

About noontime the train stopped at the Village of Owl Creek and two large men with revolvers hanging from their belts entered the coach. As I sat by the door, one of them asked me "Is your name Hansen?" I said no and pointed to Hansen. He motioned to Hansen and said "Come on boys you're under arrest." I said "May I ask you why?" He said "All right smarty for defrauding the Company store at Zeigler, and you," pointing at Hansen, "skipping your board bill."

We got off the train and they walked us down to the end of town, stopping at a long building built out of logs. We entered the building through a massive-built door, into a large room containing four bunks, four chairs, a table and cook stove. The room had only one door and one window which was heavily barred. Without saying a word they closed the door and left.

Right before dark, one of the Marshals entered and said, "Come on boys we're going to the court." The Court was in the schoolhouse; the Judge rapped the Court to order and asked the Marshal, "What's the charge?" When told, he said, "I'm sorry, I can only pass judgment on misdemeanor cases, this is a criminal

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HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Managing Editor.

Our Lodges in Action

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Santa appeared with a big sack of goodies. Refreshments were served first to the children, then to the adults.

The New Year came into Omaha with very sad news. Anna Olsen passed away on January 8. Chris and Anna were, without a doubt, one of the best-liked couples here. We will all miss Anna, and to Chris, our condolences in your sorrow.

1974 was a good year for No. 1, having taken in many new members. 1975 started with installation of officers for 1975. Brother Axel Skelbeck was installing officer, with Brother Earl Hansen and Chris Larsen as conductors. Brother Axel did the installation in his usual fine manner. A lovely lunch was served by several of our ladies.

At our social meeting on January 21, we will have a speaker from the police department who will speak about protecting our homes. This is something we all worry about, so this should be a very enlightening program.

Our annual anniversary banquet will be held on Saturday, February 8, at the Legion Hall in Ralston. There are several other "get togethers" in the planning stages, but more about that later.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.



Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois (Midwest)

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — Two more members joined us in December to round out a banner year in membership — Manard Larsen and Brian Skowronski. Brian was transferred from juvenile member status on his 16th birthday. Welcome to both of you. We finished the year with 187 members and eight juveniles. We had 30 new members, one from juvenile, one transfer from Racine No. 4 and one reinstatement for a total of 33 which was just outstanding. With our recruiting program now in full swing we are shooting for 250 for next year and



Santa Claus Dick Gentner with three of his children looking on, and Anita Reed standing behind him. Santa is holding Lyle Conradsen and Erik Young, the two youngest children in attendance at the Christmas Party.



Chris Sorensen [left photo] and Peter Pahl [right photo] are pictured receiving their 50-year pins from Lodge No. 14 President Elmer Nelson at Kenosha's gala Christmas Party.

hopefully before convention time in September so let's get behind this drive and make 1975 the greatest.

I think our Christmas party was the best ever — we even kept the band a half hour more because everyone was having such a good time. Thanks to all of you who donated door prizes and the committee for your help. It was nice to have Peter Pahl and Chris Sorensen and their families with us as they both received their 50 year pins. The Bradford High School Singers were just great and it was a wonderful evening of fun and good fellowship Danish Brotherhood style!!

Your new officers for 1975 are as follows: Past President Bill Lee, President Elmer Nelson, Vice President Gordon Andersen, Secretary Bob Ibsen, Treasurer Ron Jensen, First Trustee Charles Madsen, Second Trustee Lawrence Andersen, Third Trustee Bill Nelson, Conductor Rudy Bernhardt, Sr., Inner Guard Clarence Duffin and Outer Guard Richard Walker, Jr. Congratulations to all of these fine brothers. We are looking forward to a good year under your leadership and guidance. Under our new concept of one board of officers our trustees will be very busy with many building projects to be accomplished.

Bob Ibsen, Secretary



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. — On Wednesday evening, December 4, Lodge No. 51 held their monthly business meeting, but in addition held the annual election of officers. Elected to serve the lodge for 1975 were: Past President, William Smith; President, Anthony Kobetich; Vice President, Conrad Nelson; Secretary, Earl Jensen; Treasurer, Alvin Garcia; Conductor, Alfred Larsen; First Trustee, Alfred Seguin; Second Trustee, Carl Soneral; Third Trustee, Linton Frost; Inside Guard, Lars Christoffersen; Outer Guard, Bruce Genia; Promotional Chairman, William Smith; and Delegate to National Convention, Kenneth Johnson.

The name of Brother Edward Jepsen was called for the jack pot but as he was not present, the pot grows larger. At conclusion of the evening, a lunch of open-faced sandwiches, Danish pastry, pickles and assorted beverages was served by President William Smith.

On Tuesday evening, December 17, we held our

monthly pinocle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. Committee for the evening consisted of Inside Guard Lars Christoffersen, Treasurer Alvin Garcia, Brother Oscar Peterson, Mrs. Lena Hansen, Mrs. Ella Jeppesen, and Brother Frank Hansen and his wife, Bertha. Following the games, a potluck luncheon was served and prizes were awarded.

On Wednesday evening, December 18, we held our monthly social evening, with President William Smith again providing us with the lunch. "Get-Well" wishes go to Brother Tony Bucholtz who is at home recovering from eye surgery. A big "Thank You" to our officers for the job well done during 1974, and we wish our new officers for 1975 success in the New Year.

Earl Jensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — At our December 11 meeting we had a pretty good turnout for our election of officers for the year of 1975. We had 80 brothers in attendance. The following brothers were elected to serve Lodge No. 227 for 1975: Past President, Werner Walther; President, Paul Carlsen; Vice President, Richard Sorensen; Corresponding Secretary, Nielson Dalley; Recording Secretary, Robert Sorensen; Treasurer, Carl Hansen; Financial Secretary, Otto Pedersen; Trustees, Jim Crockett, Ken Rehan, and Chris Fabricius; Conductor, Ed Woods; Inner Guard, George Petersen; Outer Guard, Peter Lohde.

By the time you members of Lodge No. 227 read this article the officers will have been installed and working to keep our lodge the great organization that it is. You who are not officers can help them out by attending meetings and offering to help when it is needed.

Also at the December 11 meeting Brothers Larry Sheppard and Niels Andersen were re-elected to serve on our Building Board. We had the pleasure to initiate two more members into our lodge at this same meeting. They are Axel Donvig and Andrew Poulsen. Past President Howard Hansen bid the new brothers welcome to the lodge and the Brotherhood. In our lodge drawing Gilbert Carlsen missed out on a \$55.00 jack pot by not being present at the meeting. Too bad, Gilbert.

The annual Christmas party for the children was held on December 26 at the Danish Club. There were about 165 children at the party along with 140 adults which made it a good sized party and I am sure everyone had a good time. Our thanks to Brother George Petersen who played the role of Santa Claus for us this year.

A big thank you to the officers who served the lodge for the past year for their efforts and a job well done will finish the news from Lodge No. 227 for this month.

Bob Sorensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — We are pretty much settled in our meeting place at the Moose Lodge Hall in Muskegon and like it real well. We also enjoyed some tasty treats from the Danish Sisterhood, who meets on the same night as we do. We were very pleasantly surprised to be invited for coffee and lunch at our last social meeting.

Our hunters have been busy, and I understand we are going to have a rabbit supper in January. I can also report that our bowling team is improving each month.

Since time really flies, don't forget that Muskegon will have the Michigan-Ohio District Convention this year. The date is May 3. Our committee, headed by President Tom Stafford, is already working on it. Have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Clayton C. Hansen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 70, Greenville, Mich. — Another year has rolled by with a full year of activities bringing our membership to 72. There are a lot of prospects for strengthening our heritage in this area.

Another year to start with nearly all the same officers as 1974, but with new ideas to influence the entire group. Such as an oyster supper for the brothers while the sisters were having the annual Christmas party out. This was enjoyed by the men who attended. There are good cooks in the DBS as well as in the DSS. This was proven last year when Irving Lohr planned and cooked the Valentine party meal for the DSS. He proved his culinary ability again with the oyster supper.

As you know, we are in the "Festival City," and enthusiasm is already building for this year's Danish Festival.

Here's wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Vern Minard, Correspondent.



California, Nevada

Silver State Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — We recently celebrated the holiday season with a Christmas party for members and Young Vikings as well, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed. A surprise visit was made to the Young Vikings by Santa Claus, who was portrayed by Dick Gentner, a neighbor of the Reed's. Santa Claus was so well portrayed that even his younger children didn't suspect that it was their daddy! A delicious smorgasbord was served with the combined efforts of the members present.

Inge Holmes and her daughter, Melissa, left for Denmark recently to spend Christmas with her relatives, and Melvin Holmes will join them soon and they will return to Las Vegas in February.

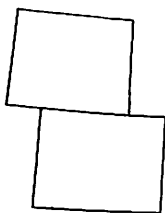
Congratulations are in order to Nancy and Per Conradsen on the birth of their baby boy, Lyle James, who was born in October, 1974.

Alice M. Pinkerton.

NOTICE

The Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood in America will hold its annual Spring Board Meeting at the Home Office in Omaha, Nebraska, on March 17, 1975.

At that time, the Nine-Man Law Committee will convene at the Home Office in Omaha, Nebraska, to consider proposals for changing and amending the laws of the Society to be voted upon at the National Convention in Denver, Colorado, September 17, 1975.



Colorado-Wyoming

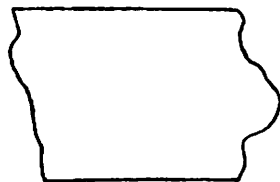
Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colo. — The annual children and adult Christmas tree party held Sunday, December 15, at the American Legion, 4500 East Alameda Avenue, Denver, was in every way a big success for the lodge. Gunnar Petersen and Lief Petersen did a fine job, leading us in the singing of Danish and American Christmas carols.

Don Peterson performed a very splendid professional magic show to the enjoyment of both the children and adults and he was indeed very good. Enoch Peterson showed us a 20-minute film of Christmas in Sweden years ago. We really appreciate the courtesy our Danish Brotherhood Lodge always have received from The Western News and its staff. The refreshments were very good and plentiful and a good time was had by all.

New educational program to start soon: Danish language class for members and persons interested in learning to speak Danish will be started as soon as we have enough people signed up to start a class. It can be set up in two classes, one for beginners, and one for people who can talk some Danish, but wish to speak it more fluently. We now have a very fine member who will be glad to teach the classes. For more information about the classes and cost, please call or write Svend A. Sonderup, 615 Ash Street, Denver, Colo. 80220, Telephone 388-2221.

The Steering Committee members for the National Convention will be notified soon for a committee meeting the last part of January, 1975.

Svend A. Sonderup, Secretary.



Iowa

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Iowa — Your correspondent was late in getting in the December news but not too late to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous new year. Our December meeting was a Christmas dinner held in the party room at the Hillcrest Restaurant, Humboldt. Forty-one members and guests were present to enjoy a delicious smorgasbord dinner. Danish background music was played through the dinner and evening. It was an informal evening, some cards were played but mostly the new members became better acquainted with one another.

Our January meeting was held Tuesday, 7 January 1975. The new officers took over their duties. They are: president, Nels Jensen; vice president, Chris Nielsen; secretary, Harold Jensen; treasurer, Vernie Faltinsen. Anna Christensen will have charge of the coffee each month and Marie Pedersen will act as correspondent.

Two members received pins, Niels Nielsen a 50 year pin and Chris Nielsen a 25 year pin. Congratulations. Thirty members were present despite the inclement weather. Following the business meeting all enjoyed a social time after which coffee was served.

A. B. Thode, Correspondent

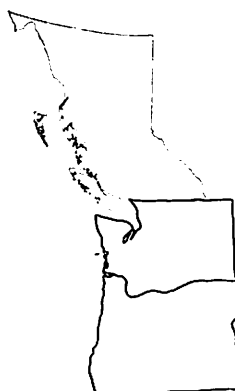
Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa — Lodge No. 144 held the regular meeting on Monday, 13 January 1975. Four new members were initiated into the lodge by President Gordon Sloth. The four new members are: Dennis Sloth, David Danielsen, Darrell Sloth and Joseph Galloway.

New officers were installed by past president Gary Andersen. Officers for 1975 are: Past President Gordon Sloth; President, Marlyn Hook; Vice President, John Craig; Secretary and Fin. Secy., Art Thode; Secretary, Harold Madsen; Conductor, Don Knudsen; Trustees — 3 year, Robert Christensen; 2 year Toby Larsen, and 1 year, Elvin Sloth; Inner Guard, Harris Jorgensen; and Outer Guard, Burge Larsen.

Our regular yearly event, the Danish Christmas tree party, held on 23 December was attended by 35 children and their parents. There was singing, dancing and refreshments for the children. Live music was furnished by Bill Banker, with dancing around the tree and the ever popular "Nu Har Vi Jul Igen". The evening was a success. Our New Year's eve party was attended by 77 brothers and sisters. A good time was had and everyone greeted the New Year 1975. Mrs. Louis Ballard presented a check at our December meeting of \$35.00 for a memorial for her late husband, brotherhood member Bill Ballard. Loyd Plaehn, father of Mrs. Ballard, also contributed \$10.00 to the memorial. This money was used to build a refreshment bar. The labor was furnished by brothers George Olsen and Rodney Thode. A plaque was installed on the bar in memory of Brother Ballard. The bar was presented at our meeting and we know that Bill Ballard will be remembered in years to come. He had been a member for eleven years, and passed away 21 October, 1974.

On 10 February 1975 our next meeting will be held and will be Oyster Stew Night. We expect a good crowd and an evening of fellowship. The lodge will be busy in 1975 getting ready for the Diamond Jubilee to be held in Dike in June.

A. B. Thode, Correspondent



Washington-Oregon

British Columbia

(Pacific Northwest)

"The Little Mermaid from the Harbor of Copenhagen will be in Portland, Ore. at our next District Convention on May 23rd in the Sheraton Hotel" so writes Publicity Chairman Helene, wife of Past District President C. Ed Hirsch of the Rose City.

Canadian Danes witnessed joint installation of their officers in DB 328 and DS 179 at the Scandia Restaurant in Vancouver, B.C. on January 10. All Danish members and their friends are invited to the Cai Paree on March 22nd for a gala anniversary observance.

Enumclaw Danes donated over \$500 this year to the Northwest Danish Home. 1975 officers were installed on January 11th. Brother Hans Sands is recuperating after the loss of one leg. Past District President Nels Nedergard and wife Rita spent the holidays in California.

Spokane Danes staged their annual Christmas party on December 21 with holiday cake, cookies, ice cream, apples, candy, pop and of course a beautiful tree and Santa Claus. On January 2, the 1975 officers were installed. Attending the National Forest Products Association meeting in New Orleans, Past President Ernie Wales and wife Ellen also visited Kansas City, Dallas and Sausalito where Brother John Wales now resides.

Seattle Danes are to be congratulated for their yearly successful effort in cooperating with their local Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program at Christmas time. Condolences are herewith extended to National Sisterhood Vice President Lillie Kain Anderson on the loss of her husband, Brother Raymond. Installation ceremonies of the new officers in DB 29 took place on January 18. Newest member to join the ranks of the Queen City Danes is Brother David L. Bondo. Brother Ib Rossen and wife Ellen were in charge of this year's children's Christmas party.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent

Brev fra Loge 318, København

For engangs skyld vil jeg skrive paa Dansk til American Dane Magazine, som jeg ved vil interessere de mange gamle Dansk-Amerikanere, der tilhører Det Danske Brodersamfund, som jo ogsaa har en Loge i København, nemlig Loge 318, som kan kaldes vores yderste Forpost i samfundet.

Loge 318 forsøger stadig ved sine Møder at bevare de gamle traditioner med Løfter vi har afgivet, og har en initiativ Bestyrelse, der forsøger at udføre dens Pligter paa bedste Maade. Vi møder to gange om Maaneden, 1ste og 3die Tirsdag. Desvaerre maa jeg sige, at vort Medlemsantal har vaeret dalende de sidste aar paa Grund af Dødsfals; vore Medlemmers gennemsnitsalder ligger omkring 65 Aar.

Den 15. Oktober afholdt Logen sin aarlige Herreaften, der blev in stor succes, hvor der blev serveret en dejlig Middag, bestaaende af Sildemad, forløren Skilpadde og Ostemad med dertil hørende Øl og Snaps. Vi har gerne tre aarlige Festaftener: Den 8. Maj, Logens Fødselsdag; Herreaften i Oktober og endelig Julestue i December Maaned. 4. Juli arrangementet er vi gaaet

bort fra paa Grund af den politiske situation. Angaaende Logens naeste Fødselsdag i 1975, da skal den fejres i den store Stil, idet Logen da kan fejre 50 Aars Jubilaeum for sin stiftelse. Festkomiteen arbejder haardt i den Forbindelse for at gøre jubilaet saa festlig som muligt. Det vil glæde Logen meget om nogen af vore Brødre derovre kunne taenke at arrangere deres paataenkte Besøg i Danmark ved den Tid, altsaa den 8. Maj. Skriv til vor Sekretaer.

Det har glædet mig meget at laese American Dane i sin ny Skikkelse, for sit alsidige Indhold. I et af de sidste Numre lagde sig saerlig Maerke til under Rubrikken "Nye Medlemmer" at der fra den lille Loge i Blair, Nebraska, var optaget 16 nye Brødre, og deraf nogle fra det kendte Dana College. Hvorfor jeg skriver dette er, at jeg for et Par aar siden saa i Magasinet, at Logen da kun havde 4 Brødre. Jeg har selv boet i Blair, arbejdede for Danish Lutheran Publishing House og boede paa Dana College. Jeg blev optaget i Logen i Aaret 1923. Det mærkelige dengang var, at de, der boede paa Dana College ikke maatte tilhøre en hemmelig Forening, ikke gaa i Biografen, eller ryge Cigaretter. Jeg besøgte Blair i 1967 og hvilken storstilet Forandring der var sket med Byen og Dana College.

Skrevet af vor Logebroder — Ib S. Eriksen
med venlig hilsen — Johs. Petersen.

Lodge No. 139, Viborg, S.D. — Some of our members have asked me to write about our Christmas party this year on December 28. We had our hall decorated and tables and a beautiful Christmas tree. The table was set for 80. We had a potluck supper with lots of good food. After supper we sang some Christmas songs. Mr. and Mrs. Soren Simonsen, who have belonged for 48 years, and are great-grandparents to Holly and Ross Knudsen, four and five years old, were all asked to stand and be recognized. Mr. and Mrs. Simonsen are the parents of No. 139's new secretary, Ruth Peterson, and Holly and Ross are her grandchildren.

Bingo was played for prizes and guessing games were played for the door prizes. After Danish folk dancing and Danish songs everybody went home feeling they'd had a great time.

Ruth Peterson, Secretary.

Bowling Tournament Begins March 15



The Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament, always a popular event, will be held again in 1975. Entry forms and a special announcement will be sent to your secretary soon, so please contact him for entry forms and contest information.

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

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

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

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

And remember to support your District tournament. Good Luck!



Fraternnal Protection

Topic: A Tax Favored Pension Plan For Everyone

Late last year, President Ford signed a far-reaching pension bill that made it possible for every individual to participate in a pension plan with some tax savings. You may be one of the 50% of the American work force not presently covered by a tax-favored retirement plan. If you are, the Danish Brotherhood may offer you a great opportunity to supplement your social security with AN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT.

ELIGIBILITY: Those who have earned income and do not now have a corporate, government, self-employed or tax sheltered annuity may initiate an I.R.A. In many cases, two adults are working in the family and only one has a pension plan. The other may save money in the new tax-favored individual retirement account.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE PREMIUMS: Although you can secure bonds, stocks, bank or trust accounts, we recommend that you first consider a D.B.I.A. endowment or retirement income plan with guaranteed life time annuity options. (Generally available to those in good health age 55 or under.) Premiums are income tax deductible up to 15% of your gross earned income to a maximum of \$1,500 per year. If neither husband or wife has a pension plan, both can secure a separate I.R.A. tax deductible plan provided they both have earned income.

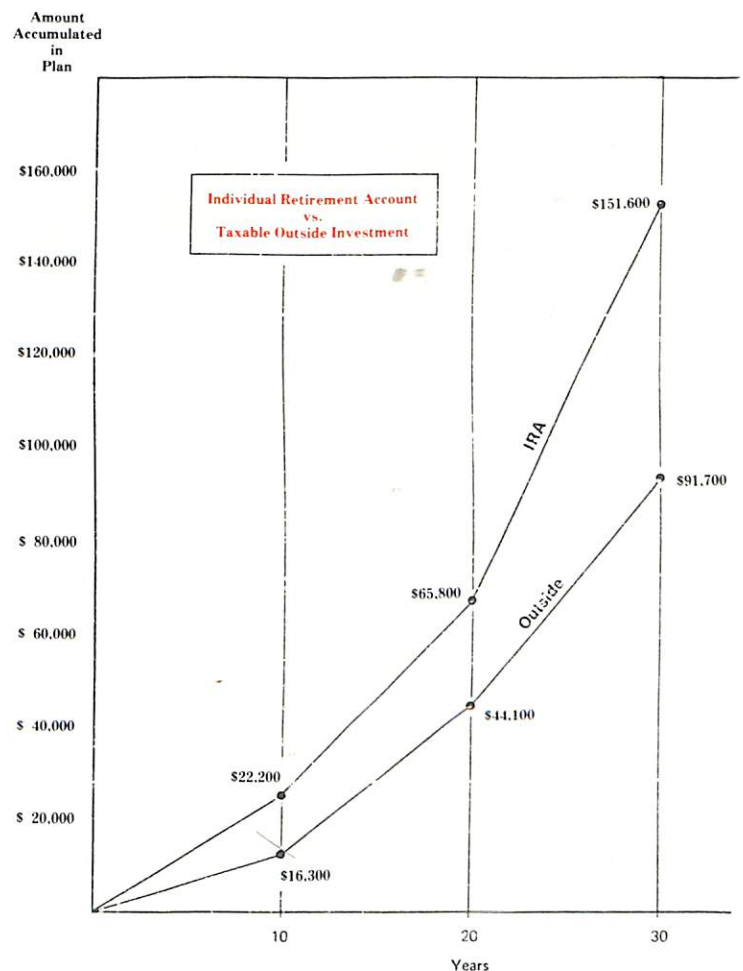
ILLUSTRATION OF MAJOR TAX ADVANTAGES: Notice the chart on this page and the funds that accumulate in the I.R.A. account tax free. The comparison shows I.R.A. accumulations for \$1,500 per year (\$151,600) as opposed to investing the same amount outside of a tax-favored account (\$91,700). Generally, the amounts received at retirement time are taxed as ordinary income — when distributed to you. Normally when you are 65 you have extra deductions and/or a lower taxable income.

There are some disadvantages if you withdraw sums from your I.R.A. account before age 59½, you pay a tax penalty. The fund must remain untouched or if you exceed the maximum contribution in any year, you may be charged a penalty tax. Both these are small prices to pay for 20% — 50% tax savings (depends on the amount of your tax bracket).

EXAMPLE: John and Mary Denmark both have jobs. John earns \$12,000 with the government and has a civil service pension plan. Mary works for a small clothing factory and receives \$10,000 a year but doesn't participate in a pension plan, except social security.

Mary can open an I.R.A. tax sheltered account with D.B.I.A. and pay a premium of \$1,500 per year (15%). John and Mary's joint tax bracket after usual deductions probably would be 30%, therefore, they would realize an income tax savings of \$450.00 per year (30% times \$1,500).

The above is only one of many examples of people who can gain by accumulating money in a Danish Brotherhood tax sheltered INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT. For professional advice or assistance contact your DBIA representative or write to the Home Office.



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Danish Kitchen

Here's a different way to serve potatoes and would make a nice accompaniment for any meat from hamburgers to roast beef — use sweet potatoes with ham or other pork.



Potato Puffs [Kartoffelboller]

2 lbs. white or sweet potatoes
Salt
1 cup flour
1 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup sesame seeds

Peel and boil potatoes. Drain and mash well.
Season with salt to taste. Mix in the flour until

the potatoes are of doughlike consistency.

With floured hands form the dough into small balls. Flatten them slightly and place a teaspoon of brown sugar on top. Form into balls again.

Roll each ball in sesame seeds and fry in deep fat, at 400 degrees, until a deep, golden brown.
Serves 6.

COMPLETED LIST OF MEMBERS WINNING MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION POINTS

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Springer, William B.	299	Solvang	3
Strand, Paul	206	Blair	10
Sweet, Arthur	30	Muskegon	1
Sykes, Rex	16	Minden	2
Thielen, R. H.	4	Racine	2
Thomsen, Armand	1	Omaha	5
Thomsen, Donald	16	Minden	2
Thomsen, Julius	211	Grand Island	17
Thomsen, Shirley	10	Council Bluffs	1
Thompson, Otto	75	Albert Lea	1
Thorgesen, Sam	92	St. Charles	1
Thuesen, Jerry V.	283	Dagmar	2
Thyrring, Jan	337	Fremont	4
Villadsen, John	184	Hayward	4
Vinther, Conny	328	Vancouver	1
Von Qualen, Keith P.	34	Dwight	2
Walker, Richard K., Sr.	14	Kenosha	4
Walther, Werner	227	Detroit	2
Walthers, E. V.	126	Los Angeles	2
Wanggaard, George K.	4	Racine	2
Weber, Peter	299	Solvang	3
Westerlund, Carval	36	Milwaukee	4
Wheat, Herbert W.	273	Dillon	1
Winther, Thorkil	17	Chicago	4
Witte, Greg	206	Blair	4
Wood, Jack F., Sr.	3	Davenport	1
Wulf, David	206	Blair	2
Yates, Larry D.	14	Kenosha	2

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Pictured above is Chris K. Bendorf, long-time member of Lodge No. 206 in Blair, Nebraska, who passed away on July 18, 1974. Chris joined the lodge in 1928 and was an active member for years. As shown in the picture, Chris was an excellent painter and his scenes of the midwest countryside brought pleasure to many who were fortunate enough to see them.

Chris was a great friend to youngsters down on their luck and his trust in them often turned their lives around. Even more than that, Chris was known for his warm sense of humor which made many friends for him wherever he went.

As the Blair lodge rejuvenates, we have to believe it does so partially because members like Chris gave it their all, when it was needed.

Chris's widow, Julia, is now a member of Lodge No. 206, and her presence is helping to preserve the Bendorf influence on D. B. fraternalism.

Lest We Forget

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

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
Dec. 10—	Harry A. Winding	64	Petaluma, California	143	Petaluma, California	1930
Nov. 30—	Ronald A. Hansen	37	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1956
Dec. 15—	Alfred O. Hansen	82	Sodderup, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1923
Dec. 16—	Chris A. Sorensen	20	Mason City, Iowa	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1969
Dec. 14—	Carl A. Hansen	81	Svendborg, Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1911
Dec. 16—	Frank Sondergaard	85	Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1914
Oct. 13—	Hans Block-Nielsen	57	Billum, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1965
Dec. 31—	Otto E. Jacobsen	74	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1923
Dec. 28—	Einar Thompson	81	Aalborg, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1920
Dec. 26—	Anthony L. Larson	80	Troy, New York	183	Troy, New York	1940
Jan. 1—	Hans Christiansen	76	Sodinge, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1947
Dec. 23—	Earl S. Jensen	56	Cotesfield, Nebraska	153	Dannevirke, Nebraska	1946
Jan. 12—	Carl Hartmann	80	Aalborg, Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1914
Dec. 31—	Ole Bakgaard	77	Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1962
Dec. 11—	Axel A. Olsen	56	Brigham City, Utah	267	Brigham City, Utah	1970
Dec. 26—	Mikael Nissen	86	Denmark	95	Ferndale, California	1955
Nov. 12—	Emanuel Andersen	84	Nasktov, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1954
Oct. 21—	Carl W. Jensen	73	Slagelse, Denmark	30	Muskegon, Michigan	1962
Jan. 10—	Oscar Christensen	78	Helsingor, Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1969
Dec. 31—	Clara Nielsen	69	Austin, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1967

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Mining Town 'Justice'

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case. The defendants must be taken to the County jail to await action in the criminal courts."

We were returned to the jail. Christmas morning the Marshal came to the jail with a Parson and a Chinaman, who carried our Christmas dinner of "Chop Suey". The Parson said to me, "I listened to your case yesterday and interceded with the Judge on your behalf, emphasizing the fact that you didn't buy the cap. Hansen bought both caps and skipped his board bill." The Judge agreed and said if I paid a ten dollar fine he would dismiss the case against me.

The Marshal took me to the Judge and I paid the fine. The Parson took me to his home for Christmas dinner and next day got me a job in a lead mine, advising me not to work there too long as many of the workers got lead poisoning. I worked there until I made enough money to take me to Chicago. To this day, I have never heard of or seen Hansen again. I was told that he had a bad reputation in Denmark.

February Assessment

Number 908

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February 1, 1975

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March 1, 1975

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.