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Much has been said recently that our nation's Bicentennial is being "over commercialized". Perhaps this is the case; perhaps not, but we have some advice on the subject which may be useful.

Is it not true that the very freedoms our founding fathers fought for are the same freedoms that allow private enterprise and individual initiative to flourish? Why be upset over a product, a service, or even a "gimmick" that in your opinion is capitalizing on the Bicentennial theme.

If you don't like it, don't buy it. And isn't that the most powerful freedom of all?



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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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With the Mid Lands basking in 50 degree temperatures it doesn't seem right to place a winter scene on our cover, but the word is out the Groundhog will see his shadow for six more weeks of winter; and who can argue with such a time honored tradition.

California Member Strikes Mermaid Replica

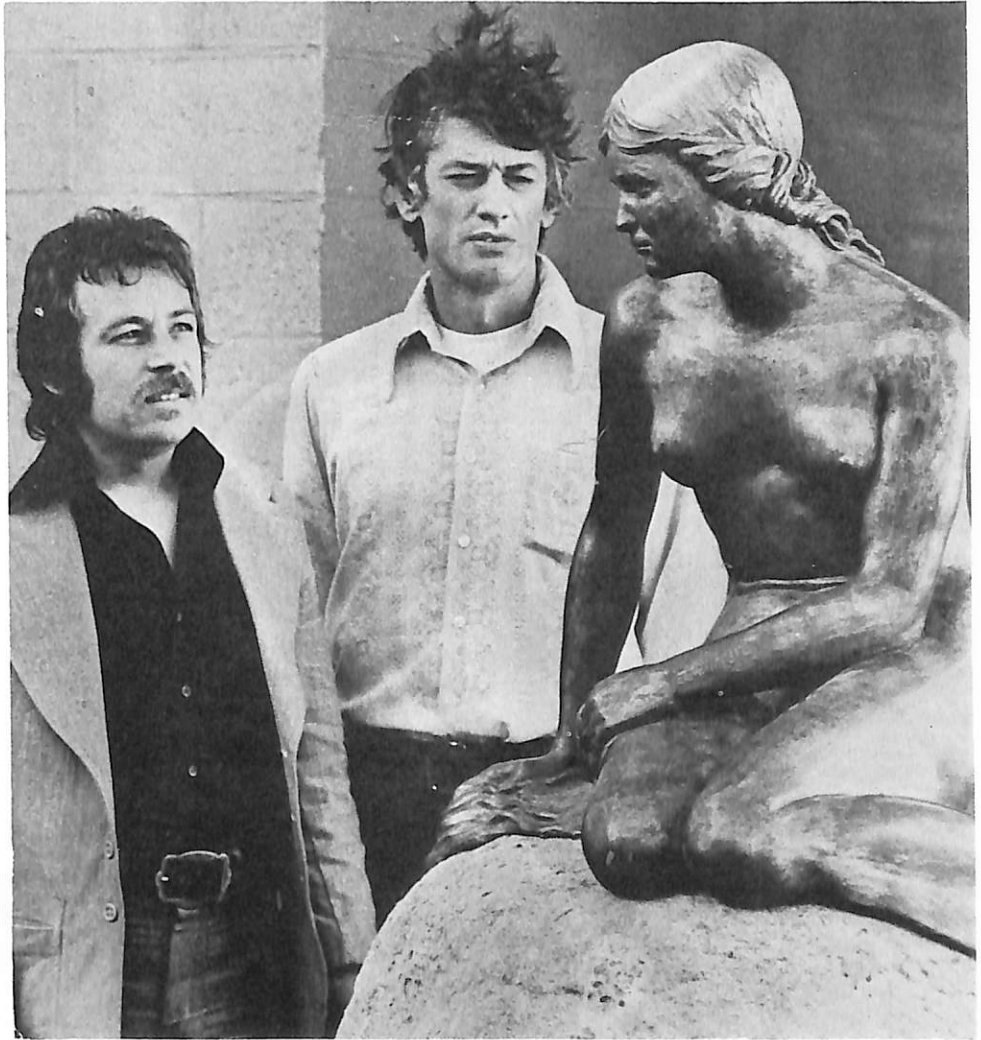
Robert Olsen is a member of Valley Lodge No. 332 in Modesto, Calif., and very proud of his Danish heritage and his membership in the Danish Brotherhood in America. Robert was signed up by his father, Glen, one of the "Olsen boys" who are popular among California members.

Approximately five years ago, Robert started with an idea in his head to make a replica of the "Little Mermaid", the famed statue in Copenhagen's Harbor, for his College Art Class project. His first attempts were good but not to his satisfaction. They were made of cement and were very solid, but almost impossible to move.

A few years passed and a constant study of this famous statue was ticking away in his head. Robert, together with another artist, Richard Walters, also of Modesto, embarked on another attempt to create the "Little Mermaid" to their perfection.

The replica is now completed after six months of creation. She is made of Gold Cast Bronze and her rock is made of cement and several other ingredients to get the effect of a rock from nature.

Robert and Richard hope that their replica of the "Little Mermaid" will find a home soon, hopefully somewhere in a Danish community. For further information about the "Little Mermaid", please contact Robert Olsen, 1066 Woodland Ave., Modesto, Calif. 95351.



Robert Olsen, left, and Richard Walters with replica.

Bowling Tournament Begins March 15

The Danish Brotherhood's 1976 National Bowling Tournament will feature a new twist then it comes time to award prizes this year. In addition to offering virtually the same generous cash awards as last year, an added bonus this year will go to each winner in the form of a personalized monogrammed DB jacket, featuring the winners own first and last name. Prize money, as always, will also be awarded to all winners.

Entry forms and a special announcement are being sent to each secretary this month, so please contact him for entry forms and information. Entry deadline is March 1 and you may bowl any time between March 15 and May 1.

A special "Young Viking" category will be offered again this year and the total prizes will be valued at over



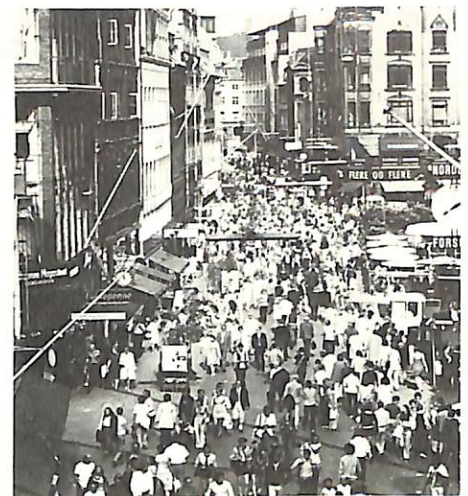
\$1,000. You cannot win any of the prizes unless you enter the tournament before the deadline and also submit your score in accordance with rules printed on the entry form. National Headquarters has extra entry forms in the event you fail to receive one from your lodge secretary.



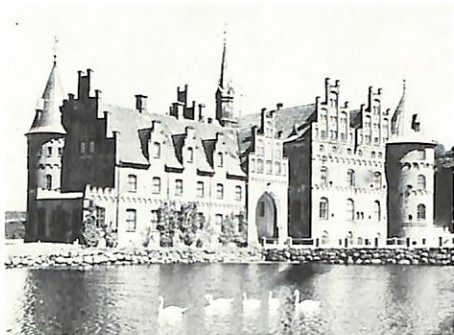
18th century buildings in old streets of Faaborg, on the island of Funen.



Street scene from Ribe, with the Cathedral in the background.



Pedestrian-only street in Copenhagen's shopping area. Shown is Stroget Street.



Egeskov Mansion of the island of Funen. Built in 1550 and standing on stilts in the lake.



Peace and serenity viewed from one of the famous Norwegian fjords.



Storks in the fairy-tale town of Ribe in Jutland, Denmark

Copenhagen, Here We Come!

National Headquarters continues to accept reservations aboard our chartered Boeing 707 jetliner which will carry 180 lucky members to Denmark June 11 and return July 7. As of January 27, one-fourth of the seats available had been reserved and reservations are piling up daily.

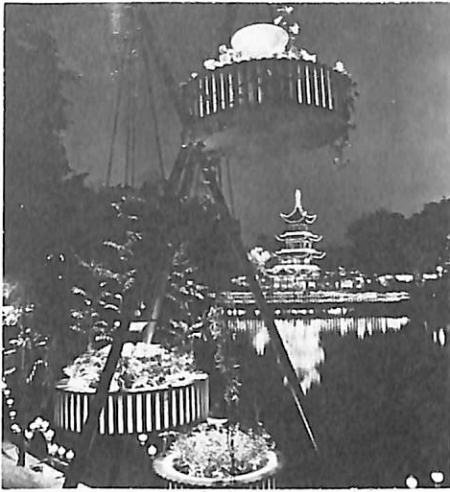
Price per seat is \$309.98, assuming that all seats are filled. If there are less than 180 participants on the trip, the price will be pro-rated equally among all participants. This is coach-fare per person from Chicago to Copenhagen to Chicago. Round-trip from Omaha is approximately \$380.00.

This is one of the most attractive charter flights to Denmark price wise, sponsored by The Danish Brotherhood in recent years. In fact, the tour is the first of its kind ever sponsored by National Headquarters, and will be an important milestone in future planning. If this flight is a success, as anticipated, others will no doubt follow. Due to the low cost of this flight and the interest already expressed in it, we remind those

planning to fly to book at your earliest convenience.

While in Denmark, you may wish to take advantage of an optional tour or you may keep your time free to "play it by ear". Three optional tours of Scandinavia are being arranged. The first one calls for a four-day "Romantic Sweden Holiday". The second offers a six-day "Panoramic Fjord Tour" taking in the breathtaking scenery of Norway's scenic fjords. Our third tour option, entitled "Scandinavian Interlude", takes in the best of both Norway and Sweden, and last nine days. If you are interested in one of these tours, please indicate by checking the appropriate space on the coupon. To get a low tour fare, we must have twenty or more persons interested in each arrangement. Independent tour arrangements are also available, including land arrangements (hotel, taxi, ferry, etc.).

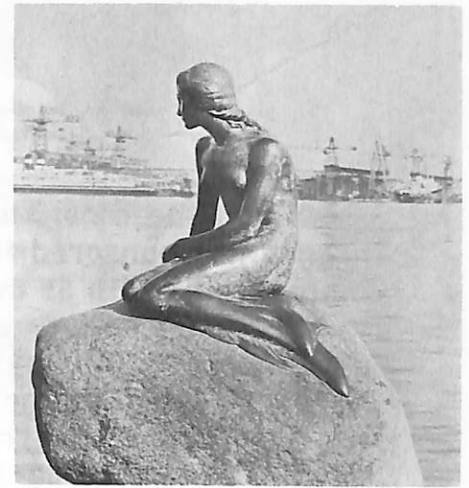
Eligible to participate in the flight, according to Federal regulations, are all members who have been members of The Danish Brotherhood for a



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The Statue of the Little Mermaid
— symbol of Copenhagen.

period of more than six months prior to the date of departure, their wives, husbands, dependent children, and parents living in the same household. Children under two years of age and traveling with their parents and occupying the same seat, will fly free. The carrier will be Pan Am. The exact time of the lift off will be announced 30 days prior to departure.

The \$309.98 indicates complete cost

at the time of contracting. The only exceptions to this cost would be if the airline refiles their tariff to cover fuel increases. It would be remote that there would be any increases for any other reason, but such increases would be pro-rated accordingly. Your Brotherhood would be advised of any increases and would have the option of accepting the increase in behalf of the participants, or to cancel. The

Brotherhood feels a small increase would be no problem, but if the increase is large, we will act accordingly. At this time there are no increases predicted.

Under our cancellation clause, if your cancellation arrives in the office of our travel agent after April 1, we will retain the full amount of your \$100 deposit, unless a qualified substitute

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The pedestrian shopping street —
Stroget — in Copenhagen.

Membership Recognition Program

One of the most successful membership recognition programs sponsored in recent years continues to gain momentum, with 55 members now the proud owners of savings bonds, silver cups, and plaques for bringing in new members. Larry Knudsen, Blair Lodge No. 206, becomes the first member to win the "Distinguished Service Award". Larry will be presented a handsome trophy, plus a \$100 savings bond, by the Board of Directors this spring for his accomplishment.



Remember, all you have to do to win points [two for insured, one for each social] is recommend a new member. When he, or she, becomes a member, you get the points. Simply give your representative the name of your prospects, and he will work on your behalf on contact. Prizes are: "Booster", \$25 Bond and plaque for gaining 10 points; "Meritorious Service", \$50 Bond and cup for 25 points; "Distinguished" \$100 Bond and trophy for 100 points; and "Great Dane Award", free trip to Denmark, 200 points.

A sincere "Thank You" to all members working to make this program a success. Your work is one reason our membership list is growing!

Members With Ten or More Points

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Points	Name	Lodge No.	Location	Points
Albrechtsen, Anders	34	Dwight	16	Lassiter, Bob	299	Solvang	14
Andersen, Alan	17	Chicago	25	Lund, Harold	34	Dwight	15
Andersen, Floyd	161	Ruskin	25	Madsen, Charles P. Jr.	14	Kenosha	13
Andreasen, Genevieve	34	Dwight	10	Madsen, Ejnar	301	Akron	13
Andreasen, Leo	34	Dwight	11	Mathiasen, Hardvig	46	Perth Amboy	33
Bay, Clifford	273	Dillon	16	Mathiasen, Harold	126	Los Angeles	10
Bernhardt, Rudolph	14	Kenosha	14	Minard, Vern	70	Greenville	21
Cherney, John H.	329	Long Beach	18	Molgaard, James	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	10
Christensen, Faye	340	Wood Dale	39	Nelson, William	14	Kenosha	16
Christensen, Peter	46	Perth Amboy	16	Nielsen, Irwin R.	34	Dwight	26
Christensen, Richard	17	Chicago	10	Nielsen, Shirley	16	Minden	30
Clausen, George	172	Philadelphia	23	Pedersen, Kathy	225	Canton	13
Danielsen, Einar	92	St. Charles	14	Pedersen, Loetta	161	Ruskin	14
Ferdinandsen, George	46	Perth Amboy	28	Pedersen, Walter	217	Humboldt	76
Grunberg, E. A.	10	Council Bluffs	14	Petersen, Carl L.	182	Waukegan	14
Hansen, Howard	227	Detroit	11	Petersen, Elna	206	Blair	14
Hansen, Paul	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	11	Petersen, Howard	3	Davenport	19
Hemple, Mogens	172	Philadelphia	14	Petersen, Jay	211	Grand Island	25
Hinrichsen, Flemming	172	Philadelphia	21	Rasmussen, Holger	238	Juhl	10
Ibsen, Robert	14	Kenosha	15	Reed, Jutta	339	Las Vegas	13
Jensen, Aage	161	Ruskin	10	Skou, Ejler	9	Oshkosh	25
Jensen, Elmer W., Sr.	257	St. Petersburg	12	Sorensen, Gordon	4	Racine	17
Jensen, Julius	342	Bucks County	10	Sorensen, Jens	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	32
Jensen, Metha	34	Dwight	15	Sorensen, Karma	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	38
Johnson, L. R.	70	Greenville	10	Strand, Paul	206	Blair	10
Knudsen, Larry	206	Blair	103	Thomsen, Donald	16	Minden	10
Larsen, Paul	211	Grand Island	27	Thomsen, Julius	211	Grand Island	25
				Westerlund, Carval	36	Milwaukee	19

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William Nissen	194— McMinnville	Thorvald Jensen
Lenna Nissen	194— McMinnville	Thorvald Jensen
Myron Madsen	194— McMinnville	Thorvald Jensen
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Harold Hansen	206— Blair	Viggo Berthelsen
Myrtle Nelson	206— Blair	Helen Olsen
Harry Benjamin	217— Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Gladys Vesterby	217— Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Joy Vesterby	217— Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Arthur Jensen	217— Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
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*Robert Collins	225— Canton	Kathy Pedersen
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Gregory A. Cox	225— Canton	Kathy Pedersen
*Kimberly Labriola	225— Canton	Kathy Pedersen
*Troy Coblentz	225— Canton	Kathy Pedersen
Violet Nelson	225— Canton	Kathy Pedersen
Frank Nelson	227— Detroit	Palle Hansen
Charles Warner	227— Detroit	Robert Andersen
Paul K. Hansen	227— Detroit	Tage Gullbrandsen
John Beyers	227— Detroit	Robert Andersen
Milton Nelson	227— Detroit	Palle Hansen
Bill Peterson	268— Junction City	Arthur Jager
Gail M. Sundsted	283— Dagmar	Lloyd Sorensen
Gregg D. Nielsen	283— Dagmar	Morris Nielsen
Erling J. Pohls	299— Solvang	Peter Weber
Edward C. Madsen	299— Solvang	Vern Madsen
Lars Petersen	321— W. Palm Beach	John Schuldt
John H. Jensen	323— Alhambra	Gunnar Hansen
Kenneth Thurston	323— Alhambra	Gunnar Hansen
Margaret Steggell	323— Alhambra	Gunnar Hansen
Byron Andersen	323— Alhambra	Carl J. Sorensen
Ulla V. Wall	326— West Branch	Delores Ross
Arthur F. Wall	326— West Branch	Delores Ross
Annemarie Hendersen	339— Las Vegas	Per Conradsen
Anthony M. Ciangi, Jr.	340— Wood Dale	Alan Andersen
John A. Ross	341— Kimballton	Karma Sorensen
Shirley Ross	341— Elk Horn	Karma Sorensen
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Ingrid E. Swanson	341— Elk Horn	Melvin Boose
Joanne J. Potts	341— Kimballton	Melvin Boose
Edith Larsen	341— Elk Horn	Doris Rasmussen
Harry M. Scarlett	342— Bucks County	Gyda Jensen
Jan M. Scarlett	342— Bucks County	Gyda Jensen
Lorraine Malmquist	342— Bucks County	Niels Malmquist
Ann Hansted	342— Bucks County	Gyda Jensen
*Wendy Sorensen	600— Omaha	Carl Sorensen, Sr.
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Michael R. Shriner	600— Omaha	Erik Hansen
Jean M. Craig	600— Omaha	John Craig
Arden Hansen	600— Omaha	Ervin Tobeck
Carl Pedersen	600— Omaha	Ervin Tobeck
Ruth Sorensen	600— Omaha	Howard Christensen

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Name	Lodge No. Location	Sponsor
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Walter Larsen	14— Kenosha	Clinton Petersen
Kirk D. Thomsen	16— Minden	Charmaine Thomsen
Gloria C. Thomsen	16— Minden	Wisthi Thomsen
Sena Thomsen	16— Minden	Don Thomsen
Joe Thomsen	16— Minden	Don Thomsen
Lydia Christensen	16— Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Elmer Christensen	16— Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Charles Youngson	16— Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Eleanor Youngson	16— Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Mabel Haselbarth	16— Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Merle Haselbarth	16— Minden	Shirley Nielsen
Else Sorensen	29— Seattle	P. Sten Jessen
Gunnar Sorensen	29— Seattle	P. Sten Jessen
Vitha Sharley	29— Seattle	John Gregersen
George S. Baker II	30— Muskegon	Donald Hansen
Richard L. Anderson	34— Dwight	Delbert Andersen
Max D. Miller	35— Chicago	Norman Christensen
Jess Muller	35— Chicago	Roger Larsen
Edward Sorensen	35— Chicago	Roger Larsen
Esbern Hagedorn	35— Chicago	Roger Larsen
Kaj E. Kristensen	49— San Francisco	Aksel Jensen
Erik Hansen	49— San Francisco	Jørgen Larsen
Lee White	49— San Francisco	Henning Jensen
Robert Thompson	70— Greenville	Keith Minard
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Lest We Forget

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

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
12-16-75	Magnus Christensen	82	Hillerslev, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1911
11-25-75	Karl Mortensen	81	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Cal.	1921
12-2-75	Harvey Nielsen	51	Somsø, Denmark	241	Sayreville, N.J.	1946
12-6-75	Roy W. Jensen	68	Illinois	246	So. Bend, Ind.	1950
12-7-75	Aaron N. Nelson	71	Norway	600	Omaha, Neb.	1935
12-10-75	Christ P. Boisen	85	Melrose, N. Y.	183	Troy, N. Y.	1908
5-22-75	George W. Porter	62	Mecedah, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1974
5-22-75	Burnett H. Thompson	72	Geneva, Ill.	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1972

Reservations Pouring In For Royal Banquet

Following the announcement last month that tickets are now available to the Royal Banquet to be held May 20 in Omaha in honor of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II, and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik, more than one-half of the seats have been reserved as of January 30, 1976.

This news should serve as a gentle reminder to those members who plan on attending, but have not yet reserved their seats, to do so as soon as possible.

Reservations can be made at National Headquarters by using the attached coupon, or facsimile thereof, when requesting tickets. Reservations are being accepted in the order in which they are received. Please do not ask us to reserve seats over the telephone.

The Royal Couple will be in Omaha as a part of their tour in connection with the Bicentennial celebration of our Nation. The Prince and Queen will visit Washington, D.C., Chicago, Boston, New York City, Omaha, Blair, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

While touring the Midwest, the Queen and Prince will tour the Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Bellevue, Neb., visit Dana College in Blair where the Queen will deliver the commencement address, and later in the same day be honored at The Danish Brotherhood Royal Banquet.

Seating at the banquet will commence at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20, in the ballroom of the Hilton Hotel, located at 1616 Dodge Street, with the banquet beginning at 7:30. Nothing has been spared to provide the audience with an experience they should treasure for a lifetime.

The highlight of the evening will be comments from the Queen, and special entertainment will be provided by the famous Strategic Air Command Band, which will present a musical "Salute to the Bicentennial".

The banquet meal will feature prime rib of beef and wine at each table. Dancing to the music of the Mal Dunn Orchestra will follow until 12 o'clock. Dress will be informal (suits for the gents, ladies dress accordingly).



Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik

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The Danish Brotherhood in America

He Who Laughs, Lasts

Pablo Casals' international reputation as a cello virtuoso was fairly well established by the time he reached the age of 75, at which time an interviewer asked him why he still felt it necessary to practice four hours a day. "Because," replied Pablo with some restraint, "I think I'm making some progress."

One day a big "hippie bus" covered with stick-on daisies came rumbling into a service station. The station attendant came up to the driver and asked: "Do you want gasoline or shall I just water your flowers?"

While leaning down to kiss her six-year-old son, a mother asked how he liked her new perfume. He replied quickly, "Oh, Mommy, I like you better when you're kitchen-flavored."

Sid Gilman saw this sign on a tombstone: "I expected this, but not just yet."

At the side of the road a woman looked helplessly at a flat tire on her car. A male driver felt sorry for her and stopped to help. After the tire was changed, the woman said, "Please let the jack down slowly. My husband is sleeping in the back seat."

—LaVerne Roberts, Oelwein, Iowa.

Many a small boy is the kind of kid his mother wouldn't let him play with.

Weatherman to radio announcer: "Better break it to 'em gently. Just say, 'Partly cloudy with scattered showers followed by a hurricane'."

An alarm clock is a mechanical device to wake up people who have no children.

Driving school instructor to a befuddled novice at the wheel: "You still have a few minutes of your lesson left. Shall I show you how to fill in the accident forms?"



"What do you make of all this Women's Liberation stuff, Herald?"



"Hello, Dear... guess what happened when I told the boss I was tired of staying in the same old place in the company."

Doctor: "You must avoid all forms of excitement."
Male Patient: "Can't I even look at them from across the street?"

Modern Maturity Magazine quotes a father who said to his growing son: "Just remember one thing: I know a lot more about being young than you do about being old."

Social worker: "The last time I visited you, you made me very happy because you were sober."

Old Soak: "True, honey, but today it's my turn to be happy."

Two newspaper editors had been feuding for years and one of them died. The other saw a chance for final revenge. He printed the obituary under Public Improvements.

The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, running down friends, sidestepping responsibility, and pushing their luck.

If you think we have a water pollution problem now, what would happen if all the HIPPIES suddenly decided to take baths?

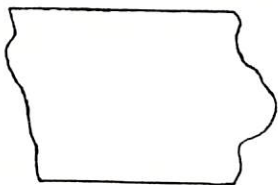
A man approached his neighbor and said, "Will you be using your lawn mower this afternoon?"

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

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

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

Our Lodges in Action



Iowa

Lodge No. 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, Ia. — If you don't believe that "Danes Have More Fun", you should have attended the Christmas party put on by a committee of the Kimballton-Elk Horn Danish Brotherhood, Monday, December 29, at the Elk Horn Town Hall.

In spite of members being out of town and other social attractions, 106 attended the affair. Mrs. Don Christensen of Audubon remarked that never had she attended so "merrie" a Christmas party in her native England.

The committee had worked all day completing lavish preparations. Organist JoEllyn Juel had her organ brought in and played theme music before dinner and accompanied group singing of American and Danish Christmas carols.

A tree that reached the ceiling was well lit and decorated with chains of small American and Danish flags, woven baskets of red, white and silver streamers.

Table decorations also featured flags and red garbed mannequins. Danes also have more and better food. Main dish was roast beef and ham, flanked by vegetables, salads and relishes.

Waitresses and waiters toured the hall continuously and kept coffee cups filled. Dessert was a Danish pudding. The old Danish custom of hiding almonds in the

dessert was followed. Receiving prizes for their marked pudding were Olla Andersen, Egon Simonsen, Howard Jeul and Agnes Kelgor. But feasting was not yet over. After singing and dancing around the Christmas tree, coffee was again served, with Christmas cookies and candies.

M.C. was Nadjeschda Overgaard. She kept the party moving. Besides relating different ancient and modern Christmas customs, she read from the works of Hans Christian Andersen, the Danish storyteller who died 100 years ago. Special guests were the Don Eversolls of Omaha. Receiving U.S. bonds for enrolling new members were Merlin Molgaard and Karma Sorensen. The next meeting of the lodge will be February 23 at Kimballton. Entertainment will include folk dancing.

Alfred Hansen, Reporter.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa — At our December meeting, 35 members attended. Election of new officers was held. One new officer was elected, Joe Galloway as trustee for three years. All other officers were elected for the year 1976. Two new members were initiated, Ernest Bruhn and Ed Andersen, and greeted by all. Discussion was held on Christmas party and New Years Eve party. Area Manager Andy Andersen and our new manager, Vaughn Moore, attended and spoke briefly.

At our January meeting the new officers were installed by Past President Gary Andersen. One new member, James Thode, was initiated and greeted by all. Our membership has now increased to 130 members. Reports from committees stated that the childrens Danish Christmas party, held December 22, was attended by 70 children and 20 adults. The children danced to music by Bill Banker and our good brother, Oluf Olson. All were served pop, cookies, coffee and Danish style sandwiches. A good time was had by all, dancing and singing around the Christmas tree. The New Years Eve party was attended by 70 brothers, wives and guests. A good time was had by all and 1976 was ushered in with good fellowship.

Our president, Marlyn Hook, appointed the committee for the Iowa Lodges Convention to be hosted by Lodge No. 144 in September of 1976. Lodge No. 144 will be 75



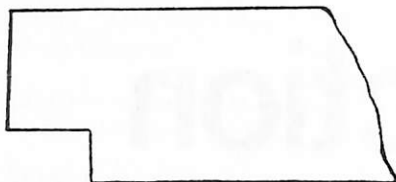
Mrs. Overgaard spinning a story.

years old in 1976 and all were asked to make it a good year with special events to celebrate our diamond anniversary. We hope that many of the other lodges will visit us to help celebrate.

At our February meeting an oyster stew will be served to all the members and the Sisterhood. We expect a good turnout and a great time for all. So goes things at No. 144 with our meetings getting larger and more brothers getting together.

A. B. Thode, Correspondent.

Correction: In the January issue, we incorrectly identified an article and photograph as lodge news from No. 326, Clear Lake, Iowa, when the lodge reference should have been No. 326, West Branch, Iowa. Clear Lake is Lodge No. 219. Our apologies.



Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Neb. — The joint Christmas party with Danish-American Club and Vennelyst Park was held at Vennelyst pavilion on Sunday, December 21, with a good attendance. The JADA's sang four Danish Christmas songs (by the way, some are DB members). Three students from Dana College gave a reading of "Big Klaus and Little Klaus", and a Christmas story. Everyone joined in singing Danish and English Christmas songs, and then danced around the Christmas tree to the music by Margaret Larsen. Santa appeared with goodies for all the kiddies. Cookies and punch was served to the children and coffee and kringle to the grownups.

Lodge No. 1 had its regular meeting and installation on Tuesday, January 6. Howard Christensen, outgoing past president and National Secretary Treasurer, installed the officers for 1976. Howard then turned the gavel over to the new president, Axel Skelbeck. The highlight of the evening was the outgoing president, Tom Nielsen, proposing ten new applications for membership.

Congratulations to Council Bluffs Lodge No. 10 members, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williamson, on their 25th anniversary.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.

The Nebraska General Committee officers of the Brotherhood met at Don Thomsen's home in Minden on Sunday, December 28, to discuss activities for 1976. A delicious buffet supper was served by Mrs. Thomsen and Mrs. Herbert Nielsen. We all had a chance to see the Christmas lights on their court house and square.

Chris Larsen, State Correspondent.

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Neb. — Lodge No. 161 held their regular meeting January 10 in Ruskin. It was decided that our lodge should join in the Bicentennial this year by making a float to enter in parades on days of celebration around the area. Morris Lundbeck read some very interesting history about Lodge No. 161, found in our old records, that were, of course, written in Danish. On February 27 our lodge will be 73 years old, being organized in 1903.

At the December meeting six members were

A 100% D.B. Family!



All eight of the living children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sakarias Andersen became members of Lodge No. 161 at Ruskin, Neb., during the year 1975. Their father, Sakarias, was one of the pioneer members of Lodge No. 161, late in the 1800's.

Shown in the picture, left to right: Mary Hiatt, Johanna Powell, Anna Moffett, Hazel Winebar, Esther Herrmonn, Eynner Andersen, Alfred Andersen, and Floyd Andersen. Also joining the lodge were spouses, Mrs. Floyd Andersen and Norman Herrmonn, and members of the third generation, Mr. and Mrs. John Andersen and William Ferguson.

Ruskin lodge now boasts three 100% families for 1975, others being the Cliff Grove and Kenneth Pedersen families.

initiated: Mr. and Mrs. Don Kronberg, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gartner, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Meyer. The remainder of the evening was spent playing cards and then a cooperative lunch was served by hosts and hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sykes and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bargin.

Ginny Schultz, Correspondent.



Washington-Oregon

British Columbia

(Pacific Northwest)

District Brotherhood President Paul B. Christensen installed the 1976 officers for Portland's Rose City Danes on January 3, for Vancouver's Canadians on January 7, for Enumclaw's new leaders on January 10, and for Seattle's Queen City officials on January 31. The very busy official from British Columbia tells me that he has already organized a committee for the 1979 National Convention which will be held across the border.

It is always a pleasure and a distinct privilege to visit

the Danish lodges in Enumclaw, Wash. — but even more so at their first meeting each year when they precede the joint installation with a very delicious dinner. National Director Clyde Langsted, Seattle, assisted Installing Officer Paul Christensen, Vancouver, B.C., and District Sisterhood President Else Goodwin, Seattle, installed the ladies. Coupled with the occasion were special honors for all 50 year members as well as for all Past Presidents. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Brother Jens Holm, who kept the agenda moving from start to finish. It was indeed a night to remember for all of us but particularly for Sonia and myself, as the nearly 100 present paid tribute to this correspondent for the many years of contributing to the American Dane. Thank you, one and all, and good luck to the new regime.

Enumclaw's Retiring President, Captain Jack Oakley, spent six weeks in Europe this past summer. DB 113 has a fine group of juvenile members who usually take part in all social affairs of the lodge. On February 28, the Enumscratchers will officially launch their Bicentennial activities with Danes leading the parade — followed by Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and the Chamber throughout the festive year. The Danes have five active bowling teams proudly displaying the red and white colors. New Year's Eve was celebrated by members of the Danish Colony in their newly decorated Danish Hall.

Seattle's Past President Frank Larsen may have his "Rolling Pin Bakery" but Secretary Clyde Langsted's wife, Barbara, has her "Barb-Ann Originals" for infants. Past District President Sam Fredericksen played Santa Claus for over 300 in attendance at DB 29's Annual Christmas Party. Brother Ted Kofoed informs us that the District Convention Committee is meeting regularly and shaping up for the May Conclave. Northwest Danes Newsletter Editor P. Sten Jessen was MC at the joint installation party in the University Tower on January 31. Brother Emil Lindholdt is back on Whidby Island after a stay in Belgium. Silver wedding anniversary greetings to Past President Sten and Birgit Jessen.

McMinnville's DB 194 enjoyed a scrumptious potluck dinner at their regular monthly meeting on December 13. Four new members were initiated at the January session. District Vice President Mads Madsen has been helping with the installation of Oregon officers. Belated congratulations to Brother Henry Christensen and wife, Mary, of Salem, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last fall.

Tacoma's DB 33 members duly re-elected the same slate of officers for the new year on January 10 when President Henning Lindberg and Delegate Norbert Grove reported on the Denver Convention to a good turnout of brothers. Ellen, wife of long-time Secretary Treasurer Martin Rasmussen, is slowly recovering from major surgery and a month-long hospital sojourn.

Spokane's Brother Steven Hoegh married Jeena Michelsen on October 31 in Pasco. Lilac City Danes celebrated their annual Christmas event on December 20. Installation of 1976 elected officers was on January 8.

Norbert E. Grove, Correspondent.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3(b) — Payment authorized in the laws of the Society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4, and/or Section 6, paragraph 1; Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2, is hereby published:

JANUARY, 1976:

George Godthaab, Salary, \$237.80.



California, Nevada

Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — The annual Christmas party for the children was held on Sunday, December 14, and was well attended, including the usual visit from Santa Claus, who brought the children each a bag of "goodies". Many enjoyable games were played and prizes awarded the winners. A delicious cake was served together with ice cream and punch to drink. Our Entertainment Committee is to be congratulated on a very successful party. Sunday, December 21, the adult Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reed. This was very well attended and everyone enjoyed a delicious variety of "Smørrebrød" which was brought by those attending. This was a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. Our special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Reed for opening their home for us.

The new year will bring a lot of work for the Silver State Lodge members as we will be getting into full swing to prepare for the upcoming convention for the General Committee of California and Nevada lodges. This will be held in August, 1976, in Las Vegas. The location will be the Jockey Club, in place of the originally announced location of the Flamingo Hilton, due to a change in proposed prices and facilities offered originally, the Jockey Club will offer more reasonable room prices and has more modern facilities to accommodate a convention such as this. More details will be sent to the lodges when they are available and finalized.

Alice M. Pinkerton, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 322, Santa Barbara, Calif. — At the regular meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past President Mark Bertelsen; President Kresten Jensen; Vice President Jim Nielsen; Secretary Eric Jorgensen; Treasurer Edward Aasted; Trustees Oscar Olsen, Paul Andersen and Arne Johansen; Conductor Viktor Jeppesen; Inner Guard Helge Hansen; Outer Guard William Eseau.

The installation of officers will be held in January, together with the Crown Princess Ingrid Lodge No. 165 Danish Sisterhood installation. Santa Barbara lodge seems to have the answer to keeping the youth in their lodge by forming a young persons group. These young people have been responsible for helping with the Christmas party recently held there, to include the making of the Christmas decorations, decorating the tree and the halls, setting up the tables, helping serving, cleaning up the hall after and working like a team. They even helped with the entertainment by learning many Danish Christmas songs. For the coming installation they will be the Escort Team, which they are diligently practicing now, and will also be serving the Smørrebrød meal after the installation. Another event they are practicing for is the 4th of July Bicentennial parade wherein they will represent the Danes in that area. It is good to hear that the young people are doing so great in Santa Barbara area and we hope that your young people are getting into the act in your areas, too. If so, let us hear from you and give them some credit when they

deserve it. A little acknowledgement will certainly encourage more activities in the future.

Solvang Lodge will be holding their installation of officers on January 10, 1976.

Los Angeles & Alhambra Lodges will hold a joint installation of officers on January 16, 1976.

Bakersfield Lodge will be holding their installation of officers at Freddie's Top of the Hill on February 14, 1976.

For information and reservations to any installations, write the secretary of each respective lodge.

Alice M. Pinkerton, Correspondent,
California-Nevada General Committee.



Minnesota

Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minn. — James C. Nelson, who was mayor of Albert Lea from 1949 through 1950, has at the age of 96, outlived his insurance premiums, and Saturday at the January meeting of the Albert Lea lodge was presented with his paid-up insurance check. It was presented together with an azalia plant from the Home Office at Omaha, by Alva C. Jensen, president of the local lodge.



A life-long resident of Freeborn County, Brother Nelson was born in this area December 7, 1879. He joined the Danish Brotherhood in America on April 13, 1905, at Albert Lea. The attached photograph shows Brother Nelson, at left, receiving congratulations from Alva Jensen, president of Lodge No. 75.



Michigan, Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — On December 10 we here in Detroit held our last business meeting of the year, with almost 100 brothers in attendance. We usually have a big turnout at this meeting, because we have election of officers for the following year. The following brothers have been elected to serve Lodge No. 227 for the year of 1976: Past President Eric Larsen, President Paul Carlsen, Vice President Ed Woods, Jr., Corresponding Secretary Nielsen Dalley, Recording Secretary Carl Jensen, Sr., Financial Secretary Otto Pedersen, Treasurer Carl Hansen, Conductor Jim Crocket, Chief Trustee Ken Rehan, First Trustee Chris Fabricius, Second Trustee Ed Woods, Third Trustee and Inner Guard George Petersen, and Outer Guard Dick Christensen.

Since our last meeting, we have lost three brothers to death. They were Viggo Feldborg, Carl Lyngby, and

George Petersen. The lodge sends their deepest sympathies to the families.

At the December 10 meeting Brother Soren Pedersen was presented with his 60 year pin by Carl Jensen, and President Paul Carlsen did the honors in presenting Brother Bob Andersen and Einar Andersen with their 50 year pins.

Milton Nelson was initiated into the Brotherhood at this same meeting and was welcomed to the lodge by Past President Werner Walther. Other brothers who were elected to various positions are Oluf Jensen, entertainment chairman; elected to the goodwill committee was Chris Fabricius; elected to the building board were Bob Andersen and Willy Pedersen; and elected to serve on the National Committee were Rich Sears, Al Garcia, Carl Jensen, Jr., Dick Christensen, Viggo Blegved, and Ed Woods III.

The annual children's Christmas party was held on December 26 at the Danish Club here in Detroit. We had 100 kids at the party despite a six inch snowfall the morning of the 26th. The party was a success and much of the credit must go to the officers of the Sisterhood Lodge Number 125, who, as usual, gave their full efforts to make sure everything was taken care of and that things ran smoothly.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — By now, I suppose everyone is over the holiday rush. We had quite a busy time here at Muskegon. At our social meeting on December 9 we had a going-away party for Mike Mollema, who is going in the service. We went out to eat, and afterwards we went to a bowling alley. I am sure everyone who attended had a good time, and we really had a fine turnout. In fact, we saw a couple of faces we hadn't seen in a long time.

The attendance at our business meeting was not quite so good. However, there were enough there so that we were able to get our officers elected for the coming year. Afterwards, we enjoyed a little Christmas cheer.

The fellows have been rabbit hunting a couple of times and have had some success. We plan to have a rabbit supper in January. We here at Lodge No. 30 hope that everyone has a good year in 1976!

Clayton C. Hansen, Secretary.

FEBRUARY ASSESSMENT Number 920

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE
LODGE TREASURER

FEBRUARY 1, 1976

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

MARCH 1, 1976

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.



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

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — Our Christmas party was a huge success with 208 people in attendance, including a nice group from Waukegan, led by their president, Carl Petersen, and his wife, Jan. Nice to see Mr. and Mrs. John Mollerskov, who is the treasurer for Lodge No. 4, Racine. I want to personally thank all of you who donated door prizes. We had enough for all couples, in fact some got two. The Merry Mugs Quartet from Racine did a great job of entertaining and most everyone stuck around to dance. Thanks, also, to the committee who helped clean the floor and set up.

I want to acknowledge the outgoing officers for 1975 for a fine job done all year; Past President William Lee, President Elmer Nelson, Vice President Gordon Anderson, First Trustee Charles Madsen, Second Trustee Larry Andersen, Third Trustee Bill Nelson, Conductor Rudy Bernhardt, Sr., Inner Guard Clarence Duffin, and Outer Guard Richard Walker, Jr. A special word of thanks to Elmer Nelson who has done such a great job as president for the past three years. Our new president is Gordon Andersen, Vice President Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Third Trustee Richard Walker, Sr., Inner Guard Berger Rasmussen and Outer Guard Charles Madsen. We know they will all do a good job for the lodge in 1976. Installation of officers will be held on Tuesday, January 6, so come on down and give your appreciation to the new officers.

We finished up the year with a total of 212 members — the bad news was that we had three withdraw and eleven passed away, but the good news was we brought in 39 new members. That's a great record, but like the old saying goes, "You ain't seen nothing yet". Let's keep up the good work in 1976 and continue to grow. Kenosha is one of the leaders in new membership in the entire country so let's keep it that way. Call Bennie at 652-8136. By the way, for those of you not in retirement plans, the Danish Brotherhood is now offering a terrific deal, so check with Bennie on it.

Next month a list of events for 1976 will be listed. A chairman will be asked to volunteer for each major event and he will get his own committee together so we do not have just a few people doing all the work. If you are asked to help, please say yes. Remember, it's your club, too! Rudy Bernhardt is the coordinator for all parties.

Bob Ibsen, Reporter.

Lodge No. 17, Chicago, Ill. — Big News!! At the last meeting held at the Norway Center on January 14, the lodge voted to move to the Danish American Athletic Club, 4624 N. Pulaski. Happily, our meeting date will be the same. So — we will be seeing you on February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at D.A.A.C.

Special Events!! On March 6, a Fastelavn's Costume Dinner Dance will be held at the Normennenes Singing Society, 2414 N. Kedzie Blvd., tickets \$7.50, will feature roast pork and swiss steak and dancing to a live orchestra. There will be prizes for the best and funniest

costumes for men, women and couples. Please get your tickets NOW!! Reservations write or phone Merle Nylén, 6439 N. Drake, Chicago 60645, 675-4590.

It was voted to sponsor a bowling team under the direction of Sven Jorgensen, practice on Sunday mornings, 10 a.m., at Habaetler Bowl, Northwest Highway and Foster. Installation of the newly elected officers will be the highlight of the February meeting, Thorvald and Karen Kramme, hosts. Newly elected officers for Lodge No. 17 for the year are as follows: Past President Thorkil Winther; President Erik Nielsen; Vice President Merle L. Nylén; Secretary Mrs. Albertice Nylén, 6439 N. Drake Avenue, Lincolnwood, Ill. 60645; Treasurer Thorvald Kramme.

Albertice Nylén is the first lady to be elected to an office in Lodge No. 17, and I am sure she will strive to do a good job. Lodge No. 17 is striving to generate the feeling of Brotherhood and fellowship in the Chicago area.

Albertice C. Nylén, Secretary.

Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Ill. — We had the extreme honor of having Mr. Bob Ibsen of the National Board of Directors in our midst in January to officiate in the installation of our new officers. Our thanks also to Mr. Elmer Nelson, past president, Lodge No. 14, and Mr. Charles Madsen, former trustee of Kenosha Lodge. It is always gratifying to share experiences with fellow members that believe so much in our society.

Our 1976 officers are Richard Christensen, President; Floyd Christensen, Vice President; Harry Ploughman, Alternate Vice President; Leland Larson, Treasurer; Hanne Farrar, Secretary (thanks Hanne); Alfred Christensen, Conductor; Joseph Miliauskas, Alternate Conductor; Frede Hansen, Head Trustee; Harry Bendsten, First Trustee; Theodore Kaiser, Second Trustee; Esther Sorensen, Inner Guard; and John Sorensen, Outer Guard. Thank you all for your support.

We also initiated our group entertainment program and I urge each person to arrange a meeting with your respective groups to plan your activities. Our first anniversary meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. on March 20, 1976 (Saturday). Please get your reservations in by March 11, 1976.

Dick Christensen, President.

**LODGE NO. 34, DWIGHT, ILLINOIS
ANNOUNCES
DANISH BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL
MIDWEST DISTRICT
HANDICAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT
[Five-Team Member Competition]**

April 3, 1976

Mens — Womens — or Mixed Teams

Fiesta Bowl, Pontiac, Ill.

Bowling \$30 per team

Banquet and Dance \$6.75 per person

Interested lodges outside Midwest District are cordially invited to participate. For information and entry blanks, contact **Vernon Goodwin, 304 East James Street, Dwight, Illinois 60420. Phone [815] 584-2906.**

RESERVATION DEADLINE — MARCH 1, 1976

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — Our December 29 family Christmas tree party was a huge success with about 75 sacks of goodies passed out to the youngsters. Three big and eight small Viking inflatables were given as door prizes to the youngsters. There was dancing around the Christmas tree to the music of Jim, Jens and Alfred Andreasen. (Thanks much, brothers!) Also, a big "Thank You" to Brother Les Jensen for donating all the oranges and apples for the kiddies sacks, and to everyone who brought such a delicious lunch.

Midwest Bowling Tournament will be held at the Fiesta Bowling Lanes, Pontiac, Ill., sponsored by Dwight Lodge No. 34 on Saturday, April 3. Dates and times are all firm and letters have been sent out to all lodges. The bowling committee headed by Vernon Goodwin is Les Jensen and Vernon Gassman. Entertainment chairman is Kenny Jensen with Jim Andreasen, Art and Babe Nielsen on his committee. Start your plans now and get your teams lined up.

Officers — Outer Guard, LaVerne Fedderson; Inner Guard — Bill Clavey; Conductor, Lester Hansen.

"Babe" Nielsen volunteered to line up the band and hall for our dances for the coming year. A lodge magazine dated 1949 was presented to LaVerne Fedderson showing the retirement of his father, George. Leo Pedersen told us about the 72nd anniversary celebration of Waukegan Lodge No. 182 held at the Illinois Beach Lodge on November 15. He and his wife, Hazel, and Chris and Metha Jensen, attended the festivities. Speaker of the evening was the mayor of Zion, Ill., Milton Jensen. Rev. Robert Kinas from the Institute of Human Resources of Pontiac was our speaker for the evening. He gave an interesting talk on the Mental Health Clinic for Livingston County that was started in 1968-69. Art and Babe Nielsen agreed to be on the dance committee for January 10. Raffle tickets were passed out to all present for two \$25.00 savings bonds to be raffled at the dance.

Coming Events: Mark Your Calendar: Saturday, January 10: 9-12, Danish Brotherhood Dance, VFW, Dwight. Monday, January 12, 7:30 p.m., Lodge No. 34 regular meeting; September, 1976, Midwest Golf Outing to be held at South Hills Country Club, Racine. Next meeting, Monday, January 12, 7:30 p.m., VFW — Installation of Officers by Einar Danielsen!!! Brother Keith Von Qualen will give us a talk on the duties of a coroner. Bring something for lunch (Lunch committee: Metha Jensen and Maren Lund).

Margaret Goodwin, Reporter.

Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill. — We at Lodge No. 182 were delighted to have Robert Ibsen, National Board Director from Kenosha lodge No. 14 as installing officer at our January meeting. His conductor was Bennie Petersen, also of Lodge No. 14. Their lovely wives, Elaine Ibsen and Ardis Petersen, accompanied them. Our thanks to them all. At this meeting we also welcomed Cleone Petersen as our newest member — so glad to have you with us, Cleone! After the business meeting and installation of officers, Anna Hardtman from Aalborg, Denmark, an Exchange Student in Kenosha, told us of life in Denmark and showed slides of her home, family and surrounding countryside.

On January 10, Walter and Ann Petersen, Carl and I, braved the snow and cold to attend the anniversary celebration at Racine Lodge No. 4. We congratulate Racine on 94 successful years of perpetuating the Danish heritage in America. And thank you for a lovely evening.

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Everyone is looking forward to the Midwest District Bowling Tournament on April 3 in Pontiac, Ill. If you bowl — come join us. If you don't bowl — come anyway and root for our teams and stay for the banquet and dancing. Get your reservations in right away because there isn't much time left.

See you the second Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the Waukegan Public Library.

Janet Petersen, Correspondent.



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

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa. — December 19 was our first meeting as a chartered lodge and some 35 members attended the Christmas affair. The short meeting was followed by Smørrebrød and singing of carols by the Christmas tree. Plans were initiated to launch an active Young Viking group with a kite flying contest, probably in May.

Our membership at year's end exceeds 40 adults and eight juvenile members and our prospective membership list has reached 50 names. Our representatives, Gyda Jensen of Chalfont and Harry Scarlett of Buckingham Valley, are expected to be fully certified in January and will then be in a position to complete signing all those members up.

Ulla Pedersen and Agnete Christiansen have promised to dish out aebleskiver at our January meeting. Carl and Lorna Abjornson of our entertainment committee have devised a card game designed to help us become better acquainted with each other. We find it most gratifying and are constantly amazed at the number of Danes that live in our area and that are interested in an active group such as our lodge. And we attribute the very existence of our lodge to the liberalization of membership requirements, to the abolition of secrecy and opening up the meetings. Because of these factors, we will probably become one of the largest lodges on the East Coast in a very short period of time.

Niels Malmquist, President.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. — Officers for 1976 were installed at our January 9 meeting. The following members were elected to serve for the coming year: John Hjulmand, President; Kai Mogensen, Vice President; Bill Steffensen, Secretary; Hans Pedersen, Treasurer; Ib Andersen, Financial Secretary; and Svend Hansen, Egon Larsen, Jorgen Petersen are the trustees.

January, like always, is our Gag Night. If you wanted to bring something home you had to bring a gift. As usual Bingo was played after the meeting. As mentioned at our December meeting, volunteers are still needed to help prepare and serve the refreshments, which, of course, will be Smorgasbord.

Bill Steffensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. — George Keller, a long active member of our lodge, passed away on January 5. George was to receive his 50 year pin on

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Fraternnal Protection

Topic: Your Social Security

Your Social Security is important to you and to your family. You must pay the taxes and the taxes are increasing almost every year, so make sure you get your benefits! The following information is printed here to bring you up-to-date with some of the current tax rates and benefits and to help members be aware of how they can receive their Social Security Benefits.

PRINCIPLE BENEFITS are retirement income, family income at death of worker and disability income. There are also small lump sum benefits and many other social and welfare programs financed partially by your Social Security taxes.

Full retirement income is paid to workers who are 65 or over and their wife or husband who is also 65. The spouse's benefit is 50% in addition to the worker's benefit. Reduced retirement benefits for retired workers or spouses may be received as early as age 62. If there are children under age 18, or dependents totally disabled, they may receive retirement income benefits.

Family income is paid to the widow or widower of a deceased worker if there are children under age 18 or who are full-time students under age 22. Retirement benefits from age 60 can be received by the widow or widower of a deceased worker. (No benefits are received by a widow or widower after the children become 18, or 22 if a full-time student, until age 60. This could be a period of several years where no benefits will be paid.)

Disability income for serious disability (expected to last for at least twelve months or more) the worker may receive income based on his expected retirement benefit, provided he is unable to engage in any gainful work and has the minimum amount of quarters where he has paid Social Security taxes.

Lump sum cash, a maximum of \$255.00 is the only cash benefit paid due to the death of a covered worker.



INSURANCE PROTECTION STILL NEEDED

It's therefore important that every family have additional life insurance protection and retirement income in order to insure that they will not have to work and earn extra income and lose some benefits. Your Danish Brotherhood Representative can fully explain your Social Security benefits, and assist you if you need help in qualifying for full Social Security Benefits. Please see your Representative, or write to the Home Office for additional information.

FACTS ABOUT RECEIVING FULL BENEFIT

You may not earn more than \$210.00 per month after you start receiving Social Security Benefits and get your maximum. Any earnings you have above \$210.00 any month would reduce your benefits 50c for each dollar of earned income prior to age 72.

A widow with children may also lose part of her benefits if she earns more than \$210.00 of income per month.

TAXES

The present taxes you are paying are as follows: A worker on income up to \$15,000 per year pays 5.85% of earned income towards Social Security. His employer pays the same amount.

Our Lodges in Action

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February 6. It was the overwhelming feeling of the lodge that we give George his 50 year pin posthumous, as he worked diligently holding many officer positions in our lodge. With deep sorrow we will miss George at our meetings, as he was always present. We extend to his wife, Eva, and son, George, our deepest sympathy. Open installation of officers was held at our January meeting January 21. Installing officer was Norman Edmonds, president of the G.C.E.L.

Waldo J. Elliott, Secretary.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. — Friday, January 9, our regular meeting night, only important and routine business was attended to by the officers. The reason being the joint installation of officers for 1976, together with the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 84. This being an open installation, all members, their relatives and friends, were welcome. Tommy Eliassen had his accordian with him, so dancing was plentiful, as were the coffee and cake that was served. Officers for the ensuing term will be: Svend Sorensen, Past President; Paul Iversen, President; Chris Mogensen, Vice President; Viggo Nielsen, Secretary; Carl Ingeholm, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Robert Nielsen, George Godthaab and Carl Wilhjelm are trustees, and Preben Wendt, conductor.

Viggo Nielsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. — Election of officers was held way back on December 3 with the results being all the old officers are going to be around for another year except for Carl Christensen, who wished not to go out for an office. The officers for the new year are: Past President William Peterson; President Glen Nissen; Vice President George Severson; Secretary Clarence Hanson; Treasurer and Financial Secretary Chris Biering. First, Second and Third Trustees are George Christiansen, Kai Nielsen, Peter Nielsen, respectively. Guards are Kaye Sorensen, Sr., and Kaye Sorensen, Jr.

We all thank President Glen Nissen for a job well done in 1975, and wish him good luck in 1976. Walter Christensen is going back to the hospital soon. We all wish him good luck and hope to see him back soon.

Chris Biering, Secretary.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — The brothers of Haabet Lodge were shocked at the sudden death of one of its oldest members, Arne Marinus Bjarno, on January 9, 1976. Marinus was a hard worker and always around when you needed someone, as well as taking over certain duties. We will all miss Marinus and our deepest sympathy goes to his son, Arne, and his family.

At our January meeting on the 14th, we had our installation of officers with Aage Jespersen from Hartford Lodge No. 314 as our installing officer. The sisters from Freden Lodge No. 12 D.S.S. joined us with their new officers for the joint installation. On March 10 we will have our annual Cod Fish supper. All brothers from the area are invited to join us in celebrating our 87th birthday. We still meet at the Apollo Hall on the Sherman Parkway. Time will be 8 p.m.

Norman Edmonds, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — On January 16 our meeting was highlighted by National President George

Godthaab installing the new officers for the year. The new slate of officers is as follows: President George Clausen; Vice President George Olesen; Secretary Rosemary Baratta; Treasurer Karl Gamborg-Nielsen; Conductor Svend Nielsen; and Trustees Arthur Thomasen, Lars Gamborg-Nielsen, and Henny Janco. Past President is Flemming Henrichsen.

Rosemary Baratta, Secretary.

Lodge No. 139, Viborg, S. D. — We celebrated our 75th anniversary here in Viborg in a very successful way December 28, by hosting a gala dinner-banquet for over 150 members, guests, and friends of The Danish Brotherhood. Master of ceremonies for this important event was Walter Knudsen. Walter did an excellent job of sketching the history of our lodge and crediting many of the people who made progress possible, including those who are still vital cogs in leading our present membership.

Through the 75 years of our lodge there have been 820 men, women and children initiated into the lodge. At present our records indicate a membership of 123 members. The celebration was held in our "new" hall, which was opened in October, 1971. Our first DB hall was built in 1905, and served as a landmark in Viborg for over 65 years. Honored with 60-year membership pins for their service to the lodge were Peter Danielsen, Jens Nielsen, Eddie Madsen and Nels Mark.



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 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon chives
 1/2 cup raw cauliflower (tiny flowerettes)
 1/2 cup Danish cheese in petite cubes (Havarti, Esrom or Creamy Havarti)

1/2 cup mushrooms, finely chopped
 1/2 cup thawed, frozen peas (or fresh peas)

Blend mayonnaise and sour cream together. Add lemon juice, mustard, salt and chives. Mix thoroughly. Fold in remaining ingredients. Cover and chill to allow flavors to blend. Makes about 2 1/2 cups dip.

COPENHAGEN, HERE WE COME!

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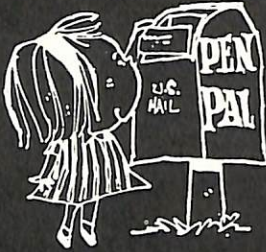
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