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It is inconceivable that April 1 should arrive, even though your magazine won't be in time, and no mention is made of April Fool's Day.

What other holiday anywhere in the world deserves to be celebrated by so many people yet is acknowledged by so few?

Fortunately, I take great pride in this, my personal holiday. And I hope all of you enjoyed "Fool's Day" as much as I intend to. For I love to wander where the angels fear to tread. I think that's the "Dane" in me.

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DANES BELIEVE WATER IS STRICTLY FOR SHIPS

Copenhagen: This breezy, bustling city by the sea is 800 years old, which proves it is possible to eat and drink as the Danes do and still survive.

It's a reassuring thought for an American visitor, whom the people here seem to feel, is undernourished and always on the verge of dehydration.

Trying to keep up with them dish for dish and glass for glass is one of life's more delightful challenges, but it involves certain risks. These must be bravely taken, of course, in the furthering of good international relations.

Water is something to float ships on in Denmark.

The Danes set their luncheon and dinner guests afloat on waves of beer, wine, akvavit, and brandy, in roughly that order. Skaal!

Akvavit is another way of spelling what happened. The unwary find it is stronger than they suspected or that they are weaker than they thought. Actually it doesn't matter which.

A number of restaurants serve food and drink until 5 a.m.

Their closing time, a little before sun-up, presents no great problem

since there are other restaurants that open at 5 a.m.

The situation encourages public sobriety, it is explained, because no one is overwhelmed by the urge to consume alcohol before a given time. The around-the-clock drinker need not be a clock-watcher.

The unwary find it is stronger than they suspected or that they are weaker than they thought.

The Danes say they drink beer for the sake of art, since the profits of one large brewery are donated to the arts.

In time, Denmark seems likely to become the repository for the art treasures of the world.

The notion that they eat too much is a myth, according to the Danes, who cheerfully point out that the only basis for it is the fact that they overeat.

When they have guests, it's a reasonably safe bet that the latter overeats, too.

Only a person of weak character could resist the kind of food that is put on Danish tables.

Darwin Olofson,
Omaha World Herald Staff Writer

The lineage of the Danish Royal Family as received from the Danish National Tourist Office and designed by our Italian friend, Dick Ferrari, at "Creative Workshops" here in Omaha.

"Et Lille Øjeblik"



SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES RECEIVES AWARD

Scandinavian Airline System's North American Division received the presidential "E" award for excellence, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced.

SAS is the first foreign flag airline whose American organization has won this nation's highest honor to firms making a major contribution to the U.S. export expansion program.

A. C. Rutzen, director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's District Office in New York, where SAS has its North American headquarters, said the flag carrier of Denmark, Norway and Sweden has merited the "E" award for its "aggressive missionary activity in bringing Scandinavian market opportunities to the attention of American producers, particularly the smaller

now-to-market exporters."

The "E" award, given only a select few firms throughout the country, consists of a citation signed by the Secretary of Commerce in the name of the President, a distinctive "E" flag and "E" lapel pins.

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ANCIENT EGYPT REVISITED VIA SAS

An 11-day Egyptian tour with a day and night in Copenhagen for \$1175 is being offered by Scandinavian Airlines.

This first-class tour will depart Chicago's O'Hare International Airport monthly, beginning September 19. This

tour will run through April, 1978. The total price includes all meals.

There will be a \$100 additional charge in September and in April because of fare regulations.

A total of five days will be spent in the Egyptian capitol with escorted visits to the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, the Cairo Museum, the Bazaar and other high points. The new deluxe Jolie Villa is the hotel.

The New Winter Palace Hotel in Luxor will be the base from which tour passengers will explore the remnants of ancient Egypt; the temples of Luxor and Karnak, the below-the-ground royal tombs at the Necropolis of Thebes, the celebrated tomb of King Tutankhamun, whose treasures are even now being exhibited in America.

And Aswan, the third stop, will be the jumping off place for a tour of Abu Simbel, where the two temples carved out of a rock cliff 3200 years ago were dedicated to the great Rameses II and his famous wife, Queen Nefertiri. Destined to be inundated by the rising waters of the Aswan Dam, the temples and their four 67-foot high statues were cut into 1,050 blocks and reassembled into the side of a man-made concrete mountain.

Further details are available from SAS or a travel agent.

LUXURY IN AFRICA OFFERED BY SAS

A plastic potty???

This can come in handy when you're out on the African plains, and SAS and Wise International Travel are featuring a "plastic porta-potty" in their Luxury Safari Adventure Tours from Chicago.

With eight Chicago departures for 1977-78, beginning June 18, this 17-day Kenya-Tanzania tour sells for \$2378 complete. (There is a \$160 single supplement.)

A highlight is the use of luxury tented camps on several nights, set right in the middle of the game reserves on Masai Mara, Serengeti and Kilimanjaro. These luxury tents are insect proof, have comfortable beds, matching linens, reading lights and the aforementioned plastic potty.

The fully escorted tour takes in safari highlights in some of the unspoiled stretches of the great game plains of Kenya and Tanzania and allows plenty of time for game viewing and photography. Two full days, for example, are spent within the Masai Mara game reserve.

Further details are available from Scandinavian Airlines or Wise International Travel, 4750 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60630.





BEN DANSKE MUS

Thank you once again for sending me a Danish Brotherhood scholarship check for this past academic semester. The money has come in very useful in the past. I am gratefully indebted to the Brotherhood.

Erik N. Christensen,
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland.

The March cover of the American Dane was so effective. Those were the kites we made as kids in Denmark.

Gunna Jensen,
St. Petersburg, Florida

You've got a good magazine going.

Richard Christensen,
Western Springs, Illinois.

I want to tell you how well I liked the layout of our news in the February issue. In fact, I want to tell you how well I like the whole new look of each issue. It certainly is a welcome change and from the sounds of things about, a lot more people feel the way I do. The

magazine looks terrific. Keep up the good work, we do appreciate it.

Claire Kjems,
Fords, New Jersey.

In a recent publication I noticed that your magazine was established in 1882 and, because of this, I wonder if you can help me in a geneological search.

My husband's grandfather's name was Frederick Eisensee. Upon arriving from Denmark he informed the immigration authorities he was Heinerick's son and thus the last name became Heinerickson instead of Eisen-see (at least this is the story handed down). He settled in Omaha around 1875-1880, married Hannah Jensen and raised a family. In the late 1880's they moved to O'Neil where he had a meat market and prospered until the depression of 1893, when they moved to Harlan, Iowa. He later returned to Omaha and died at a son's home in 1921.

I am most anxious to find out more about him, particularly when he arrived in the United States, as well as any Denmark information. If you can assist me in any way, either from your magazine or suggestions where I can search further, I will be most appreciative.

Enclosed find a stamped envelope. I will be pleased to pay for any copying fee you may charge.

Thanking you in advance,
MRS. J. J. HEINERICKSON,
8141 Ward Parkway,
Kansas City, Mo. 64114.

DANSK FOLKESAMFUND

In 1904-05 the Dansk Folkesamfund started a fourth colony in Pine county in northern Minnesota. The land itself offered good farming possibilities but was marred by blackened stumps, reminders of the Hinckley fire of 1894. The town of Partridge already had a depot, hotel, store, schoolhouse, town hall and other dwellings. As the Danes came to the area and formed a D.F. settlement, Partridge was renamed Askov after the large Danish Folk School.

In celebration of America's Bicentennial, one of the Askov Bicentennial Commission's projects was to apply for and receive a grant from the State of Minnesota to name its streets in Danish and to erect red and white street signs. The commission felt it was an appropriate and lasting reminder of the courage and faith of America's many pioneers and of Askov's own Danish heritage.

H. C. Andersen's Alle and Skolegade run in front of and along side the H. C. Andersen school. In its early years it was both a parochial and public school teaching Danish and English.

Jernbanegade parallels the railroad. The railroad was the influencing factor in the development of small towns in northern Pine county as demands for lumber increased and brought prosperity to these logging towns.

Skovvej is lined with evergreens.

Engvej leads to a meadow in the area of the water tower and also denotes farming, which is what the settlers did as the majority of the lumber had either already been logged or burned in the Hinckley fire.

Danavej and Dannebrogsgade commemorate the selection of the Askov area by the Dansk Folkesamfund.

Brogade is intended to bring back the role of the nearby Kettle River, which provided logs and recreational areas.

Bregnadalgade because Ferndale was the name of the first nursery and it remains as one of the few places in Minnesota allowed to sell wild flowers.

Mosevej is a common name for the romance of lowland areas. (A polite way to say the road runs through a big swamp.)

Købmagergade is the street on which most of the businesses are located.

Pionervej came from "Dansk Pioneer", an early publication, and because the street runs in front of a housing complex for the elderly.

Kirke Alle runs in front of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Bethlehem Church founded in 1906 and now an affiliate of L.C.A.

Guvernors vej named for all legislators from Askov and especially for the late Hjalmar Petersen, Governor of Minnesota, himself a Danish-born American.

Arol D. Hansen,
Askov, Minnesota.

Due to the carelessness of the Fraternal Department Secretary, Lodge No. 299, Solvang, Calif., was omitted from the Directory of Lodges in the March issue of the "American Dane". We apologize to the members of the Solvang lodge. No slight was intended on our part.

299 Solvang, Calif. Bill Springer, 569 Alisal Road (93463). Second Wednesday, Memorial Hall, Mission Drive, Solvang.

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(b) **Limited Pay Life** is similar to the Whole Life in that it provides protection for the entire lifetime of the insured. The difference in the two certificates is the manner in which the premiums are paid. Under the Limited Pay the protection extends to age 100, but the premium payments are made for a shorter period of time. Thus, under a 20 Pay Life, the insured pays premiums during the payment period that are high enough to permit him to stop payment at the end of the 20 years and still enjoy protection equal to the face amount of the certificate for the remainder of his life.

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DANISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, D.C.

To Americans of Danish Descent and Friends of Denmark in the United States

The United States' Bicentennial celebrations are now behind us, and to all who experienced them I think they will remain a cherished lifelong memory.

This is not in the least true with regard to the numerous and worthwhile arrangements with which the Danish Bicentennial Committee extended a talented and generous bouquet of congratulations to the United States.

In this context, I shall also remember with particular gratitude the Americans of Danish descent and Denmark's many friends in the United States. All those who contributed to the preparation and successful completion of the Danish manifestations deserve recognition of their effort.

Also, the many thousands who gathered in connection with the visit by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to the United States testified to the impressive number of people in this country who have preserved their ties to Denmark and appreciate their Danish heritage — an appreciation which will surely endure even after the flags have been lowered, the days of festivity have passed and everyday life resumed.

A result of the Bicentennial is increased connections between the Danish and American peoples at the rather official level. Grants and funds to further the exchange of students, scientists and artists will make new and meaningful contributions to our two societies.

However, one task of great importance remains, a task which can only be taken on by residents in this country: the preservation of the Danish voice in the great American concert. The Danish language is still

alive in American everyday life. Through the Danish language papers, "Den Danske Pioneer", "Bien", "Kirke og Folk" and a few others, it constitutes a tie of invaluable importance to the national unity of Americans of Danish descent.

I therefore appeal to you to support "The Danish-American Language Foundation" which was inaugurated by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II during the Bicentennial year. A group of responsible American citizens of Danish descent will put these funds to good use, especially for the purpose of preserving the printed Danish language.

A most important contribution is, however, quite simply to subscribe to the paper of your preference and to provide the editors with news from your area. A modest effort, indeed, but one which will strengthen the Danish-American press, help in maintaining knowledge of and respect for the Danish language and thus strengthen the ties between Denmark and Americans of Danish descent.

With kind regards and thanks,

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The Danish American Press in the United States is an important link between Danish-American communities and Danish-American organizations from coast to coast. Many persons may not realize what "Bien" and "The Danish Pioneer" mean in this respect until it is too late. Reviving a newspaper after it has ceased publication is difficult and perhaps impossible but sufficient assistance in time to the present publications will guarantee that they will be here as long as necessary to serve the Danish-American public, their favorite organizations and preserve the traditions that we foster and hold so dear.

Your gift to the foundation is a way of expressing your continuing belief in the traditions that have been so important to you. As a recipient of your generosity, the foundation shall seek to encourage and develop the preservation of the Danish Press in the United States and the education and instruction of the public in the role of the Danish people and their heritage on the American system.

We would like you to make a special effort to show your tangible sign of recognition of the importance of the Danish culture. We would ask that you make a gift or pledge to the foundation.

Please use the handy coupon when forwarding your contribution or pledge to the Foundation. Your pledge is needed now to reach a goal that will provide continuous support for the purposes mentioned.

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CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Last year the Danish Brotherhood sponsored an essay contest. This year, we're going to do something different. We are going to have a **Creative Writing Contest** open to all members or relatives of members, young or old, poets or essayists. **Anything at all.** And on absolutely any topic you wish.

In fairness, we have established three age groups with three broad categories in each. Group I — open to any member or relative of a member, 12 years of age or younger as of the August 30 deadline. Group II — open to any member or relative of a member between the ages of 13 and 18 as of August 30. And Group III — any member or relative of a member who is over 19 years old.

Then, in each group we have three categories: Poetry, Fiction (short story) with a maximum of 1500 words; Non-fiction (essays, journalism, etc.) with a maximum of 1500 words. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded in each category in each group.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each category if we have 12 entries or more. Only first and second prizes will be awarded if we have more than five entries but less than eight. And only one prize will be awarded if we receive less than five entries in any one category.

So if you've ever had a secret ambition to be a writer, or if you've always thought you could but were afraid to try, or even if you're an established writer looking for a new outlet, try this on for size.

Selection of winners will be done by a national panel of judges.

Here are the prizes:

Group I [12 and under]

Poetry: 1st-\$15; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$5.

Fiction: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$10.

Non-fiction: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$10

Group II [13-18]*

Poetry: 1st-\$15; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$5.

Fiction: 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$30; 3rd-\$20.

Non-fiction: 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$30; 3rd-\$20.

Group III [19 and over]*

Poetry: 1st-\$15; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$5.

Fiction: 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$30; 3rd-\$20.

Non-fiction: 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$30; 3rd-\$20.

*all birthdates as of August 30, 1977.

And the rules are very simple:

1. All work must be original, typewritten or handwritten legibly, double spaced and on one side of a sheet of paper only.
2. No manuscripts can be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.
3. All entries **must** have a small snapshot or photo of the author.
4. All entries must be postmarked by August 30, 1977, and received by the Danish Brotherhood before September 10, 1977.
5. All winners will be announced in the October, 1977, issue of the "American Dane" magazine and the winning entries will appear shortly thereafter in the magazine.
6. You may enter as often as you like in as many categories as you like; however, no more than one prize per entrant per category will be awarded.

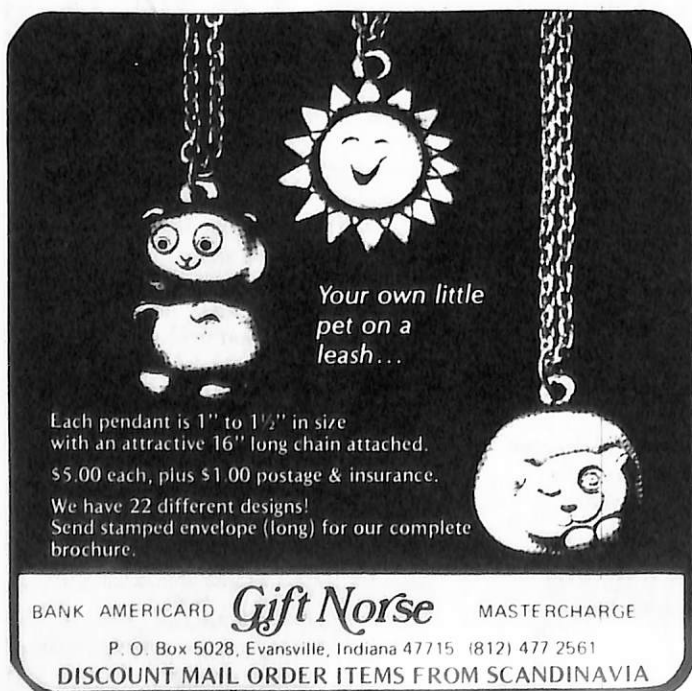
And there you have it. The Danish Brotherhood is offering all of our members and their families the opportunity to share in over \$600 worth of prizes. And we're also offering you the opportunity of seeing your work in print.

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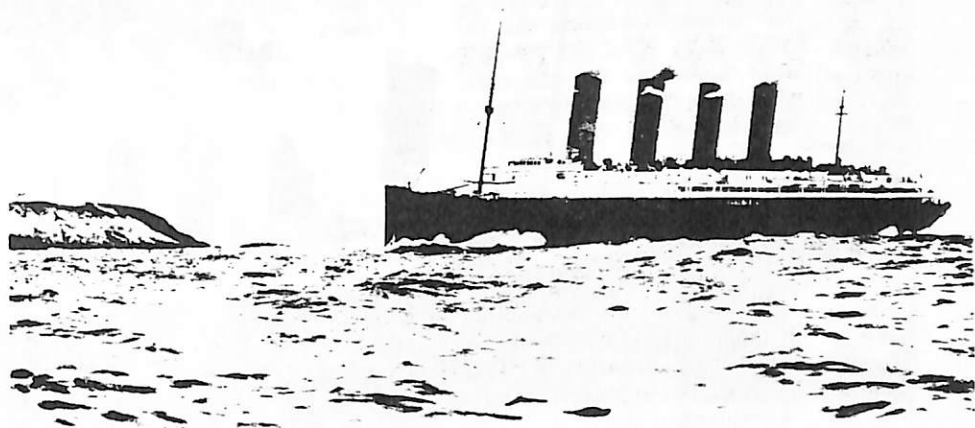
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ONE APRIL NIGHT

As Told to G. Eilts by
Mrs. Jensina Moller-Thyssen
January, 1977



It was like floating on an ebony mirror. The sea was so calm; the night so black, even the stars seemed to hover like bits of ice in the sky. For it was so bitterly cold. Too cold to stand by the rail and watch this blackness drift by. Five days out of Southampton and two days yet to New York, a glittering palace of light floating in a midnight black sea.

Though it wasn't late, only a bit past eleven, the ship seemed very quiet. Sunday night in the middle of the Atlantic, as well as the frigid night air, seemed to have driven all but the hardiest souls into their beds early.

Jensina stood by the rail staring out into the night, uncomfortably cold yet unable to pull herself away. For some reason, no matter how cold she was, she just didn't want to go inside.

Around ten o'clock, Anders, the young man she'd met soon after they'd sailed from Southampton, had escorted her to her cabin. She'd thought he might kiss her good-night. She'd secretly hoped he would. And he'd seemed about to. Yet he was so shy. Instead he'd just mumbled something, blushed a lovely light red, and hurried away back up the corridor. For an instant she frowned. She should have kissed him!

She'd felt like going to bed. And yet something seemed to be gnawing at her. Something she couldn't quite understand. Though she'd never in her life been away from her home in Aarhus before, she knew this feeling wasn't homesickness.

The whole trip had been like a dream; sailing away from Copenhagen that cold March night; the tiny ship tossing like a cork while crossing the North Sea to England; the lovely visit with her aunt; the excitement of the boat train to Southampton; and the sailing.

Possibly that one moment had been the most overwhelming of them all. She'd never before seen such a gigantic

ship — ten stories tall with four red, white and black funnels towering even higher, and it seemed to stretch on for blocks. It was so huge, she wondered how it could ever float.

Then there were the people. Thousands of them, milling about, some laughing, some crying, all of them talking. Baggage, like mountains, standing everywhere. She watched as a great black limousine inched onto the wharf. A gentleman in a derby hat got out, turning to help a lady from the car. She was magnificent, glittering like a queen. Her beige linen suit peeked through her full-length Sable coat. Yet her true elegance was her hat.

If Jensina had a weakness, it was for hats; large, elegant, chic hats. And Jensina had been justly proud of her black satin and ostrich feather hat until she'd seen this one. This lady's hat was enormous, rust-colored felt with a high sweeping brim wrapped with huge brown and white satin bows and lots of egret feathers that drifted gently as she disappeared into the crowd followed by a stream of stewards carrying her sixteen trunks. Jensina had never before felt quite so cosmopolitan, yet quite so mousy, all at the same time. Unconsciously she tugged at her small black-dyed rabbit collar and moved towards the gangway.

They'd sailed amid phenomenal excitement; bands playing, ships blowing their whistles, the thousands of people on the pier waving and crying. The air was electric.

That afternoon they'd paused at Cherbourg for more passengers, and the next morning, a quick stop at Belfast. Then they were off. Land disappearing behind them. She was crossing the Atlantic, alone and apprehensive, yet eagerly awaiting their arrival in New York six days away.

The time had passed swiftly. She'd met Anders the first evening out, and

They'd sailed amid phenomenal excitement; bands playing; ships blowing their whistles; the thousands of people on the pier waving and crying.

since he could speak both English and Danish, she had suddenly been able to comprehend everything that was happening. Although she began to feel something else, too.

Anders was a fine young man, delicate and considerate, very quiet and painfully shy. He liked her, and she knew it. That thought made her feel warm inside and very comfortable. In a way, she suddenly realized, she was falling in love with him. And the thought almost took her breath away.

He was bound for Minnesota — and according to him, Minnesota was just next door to Racine, her destination — they could see each other often. He'd come to visit, whenever he could get away from his uncle's farm, and she might even come up to visit him. It had become such an exhilarating world, Jensina thought sometimes, that she would surely burst.

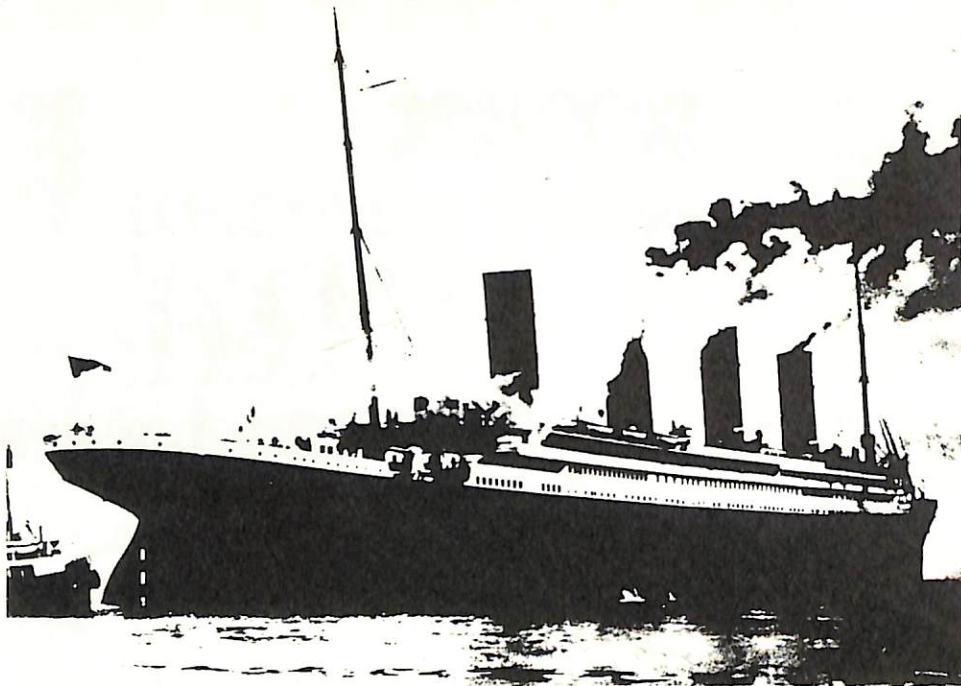
Finally, numbed by the cold, Jensina decided she'd better return to her cabin for the night before she froze solid to the rail. There was absolutely nothing to see, yet she couldn't seem to pull herself away from watching for it.

She shared her cabin with a German woman and the woman's two-year-old son. The baby had been relatively good, so they'd gotten along fairly well. Both of them were asleep when she entered the darkened cabin.

Yet the minute she closed the door and the darkness flooded in around her,

She should have kissed him!

a strange, horrifying chill slid up her spine. Something was wrong. Something was going to happen. Quietly she switched on her night light, yet the



German woman and her baby were sleeping quietly. She'd just begun getting ready for bed when a strange shudder passed through the ship. It was as if the huge liner had abruptly rolled across an ocean of loose gravel.

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For a moment she listened. Yet the normal movement of the ship, the hum of the engines, everything, seemed to be exactly as it had been before. She was, again, about to take off her coat when the engine noise seemed to slowly fade away and the gigantic ship quietly slid to a halt.

The ship had stopped.

But why? Ocean liners don't usually stop in mid-ocean. At least she didn't think they did. For a moment, fear seemed to claw at her throat. Yet it was silliness, she thought. Nothing could happen to this mighty a ship.

She peeked out into the corridor. Everything seemed quiet, perfectly normal. Her discomfort was still there, but now it seemed so childish. If only Anders were here to hold her and comfort her, and maybe explain to her what was happening.

It was almost fifteen minutes before she heard people moving about in the halls, but as she moved to the door, she stumbled. The floor didn't seem quite level anymore.

Just as she opened the door, Anders almost fell through it.

"We've struck ice," he whispered. "I think it's serious."

She started to speak but he put his fingers against her lips.

"Up front where my cabin is, the water is already coming in."

She thought suddenly of crying.

He smiled, "Don't worry so. This is a

big ship and, anyway, we'll be alright. They know what to do and they'll take care of us."

His eyes were so lovely, so deep blue and gentle, that Jensina immediately felt better. Anders knew, and she could depend on him.

"But to be safe," he continued, "get dressed in something warm. I'll be back in a few minutes. Then we'll go up on deck and see what's happening."

With that he was gone.

While she was waiting, she woke the German woman, who immediately became hysterical. Jensina spent the time calming her down and getting her and the baby dressed. When Anders returned, the floor was beginning to slope even more, the drapes on the porthole hanging out a bit from the wall.

"We had better get on deck," he whispered. "I think this is more serious than I at first thought."

Then, just as they were about to leave the cabin the steward appeared. He and Anders argued although Jensina couldn't understand what they were saying.

"He told us to stay here," Anders scowled, "and wait for further orders. But I don't like it. We're going up on deck anyway."

As an afterthought Anders grabbed some life jackets and they were off.

On deck the scene was orderly, yet tense. The lifeboats were being swung out and the crew was attempting to fill them. But the ladies were obstinate. It was cold, the boats small, frail-looking, and the ocean black and foreboding. No one in their right minds would trade the warmth and security of this mighty liner for a midnight boat ride on the frigid Atlantic.

Yet the German woman needed no coaxing. In she went, slumping into a corner of the lifeboat, clutching her son in her arms.

Anders tried to make Jensina go, too.

A flare suddenly exploded above their heads, showering the darkness with bits of fire.

"I will not," she stated flatly, "not until you go."

"Don't worry so," he teased, "we'll all be alright. But the women must go first. It's some rule or other."

"I don't care, I won't go until you do and we'll not discuss it any further." With that she moved back, allowing an older woman to enter the boat.

Anders suddenly became anxious. "Please, Jensina, do as I ask. I don't want anything to happen to you."

"If everything is so safe, why are you worried?"

Anders didn't answer for a second, staring back at the crowds of people beginning to fill the deck. He didn't look at her, but he said, "I think we're going to sink."

The words exploded in Jensina's face.

"And I think some of us won't make it."

Without thinking she grabbed his arm.

He turned slowly to look at her, his blue eyes deep and sorrowful.

"I want you to be alright."

She didn't realize what she was doing, but she hugged him, desperately afraid to let go. And he held her.

"When this is over, Jensina, we shall meet again," he whispered. "I will come to visit you, and you will visit me. I am certain of that."

Somehow, tears exploded from her eyes.

"Please, Anders, come with me. I'll go if you go ..."

A flare suddenly exploded above their heads, showering the darkness with bits of fire.

"We are sinking, Jensina," he sighed, "and you must go now."

"No, not without you."

"Jensina," he commanded, "we will find a boat and you will go."

He pulled away, starting down along the deck.

Another flare filled the darkness. People were everywhere, crying, talking, scrambling against the slant of the deck. Terrified, she clutched her purse. All her money, her papers, her mother's amber necklace, were locked inside.

"Stop, Anders, I will not go without you."

They had paused just on the edge of an increasingly frantic crowd. The crew was hurriedly helping the women into the boat.

Suddenly, the ship's whistle thundered into the night just as the third

flare erupted above their heads.

The agonizing scream of escaping steam almost obliterated all other sounds.

"She must be sinking," Anders shouted. "They're blowing steam. The water must be nearing the boilers."

Without another word, he turned to face her, peering deeply into her eyes. Then he kissed her, gently, yet all too quick. She didn't even realize it had happened until it was over.

Then he took her arm and shoved her through the crowd towards the lifeboat.

"No, Anders, I won't go. I won't ..."

She could see people ... moving about the brightly-lighted decks; she could hear their cries, and the music; and she could see the massive stern rising higher and higher into the air.

Someone literally picked her up and dropped her into the boat. Before she could resist, the lifeboat was dropping towards the sea below.

"Anders, please," she screamed up at the side of the ship.

But it was too late. There was nothing she could do.

She watched him for as long as she could. He was so handsome, so gentle. Surely he would be alright.

It seemed a nightmare. Just hours before she'd been dreaming about arriving in New York. Now she was trapped in a small crowded lifeboat out in the middle of the cold Atlantic watching this magnificent ocean liner dip lower and lower into the ocean.

Time evaporated. She could see people, shadows, moving about the brightly-lighted decks; she could hear their cries and the music; and she could see the massive stern rising higher and higher into the air.

Then, it was over. A gentle slide, a muffled, horrible shriek, a very gentle swell, and the ship was gone. Disappearing into the black mirror.

The ocean seemed full of faces, screaming and drowning. Somehow she knew Anders would survive. He was strong and gentle. He would be saved.

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As the night passed, the screams passed, also, until only the silence, haunted occasionally by a muffled

moan, and the ocean gently lapping against the side of the small boat.

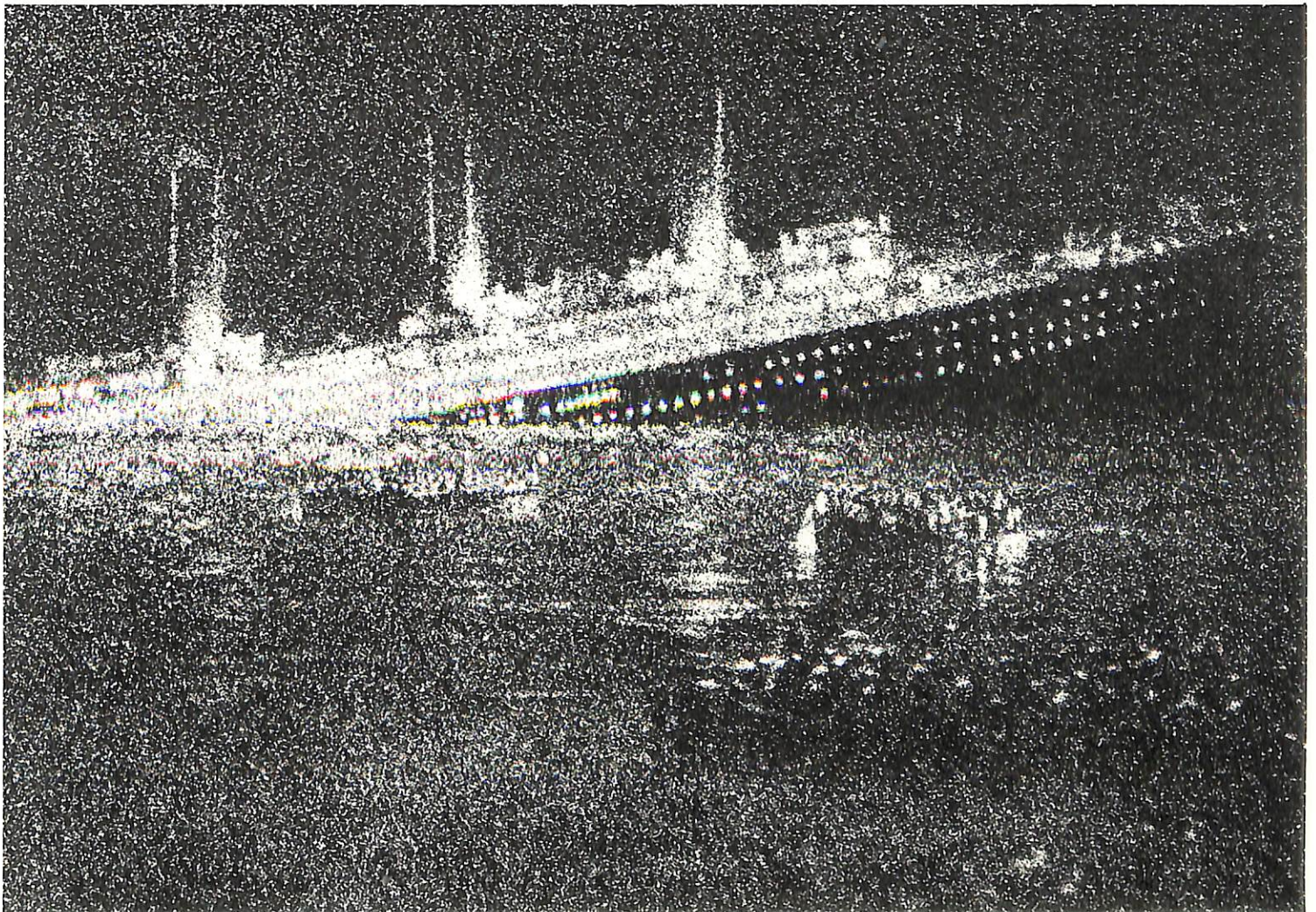
With the dawn came the rescue ship, bearing down on them like some monster from the deep.

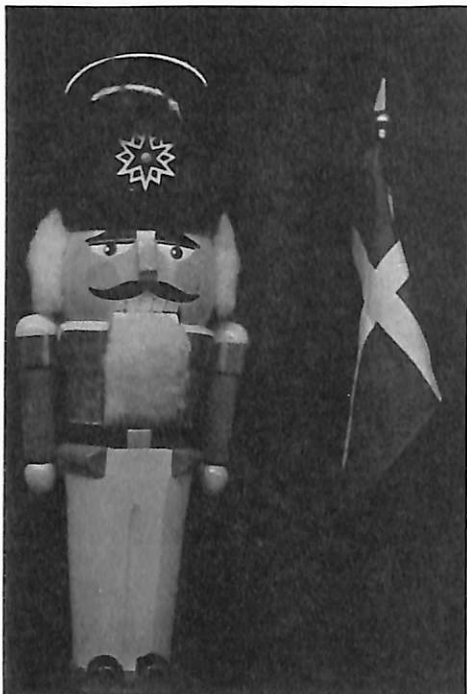
After being hoisted aboard, she spent the day searching for Anders, back and forth through the salons and public rooms. All the way to New York, she prayed that he'd survived; that he was aboard another ship.

Yet it was not to be. Anders was listed as "missing", then as "presumed dead". She'd never get to visit him in Minnesota, and he would never visit her in Racine. But she could never forget his eyes, or that one gentle kiss.

She's kept the purse, the amber necklace, and the black shawl someone gave her after she was rescued. But she's kept one more thing — the dream of her Anders. They'd met one April night in the middle of the Atlantic aboard an ocean liner bound for New York. And they'd parted that same night.

Now, 65 years later, she still sits quietly in the evening fingering the old, worn folio of tickets — the print almost completely faded away except for a few bold black letters — R.M.S. Titanic — Southampton to New York, April 7, 1912.





MIDWEST

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis. — Welcome to Dennis Wamboldt and Robert O'Neal, who have joined us. We also welcome back Clarence Duffin, who still lives in Florida but transferred his membership back to our lodge. That puts us at 242 as of this month.

The aebleskiver and sausage breakfast was well attended with 145 being served. A big pat on the back to the committee who worked so hard on this event.

As you can see, there is something for everyone, so let's get that prospective member joined up so he can also enjoy the fellowship.

As soon as it gets a little warmer there will be a Midwest District Trap Shoot for those of you interested in that sport, to be held in Dwight. Please contact Matt Fosbinder and he will place you on a team. Further information on this will be published as available.

We had about 86 at our Valentine's party, which was a very nice get-together. Thanks to the committee. Thanks also to Ted Kyriazes who cooked the food at the bakery for us. Unfortunately Ted and Jane were unable to be at the party. Ted's father passed away in Greece and we send along our sympathy from all of the brothers.

The baseball bus trip to Milwaukee has been set for June 24, a Friday night. Those of you who signed up will

Our Lodges in Action

be contacted shortly to confirm your reservations and make payment for the trip.

It was great to see Betty and Jerry Zier at the Valentine's party. The lucky Ziers are living in Hawaii once again. Must be rough.

Ben Peterson is on vacation, so I hope you are gathering names of prospective members so we can keep him busy when he returns.

Bob Ibsen, Correspondent.



From the International Food Fair held in Kenosha on February 27, which was attended by over 2,000 people. Workers at the fair are (l to r) Roger Nelson, Lillian Andersen, Ronald Jensen and Lucille Neckar.

Lodge No. 9, Oshkosh, Wis. — Only 12 people attended our meeting on February 24, but we really had fun. Those who missed the meeting missed a good time. The Arthur Larsens and the Harold Nielsens taught us a simple but highly entertaining card game. We all hope to play the game again soon. The scrumptious desserts prepared by Clara Christiansen and Elsie Hansen were enjoyed by all. Diets were forgotten. Thanks to all of the above for making this evening most enjoyable.

At the business meeting preceding our fun time, we discussed future events and set up a tentative schedule

for the rest of the year. Plans are being made for a progressive dinner in April. Our annual dinner will be in May.

Outside activities are being planned for the summer. We will drive to Racine to shop in Danish bakeries and hopefully eat a Danish meal somewhere. We'll have a picnic again at the Eichmans. Also in our summer plans is a trip to Waupaca for a boat excursion.

September will find us back to our meeting place at the Eagles for a potluck dinner. October will be a time for viewing a slide presentation. November will be nomination night, followed by card playing. In December we will again have a Christmas party. We hope the members who have been inactive will join us.

If there are activities you'd like that are not on the schedule, please call. We'd love suggestions. Call Cliff Eichman at 231-8928. Hoping to see more of you at these future events, as we've missed those who have been absent.

Helen Eichman, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill. — The results of the Midwest Rifle Shoot in Kenosha are in. Our host lodge, No. 14, took quite a few of the honors, but Dwight managed to bring home a trophy, as Jim Andreasen had third high individual score in the team event. A delicious barbeque supper was served at the lodge afterwards. It's a lot of work to plan these events and we want to thank Kenosha for doing such a great job.

Saturday, July 23, we will be the host lodge for the second annual trap shoot. We are hoping to work in some other details. Come help us make some plans.

At our February 14 meeting it was voted on and decided to donate \$25 to St. Peter's Lutheran Church Building Fund for the use of the office and equipment for the publication of our newsletter.

Twenty-five year member pins were awarded to Vernon Von Qualen and Elmer Jacobsgaard by Past President Leo Pedersen. Congratulations and may you have at least 25 more years with us.

...drawing for a bottle of Cold Duck for submitting a name of prospective member.

Jim Andreasen had his first "name in the hat" drawing for a bottle of Cold Duck for submitting a name of a prospective member. Dick Perschnick was the lucky winner. Keep those names coming in. After the meeting a very interesting talk and demonstration was given on drugs by Policeman Jim Enger.

Margaret Goodwin, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill. — It was good to see so many members at our March meeting. Especially members who have not attended our last several meetings. After a short meeting, Mrs. Elvira Lake, coordinator of Adult Services at the Waukegan Public Library, gave a very delightful book review on "Faraway Lurs" by Harry Behn. It was a story about a Danish girl, Heather, that lived 3000 years ago. The book is based on some fact. Her preserved body was discovered early in this century on a farm in Denmark. That community now has erected a statue in her memory. It is a reading must if you like folklore.

We have two bowling teams, one men's and one women's, in the Midwest Tournament in Milwaukee on April 2. Sure hope to have good reports for you on this event.

The April meeting is scheduled for the 15th rather than the 8th and will be held in the **small conference room** rather than the large one. Mr. Robert Flint, from Commonwealth Edison, will give a presentation on energy and how to conserve it. On May 13 a slide with sound program will be given on "The Queen's Visit to America". Then tentative plans have been made for the second annual potluck supper on June 10. More details at a later date.

On March 24 Mr. and Mrs. John Petersen will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Petersen will be 80 on April 17 and Mr. Petersen was 85 last October 11. Congratulations, John and Anna! John has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for 52 years. Four of their sons are members of our lodge (President Carl, Vice President Bill, Secretary treasurer Walter, and Second Trustee Ingolf) plus four daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.

Don't forget the meetings — second Friday of the month at the Waukegan Public Library.

Janet Petersen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Ill. — Kenosha really did a great job hosting the Midwest Rifle Shoot, and we didn't perform badly either. We placed second in team shooting, Ray Christensen won a trophy for second highest score, and we fielded two women, Shirley and Beverly, and two juveniles, Ted and Matthew. Pat Zickler also walked away with prize money for individuals.

A new membership directory will be coming to you soon so you will know who and where we are.

At our March meeting we initiated Ken, Eleanor, Eric and Brian Andersen and voted in Howard, Jr., Bessie, Rebecca, Howard III Andersen and

Let's keep the pace going.

Joyce McDonald. It's great having you on board. Let's keep the pace going.

Lise Jensen was the winner of the monthly attendance drawing. Congratulations. And your's truly was the first member to pay a 10c fine for not wearing his membership pin (voted on in January). If you lost your pin, let Barbara Karsbaek know.

Please confirm your anniversary party reservations ASAP. Friends welcome.

May 4 will be our potluck smorgasbord meeting.

Anyone behind in dues please send to Leland Larson.

... he said he really enjoyed being involved so much, compared to other things such as merely attending an activity or meeting.

Sometime in May (a Saturday or Sunday) we will be holding our first "Children's Miniature Golf Tournament" with prizes awarded by age groups. Parents are welcome. You could help by letting Ted Kaiser know how many children you might send or bring. Coming back from the rifle shoot, my son, who was one of the juvenile shooters, remarked that he really enjoyed being involved so much, compared to other things such as merely attending an activity or meeting. So our young people want to be involved; let's get out and back the activities for the youth.

Dick Christensen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis. — A total of 272 guests were present when Banquet Chairman Jens Ericksen welcomed everyone to Lodge No. 4's 95th annual banquet and introduced the toastmaster, Al Strini. A wonderful dinner of Cornish Hen was enjoyed by all.

Toastmaster Al Strini called upon president of Lodge No. 5 Danish Sisterhood, Dorothea McCallum; president of Dania Society, Knud Hesthaven; and Arthur McCallum, president of Lodge No. 4, who introduced the elected officers of Lodge No. 4 for the coming year. Outstanding entertainment was provided by the YMCA Boy's Choir, and a standing ovation was well deserved. Al Strini then called for remarks by Robert Ibsen, Director of the National Board of Directors, President of the Midwest District, and also Secretary of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha. A banquet would not be complete without the mayor of Racine, Stephen F. Olsen, who responded to Al Strini's invitation.

The banquet concluded with the singing of "Der er et Yndigt Land", and

all joined in dancing to the music of the "Gentlemen of Note". So ended another successful anniversary banquet for Lodge No. 4.

Past National President Einar Danielsen, together with Robert Ibsen, presented 50 year pins and a certificate of appreciation to Wallace L. Sorensen, who joined the Danish Brotherhood on December 12, 1926. Rudolph V. Madsen joined August 3, 1927, and Hans "Jack" Rasmussen joined Lodge No. 14 and transferred to Lodge No. 4 in June of 1927. Congratulations on 50 years' membership.

John Mollerskov, Correspondent.

MICHIGAN-OHIO



The photo shows our president, Herman Ostergaard, presenting a 25-year pin to Harold Anderson of Gorm Lodge No. 170.

Lodge No. 170, Rocky River, Ohio — Harold Anderson was born in Øland, Sweden, immigrated to America, and joined the lodge on May 7, 1952. Harold has been a true and active member over the years and for the 17 years he was treasurer he did a superb job of keeping the books in balance. Whenever his books were audited by the committee, it was a foregoing conclusion that the books balanced to the penny.

We Danes are proud to have our Swedish brother in the lodge

Harold was also secretary for a number of years, served on committees and was always ready to assist on everything for the good of the lodge. Harold is still active and in good health, but for the most part he is confined to his home, taking care of his wife, Caroline, who suffered a stroke some years back.

Yes, we Danes are proud of our Swedish brother in the lodge and we wish the very best for him and his wife in the future.

E. Bentzen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 70, Greenville, Mich. — The month of February has been a much better month for our society. We

had a big turnout for the Valentine supper hosted by the Brotherhood for the Sisterhood. The sisters responded with many compliments.

We have two new members initiated in February, David Burke and Elmer Jensen.

Vern Minard, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 30, Muskegon, Mich. — Our social meeting for the month of February was held on the 8th at the home of Clayton Hanson. We had a very fine "Sloppy Joe" supper followed by a sociable evening of playing cards and tossing darts.

At the February 22 business meeting the bowling team members present were generating interest in the forthcoming Danish Brotherhood Bowling Tournament. Art Burkall, our treasurer, was awarded the Booster Award Plaque from the National Headquarters by Clayton Hanson, for Art's efforts in obtaining five new members for our lodge.

Harold Neiser, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — February 9 was the first business meeting of the month and we had a good attendance. The highlight of the meeting was the initiation of two more members to our lodge and the Brotherhood. We welcomed Merritt Blair and Orla Pedersen.

During the past month we lost three brothers in death. They were Fred Sorensen, Vaughn Hending and Lauritz Larsen. The lodge sends our sympathies to their families. At this same meeting our outer guard, Richard Christensen, announced that he had to resign his office due to a promotion at work. We are sorry to lose Dick, but he assured us that he will be back in due time and would be active again as soon as he can. President Ed Woods appointed John Crocket to fill Dick's office and Past President Paul Carlson installed John into his new office.

February 19 we held our annual "Slaa Katten Af Tønden" party and we had a turnout of 130 people. Although it was not quite a full house, those who attended had a good time. Crowned King and Queen for 1977 were Sherry Gorney and Axel Donvig.

February 23 was the second business meeting of the month and the attendance was, as usual, small, but we still conducted the business at hand and then adjourned for coffee, pastry and beer, along with the card games that seem to get started after every meeting. Another thing that happens after our meetings is that there is a lot of time for talking with both old and new friends. To me, this is one of the most important things that our Brotherhood has and one of the reasons that it continues to grow.

Robert Sorensen, Correspondent.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION

Portland's Max and Betty Madsen, Pacific Northwest Presidents of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges in Oregon, Washington and Canada, are proud to announce that the 1977 District Convention will be held in Enumclaw, the Little City with the Big Attractions, at the foot of Mt. Rainier. Delegates have already been selected from the many lodges for this great weekend on May 20-22.

Every so often each of us has the chance to contribute to his community and this year DB No. 113 and DS No. 75 hard-working members are preparing what they want to be an unexcelled program for all visitors to our Twenty-Eighth Annual Conclave. As a business center, a city of fine homes and an area of terrific scenic and recreational advantages, "Enumscratch" will welcome all from far and near with their famed hospitality and friendliness. Rather than say "Goodbye", the Danes and their associate citizens in this thriving metropolis always say, "Velkommen, Aloha, Auf Wiedersehen, Sayonara and Til our paths cross again."

Come to Enumclaw May 20-22, 1977. Omit the word "can't".

Never miss a chance to fraternalize. Future depends on your cooperation. Each of us depends on each of you. Renew old friendships.

Eager to make new ones.

Now is the time to register.

Come dressed "as you like".

Enjoy the May weekend in Enumclaw.

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash. — Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodge meet every first Wednesday except July and August at the Swedish Club in Seattle.

In memory of Henning Nielsen, who passed away in January. Henning joined the lodge in 1949. Einer H. Storm who also passed away in January. Einer joined the lodge in 1928. Sincere sympathy is extended to the families.

Welcome to our new members, Dr. Louis Christensen, professor at Seattle University, and Sharon M. Chamberlain.

The joint installation of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood at the University Tower Hotel on January 29 was very well attended. Our district presidents, Elizabeth Madsen and Max Madsen, both from Portland, did an outstanding job of installing officers for 1977.

We will have our anniversary dinner

Saturday, April 23, at "Latitude 47" Restaurant in Seattle.

Lem Petersen tells us that the response to the Danish class held at St. John Lutheran Church and co-sponsored by Lodge No. 29 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 40 has been very good. There are now 23 students signed up. Lem credits the publicity in our newsletter and the local paper for the results. Glad we could help, Lem.

Clyde Langsted, Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA



The Stenderups shown are two sets of twins. Verner and Gunner are the sons of Viggo. The elder gentlemen are 50-year members, and Gunner and Verner are 25-year members.

Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield, Calif. — Installation of officers followed a champagne ice-breaker and steak dinner at "Freddie's Top of the Hill". We are indebted to the Stenderup family for the wine served with dinner. Dancing followed the installation and everyone had a wonderful time.

General Committee President Peter Pedersen installed Owen Nelson as past president; Verner Stenderup, president; Douglas Nelson, vice president; Alfred Nielsen, secretary; Erik Michelsen, treasurer; Vernid (Pete) Peterson, conductor; Louis Jacobsen, Viggo Stenderup and Elton Nelson, trustees; Jacob Jeppesen, inner guard; and William McDonald, outer guard. Out of town guests included Hans Andersen, past national president, and Ken Petersen of Petaluma.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to Verner and Gunner Stenderup. Ove Hansen, also eligible, was unable to attend. Verner and Gunner are twin sons of Viggo Stenderup, who also has a twin brother, Soren.

Owen Nelson, who is now past president, made the announcement that the local library has on display the collection of books which the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood lodges donated. The books have created much interest.

Congratulations to Kent Stenderup, son of Verner and Birthe, our new Brotherhood and Sisterhood presidents. Kent just received the Sunset School Al Cantor award as the outstanding athlete of Arvin high school. Kent is a football linebacker and the recipient of a grid scholarship to Stanford University.

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif. — Our fish dinner Friday, February 18, was a great success. The brothers joined hands with Scandia Ski Club and together they had cod floating in gravy, as well as other liquids, which together with "canned" music made for a wonderful evening. We hope we will have more of the same.

Peter Breum, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 230, Arcata, Calif. — Humboldt Lodge No. 230 is starting the new year with great enthusiasm. On January 27 we entertained the Rosager Gym team after their performance at Humboldt State University. This group of young people, mainly from around Ringkøbing, Denmark, were a great bunch of performers. They were delighted with the American hot dogs, salads, cake and drinks served to them. Our visitation time with them was short as they were scheduled to leave early the next morning for the Bay area. This was their first performance and they had 38 bookings before they returned to Denmark on the 28th of February. It was a thrill to have them sing at the table, especially for our younger people who haven't had the opportunity to witness this before.

January 29 we joined with Gimle Lodge No. 95 and Fjeldronning Lodge No. 131 in Ferndale for installation ceremonies. It was a pleasure to see so many members from other lodges attend this with us. The following are the newly elected officers for 1977: Past President Mary Frost, President Holger Holgersen, Vice President Dorothy Kjer, Secretary Laura Schuler, treasurer Earl Kjer, Trustee Viggo Poulsen, Conductor Glenna Holgersen, and Inner Guard Andrea Holgersen.

On February 5, eight of us journeyed to Petaluma to witness their installation.

Following a delicious buffet dinner and installation, our new president, Holger Holgersen, was escorted to the chair, where he in turn called upon 51-year member, Gunnar Ladefoged, to present a 50 year pin to our brother, Harold Jensen, who has been a resident of the Petaluma area for many years. It happened that the president of No. 230 50 years ago, Peter Jepsen, who also lives in Petaluma, was present, so he was included in the act. He pinned the pin on Brother Jensen. Following appropriate remarks, these brothers were marched around the hall

twice to much applause.

Much business was accomplished at our last meeting, such as plans for revision of bylaws and several appointments were made to various committees for the ensuing year. Plans for a social when we will invite several prospective members on February 24 when Holger and Glenna Holgersen will show pictures of their European tour last summer.

Laura Schuler, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev. — Silver State Lodge members enjoyed a social evening celebrating St. Valentine's Day, February 14, at the home of Alice Pinkerton. There were coffee and cookies served by the hostess, and Anne Marie Henderson brought a delicious Valentine's layer cake. The evening was enjoyed by all.

The annual installation of officers was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. David Young. A very delicious smorgasbord was served with various dishes made by the members of the lodge and coordinated by Birgitte Conradsen and Birgitte Young. The installation ceremonies were held with Pete Pedersen, President of the California-Nevada District, as the installing officer, and Harvey Rasmussen as conductor. This was a very informal and pleasant installation and Pete Pedersen spoke to the group, reminding everyone of our Danish heritage in America and naming some of the more famous Danes who have contributed to America's greatness. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening and we are all looking forward to a good year in 1977.

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The International Festival will be held in July of this year and the members are now getting busy to prepare for this event. This was begun in Las Vegas in 1976, celebrating the Bicentennial, and was such a success that they have decided to make it an annual event. This will be open to the public so anyone in Las Vegas at that time should try to put this on their agenda. This will be held at the Convention Center.

Alice Pinkerton, Correspondent.

EASTERN LODGES

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N.J. — [Editor's Note] As of the March business meeting, Lodge No. 116 now accepts women into their membership. Last month we announced that the subject was on the agenda. This month we have the pleasure of announcing that it passed. What a marvelous way to begin a new year. Congratulations!



"Living It Up" Anders Bernstorff, 96, received an insurance check from the Danish Brotherhood in a recent ceremony at the lodge. He did the unusual by outliving his straight life policy with the Brotherhood and therefore received the monetary benefits. Present at the occasion were George Severson, president of the lodge, and Bernstorff's grandson, Norman O. Hanson, Jr. Mr. Bernstorff was born February 10, 1881, in Aarhus, Jutland, Denmark.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. — The dinner meeting in February was not too well attended due to the bitter cold. Those that did show up were treated to a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner. A regular meeting followed.

February 16 was the second dinner meeting. We were served a traditional roast pork dinner with rødkål, potatoes and gravy, and Danish cheese. After dinner we paid tribute to our oldest member, Anders Bernstorff, who was 96 on February 10. Anders was presented with a large basket of fruit and goodies. He also received a check from the National Headquarters in Omaha for the full amount of his insurance policy plus interest. He was well pleased and thanked everyone, vowing to be with us on his 100th birthday.

William Peterson, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N.Y. — Our regular meeting on March 11 saw a smorgasbord being served by the refreshment committee, consisting of George and Birgit Jacobsen, Irene Kaminsky and Jim Jorgensen. We are attempting to hold a Fastelavns party for the children and grandchildren,

... a Fastelavns party ... tentatively reserved ... Sunday, April 17, at the VFW Hall.

provided enough interest is shown. The date tentatively reserved is Sunday, April 17, at the VFW hall. Please give the lodge a call and let us know if you are interested in going.

Maurice Gruber, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. — At the February 11 meeting our charter was draped in honor of William Berry, an officer in our lodge. The sudden and tragic death of Brother Bill Berry was a

sad loss to our lodge and we express our sincere sympathy to his family.

At our February 25 meeting Brother Joe Dascinio was appointed to fill the conductor's chair and Brother Oluf Hansen accepted the position of vice president for the 1977 term. The installation of officer dinner dance was postponed to March 12, due to the heavy snow and emergency fuel situation in the area. **The official snow fall in Erie was over 100 inches.**

Richard Tansey, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. — On May 20, 1917, Lodge No. 314 was chartered. On May 21, 1977, an anniversary dinner will be held commemorating this event. It is requested that anyone wishing to attend inform Lodge Secretary Peter Thomsen of your choice for dinner — steak or baked stuffed shrimp — at your earliest convenience, but no later than May 10. The secretary's address is 34 Johnson St., Newington, Conn. 06111. And everyone is welcome.

On May 20, 1917, Lodge No. 314 was chartered. On May 21, 1977, an anniversary dinner will be held commemorating this event.

Invitations have been sent to those Charter Members (also receiving their 60-year pins) as well as 50 and 25 year members. It is hoped we will have a good turnout because everyone will have a good time. All are welcome (wives, children friends, associates, prospective members, and members of other lodges).

Peter Thomsen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 164, New York, N.Y. — The February meeting saw the initiation of Miss Lois Wood as a new member, and she also volunteered to be this lodge's correspondent to the "American Dane".

Mødersmallet will celebrate its 74th anniversary on April 16 with a hot and cold buffet.

Due to weather conditions in January, the installation of officers was delayed until February. Past President Knud Pedersen, assisted by Brother Ernest Pedersen, installed the following officers: President Robert Rasmussen, Vice President Otto Mortensen, Secretary Ray Leth, Treasurer George Nielsen, Conductor Harold Lauridsen, and trustees, Thorvald Rasmussen, Grete Leth and Ann Borgisen.

Raymond Leth, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N. J. — Our March meeting was attended by eight members and saw the initiation of

Mavis Kroman, our third new female member. Welcome, Mavis, it is good to have you with us.

Discussion was held concerning future activities. Plans have been set for a card and game night to be held on May 6 at 8 p.m. at the Danish Home for the Aged in Metuchen. There will be door prizes, a 50-50, and coffee and cake will be served. You can play any game you like. If you want to have a fun social evening with pleasant company, come on out and join us.

We are also planning our first picnic for this year on Sunday, June 12. Brother Ejlf Kjems has offered his back yard for the occasion and all are in favor, as we had a good time last year.

Claire Kjems, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — Plans are already in the works for our annual picnic. Art and Elaine Sorensen have once again offered their home and yard for us to use. The date is June 19. As usual, things will begin to happen around noon and end when everyone leaves. You better jot the date down now so you won't forget. More details at a later date.

This lodge will begin having its meetings at a new hall, effective with the April meeting. The new location is the Mix Fire House, 905 Shepard Ave., Hamden, Conn. We will still meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Maps on how to get to the new meeting hall can be obtained by writing to Norman Edmonds, 86 Westminster Street, Hamden, Conn. 06518.

Norman Edmonds, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — This lodge meets on the second Friday of each month at the Swedish Museum. In fact, a unanimous decision to continue our meetings at this location was established by a vote of all those members present at the February meeting. After our last meeting, Nada Gamborg-Nielsen displayed some Fastelavns wreaths and described how they were made. Shortly after her presentation, we all enjoyed open faced sandwiches. Our thanks to Svend Nielsen, Elizabeth Christiansen, Berta Olesen. Dessert was comprised of many delightful cakes that were baked by some of the members' children, including Grete and Kristen Hempel, Ann Margaret Hinrichsen, Linda Olesen, Kathleen Santau and Maren Thomassen. These young people also helped with the setting up of the tables and serving of the food.

... it is our president's desire to start the meeting promptly, to shorten the length of the meeting, and to extend the time for socializing.

On April 3 we participated in our annual bingo games. The May 13 meeting will feature a slide show of the Queen's visit to the United States.

Arthur Thomassen, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa. — Our February meeting was well attended and, as usual, the evening was filled with fun. After a tasty snack of meatball sandwiches prepared by Betty and Marge Jensen, we turned things over to our entertainment committee.

Bente Ferguson lead us in singing "Vi sejlede op ad aen" (We Sailed Up A Creek), and for many the experience was a Danish "first". Charlotte Larsen had some lively, novel games for us to play — they brought lots of laughs and made the evening what it was supposed to be — a "get acquainted" night.

... we're planning for June, a festive "Hawaiian Luau".

At present, our attention is centered on an event we're planning for June, a festive "Hawaiian Luau". It'll have everything — a "happy hour" followed by a buffet supper, lots of dancing and very important, entertainment by some very original Hawaii Hula dancers. Tickets are going amazingly fast — with a hall capacity of 210 persons, some 150 spots have already been reserved.

We've just learned that "Dolly" will be with us in March, and when she plays her music we always have a great time. Our kitchen committee, Toby Bobman and Ulla Pedersen, will not reveal their plans for our after-meeting snack, saying only it will be a "surprise". So we have two very good reasons to expect a large turnout when we meet again.

Lorraine Malmquist, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N. J. — At our meeting on February 9 we initiated five new members; Howard Koyen, Melvin Koyen, Otto C. Jensen, Thomas Bell and Earl Brown. Brother Nels Kjeldsen presented Captain Kurt Carlsen's name for membership. Captain Carlsen is of "Flying Enterprise" fame.

Our 86th anniversary dinner will be held at the Step-Inn in Sayreville on April 30. Harold Hunt is chairman. Our picnic dates are June 19 and August 21. Our Christmas party is set for November 26. You will be hearing about the coming events from our secretary, Herman Farber.

Our new president, Carl Christensen, has made his committee appointments for the year, and all the members are anxious to assist in making this another banner year for Thor Lodge No. 46.

One of our members, Paul Jessen, celebrated his 94th birthday on February 17. He became a member in 1903. N. C. Nielsen celebrated his 91st birthday February 5. He has been a member over 50 years.

It is with deep regret I report the death of Hans Jansen. He will be missed as it was always a pleasure to have a chat with him. Hans was a member of Thor Lodge for 63 years.

Some of the members have been talking about a fishing trip with Captain Everett Moore, one of our members who has two charter boats, the "Miss Moore" and the "Teal". Will have more about this later.

George Ferdinandsen,
Correspondent.

Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt. — We are sorry to report the death of Brother Ernest Andersen on January 21. He was born in Aalborg, Denmark, April 24, 1888. He came to this country in 1908, and joined the Green Mountain Lodge on March 19, 1921. He had been an active and loyal member for many years. He leaves his wife, Marion, whom he married in 1924, and nephews and nieces. Members of the lodge conducted a memorial service led by President Louis Taft, Jr. He will be greatly missed by our lodge, his family, and all his many good friends.

Our annual picnic held at Bear Mountain Park on September 12 was a great start for the new season. There were about 70 attending and the barbecue chicken, baked potatoes, salad, baked beans, etc. put on by the committee headed by President Louis Taft, Jr., supplemented by a large assortment of desserts brought by the women, was delicious and quickly taken care of by the group. Horseshoe, games, general visiting and plenty of activity by the little folks were greatly enjoyed and we are all looking forward to next year.

At our October meeting, held in the home of Louis Taft, Jr., the picnic was the subject of much favorable comment. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Priscilla Taft, and during the social hour we were privileged to hear from Brother Arthur Lunde about the recent trip he and Helen had taken to Denmark. They had traveled around a lot, so his talk was very interesting and he also had many excellent pictures.

Our November meeting at the home of Brother Harold Tygesen concerned plans for the Christmas party and election of officers for 1977. We enjoyed our usual social hour with delicious refreshments by our hostess, Savina.

The annual Christmas party was held December 11 at the First Baptist Church hall with over 80 present. A

delicious turkey dinner was catered. Santa made an eagerly awaited appearance with boxes of candy for the children. They surely enjoyed that segment of the party, but then, I think they had a thoroughly good time anyway. Beverly Tygesen presented a program of ballet dancing by Cindy Thygesen and Kelly McGinnis who also did some enjoyable baton twirling, songs by Casandra Pletzer, and Mrs. Clarence Searl, visiting from Longmont, Colo., played the piano for the group singing of Christmas carols. The Christmas tree and table decorations were beautiful.

Gertrude Mikkelsen, Correspondent.

NEBRASKA

Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Neb. — Our lodge held its regular meeting on February 12. Two applications for membership were approved.

Mr. Andy Andersen, Omaha, Neb., showed the films of "The Queen's Visit" and "Denmark". Both films were enjoyed very much. It's always nice to have Andy visit us.

State President Don Thomsen and Mrs. Thomsen, State Vice President Herb Nielsen and Mrs. Nielsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Wishti Thomsen were our guests, also.

Andy Andersen presented a \$100 Savings Bond and Trophy to Ken Pedersen, winner of the 1976 Essay Contest.

Glennis McCutcheon, on behalf of Lodge No. 161, presented Ken with a cake baked and decorated by her. Lodge No. 161 is very proud of this young member of the lodge.

A cooperative lunch was served at the close of the evening by hosts and hostesses, Kenny and Loetta Pedersen and Ella Grove and Dorothy Jensby.

Ginny Schultz, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 177, Cordova, Neb. — Brother Hans Hansen received his 60 year pin at our regular January



meeting. Brother Otto Petersen is at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. He suffered a heart attack in late February. We have also learned that Brother Hans Hansen is in the hospital in Friend, Neb.

Engvert Jensen, Correspondent.

MONTANA



Lodge No. 273, Dillon, Mont. — Our lodge celebrated their 69th anniversary on February 5, 1977, with a banquet, program and dance. There were 216 Danes and guests seated for the lavish dinner. During the banquet the lodge honored Brother Otto Christensen for service to the lodge with a 60 year pin.

Also, Brother Clifford Bay was honored with an achievement award presented for his tireless effort in the production of a magnificent heritage float which was shown at the Bicentennial parade held in Dillon on Labor Day weekend. This float brought first place honors to Lodge No. 273 from the parade judges.

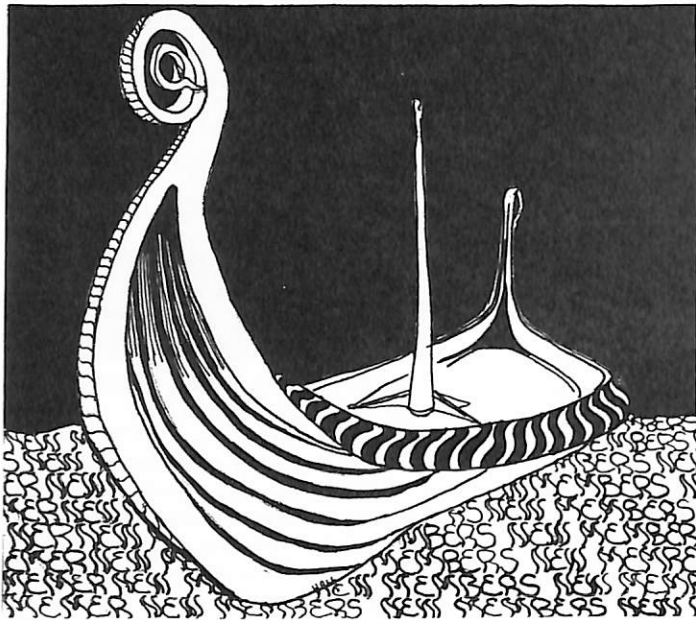
Vernon C. Nelson, Correspondent.



FLORIDA



Cimbria Lodge No. 257, St. Petersburg, Fla. — Elmer Jensen and Bob Jorgensen, past president and president.



NEW MEMBERS

Name	Lodge No. Location	Sponsor
Donald A. Keys	1—Omaha	Bernice Eckley
Matthew Madsen*	4—Racine	Rudolph Madsen
Andrew Madsen*	4—Racine	Rudolph Madsen
John Madsen*	4—Racine	Rudolph Madsen
Peter Christensen	4—Racine	David Christensen
Mark R. Madsen	4—Racine	Rudolph Madsen
Walter Madsen	4—Racine	Rudolph Madsen
Robert Jacobsen	4—Racine	Ray Clausen
Jerome Yanny	4—Racine	Harold Gade
Lawrence Lenz	4—Racine	Orvin Jarlesberg
Eiler Jensen	4—Racine	George Schmidt
Robert Christensen	4—Racine	George Schmidt
Dennis Wamboldt	14—Kenosha	Jerome Wamboldt
Orville Davey	14—Kenosha	Rudolph Bernhardt
Diana Jacobsen	16—Minden	Norma Jacobsen
Sharon Chamberlain	29—Seattle	Joel Chamberlain
Louis Christensen	29—Seattle	Thorvald Kofoed
Robert Jorgensen*	36—Milwaukee	Elmer Jorgensen
Viggo Lauritsen	62—Sioux City	Aase Jensen
Eleanor Andres	64—Rockford	Ralph Andres
Elmer Jensen	70—Greenville	Paul Worden
David Burke	70—Greenville	Vern Minard
Dale Christensen*	71—Penn Yan	Larry Anderson
Carmen Paulsen	89—Superior	Ingvar Paulsen
Mavis Kromann	90—Port Reading	Eivind Kjemis
Dieter Schumacher	92—St. Charles	Peter Orum
Pete Smith	139—Viborg	Ruth Peterson
Kermit Holm	139—Viborg	Ruth Peterson
Phyllis Holm	139—Viborg	Ruth Peterson
Josephine Nielsen	139—Viborg	Ruth Peterson
Norman Nielsen	139—Viborg	Ruth Peterson
Wiefert Nielsen	139—Viborg	Ruth Peterson
Virgie Nielsen	139—Viborg	Ruth Peterson
Victor Hansen	139—Viborg	Ruth Peterson
Dorothy Hansen	139—Viborg	Ruth Peterson
Kelly Eitzmann	161—Ruskin	Kenneth Jensby
Gayle Eitzman	161—Ruskin	Kenneth Jensby
Carla Eitzmann	161—Ruskin	Kenneth Jensby
Harvey Jensen	161—Ruskin	Floyd Andersen
Jerry Harris	161—Ruskin	Rejean Harris
Lois Wood	164—New York City	Raymond Leth
Steven Arndt*	182—Waukegan	Carl Petersen
Ruby Chapman	206—Blair	Harriet Betts
Jack Chapman	206—Blair	Harriet Betts
Doris Jones	217—Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
H. Curtis Jones	217—Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Helen McPherson	217—Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Leslie McPherson	217—Humboldt	Walter Pedersen
Jens Faaborg	227—Detroit	Jack Hansen
Paul Bedient	227—Detroit	Fred Bisballe
George Corsi	227—Detroit	Dennis Carlsen
Robert Baessler	227—Detroit	Viggo Sorensen
Helen Wester	257—St. Petersburg	Elmer Jensen
John Unger	257—St. Petersburg	Georg Pedersen
Margrethe Unger	257—St. Petersburg	Georg Pedersen
Mary Ellen Behling	257—St. Petersburg	Robert Jorgensen
Gladys Christensen	257—St. Petersburg	William Steffensen
Ella Houghton	264—Pocatello	Herbert Houghton
Christine Norgaard	264—Pocatello	Tracey Watson
David Christensen	299—Solvang	Johannes Jaeger
Eldon Pedersen	322—Santa Barbara	Erik Jorgensen
Lu Jean Hanson	323—Alhambra	Evelyn Hansen
Medric Christensen	323—Alhambra	Evelyn Hansen
Robert Christensen	323—Alhambra	Evelyn Hansen

Virginia Searles
Edwin Kuhlman
Asly Petersen
Erik Berntsen
Flemming Jorgensen
Joyce McDonald
Laura Testroet
Robert Hansen
Addie Christiansen
Jean Christiansen
Carl Christiansen
Kelli Ann Hansen*
Sue Philputt
Linda Goebel
Scott Cunningham
Lori Goebel
Ricky Mandler
Martin Olsen
Nels Hansen
*Juvenile Members

323—Alhambra
328—Vancouver
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328—Vancouver
340—Wood Dale
341—Kimballton
341—Elk Horn
344—Janesville
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600—Omaha
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Evelyn Hansen
Elith Marcussen
M. Bruhn
Anker Petersen
Aage Bang
Henry Larsen
Henning Rasmussen
Howard Hansen
Mel Larsen
Peter Orum
Peter Orum
Larry Svendsen
Jean Madsen
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BOWLING TOURNAMENT

It is time again for the Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament. All lodge secretaries should have received by this time entry forms for their lodges. If you have not, write to the National Headquarters and request them.

There have been some changes in the tournament for this year. The dates for bowling are between April 1 and June 1. Prize money will be awarded for the top 20 teams. The top men's score, lady's score, and top "Young Viking" score will also receive prize money, as will the top series in each of the categories. Bowlers may bowl on an all men's team or all women's team or on mixed teams to be eligible.

There will also be prizes for top ladies team and top Young Viking team. In addition to the monetary prize, each winner will receive a certificate in recognition of their award.

There is no entry fee or expense connected with this tournament for the participating bowler other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Total amount of prize money will be just under \$1,000.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF LODGES

December 31, 1976

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance	Fraternal Benefits Paid	Total Assets				
1*	Omaha, Neb.	247	\$102.58	\$279,500	\$	\$				
3*	Davenport, Ia.	22	71.79	32,500						
4	Racine, Wis.	386	250.10	271,750	950.00	50,225.83				
9	Oshkosh, Wis.	33	5.61	16,500		2,281.58				
10	Council Bluffs, Ia.	68	91.39	86,750		6,420.08				
11*	Clinton, Ia.	6	**	5,000						
14	Kenosha, Wis.	234	145.74	265,250	1,898.00	82,889.36				
15	Des Moines, Ia.	55	46.86	39,750	55.00	12,313.02				
16	Minden, Neb.	164	290.73	412,000		5,005.76				
17*	Chicago, Ill.	128	155.68	289,125						
26	Fremont, Neb.	15	**	11,500		1,765.58				
29	Seattle, Wash.	221	256.67	337,735		65,050.00				
30*	Muskegon, Mich.	47	36.96	27,500						
32	New Haven, Conn.	54	88.79	46,750	216.00	14,865.67				
33	Tacoma, Wash.	19	8.25	4,750	225.00	6,512.28				
34	Dwight, Ill.	164	59.70	151,000		3,040.00				
35	Chicago, Ill.	59	23.81	30,125	1,254.00	24,177.68				
36	Milwaukee, Wis.	71	27.00	34,500		3,689.62				
37	Bridgeport, Conn.	21	14.09	16,875	87.50	9,709.21				
39	Oakland, Calif.	80	89.31	59,625	690.00	50,279.57				
41	Derby, Conn.	22	26.72	16,500		3,497.91				
42	Spokane, Wash.	68	61.77	51,625		4,276.27				
43	Denver, Colo.	81	**	59,250	150.00	31,475.60				
45*	Minneapolis, Minn.	132	88.87	127,500						
46*	Perth Amboy, N. J.	193	132.67	101,875						
49	San Francisco, Calif.	146	106.50	64,500		405.11				
50*	Byram, Conn.	19	26.80	13,125						
51	Ludington, Mich.	151	117.29	154,625	0	45,303.04				
56	Kansas City, Mo.	49	45.11	28,250	0	2,717.57				
62	Sioux City, Ia.	21	36.15	24,750		4,683.13				
64	Rockford, Ill.	44	28.52	45,750		2,770.82				
65*	Duluth, Minn.	10	4.65	5,000						
67	Fresno, Calif.	49	97.11	45,125	190.00	8,641.13				
70	Greenville, Mich.	88	64.24	50,125	0	18,494.68				
71	Penn Yan, N.Y.	74	95.05	71,375	0	31,600.00				
73	Alden, Minn.	10	**	21,750	39.00	1,344.52				
75	Albert Lea, Minn.	103	218.93	96,125	0	6,746.95				
77	Turin, Ia.	8	15.56	11,000	0	75.98				
78*	Salt Lake City, Utah	22	30.53	13,000	0					
84	Lincoln, Neb.	62	77.46	208,500	0	4,917.93				
85	Rochester, Minn.	4	2.73	2,500		132.42				
89	Superior, Wis.	14	2.49	1,500		475.20				
90	Port Reading, N. J.	22	29.33	14,750	0	454.30				
92	St. Charles, Ill.	87	78.69	225,625	436.68	8,086.61				
95	Ferndale, Calif.	37	62.39	28,375		8,236.00				
96*	Jackson, Minn.	5	9.12	4,375						
102	Providence, R. I.	22	29.50	17,125	0	455.45				
103	Waterbury, Conn.	14	27.88	18,250	0	704.93				
106*	Trufant, Mich.	81	141.32	113,625						
107*	Chicago, Ill.	25	**	21,375						
110	Winside, Neb.	31	19.53	15,250	0	45.73				
111	Austin, Minn.	34	27.69	20,000	0	3,201.08				
113	Enumclaw, Wash.	45	36.05	64,000		25,268.23				
116	Newark, N. J.	104	196.84	118,875	360.00	14,885.00				
117	Plainview, Neb.	60	58.39	52,500	0	1,360.59				
121	Tyler, Minn.	11	7.47	7,000	0	88.29				
125	Weeping Water, Neb.	23	22.14	60,750	0	1,843.01				
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	264	244.51	310,375	145.00	60,774.41				
134*	Ringsted, Ia.	15	**	13,000						
139	Viborg, S. D.	124	104.40	45,750		23,571.76				
143	Petaluma, Calif.	94	37.94	65,625	430.00	11,765.11				
144	Dike, Ia.	132	228.68	149,400	0	6,040.59				
147	Newell, Ia.	62	30.72	26,250	0	1,041.15				
148*	Cheyenne, Wyo.	13	5.06	17,000						
150*	Rorbeck, Ia.	6	**	1,750						
153	Dannevirke, Neb.	9	2.72	7,000	0	67.37				
155	Bellingham, Wash.	37	28.91	16,250	0					
161	Ruskin, Neb.	112	103.89	84,000	0	2,262.14				
163*	Edmore, Mich.	8	2.34	4,250						
164*	New York, N. Y.	58	38.04	25,125						
167*	Portland, Ore.	96	114.85	94,250						
169*	Hubbard, Neb.	6	3.68	3,250						
170	Rocky River, Ohio	39	61.99	57,250		7,034.86				
171*	Jamestown, N. Y.	18	12.95	11,000						
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	133	99.34	159,375	54.00	6,394.96				
173*	Kansas City, Kans.	20	**	17,375						
177	Cordova, Neb.	42	47.47	40,750	0	1,552.95				
181	Sidney, Mich.	26	**	17,750	0	410.00				
182	Waukegan, Ill.	81	38.15	48,750	200.00	4,500.00				
183	Troy, N. Y.	38	45.06	32,125	0	24,899.86				
184*	Hayward, Calif.	50	59.10	32,875						
185*	Madison, Wis.	6	**	2,250						
186	Luck, Wis.	24	19.87	14,375	0	9,359.39				
190	Schenectady, N. Y.	85	85.34	72,375	605.90	40,548.09				
194	McMinnville, Ore.	28	11.66	9,250	0	2,502.40				
195*	Omaha, Neb.	37	55.95	30,875						
202	Warren, Pa.	31	41.35	20,125	0	1,599.75				
206	Blair, Neb.	92	**	41,875	0	1,073.74				
211	Grand Island, Neb.	92	32.14	87,250	0	664.82				
213*	Ord, Neb.	8	**	7,250						
217	Humboldt, Ia.	113	22.58	33,500			25.00	1,257.81		
219	Clear Lake, Ia.	30	18.83	34,500			0	2,065.53		
225*	Canton, Ohio	54	66.58	59,000						
227*	Detroit, Mich.	526	443.31	917,500						
230	Arcata, Calif.	34	27.05	13,000			0	12,154.15		
233	Toledo, Ohio	11	3.99	6,500			0			
234	Woodstock, Ill.	6	8.44	4,375			0	260.56		
238*	Juhl, Mich.	11	7.16	7,250						
239*	Lake Forest, Ill.	7	3.75	2,750						
240	Rochester, N. Y.	9	2.25	2,375			0	591.98		
241	Sayreville, N. J.	35	34.29	19,500			200.00	3,998.97		
242	Erie, Pa.	117	95.78	75,875			780.00	95,019.83		
245	South Bend, Ind.	30	35.02	21,125			0	7,931.71		
254*	Brush, Colo.	8	7.71	6,000						
255	Selma, Calif.	38	22.04	23,625			0	8,366.96		
257	St. Petersburg, Fla.	41	6.15	4,125			0	798.14		
260*	Williston, N. D.	9	7.03	7,250						
261	Fowler, Colo.	64	76.80	58,750			0	4,015.00		
262	Cozad, Neb.	10	12.91	7,500			0	55.90		
263*	Askov, Minn.	104	99.96	91,125						
264	Pocatello, Idaho	21	27.69	17,500			0	1,978.39		
268	Junction City, Ore.	49	32.50	18,250			0	6,005.90		
273	Dillon, Mont.	64	104.87	56,500			0	6,598.35		
278*	Salt Lake City, Utah	6	**	2,625						
279	Hunter, N. D.	6	4.04	4,625			0	69.30		
281	Cincinnati, Ohio	11	6.43	6,500			0	774.24		
283	Dagmar, Mont.	96	80.91	90,125			195.00	10,695.85		
288	Cotesfield, Neb.	15	40.41	14,000				538.26		
294	Barre, Vt.	59	73.48	59,750			0	4,332.39		
299	Solvang, Calif.	140	115.99	179,875			450.00	465.08		
300*	Oneonta, N. Y.	12	23.11	10,250						
301	Akron, Ohio	44	102.86	53,750			0	976.22		
306*	San Diego, Calif.	70	57.11	30,000						
308	MaCabe, Mont.	7	**	5,750			0	202.82		
314	Hartford, Conn.	95	80.95	72,500			1,150.00	54,936.49		
318*	Copenhagen, Den.	82								
319	Bakersfield, Calif.	40	45.70	28,875			0	2,768.13		
321	West Palm Beach, Fla.	16	12.01	8,250			0	861.18		
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	78	80.95	46,625			370.00	16,046.74		
323	Alhambra, Calif.	82	57.25	76,250			350.00	1,780.00		
325	Nassau Co., N.Y.	100	177.36	92,000			350.00	7,490.16		
326	West Branch, Ia.	27	39.69	15,500			0	313.45		
328	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	113								
329	Long Beach, Calif.	27	33.04	72,000			0	536.00		
332	Ripon, Calif.	68	63.15	65,625			0	11,102.06		
334	Geneva, N.Y.	34	55.07	36,750			0	3,781.55		
337	Fremont, Calif.	51	46.78	20,625			0	661.81		
339*	Las Vegas, Nev.	23	**	18,500						
340	Wood Dale, Ill.	65	**	278,500			0	283.24		
341	Kimballton-Elk Horn	213	**	132,750			0	521.30		
342	Bucks Co., Pa.	64	**	29,250			0	483.90		
343	Waupaca, Wis.	85	**	1,500			0	494.99		
600***	Omaha, Neb.	690	**	2,104,240						

* The report for 1976 is not received, or was received too late, or was not returned in time to be included in the tabulation. The amounts used are taken from our records subject to final audit when the lodge report is received. Secretaries who find an asterisk (*) after their lodge number are asked to submit their 1976 report to the Home Office as soon as possible.

** All lodge members on direct billing.

*** Includes members temporarily assigned to Lodge 600, pending institution of new local lodge.

The above listing gives 143 lodges and, as reported by the lodges, an adult membership consisting of 7,063 insured and 2,698 social; a total of one monthly assessment of \$7,714.50 for all lodges and a combined amount of insurance of \$11,025,125.

In addition to the above tabulation, as reported by the lodges, we have 673 juvenile members with an amount of \$454.25 for one monthly assessment and insurance of \$1,342,000.

This brings the adult and juvenile membership tabulation to a grand total membership of 10,434; one monthly assessment of \$8,168.75, and a total amount of insurance of \$12,367,125.

Lodges reporting for 1976:

JUVENILE MEMBERS

December 31, 1976

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance
1	Omaha, Nebraska	22	\$ 1.46	\$ 28,000
4	Racine, Wisconsin	3	2.19	6,500
9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	2	**	5,000
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	11	8.17	23,500
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	13	4.38	29,000
15	Des Moines, Iowa	6	3.65	15,000
16	Minden, Nebraska	19	9.98	42,000
17	Chicago, Illinois	4	**	10,500
26	Fremont, Nebraska	2	**	1,000
29	Seattle, Washington	29	17.45	72,000
32	New Haven, Connecticut	4	5.19	3,500
34	Dwight, Illinois	24	3.65	51,000
35	Chicago, Illinois	2	**	2,000
36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	5	3.52	8,000
39	Oakland, California	10	11.79	8,000
41	Derby, Connecticut	2	2.20	2,000
42	Spokane, Washington	10	7.39	17,500
43	Denver, Colorado	4	**	8,000
46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	18	11.74	41,000
51	Ludington, Michigan	1	**	2,500
62	Sioux City, Iowa	2	2.18	4,000
64	Rockford, Illinois	1	2.27	1,500
67	Fresno, California	2	.38	5,500
70	Greenville, Michigan	1	1.51	1,000
71	Penn Yan, New York	12	16.28	12,500
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	3	5.85	4,000
77	Turin, Iowa	2	2.91	2,000
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	3	1.45	8,500
90	Port Reading, New Jersey	1	1.51	1,000
92	St. Charles, Illinois	10	7.25	17,000
95	Ferndale, California	2	2.92	2,000
102	Providence, Rhode Island	2	**	10,000
106	Trufant, Michigan	1	1.46	1,000
107	Chicago, Illinois	3	**	3,000
111	Austin, Minnesota	1	1.45	1,000
113	Enumclaw, Washington	1	**	2,500
116	Newark, New Jersey	8	13.39	9,500
117	Plainview, Nebraska	1	1.47	1,000
125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	2	3.85	5,000
126	Los Angeles, California	27	22.38	33,500
134	Ringsted, Iowa	1	**	2,500
139	Viborg, South Dakota	6	11.99	9,000
143	Petaluma, California	8	5.30	9,000
144	Dike, Iowa	11	9.05	21,500
161	Ruskin, Nebraska	2	**	6,000
167	Portland, Oregon	9	12.44	9,000
171	Jamestown, New York	1	.71	500
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	17	7.60	24,500
173	Kansas City, Kansas	2	**	2,000
177	Cordova, Nebraska	12	**	30,000
182	Waukegan, Illinois	4	3.63	4,500
184	Hayward, California	8	9.40	7,000
190	Schenectady, New York	2	2.91	1,000
202	Warren, Pennsylvania	1	.73	500
206	Blair, Nebraska	5	**	25,000
211	Grand Island, Nebraska	10	1.69	26,000
217	Humboldt, Iowa	3	**	7,000
225	Canton, Ohio	20	20.99	36,000
227	Detroit, Michigan	11	9.43	9,500
238	Juhl, Michigan	11	4.19	25,500
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	10	12.38	17,500
245	South Bend, Indiana	10	10.01	7,000
254	Brush, Colorado	1	**	2,500
255	Selma, California	1	1.45	1,000
257	St. Petersburg, Florida	2	2.98	2,000
262	Cozad, Nebraska	1	1.51	1,000
263	Askov, Minnesota	13	16.74	16,500
268	Junction City, Oregon	2	2.78	2,000
283	Dagmar, Montana	3	6.57	4,500
294	Barre, Vermont	8	11.03	12,500
299	Solvang, California	9	10.49	39,500
301	Akron, Ohio	14	30.23	22,500
306	San Diego, California	10	5.93	11,500
314	Hartford, Connecticut	5	8.03	5,500
319	Bakersfield, California	1	1.46	1,000
323	Alhambra, California	6	3.19	32,000
325	Nassau County, New York	4	13.21	9,500
326	West Branch, Iowa	4	**	9,000
329	Long Beach, California	10	1.47	16,000
332	Ripon, California	22	24.81	24,500
334	Geneva, New York	1	3.12	2,500
337	Fremont, California	4	5.53	3,500
339	Las Vegas, Nevada	9	**	9,000
340	Wood Dale, Illinois	10	**	8,500
342	Bucks County, Pennsylvania	5	**	4,500
600	Omaha, Nebraska	88	**	319,000

New Members New Insurance

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1977

Lodge Number	Location	New Members	New Insurance
GROUP I (Lodges with 100 members or more)			
4	Racine, Wisconsin	10	\$67,000
29	Seattle, Washington	1	51,000
16	Minden, Nebraska	5	42,500
341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	4	32,500
161	Ruskin, Nebraska	5	20,800
227	Detroit, Michigan	5	12,500
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	3	10,000
217	Humboldt, Iowa	4	7,000
126	Los Angeles, California	0	4,000
34	Dwight, Illinois	0	3,000
1	Omaha, Nebraska	2	1,000
49	San Francisco, California	1	500
299	Solvang, California	1	500
325	Nassau County, New York	1	500
46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	10	0
139	Viborg, South Dakota	9	0
328	Vancouver, B. C.	4	0
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1	0
167	Portland, Oregon	1	0
17	Chicago, Illinois	0	0
51	Ludington, Michigan	0	0
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	0	0
116	Newark, New Jersey	0	0
144	Dike, Iowa	0	0
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	0	0
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	0	0
263	Askov, Minnesota	0	0
		67	\$252,800

GROUP II (Lodges with 50 to 100 members)

92	St. Charles, Illinois	1	20,000
323	Alhambra, California	3	5,000
15	Des Moines, Iowa	1	2,500
164	New York, New York	1	2,500
340	Wood Dale, Illinois	4	2,500
36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	0	1,000
42	Spokane, Washington	1	1,000
182	Waukegan, Illinois	0	1,000
70	Greenville, Michigan	2	500
71	Penn Yan, New York	0	500
283	Dagmar, Montana	1	500
206	Blair, Nebraska	2	0
113	Enumclaw, Washington	1	0
322	Santa Barbara, California	1	0
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	0	0
32	New Haven, Connecticut	0	0
35	Chicago, Illinois	0	0
39	Oakland, California	0	0
43	Denver, Colorado	0	0
56	Kansas City, Missouri	0	0
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	0	0

A pat on the back is only a few vertebrae removed from a kick in the pants, but is miles ahead in results.

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106	Trufant, Michigan	0	0
117	Plainview, Nebraska	0	0
143	Petaluma, California	0	0
147	Newell, Iowa	0	0
184	Hayward, California	0	0
190	Schenectady, New York	0	0
211	Grand Island, Nebraska	0	0
225	Canton, Ohio	0	0
261	Fowler, Colorado	0	0
273	Dillon, Montana	0	0
294	Barre, Vermont	0	0
306	San Diego, California	0	0
314*	Hartford, Connecticut	0	0
318	Copenhagen, Denmark	0	0
332	Ripon, California	0	0
337	Fremont, California	0	0
342	Bucks County, Pennsylvania	0	0
343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	0	0
		18	\$37,000

GROUP III (Lodges with up to 50 members)

89	Superior, Wisconsin	2	\$ 2,500
257	St. Petersburg, Florida	5	0
329	Long Beach, California	2	0
264	Pocatello, Idaho	2	0
30	Muskegon, Illinois	1	0
62	Sioux City, Iowa	1	0
64	Rockford, Illinois	1	0
90	Port Reading, New Jersey	1	0
3	Davenport, Iowa	0	0
9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	0	0
11	Clinton, Iowa	0	0
26	Fremont, Nebraska	0	0
33	Tacoma, Washington	0	0
37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	0	0
41	Derby, Connecticut	0	0
50	Byram, Connecticut	0	0
65	Duluth, Minnesota	0	0
67	Fresno, California	0	0
73	Alden, Minnesota	0	0
77	Turin, Iowa	0	0
78	Salt Lake City, Utah	0	0
95	Ferndale, California	0	0
96	Jackson, Minnesota	0	0
102	Providence, Rhode Island	0	0
103	Waterbury, Connecticut	0	0
107	Chicago, Illinois	0	0
110	Winside, Nebraska	0	0
111	Austin, Minnesota	0	0
121	Tyler, Minnesota	0	0
125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	0	0
134	Ringsted, Iowa	0	0
148	Cheyenne, Wyoming	0	0
153	Dannevirke, Nebraska	0	0
155	Bellingham, Washington	0	0
163	Edmore, Michigan	0	0
170	Rocky River, Ohio	0	0
171	Jamestown, New York	0	0
173	Kansas City, Kansas	0	0
177	Cordova, Nebraska	0	0
181	Sidney, Michigan	0	0
183	Troy, New York	0	0
185	Madison, Wisconsin	0	0
186	Luck, Wisconsin	0	0
194	McMinnville, Oregon	0	0

195	Omaha, Nebraska	0	0
202	Warren, Pennsylvania	0	0
213	Ord, Nebraska	0	0
219	Clear Lake, Iowa	0	0
230	Arcata, California	0	0
233	Toledo, Ohio	0	0
234	Woodstock, Illinois	0	0
238	Juhl, Michigan	0	0
239	Lake Forest, Illinois	0	0
240	Rochester, New York	0	0
241	Sayreville, New Jersey	0	0
245	South Bend, Indiana	0	0
254	Brush, Colorado	0	0
255	Selma, California	0	0
260	Williston, North Dakota	0	0
262	Cozad, Nebraska	0	0
268	Junction City, Oregon	0	0
278	Salt Lake City, Utah	0	0
279	Hunter, North Dakota	0	0
281	Cincinnati, Ohio	0	0
288	Cotesfield, Nebraska	0	0
300	Oneonta, New York	0	0
301	Akron, Ohio	0	0
308	McCabe, Montana	0	0
319	Bakersfield, California	0	0
321	West Palm Beach, Florida	0	0
326	West Branch, Iowa	0	0
334	Geneva, New York	0	0
339	Las Vegas, Nevada	0	0
		15	\$ 2,500

(New insurance includes new insurance on old members and juvenile members.)

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Amen.

Fader vor, som er i Himlen,
Helliget worde dit Navn,
Komme dit Rige.
Ske din Vilje, som i Himlen,
saaledes ogsaa paa Jorden.
Giv os i Dag vor daglige Brod.
Forlad os vor Skyld
som ogsaa vi forade vore Skyldnere.
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Tycho Brahe

by David Valade

Who was this man, Tycho Brahe? We know he was a famous Danish astronomer. But how did he become famous? We should all know because he is part of our heritage.

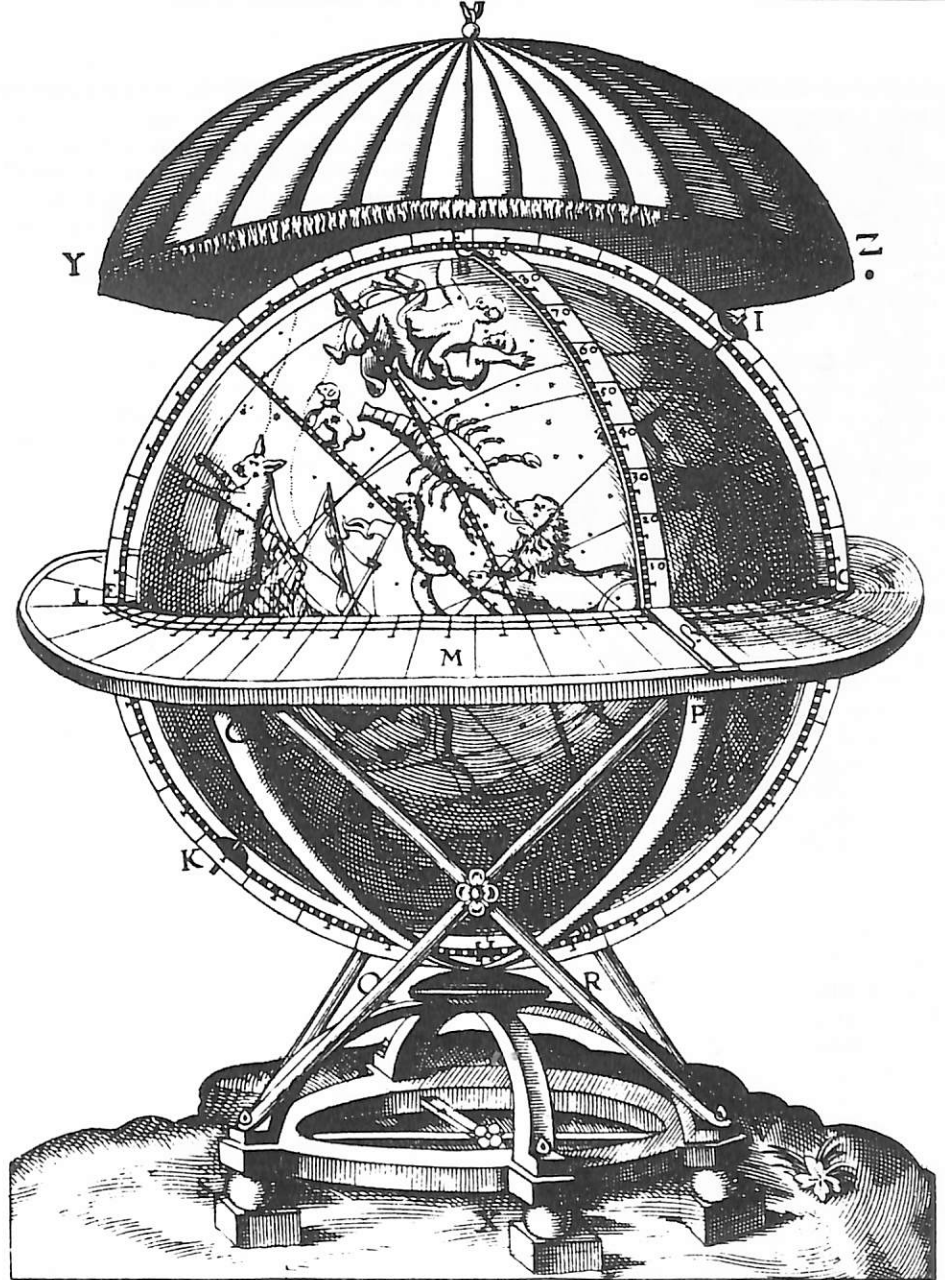
Tycho Brahe was born on December 14, 1546, at the Brahe family home (Knudstrup) in Scania, then a Danish province. His father was Otto Brahe til Knudstrup and his mother was Beate Bille. Both were from well-known Danish families. Tyge (Tycho's name in Danish, Tycho is Latin) was second in a family of ten children and he was the oldest son. When he was a baby, his uncle, Jorgen Brahe, and Aunt Inge stole him from Knudstrup to raise as their own. This didn't work because Tycho's father took the child home again as soon as his loss was discovered. As a child, Tycho did not know anything about his kidnapping, but he did notice that his aunt and uncle were extremely kind to him.

The problem with the artificial nose was that it did not look too well and it also came loose more often than it stayed in place.

At the age of 13 he went to the University of Copenhagen to study. Young Brahe became so interested in chemistry and astronomy that he left the University in 1562 for further training in Leipzig, Germany. His father hired a tutor for him to be both a friend and a teacher. The instructor's name was Anders Sorensen Vedel (one of my many-times-great grandfathers) who became Tycho's best friend and a chaplain in Frederick II's chapel in the Royal Castle. Vedel and Brahe traveled together to Knudstrup after the latter's studies in Leipzig were finished.

Tyge left Knudstrup for school once more, this time in Rostock, Germany. In Rostock Brahe had an experience that made a change in his life. He was visiting one of his professor's homes when he got into a violent argument with one of his Danish classmates, Manderup Parsbjerg, over a mathematical problem. They got so furious that they fought a sword duel in which Parsbjerg cut off a huge slice of Brahe's nose. From that time on Tycho wore a gold and silver nose painted as realistically as possible. **The problem with the artificial nose was that it did not look too well and it also came loose more often than it stayed in place.** A distinct problem, if one catches a cold.

After Rostock, he went to Augsburg



Tycho's Famous Five-Foot Globe

for more sophisticated courses in astronomy. Here he resumed his studies and observed the stars and planets often. He decided that if he was to know the stars better, he would have to plot them on a globe. He ordered a perfect sphere, five feet in diameter, to be made so he could put the stars' positions on as he found them.

On May 9, 1571, Tycho's father, Otto Brahe til Knudstrup, died and left Tycho with half of his land. Tycho's uncle, Steen Bille, knew that Tyge could not study in Knudstrup and also be landlord at the same time, so he gave his nephew room for a laboratory and observatory in his own castle. Steen became interested in Tycho's work and helped his nephew with his observations. They built a mill to make paper on which they could print their notes as books.

On November 11, 1572, Tycho discovered a new star in the constella-

tion Cassiopeia. For two years he was devoted to studying the star and only after its disappearance in March of 1579 did he stop his observations on the star. In 1573 he published his notes as

... he was not keeping a navigation light on the island and fishing boats kept running into the rocks.

De Nova Stella, which received much recognition from the king, Frederick II.

In 1573 he married a peasant's daughter named Kirstine. This put strains on his family relations because they thought he had disgraced the nobility and most of the family did not want anything to do with him. This did not seem to hinder his married life because he had five children that survived birth; Magdalene, Sofie, Tyge, Jorgen and Cecilie. He did not spend too much time with them

because his studies kept him occupied most of the day and night.

After he married he decided to settle abroad, but his friends urged Frederick II to keep Tycho home because he (Tycho) was Denmark's "greatest ornament whose glory would radiate over his native country". The king offered Brahe the island of Hveen (Hven or Ven), which is located in the middle of Øre Sund, halfway between Helsingør and København and across from the Swedish town of Landskrona.

On February 18, 1576, the king gave Tycho Brahe a pension of five hundred dalers (about 1250 dollars) a year and on May 23 of that year he gave Brahe the island of Hveen for as long as Tycho lived. On August 8, 1576, the cornerstone of Uraniborg (Tyge's new home) was laid, starting the work of one of the most illustrious castle-observatories in the sixteenth century. When Uraniborg was finally finished, it cost the King and Tycho together 150,000 dalers (about \$375,000.00).

Later Brahe started building another observatory, which he called Stjerneborg. He built it underground so that the wind and weather would not affect his delicate instruments. The people who dwelled in Uraniborg besides Tycho were Kristine and family, Tyge's sister, Sophie, students (usually ten at a time), artisans, servants and Jeppe, a dwarf, who was Tycho's favorite servant and personal barber.

On June 2, 1577, Christian IV was born and his father, Frederick II,

instructed Tycho Brahe to cast the prince's horoscope (at that time astronomers were also astrologers). The horoscope was just about correct except for the fact that it said Christian would have few children (he had many). Tycho also cast horoscopes for Christian's brothers, Dukes Ulrich and Hans, which were correct.

Not much happened after Prince Christian's birth except that Tycho Brahe almost lost Hveen because he was not keeping a navigation light on the island and fishing boats kept running into the rocks. Except for these tedious interruptions, Tycho

built another paper mill and a printing press on the island so he could print books about his observations easier. The paper was of the best quality, having a picture of Uraniborg and the

... Tycho attended a party and his "bladder was wronged beyond repair".

Brahe family coat-of-arms as its watermark. Otherwise, life was uneventful until Frederick II died in April of 1588.

When Christian III became King, he

"VINTERGAEKER"

OR

"SNOWDROPS"

Blackbirds berry the leafless trees,
Wrapped for the winter in white,
Cawing and ruffling these branches
alive,

This cannot be spring ...

And yet ...

Grey into grey, the smoke and the
clouds

Separate only in thought.

Flakes falling, floating on winter's
wind,

This, too, is not spring ...

And yet ...

A rabbit, now white, sits still in the
snow

Black opal eyes awake,

A faraway howl — a dog — he jerks

Then frozen once more, he waits.

This is not spring ...

And yet ...

A snow frosted rock near a withered
pine

Guards a new winter guest.

Small, and so frail, bright green in this
white,

It pokes a head up, shivers,

Then opens a shy face to the world.

It must be spring now ...

He's here.

G.E.

To Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe II

The Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America, as well as our officers, staff and all our members wish to convey to you our heartiest congratulations on your birthday.

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Sincerely,

George Godthaab

George Godthaab
President, Board of Directors.



Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II

took away Brahe's pension because Tycho wasn't doing his duties as Lord of Hveen. After his pension was taken away, Tycho moved to Copenhagen in 1597. When he was told he could not continue his work in the city, he left Denmark and went to Prague, where Emperor Rudolph II gave Tycho a mark of honor, three thousand guldens (about \$7,500) and a castle called Benatky. When Brahe was in Prague he decided he needed a partner, so he asked Johann Kepler, a famous astronomy student, to be his associate. Kepler studied with Brahe until his Danish partner's death.

In October, 1601, Tycho attended a party and his "bladder was wronged beyond repair". Eleven days later, on October 24, 1601, Tycho Brahe, the



astronomer, died. His funeral was one of the largest and finest in Prague. Three years later, in 1604, his wife, Kirstine, followed him and was buried beside her husband.

Tycho Brahe was a great Dane and one of the most celebrated astronomers of all times. His reputation stems from his careful observations and recording of the stars and planets on a scientific basis. Although his old student and partner, Johann Kepler, is more widely known today, Kepler was most complimentary and grateful to his one-time teacher.

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Editor's Note No. 1

I'll bet you didn't know that there are still several lodges who have not accepted women as members. Do you realize that, because of this position, Her Majesty, Margrethe II, Queen of Denmark, would not be eligible for membership in the Danish Brotherhood? An astounding thought, isn't it?

February

"Rep. of the Month"

Frede Salomonsen is our February "Rep of the Month". He joined the Agency Department of the DBIA on November 1, 1976.

Frede and his wife, Betty, have two children, a son, Steve, and a daughter, Robin. He is a Board Member of the Danish American Fellowship Institute.

Our congratulations, Frede, and we are happy to have you as a member of our Sales Force.



NEED A VACATION ? KIDS NEED THEM, TOO

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For further information and application blanks, please write to the Danish Brotherhood, Camp Grants, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, Neb. 68131, **no later than May 15, 1977.**

Remember, parents may apply for their children — Vacations do have a way of creating enjoyment in both directions.



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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

A QUESTION OF SEX

When Kipling wrote, "A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke", he neglected to add, how much sweeter the smoking is in the presence of a fair lady. And we can only wonder why, when we hear of a prosperous aggressive lodge rejecting a proposal to accept ladies as members.

And make no mistakes, a woman's guess is often more accurate than a man's certainty.

Of course we, in my lodge, never knew how desperately we needed them before we accepted the fair sex as members. And it was not for the sake of working in the kitchen, serving food or washing dishes, but for the pleasure of just looking at them and listening to them. **And make no mistakes, a woman's guess is often more accurate than a man's certainty.**

Now off-color stories are only heard in whispers, and some of our members, least expected, now behave like perfect gentlemen. Few of our DB lodges are what they should be, and none what they could be, without the ladies.

What could be more desirable and natural, then, that all of us, men and women, should unite, and together, man the bastions, defending what little is left of Danish culture in America, guarding and preserving our common heritage and traditions.

It is time that we discard our garment of superiority to attract to our lodges all with whom we have a common bond, that they with us may enjoy that feeling of good fellowship and neighborliness which comes from working together in a common cause.

It is time that we avail ourselves of the opportunity given our lodges, to practice togetherness. And without the presence of ladies, the word togetherness has little or no meaning.

S. C.

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Grandma's Kitchen

Bedstemor's Køkken

DANISH SMORREBROD by Fritze Rodic

1 can shrimp
1 can asparagus pieces
mayonnaise
salt, pepper, curry powder

Drain shrimp and asparagus and mix with mayonnaise. Add salt, pepper and curry powder for taste. Serve on toast decorated with a few shrimp and asparagus.

Ham slices
1 small can mixed peas and carrots
mayonnaise
parsley

Drain peas and carrots and mix with mayonnaise. Arrange nicely on top of ham slices. Decorate with parsley.

1 hard boiled egg
1 can Norwegian sardines
1 small glass caviar

Arrange nicely, first sardines, then egg decorated with caviar.

All the sandwiches consist of buttered pumpernickel with lettuce and on top of that you serve all the different ingredients. With shrimp and cheese, though, we serve toast.

If you want to be Danish all the way you serve the sandwiches with Tuborg Beer and cold "Snaps", a special Danish Brandy that looks like water and tastes like fire.

After a while you might serve coffee with Danish Pastry.

Fried fillet of sole or other small fillet
lemon
curry mayonnaise

Fry fillet golden brown after it has been dipped in bread crumbs, salt and pepper. Arrange on bread and decorate with curry mayonnaise and lemon slices.

Liver pate
1 small glass mushrooms
fried bacon
tomato

Fry bacon and arrange around liver pate together with mushrooms and a small slice of tomato. This one was Hans Christian Andersen's favorite and it is named after him.

Ham w/scrambled egg and dill
tomato

Make scrambled egg and arrange on ham. Decorate with dill and tomato slices.

Havarti, Danbo or other Danish cheese
radishes
cucumber

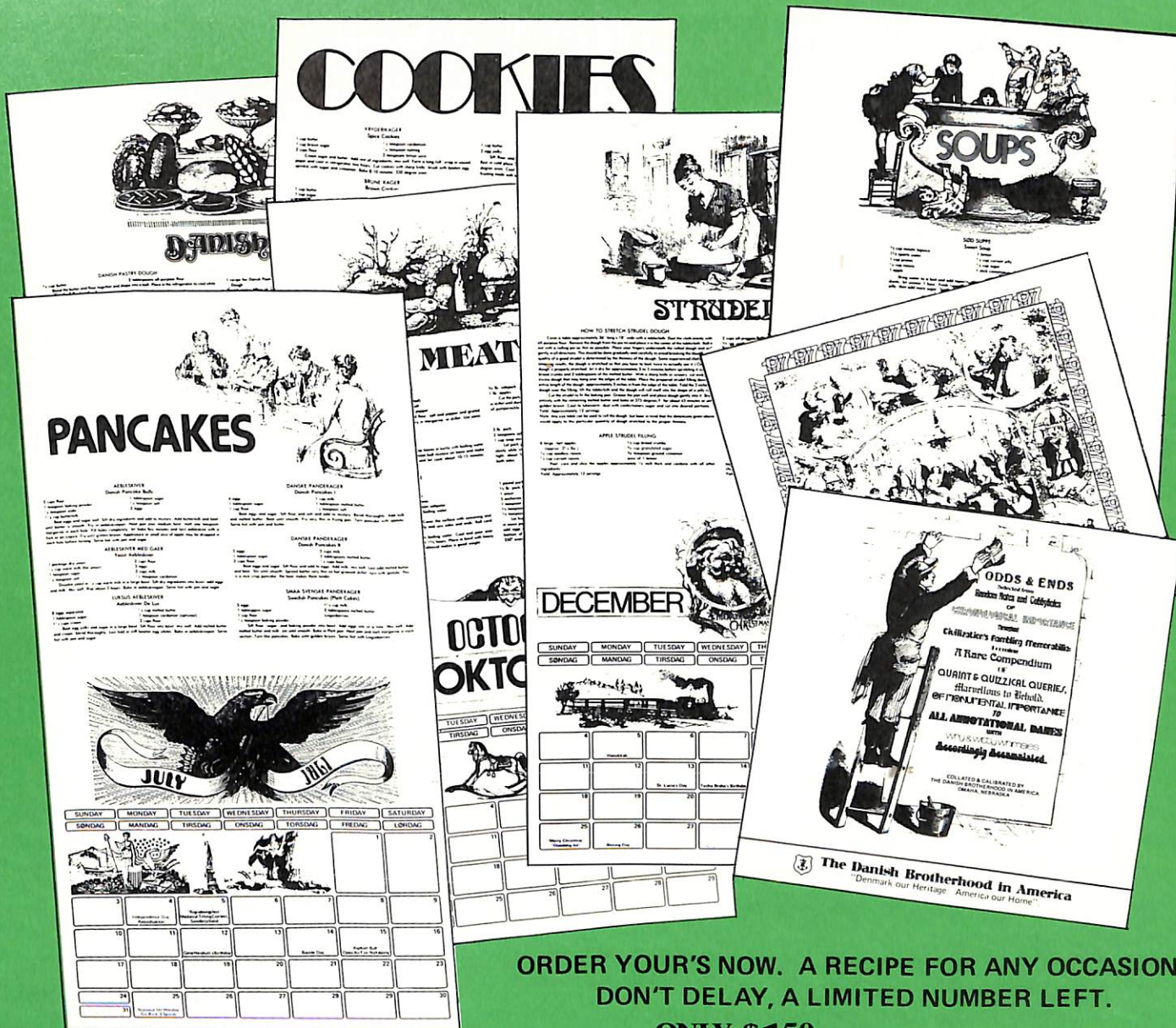
Arrange on toast, decorating with radishes and cucumber.

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
1-23-77	Valdemar Hansen	83	Monbjerg, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1914
1-27-77	Christian Vindelov	94	Kolding, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1905
11-9-76	Carl Besser	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1930
1-25-77	Thorvald Jacobsen	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1911
1-19-77	Gerda M. Easter	55	Kansas City, Kansas	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1963
2-16-77	Peter D. Danielsen	81	Viborg, S.D.	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1916
1-15-77	Kai Rasmussen	75	Slagelse, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1941
2-2-77	William Berry	34	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1973
1-14-77	Henry Johnsen	75	Denmark	263	Askov, Minnesota	1943
1-23-77	John D. Phillips	39	Fairmont, West Virginia	167	Portland, Oregon	1965
12-25-76	Magnus Mogensen	75	Aarhus, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1926
1-21-77	Carl Jensen	82	Hadsund, Denmark	50	Greenwich, Connecticut	1943
2-19-77	Edward Anderson	88	Sverige, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1910

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