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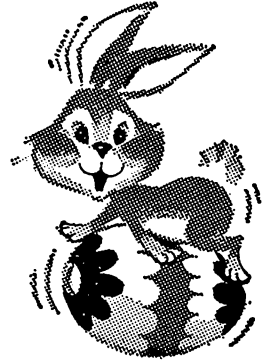


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From Your

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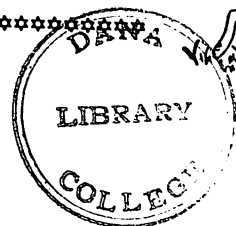
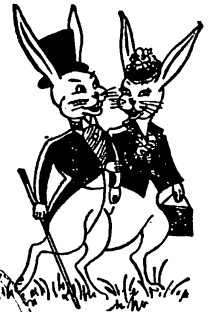


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**VALUATION EXHIBIT**

In conformity with statutory requirements, we are publishing herewith a valuation made by our consulting actuary, Mr. C. D. Spangler, of the certificates in good standing on December 31, 1967. This valuation is not to be regarded as a test of the financial solvency of the Danish Brotherhood, but is made to determine the amount the society should have on hand in order to pay its future death losses as they mature, without change in the number of amount of assessments. The valuation was made on the 1941 C.S.O. Tables of Mortality with 2½% interest assumption.

**ASSETS**

1. Admitted assets .....	\$4,964,602.67
<b>LIABILITIES — Actual and Contingent</b>	
2. Present value of benefits promised (life reserve) .....	2,915,144.00
3. Additional amounts to protect benefit certificates (includes \$260,263.09 in fraternal fund) .....	1,071,912.31
4. Mandatory securities valuation reserve ....	201,843.71
5. Death claims incurred, settlement not completed .....	28,184.64
6. Refunds left on deposit .....	267.98
7. Estimated refunds payable in 1968 .....	54,000.00
8. Accrued expenses and taxes .....	2,986.59
9. Reserve for retirement plan .....	10,327.50
10. Employee contributions under retirement plan .....	2,301.20
11. TOTAL .....	\$4,286,967.93

The ratio of Line 1 to Line 11 is 115.81%

**CORRECTIONS TO SECRETARY'S ADDRESS LIST**

- 143 Petaluma, California. Meeting date should be First Friday instead of second and fourth Friday.
- 212 Waterloo, Iowa. KRISTEN Hansen not KRISTIAN as published.

**Denmark Tour 1968**

The Danish Brotherhood Denmark tour arranged by the Midwest District, still has seats available on the Monday, June 24, flight which returns Sunday, July 21.

The flight is available only to bona fide members of the Danish Brotherhood and their immediate families.

If you wish to extend your travels, there are still some openings on the two-week European ground tour. This tour is optional and is not included in the price of the air transportation.

If you want complete information on the Denmark flight and ground tour, please contact me, Kenneth Janssen, % Universal Travel Service, 1648 Douglas Ave., Racine, Wisconsin 53404.

KENNETH JANSSEN, Tour Chairman.

**BIDS WANTED**

In accordance with our by-laws, bids are hereby solicited for the editing, printing and mailing of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, in the amount of 10,000 copies each month with an additional cost figure per 100 copies over, and a credit figure per 100 copies under, the basic number of 10,000 copies; same to be in same size and style as this issue and: On the quality paper as per enclosed sample

- per the following specifications:
- Bids to include the following:
  - 1. The deadline for copy submitted is the 20th of the month and the magazine must be in the mail not later than 12 days after that date.
  - 2. Re-write, correct and edit all copy submitted for publication by lodges and individuals, in English and Danish language.
  - 3. Editing of the Magazine in general.
  - 4. Typesetting. (Danish and English language.)
  - 5. Casting of cuts from mats.
  - 6. Proofreading.
  - 7. Printing.
  - 8. Folding
  - 9. Stitching.
  - 10. Trim three sides.
  - 11. Addressing each magazine with complete address and key numbers.
  - 12. Mailing approximately 200 in single wrappers and 300 to foreign countries; balance in club packages in USA.
  - 13. Straight matter type to be 8 point on 9 point slugs; resolutions, annual reports and other tabulated matter to be in 6 point on 7 point slugs; display type as may be required.
  - 14. Setting up, correcting and maintaining the mailing list.

Submit a bid covering all above points from 1 to 14 inclusive for either 1, 2, 3 or 4 year contract. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids if, in the opinion of the Board none are acceptable.

Bids must be in our Home Office on or before April 10, 1968.

Submit sealed bids, so marked, to  
The Danish Brotherhood in America  
P. O. Box 31748  
Omaha, Nebraska 68131

By order of the Board.

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

# Come back to Denmark. Where many of your most cherished traditions began.

Isn't it time you thought about visiting Denmark. To see relatives, perhaps. To see where your family came from. To enjoy traditional holidays and festivals. To learn first hand about some of the changes modern Denmark is undergoing.

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# Annual Report of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance	Sick Bene-fit Paid	Extra Help Paid	Total Assets				
1	Omaha	196	\$256.59	\$148,000	\$ 389.00	\$	\$17,909.89				
2*	Neenah	19	18.82	14,750							
3	Davenport	21	57.15	23,000			1,156.28				
4	Racine	448	507.39	261,375	1,288.00	500.00	437,771.00				
9	Oshkosh	14	6.82	9,000	189.85		2,722.62				
10	Council Bluffs	73	99.92	54,875	260.00		35,539.83				
11	Clinton	21	18.25	13,375	25.00		5,400.00				
12	Green Bay	13	6.02	9,125	81.00		1,904.73				
14	Kenosha	159	166.54	100,125	750.37		59,174.79				
15*	Des Moines	53	56.86	31,250							
16	Minden	126	343.95	143,500			2,646.67				
17	Chicago	172	184.96	99,125	650.00	85.00	1,714.51				
26	Fremont	25	49.79	25,500			1,012.08				
29	Seattle	263	374.22	191,360	614.00		1,957.50				
30	Muskegon	46	52.59	29,000			3,429.29				
32	New Haven	64	67.24	41,375	647.14	25.00	9,226.32				
33*	Tacoma	24	18.95	11,500							
34	Dwight	58	88.40	55,250			690.29				
35	Chicago	62	46.43	27,750	982.00	357.50	22,166.22				
36	Milwaukee	69	45.39	28,125	196.00		4,787.45				
37	Bridgeport	31	25.87	22,875	14.00	150.00	6,818.69				
38	Laramie	13	14.26	11,250			1,135.40				
39	Oakland	139	162.79	101,875	627.93	235.95	61,063.06				
41	Derby	36	39.40	23,875	100.00		3,783.27				
42	Spokane	61	98.09	43,500			2,594.85				
43	Denver	121	168.84	74,500	342.00	400.00	26,279.62				
45	Minneapolis	176	148.86	92,125	415.00	16.00	10,868.00				
46	Perth Amboy	67	88.88	52,750	61.00		9,374.24				
49	San Francisco	225	210.82	111,750	2,425.90		20,984.92				
50*	Byram	33	35.18	19,375							
51	Ludington	163	117.71	63,375			17,774.33				
56	Kansas City	61	63.77	38,500			2,226.61				
59	Menominee	49	50.44	42,875							
62	Sioux City	30	44.17	28,875			3,574.88				
64	Rockford	53	50.62	32,000	127.00		2,301.56				
65	Duluth	23	13.16	12,000	175.00		2,223.74				
67	Fresno	74	108.90	52,875	210.00		12,064.84				
70	Greenville	101	109.40	53,625			14,405.14				
71	Penn Yan	85	141.45	71,500	75.00		22,339.29				
73	Alden	14	6.88	14,125			1,350.49				
75*	Albert Lea	94	158.84	76,500							
77*	Turin	12	16.88	14,000							
78	Salt Lake City	34	54.29	20,500	60.00		1,660.86				
84	Lincoln	55	159.55	64,000			3,117.63				
85	Rochester	11	5.13	4,500			209.70				
89	Superior	23	6.79	5,250			709.15				
90	Port Reading	20	17.21	12,250	20.00		678.31				
92	St. Charles	73	104.92	49,000		337.00	6,149.78				
95	Ferndale	48	81.20	38,125		20.00	12,960.22				
96	Jackson	14	12.96	7,875	72.00		680.57				
102	Providence	31	35.22	14,500			820.50				
103	Waterbury	21	52.16	30,125	24.00		1,066.54				
106*	Trufant	110	162.50	80,625							
107	Chicago	38	65.68	29,125			444.20				
109	White	5	3.50	3,500			207.29				
110*	Winside	35	37.68	22,000							
111	Austin	48	37.81	24,500	105.00		3,583.13				
112	Portland	20	15.68	11,250	150.00		4,009.51				
113	Enumclaw	48	62.58	25,750							
116	Newark	147	292.27	125,625	984.00		11,710.92				
117	Plainview	74	86.30	55,500			480.54				
121	Tyler	22	16.29	14,750			220.18				
125	W'ping Water	36	38.78	20,500			1,547.52				
126	Los Angeles	418	539.76	247,875			34,225.00				
128	Avoca	10	3.68	5,500			398.93				
134	Ringsted	28	25.29	22,875			180.14				
139	Viborg	58	38.50	22,375			8,093.64				
141	Irene	8	6.15	5,750			145.04				
143	Petaluma	85	58.61	41,750	676.23		10,941.40				
144	Dike	106	236.30	93,625			2,668.76				
147	Newell	43	48.09	28,875			743.36				
148*	Cheyenne	15	14.89	19,000							
149	Luverne	36	14.74	19,375			275.00				
150	Rorbeck	14	7.32	6,250			3.44				
152*	Wilbur	26	13.66	14,125							
153	Dannevirke	14	10.36	12,500			31.79				
155	Bellingham	31	34.90	15,500							
157*	Audubon	5	3.02	2,750							
160	Underwood	7	4.68	4,250							350.00
161	Ruskin	46	100.92	36,375							1,498.55
163*	Edmore	15	4.61	8,500							
164	New York	62	62.51	39,750							
167	Portland	112	147.30	73,625				927.59			7,049.71
169*	Hubbard	9	4.82	4,250							
170	Rocky River	64	88.12	50,375				100.60			
171	Jamestown	24	20.97	15,250				104.00			1,500.92
172	Philadelphia	105	124.90	59,125				90.00			3,845.67
173	Kansas City	20	11.58	14,875				24.00			944.00
175	Jacksonville	6	5.99	5,250							
177	Cordova	46	54.06	37,750							1,467.41
181	Sidney	44	44.14	26,000							725.01
182	Waukegan	77	58.61	48,250				260.00	134.78		44,506.54
183	Troy	56	83.51	43,250							
184	Hayward	55	83.69	40,375				192.16			4,917.27
185	Madison	8	3.57	2,750							108.55
186	Luck	38	38.04	22,250							5,362.50
190	Schenectady	112	132.25	90,625				1,161.50			48,989.10
194	McMinnville	34	23.83	15,250							2,019.65
195	Omaha	50	54.34	34,625				90.00			1,399.19
202	Warren	34	46.67	21,625				34.25			1,619.12
205	Brooklyn	27	23.02	12,125					50.50		2,883.00
206*	Blair	6	3.81	5,125							
210*	Grand Rapids	9	5.21	4,500							
211	Grand Island	30	22.66	13,250							95.82
212	Waterloo	34	19.47	22,625				230.00			2,110.30
213*	Ord	15	16.18	11,000							
214	West Point	7	7.95	4,000							40.98
215	Battle Creek	7	3.17	2,250							194.24
217	Humboldt	37	27.96	12,625				25.00			1,060.44
219	Clear Lake	53	47.05	36,375				90.00			2,142.17
221	Latimer	7	2.77	3,500							46.02
225	Canton	39	69.44	27,625				90.00	12.00		2,087.72
227	Detroit	492	479.46	231,250				2,969.96			413,619.15
228	Indianapolis	7	6.64	6,000							409.66
230	Arcata	24	19.43	10,875				300.00			14,683.63
233*	Toledo	16	15.41	10,500							
234	Woodstock	7	9.73	5,375							652.86
238	Juhl	15	8.88	10,500							85.80
239	Lake Forest	11	6.74	5,500							2,129.55
240	Rochester	12	5.52	3,375							679.36
241	Sayreville	44	38.48	21,750				38.00	249.98		6,578.05
242	Erie	136	147.78	75,250				290.00			110,475.76
245	South Bend	42	51.34	26,875							6,895.61
248	New York	7	5.73	4,875					102.00		1,541.10
251	Devils Lake	5	2.65	3,000							420.60
254	Brush	12	10.19	8,750							1,227.45
255	Selma	69	61.62	34,750				238.58			7,391.84
257	New York	28	19.33	13,375							714.38
259	Colman	7	4.66	4,500							570.88
260*	Williston	10	7.49	7,500							
261	Fowler	57	63.77	33,250							2,990.00
262	Cozad	18	16.42	11,500							139.26
263	Askov	117	134.07	90,125							2,996.56
264	Pocatello	28	44.45	20,000							1,501.27
267	Brigham City	4	4.31	3,000							90.86
268	Junction City	50	30.86	19,000				100.00			6,606.22
273	Dillon	53	80.60	42,250							2,450.13
278*	Salt Lake City	27	27.89	10,750							
279	Hunter	10	9.16	7,625							209.40
281	Cincinnati	13	9.64	10,000							817.94
283	Dagmar	102	86.26	55,125				1,155.00			7,884.46

JUVENILE MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	Membership	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance
1	Omaha, Nebr.	11	\$ 26.97	\$ 20,500
4	Racine, Wis.	14	19.04	13,000
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	11	9.71	8,000
14	Kenosha, Wis.	9	14.51	9,500
15*	Des Moines, Iowa	2	3.13	2,000
16	Minden, Nebr.	14	20.57	14,500
17	Chicago, Ill.	1	2.31	1,500
26	Fremont, Nebr.	6	5.24	3,500
29	Seattle, Wash.	18	25.88	18,500
30	Muskegon, Mich.	6	2.88	3,000
32	New Haven, Conn.	4	4.46	3,000
34	Dwight, Ill.	2	5.12	3,500
36	Milwaukee, Wis.	3	4.42	3,000
37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1	1.13	1,500
39	Oakland, Calif.	8	8.03	6,000
41	Derby, Conn.	3	1.51	2,000
42	Spokane, Wash.	4	3.00	4,000
43	Denver, Colo.	22	29.31	19,000
46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	7	13.20	9,000
51	Ludington, Mich.	7	6.90	4,500
56	Kansas City, Mo.	1	.85	500
64	Rockford, Ill.	1	2.27	1,500
67	Fresno, Calif.	8	4.90	4,500
71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	19	30.61	23,000
75*	Albert Lea, Minn.	11	16.75	11,000
77*	Turin, Iowa	2	2.91	2,000
84	Lincoln, Nebr.	6	8.32	5,500
90	Port Reading, N. J.	5	6.17	5,000
92	St. Charles, Ill.	6	8.85	6,000
95	Ferndale, Calif.	2	3.03	2,000
106*	Trufant, Mich.	1	1.46	1,000
107	Chicago, Ill.	5	7.74	5,000
110*	Winside, Neb.	1	1.45	1,000
111	Austin, Minn.	6	8.28	5,500
112	Portland, Me.	1	1.46	1,000
113	Enumclaw, Wash.	5	5.81	6,500
116	Newark, N. J.	26	38.62	26,000
117	Plainview, Nebr.	2	3.14	2,000
125	Weeping Water, Nebr.	1	3.85	2,500
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	33	48.19	30,000
143	Petaluma, Calif.	7	11.08	8,000
144	Dike, Iowa	17	15.85	11,000
155	Bellingham, Wash.	9	12.27	9,500
164*	New York, N. Y.	2	1.50	1,000
167	Portland, Ore.	21	27.02	21,500
170	Rocky River, Ohio	1	1.57	1,000
171	Jamestown, N. Y.	1	.71	500
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	23	33.07	22,000
173	Kansas City, Kan.	5	8.18	5,500
177	Cordova, Nebr.	7	10.85	7,000
181	Sidney, Mich.	3	5.97	4,000
182	Waukegan, Ill.	6	9.71	7,500
183	Troy, N. Y.	7	8.45	5,500
184	Hayward, Calif.	5	3.75	3,000
190	Schenectady, N. Y.	8	10.46	8,000
195	Omaha, Nebr.	1	1.83	1,000
202	Warren, Pa.	1	.73	500
207	Warren, Pa.	1	1.64	1,000
217	Humboldt, Iowa	17	20.22	14,000
225	Canton, Ohio	26	20.44	20,500
227	Detroit, Mich.	2	2.91	2,000
238	Juhl, Mich.	3	2.25	3,000
241	Sayreville, N. J.	24	25.65	18,000
242	Erie, Pa.	17	16.95	11,500
245	South Bend, Ind.	1	1.83	1,000
254	Brush, Colo.	2	3.28	2,000
255	Selma, Calif.	2	3.10	2,000
262	Cozad, Nebr.	13	18.64	13,000
263	Askov, Minn.	1	1.62	1,000
264	Pocatello, Idaho	6	12.78	8,000
273	Dillon, Mont.	9	19.45	13,000
283	Dagmar, Mont.	16	23.24	14,500
294*	Barre, Vt.	10	18.13	12,000
299	Solvang, Calif.	1	.87	500
300*	Oneonta, N. Y.	15	22.51	14,500
301	Akron, Ohio	6	10.19	7,000
314	Hartford, Conn.	4	6.09	4,000
319	Bakersfield, Calif.	1	.75	1,000
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	1	.75	1,000
323	Alhambra, Calif.	8	11.72	8,000
325	Nassau County, N. Y.	4	6.31	4,000
329	Long Beach, Calif.	8	12.80	8,000

332	Ripon, Calif.	21	27.67	19,500
334	Geneva, N. Y.	4	5.13	3,500
336*	Escondido, Calif.	14	11.92	7,500
337	Fremont, Calif.	2	1.80	1,000
600	Omaha, Nebr.	9	13.74	8,500

\* The report for 1967 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 1967 report (or return it) to the Home Office as soon as possible.

The above listing gives 164 lodges and, as reported by the lodges, an adult membership of 9,674 consisting of 7,957 insured and 1,717 social; a total of one monthly assessment for all lodges of \$11,243.72 and a combined amount of insurance of \$6,072,860.

In addition to the above tabulation, as reported by the lodges we have 666 juvenile members with an amount of \$898.61 for one monthly assessment and insurance of \$631,000.

This brings the adult and juvenile membership tabulation to a grand total membership of 10,340; one monthly assessment of \$12,142.33 and a total sum of insurance of \$6,703,860.

All lodges have in 1967 paid:

In fraternal benefit to members	..\$ 23,594.56
In extra help to members	..... 2,975.71
Cash and other assets reported	.... 1,739,522.20

The total sum of insurance assessments paid to the local lodge treasurer, but not yet remitted to the Supreme Lodge is not included in the total asset as reported on the annual lodge report. All such assessments must be accounted for, and belong to the Supreme Lodge. However, all other assets belong to the local lodges and the Supreme Lodge has no claim on these where the lodge is in good standing.

With few exceptions lodge treasurers had remitted promptly when due. In states where it is required to report delinquent lodges at year-end, such requirements were complied with. The average insured age attained as of December 31, 1967 is 53.79.

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.-Treas.

Resolutions

JENS G. SORENSEN, Lodge No. 102

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our dear Brother, Jens G. Sorensen, who passed away February 22, 1968, at the age of 69, in Damariscotta, Maine.

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for a period of thirty days in his memory, that it be included in the minutes of our lodge and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Asbjorn H. C. Guldhaug, Act. Pres.  
Carl W. Sorensen, Secretary.

JENS PETER JENSEN, Lodge No. 188

In memory of our Brother Jens Peter Jensen who passed away February 21, 1968, this resolution is extended by Lodge No. 212:

We deeply regret the passing of our good and loyal Brother and hereby extend our deepest sympathy to his family. We will drape our charter for thirty days and make an entry in our minutes.

David Christensen, President.  
Kristen Hansen, Secretary.

"But mother, none of the other guys have to wear high-heeled shoes."

"Shut us, son we're almost at the Draft Board."

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

By NORBERT E. GROVE, Box 279, Puyallup, Wash. 98371

Next month, May 3, 4 and 5 are the dates of the next annual District Convention of Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges in Enumclaw, Washington. The Friday night "get acquainted party" is to be a costume affair and the theme is "The Old West" or "Indians". Official business meetings will be on schedule all day Saturday followed by the traditional banquet and dance in the evening. Do reserve the first weekend in May for Enumclaw. The program is complete and includes informal sessions with an opportunity for all to discuss their problems and exchange ideas. We are looking for a record attendance this year and you should include this gala event in your summer fun and relaxation.

"Welcome to Enumclaw" so says the hard-working convention committee under the chairmanship of Brother Jens Holm. The Danes of DB 113 and DS 75 are always eager to extend the friendly hand of welcome to you and yours. We are certain that you, like the thousands of other visitors to our little city with the big attractions, will find warm hospitality awaiting you from all the people here, long noted for their spirit of friendship.

Portland's Brother Carl Holm is still on the sick list; President Arlan Barreth spent some army training time in Mississippi during March; April 6, the DB 167 members celebrated their 65th Anniversary; and Brother Jorgen Christensen (a 50-year member from St. Louis, Mo.) is always a welcome participant in Rose City Danish events.

Enumclaw's Valentine Dance was attended by Portland's Brothers Sig Nielsen, Hans Jensen and Magnus Esrom with their spouses; Brother John F. Hansen has moved from the Danish Home in Seattle to the Enumclaw Rest Home; "Margo", daughter of John Rieck, stole the show at a recent college play in Vancouver, Wash.; and our sympathies go this month to Treasurer

that knows how to relax pleasantly. Each year, Enumclaw draws northwest attention to their rodeo days and county fair season. Do stay an extra day after the convention and look at the surrounding country.

Brother John Svopp, who tried desperately to create a Danish Home annex on his Oregon acreage a few years ago, has had two successful eye operations already this year, despite his advanced age in the eighties. Brother Svopp is in and out of the Veteran's Hospital at Portland but makes his home with Brother Ray Jensen, both being members of DB 15 in Des Moines, Iowa. They recently spent a weekend at the home of Brother and Mrs. Axel Schmitt, 1416 South 41, Tacoma.

Thanks to my sister Myrna Mae Rieck, and to our Brother Sigurd Nielsen, we can announce the official annual bowling winners at Bowlera Lanes in Tacoma. It was a beautiful day in the great Puget Sound country (March 10) as 20 teams participated from Oregon, Washington and Canada. Seattle had the number one team, the Great Danes of Enumclaw were number two, Seattle Light were number three, the Chinooks of Enumclaw came in fourth and the Old Timers of Seattle placed fifth. Brother Jens Jorgensen of Seattle had the high ten scratch and Brother Henry Hergert of Enumclaw claimed the high thirty handicap. The traditional Sam Frederiksen Traveling Trophy went to the Sisterhood Pussy Willows Team of Vancouver, B. C., and the Peter Phil Awards were made to the Seattle first rate bowlers. About 140 Danish bowlers and boosters witnessed the great event hosted by Brother Kai Rasmussen of Enumclaw and master of ceremonies. John Rieck made the Pacific Northwest awards at the dinner which followed. Marie and Arne, wife and son of District President Svend A. Johansen, brought greetings as well as coffee cake from the area leader who was confined with winter flu. An "official family" executive board meeting was attended by District Vice President Thorvald Jensen, Treasurer Sigurd Jensen, Conductor J. L. Rieck, Outerguard Erik Gloeth, Past President Sig Nielsen and Trustees Hans Jensen and Chris Jorgensen.

Seattle's Sister Wilhelmina Parker is chairman for this year's spring luncheon and style show in May and invites all Brothers to accompany their ladies to this delightful event at the Swedish Club; on DB 29's sick list are Brothers John Eskesen, Charles Olesen, Carl Tarp, Damon Pedersen and Herman Larsen; St. Valentine's Day was celebrated by Brother Bert Jessen on his 86th birthday; come next August, the Seattle Center Pavilion will pay tribute to the Nordiska Festival and Albert Odegard and Sam Frederiksen will represent Denmark activities; Felicitations to Brother Walter Nielsen who has announced his marriage to Kathy Ulleland as of January 27. Brother Olaf Langsted was in charge of the efficient waiter service at the annual installation dinner of the Queen City Danes preceding the official ceremonies by District President Svend Johansen of Vancouver, B. C., assisted by Conductor Ed Olsen; President Ib Rossen is presently entertaining his parents on a long anticipated visit; Brother Jim Langsted arranged the March 13 program with Bellevue's Chief of Police George Whitman speaking on "Narcotics and Teenagers"; February 28, Brothers Edwin Larsen and John Nielsen were initiated into the lodge; Members stood in silence in reverence to the recent passing of Brothers Kris Kristensen, Anders Bank and Albert Thorpe; Brother Keld Zederkoff is visiting in Denmark; Enumclaw dele-



National President Kris Jorgensen presenting Brother Chris Sand with his paid-up life insurance as Brother George Gertsen looks on. Both Sand and Gertsen are residents at the Pacific Northwest Danish Home.

Henry Hergert on the loss of his brother in Walla Walla who was buried on March 4.

Vancouver, B. C.'s, Svend Johansen, President of the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood, who celebrated his 47th birthday February 26, bids a genuine welcome to the May conclave participants at Enumclaw; and although sick with influenza this winter, Svend has done a good job with his official visits during the past year.

McMinnville's Brother Walter Hansen is on the sickness and distress reports; and this year's Secretary is Sigurd Jensen rather than Sig Nielsen as reported in the February issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

## Honor Roll Listings

### LODGES

Lodge	Location	Members
49	San Francisco, California	7
126	Los Angeles, California	15
182	Waukegan, Illinois	9
227	Detroit, Michigan	11

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members
49	San Francisco, Calif.	Henning Jensen	7
95	Ferndale, Calif.	Francis D. Sweet	3
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Poul D. Andersen	7
144	Dike, Iowa	Gary L. Andersen	4
225	Canton, Ohio	John Christensen	3
336	Escondido, Calif.	Richard J. Suda	3

## Christmas in Scandinavia


The m. s. Bergensfjord has been scheduled for two West Indies cruises in December 1968. This has necessitated the cancelling of the m. s. Bergensfjord December 10 eastbound sailing. In order to maintain the traditional link between the United States, Canada — and Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden for the celebration of Christmas in the "Old Country", a mutual agreement has been reached with the Swedish American Line.

The m. s. Kungsholm, sailing from New York December 5, 1968 with a liaison passenger representative of the Norwegian America Line on board, will call at Kristiansand December 12, 1968. Special boat trains to Stavanger and Oslo, connecting with the ship's arrival have been arranged for. The Kungsholm will proceed to Copenhagen and Gothenburg arriving at these ports December 13.

The Norwegian America Line and Swedish American Line are pleased to cooperate to keep alive the traditional Christmas sailing to Scandinavia. Go to the "Old Country" by ship, with all the trimmings of an early Christmas en route to begin the pleasures of the holiday season.

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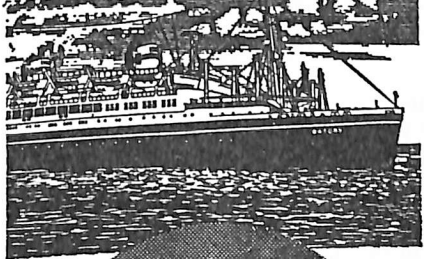

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# DB DATA

## FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

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PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

### PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

THE DISTRICTS WILL CONDUCT CONTESTS AMONG LODGES, PROMOTE ACTIVITIES, AND AWARD PRIZES.

THE DISTRICTS MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE IN PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE DISTRICT WILL BE ALLOCATED FUNDS FROM THE HOME OFFICE.

LODGES WILL RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM THEIR DISTRICT FOR THEIR ACTIVITY IF FINANCIAL COMPENSATION IS EXPECTED.

DISTRICTS WILL RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM THE HOME OFFICE ON THE SAME BASIS.

This is your opportunity to get your **district** or **lodge** to set up contests where you can compete for prizes on a local basis, rather than on a national scale.

Follow your magazine for sales ideas and membership information. All kinds of promotional ideas can be used in your lodge, as you are not restricted to three or four activities suggested by the home office.

Let's really go in 1968 now that the opportunities are much greater for activities of your choice.

Other activity will be the establishment of an agency system to get new members. We will train people to be better able to counsel you and prospective members about membership benefits, insurance, cultural center

possibilities, and other activities of the Danish Brotherhood.

Your district officers and local lodge secretaries have been informed of this program. It looks great for 1968!

### Will You Make Age 96? - 106?

There have been some news items in our magazine during the past year about our 96-year-old members. Somebody made the statement that it seems like we sometimes live too long, or not long enough. The reference about living too long means that sometimes people outlive their money. This cannot happen on a life income settlement option. As an example, if a member had \$10,000 cash reserve on his certificate at age 65 and he chose a life income option, he could get back \$24,515 in income by the time he was 96, and if he lived another 10 years, could collect another \$7,908 or a total of \$32,423. If he lived beyond age 106, his income would still continue to him. Something to think about, isn't it!

The beneficiary of a certificate could, in the event of the insured member's death, also take a life income settlement, and regardless of how long he or she lived, would always have some income. There is no other institution except the life insurance industry that can guarantee an income **for life**. Another good reason to start a good program with the Danish Brotherhood.

### What Does It Cost?

The following illustrations may be used to show a prospective member how insurance does not "cost" or costs very little, and also to indicate to you the values that would build in a certificate. The sixth and seventh year have been selected, but in later years the values would grow even faster. Dividends used are from our current scale but may be more or less.

To follow through on an illustration, let's take age 25 as illustrated on a \$10,000 certificate: other amounts are in the same proportion.

On a 20-pay life his seventh year cash value would be \$1,425.40 to which would be added the estimated dividend of \$66.80 making a total of \$1,492.20. Then subtract his sixth year cash value which was \$1,154.30 which leaves a gain of \$337.90 less his yearly assessment deposited into the plan of \$278.40 or a net gain of \$59.50, plus \$10,000 of protection for the year, to say nothing of possible special aid or general aid sometime in the

future. By using the same calculation, the net gain between the 16 and 17 year is \$166.30 on the same certificate and the same age.

At age 45 on ordinary life, the net cost for the year would have been ninety cents per thousand. That's pretty hard to beat. In the 16 to 17 year a net gain would be shown. It would seem that there could not be too much opposition to this kind of property. These are values **guaranteed by contract**, not something speculative. If a \$1,000 certificate is good for you or a prospective member, then a \$10,000 certificate should be 10 times as good.

There is no question but what some of you will increase your own insurance program this year, or be starting plans for your children. Is there any reason at all that it shouldn't be Danish Brotherhood? You know you can be billed direct if you so choose. Lodge dues would not have to be added to the assessment in cases where this might be a deterring factor.

We would supply you with an illustration on request.

AGE TWENTY-FIVE				6-Year		Yearly		Net	
Seventh Year Plus		Cash Value Dividend		Cash Value		Assessment		Gain	
Life to 65	\$ 75.13	plus \$ 6.40	equals \$ 81.57	Minus \$ 59.08	equals \$22.45	Minus \$19.44	equals \$3.01	Minus \$17.28	equals \$2.54
Ordinary Life	\$ 63.61	plus \$ 5.65	equals \$ 69.26	Minus \$ 49.44	equals \$19.82	Minus \$17.28	equals \$2.54	Minus \$27.84	equals \$5.95
Twenty Pay	\$142.54	plus \$ 6.68	equals \$149.22	Minus \$115.43	equals \$33.79	Minus \$27.84	equals \$5.95		
AGE THIRTY-FIVE				6-Year		Yearly		Net	
Ordinary Life	\$ 92.27	plus \$ 6.26	equals \$ 98.23	Minus \$ 73.45	equals \$25.08	Minus \$23.16	equals \$1.92	Minus \$29.16	equals \$3.50
Life to 65	\$118.63	plus \$ 9.34	equals \$127.97	Minus \$ 95.46	equals \$32.51	Minus \$29.16	equals \$3.50	Minus \$34.80	equals \$5.34
Twenty Pay	\$172.79	plus \$ 8.81	equals \$180.80	Minus \$140.66	equals \$40.14	Minus \$34.80	equals \$5.34		
AGE FORTY-FIVE				6-Year		Yearly		Net	
Ordinary Life	\$128.29	plus \$ 8.70	equals \$136.99	Minus \$103.69	equals \$33.30	Minus \$34.20	equals \$ .90	Minus \$43.32	equals \$1.88
Life to 65	\$190.09	plus \$10.73	equals \$200.02	Minus \$155.12	equals \$45.70	Minus \$43.32	equals \$1.88	Minus \$44.76	equals \$2.29
Twenty Pay	\$202.67	plus \$ 9.81	equals \$212.78	Minus \$165.73	equals \$47.05	Minus \$44.76	equals \$2.29		

## Introducing Our New Members

Lodge No.	Location	New Member	Sponsor
1	Omaha	Ethel Peters	Emil Vollman
4	Racine	George N. Bush	George Schmidt
4	Racine	Clarence L. Larson	Wm. Bendler
4	Racine	Christian Nielsen	Henry Heide, Sr.
4	Racine	Harley G. Peshek	LeRoy Peshek
10	Council Bluffs	Ronald G. Lehmer	Jens Andersen
14	Kenosha	William Christensen	William Lee
29	Seattle	Edwin B. Larsen	Karl Larsen
29	Seattle	John P. E. Nelsen	Paul Hansen
39	Oakland	Lawrence Stockholm	John Mottoros
39	Oakland	Charles D. Bolton	Arnold Jensen
46	Perth Amboy	Raymond Borup, Sr.	P. Christensen
46	Perth Amboy	Ejnar Nielsen	Ole Meldgaard
51	Ludington	Everett Liebetrau	John Nielsen
116	Newark	Paul C. Giessing	Svend Sorensen
116	Newark	Richard Hofman	George Godthaab
116	Newark	Wayne W. Williams	Peter Williams
126	Los Angeles	Victor N. Jensen	Poul Andersen
126	Los Angeles	Hilmar Jensen	Kurt E. Moller
126	Los Angeles	Eigil A. G. Nielsen	Poul Andersen
184	Hayward	John M. Lorusso	Walter Hansen
184	Hayward	Dennis Estacio	Walter Hansen
195	Omaha	Carl R. Emerson	Fred Jensen
217	Humboldt	Christian M. Olsen	Jens Andersen
217	Humboldt	Fern Andersen	Jens Andersen
217	Humboldt	Elsie M. Larsen	Hanna Klit
227	Detroit	Einer W. Jensen	Fred Marxson
227	Detroit	Harry Petersen	Niels Andersen
227	Detroit	Carl A. Lawrence	Jorgen Mau
242	Erie	Gordon F. Patten	Knud Pawlik
268	Junction City	John Christensen	Jorgen Nielsen
268	Junction City	Herman Borggaard	Jorgen Nielsen
299	Solvang	Poul G. Dalby	Peter Jacobsen
314	Hartford	Virgil R. Thomsen	Alfred Stark
314	Hartford	Richard Lerche	Anton Mose
328	Vancouver	Jens Sorensen	Elith Marcussen
328	Vancouver	Mogens B. Mogensen	Frank Poulsen
<b>JUVENILE MEMBERS</b>			
126	Los Angeles	Christopher Hansen	N. H. Hansen
126	Los Angeles	David H. Hansen	N. H. Hansen
332	Ripon	Heidi M. Scheuber	Harold Olsen

## Retirement

Social Security statistics show that about one-sixth (16½%) of all older couples have no assets of any kind or practically none, also that Social Security is the only source of income for about one-third of all poor, aged beneficiary families, and for one-half of all poor, aged beneficiaries living alone. This is tragic, because there is nothing so heavy for an older person as an empty pocketbook.

Now granted, some of the lack of assets in older age is due to misfortune and hardships beyond the control of the individual. But in most cases it is caused by the attitude of people toward retirement. No doubt you have heard the comment by people, "Oh well, I'll let the government take care of me." The government does take care of people up to a point, but unless some provision is made for extra income by the individual, the care is limited.

It is doubtful you could find very many people today able to live on government benefits exclusively. Some people say they can't get along without the money that would be required to finance a retirement program. It will be paid for whether you have it or not, because if

old age is reached without it, the money that should have been there will have to be gotten along without. It will be paid for at a time when it may be much more difficult to get along without the money.

Did you know that you could supplement your retirement income with dollars from a Danish Brotherhood certificate? For every \$1,000 of cash available at 65 that has been building up through the years, a woman could get back \$65.76 a year income, and a man \$73.92. Why the difference? A woman's life expectancy is longer than a man's.

Now, \$65.76 and \$73.92 a year income is the same income as you would get from having an investment or savings account that yielded 6.57 per cent and 7.39 per cent interest respectively. This would be rather difficult to find, even in today's higher interest field. And this income is guaranteed by contract for life. In many cases, income tax free.

Property of any kind has little value unless it produces income. It takes income to live. Would it be easier to get along without a few dollars a month now, or would it be easier to struggle along without them in old age? This has to be your choice.

## Special Aid

Our by-laws under Section 61 provide for general and special aid in cases of needy circumstances of our insured members.

There is an indication on our records of a \$600 payment made to a member who had very little financial means and who had been hit with a large medical bill. In this case the \$600 was a big help in reducing the medical bill to a size that could probably be handled. A relief of financial worry can sometimes speed physical recovery, so I am sure this member was glad that he had become a member years ago so that this benefit was available.

Another entry on our records shows a \$600 payment made to a comparatively young man, who also was obligated heavily by hospital bills. His disability may even prove serious enough to qualify him for Social Security disability income. Perhaps this payment would not cancel all hospital bills, but there should be no question as to whether this help was appreciated.

Here are two cases again where our more fortunate members have been able to help our Brothers in need. This is part of our fraternal program or fraternal benefits.

Have you emphasized the importance of this in talking to a prospective member? Millions of dollars are spent by people every year for protection to help in the event of financial emergencies. The few dollars involved in insurance assessments in the Danish Brotherhood could be very welcome someday if the need arose for special aid. And if the need doesn't arise — well, would you object to getting your money back after a few years?

## Top Lodges and Sponsors

Top Sponsors and Top Lodges are judged by the number of applications submitted to the Home Office for approval by the 20th of the month.

### GROUP I —

Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Iowa.

### GROUP II—

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan.

### TOP SPONSOR:

No top sponsor this month.

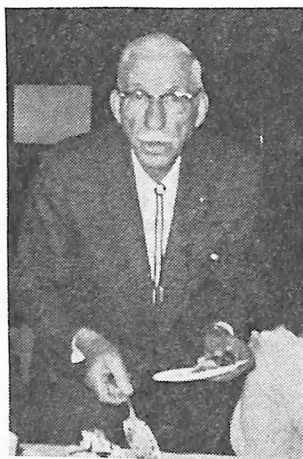
# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By OTTO JONASEN, 636 East 33rd Street, Erie, Pa. 16504

**Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y.** Our next GCEL Convention City. Brother Peter Nielsen passed away February 4, almost 90 years old. He joined our lodge May 2, 1908. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. The convention committee is hard at work planning the Labor Day weekend GCEL convention. The Brothers have been painting and panelling the walls in our lodge home on Elm Street. More information about the convention will be forthcoming as we progress. Laurids S. Pedersen, Sec.

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** A moment of silence was observed at our regular meeting in memory of Brother Jens G. Sorensen, who passed away February 22, 1968 in Damariscotta, Maine. He was born in Dybvad, Vendsyssel, Denmark and joined our Brotherhood in 1932. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Directly after our meeting, we celebrated the 75th birthday of Brother Fred Mortensen with a surprise party. As he was presented with a gift from the Lodge, of a



set of D. B. cuff links and tie pin, the 35 brothers, sisters and guests present, rose and sang "Happy Birthday." His wife was presented a beautiful corsage. Special invited guests were two of his sons and their wives and Brother Carl Gustavsen of Dedham, Mass., a member of Lodge 600. We owe a vote of thanks to the sisters for the beautiful table that was set for this occasion. Included in the evening's pleasure was the showing of slides of Viet Nam, with commentary by our President, Erling

Braumann, who is still there. We are indebted to Sister Aase D'Alisio (his mother) for this fine show. Friday evening, April 26, we will be entertained by the performance of the Danish Folk Dancers from New Haven, Conn. This event will take place in the Portuguese Club, 2nd Ave., Cranston, R. I. You are invited to attend.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Correspondent "102"

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** We welcome three new members into our society and hope they'll be, not only active, but happy in the Lodge; the new brothers are Paul Geissing, Richard Hofmann and Wayne Williams. We regret the loss of one of our oldest members, Brother Julius Ibsen, who passed away February 18. He lived in Denmark, was 77 years old and had been a member of the lodge for 54 years. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow and family as well as his brother Nick who is a member in our lodge. Ladies Night will be held Friday, May 10, it will be a very short meeting followed by dancing, coffee and cake. A dinner and dance will be held Saturday, October 12, 1968 in Mountainside Inn. The committee for this affair is busy at work and details will be forthcoming. VIGGO NIELSEN.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Flemming Hinrichsen has been named executive chairman of a committee to organize a 65th anniversary party for our lodge. The date has been set for June 1, which is the closest practical date to our founding on June 5, 1903. Brother Jack Gordon has returned home from a trip to Viet Nam. Brother John Hinrichsen, Sr., has returned from Holland.

Brother Otto Nielsen passed away January 26. He was born in Vejle, Denmark November 29, 1890 and joined our lodge in 1931. He was a retired engineering designer and he moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., more than 10 years ago. Our sincere sympathy goes to Brother Otto's wife and family.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** The annual Torskegilde was the best ever with over 135 in attendance. Thanks go to Brother Olaf Hansen and his committee. A Spring dance will be held Saturday, April 20. The combined Sister and Brotherhood anniversary dinner and dance will take place Saturday, May 18. We welcome Brother Gordon F. Patten into our lodge and hope to see him often at our functions.

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.** We welcome Brothers Richard Lerche and Virgil Thomsen who were initiated in our lodge March 6 and hope they will enjoy coming to our meetings. Brother Mose and his wife are vacationing in Florida. They have sent greetings.

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** Two new Danish films were shown at our meeting March 8. The titles: "On the Seven Seas" and "Denmark Goes Industrial". Lodge 325 decided to obtain a listing in the Nassau County telephone book under "Danish Brotherhood in America, Lodge No. 325." This is a good idea and other lodges should think about doing the same. The entertainment committee announces a Spring dance to be held in the Franklin Square Hall, Saturday, April 20.

**Lodge No. 334, Geneva, N. Y.** Our 16th annual banquet will be held Saturday, April 27 at the Geneva Rod and Gun Club on the West shore of Seneca Lake on Route No. 14, South of Geneva. Tickets are \$3.75 per person. Brothers Arthur Christensen and Niels Pedersen are co-chairmen in charge. All are welcome. Invited guest is as ever Joan Madsen, also invited are Brothers Edward Jonasen and George Godthaab, officers on the Board. GCEL President Elmer Jensen has been contacted, in the hope that he will arrange the GCEL Spring meeting in Geneva on that same weekend.

DICK ROGERS, Sec'y.

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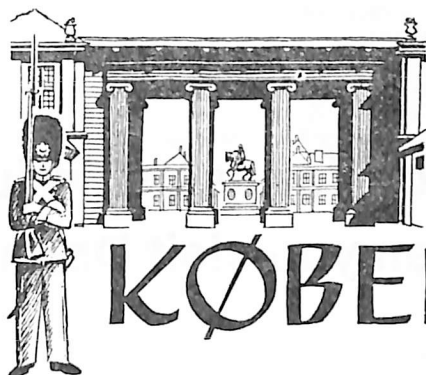
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June 18 .....	BERGENSFJORD .....	
.....	SAGAFJORD .....	June 23
July 9 .....	BERGENSFJORD .....	
Aug. 17 .....	BERGENSFJORD .....	Aug. 8
.....	BERGENSFJORD .....	Sept. 1
Sept. 17 .....	SAGAFJORD .....	Oct. 2

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To and from Copenhagen unless otherwise noted

<b>From New York</b>	<b>From Copenhagen</b>
May 18 .....	New KUNGSHOLM ..... June 5
June 7 .....	GRIPSHOLM ..... June 27*
August 14 .....	New KUNGSHOLM ..... August 30
October 19 .....	GRIPSHOLM ..... November 12*
December 5 .....	New KUNGSHOLM
(Christmas Excursion)	

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## Notice to All Lodge Secretaries

For those of you who have returned the yellow report sheet mailed shortly after January 1, we wish to say thank you. We would encourage our other lodge secretaries to complete the form as best they can because this information is very important to the National Fraternal Congress. It is used in determining legislation and can be of great significance as far as the Danish Brotherhood is concerned. Please mail these within the next three weeks.

## The Danes Fool 'Em

When the mortality tables were established some years ago, the Danes apparently weren't consulted. According to statistics, no one was supposed to live beyond age 96. The Danish Brotherhood had four members in 1967 who reached this age, and as a result were entitled to the face value of their certificate. They had outlived the mortality table. Your dividend may actually be increased because of the long life span of our membership.

N. J. Christensen of No. 51, Ludington, Mich. was pictured in the February issue of the magazine. Wm. Petersen, Lodge No. 2, Neenah, Wisc., Peter Bundgaard of the Home for the Aged in Worcester, Mass., and Christian Sand No. 113, who lives in Seattle, Wash. Each of these faithful members had their 96th birthday in 1967. Maybe they have a secret formula that they could give the rest of us, as to how to live that long.

Just an additional thought for our younger members; if you have a certificate that would be worth, say, \$10,000

cash at age 65, and you took the life income option, and lived to be 96, you could collect \$24,515.00 in total income during that period. Not bad, is it?

## Opinions From Dike No. 144

At the March meeting of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 144 of Dike, Iowa, after a lengthy discussion led by Loyd Plaehn and Earl Mikklesen, and with the unanimous agreement of the fifty or more members present, a motion was made by Loyd Plaehn and seconded by Earl Mikklesen and approved 100 per cent by all members that our Lodge go on record as completely in agreement with the letter by Einar Danielsen in the March issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine pertaining to the election of our National officers.

It was the carefully studied opinion of our members that this action was highly undemocratic, in strict opposition to the wishes of the delegates to the National Convention at Minneapolis and against the best interests of the Danish Brotherhood.

We feel that Einar Danielsen and Fred Jensen had every right to resent this political undercutting and we are in complete agreement with the letter as printed in the March Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

We highly commend Brothers Fred and Einar in pledging themselves to continue to work for the best interests of the Danish Brotherhood after such an affront and we appreciate the high grade of sportsmanship shown by both of them.

LOYD PLAEHN.  
EARL MIKKLESEN.

Dike Lodge Number 144.



## In Loving Memory

Members who have passed away since the last report



Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Feb 14	George Lindhardt	68	Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1947
Feb 6	Waldemar C. Habersat	86	Thisted, Denmark	240	Rochester, New York	1906
Jan 7	Andrew I. Olsen	87	Muskegon, Michigan	30	Muskegon, Michigan	1900
Feb 2	Harold J. Madson	77	Fensmark, Denmark	111	Austin, Minnesota	1913
Feb 21	Jens Peter Jensen	78	Solbjerg, Denmark	212	Waterloo, Iowa	1925
Feb 1	Carl Andersen	86	Astrop Fyen	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1904
Feb 15	Otto M. Andersen	81	Denmark	111	Austin, Minnesota	1930
Feb 11	Albert E. Damsgaard	79	Arlington, South Dakota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1909
Jan 6	Kristen N. Kristensen	90	Linnaa Silkeborg	29	Seattle, Washington	1905
Feb 15	Anders C. Bank	86	Tarm, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1910
Feb 19	Albert Thorp	66	British Columbia, Canada	29	Seattle, Washington	1920
Feb 2	Niels N. Hansen	76	Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1913
Feb 18	Ralph L. Hansen	68	Menominee, Michigan	59	Menominee, Michigan	1930
Feb 24	Peter A. M. Jensen	86	Vejle, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1906
Feb 23	Casper Jensen	83	Hjorring, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1909
Jan 17	Axel C. Petersen	88	Svendborg, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1917
Feb 21	Jesse Lund	77	Kolding, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1919
Feb 21	Hans A. Paulson	75	Nykobing, Denmark	111	Austin, Minnesota	1911
Feb 12	Chris H. Grabe	60	Esbjerg, Denmark	268	Junction City, Oregon	1947
Mar 5	William Christensen	60	Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1938
Feb 13	Anders M. Petersen	85	Lundby Odense, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1904
7-13-67	Thorvald Jensen	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1925
Mar 3	Niels Peder Pedersen	80	Brylle Fyn, Denmark	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1928
Feb 8	Arthur Jensen	84	Spencer, Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1903
Mar 4	Louis J. M. Brodersen	72	Esbjerg, Denmark	37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	1915
Feb 24	Harold Marcussen	61	Vejle, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1938
Feb 9	Julius N. Ibsen	78	Dragor, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1913
Mar 9	Walter Hansen	75	Lyons, Nebraska	194	McMinnville, Oregon	1913
Feb 22	Jens G. Sorensen	70	Dybvad, Denmark	102	Providence, Rhode Island	1932
Mar 6	John Eskesen	82	Dyboj, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1923
Mar 13	John G. Johansen	81	Sverige, Sweden	190	Schenectady, New York	1918
12-9-67	Sophus H. Lund	89	Falster, Denmark	278	Salt Lake City, Utah	1909
Mar 1	William Schmidt	66	Odense, Denmark	281	Cincinnati, Ohio	1928
Jan 12	Ove Edelberg	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1934
July '67	Walter Larsen	80	Magleby, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1950
Feb 14	Peder Christian Pedersen	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1963
Sep. '66	William N. Jessen	70	Aspen, Colorado	323	Alhambra, California	1949
Sep. '67	Martin Hunter	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1949

# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By A. B. CHRISTENSEN, 4140 Thorton Avenue, Fremont, Calif. 94536

Your correspondent was very much surprised last month when it was noted there was no California news! The mystery was solved when on March 9 and 15 envelopes containing the news was received from the post office at San Francisco with the envelope and most of the news contents in it. It seems the mail bag had been stolen and recovered, but the letters had all been opened and it took some time to reassemble all the letters.

We have word that a new link will be added to our fraternity chain Saturday, April 27. Many of our members from the south are planning to travel to Las Vegas, Nev., to attend the institution of Lodge No. 339 of the Danish Brotherhood in America. This information is from Brother Peter Petersen, secretary of Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, who has the news directly from the organizers of the new lodge. Reservations for the charter bus trip should be made by calling President Hans Brodersen 286-7872, Secretary Peter Petersen 361-5029, Harold Mathiasen OR 6-6478 or Paul Dalby Andersen HO 5-4823. San Diego also has plans about getting to Vegas April 27.

**DOTFIR** — Down on the farm in Ripon — February 17 visitors from all corners of the state came to be with the Ripon farmers for the installation festivities. The installation was performed by Willie Christensen and Eric Roug in a very efficient manner and was the finale of the 1968 season. Everyone had a wonderful time.

From the published minutes of the General Committee executive board meeting we learn that the board has elected the Lord Mayor of Copenhagen, Brother Urban Hansen, to lifetime honorary membership in the General Committee and this honor will be bestowed on him some time during the stay of the California Denmark excursion participants. Mayor Urban Hansen is a member of Lodge No. 299, Solvang.

Kegling time for DB bowlers is here again and the Bay Area bowlers got an early start. Lodge No. 39 Oakland bowlers who invited other area bowlers to join them in rolling the event had chosen March 3, just two days after the opening date and bowlers from 184, Hayward and 332, Ripon, met in force to do battle for the DB championship now held by No. 39. We cannot reveal the scores but we know that last year's champs did not repeat, although they gave it a good try.

Following the bowling, the participants and many of their fans gathered at the dinner tables where all rivalry was shelved and all had an enjoyable time. Among the hard working bowlers were DB Vice President Albert Tunsen, and judging by his performance on the lanes, we are happy that he is better at his VP job than he is at bowling. Also present but not bowling was GC President Willie Christensen who does not care who cops the championship as long as it is one of the California lodges.

**Denmark Excursion 1968** — Sold out is the happy report from the excursion committee. The magic number "165" was reached two months ago, although we still accept standby names. It has been suggested the committee contact other districts who are arranging flights to Denmark. Our chairman has done this and is awaiting their response. It is his hope that we all can get together on a certain day during the stay in Denmark.

Dansk Samvirke's classic Kronborg and Marienlyst festival which takes place Sunday, June 30 in Elsinore usually draws a great attendance of "udlandsdanskere" visiting Denmark. An added attraction to the forthcoming event is that Melvin Oredsen of Oakland has been

appointed as the representative of the National Board of Officers and as such will be among the official speakers.

Lodge 318 in Copenhagen will again assemble July 4 and invites all visiting Brothers to participate in Sondermarken and also the social gathering which follows at the lodge's meeting hall.

The California Committee has decided to celebrate July 4 in the evening and the place is the famous Lorry Landsbyen where music, entertainment and dance undoubtedly will be a beautiful finale for our California group which next day returns to the West Coast.

Chairman and tour leader Henning Jensen has made a special arrangement with a Danish rent a car firm to offer all excursion participants a 10% discount. For that and further details contact him at 255-W 41st Ave., San Mateo, Calif. 94403.

A delegation from Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, headed by President Fred Kærsgard dropped in on the meeting of Hayward Lodge 184, March 8 and though unexpected were given a hearty welcome and promised a return visit of Hayward Brothers soon.

Brother Melvin Oredsen has been released from the hospital and is as home but not able as yet to resume work. He does get to No. 39 meetings, but must take it very slowly until his back is healed. He had an operation for a slipped disc.

Brother Levi Persson of Lodge No. 299, Solvang, and GC Inner Guard, is at this writing taking part in the inaugural passenger flight between Copenhagen and Rome having been invited by the Santa Barbara News Press and SAS to take part in this great event.

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## Report From Columbine Lodge 43



Officers of Columbine Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colorado.

These Denver Danes are smiling even after a two-hour long lodge meeting March 1 where matters of both local and national character were discussed.

As you may detect we are still using the original badges of our Society as we find them much more dignified and synonymous with our order and its Danish heritage than the buttons (plastic) supplied by our National headquarters.

The officers are from left to right, front row: First Trustee, Anders M. Jacobsen, Financial Secretary; George Bork, President; Svend A. Ronlov, Secretary, Svend A. Sonderup, Past President, Hans T. Nielsen, Librarian; Andreas Paulsen, and Conductor, Carl J. Knudsen. Back row: Outer Guard, Leif G. Petersen, Treasurer, J. Fred Nielsen, Vice President, Kaj A. Moller, Inner Guard, Jorgen T. Sorensen and Second Trustee, Harold E. Jensen. Third Trustee, Dr. Mogens B. Jacobsen was not present.

The two youngest officers of the Denver Lodge, Leif Petersen and Jorgen Sorensen are co-chairmen of our entertainment committee. They form an extremely hard-working team with lots of new ideas, and the year will, beyond any doubt, be the most successful year in the recent history of our lodge.

An example of what is in store for the Denver Danes was the well organized "Fastelavnsfest" February 23 where the lodge hall was filled to capacity with members and their guests attired in very imaginative and colorful costumes.

Svend A. Sonderup, Secretary.

## 1886 - Hans E. Norregaard - 1968

Hans E. Norregaard, 81, 1214 E. Washington Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa, died March 19, of a heart attack while visiting at a daughter's home in Boulder, Colo.

Born in Ødis, Denmark, he came to the USA in 1905 and was a Council Bluffs, resident 63 years. He retired in October 1964 after 50 years as owner-operated of the Norregaard Auto Repair shop.

Hans Norregaard was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and financial secretary of Lodge No. 10, to which he had belong 60 years. He was a past local and state president of the Danish Brotherhood and a past supreme officer of the DB, having served as Supreme Trustee from 1950 to 1956.

Survivors include his widow, Molly R.; two daughters, Mrs. Donald S. Boylan of Council Bluffs, and Mrs. Raymond Fiori of Boulder, Colo.; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A prayer service was held at the funeral home with burial at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Saturday, March 23.

The membership extends heartfelt sympathy to the family in their loss of this beloved member of the closely knit family group.

## Notes From Utah-Idaho Lodges

Maybe this is not of any real value to the majority of the readers of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, but there might be some points contained herein that could be applied to conditions in your local lodges.

During one of the recesses of the successful convention of the Utah-Idaho General Committee, an interesting conversation developed among some of the participating Brothers and this writer.

One of the Brothers made a statement to the effect that the whole Brotherhood was "dead" and not enticing to the younger generation. Possibly this statement is justified to a limited extent, but the spirit of understanding and tolerance which prevailed throughout the proceedings of the convention, seemed to indicate that the Brotherhood is still very much alive.

If ways and means can be found to consolidate the two Salt Lake City Lodges, it appears that we might be on the threshold of a new era for the Brotherhood in this area.

KNUD RASMUSSEN,  
Correspondent of the General Committee  
of the Utah-Idaho Lodges.

## A Tribute to Hans E. Norregaard

I have just returned home from the funeral of a long-time friend and Lodge Brother.

Hans Norregaard was a perfect gentleman and a friend of all mankind. He was the kind of person who never to my knowledge, spoke a derogatory word of anyone. He always had a pleasant smile and a warm handclasp for everyone he came in contact with and he was loved by all.

He was a staunch member of the Danish Brotherhood for over sixty years. The Council Bluffs and Omaha Danish communities will miss him very much. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and I am sure he is in a much better place than this troubled world.  
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FRED JENSEN,  
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# MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

By **IB K. JENSEN, 6510 Hartwell, Dearborn, Mich. 48126**

At the regular Lodge meeting March 13, three new Brothers were initiated for membership in Lodge 227; Einer Jensen, Carl Lawrence and Harry Petersen, and they were bid welcome by Past President John Emanuelsen.

During this meeting we were informed that Brother Tom Rasmussen had resigned from the Board of Directors for the Danish Club of Detroit. Brother Tom, in his capacity as a lawyer, has been an outstanding help in arranging the legal aspects in the recent rearrangements of the status of the Club. In his stead, as President of the Board, Brother Oscar Sorensen had been elected unanimously by the Board.

Delegates and alternates were elected for the Michigan-Ohio District Convention, which will be held in Greenville, Mich., May 25-26. Elected were Axel Lohman, Ove Rostgaard, Ed Johansen, John Emanuelsen, Robert Andersen and Jim Hansen.

At this writing preparations are going on for the Dance-Party scheduled for Friday, March 29. Even though on a Friday night, it is hoped that we will get a good attendance.

Prior to the next regular Lodge meeting, March 27, a dinner will be served for the Brothers for a nominal charge of \$1. The dinner will consist of deer-meat steaks, the meat being donated by Brother Howard Hansen.

**Lodge 51, Ludington, Mich.:**

February 8 was our regular meeting night conducted by our President Lauritz Hansen. New member Carl Pedersen was initiated, followed by lunch with Brother Donald Wagner in charge.

February 9 and 23, were Family Fish Fry nights. Chefs were Past President Carl Soneral and Trustee Lawrence Stevens. Ticket sales in charge of Brother Frank Hansen, dishwashing in charge of Outer Guard Donald Wagner. Assisting in serving were Mrs. Carl Soneral, Mrs. Donald Wagner, Mrs. Lawrence Stevens, Mrs. Alfred Larsen and Brothers, Earl Jensen, Arthur Andersen, William Swan, Alfred Larsen. Host and Hostess, Brother and Mrs. Herman Finholm. Next fry will be March 22,

Our big one for the month was February 16. A dance

with Past President and Mrs. Soneral, and Outer Guard and Mrs. Donald Wagner as Chairmen, assisted by Brother and Mrs. William Hansen, and Brothers Earl Jensen, Albert Christoffersen and Lars Christoffersen. All present had a really enjoyable time. Pot luck lunch served by the committee at midnight.

Our monthly pinochle session is the night the older members and guests look forward to. Brother and Mrs. William Hansen were Chairmen, and also served the lunch following the games.

At the regular meeting February 22 conducted by our President, Lauritz Hansen, two new members were initiated namely Everett Liebetreau and Dale Henriksen. Brother Liebetreau has the distinction of being the grandson of one of Lodge No. 51's charter members — Niels P. Nielsen. Following the meeting, lunch was served by President Lauritz Hansen.

March 8 we had a dance at The Danish Hall. Past President and Mrs. Carl Soneral, and Outer Guard and Mrs. Donald Wagner were Co-Chairmen, assisted by Brothers Albert Christoffersen, Lars Christoffersen, William Hansen, Gilbert Larsen and Secretary Earl Jensen.

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