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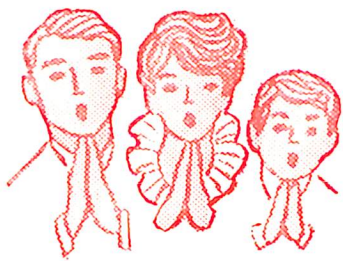
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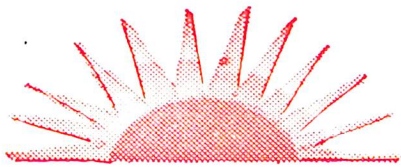


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Condensed Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Officers

(Continued from last month)

At the conclusion of the presentation of these three reports, the president requested board members to comment on the agent program and the promotional program for 1968. Jonasen asked if it was the aim of the promotional director to appoint an agent in each lodge. The reply was that the main aim of the program is to get full-time representatives and not depend solely on lodge appointees. Jonasen stated that he supported the agent concept, but also felt that current members should be reimbursed in some way for their promotional efforts. He expressed the concern that some members may think we are headed towards only an insurance company status. Tunsen commented on this thought and remarked that the program set up to reimburse in some way the current members did not result in increased membership for the Brotherhood. We have now committed ourselves to trying the new system. The agency system supplement, does not replace the lodge efforts, and is set up to bring now blood into the lodge.

Danielsen commented that he also supported the agent program, but we should not neglect entirely the current membership. He suggested that a program on the national basis rather than on the district basis might be the best idea.

Jorgensen suggested that one problem with the 1968 program was the conventions of the central organizations came at such a time when they were preparing for the new year, but the 1968 promotional program had not been presented at that time. The timing, possibly was not set up in such a way as to permit the central organizations to get a promotional program for the year going in conjunction with the national program. He suggested that the development of a promotional program for the following year be set up in time to inform all of the central organizations of what the program shall consist. Godthaab also mentioned the timing had been poor and Jorgensen's suggestion was an excellent thought. Jorgensen also supported the agent concept and stated that agents will be in a position to inform members of the fraternal benefits. The role of the agent could be an ever-expanding one in the promotion of not only the individual members' insurance programs but the fraternal benefits of lodge membership.

Tunsen asked the promotional director to what extent personal training of the agents had been done. Hedegaard stated that at this point, he felt it was unjustified to bring one agent in for training. The seminar concept

was examined and it was noted by various board members that the previous seminar had been a success.

Jensen stated full support should be given to the agents, especially with respect to giving these agents various leads on prospective members. He noted old-line companies have various methods of providing leads and we should do more of this.

The discussion of the promotional program for 1969 continued. The subject of agent training continued with an additional discussion concerning the merits of having a seminar for the agents. The question was posed by Jonasen as to whether a man could make a good living as a full-time agent. Hedegaard stated that he felt additional contracts would have to be offered to provide a full-time agent a complete portfolio of coverages for prospective members.

The president called the meeting to order Wednesday at 9 a. m. The members of the board prepared their statement of expenses for travel and per diem for attending the board meeting. The president requested that the record show that Axel Skelbeck, secretary-treasurer, waived the per diem due him in accordance with the By-Laws.

Hedegaard was called into the meeting to continue discussing the promotional program. Section II of the proposed program for 1969 was presented at this time. This section of the program consists of the allocation of funds to each district on the basis of fifty cents per member of the district's membership at the end of 1968. The district is to receive fifteen per cent of the amount actually used for promotional activities by the lodges within the district at the end of the year. The district may also participate in promotional activities and be reimbursed from the home office for expenses incurred in these activities.

A lengthy discussion concerning this portion of the program followed. The members of the board felt the local lodges and the central organizations weren't fully aware of what the program involved and additional efforts should be made to make sure all members of the Brotherhood were fully aware of this phase of the program. The emphasis again was placed upon not forgetting the current members

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who make a fine effort in attempting to bring in new members. Additional comments were made pointing out our current membership must not be ignored. Some thought was given to getting away from district allocation, but the general consensus of the board was that the system of allocating funds to the district for promotional efforts was an effective means of supporting the central organizations and encouraging promotional efforts on the local lodge and district level. The end result concerning this part of the program was to support this section of the program, but request greater efforts be directed by the promotional department in informing the membership on the lodge and district level of what exactly the program involved and that additional efforts should be made to encourage the participation of all central organizations and local lodges in this program. The remaining items of the promotional program were reviewed and discussed by members of the board and following this discussion, Hedegaard was excused.

Additional discussion continued concerning the promotional program. Jonasen stated he was in favor of giving each district twenty-five cents per member for each member belonging to the district at the end of 1968. He also stated that the board should give consideration to giving a financial reward to each member in a lodge when they acquire new members. Skelbeck moved the promotional program for 1969 as presented by the promotional director be adopted. Jensen seconded this motion and it carried.

The promotional director had prepared a list of items and requested that action be taken on these items. The board reviewed each point brought before them and these matters were expedited.

Skelbeck presented the investment committee report as follows:

On behalf of the investment committee, on which serve with me Kristen Jorgensen and Albert F. Tunsen, Sr., I would like to make this report covering changes in our investment portfolio.

In the period from April 1, 1968, to August 31, 1968, the following holdings matured or were called for payment. No sales were made.

	Par Value
Fowler Telephone Co., Pella, Iowa	4% \$ 7,000.00
Homewood, Ill., Waterworks & Sewerage	3 1/8% 30,000.00
Aurora, Ind., Gas System	3 1/2% 5,000.00
Consolidated Telephone, Burrton, Kan. ..	4 1/2% 4,000.00
Placerville, Calif., Mun. Improv.	3 1/2% 4,000.00
Johnson County, Ky., School	3 1/2% 1,000.00
Sparta, Tenn., School	3 1/2% 9,000.00
Certificate loans repaid	2,130.57
	\$ 62,130.57

The following are new investments made during the same period:

Wisconsin Electric Power 6 3/8%	\$50,000.00
Real estate — national headquarters	39.33
Office furniture and equipment	907.13
Six per cent loans on members certificates	1,255.00
Unpaid interest added to principal on cert. loans	349.25
	\$52,550.71

Fraternally,
/s/ AXEL SKELBECK,
Chairman, Investment Committee.

Jonasen moved to accept this report. Duly seconded by Godthaab, this motion carried.

Fred Jensen, chairman of the by-law committee, presented his report at this time. Jensen reported local

lodge by-laws for Lodge No. 1, Lodge No. 299, and Lodge No. 332 had been reviewed and approved by the by-law committee. By-laws of the General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges in California were also reviewed by the committee and these had been approved also. This report was accepted by the board.

A motion was made and duly seconded to hold the semi-annual meeting of the board of officers starting the week of April 14, 1969. Motion carried.

Skelbeck presented a suggestion to carry to completion the idea previously considered to have a bronze plaque made naming the members of what was then the Supreme Board during the period of September 1963-1967 when the national headquarters building became a reality and during its construction stage to point of occupancy and dedication. Another plaque was recommended for display in the reception room naming the donor and the gift given by that person. An approximate cost was presented. Tunsen moved to make an appropriation necessary to cover the cost of the two plaques with authority to Skelbeck to have the work done. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

A number of communications received from local lodges were brought to the attention of the board. Each of these were discussed and appropriate action was taken on each communication.

Chairman of Trustees Fred Jensen presented the trustees' report as follows:

September 26, 1968

To the President and Secretary-Treasurer:

This is to certify that we, the undersigned officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America, assisted by all officers present, have this date checked and audited the securities owned by the society.

We have found such securities owned to be in full agreement with the records of the secretary-treasurer as of August 31, 1968.

Securities:

Bonds (Par value \$3,875,000)	\$3,881,155.62
Mutual funds (23,465 shares)	273,453.55
Savings bonds and certificates	107,000.00
Preferred stock (Par value \$140,000)	141,812.50
Certificate loans	20,905.11
Home office real estate	297,146.07
Furniture and equipment	12,986.01
Savings accounts	63,657.13
Savings and loan shares	30,000.00
	\$4,828,115.99

Cash in bank, August 31, 1968:

General fund	\$ 9,999.03
Fraternal fund	1,526.73
	11,525.76
	\$4,839,641.75

/s/ FRED JENSEN,
Chairman of Trustees.
/s/ EDWARD JONASEN,
Trustee.
/s/ GEORGE GODTHAAB,
Trustee.

Tunsen moved to accept this report. Seconded by Godthaab, it carried.

Jensen thanked the members of the board for their help with the securities inventory.

A request presented in behalf of the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Inc., for free use of space in the monthly magazine was now discussed. Skelbeck suggested space in the monthly magazine be given

to the cultural center for use in the promotion of that endeavor and it be used under the direction of the promotional director to the extent of a quarter of a page. Tunsen suggested an amount not to exceed one page would be preferable. Skelbeck moved to allot one-quarter page of the monthly magazine for use by the Cultural Center Association. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

Refunds of gains and savings to insured members were taken up for detailed discussion. Skelbeck moved to retain the same basis of distribution of gains and savings for 1969 that had been used during recent years. Seconded by Godthaab, this motion carried.

Section 53 of the By-Laws permits the members of the Danish Brotherhood to request direct billing from the home office. The use of anniversary date of benefit certificate was suggested by Skelbeck as being the proper date for billing members for their insurance assessments. On discussion, Tunsen moved to adopt this recommendation. Seconded by Godthaab, the motion carried.

In conjunction with the direct billing of Brotherhood members, Skelbeck noted Section 123 of the By-Laws requires "Lodge No. 600" members be billed on October 1, annually. With the new direct billing system on the anniversary date, the recommendation by Skelbeck was for the board to interpret Section 123 so as to allow the billing of "Lodge No. 600" members on anniversary date; also to save the Brotherhood the added expense of setting up and maintaining two billing systems. Jensen moved that "600" members be billed on anniversary date of benefit certificate and thus merged into the billing system as now established and to effect such economies as can be gained thereby. Jonasen seconded, the motion carried.

In the secretary-treasurer's report, given at the beginning of the annual board meeting, a recommendation was made to delegate authority to establish various reserves at year-end for reporting in the annual statement. These reserves take the form of contingency reserves, and should reasonably include a national convention expense reserve. A motion was made by Tunsen that Axel Skelbeck, National Secretary-Treasurer, be authorized to assume the responsibility involving the setting aside of such reserves, in accordance with his recommendations. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

Skelbeck said that, in conjunction with year-end statement work, a depreciation schedule with regard to the home office building and a decision with respect to handling amortization of furniture and equipment items must be made. After discussion, Tunsen moved Skelbeck be authorized to assume the responsibility involving depreciation schedules and amortization schedules with respect to home office building and home office equipment.

Skelbeck read a letter from C. D. Spangler, the society's actuary, concerning the current retirement plan, adopted by the board of officers for Danish Brotherhood employees. Discussion was held concerning certain disadvantages of the current retirement plan. The primary disadvantages discussed were the attachment to federal social security the plan required and the fact that it is contributory. It was noted members participating in the plan, in some cases, could very well contribute far more to the plan than they would receive in benefits, since social security has been increasing and could increase to the point where the benefits returned to a member of the plan would be less than those he contributed. The attachment to social security was also an objection noted by the United States Internal Revenue Service when reviewing the plan. Since the Brotherhood By-Laws require social security be considered in the plan, a suggestion was made to eliminate the employee's contribution sec-

tion of the plan, which would help alleviate this one problem.

After further discussion of different avenues of approach to take, Jensen moved Skelbeck be instructed to contact our actuary for the purpose of arranging a study of the plan and report back at the next meeting with various recommendations designed to update the plan and bring it into comparison with those plans existing now in accordance with the general practice of the industry. This motion was duly seconded, and it carried.

(To be continued next month)

Our Brother Is A Queen

We here at Lodge No. 75 in Albert Lea, Minn., feel maybe we can claim a record. One of our "Brothers," Vicki Jo Petersen, was elected homecoming queen at the recent homecoming celebration of the Albert Lea High School.

Vicki Jo was chosen queen by the student body, from five candidates selected by the senior class. Queen Vicki participated in the homecoming parade and half-time activities at the football game between Albert Lea and Mankato.

Vicki Jo is the daughter of Brother and Mrs. Robert F. Petersen. Her grandfather, Brother Jim Petersen, who recently passed away, was a member of Lodge No. 75 and a few years ago received his 50-year pin.



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CULTURAL CENTER FLASH —

Skelbeck Youth Center

By W. T. MOSS

We at the Cultural Center are pleased to announce that our Youth Center to be opened this summer near Copperopolis, Calif., shall be known as the **Axel Skelbeck Youth Center**. Axel was the first of the national officers to come forth in support of this very worthy project. From as early as 1947 Axel has dreamed of the time when our youth could be brought together and be taught the vast wealth of our Danish language, customs, heritage, crafts, arts and history in a setting which would promote lasting friendships and fraternalism. This dream which Axel has labored for so tirelessly, yet humbly, is now in the process of becoming a reality.

This first year our plans call for three, one-week camps which will run consecutively from the third week in June through the middle of July, 1969. It will be open for all our young people, boys and girls alike, between the ages of 11 and 14 from throughout the United States and Canada.

Activities on our 1,200 acre site will include hiking, camping, nature studies, horseback riding, swimming, singing, canoeing, fishing, gymnastics and the study of our Danish language and history. A small fee will be charged to offset the cost of food and administration expenses.

It should be emphasized that the Youth Center is being built entirely through the donations of individuals and lodges. Not only has Axel Skelbeck been devoting his efforts to this project, but he was also the first to pledge financial support. A special fund has been established specifically for our youth program and your support and donations would be warmly welcomed.

Additionally we will be in need of adults to donate their time and efforts in assisting the construction and landscaping of our Center and to act as counselors and supervisors in our youth program. Should you be able to assist or if you have youths you would like to send to the camp this summer, please drop us a line at the below address and you will be sent a brochure with additional details. Let us all join hands in working to make this project a most enjoyable and rewarding experience for our youth.

Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association
California Division
709 N. Center Street, Suite A
Stockton, California 95202

Distribution of Refunds for 1969 For Thirteenth Consecutive Year

We are pleased to announce a refund of gains and savings or (dividends) to insured members has been declared by the board of officers. This refund is to be applied in 1969 on the anniversary date of all benefit certificates. All certificates which have been in force for three full years, including fully paid-up certificates, except those carried on extended term insurance and juvenile "term to age 16" will share in the 1969 refunds.

Even though all membership taxes amounting to \$3.50 per year per member were eliminated at the 1967 national convention, the refund members will receive this year is continued at the same high rate that was increased 25 per cent three years ago. This is the thirteenth consecutive year that the board of officers has authorized refunds on gains and savings.

Members have the same options for receiving or applying the refunds that they have had in the past. These options are as follows:

1. They may be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. This means that there will be no monthly assessments to be paid on this additional insurance which the dividend will buy. This additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate. This additional "paid-up" insurance is allowed regardless of the age, occupation and state of health of the member and, as mentioned, no additional payments of assessments on account of this additional insurance are required of the member.

2. They may be left on deposit with the Brotherhood to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the board.

3. They may be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate, the month of issue, or effective date of issue. (Consult your benefit certificate.)

Each member is permitted to choose either of the mentioned optional uses of his refund.

If a member exercises no choice, his dividend will automatically be used to buy additional "paid-up" insurance to which he will be entitled.

In all such choices the member need not do anything at all. The insurance will automatically be added to his present amount of insurance on the records at the home office. However, any member can receive payment of the cash value on the paid-up additions, or payment of the refunds on deposit, whenever he wishes to do so by making a written request to be sent to the home office.

Your officers believe that the members will welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability and regardless of age and state of health and without the payment of monthly assessments on the additional paid-up portion. In the interest of the member, this is the use of the dividend which your officers recommend.

While the amount of insurance thus purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the dividends are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

THE BOARD OF OFFICERS,
by AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.-Treas.

Help Wanted

The Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, California Division, is in need of a caretaker for the new Cultural Center development project near Copperopolis, California.

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709 No. Center Street, Suite A
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MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

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

Detroit Lodge 227. During the last meeting December 11, we had the pleasure to have Brother Axel Lohman in attendance, who recently has received the honor of the Danish Royal Medal of Merit bestowed upon him by a royal resolution October 28, for his outstanding services among the Danes in the Detroit area. Brother Ove Rostgaard read the resolution to the Brothers, outlining some of the many duties Brother Lohman has partaken in over many years and this was followed by a long, standing ovation in congratulation to Brother Lohman.

To round off the year Lodge 227 added still another Brother to its list of members. Kai Hansen was initiated and bid welcome in our lodge by Axel Lohman.

Brother Viggo Mikkelsen gave a report of the status of affairs at the Danish Old People's Home in Rochester, where though some immediate problems cloud the horizon, everything seems to be going ahead fine.

The election of officers went smoothly with the following results: Past President Carl J. Hansen, President Chris Fabricius, Vice President Bob Sorensen, Corresponding Secretary Jorgen Mau, Recording Secretary Lawrence Sheppard, Treasurer Paul Carlsen, Financial Secretary Otto Pedersen, Conductor Oluf Eriksen, Trustees Eric Larsen, Tom Rasmussen and Howard Hansen, Inner Guard Ed Johansen, Outer Guard George Petersen and Ken Rehan was appointed printer and chairman of the entertainment committee.

To the building board two new members were elected: Lawrence Sheppard and Niels Andersen. Elected to the Danish National Committee for the next year were: Chairman Herman Boraks, Gunnar Kirschberg, John Emanuelson, Niels Andersen, Lawrence Sheppard and Vagn Nielsen.

Due to the fact that January has five Wednesdays, it was decided that the meetings during January will be held the on the third and fifth Wednesday.

This being the last report this correspondent is submitting, I wish to not only wish everybody the very best for the new year and thank my readers for their interest, but also thank the few Brothers from other lodges in the district for having sent me material for this column. I have thoroughly enjoyed this job and regret that my time at present does not permit me to carry on this duty. The new correspondent will be vice president of Lodge 227, Bob Sorensen, whose address is 12906 Montrose, Detroit, Mich. 48227. I hope the faithful few will send their monthly report to Brother Bob, for whom I wish a lot of fun in this job.

IB K. JENSEN.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich. Lodge 51 held their monthly pinocle party at the Danish Hall November 20. At this session we had a total of 12 tables playing, which just about filled the meeting room of the hall. General chairman for the event was Brother William Hansen, assisted by Mrs. Hansen, Stanley William, Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen and Alfred Larsen. At the conclusion of the games, a potluck luncheon was served.

On November 29 we had our regular meeting with President Laurits Hansen presiding. The name of Harvey Johnson was called for the jackpot award, but he was absent. At the conclusion of the meeting Trustee Howard Bentz served lunch.

Our annual meeting and election of officers was held December 12. The new officers elected for 1969 are: Past President Laurits Hansen, President William Smith, Vice President Donald Bentz, Secretary Earl Jensen, Conductor Carl Soneral, Treasurer Alfred Larsen, Trustees

Kenneth Johnson, Gilbert Larsen and Donald Wagner, Outer Guard Claude Everson and Inner Guard Arthur Hansen. The officers for 1968 were given a rising vote of thanks for their work during the year by the members present.

This night was also the conclusion of our money-making endeavor which was again this year, as in the past years, conducted by our eager-beaver secretary, Earl Jensen. All the members who helped in any way were thanked by Brother Earl and a good sum was turned over to our treasury to go toward the purchase of new furniture. For our jackpot award the name of Brother George Hansen was called but he was absent.

At the conclusion of the meeting a smorgasbord luncheon was served by a committee consisting of Outer Guard Donald Wagner and Inner Guard Arthur Hansen.

Our next big event will be the New Year's Eve dance at the Danish Hall. President Hansen is busy getting the committee lined up for the activities he has in mind for that evening. We hope our members will turn out for this event as we leave the old year and usher in the new one.

ALFRED LARSEN, Treas.

Lodge No. 70, Greenville, Mich. Rosendal Lodge 70 of the Danish Brotherhood of Greenville held their 75th anniversary party November 30, exactly 75 years from the date of their first meeting.

About 125 members and guests attended the turkey dinner served at the hall. Tables were attractive with decorations in the Thanksgiving and anniversary theme.

A short program followed with Paul Worden, president of the lodge in charge, during which he introduced the present officers. Mrs. Oluf Feldt, whose husband has been secretary of Lodge 70 for 45 years, gave a brief history of the activities of the lodge since its organization. Brother Wesley Kraft, one of our past presidents, also gave a short speech. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing and a lunch was served at midnight.

OLUF FELDT, Sec.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By LEVI PERSSON, 525 Atterdag Road, Solvang, California 93463

Since I took over ABC's job as California correspondent to this magazine, I have had remarks from DB members in the state asking why I did not write anything about "my lodge, because my lodge is as important as is the Hayward or the Solvang lodge." We agree wholeheartedly, but the only steady contributor to date has been Paul Sørensen from Hayward. The only way this column can know about the lodge activities is for the secretary or someone else to write. Letters from other lodges also would make our job much easier. The copy does not have to be typewritten, but it should be in our mail box not later than the 20th of each month. OK?

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Viggo Petersen, a member of Lodge 49, for more than 30 years is now retired and is residing at 83 Calle de la Salud, Toreno, Palma de Mallorca, Spain. In a recent letter Brother Viggo regrets that he did not take much part in lodge activities in San Francisco because he was living in the eastern part of the USA until he moved to the beautiful Island of Mallorca. "I read in *Bien* in August that the Brotherhood Lodges of California plan to visit Mallorca during a Denmark tour," Petersen wrote. "So I am herewith extending an open invitation to the participants in the trip to visit with me and my wife. We are home most of the time since there is no reason to leave this charming island."

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Hayward Lodge 184 held their December meeting in the home of President Walter Hansen where the next years officers were nominated and elected. The 1969 slate looks like this: President Andy Heiser, Vice President Ray Anthony, Secretary John Villadsen, Treasurer Iver Poulsen, Trustees Fred Mahler, Ken Danielsen and Harold Heiser, Inner Guard Viggo Ries, and Outer Guard Hans Jorgensen. It was decided to hold the installation on January 13. It will be a joint affair with the Fremont Lodge.

The secretary of the lodge, John Villadsen, who is a bowling enthusiast, has been named chairman for the annual state bowling tournament by President Alfred Vestergaard.

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As soon as Humbolt Lodge 230 heard about the forthcoming visit of the Danish film company the lodge booked them for the first show in California and on Thursday, January 23, members and friends will enjoy the beautiful films in color. Most interesting will probably be the movie showing the DB's recent excursion to Denmark such as the arrival in Kastrup with a Tivoli gardist in galla — the official welcome at City Hall and the Brotherhood's gift to Tivoli on July the 4th. This is a fine promotion for our organization and we suggest other lodges take advantage of this opportunity. For further information and booking contact: Tour Manager Henning Jensen, 255-W41st Avenue, San Mateo, Calif. 94403. Tel. 341-6489.

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Solvang Lodge 299 — Paul Hanberg, who in a few years became one of Solvang's leading businessmen (Solvang Shoe Store) was recently elected vice president of the Solvang Businessmen's Association, which is the most influential group in this part of the country.

The annual Christmas party held here December 20, had drawn more than a dozen out of town lodge members who enjoyed Christmas as it is celebrated in a small

town, which is far away from the big city. The big parish hall, the 12-foot cone shaped evergreen decorated in Danish style, the many colored lights and above all the community singing which included "Det Kimer nu til Julefest" and "Højt fra Træets grønne top," added warmth to the occasion. Some of "Den Gamle Garde" wiped a tear from cheek during those emotional moments. The event was arranged by the Solvang DB Lodge in collaboration with the local Danish Sisterhood Lodge. For about 50 years the Solvang Lodge stood alone, but then energetic women here started the Sisterhood Lodge and now this lodge adds so many ideas and so much color to the events, that we simply could not do without. Heading the committee were newly elected president Andrew Andersen, Alton Nielsen, Thora Mae Andersen, Linda Petersen and Betty Andersen.

We are informed that our General Committee is sponsoring a charter flight to Denmark this summer, but the information to the members of the lodges about this tour has been sparse, if non-existent. A Brother wants to know all about it — so how about the tour chairman dropping us a line or two about this?

At a recent meeting in DB 299, a member wanted to know where "our lot is?" He was referring to the lot purchased for about \$750 from the Cultural Center committee. But no one seemed to know where the land in question was located, or if a lot had been allocated. In other words the land could be anywhere (within the development's boundaries). It would be exciting and also interesting to find where our land is located so that we members of the lodge could inspect it, when given the opportunity.

Ground will be broken next week for a "Raadhus" for Solvang. It will be in Danish style with bindingsverk and billedskererkunst and is designed by Reiner Nielsen, famous Danish born architect in south California. It will cost approximately \$130,000 to build...and that does not include the lot which cost \$40,000.

A representative for United Press visited Solvang last week, to get the real story about how Solvang came into being. The story featuring a picture of Solvang's Main Street and artist Brother Ferdinand Sorensen will soon appear in most of the country's newspapers. Brother Sorensen is generally considered to be the father of the architectural part of present day Solvang, in other words the part that made Solvang a tourist attraction.

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A farmer wrote to a veterinarian asking for free advice: "I have a horse who sometimes walks normal and other times has a decided limp. What should I do?"

The vet wrote back, "The next time he walks normal, sell him."

DB DATA

FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

AL HEDEGAARD

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR



TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
4	Racine	Alfred Haugard	Raymond Thielen
29	Seattle	Magne Fugheim	Otto Nielsen
39	Oakland	R. Christian Hansen	M. Oredsen
43	Denver	Clyde W. Davidson	Orla J. Dal
43	Denver	Donald J. Bromley	Svend Sonderup
43	Denver	Ronald Lamberton	Svend Sonderup
43	Denver	Amy H. Schmidt	Svend Sonderup
43	Denver	Albert G. Schmidt	Svend Sonderup
46	Perth Amboy	Carl C. Theide	Peter Christensen
70	Greenville	Owen Mumaw	Carroll Butterworth
71	Penn Yan	Everett E. Laurson	Edwin Laursen
85	Rochester	F. Howard Steinlight	M. Sorensen
102	Providence	Arne Christensen	E. C. Braumann
102	Providence	Paul Nielsen	E. C. Braumann
102	Providence	Jan C. Braumann	E. C. Braumann
110	Winside	Walter W. Jensen	Anton Pedersen
126	Los Angeles	Ole Ronholt	Erik Moller
126	Los Angeles	Joseph F. Calahan	Kurt Moller
126	Los Angeles	Frode H. Madsen	Kurt Moller
126	Los Angeles	Curt H. Madsen	Kurt Moller
126	Los Angeles	Niels K. Christensen	Peter Pedersen
139	Viborg	Chas. E. Holsether	Arnie Sorensen
144	Dike	Dale M. Danielsen	Arthur Thode
172	Folcroft	John A. Lindberg	Mogens Hempel
172	Folcroft	Theo. C. Tjader	Lawrence Knudson
190	Schenectady	J. Chris Olsen	Ernest M. Jorgensen
217	Humboldt	Mabel Jensen	Nels Jensen
242	Erie	Carl J. Berry	Hans Henriksen
242	Erie	Stanley Zlotkowski	Hans Henriksen
306	San Diego	Walton C. Nielsen	Oskar Jensen
306	San Diego	Lorraine M. Nielsen	Oskar Jensen
306	San Diego	Thomas W. Nielsen	Oskar Jensen
314	Hartford	Waldo J. Elliot	Anton Mose
314	Hartford	Roger Sorensen	Howard Sorensen
314	Hartford	Arne Hansen	Alfred P. Stark
318	Copenhagen	Ib S. Eriksen	H. Schack Eriksen
337	Fremont	Howard Nelson	Henning Rasmussen
337	Fremont	Elizabeth Nelsen	Hen. Rasmussen
337	Fremont	John F. Nielsen	Hans Schomburg
339	Las Vegas	Anne Lund	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Folmer Lund	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Bente Christensen	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Mary E. Rasmussen	Harold Reed

339	Las Vegas	Erling Rasmussen	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Ivy M. Rasmussen	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Kenneth D. Cook	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Vicki B. Cook	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Harry B. Berntsen	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Jan Cable	Harold Reed
600	Home Office	Agnes M. Simonsen	
600	Home Office	Ellen J. Werdelin	Agnes Simonsen
600	Home Office	Karma Jannetti	Agnes Simonsen

JUVENILE MEMBERS

14	Kenosha	Lynn F. Rohling	Robert Ibsen
339	Las Vegas	David P. Boas	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Nils K. E. Boas	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Erling A. Rasmussen	Harold Reed
339	Las Vegas	Asbjorn J. Bielefeldt	Harold Reed
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Before It Is Too Late

Sitting at my window, watching the endless stream of cars — some beautifully new — passing by and dreaming of what might have been, I now wish with all the despair of penniless old age that we had denied ourselves of some of the pleasure and luxuries and needless extravagances of our youth and had seen more clearly into the future.

The philosophy of just living for today is all right for today, but what of tomorrow? The strength of youth is more able to endure the privations than is the weariness of age. After many years of living up to the full capacity of our income — and that resource is now gone — what can we look forward to?

Instead of the peace and security of a fireside in a cozy home, a few close friends and an adequate income, only FEAR is left. In the dusk in the evening, my dearly beloved and I look into each other's eyes and see the years gone by. Extravagant cars, lavish entertainment, money spent on family and friends — THESE INVESTMENTS DO NOT PAY DIVIDENDS!

Oh, youth of today! If I could only impress on you the despair you can avoid with a little self-denial here and there — some small regular systematic savings to protect that old age which is inevitably your heritage. There need be no slaving, or grasping to accumulate a vast fortune, or leaving behind an empty youth. But a small sapling planted now, to grow slowly throughout the years into a tree with branches spreading, will shelter and protect you in later years.

Listen and heed, from one who realizes too late.

Start a Danish Brotherhood savings certificate before it is too late.

AN ELDERLY COUPLE.

Doctor's Son: "What is a convalescent, daddy?"
Doctor: "A patient who's still alive."

Number 1000

The thousandth certificate on a male juvenile was recently issued to Christian A. Hedegaard of San Antonio, Texas. He is the grandson of A. Hedegaard, Promotional Director of the Danish Brotherhood.

This is a milestone in the history of the Danish Brotherhood. We have issued several hundred female juvenile certificates and will reach the one thousand figure in this group before too long. The history of juvenile insurance does not cover very many years for the Danish Brotherhood, but no doubt there are a number of eligible juveniles who are not insured in the society.

You know, they do not necessarily have to be of Danish descent, because if they are related to a member, they are eligible. Grandparents, your grandchildren are eligible. Parents, your children are eligible. Aunts and uncles, your nieces and nephews are eligible to apply. There are other relatives who also can qualify. A fine gesture is to start a youngster on a good Danish Brotherhood certificate of savings and protection. Finer plans would be hard to find.

Many youngsters are under family plans and will have to pay higher rates when they have to change, so why not get them started on a plan now at a younger age and lower rates.

Let's take the step in 1969 and get these children into the Danish Brotherhood insurance.



Christian Hedegaard

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members
1—Omaha, Nebr., Alfred Hedegaard			5
39—Oakland, Calif., Mel Oredsen			3
43—Denver, Colo., Svend A. Sonderup			9
45—Minneapolis, Minn., Christ W. Pedersen			3
46—Perth Amboy, N. J., Peter Christensen			4
49—San Francisco, Calif., Henning Jensen			11
84—Lincoln, Nebr., S. C. Sorensen			3
95—Ferndale, Calif., Francis D. Sweet			3
102—Providence, R. I., Earling C. Braumann			3
110—Winside, Nebr., Anton L. Pedersen			3
126—Los Angeles, Calif., Poul D. Andersen			8
126—Los Angeles, Calif., Kurt E. Moller			9
126—Los Angeles, Calif., Peter Pedersen			20
139—Viborg, S. D., Esther Jorgensen			4
139—Viborg, S. D., Arnie Sorensen			20
143—Petaluma, Calif., Jim Larsen			7
144—Dike, Iowa, Gary L. Andersen			8
144—Dike, Iowa, Arthur B. Thode			7
172—Folcroft, Pa., Mogens Hempel			5
225—Canton, Ohio, John Christensen			3
227—Detroit, Mich., Jorgen Mau			4
227—Detroit, Mich., Lawrence C. Sheppard			3
230—Arcata, Calif., Gunnar Ladefoged			6
242—Erie, Pa., Hans L. Henriksen			3
306—San Diego, Calif., Oskar T. Jensen			3
332—Ripon, Calif., Jack Belmont			26
332—Ripon, Calif., Charlotte Scott			5
336—Escondido, Calif., Richard J. Suda			3
337—Fremont, Calif., Sigfred Olsen			4
339—Las Vegas, Nev., Harold C. Reed			25

TOP LODGES AND TOP SPONSORS

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

GROUP 1 —

Lodge No. 337, Fremont, California

GROUP II —

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California

TOP SPONSOR —

Kurt E. Moller, Lodge No. 126

TOP SPONSOR FOR 1968

Jack Belmont, Lodge 332, Ripon, California

TOP LODGES FOR 1968

GROUP I —

Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nevada

GROUP II —

Lodge No. 332, Ripon, California

Honor Roll Listings

LODGES

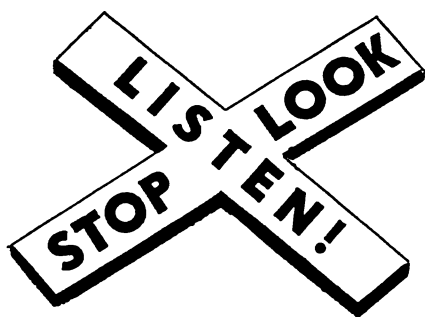
Lodge	Location	Members
4—Racine, Wisconsin		9
17—Chicago, Illinois		8
29—Seattle, Washington		6
39—Oakland, California		5
43—Denver, Colorado		10
46—Perth Amboy, New Jersey		5
49—San Francisco, California		12
51—Ludington, Michigan		7
64—Rockford, Illinois		5
95—Ferndale, California		5
110—Winside, Nebraska		5
126—Los Angeles, California		28
139—Viborg, South Dakota		25
144—Dike, Iowa		12
167—Portland, Oregon		5
172—Folcroft, Pennsylvania		6
182—Waukegan, Illinois		9
227—Detroit, Michigan		26
230—Arcata, California		10
242—Erie, Pennsylvania		7
263—Askov, Minnesota		5
306—San Diego, California		11
314—Hartford, Connecticut		6
322—Santa Barbara, California		5
325—Nassau County, New York		6
332—Ripon, California		32
337—Fremont, California		8
339—Las Vegas, Nevada		27

Thank You

Our sincere thank you is extended to each member who contributed to the furtherance of the Danish Brotherhood in 1968 in any manner.

This thank you is not only for getting new members, but for all the other various details that can be involved in a membership the size of ours. It is safe to assume, I am sure, that practically all, if not all, of these items were accomplished because you wanted to do and volunteered accordingly.

This is the true fraternal spirit which will perpetuate the Danish Brotherhood far into the future.



Dear Danish Brotherhood Members:

There is an opportunity for you and your lodge to participate in some prize money in 1969.

Listed are the ways in which you may have a part in it. With a bit of effort by each member, a new record can be set by The Brotherhood.

1. Twenty-five dollars to top lodge in each group each month. Group I consists of lodges with up to and including fifty members as of January 1, 1969. Group II includes lodges with over fifty members as of January 1, 1969. This will be paid for initiated members as per our records, and with a minimum of two initiated members to qualify.
2. Five dollars to each sponsor in the winning lodges in their winning month.
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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

GCEL News. We had greetings from GCEL Past President Elmer Jensen from Torremolinos (Costa del Sol) in Spain. From there he will take a trip to Africa and two days before Christmas he will fly to Denmark where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. The date for our 80th anniversary banquet is set for April 12. The entertainment committee is already hard at work, working on the details. The exact time and location will be published in our next issue. We hope Brothers and their wives throughout the country have spent a fine Christmas and best wishes for the coming year from all of us in New Haven.

JACK WILLSHIRE, Sec.

Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y. Wendia Lodge had their 75th anniversary banquet at the Dresden Hotel December 6. We had a delicious dinner and Danish wine. One hundred six Brothers and guests attended. The Rev. Scheel gave the invocation and Mayor John Tusch of Penn Yan, in a short speech, told how the Danes influenced the culture and ways of life of the population in Yates County. Brother Paul Christiansen told about the history of the lodge. The Sisters of Wendia presented the Brothers with a beautiful engraved plaque.

December 14, the Sisterhood has a Christmas party for the members and kids. A big framed painting was presented to Brother and Mrs. Harold Christiansen by the Sisterhood. Their house burned down last spring and they lost everything in the fire.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. We welcome Brother Clifford Tjader, son of Brother Theodor Tjader, who was initiated into our lodge at the November meeting.

Brother John Hoyer has again been hospitalized at the Einstein Northern Hospital Division.

December 5th Brother Jorgen P. Schmidt celebrated 50 years of membership in the DB and in Lodge 172. He worked as a carpenter during his active years and entered the Home in Metuchen, N. J., in 1964. We wish him many more years of membership in our organization.

Brother Ray Hinrichsen and his wife Sue in Bloomington, Ill., have announced the birth of a son, Bent Erik on October 22.

Congratulations to Brother Bent Hojrup and Mariane Rydgaard on their engagement. Brother Gunner Jorgensen has moved to Hartford, Conn., and Brother Knud Chr. Frederiksen has moved to Chicago. Best of luck to both in their new job and home.

Brother Knud Kofod and his wife left for Denmark December 16 to spend Christmas with their family.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. Brothers Walter Christensen and Paul Ljunggreen were guests of honor at our November party. It was nice to have Walter back following a recent operation.

Brother Ole Hansen recently moved from Scotia to Schenectady. Ole said he could no longer perform the chores required for rural existence and decided to relocate in an area where all the conveniences of modern day living will be available to his wife and himself.

We welcome Brother John Chris Olsen, who on November 20 was initiated into our lodge. John, better known as Chris, is the son of an old timer Brother of No. 190, Christian Olsen.

If you can't return a kindness, you can at least pass it on.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. We had quite an interesting and exciting meeting to close the year out. Two important proposals were acted on to the satisfaction of the members present. All officers were re-elected until June 1969. We were happy to welcome three new members into the lodge, namely Brothers Jan C. Braumann, Paul Nielsen and Arne Christensen.

Attention all members — we are moving to a new location and our next regular meeting will be held Friday, January 17, at the Portuguese Club, 20 Second Ave., Cranston, R. I., at 8 p. m. Thereafter all meetings will be held there on the third Friday of each month.

Our Christmas party was a decided success with 70 adults and 45 children attending. Many thanks to Brother Jan Braumann who was delightful as Santa Claus. The social committee is planning some interesting events for '69. Look for announcements in this magazine.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Corres.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. It is with deep regret that we announce the death of two of our Brothers: Brother James Jacobsen born in Rønne, Bornholm September 4, 1897, joined the lodge June 22, 1923, moved to Texas City, Texas in 1925, where he passed away November 30, 1968. Brother Charles W. Stadler, born in Erie July 8, 1906, joined the lodge November 24, 1961 and passed away December 6, 1968. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of those two Brothers.

Also our condolences to Brother Dwight Olsen, whose wife, Laura, was found dying and robbed of \$11.49 on one of the streets in Erie.

We welcome Brothers Stanley Zlotkowski and Carl Berry into our lodge, and hope they will attend our meetings regularly.

The elected officers of this lodge for 1969 are: Past President Otto Jonasen, President Robert Holby, Vice President Olaf Hansen, Secretary Edward Jonasen, Financial Secretary Jørn Hansen, Treasurer John Lampe, Trustees Douglas Flemming, John Miller and Raymond Beck, Conductor Ole Beck, Inner Guard Gordon Patten, and Outer Guard Olaf Andersen. Installation of officers will take place January 11. It will be open and a joint Sisterhood affair. GCEL President Olin Yauchler is invited to be the installing officer.

Valentine party is set for February 15 and our annual Torskegilde is scheduled for March 22.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Our next convention lodge. The annual dinner-dance at Carl Hoppl's was an absolute success, 150 members and guests attended this gala evening with excellent music, dining, dancing and good fellowship. Special thanks to Hans Pedersen and the anniversary dinner committee for putting so much effort into the evening.

Mogens Thomsen did an excellent job in keeping everything moving nicely. Our president and his wife received a beautiful porcelain bear as a gift for all the work and enthusiasm they brought to Lodge 325 in the past few years. "325 NEWS" would like to add its thanks also to George and Birgit Jacobsen.

Our first meeting in 1969 will start with the installation of officers and our annual codfish dinner, don't fail to attend, the date is January 10.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

May the New Year see fulfillment of your dreams as you are willing to work to attain them and unfold blessings of happiness, prosperity and health limited only by your ability to be grateful. In this spirit of friendship reality and with genuine appreciation for the pleasant relations we have enjoyed with you, Sonia and I extend our best wishes for 1969.

DB 29 in Seattle, Wash., Brothers Aage Andersen, Oluf Tygesen, Ted Kofoed, Svend Nielsen, Alfred Truelsen and Edwin Larsen are reported sick. By acclamation, the following will lead the Queen City Danish procedures in 1969: President Olaf Langsted, Vice President Jim Langsted, Secretary Clyde Langsted (sounds like the members have found new leadership in the Langsted family), Past President Ib Rossen, Treasurer Jens Nielsen, Conductor Frank Larsen and Trustees Ted Kofoed, Per Hansen and Walter Nielsen, Inner Guard William Manning and Outer Guard Ernest Jensen. Installation will be held January 25 with Brothers Otto Nielsen and Sam Frederiksen again cooking the traditional beef dinner and Brother Flemming Sorensen the general chairman. Belated congratulations to Brother Bert and Sister Mary Jessen on their 60th wedding anniversary celebrated November 1. Sympathies go out to our National President Kristen Jorgensen and his family on the loss of his father, Brother Jorgen Jorgensen, born in Kellerup Fyn, Denmark in 1880 and who passed away just before the holidays. Latest member to join the largest lodge in our district is Brother Magne Fugleheim, a Seventh Day Adventist minister. All chairs were occupied by past presidents on November 13 when 50-year members were honored. The annual Christmas festivities were held in Washington Hall on December 15.

DB 167 in Portland, Ore., sponsored a November 2 potluck dinner, bingo party and dance for District Sisterhood President Christine Christensen and District Brotherhood President Thorvald Jensen at which celebration the famous drill team performed. Brother Hans Madsen is

on the sick list. Installed on January 4, lodge affairs will be administered by President Sigurd Nielsen, Past President Arlan Barreth, Vice President Max Madsen, Secretaries Gus Haraldsen and Jim Tiger, Treasurer Emil Svendsen, Conductor Lawrence Cook, Inner Guard Al Estergard, Outer Guard Hans Andersen and Trustees Magnus Esrom, Peter Pihl and Ed Hirsch (the latter three all past presidents of their lodge and district.)

DB 328 in Vancouver, B. C., had "smørrebrød og kaffe" following their December 4 meeting. Newest member to join the Vancouver Danes is Brother Arne Johansen (son of Past District President Svend.)

DB 113 in Enumclaw, Wash., had a "real nice old fashioned Christmas celebration" on December 15. Past President John Hansen was laid to rest December 21.

DB 194 in McMinnville, Ore., celebrated their lodge anniversary last month with a Chinese dinner to which gala event a number of Portland Brothers and Sisters and National President Kris Jorgensen attended.

DB 42 in Spokane, Washington's Brother Kris Wales is a First Lieutenant Project Officer at the Small Arms Range Firing Battalion in Trentwood.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3(b)

Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following sections: Section 5, Par. 4 and/or Section 6, Par. 1; Section 7, Par. 9; Section 14, Par. 2; Section 7, Par. 3(b) is hereby published.

NOVEMBER 1968:

Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$258.50, less taxes \$12.91, net \$245.59.

Albert F. Tunsen: To Arcata Lodge No. 230, Arcata, Calif., to initiate 10 new members, transportation \$47.25, per diem \$50.00. To Los Angeles Lodge 126, lodge anniversary and promotional visit, transportation \$41.58, per diem \$50.00.

Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$1,150.00, less taxes \$220.83, net \$929.17.



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
Nov 12	Jacob L. Sorensen	88	Randers, Denmark	228	Indianapolis, Indiana	1905
Nov 5	John E. M. Jordansen	88	Hjorring, Denmark	10	Councils Bluffs, Iowa	1903
Nov 11	Carl C. Steinback	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1913
Nov 5	Hans J. Nielsen	73	Fyen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1923
Oct 31	Nels Bang	79	Soderbjerg, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1913
Nov 7	Johannes F. Rasmussen	86	Ringe, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1914
Nov 17	Paul Mikkelsen	91	Hoilsted Jylland	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1902
Nov 25	Niels Chr. Petersen	87	Kasbjerg, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1906
Nov 21	Lloyd E. Andersen	48	Dagmar, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1953
Nov 7	Waldemar Rasmussen	93	Aarhus, Denmark	41	Derby, Connecticut	1896
Nov	Marius K. E. Kristensen	77	Lesø, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1914
Nov 19	Frans G. Eriksson	65	Copenhagen, Denmark	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1950
Oct 30	Johannes M. Rasmussen	82	Skejby, Aarhus, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1913
Nov 11	Anton T. Jacobsen	82	Voel Skanderborg	110	Winside, Nebraska	1913
Nov 26	Carl Emil Jensen	87	Randers, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1902
Nov 20	Jens J. Christensen	96	Kolle Norre, Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1897
Dec 9	Jens H. Nielsen	83	Hjorring, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1911
Nov 26	Jacob P. Jensen	72	Meeker County, Minnesota	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1939
Nov 8	Alfred Chr. Rasmussen	89	Nexo, Denmark	257	New York, New York	1916
Nov 25	Lars Chris Petersen	75	Sneure, Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1961
Nov 20	Marinus Andersen	71	Varde, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1967
Oct 17	William Petersen	97	Sundby Lolland	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1893
Nov 25	Julius Eichner	74	Ballum, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1967
Dec 8	Erik W. Andersen	61	Sheridan, Wyoming	167	Portland, Oregon	1962
Aug 17	E. Lloyd Chapin	86	Tulare, California	67	Fresno, California	1965
Dec 2	Adolph P. Andersen	74	Aarhus, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1956



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A Father's Farewell

By LEVI PERSSON

In this true story, our California correspondent tells how it feels to send an only child, a son, off to war. It is a story, unfortunately, with which many of us are able to identify.

EDITOR.

It was just before Christmas and our house was filled with the nostalgic odors of evergreen, home-baked cookies and bread and there was a fat turkey in the oven. Oak logs were burning drowsily in the fireplace and the cherry-red embers were spreading warmth and cozy feelings to the farthest corners of the room. The gaily lit Christmas tree stood in a pile of gifts and the tape recorder played barely audible tunes; music which belong to this happy season.

It should have been a merry Christmas — but it wasn't.

Our son, Sven Eric, had spent his two-week leave at home after Navy boot camp training. His orders read to report in San Francisco for duty in Vietnam — just three days before Christmas.

We could not think of Christmas and all the beautiful and wonderful things which are a part of these holidays.

Oh, we had known for a long time that our boy was going to war, but somehow, talk about it or even thought about it had been taboo. Now as the departing hour drew near, Edith and I were filled with gloom.

As we drove toward San Francisco, my head buzzed with thoughts which a parent never should think in a moment such as this. I bit my lips and tried to conjure up something which would stop the war, which would stop time. I wished it would take a year, or ten years for us to reach San Francisco.

It was pitch dark when we drove up to the iron gate on Treasure Island and rain, carried by a strong wind, blustered in from the Pacific. For a long time we sat quietly in the car listening to each other's breath and to the rain drumming on the steel top of the car and slamming against the windows.

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In silent despair I stared at the clock which ate away the time we had left together. I felt as if the clock's second hand dragged me toward something immense and dark and incomprehensible — a void filled with nothing. Sven Eric broke the silence. "Mom and Dad," he said haltingly, "guess it's about time for me to leave."

He paused, as if waiting for us to speak, then he continued quietly, "I can't say that I'm afraid to leave home. I volunteered for this uniform because I thought it was the right thing to do. He stopped in search of the right words. "If something happens to me over there, then perhaps it could be said that it is better to die FOR something than OF something."

His hands found ours and he continued, "Don't worry about me. I have confidence in myself — and in our cause. I have learned my trade well. Write often, but don't always expect an answer, 'cause I'll be busy with many things."

We got out of the car and he leaned under the shielding umbrella and hugged his mother warmly. Her lips quivered slightly as he kissed her.

There was so much I had wanted to say to my son at this moment, but only a whispered "Good bye, Sven Eric" could slip past that painful lump in my throat.

He winked and nodded. I thought I heard him say, "I understand, Pop. I understand." He reached out with his hand and knocked a lingering raindrop from my nose.

The flickering lights bounced off his pale face and I noted a faint smile about his mouth. There was something undaunted about him as he stood there, feet spread apart, defying the elements; the powerful body now ready for action, the blue eyes which shone in the darkness, the lifted chin from which the raindrops dripped, the neat blue uniform, the white sailor's hat askew his blonde head.

In this sentimental farewell scene I sensed that this was my son's biggest hour. For many months he had, half in fear, half in anticipation, looked forward to this moment — his first flight out into the world. Dreams, wishes, longings were about to be realized. He showed no fear; he was anxious only to get this farewell over.

Our boy had become a man.

With a thumb he pointed toward the lighted building at the end of the street, beyond the iron gate. He started to say something, then realized that further conversation would be useless. He pitched his heavy seabag over his shoulders and marched off. He did not look back.

Edith and I stood and stared after him until he merged with the wind and the rain and the darkness.

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