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George Petersen Writes From Florida

Fifty-three years ago my wife, Viola and I decided to get married and then go to the United States. Why? It is a hard question to answer, but the First World War was on and I had twice been turned down by the Army. But in 1916 no one was turned down but I did not like the idea of serving at that time. I had returned from Germany in 1915 where I had worked for about nine months. We therefore applied for a passport, received it and left Copenhagen March 30. We arrived in New York not knowing a soul, could not speak a word of English; but we did have \$35 and were allowed to enter.

We each got a job in New York — I got \$8 a week, Viola got \$7 and her board and room. I had to pay my own. In a short while we moved to Providence, R. I., and there I got a job as an upholsterer and after 11 months in the United States I started my own upholstery shop and that has been our living ever since. Of course Viola was a great help, she was sewing slip covers, draperies, etc., all the time. We moved to Florida in 1958.

When I joined the Brotherhood in 1917 I did not ask what the Brotherhood would or could do for me. I just wanted to know some Danes and ever since the DB has been my favorite and I'd like to tell you a little about my life in the DB.

After being a member for a short while I was asked to serve on the social committee and I felt it was an honor to do so and since then I have served on committees and on the board for almost all my 42 years in Providence, two years as president, several years as secretary and trustee, etc.

When the GCEL was started I helped along on that and served two years there as president, seven years as secretary, 20 years as correspondent for our magazine. Out of the 44 conventions in the GC I have attended 37 and really feel sorry that I have not been able to attend them all.

I have attended seven national conventions, five of them as delegate. It has always been a pleasure to take part in these affairs and I hope I may be able to attend more.

Out of my 42 years in Providence I only missed six regular meeting there, all of them because I was out of town.

Why am I writing this? Well, it is because now that I am alone I often think about the years gone by and it is a pleasure to look back on the many pleasant years that Viola and I had in the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood where Viola also was a very active member since the Lodge in Providence was started. I contribute all of this to the fact when traveling around and meeting friends in the different lodges and attending meetings there, Viola and I were always asked to stay over and of course we did that many times and have always been very happy to have friends come and visit with us. But so many things have changed and we must realize that as time goes by many of us look at life a little differently than we did fifty years ago. But I still insist that we should feel that it is not what DB can do for us but what we can do for it.

Now that Christmas is over and I sit and look at the Christmas cards from all over the country, I cannot help but say to myself, how would it have been if we had not joined the DB and DSS?

Life in these United States can also be very interesting and if you are not already tired of all this I will give you a few of my memories from times gone by. For example, when we were on our way back home from the convention in Erie in 1930 we saw a sign, Danish Coffee Shop, we stopped and were served fine coffee and Danish pastry. The host showed us pictures from Denmark and an album with personal pictures; on one picture I was there, I asked "where did you get this?" The answer, "my brother sent me these pictures." It so happened that her brother was Gustav Krogh, a very good friend of mine and he asked me to visit this lady when I first came to the United States. But when I tried to call on her in Brooklyn in 1916 she had moved and the neighbors did not know her address. But fourteen years later I had the pleasure to do so, and in 1931 after the convention we made another visit. (This was the Detroit convention.)

At the national convention in Detroit in 1951 we visited at the Old People's Home where I signed the guest book. After that two ladies signed the book and they looked at me and laughed, I asked them what was funny and one of them said that she used to know a boy in Denmark named George V. Petersen and it turned out to be my first girl friend in Denmark. I met my Viola through her. She and her husband asked us to visit them in Canton, Ohio, on our way home, we did that. It is indeed a small world but memories like these are pleasant.

Now we have been in Florida for 10 years and it is really nice here, but 200 miles is a long way to go to a meeting. However I do manage to get there now and then and enjoy it.

Monday, January 13 — back from West Palm Beach No. 321 meeting, it was very nice, but not as many there as before. We had installation of all the re-elected officers and yours truly had the pleasure to be the installing officer. It was a pleasure to meet Mrs. Nielsen from Aalborg who is in West Palm Beach visiting her daughter, Mrs. Einar Heinrichsen. Mr. Heinrichsen has just returned from the hospital after an operation, we visited him and he looks fine and we wish him a good recovery.

I wish all Brothers and friends a most Happy New Year and hope the future of the Danish Brotherhood will be the best and I most certainly hope to be able to visit some of you soon, or you come and visit me, I would love it.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN,
Winter Park, Florida.

Danish Agriculture

Danish agriculture is known for its products of high and uniform quality. The foundation for the present standard was laid by a spiritual and national awakening in the middle of the 19th century when adult education was promoted by the many folk high schools established in all parts of the country. Another factor conducive to efficient production and marketing has been the co-operative movement.

Education and research on a co-operative basis are still central factors in Danish agriculture. Research finds are disseminated among individual farmers by a close network of extension services. High levels of productivity, promoted by large-scale mechanization since the last war (again mainly on a co-operative basis), enable Danish products to compete with local products in many countries in spite of existing trade barriers.

Agricultural production today is concentrated on a few standardized commodities: Pigs, mainly for bacon; cattle, for beef; dairy products (notably butter and cheese); grain, mainly barley for export and wheat, rye and oats for home consumption and animal feeding.

Most farms in Denmark are relatively small. Small holdings of 25-75 acres cover almost half the agricultural area, and 14 per cent of the farms are of less than 12 acres. The vast majority of the farms are owner-operated.

Agriculture has traditionally relied on large export markets to take more than half the production. The reluctance of many countries to liberalize their trade in agricultural products, together with the EEC's (European Economic Community) common agricultural policy, have caused growing difficulties for Danish agricultural exports.

As the home market consumption can only be expected to increase at a fairly slow rate, the agricultural sector's relative contribution to the gross national product is likely to diminish. The farming industry has met this challenge by intensive marketing and advertising campaigns, relying mainly on the unusually high quality standards of their products.

News From The Iowa United Lodges

A. B. THODE, Correspondent

From Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, Iowa — We had our annual Christmas party December 28. The crowd was small due to the cold weather, colds and flu. The program started with some of the small children reciting their Christmas poems. Our married couple members Mr. and Mrs. Sonsalla were home for Christmas from Fort Gordon, Ga., and were happy to attend the party. Their little daughter did not get to attend as it was too cold to take a five-month-old baby out at night. Grandma (Beverly Sorensen) was babysitter that night. Steve Sorensen was home from college also, he led the group in singing Christmas songs as all marched around the Christmas tree. Al Hedegaard, promotional director, and his wife came out from Omaha to spend the evening at our party.

Brother Hedegaard came to present pins to some of our members, Chris Casperson was presented his 25-year pin, Irvin Sorensen, who lives at Northwood on a farm, was not able to attend so his nephew Steve Sorensen, accepted his 25-year pin for him. We also had a 60-year pin presented to Chris Sorensen who also lives at Northwood and unable to attend. Verner Sorensen, his oldest son accepted his pin for him. Valter Sorensen also re-

ceived a 60-year pin but was unable to attend. Thorvald Sorensen, secretary of No. 219 accepted the pin for him.

After the program we danced to live music by the Jerry Neved Duo playing the concertina and drums. There was also some novelty numbers on the violin.

Due to the cold weather some of the people left early but some of the hardy ones stayed until 1 a. m. They really danced and enjoyed themselves. Another of the good times to be had at No. 219.

From Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa — December 27 was the night of the annual Danish Christmas tree party for the children of the Dike area and sponsored by Lodge 144. The weather was lousy and we wondered if we would be able to get through but we did and with the live music furnished by Bill Banker and his chordovox and assisted by Brother Richard Wright on the sax, we managed to dance around the Christmas tree with "Nu har vi Jul igen." There were about fifty children there and with the parents we had a good crowd. Lunch and pop was served to all.

The New Year's Eve party was a little smaller this year, what with near blizzard conditions prevailing in the area. About a hundred brave souls came out and enjoyed themselves with the usual enthusiasm, hats, horns and all kinds of noisemakers proved to be just the thing to make the party more enjoyable. A midnight supper was served and dancing continued on into the wee hours. A good time was had by all who attended.

On January 13 the regular meeting of Lodge 144 commenced with a potluck supper with the Brothers' wives and the members of Sister Lodge 176 in attendance. The supper started at 6:30 with about 85 in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 by President James Jansen, after the usual business meeting he asked Past President George Olsen to install the new officers for 1969. New officers are: Past President James Jansen, President Jerry Maixner, Vice President Gary Andersen, Recording and Financial Secretary Art Thode, Treasurer Harold Madsen, Trustees Stanley Van Hauen, Dennis Koch and John Paige, Conductor Hilmer Schmidt, Inner Guard Bob Christensen and Outer Guard John Paige.

President Jerry Maixner thanked Past President Jansen for his work of the past year and hoped that his year would be as successful. After adjournment the evening was spent visiting and playing cards.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

Should you be interested in Scandinavian movies by Denmark's Northern Films Company's Jørgen Petersen and Jørgen Bosted Andersen, who are on the West Coast this month, kindly get in touch with Brother Henning Jensen of DB 49 in California, address 255 West 41, San Mateo. The company travels in its own bus fully equipped for shows offering a wide variety of beautiful color films to suit any Scandinavian-American organization. The fee is very reasonable. Later in the year, July to be exact, Liz Burgmester from the gymnastic institute in Copenhagen, is planning an exhibition of her famous twelve-girl group.

Please give some thought as to what you can do financially for the Northwest Danish Home as this fine benevolent institution is for you and yours and the better it becomes, the better it can serve you at the lowest possible cost. Gifts, endowments and pledges payable over a number of years are now being solicited by the board of directors for a new building program located at 10010 Des Moines Way, South, Seattle. Filling a much-needed place for Oregon and Washington Danes, this non-profit home asks now for your continued help. Plans include an entirely new 40-bed wing to the present building. Contributions to the Northwest Danish Home are tax exempt.

Your correspondent again had the pleasure of installing the 1969 officers of Enumclaw's DB 113 January 11. Administering the lodge affairs for the next 12 months will be Past President Elmer Boysen, President Orville Gunderson, Vice President Niels Nedergard, Secretary Einar Bruhn, Treasurer Henry Hergert, Trustees Nels Johnson, Martin Petersen and Hans Weston, Conductor Jack Oakley, Inner Guard Nis Hansen and Outer Guard John L. Rieck. It was a joint installation with DSS 75 and the widow of our late Treasurer Andrew Hansen, Rosamond, installed the Sisters. Installing conductors were Brother Gene DeWitt and Carlotta Nielsen. Accompanying music was by Brother Emery Jim Tedrick. It was a nice evening with a double surprise — Myrna and John Rieck in celebrating their silver wedding anniversary, prepared to announce the occasion with candy and whiskey for everyone simultaneously as the two Danish Lodges brought in a huge cake to present the celebrants — neither party knew of each others intent.

Another of Enumclaw's pioneers has passed away — Brother A. H. Bruhn — "Uncle Henry" as he was more commonly known. Our late member died in the Community Memorial Hospital following a short illness. Born in Iowa September 12, 1875, he was 93 at the time of his death January 5. A retired millworker for Weyerhaeuser, a member of Hope Lutheran Church and a past president as well as a 50-year member of the DB, services were in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Brother John F. Hansen, 84, who died December 18 in Seattle, was also a past president of DB 113 in Enumclaw and was born in Denmark February 17, 1884. A retired building contractor, he had supervised the construction of Hope Lutheran Church, the Trinity Lutheran Church, the Community Memorial Hospital and many commercial buildings. A member of the Masonic Lodge and Hope Lutheran, 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive him.

DB 155 Bellingham's Brothers and Sisters enjoyed their annual Christmas party in the form of a smorgasbord

in the Hotel Sehome Room December 7. Sister Dorothy Colpitts had decorated the Bellingham Hotel for the occasion and also opened the evening's meeting with a special prayer. National President Kris Jorgensen, his wife Mary Ann, who is a member of their lodge and the couple's two sons, Eric and Scott, were head table guests. Presentation of award pins were made to Brothers Peter Grimlund (son of the late president Arnold) and Craig Diede of Bellevue. Master of ceremonies was Brother Andy Loft. Danish baker, Brother Geert Jensen, presented a cake for the event as it was also his son John's 15th birthday. Pianist Augusta Godde prompted Christmas singing which included the Danish national anthem.

Seattle's Brothers Edwin Larsen, Harold Kroman, Oluf Thygesen and Jens Wallbro are reported on the sick list; Secretary Paul Hansen's report reveals that membership now stands at 244 adults and 17 juveniles; the Queen City Lodge gained six new members in 1968 and lost 25; "the Danelag Folk Dancers were again very helpful in staging a successful holiday party for the Danish children," so says President Ib Rossen who also deserves much credit; Past District President Sam Frederiksen continues to write for *Bien*; at an open house in St. John Lutheran Church January 2, Brother Joseph and Iva Matsen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; congratulations to Brother John and Hannah Ottesen on the arrival of their 12th great-grandchild; southern sojourners this winter are Brothers Martin Hansen and Mads Mauritsen; and Sister Wilhelmina Parker reminds you that Brotherhood sponsored group flights are scheduled for June 16, returning August 4; for July 14, returning August 4 and August 28, returning September 25 via SAS from Sea-Tac Airport.

Spokane's Ernie and Ellen Wales enjoyed a combined business and pleasure trip in December by taking the train to Fort Sheridan, Ill., where Lt. John Wales is stationed and then after Christmas to the national Hoo-Hoo headquarters in Milwaukee. Brother Wales, a past international president of his lumberman's association, is the editor of the Hoo-Hoo Hi-Lights. Don't forget the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Convention in the Inland Empire City on May 9-11.

Enumclaws Brothers Soren Pedersen and Einar Christensen have been in the hospital again; DS 75 are celebrating their 65th anniversary; Trustee John Rieck reported a total year end membership of 51 including adults and juveniles; although the annual New Year's party at the Danish Hall was cancelled due to inclement weather, the traditional "stag party" was staged as per scheduled on January 4.

Vancouver, B. C.'s newly elected officers include Past President Svend A. Johansen, President Eigil Kristensen, Vice President Elith Marcussen, Secretary Mogens Mogens, Treasurer Henning Pedersson, Trustees Einar Egeberg, Svend Pedersen and Axel Rytter, Conductor Ole Sigvardsen, Inner Guard Osvald Nielsen, Outer Guard Eyvind Andreassen and Musician Alfred Allin.

Tacoma's Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen has been on the sick list periodically during the last several months.

Portland's Brother Chris Christensen celebrated his 85th birthday January 15, together with his 55th wedding anniversary.



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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Frank Jepsen, secretary of Alhambra Lodge makes this contribution: "We, the Danish members of Lodge No. 323 wish to make a public announcement of our appreciation to the Los Angeles Lodges of the DB and DSS for the invitation to the joint installation January 8. The Brothers and Sisters were hospitable and made us feel quite at home. A thank you to the installing officer, Alfred Westergaard and to Al Tunsen for their work. The informative talk by Tunsen about the Danish Cultural Center was an inspiration to listen to. We promise to show our concern of the Danish Brotherhood by bigger and more enthusiastic participation in whatever social and cultural events this organization arranges."

Ebba Nordby writes: The news from San Diego always involves fun! A well attended installation was held here January 4, in the fashionable Bronze Room in La Mesa. It was a great pleasure to be with our guests, some of whom came several hundred miles to attend.

There were Al and Ethel Tunsen, Jack and Melba Belmont and Vernon and Bessie Olson from Ripon (spelled backwards it is Nopir). Also John and Louise Nebeling from Soquel and then of course Harold and Lillian Mathiasen, who never fail us; not to forget Eric Roug, all from Los Angeles.

Eric is at present vice president of the California General Committee and promises to give other past presidents such as Fred Holm and Harold Mathiasen a run for their money when it comes to popularity — if he is elected president at the August convention scheduled for Los Angeles.

Danish Brotherhood Members in the Headlines

A story in the Southern California press recently relates the friendship which existed between the late Brother Thorkild Knudsen, Lodge 126, and President Richard Nixon. When the Rebuild Committee some years ago needed a big name speaker, Brother Knudsen obtained the promise of the then candidate for governor of California, Richard Nixon, to be the main speaker at the Rebuild Festival.

Before the festivities began I attended a "frokost" in honor of the speaker and was then introduced to the now President of the United States by Mr. Knudsen.

Mr. Nixon shook my hand rather perfunctory, as politicians do in order to save strength for the many other hands they must shake during a busy day. But his face lit up in a big smile of recognition when I said I was from Solvang.

"Oh, yes, Solvang," he said enthusiastically. "I have visited there with my good friend Tom. Your little community impressed me very much — its cleanliness, its friendliness, its Danish atmosphere, its food."

He said that he had eaten a sumptuous Danish-style breakfast here, but when he could not recall the name of the restaurant, Tom Knudsen said it was Margaret and Paul's lunch room.

The restaurant was at the time operated by Margaret and Paul Christiansen, both past presidents of the California General Committees. The restaurant is now owned and operated by Brother Nis Christiansen and his wife, Sister Anne Marie, and it goes without saying that it is still one of the better eateries in town.

Brother Kenneth Hansen, proprietor of Hollywood's world famous Cafe Scandia is among the world's top culinary experts. And Scandia's clientele consist mainly

of Hollywood's movie stars, the greats of the entertainment world, as well as royalty, prime ministers and presidents from countries all over the world. Brother Kenneth has spread good will for Denmark and was long ago knighted by the King of Denmark for his work on the international scene.

Therefore no one at Scandia were surprised when President Nixon telephoned there New Year's Day and ordered a couple of tables. With his party he arrived at six in the evening and was served a most typical Danish meal, smoked fresh salmon, gaasesteg, coffee and kransekage.

President and Mrs. Nixon were entertained by Brother Kenneth Hansen and his wife Musse with whom the Nixons got acquainted when they resided in Beverly Hills during the late thirties.

Paul Sorensen of Hayward Lodge 184 Writes:

With about a hundred people in attendance, the Hayward and Anker Lodges joint installations became perhaps the best attended event of its kind on record. Topping the list of guests were State President Alfred Westergaard and Al Tunsen who seems to be everywhere at the same time. Others of prominence present were Willie (Caruso) Christensen and Aage Lundkvist, president of the Oakland Lodge and Arnold Jensen, Oakland, who is conductor of the California General Committee.

At the installation ceremonies Alfred Westergaard was joined by the Sisterhood GC President Jeanette Jensen, assisted by Irma Anthony as marshal. The installation ceremonies were followed by dancing to Heiser's Orchestra. The committee in charge of this successful event was headed by Larry Olsen and John Willadsen.

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Alice Pinkerton of Silver State Lodge in Las Vegas, reports that she has been hospitalized with the Hong Kong

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flu, but she did manage to send a few items, written in her sick bed.

The December activities included a children's Christmas party with a visit from Santa Claus. A party for the adults followed.

Harold Reed came up as second place winner in the membership contest with 25 new DB members to his credit. The Silver State Lodge, which is the newest addition to the chain of DB Lodges in this area, was started with 18 charter members. It now has a membership roster of 35 adults and 12 juveniles. Not bad for a baby.

The Lodge is happy to welcome Henry and Alice Peterson who formerly resided in Long Beach, Calif.

A committee has already been appointed to work on the lodge's anniversary party to be held April 27. Details about this big event will be forthcoming in the next issue of this magazine.

News From Everywhere. Consul General Edsberg, one of the Danish Brotherhood's good friends on the Coast, has been knighted for the second time by the King of Denmark. The Consul General is now Ridder af Dannebrog Første Grad.

Lodge 126, Los Angeles, celebrated Christmas with a big party for members and their children in the Danish Center and the committee claimed it served over 400 customers. It provided not only a tall Santa Claus (Kurt Moller), but also a lady clown who really knew how to entertain the youngsters.

In the mail a complaint from traveling journalist, Brother Valdemar Frankel, also known simply as "Tahiti Valde." Tahiti Valde cannot understand why he is not receiving his monthly copy of this magazine. Could it be that he forgot to tell the circulation department about his change of address? Mr. Frankel who resided in Southern California for about 23 years, left these shores about four years ago for a vacation in Europe. He is still vacationing and also writing about his travels. Right now he is in Switzerland, on his way to Spain for the winter, but come next spring Tahiti Valde will again be in Denmark. He does not think that he will ever return to the USA to stay, he writes.

The Los Angeles Lodge which has been meeting four times a month since its founding more than 60 years ago, will henceforth meet only twice a month. Lack of attendance at weekly meetings forced the decision, but it was not without regret particularly by the old timers. Lodge 126 was, as far as we know, the last Lodge in the Brotherhood which held weekly meetings. There are plans for evenings of entertainment on the two empty Thursdays each month.

Brother Benny Jensen, a resident for several decades in the Los Angeles area, died last month. "Lange Benny" as his closest friends called him was a typical "Københavnner," a born optimist, a happy go lucky guy. To me the name Lange Benny was synonymous with some of the finest qualities in a human being.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3(b)

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DECEMBER 1968 —

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

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

Condensed Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Officers

SEPTEMBER 23-26, 1968

(Continued from last month)

The reserve, as established in the annual statement, for the retirement plan was reviewed. In the letter from Actuary Spangler, four avenues of approach concerning the establishment of this reserve were suggested. After an evaluation of each course of action that could be followed, Tunsen moved this reserve be considered in the same category as the other annual statement reserves and be determined by the secretary-treasurer. Seconded by Godthaab, the motion carried.

Skelbeck read a letter from Lodge No. 322 dealing with Article III of the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution. The question posed was whether juvenile membership, as referred to in this article, could be interpreted broader than adult membership in the Brotherhood. Members of the board noted this article was modified by By-Law Section 142, and Skelbeck was directed to answer this letter.

Skelbeck requested the board determine whether 60-year pins were required to be mailed out at the beginning of the year as 50-year pins are, or whether they would be mailed out only upon request from a local lodge. The subject was discussed and it was determined 60-year pins, as well as 25-year pins, would be mailed to members only on request.

Bids had been requested by the secretary-treasurer on the issuance of the surety bond as required by the By-Laws of the society. The term of the present bond is about to expire. Skelbeck read the bid received. In the absence of any other lower acceptable bids received prior to the renewal date, October 17, 1968, Godthaab moved this bid be accepted.

The chairman of the building committee, Fred Jensen, announced a maintenance contract had been proposed by Honeywell. This contract would maintain all of the heating and cooling equipment in the building and replace all moving parts when necessary due to normal wear or breakdown. The general consensus of the board was that the cost of the suggested contract was too much to pay for a maintenance contract, and by general consensus, it was rejected. It was determined that it would be acceptable to have service people come in twice a year to check over the equipment.

The president requested the minutes of this meeting show the California General Committee was commended for the action it has taken in the formation of a California Division of the Cultural Center Association, and by such action, in carrying forward the ideals and purposes of the association as particularly indicated by the current project under development at a site near the town of Copperopolis, Calif. A motion was made to have the secretary-treasurer write a letter to the California General Committee commending the Cultural Center Association for their fine action with a copy to its promotional chairman. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

The secretary-treasurer reported that, in spite of repeated reminders, a few lodges continue to be in arrears with respect to payment of assessments. On due consideration of each case, the secretary-treasurer was directed to blacklist these lodges in the monthly magazine.

There being no further business to come before the board, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p. m., until April 14, 1969.

For the Board of Officers,
AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary-Treasurer.

DB DATA

FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

AL HEDEGAARD PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR



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50	Byram—Fridlev B. Andersen...	Hans Harders	
71	Penn Yan—Samuel E. Oswald.....	Henry Jensen	
225	Canton—Kai D. Lieht.....	John Christensen	
227	Detroit—Kai H. Hansen....	John Emanuelsen	
268 ..	Junction City—Robert L. Wilson.....	Kristian Sand	
325	Nassau Co.—Helge H. O. Arnoldi..	G. J. Jacobsen	
325	Nassau Co.—Johannes Larsen....	W. B. Steffensen	
325	Nassau Co.—Karen Arnoldi....	Esther Steffensen	
328	Vancouver—Arne P. Johansen....	S. A. Johansen	
332	Ripon—Melva J. Belmont.....	Jack Belmont	
332	Ripon—Marie M. Hansen.....	Jack Belmont	
337	Fremont—Lillian Christensen..	Ed. Christensen	
337	Fremont—Ingeborg Christensen..	E. Christensen	
337	Fremont—Mildred H. Hood.....	Sigfred Olsen	
337	Fremont—Andrew G. Hood.....	Sigfred Olsen	
337	Fremont—Paul E. Rasmussen...H.	Rasmussen	
337	Fremont—Pauline Rasmussen...H.	Rasmussen	
700 ...	Home Office—Joyce Christensen.....	H. Christensen	

JUVENILE MEMBERS

337	Fremont—Susan A. Nielsen...Hans	Schomburg
700 ...	Home Office—Susan Christensen...H.	Christensen
700 ...	Home Office—Thomas Christensen..H.	Christensen
700 ...	Home Office—Nancy Christensen...H.	Christensen
700 ...	Home Office—Cynde Christensen...H.	Christensen

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Honor Roll Listings

LODGES

Lodge	Location	Number of New Members
337—	Fremont, California	7

INDIVIDUALS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members
700—	Home Office, Howard	Christensen	5

TOP LODGES

GROUP I —

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District 11, California General Committee

GROUP II —

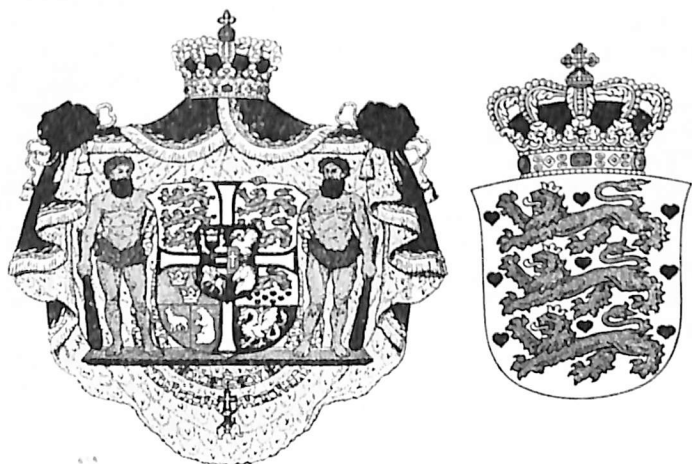
Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, New York
District 10, Eastern General Committee

Danish National Arms

The large coat of arms illustrates in its composition the history of Denmark since the Middle Ages.

The field with the three lions derives from the family device of a Danish royal house, the Valdemars, whose three lions passant, crowned or uncrowned, or leopards (lions passant guardant) are first met with in 1190 in the indistinct seal of Knud (Canute) VI. The lion type was officially fixed under Frederik VI (1768-1839). The wyvern, symbolizing the victory of the warrior Bishop Absalon over the pagan Wends in the island of Rugen in 1169, corresponds to the title of "King of the Wends." After the conquest of Gothland from the Hanseatic League in 1361, Valdemar IV took the title of "King of the Goths" and the emblem for this, as lion passant over nine hearts, was borne for the first time in 1449 by Christian I.

In 1448, the House of Oldenburg ascended the throne in the person of Christian I (Since when the Danish kings have been called alternately Christian and Frederik, with one exception, Hans, whose reign in 1481-1513 has made



the Christians always two numbers ahead of the Frederiks.) The Oldenburgs introduced the central inescutcheon, the two red bars representing Oldenburg, the cross, the Oldenburg province of Delmenhorst. Oldenburg has been retained in the title of the king of Denmark, as the house of Glucksborg — which has reigned since 1863 (Christian IX) — is a branch of that house.

Under the daughter of Valdemar, Queen Margrethe, the Scandinavian kingdoms, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, were united in the Union of Kalmar (1397-1523), symbolized in her seal by three gold crowns. Scandinavia was at that time a great power, at any rate in size; the united kingdoms extended from Greenland to Karelia and from the North Cape to Germany.

The succeeding Danish kings continued to bear this symbol, even though they were kings only of Denmark and Norway (Norway was lost after the Napoleonic Wars, 1807-1814), now bearing them as reminders of the union and the union seal of Queen Margrethe.

Under the Valdemars, the second son of the Danish king was made Duke of the Danish frontier province of Slesvig and chose two of the three lions for his escutcheon; and in 1460 this pair of lions was incorporated in the national coat of arms as symbolizing Slesvig (together with the "nettle leaf" of Holstein).

The Greenland bear was first borne by Frederik III

in 1666 and the Faroese ram is known from a seal of the 15th, possibly 14th century.

The cross of the Dannebrog, which quarters the principal escutcheon, derives, as its name suggests, from the Danish national flag and was first used by Erik (of Pomerania) in his large coat of arms of 1398. The cross recurs in the cross of the Order of the Dannebrog. Surrounded by the chains of the Orders of the Elephants and the Dannebrog, the three superimposed shields, are backed by an ermine-lined, gold-edged, red "tent." This is surmounted by the royal crown.

The shields are held by two "savages" with green wreaths round their heads and thighs, supporting themselves against inverted clubs.

The small coat of arms, showing only the three lions and nine hearts, is the oldest Danish coat of arms, having been borne in 1190 by Knud VI, and it has been regarded pre-eminently as the true national coat of arms, the large coat of arms with its many historical reminders being in origin and development associated with the king and the royal house, and having in general the character of a dynastic coat of arms. The use of the two arms in the past has been to a large extent arbitrary, but from 1960 the large coat of arms is chiefly reserved to the royal house, the court and the royal guards, while the small coat of arms has been internationally acknowledged as the true emblem of Denmark.

Certain purveyors to the royal court are entitled to use, in connection with the firm name, the large coat of arms (or the crown alone); this applies especially to retailers, but according to ancient privileges, also to a few manufacturers; furthermore to foreign purveyors. Other purveyors to the royal court are allowed to use the crown.

What About "Wife" Insurance?

Many families have overlooked the safeguard in family finance of life insurance on the wife and mother. A mother's financial importance is sometimes overlooked just because she may not be the recipient of a paycheck. But she does have great value in the assumption of her daily role, and her death could cause a great financial loss. This would not necessarily be just the funeral expenses, but the most often overlooked item is the cost to replace her services as mother and housekeeper.

A suitable person to fill the job of child care and keeping house could very easily call for \$50 a week as a bare minimum. That is \$2,600 a year that would be actual cash outlay above the normal budget of the household as it is now. If this need existed for two or three years, it would involve a sizable amount.

The chances are, of course, that whether the mother is insured or not, she will probably outlive her children's dependency years. If a plan, such as straight life, had been purchased on her, then at the end of 10 or 15 years when the children become self-sustaining, this plan could be cashed in for a return of the greater portion of the deposits or a smaller paid-up plan could be taken, or it might ultimately be used as an annuity to provide additional income for older age.

Based on the need of funeral expense money and income for a period of years, \$10,000 of insurance may not be an unrealistic figure for the dependency years.

Have you done anything about "wife" insurance?

1961 Scholarship Winner

While reading the November issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, I noticed the Scholarship Winners of 1968. I, too, was a scholarship winner in 1961 and will graduate in June of 1969. I hope the recipients of these scholarships appreciate them as much as I have.

I am a member of Lodge No. 77 at Turin, Iowa, a small farming community in western Iowa. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Ravnsborg, and I have one brother and two sisters.

Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa, was my first taste of college life, but I was enrolled there for only one year. I left college and entered the United States Army. While in the Army, I realized how valuable a college education really could be. My second attempt was at the University of South Dakota where I am a senior in business administration. Within these events, marriage entered my life and we now have a daughter.

We are all proud of our Danish heritage and are interested in keeping it active in America.



Jerry Ravnsborg

JERRY RAVNSBORG.

About Denmark

Denmark, a small country of 16,600 square miles, holds a central geographical position in northern Europe, being not only a gateway from the European continent to the Scandinavian countries but also a focal point in the EFTA area — a market of one hundred million people including some of the countries with the highest living standards in the world — and with easy access to both the Baltic and the North Sea. In addition, Denmark has a highly developed railway system and the largest airport in northern Europe.

The country consists of the Jutland peninsula and a large number of islands. The climate is tempered by the ever-present influence of the sea. The average winter temperature drops only slightly below the freezing point, and the normal day temperature in summer is about 70° F (20° C).

The undulating countryside, moulded by the last glacial age, is fertile and dominated by intensive farming. Outlying parts of Denmark are Bornholm, a rocky island of scenic beauty in the southern Baltic Sea; the Faroe Islands in the Atlantic north of Scotland, center of a large fishing fleet; and Greenland, the largest island in the world with an area of 840,000 square miles, but only one-sixth is ice-free in summer.

Denmark has been a kingdom for more than a thousand years. The present constitutional monarch, King Frederik the Ninth, succeeded to the throne in 1947. The heir to the throne is the king's oldest daughter, Margrethe, born in 1940. The Danish constitution, adopted in 1849 and amended in 1953, provides for a government emerging from a majority of the unicameral parliament (the Folketing) elected by universal suffrage.

Denmark is a member of the United Nations, the North

Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

The population numbers about 4.75 million of whom 1.4 million live in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. The standard of living is high with a fairly even distribution of income. The entire population is literate and educational standards are good.

The language of Denmark is quite distinct from English, German, French and other European languages, but has enough in common with Norwegian and Swedish to enable Danes, Norwegians and Swedes speaking their respective languages to understand one another.

Great News From Chicago Lodge 17

A very prosperous and gay New Year to all of you from all of us at Lodge No. 17!

March 1969 — We are proud to announce our 85th year as members of the Danish Brotherhood in America. We at No. 17 are happy to belong to this great fraternal organization and look forward to another 85 happy and prosperous years.

April 1969 — ATTENTION all of you good bowlers in the Midwest District, Lodge No. 17 offers you a great weekend in beautiful Chicago. We are proud to host the 16th annual Midwest District bowling tournament. Not only do we plan a great afternoon of bowling but a really great evening of dining and dancing.

Nielsen's Village, which always offers great Danish hospitality, will host our beautiful bowling banquet. In all it should prove to be a great weekend for all, so don't you be the ones to miss APRIL 26.

JOHN E. DAVIS,
Vice President.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y. A Christmas party and supper was held for members and their families by the Sisters of Wendia. The Sisters surely know how to put up a good meal and the kids had a great time. More than 100 persons were present.

The elected officers for 1969 are: Past President Arne Christiansen, President Mark Jensen, Vice President Bartel Borglum, Secretary Laurids S. Pedersen, Financial Secretary Poul Christiansen, Treasurer Henry Laursen, Trustees Clarence Jensen, Charles Laursen and William Elling and Conductor Martinus Christensen.

Laurids S. Pedersen, Sec.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. After the December meeting we enjoyed a very interesting trip, via film, to the Virgin Islands with Brother Harbo Jensen. We are grateful to him for having us along.

Forgot to say thanks to Danish silversmith Brother Jorgen Christensen for recommending the young magicians for our Julefest. They were just great. Also thanks to Brother "Bob" Lenardson and the rest of the committee for an outstanding job.

Glad to hear from Brother John Svendsen who is now up and around after a siege of illness. Brother John is one of our over fifty year members.

Birthday greetings this month to Brothers Alfred Pearson, John J. Kapel and Robert L. Lenardson.

Carl W. Sorensen, Corres.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. It is with deep regret that we announce the death of two Brothers, both past presidents of Lodge 116 and also very active members. Brother Peter Williams, 54, died January 6, after being sick for several months. Brother L. K. Jorgensen, better known as Little Jorgen, passed away January 8, he would have been 82 years old January 15. Brother Jorgen who always enjoyed good health and managed to enjoy life as a bachelor underwent an operation in November, when he came home from the hospital the shock must have been too much for his system as he never really got well again. Our most sincere sympathy is extended to the families of those loyal Brothers.

Our Officer on the National Board, George Godthaab and his wife Ruth, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary December 11. We congratulate them and hope they may enjoy life together for many years to come. They celebrated by taking a trip to the Virgin Islands.

Joint installation with Sisters of Lodge 84 and Brothers of 116, took place January 10. The installation was, as always, done in a most dignified manner, the installing officer for the Sisterhood was Sister Mary Juelsen, assisted by a Sister from Perth Amboy, (shame on me I don't know her name), it was, however Brother Peter Christensen's daughter. The installing officer for the Brotherhood was our own expert, Brother George Godthaab, assisted by GCEL Vice President Fleming Hinrichsen.

Following the installation, Chris Pedersen's Band took over and dancing was enjoyed by the 55 people present. Here I go again, complaining, it is a shame that so few members attend our social gatherings in the Lodge. Those present had a marvelous time but for how long can the Lodge plan activities that cost them a great deal of money, if the Brothers who can bring their wives and friends are too unconcerned to support the lodge and officers?

President Knud Scholer will hold an officers' meeting in the near future to make plans for the coming year.

Brothers, please take notice: The Lodge has a new recording secretary, Brother Oluf Olsen, 219 Rankin Ave., Cranford, N. J. 07016. Phone 276-7032. Brother Viggo Nielsen is still your financial secretary and will take your money at any time, preferably in advance.

Our 70th anniversary banquet will be held Saturday, October 11, in the Mountainside Inn, Route 22, Mountainside, N. J. Details at a later date.

Viggo Nielsen, Corres.

Lodge No. 164, New York, N. Y. The following officers will serve this Lodge in 1969: President Otto Backus, Vice President Carl Bogsted, Secretary Robert Rasmussen, Treasurer Carl Braren, Trustees Leo Kofoed, Warner Kryger and Kai Lund, Conductor Thorvald Rasmussen and Guard Carl Nielsen. Brothers Carl Bogsted and Werner Kryger are delegates to the Metuchen Home.

We are happy to announce that Brothers Richard Kofoed and Charles Ringheim were discharged from the hospital and both are getting along fine. We all hope for a speedy recovery for them.

We held our annual Christmas party at Mozart Hall December 8. The occasion was well attended and a wonderful time was had by all, both adults and children. We had joint installation of officers of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood January 10.

Robert Rasmussen, Sec.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. A message from the president: 1968 was a year in which there was "an atmosphere of turbulence." A review of the major news events of the year will verify that statement. A turbulence that has extended itself to a local and personal level. It has been witnessed within the Brotherhood. It has been a year of happiness, suffering and sorrow for our Lodge.

CHARTER FLIGHT TO DENMARK

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We have seen the passing of some of our close associates and friends, we have witnessed sickness and sorrow in our membership. We have felt the pain of conflict in our order. For some, there has been cause to question the meaning of Brotherhood. Yet, there has been recognition and praise for civic mindedness. There have been moments of close fraternal friendship in camp gatherings. Occasion for celebration of an anniversary has been given and carried out. Joy has been brought to young and old in festivities available to all. What, then has been our status in 1968? What will 1969 bring to Lodge 172? Have we reached a turning point? Or are we prepared for another year of tumult? There is a call for new leadership in the Lodge. Conflict has raised a cry for new meaning for fraternity. A need has arisen for development from within amidst the tumult of 1968, a challenge for change has been thrust forth. One which must be accepted by each and every member of our lodge. Are you prepared to accept that challenge in 1969?

— JOHN HINRICHSEN.

The elected officers for 1969 are Past President John Hinrichsen, President Flemming Hinrichsen, Vice President Bent Bush Petersen, Secretary Knud Koefoed, Assistant Secretary Niels Malmquist, Financial Secretary George Clausen, Treasurer Georg Olesen, Trustees Ove Krebs, John Keegan and Bob Milne, Conductor Bob Mills, Inner Guard Dean Rinschell and Outer Guard Bob Lindeman.

Brother Alan Christensen is home recuperating after his auto accident. Four Brothers visited Brother Peter Thilker at his Broomall Nursing Home December 22 and found him in great spirits. Jack Gordon was home for the holidays and Ray Hinrichsen and family flew in from Illinois. Brother John Hoyer received a bronze medal for his collection of Greenland Stamps at a recent hobby show.

Lodge No. 205, Brooklyn, N. Y. I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you to the senders of the many cards and letters of sympathy, which I have received. Your kind thoughtfulness has meant a great deal to me.

—Mrs. William Svendsen.

Brother Jacob Kallesoe, president of Lodge 205, Brook-



lyn, N. Y., this month sends greetings and this picture of Brother Otto Birk, left, and Brother E. Petersen.

Birk, 86, is financial secretary of Lodge 205 and has been a member of the Brotherhood for over fifty years. He received his 50-year pin at the December meeting. Petersen is a trustee of the lodge and has been a member about fifty-five years.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. Lodge 190, with Sisterhood Lodge 142, held a joint installation of officers of 1969 at the Hall January 4. The Sisterhood served sandwiches, pastry and coffee. Brother Olin Yauchler, president of the GCEL was installing officer and Brother Carl Christensen, an ex-president of the GCEL was the conductor for the occasion.

The following officers will represent Lodge 190 for the year 1969: President George Christiansen, Vice President William Petersen, Secretary Willy Willendrup, Financial Secretary and Treasurer Chris Biering, Conductor Evan Christensen, Jr., Trustees Peter Nielsen, Kaj Nielsen and Clarence Hanson, Inner Guard Theodore Mikkelsen and Outer Guard Henrik Mortensen.

In spite of the unpleasant weather, there was a very

good turnout at the children's Christmas party held at the Hall December 15. William Petersen was very effective in his role as Santa Claus and needless to say, all the children had a wonderful time.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Lodge 242 and DSS Lodge 129 had joint installation of officers for 1969 January 11. Before the open installation a choice of roast beef or pork was served. Past President Otto Jonassen installed the officers and Brother George Seier was installing conductor.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. Lodge 314 and DSS Lodge 153 had a public and joint installation held at the Lodge Hall February 1. The officers for 1969 are: Past President Elmer Homo, President Einar Petersen, Vice President John Christiansen, Secretary Frank H. Petersen, Financial Secretary Alfred P. Stark, Treasurer Anton M. Mose, Conductor Carl Williams, Trustees Aage Jespersen, George Keller and Herbert Sorensen, Inner Guard Vincent Sicurella and Outer Guard Norman Petersen.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. From the president: It has been a pleasure to serve as president for the last four years. Our Lodge has seen great changes due to the wonderful cooperation received from all members and fellow officers, for this I am grateful. May this spirit of help and friendship continue in the New Year under President Tage Wibroe. A special thanks to my wife Birgit and to all the other ladies, who have helped to make our meetings more pleasant, and our special parties and affairs a success.

—George Jacobsen, President.

The following officers will serve in 1969: President Tage Wibroe, Vice President Gunnar Elgaard, Treasurer Hans Pedersen, Secretary Bill Steffensen, Financial Secretary Ib Andersen, Trustees Djorna Elgaard, Einar Mangodt and George Mikkelsen. Installation took place at the January meeting.

Welcome to four new members: Emma Enemark, Johannes Larsen, Helge Arnoldi and Karen Arnoldi.

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MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

By **ROBERT SORENSEN**, 12906 Montrose,
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Detroit Lodge 227 — As the new correspondent to the Danish Brotherhood Magazine for Lodge 227, I would like to begin by thanking Brother Ib Jensen for an outstanding job during his tenure as correspondent on behalf of Lodge 227.

December 26, Lodge 227 held its annual Christmas party for the children of the members. We had a very good turnout with about 225 children and 135 adults in attendance. Santa Claus, in the person of Brother George Petersen, made an appearance and had candy-filled stockings and gifts for all of the youngsters. President Chris Fabricius led everyone in singing Christmas carols and Santa led the dancing of the children around the tree which was beautifully decorated by the Lodge officers. Later in the evening there were hot dogs and pop for the kids and coffee and cake for the adults, there was also dancing for everyone.

January 15, Lodge 227 and Sisterhood Lodge 125 held a joint installation of their new officers for the coming year, after the ceremonies were completed coffee and cake was served by the Sisterhood.

On January 29, the Lodge has scheduled a venison dinner to honor the past presidents, the venison is through the courtesy of Brother Howard Hansen.

February 8 is the date that has been set aside for our "Slaa Katten af Tønden" party, final arrangements will be announced by entertainment chairman Ken Rehan at Lodge meeting on January 15 or 29, all members will also be notified by mail.

On January 15, the Lodge was paid a visit by a mem-

ber who is in the Marine Corps, he was Pfc. John Pasberg, home on leave before going to Camp Pendleton, Calif., and then overseas to Vietnam. Best of luck John.

News From Lodge 51, Ludington, Mich. —

On Wednesday evening, December 31, we had our New Year's Eve dance at the Danish Hall. Committee for the evening was President Laurits Hansen, chairman; assisted by Brothers Albert Christoffersen and Tony Buchholtz and Brother and Mrs. Donald Wagner, Brother and Mrs. Carl Soneral and Brother and Mrs. Alfred Larsen. Dancing was enjoyed to the concertina music of Bill Taible and hats and noisemakers were distributed at midnight. At the conclusion of the dancing, a potluck luncheon was served. On this evening we had the worst snowstorm of the season, but the storm didn't keep everyone at home as we did have a nice turnout of faithful members and guests and I am sure those present had an enjoyable time.

On Wednesday, December 15, we had our monthly pinochle party with Brother and Mrs. William Hansen in charge. Pinochle was played in our meeting room and at the conclusion of the games, a potluck luncheon was served by the committee. Our Lodge certainly owes Brother William and his wife Lena a lot of thanks for taking care of this monthly project which has proven most enjoyable for our members and guests.

On Thursday evening, January 9, we had our meeting and installation of officers scheduled, but due to the weather the business at hand had to be cancelled, and we will try again on the fourth Thursday of this month and trust that the weather will be more cooperative.

This is the news from Lodge 51, and here's wishing you a healthy and prosperous New Year!

ALFRED LARSEN, Publicity.



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 17—	Willy Geist	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
Nov 26—	Chris C. Larsen	86	Ringkøbing	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1919
Dec 19—	N. P. S. Kristensen	75	Nørre Felding	49	San Francisco, California	1936
Nov 3—	Johannes Koyen	71	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1936
Dec 20—	Harold Steffensen	74	Morso, Denmark	298	Chicago, Illinois	1916
Dec 13—	Charles W. Stadler	62	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1961
Nov 30—	James Jacobsen	71	Bornholm, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1923
Dec 15—	Svend Larsen	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	42	Spokane, Washington	1917
Dec 23—	Andreas Sorensen	93	Skanderborg, Denmark	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1904
Jan 4—	Lorents Petersen	94	Balderup, Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1900
Dec 13—	Marius Olsen	79	Bornholm, Denmark	11	Clinton, Iowa	1915
Jan 10—	Albert G. Nielsen	66	Agger, Denmark	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1945
Jan 8—	Lars Chr. Jorgensen	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1925
Jan 6—	Peter W. Williams	54	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	116	Newark, New Jersey	1944
Dec 29—	Peter Kristensen	76	Omaha, Nebraska	143	Petaluma, California	1912
Dec 19—	Nels M. Jensen	78	Alstrup Hjørring	150	Rorbeck, Iowa	1914
Dec. 11—	Niels Madsen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1912
Dec 14—	Carl Jensen	66	Aalborg, Denmark	50	Byram, Connecticut	1927
Jan 8—	Julius Petersen	71	Neenah, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1915
Nov 7—	Peter Jensen	72	Arslev, Denmark	306	San Diego, California	1941
Dec 25—	John N. Kienholz	79	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1948
Dec 30—	Christian A. Hansen	77	Aerø, Tranderup	42	Spokane, Washington	1958
Dec 19—	Jennie M. Hansen	83	Ord, Nebraska	213	Ord, Nebraska	1963
Jan 7—	Herman Jorgensen	68	Svendborg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1967
Jan 5—	John A. Petersen	81	Snesere, Denmark	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1952
Jan 9—	Chris Hejlesen	63	Vodskov, Jylland, Denmark	255	Selma, California	1965

CULTURAL CENTER FLASH —

BAKKEDAL

by W. T. MOSS

Take 1200 acres of gentle rolling hills and scenic valleys, resplendent with fragrant spruce and pines. Place it in the heart of California's historic and picturesque Mother Lode region. Now, bless the region with a mild climate and natural scenic beauty and what do you have? BAKKEDAL! It's official now, BAKKEDAL (hills and valley) is the new name that has been selected for the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center near Copperopolis, California.

The name was chosen by the managing committee of the Cultural Center which met in an executive session January 18 at their office in Stockton, Calif. The winning name was submitted by the Fremont Lodge during a contest held for the purpose of selection and will receive a commemorative plaque honoring their contribution.

Legal counsel Gary Wiler reported that we are now qualified in the state of California to do business under a tax exempt status. He also reported that he had met with Carlo Christensen, Cultural Counselor for the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, D. C., upon his recent visit there and indicated that the eyes of Denmark are upon us. Mr. Christensen expressed great interest in our development and assured the Cultural Center representative that his office and the people of Denmark will cooperate and contribute to our overall program.

Since September 15, 1968, our dedicated committee members, under the guidance of Chairman Melvin Oredsen, have devoted many long, hard days of negotiations and planning to make it possible to realize our dreams.

Cultural Center Secretary-Treasurer A. F. Tunsen reported that another milestone has been accomplished with the signing of the final papers consummating the exchange of property from the sellers to the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association on December 30, 1968.

Many efforts over the past few months have brought about approval by the Calaveras County Planning Com-

mission of our tentative subdivision plans, involving 170 acres in the first and second units.

Surveying and plans for construction are now being accomplished with hope that by spring, activity should be evident.

Plans are now being activated to bring about an adequate youth center and a program shall be available to our young members commencing the third week in June. It is anticipated that the youth program, involving boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 14 shall include: Instruction in Danish language, Danish-American history, physical education, outdoor nature study, field trips around the Mother Lode area, hiking, horseback riding, etc.

Project engineer Warren Noteware displayed plans and a scale model of the proposed Youth Center Building which will house our youth during their stay at Bakkedal. The plans call for a two-story structure of approximately 8,000 square feet with construction conforming to Danish decor and architecture. We are also now accepting applications for this summer youth program. For a brochure and application form, write to us at: Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Assn., Inc., 709 North Center Street, Suite A, Stockton, Calif. 95202.

ATTENTION YOUNG MEN

The Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, California Division, is looking for healthy young men to assist in the development of the **Bakkedal Youth Center** this summer. Duties would primarily involve landscaping, clearing and some construction on our 1200-acre site. Room, board and monetary compensation will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity to earn while enjoying a sun-filled vacation in California's picturesque and historic Mother Lode region.

REQUIREMENTS:

A) Membership in the Danish Brotherhood B) Valid Work Permit C) Good Health Record
For additional information, interested youths should fill in the below form and send to the:

Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association
709 North Center Street, Suite A
Stockton, California 95202

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City and State _____

Lodge No. _____

POSTMASTER: If undeliverable as addressed, notify on Form 3579.

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State _____ Zip Code _____

FEBRUARY

ASSESSMENT

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February 1, 1969

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

March 1, 1969

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

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer