

# Danish Brotherhood



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## A Resolution Designating Fraternal Week, Coordinating With National Flag Day

WHEREAS, the National Fraternal Congress of America is most anxious to impress upon the nation the tremendous benevolent work performed by the fraternal benefit system; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever before in the history of our beautiful country there is a definite need for good fellowship with positive action and meaningful words in "speaking up for American;" and

WHEREAS, fraternalists have the utmost reverence for the flag of the United States of America, the virtues, ideals and sacrifices it symbolizes, it is urged that we proudly display "OLD GLORY," our beautiful flag, the emblem of the greatest nation on earth — the inspiration of the true spirit of democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the week of June 8-14, 1969 be designated as Fraternal Week.

During this week all member-societies of the National Fraternal Congress of America are urged to focus attention and interest of their members and the general public in carrying out colorful and spectacular fraternal activities while observing Fraternal Week;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with patriotic ideals and principles of the fraternal benefit system and all of its members everywhere, it is most appropriate that National Flag Day, June 14, 1969, be observed with proper display of our national flag and participation in patriotic and public activities;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proclamation be communicated to all member-societies of the National Fraternal Congress of America and submitted by them to their members for active attention.

LOUIS E. CARON, President.



## Condensed Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Officers

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the Home Office, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebr., April 14-17, 1969.

President Kristen Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 9 a. m., April 14, 1969. All members of the Board of Officers were present. He bid each one welcome and expressed a personal thanks to the Board members who had remembered him with sympathy cards at the time of his father's passing.

The Board reviewed the proposed agenda, and after making some revisions, the agenda was adopted. Various appointments, which would be necessary during this meeting, were established.

The President requested all Board members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of former Supreme Board Member Hilmar W. Hansen, who had died since the last meeting of the Board. Two prominent Brothers were mentioned at this time who had also passed away since the last meeting: A. B. Christensen of Hayward, Calif., and William P. Svendsen of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Each member of the Board of Officers presented a report of his activities since the last Board meeting. Following these reports a copy of the 1968 annual statement, as filed with the insurance departments in states where

the society is licensed to do business, was reviewed by the Board members. The Secretary-Treasurer related that during January and February the examiners for the Nebraska State Insurance Department had made their triennial examination of the operation of the Society. When the report of the examination is received from the Nebraska Insurance Department, a copy will be sent to each Board member.

Einar Danielsen moved to ratify the annual statement as filed with the insurance departments; seconded by Jonasen, the motion carried.

After lunch, Mel Oredsen and Tom Mosher, representing the Cultural Center Association, California Division, appeared before the Board. A number of aspects affecting the Cultural Center were presented by Oredsen concerning the coordination and cooperation between The Danish Brotherhood in America and the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Inc., California Division.

Oredsen discussed the aspects of the California project, reporting the California Cultural Center was a pioneer in cultural centers and this project would establish procedures that could be followed by other areas in developing cultural centers throughout the Brotherhood. He cited the main purpose of the Cultural Center is to stimulate interest in fraternalism and in The Danish Brother-

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hood. Promotional efforts between The Danish Brotherhood and the Cultural Center should go hand-in-hand since the basic goals are the same.

Tunsen confirmed some of these thoughts and indicated the California Division was interested in publishing a periodical and he requested the California Division of the Cultural Center Assn., be given the use of The Danish Brotherhood mailing list. Extensive discussion took place concerning this request.

Tom Mosher, the director of education for the Cultural Center Assn., California Division, reported 50 applications had been received for the first summer camp. There will be three 10-day summer sessions and each of these sessions will be different. He stated one of the prime goals of the project is to get in contact with the youth of The Danish Brotherhood, both current membership and potential, and spread the message of fraternalism and Danish heritage to these youngsters.

At this time Oredsen and Mosher were excused.

A motion was made by George Godthaab to allow the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Inc., California Division, to use the mailing list of The Danish Brotherhood. The motion was seconded by Fred Jensen. Action was deferred until a committee consisting of Skelbeck, Danielsen and Godthaab could establish restrictions concerning the use of the list.

A review was made of certain specific local lodge problems. Action was taken requesting two lodges to return their charters and transfer the members to Lodge No. 600. A number of lodges that were in arrears were listed and action was taken suspending one of these lodges, in accordance with the By-Laws, and to suspend the other lodges in arrears if payments were not received within 60 days.

The subject of mergers was also discussed and authority was given to the Secretary-Treasurer to handle merger requests to the end that successful solutions could be realized to these problems.

On Tuesday the Trustees convened in the vault of the First National Bank, Omaha, Nebr., the official depository of the Society, at 9:30 a. m., to perform the duties described in Section 14, Par. 1 of the By-Laws. This function was performed in cooperation with the other members of the Board of Officers. An inventory of the securities was taken and interest coupons were detached from bonds, checked and segregated by due date, and placed in a safe deposit box to remain there until date collectible.

April 15, 1969

To the President and the 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 April 1, 1969.

Securities:

|   |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Bonds (Par value \$3,994,000) .....         | \$3,915,184.00 |                |
| Mutual funds (24,564 shares) .....          | 289,444.93     |                |
| Savings bonds and certificates .....        | 107,000.00     |                |
| Preferred stock (Par value \$140,000) ..... | 141,812.50     |                |
| Certificate loans .....                     | 23,301.49      |                |
| Home office real estate .....               | \$297,146.07   |                |
| Less depreciation .....                     | 6,000.00       |                |
|   |                | 291,146.07     |
| Furniture and equipment .....               | 12,986.01      |                |
| Savings accounts .....                      | 41,862.43      |                |
| Savings and loan shares .....               | 30,000.00      |                |
|   |                | \$4,852,737.73 |

Cash in bank, March 31, 1969:

|                      |             |                |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| General fund .....   | \$ 4,767.45 |                |
| Fraternal fund ..... | 1,034.71    |                |
|                      |             | 5,802.16       |
|                      |             | \$4,858,539.89 |

FRED JENSEN, Chairman, Trustees.

EDWARD JONASEN, Trustee.

GEORGE GODTHAAB, Trustee.

Danielsen moved to accept the Trustees' Report as presented by Chairman of Trustees Fred Jensen. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

Kristen Jorgensen, chairman of the scholarship committee, presented his report to the Board. He stated to date, 12 requests for applications for scholarships have been received. He pointed out the scholarships were a very important part of our fraternal program and these scholarships are being received very enthusiastically by our membership.

The legal counsel for The Danish Brotherhood in

### Pacific Northwest District Danish Brotherhood GROUP FLIGHTS TO DENMARK IN 1969 VIA SAS JET Direct From Seattle

1—JUNE 16th to AUGUST 4th, Seven Weeks  
(Flight No. 1 is sold out. No chance on waiting list.)

2—JULY 14th to AUGUST 6th, Three Weeks  
(Flight No. 2. Return date is extended from August 4 to August 6.)

3—AUGUST 14th to SEPTEMBER 25th, Six Weeks  
(Flight No. 3 is extended to six weeks by popular demand.)

#### Round Trip Fares

Adults \$396.00 — Child (under 12) \$198.00  
Infant (under 2) \$26.90

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America, John Binning, was present during a general discussion concerning the role of The Danish Brotherhood in America with regard to the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Inc. Many topics were discussed, including the various duties of the Board members of the various corporations, investment practices, the professional status of Binning with regard to each of the corporations, the tax exempt status of the Cultural Center Association, and the role donations to the Cultural Center Association should play.

Following this discussion, President Jorgensen declared a recess to permit the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Assn., Inc., to meet.

The motion which had been made to allow the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Inc., California Division, to use the mailing list of The Danish Brotherhood in America, which had been deferred previously until the committee appointed could develop restrictions with respect to the use of this list, was not brought before the Board.

The restrictions were presented and a motion duly made by Skelbeck to accept the restrictions as recommended by the committee was seconded by Tunsen. A roll call vote carried the motion as follows: Jorgensen, yes; Tunsen, yes; Danielsen, yes; Skelbeck, yes; Jensen, no; Jonasen, yes; Godthaab, yes.

A vote was then held on the main motion. The results of the roll call vote were as follows: Jorgensen, yes; Tunsen, yes; Danielsen, yes; Skelbeck, yes; Jensen, yes; Jonasen, yes; Godthaab, yes. Skelbeck was directed to inform the Cultural Center Association of the availability of the mailing list and take the necessary steps to provide them with this list.

The promotional committee, consisting of George Godthaab and Al Tunsen, presented a report to the Board. This report included an evaluation of the Promotional Department. Following this report, a general discussion revealed all Board members were concerned about the current success of the promotional program. A number of matters were discussed and various ideas were suggested. Action was taken directing the Secretary-Treasurer to inquire by mail into the matter of obtaining a license to do business in Colorado.

Additional discussion took place with respect to providing the Promotional Department with new products.

Einar Danielsen, editor of the monthly magazine, reported to the Board he had been in contact with some correspondents who had shown concern over the space being limited for their monthly reporting. Another inquiry had been received concerning the magazine. These items were reviewed by the Board.

Following dinner on Wednesday evening, the Board reconvened with Al Hedegaard, Promotional Director, present. He presented his report at this time.

Discussion concerning the agency system, the method of reimbursing local members for bringing in new members, and general items concerning the promotional program was held. Specific problems were brought up and evaluated. Many views were expressed with respect to local lodge problems and the acquisition of new members.

The President called the meeting to order at 8:30 a. m., on Thursday, April 17, and requested the records show Axel Skelbeck waived the per diem allotted him by the By-Laws.

The subject of the 1971 National Convention was introduced. Tunsen mentioned he was stopping in San Diego to initiate local convention committee plans. Some of the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer's office were described by Skelbeck, and he moved, in so far as possible, San Diego should make arrangements for the Convention

to start on the third Monday in September, 1971. Duly seconded, this motion carried. Skelbeck also suggested the Convention Committee send a list of the people serving on this committee to the Home Office.

Danielsen moved to have the Secretary-Treasurer send a schedule of items to be complied with as set forth in the By-Laws with respect to the Convention to each Board member. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

During the past year, the current retirement plan, as adopted by the Society, has been under review. At the direction of the Board, the consulting actuary had made a study of the plan in an effort to bring it into line with current retirement plans provided employees by members of the insurance industry. The pension specialist, William Nordstrom, of George V. Stennes & Associates, the Society's consulting actuary, represented during this portion of the Board meeting by Clifford Spangler of the Lincoln office, had made an in-depth study of the plan and had submitted prior to the Board meeting, specific recommendations to amend the plan. A motion was made to adopt the recommendations as set forth in this letter. Duly seconded, the results of the roll call vote were as follows: Jorgensen, yes; Tunsen, yes; Danielsen, no; Skelbeck, yes; Jensen, yes; Jonasen, yes; Godthaab, yes.

The recommendations contained in this letter were to direct the Board to develop recommendations for the delegates at the 1971 Convention to change the By-Laws of the Society, eliminating the tie-in requirement to social security which is now in the By-Laws. This recommendation was suggested by the internal revenue service when approving the current plan.

The portion of the plan requiring employees' contributions was eliminated and contributions made this far by employees were ordered returned.

The normal retirement age for female employees was changed from age 62 to age 65. The actuary was directed to review the death benefit provision in the plan and to review and revise the interest and mortality table assumptions.

Discussion concerning new insurance contracts and the merits of going to the 1958 CSO Mortality Table were evaluated. Spangler stated cost estimates could be made on new contracts.

Tunsen presented a request for permission for the California General Committee to sponsor a charter flight in 1970. Discussion surrounding the procedure for requests for charter flights followed. A motion was made to approve requests for charter flights where the district meetings weren't held in time to coincide with the Board meeting. Duly seconded, this motion carried, and it was

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## JUNE ASSESSMENT No. 840

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE  
LODGE TREASURER

**June 1, 1969**  
**AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE**  
**July 1, 1969**

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

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

**Charter Flight "69" News** — The program for Flight "69" is now completed and the flight is ready. We will leave Kennedy Airport, N. Y., June 20, with a scheduled departure of 11:55 p. m., and arrive in Kastrup Airport June 21, at approximately 12:35 p. m. At the airport we will be met by members of Copenhagen Lodge No. 318, and the famous Danish Vedbæk Pigegarde.

On Sunday, June 22 there will be a Kronborg meeting to celebrate the 750th anniversary of the oldest flag in the world — Dannebrog, and the 50th anniversary of Dansk Samvirke. We have been informed that Kongehuset will be represented by His Royal Highness, Prince Henrik, and the government by Premier Hilmar Baunsgaard. There will be plenty of entertainment. In the evening there will be a dinner banquet at Marienlyst Restaurant and "fyrværkeri over sundet."

On Monday, June 23, we will meet at Raadhuset for a reception, and some of their surprises. In the afternoon we will meet at København's Handelsbank and visit their newly opened Erichsens Palae. The bank will serve us a coffee table and more.

On Tuesday, June 24, we will meet at Carlsberg Brewery in the morning for a tour and try their famous beer.

As you see, we have arranged four days of interesting tours, etc., which should have the interest of everyone participating in Flight "69," and thanks to Co-Chairman Elmer Jensen, some of these arrangements have been made during a recent trip abroad.

FLEMMING HINRICHSEN,  
Chairman, Flight "69."

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.** At our 80th anniversary celebration held recently, the following older members were recognized for their long service in the Lodge: Brothers Soren Nielsen, 73 years; Mads Ullerup, 68 years; Godfried Fredericksen, 58 years; L. E. Stolzenbach, 60 years; Anders Hansen, 52 years; Carl Jorgensen, 51 years; and Financial Secretary Stephen Schmidt, was presented his 60-year pin for 63 years of service by his grandson, Past GCEL President Kristian B. Larsen, Jr.  
BARRY EDMONDS, Sec.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** Brother Louis Larsen is still in Veteran's Hospital, East Orange. Brother Ole A. Larsen is in Somerset Hospital. Brother Albert Jespersen is at home recuperating after an operation. Brother Viggo Nielsen entered Overlook Hospital, April 13, but is now at home recuperating and doing fine. Brother Hans Schmidt is once more in the hospital and Brother Anton Godthaab suffered a heart attack May 2, and is in River-view Hospital, Red Bank, N. J.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Hanne Bell is the happy mother of a boy, born late in February. Hanne has named him Bruce, Jr., after her late husband. We wish Hanne good luck and hope to see her in the near future at one of our meetings.

Kjeld Christensen spent Easter in Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, on a rest and recreation leave from Vietnam. He has, however, returned to his unit and expects to be back in the states in the early summer after completing his tour of duty, meanwhile, his father, Kaj Christensen, the Danish baker from Ocean City, has been on a research trip into Pennsylvania Dutch country looking for Amish "Kucken and Apfel Strudel."

After an extended stay ashore, Brother Jack Gordon is back at sea sailing supplies from the West Coast to Vietnam. His wife, Nancy, who has been plagued with

considerable back trouble, entered Delaware County Hospital April 21 for another bout with the surgeon's knife. We wish her a speedy recovery and an early return to her sons at home on Cedar Grove Rd., Media.

Brother Otto Kofod is at home recuperating after his operation and doing fine. Brother Peter Thilker, who is confined to the Broomal Nursing Home, appeared in markedly good health, considering his last illness. His never failing spirit and sharp wit were very much in evidence.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** Brothers Poul Ljunggreen and Stanley Hanson are both in Ellis Hospital. Brothers Harold Christie and Jim Yuille are at home recuperating and Brother Troels Beck is confined to a hospital in Florida, but coming along very well.

Kevin A. Barry, grandson of Brother Nestor A. Bernstorff, has been accepted as a juvenile member. Brothers Chris Biering and G. Christensen are the official representatives to the GCEL convention in Long Island.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** We deeply regret the passing of Brother Anton Larsen May 6. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

Brother Olaf Hansen was elected delegate to the GCEL convention in Long Island.

**Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt.** On April 8, President Kenny Lunde of the Green Mountain Lodge presented a 50-year pin to Brother Andrew F. Christiansen. It was pinned on him by our only charter member, Niels C. Nielsen. Both Niels and Andrew came from Denmark as young



Left to right: President Kenny Lunde, Brother Andrew Christiansen, 50-year member, and Charter Member Brother Niels Nielsen.

men at the age of 19 and are brothers-in-law. Brother Niels was 84 in February and Brother Andrew will be 84 in October. They were both successful farmers, but now retired. Brother Christiansen having been president and co-organizer of the Central Vermont Breeders Ass'n. The Lodge meeting and presentation was followed with an Easter supper.

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.** The 52nd anniversary party was held at the Danish Brotherhood Hall May 17. Ten Brothers are still on our sicklist. We wish them a speedy recovery.

**Lodge No. 334, Geneva, N. Y.** Finger Lake Lodge 334 celebrated its 18th anniversary together with Sisterhood

Lodge 172 April 26. One hundred twenty-five persons took part in this successful event. Representing the GCEL were President Olin Yauchler and Trustee Mark Jensen. Attending from Eric were National Trustee Edward Jonassen and GCEL Past President Ole Beck. Brother Joe Gillotte was the toastmaster and the invocation was by Brother Andrew Christensen. The mayor of Geneva, M. Simeone, made a nice speech. Following the banquet, there was dancing to Nielsen's Orchestra.

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Our GCEL Convention Lodge.** At the April meeting, Sofus Christensen was elected delegate to the GCEL convention to be held Labor Day weekend at the Garden City Hotel. Tage Wibroc was elected alternate.

Mrs. Mangodt is in a hospital recuperating from an operation. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery. Brother Harold Bendtsen is at the Parkview Nursing Home at Massapequa Park. Although he is confined to a wheelchair, he is in excellent spirits and would indeed appreciate a card or a visit.

## Lodge 78 Celebrates Anniversary

There is a great difference between a speaker and an orator. Where the speaker conveys a message in more or less interesting terms, the orator by his feelings and command of words can switch his audience's thoughts into preconceived channels of excitements, even exultation. Few people are orators. Winston Churchill was one. FDR another — and John F. Kennedy, but on May 10, at the 75th anniversary, in the banquet room of Holiday Inn, Lodge 78 encountered another — Trustee Fred Jensen.

All the elaborate preparations and arrangements for this evening were just trimmings around the main course, Brother Jensen, who completely and unalterably dominated this festive occasion, and although this prominence overshadowed the arranging committee's other efforts, they considered themselves lucky that they had acquired such a winner.

Brothers John Olsen and Egon Fano presented the colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the two national anthems and after Brother Jespersen's invocation, the dinner was served.

The old adage "eat, drink and be merry" was followed if not to the letter, as the drinking had preceded the eating in a so-called social hour, but after the tooth-picking was over, Brother Henry Andersen bid welcome and in this included a deep-felt toast to the mothers (next day being Mother's Day), and to his parents, who were present and will celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss next week. He then turned over the gavel to Brother Maurice Nelson as the evening's toastmaster. He took over in great style and after floating a series of jokes and jibes, introduced Brother and Sister Fred Jensen of Omaha, Nebr.

As his first duty, Brother Jensen presented a 60-year pin to Brother Soren Jespersen, an honor very few can obtain, and Soren, despite his 84 years, gave a ringing thank you speech and almost upset the whole program. Several other pins, 50- and 25-year, were presented whereupon the audience got a respite from just listening, by singing a series of Danish and American songs very ably accompanied by Mrs. Gunhild Kragh on a severely handicapped piano.

As already mentioned Brother Jensen's address was the star around which everything else revolved like so many satellites. He spoke about the Brotherhood in terms of fraternalism, of love, of dedication, and of money, about Lodge 78 of its history and its goals, with a devotion to our principles and a positive outlook to our future,

that gave everybody a feeling of pride of belonging, and he was awarded with a standing applause.

To round out the aforementioned eating, drinking and merriment, a group of four young people in Hawaiian costumes, sang, acted, played and danced their way into everyone's heart, thus rounding out a fine program.

Many congratulations were extended and although we know that it is good journalistic practice to mention names, space as well as poor memory forbids this, our apology to the expectant, but one bears remembrance. From our now deceased Brother Hilmar W. Hansen, a greeting was read together with a poem he had written on his sickbed. With this solemn reminder of a great man, the program came to a close and after singing "God Bless America," everyone went into the ballroom for a soft waltz with his partner.

BORGE KRAGH, Secretary.

## Cultural Center Flash

On May 25, a contingency of Vikings returned to their sacred camping grounds of Bakkedal to participate in joyous feast and song commemorating the naming and dedication of these pleasant hills and valley. Mrs. Agnes Nielsen of Fremont Lodge was presented an awards certificate in recognition for submitting the chosen name after a statewide contest was held. Her recommendation of "Bakkedal" was judged by the managing committee to best signify our picturesque Cultural Center lands. On hand to witness the ceremonies were many lodge members and friends from throughout California.

Presenting the award, Cultural Center Secretary A. F. Tunsen, remarked that Bakkedal is being built to strengthen fraternal ties as well as to develop a better relationship with those who may be eligible to belong to the Danish Brotherhood in America. He further concluded that "It is anticipated that a community of this nature can live together harmoniously and work towards the fulfillment of a better life. Let it be, that one day a member of the Danish Brotherhood shall be able to travel throughout this great United States and be at home any given day at the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center."

Those in attendance were also able to observe the completion of all the initial construction roads for unit number 1 as well as the completed excavation and footings for the Youth Center foundation.

Director of Education Tom Mosher, remarked applications are still being accepted for the summer youth camps and interested youth should plan now to attend. For necessary application forms, write to: Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Ass'n, 709 No. Center, Suite A, Stockton, Calif. 95202.

Don't delay — write now to insure your choice of camp dates.

Brothers and Sisters were also reminded that our booth at the Calaveras County Fair provoked much interest and discussion. Visitors were presented copies of the BAKKEDAL NEWS — a tabloid newspaper to inform interested persons of our development as well as a full color brochure showing detailed renderings of the overall master plan. Should you desire to receive our colorful brochure or to be placed on the BAKKEDAL NEWS mailing list, write to us at the above address.

And, oh yes, as the sun slowly started to sink behind the hills, a toast was given to our gallant entry in the Calaveras County Jumping Frog Jubilee — a noble Viking frog named "Bakkedal Bart," whose pure heart and untiring spirit enabled him to reach a span of 11 feet, 11 inches. SKOAL!

ALIMONY — The billing without the cooing.

## National Board Minutes

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noted wherever extenuating circumstances had existed, approval would be granted for charter flights.

At this time, Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer, asked the President for permission to make an announcement, which he said, could involve action the Board may wish to take at this meeting before adjournment.

Concisely and in brevity, Skelbeck reviewed the history of his official, personal and individual service to the Brotherhood over the years and his many terms as an elected officer in the Brotherhood. He concluded by expressing his intent to retire from the office on the Board, as Secretary-Treasurer, effective as of December 31, 1969.

He said it was with a deep respect for the membership, which through their delegates to the national conventions, had elected and re-elected him to the high administrative post he has held in the Brotherhood since 1939, and the colleagues with whom he had served and who over the years, had placed their faith and confidence in him. He was fully cognizant of an obligation to them, he said, but asked the Board at this time to approve the decision which he had reluctantly but decisively reached.

On question, he said reasons influencing the decision to resign his office on the Board at this time were several: health, some could be attributed to the disunity now prevailing as continually being influenced by certain Board members and which is adverse to the welfare of the Brotherhood; a desire to yield the active handling of the continually greater and greater duties of the office to younger, capable hands. A greater future in store for our Brotherhood can be realized best through the leadership of vigorous, qualified younger men, he said.

President Jorgensen announced Axel had conferred with the Executive Committee, but it was with a great deal of sadness we now hear these words from him. When members think of The Danish Brotherhood, they think of Axel Skelbeck. Jorgensen also made note that though Skelbeck was resigning as Secretary-Treasurer, this would not affect his elected position and certain committee posts. Godthaab moved the Board go on record as accepting, with regret, Axel Skelbeck's retirement as of the first day of January 1970. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

A motion was made and amended to give the Executive Committee authority to investigate the possibilities of filling this office and to meet during a recess for the purpose of determining procedures to be followed. This motion, as amended, was duly made, seconded and carried.

Following a recess, the Executive Committee reported they had met and the committee at this time was recommending Howard Christensen, the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, to fill the position as Axel Skelbeck's successor. Danielsen moved to accept the committee's recommendation. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

Jorgensen reviewed the history of the complaint by the Midwest District. He stated the Midwest District did not follow the By-Laws and did not permit an answer by the Board. His feeling was any complaints should be made in accordance with the By-Laws. Members of the Board concurred with the belief the By-Laws were not followed, however, it was the decision of the Board to drop this matter.

By unanimous consent, the date for the annual meeting of the Board of Officers was set for September 29, 1969. The meeting was recessed for a meeting of the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Inc.

## Investment Committee Report

by Axel Skelbeck

In the period from August 31, 1968, to March 31, 1969, the following holdings were called or matured:

|  | Par Value    |
|--|--------------|
| Southwestern Investment Co. ....         | \$ 4,000.00  |
| Hardin County, Kentucky .....            | 38,000.00    |
| Trinity Valley Telephone, Series A ..... | 7,000.00     |
| Trinity Valley Telephone, Series B ..... | 2,000.00     |
| Knoxville, Tennessee .....               | 25,000.00    |
| U. S. Treasury Bonds .....               | 110,000.00   |
| Oklahoma City, Oklahoma .....            | 10,000.00    |
| Boyd County, Nebraska .....              | 7,000.00     |
| Michigan Consolidated Gas .....          | 49,000.00    |
| Certificate Loans Repaid .....           | 3,752.98     |
|  | \$255,752.98 |

In the same period the following investments were made:

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Public Service of Colorado .....      | \$ 60,000.00 |
| Consumers Power Company .....         | 60,000.00    |
| U. S. Treasury Bonds .....            | 60,000.00    |
| Southern California Edison .....      | 50,000.00    |
| Union Electric .....                  | 76,000.00    |
| Province of Ontario .....             | 65,000.00    |
| 6% loans on members' certificates ..  | \$ 5,625.58  |
| Unpaid interest added to principal .. | 523.78       |
|                                       | 6,149.36     |
|                                       | \$377,149.36 |

A motion was made to adopt this report as presented. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented to the Board an annual financial report, which must be published in the monthly magazine in accordance with the By-Laws. Upon review of the report and preface to the report, Jensen moved this report be approved for publication. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

A discussion took place concerning availability of fraternal aid for families of members who had died prior to receiving special aid which had been approved by the Board. The Board concluded no authority existed in the By-Laws to provide such aid.

Inquiries had been received in the Home Office requesting refund of assessments which had been paid on behalf of members by local lodges when these members were in arrears. A detailed study of the By-Laws revealed no authority existed to refund assessments advanced on behalf of these members.

Skelbeck recommended this entire matter be reviewed by the Board and possibly proposed changes to the By-Laws should be recommended to the Convention delegates in 1971.

Upon question by Fred Jensen, with respect to the number and amount of general aid applications currently being received from local lodges, Skelbeck reported 15 lodges with 21 members asking for general aid were now receiving such aid in the total amount of \$93.78. He also reported there were currently 20 applicants receiving special aid. Special aid for the month of March amounted to \$826.00.

Additional discussion took place concerning the Promotional Department and the Director. Jorgensen appointed Ed Jonassen to the Promotional Committee, replacing Al Tunsen.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p. m., until September 29, 1969.



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FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

AL HEDEGAARD

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR



## TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- 126 ... Los Angeles—Erik Boserup.....Hans Brodersen
- 143 ..... Petaluma—Christian R. Petersen....Jim Larsen
- 225 ..... Canton—Kelley N. Coblenz..Audrey Pedersen
- 700 ... Home Office—David A. Petersen..Ellen Charlebois

### Honor Roll

#### LODGES

| Lodge | Location                   | No. of New Members |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 29    | Seattle, Washington        | 5                  |
| 45    | Minneapolis, Minnesota     | 10                 |
| 126   | Los Angeles, California    | 19                 |
| 172   | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 9                  |
| 227   | Detroit, Michigan          | 14                 |
| 323   | Alhambra, California       | 11                 |
| 328   | Vancouver, B. C., Canada   | 8                  |
| 332   | Ripon, California          | 10                 |
| 337   | Fremont, California        | 9                  |

#### INDIVIDUALS

| Lodge | Location             | Sponsor            | No. of New Members |
|-------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1     | Omaha, Nebr.,        | Howard Christensen | 5                  |
| 126   | Los Angeles, Calif., | Hans Brodersen     | 3                  |
| 126   | Los Angeles, Calif., | Carl Christensen   | 5                  |
| 126   | Los Angeles, Calif., | Kurt Moller        | 4                  |
| 126   | Los Angeles, Calif., | Eric Roug          | 9                  |
| 172   | Philadelphia, Pa.,   | Mogens Hempel      | 10                 |
| 227   | Detroit, Mich.,      | Johan Emanuelsen   | 5                  |
| 227   | Detroit, Mich.,      | Jorgen Mau         | 4                  |
| 227   | Detroit, Mich.,      | Otto Pedersen      | 3                  |
| 323   | Alhambra, Calif.,    | Hans Nielsen       | 5                  |
| 332   | Ripon, Calif.,       | Jack Belmont       | 10                 |
| 337   | Fremont, Calif.,     | Sigfred Olsen      | 3                  |

#### TOP LODGES

##### GROUP I —

Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, California  
California General Committee

##### GROUP II —

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California  
California General Committee

#### OUR MISTAKE — SORRY

In the January 1969 issue of the monthly magazine we inadvertently omitted the names of five new juvenile members of The Danish Brotherhood in America.

**They were: Janet Julie Lovelle, James Grant Lovelle, Dale Arthur Lovelle, Jeffry Owen Lovelle and Mark William Lovelle.**

These young members were sponsored as juvenile members of Lodge No. 35, Chicago, by their grandfather, Brother Owen Lovelle, of the same lodge.

Since their enrollment, Jeffry and Mark have become adult members of the Brotherhood.

| Lodge | Location     | New Member          | Sponsor           |
|-------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1     | Omaha        | Jean Davidson       | Leonard Davidson  |
| 15    | Des Moines   | Robert Rasmussen    | Lee Pinckney      |
| 15    | Des Moines   | Arthur Isserstedt   | Art Hansen        |
| 45    | Minneapolis  | Hans Rasmussen      | Olav Grand        |
| 45    | Minneapolis  | Esra Olesen         | Jens B. Høj       |
| 45    | Minneapolis  | Anker Eastergard    | Jens B. Høj       |
| 45    | Minneapolis  | Mary Westlund       | Jens B. Høj       |
| 45    | Minneapolis  | Betty Young         | Duane Young       |
| 45    | Minneapolis  | Katherine Chrysler  | Harold Chrysler   |
| 46    | Perth Amboy  | Soren Nielsen       | Peter Christensen |
| 90    | Port Reading | Robert Reid         | Ejlif Kjems       |
| 90    | Port Reading | Ejvind Kjems        | Ejlif Kjems       |
| 90    | Port Reading | Elmer Kjems         | Ejlif Kjems       |
| 126   | Los Angeles  | Per Boserup         | Hans Brodersen    |
| 126   | Los Angeles  | Charles Rasmussen   | Kurt Moller       |
| 126   | Los Angeles  | Martin Iversen      | Kurt Moller       |
| 126   | Los Angeles  | Walter Paller       | Eric Roug         |
| 126   | Los Angeles  | Joe Garcia          | Eric Roug         |
| 144   | Dike         | John Langskov       | Arthur Thode      |
| 144   | Dike         | Christian Hansen    | Arthur Thode      |
| 144   | Dike         | David Pedersen      | Arthur Thode      |
| 314   | Hartford     | Robert Sorensen Jr. | H. Sorensen       |
| 323   | Alhambra     | Gerda Christensen   | Eric Roug         |
| 323   | Alhambra     | Katherine Larsen    | Eric Roug         |
| 323   | Alhambra     | Violet Thompson     | Hans Nielsen      |
| 323   | Alhambra     | Otto Thompson       | Hans Nielsen      |
| 323   | Alhambra     | Maranda Irion       | Hans Nielsen      |
| 323   | Alhambra     | Anni Wurtz          | Hans Nielsen      |
| 323   | Alhambra     | Annelise Staking    | Hans Nielsen      |
| 328   | Vancouver    | Poul Baekhave       | Erling Baekhave   |
| 328   | Vancouver    | Mogens Bonde        | Jens Sondergaard  |
| 328   | Vancouver    | Erik Esmann         | Mogens Mogensen   |
| 328   | Vancouver    | John Mortensen      | Mogens Mogensen   |
| 328   | Vancouver    | Harry Rasmussen     | Niels Okholm      |
| 332   | Ripon        | Barbara Kargard     | Jack Belmont      |
| 332   | Ripon        | Martha Mosher       | Jack Belmont      |
| 332   | Ripon        | Thomas Mosher       | Jack Belmont      |
| 600   | Home Office  | Dagmar VanLindt     | Mogens Hempel     |

#### JUVENILE MEMBERS

|     |              |                     |               |
|-----|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1   | Omaha        | Christine E. Pacaj  | Al Hedegaard  |
| 90  | Port Reading | Robert J. Reid, Jr. | Ejlif Kjems   |
| 111 | Austin       | Brian K. Block      | Carl Shutt    |
| 116 | Newark       | Jon M. N. Shanel    | Viggo Nielsen |
| 126 | Los Angeles  | Ronald A. Mathiasen | H. Mathiasen  |

## National Bowling Tourney Winners

The "Lucky Strikes" of Dike, Iowa, Lodge No. 144, captured the top spot this year and Team 10 of the same city grabbed the tenth spot. It took 41 pins less than last year to accomplish this. Second place goes to Denver, Lodge No. 43.

There were four or five winners this year who were not in the money last year, and many winning positions changed. Some new entrants also appeared.

High scores in the winners group totaled about 5,700 points less than last year, but some good scores were rolled up.

Individual high games and high series total points were also less than last year, but last year was higher than the previous year. That's the way the pins fall.

We know of one team of women bowlers, and they were not last on the list either.

We would urge you to check these figures, and in case of discrepancy, please notify us at once. We believe they are accurate.

**Al Hedegaard,**  
Tournament Chairman.

| Lodge | Team                 | Score | Handicap | Total | Prize    | Place |
|-------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 144   | Lucky Strikes        | 2704  | 366      | 3070  | \$100.00 | 1     |
| 43    | Columbine 43         | 2635  | 396      | 3031  | 75.00    | 2     |
| 227   | Team 8               | 2505  | 525      | 3030  | 60.00    | 3     |
| 92    | Team 1               | 2502  | 525      | 3027  | 50.00    | 4     |
| 172   | Philadelphia South   | 2477  | 537      | 3014  | 45.00    | 5     |
| 45    | Team 2               | 2446  | 567      | 3013  | 40.00    | 6     |
| 51    | Lodge No. 51         | 2703  | 297      | 3000  | 35.00    | 7     |
| 125   | Team 1               | 2397  | 579      | 2976  | 30.00    | 8     |
| 92    | Team 3               | 2345  | 603      | 2948  | 27.50    | 9     |
| 144   | Team 1               | 2436  | 507      | 2943  | 25.00    | 10    |
| 95    | D B No. 1            | 2359  | 576      | 2935  | 22.50    | 11    |
| 4     | Danish Brotherhood   | 2368  | 558      | 2926  | 20.00    | 12    |
| 242   | No. 3                | 2444  | 471      | 2915  | 19.00    | 13    |
| 263   | Askov Alley Cats     | 2505  | 408      | 2913  | 18.00    | 14    |
| 4     | Baran's Club 18      | 2426  | 486      | 2912  | 17.00    | 15    |
| 268   | Junction Cy Bearcats | 2503  | 408      | 2911  | 16.00    | 16    |
| 4     | Uptown Lanes         | 2423  | 483      | 2906  | 15.00    | 17    |
| 299   | Solvang 3            | 2332  | 573      | 2905  | 14.00    | 18    |
| 35    | No. 1                | 2404  | 501      | 2905  | 13.00    | 19    |
| 34    | Team 2               | 2486  | 414      | 2900  | 12.00    | 20    |
| 245   | South Bend 2         | 2440  | 459      | 2899  | 11.00    | 21    |
| 227   | Team 6               | 2294  | 588      | 2882  | 10.00    | 22    |
| 227   | Team 2               | 2300  | 579      | 2879  |          | 23    |
| 242   | Team 5               | 2569  | 303      | 2872  |          | 24    |
| 322   | Santa Barbara 2      | 2276  | 591      | 2867  |          | 25    |
| 116   | Team 1               | 2463  | 399      | 2862  |          | 26    |
| 172   | Philadelphia No.     | 2487  | 375      | 2862  |          | 27    |
| 84    | Lincoln 1            | 2276  | 585      | 2861  |          | 28    |
| 242   | Team 6               | 2352  | 504      | 2856  |          | 29    |
| 299   | Solvang 1            | 2168  | 687      | 2855  |          | 30    |
| 325   | Long Island Tigers   | 2105  | 747      | 2852  |          | 31    |
| 126   | Team 1               | 2443  | 405      | 2848  |          | 32    |
| 29    | Seattle Five         | 2278  | 567      | 2845  |          | 33    |
| 283   | No. Dagmar Kings     | 2371  | 465      | 2836  |          | 34    |
| 184   | Hayward 2            | 2166  | 663      | 2829  |          | 35    |
| 39    | Lodge No. 39         | 2290  | 537      | 2827  |          | 36    |
| 255   | Lodge No. 255        | 2220  | 597      | 2817  |          | 37    |
| 170   | Gorm Lodge           | 2265  | 546      | 2811  |          | 38    |
| 45    | Team 1               | 2212  | 597      | 2809  |          | 39    |
| 92    | Team 2               | 2289  | 513      | 2802  |          | 40    |
| 227   | Team 9               | 2225  | 576      | 2801  |          | 41    |
| 227   | Team 5               | 2205  | 588      | 2793  |          | 42    |
| 242   | Team 1               | 2261  | 531      | 2792  |          | 43    |

|     |                     |      |      |      |  |    |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|------|--|----|
| 29  | Old Timers          | 2096 | 696  | 2792 |  | 44 |
| 167 | North West Transfer | 2232 | 555  | 2787 |  | 45 |
| 322 | Santa Barbara 1     | 2198 | 588  | 2786 |  | 46 |
| 1   | Team 1              | 2033 | 750  | 2783 |  | 47 |
| 227 | Team 4              | 2199 | 576  | 2775 |  | 48 |
| 29  | Carl Nielsen        | 2289 | 480  | 2769 |  | 49 |
| 242 | Team 2              | 2297 | 471  | 2768 |  | 50 |
| 227 | Team 3              | 2162 | 606  | 2768 |  | 51 |
| 242 | Team 4              | 2266 | 501  | 2767 |  | 52 |
| 227 | Team 1              | 2119 | 648  | 2767 |  | 53 |
| 306 | Team 1              | 2178 | 576  | 2754 |  | 54 |
| 227 | Team 10             | 2198 | 537  | 2735 |  | 55 |
| 184 | Hayward 1           | 2361 | 369  | 2730 |  | 56 |
| 29  | Seattle Danes       | 2010 | 717  | 2727 |  | 57 |
| 306 | Team 3              | 2218 | 507  | 2725 |  | 58 |
| 245 | South Bend 1        | 2240 | 483  | 2723 |  | 59 |
| 113 | Great Danes         | 2039 | 681  | 2720 |  | 60 |
| 227 | Team 7              | 2158 | 561  | 2719 |  | 61 |
| 183 | Lucky Five 1        | 2135 | 582  | 2717 |  | 62 |
| 332 | Valley Lodge 1      | 2300 | 411  | 2711 |  | 63 |
| 34  | Team 1              | 2314 | 396  | 2710 |  | 64 |
| 113 | The Chinooks        | 2186 | 498  | 2684 |  | 65 |
| 306 | Team 4              | 2002 | 657  | 2659 |  | 66 |
| 167 | Elec. Appl. Repair  | 2200 | 441  | 2641 |  | 67 |
| 167 | DB 167              | 2064 | 564  | 2628 |  | 68 |
| 29  | Flyers              | 2046 | 579  | 2625 |  | 69 |
| 1   | Les Girls           | 1567 | 1029 | 2596 |  | 70 |
| 306 | Team 2              | 2076 | 513  | 2589 |  | 71 |

### Individual High Game Winners

|     |                 |     |    |     |         |    |
|-----|-----------------|-----|----|-----|---------|----|
| 263 | Howard Thomsen  | 250 | 34 | 284 | \$10.00 | 1  |
| 167 | Nelsen Esrom    | 219 | 44 | 263 | 8.00    | 2  |
| 4   | Ray Thielen     | 233 | 22 | 255 | 7.00    | *3 |
| 45  | Harold Petersen | 220 | 35 | 255 | 7.00    | *3 |
| 4   | Ray Clausen     | 233 | 20 | 253 | 6.00    | 5  |

### Individual High Series Winners

|     |                 |     |     |     |         |    |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|
| 95  | Don Sanborn     | 599 | 96  | 695 | \$10.00 | 1  |
| 144 | Bob Christensen | 599 | 84  | 683 | 8.00    | 2  |
| 263 | Howard Thomsen  | 573 | 102 | 675 | 7.00    | *3 |
| 4   | Glenn Nyboe     | 570 | 105 | 675 | 7.00    | *3 |
| 172 | Rich Fausnaught | 556 | 114 | 670 | 6.00    | 5  |

\* Denotes Tie

## The Lodge System

A fraternal benefit society has as its very vital function the lodge system, whereby the members can meet socially and plan and accomplish fraternal benevolence programs on a local level.

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Through the lodge, the member is initiated or admitted to membership and it is here he is stimulated in a way of life which is fast disappearing in the United States: friendship and fraternity on a local level.

The lodge tends to get him out away from his solitary confinement and get him in contact with his fellowman.

The statement has been made that, if the lodge system was to be abolished in this country, part of the moral fabric would come apart. The lodge commands a powerful influence in spreading ideals of benevolence, patriotism and education. There are few unselfish and nonpolitical organizations left, and much effort should be expended in preserving the lodge system. It is one method whereby the needs of members from all parts of the country can be reported to national headquarters so help may be forthcoming.

Perhaps we could say, out of all the reasons we have for attending the lodge meeting in The Danish Brotherhood, the moral obligation would not be the least of these.

By AL HEDEGAARD.

## Denmark Tour - 1970

The National Board of the Danish Brotherhood in America has approved a Midwest District sponsored charter flight to Denmark in 1970.

The length of the tour will be four weeks as was agreed upon by the delegates at the 1968 Midwest convention. The dates I have received from SAS schedules the flight to leave O'Hare Airport, Chicago, on Sunday, June 21, 1970 for Copenhagen and will return, leaving Copenhagen for Chicago on Sunday, July 19, 1970.

I urge any member who intends to participate in this tour to make their reservations as soon as possible. SAS has stated that the sooner the reservation list is filled, the sooner it is possible to receive confirmation of an airplane. By making a reservation early it also guarantees you a seat. It is much easier to cancel a reservation than it is to obtain one after the airplane is full.

The flight will be available to bona fide members of the Danish Brotherhood. A bona fide member is one who has been a member for at least six months prior to departure date. The flight is also available to the immediate family of a bona fide member. This includes parents (mother and father) living in the same household as the member, spouse and dependent children of the member, provided that they are accompanied by the member.

The approximate price per seat will be \$300, depending on the number of reservations sold. All income in excess of the carrier's charter price plus reasonable expenses will be refunded pro-rated to the passengers.

A deposit of \$50 per person is required at the time of application. Upon receipt of your deposit for a reservation a membership qualification form will be sent to you. All seats will be assigned strictly on a first-received, first-served basis. Please include the number of reservations, also your name, address and telephone number.

Checks should be made payable to The Danish Brotherhood 1970 Denmark Tour. Mail reservations to Kenneth Janssen, Denmark Tour 1970, 1648 Douglas Ave., Racine, Wis. 53404.

In conjunction with the charter flight, a ground tour through Norway and Sweden is planned. If you are in-

terested, please let us know when you make your flight reservations.

By participating in this tour, you will have a wonderful opportunity to visit families and friends in Denmark. You will also be able to attend the Fourth of July celebration in Rebild and if you wish, partake in the Scandinavian ground tour.

If you wish any additional information, please do not hesitate to write or call (414) 634-4938, after 6 p. m.

KENNETH JANSSEN,  
Tour Chairman.

### 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: APRIL 1969 —

Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$254.73, less taxes \$21.40, net \$233.33. For attending semi-annual meeting of the Board of Officers: Transportation \$213.15, per diem \$150.00.

A. F. Tunsen: For attending semi-annual meeting of the Board of Officers: Transportation \$170.10, per diem \$175.00.

Fred Jensen: For attending semi-annual meeting of the Board of Officers: Per diem \$100.00.

Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$1,150.00, less taxes \$276.03, net \$873.97.

Edward Jonasen: For attending semi-annual meeting of the Board of Officers: Transportation \$135.35, per diem \$150.00. For attending 80th anniversary party of Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn., transportation \$58.63, per diem \$25.00.

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## MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

by ROBERT SORENSEN, 12906 Montrose,  
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### Muskegon, Lodge No. 30 —

Our social meeting, March 27, was a joint meeting with the Danish Sisterhood. Two films, "Adventure in Scandinavia," and "The Blue Danube," were shown and enjoyed by all those attending. Lunch was served by the Sisterhood and there were door prizes awarded.

Brother Bill Nielsen, who is unable to attend meetings, was presented his 50-year pin by Brothers Bob Bolhuis and L. G. Thompson. Bill was also given a fruit basket. Our congratulations and sincerest best wishes go to Bill. His anniversary date was February 17.

Lodge 30 is looking forward to their "Hook and Horn" weekend. This year it will be held June 27, 28 and 29. The "Hook and Horn" is a private lodge on the Pere Marquette River, south of Baldwin. It is a wonderful weekend to "get away and relax."

Our Lodge was saddened to learn of the passing of Andrew Nielsen March 26. Brother Nielsen was a former member of Lodge 30, but of late was a member in Ludington Lodge 51.

CARL HANSEN, Secretary.

### Ludington, Lodge No. 51 —

Lodge 51 held its monthly pinochle party in the Lodge rooms of the Danish Hall April 16. The committee for this event consisted of President and Mrs. William Smith and Albert Christoffersen. At the close of the games a potluck luncheon was served by the committee.

On the evening of April 24, we held a Promotional Night for prospective candidates for the Danish Brotherhood. We at Lodge 51 were honored with the presence of Brother Al Hedegaard, National Promotional Director, who traveled from Omaha to give us a helping hand in our endeavor. A smorgasbord luncheon was served to our members and prospective members and free refreshments were also served during the evening.

Brother Hedegaard was introduced by our toastmaster for the evening, Trustee Gilbert Larsen. Among those who signed petitions was the son-in-law of President William Smith. Brother Donald Wagner was the general chairman for the evening, assisted by the Lodge officers and also a big thank you to Mrs. Wagner for her work in sending out the invitations. We feel we had a real nice evening, but the results of our efforts are not fully known at this time, so we will let you know at a later date.

ALF LARSEN, Publicity.

### Detroit, Lodge No. 227 —

May 14, Lodge 227 had its monthly dinner with the Sisters of Sisterhood Lodge 125. The turnout again showed that our members are all in favor of this get-together before we settle down to business at our meetings, as 115 had dinner. Coffee and cake after the meetings were made enjoyable through the efforts of Brother Howard Hansen who arranged for a male chorus to sing for us. Thank you Howard.

The Lodge bowling season ended April 21, with the team of Brothers Paul Sorensen, Ingeberg Jorgensen, Olaf Erickson, Herluf Iversen and Don Andersen as the winners in the final game.

On the weekend of April 26-27, our Lodge sent six teams and the Sisterhood sent four teams to compete in the Midwest District bowling tournament held in Chicago this year. We are pleased to announce that the team of Brothers Carl Hansen, Eric Larsen, Harold Larsen, Ken Rehan and Al Pedersen brought the trophy back to Detroit where it will have a good home for the next year. Brother Ove Rostgaard also brought a trophy home, the award for the lowest game by a man in the tournament,

but he says at least I won something that no one else got. The ladies didn't fare too well with a fourth place finish by Helen Sorensen's the best they could do this year.

The dinners that we have before our first meeting are proving to be helpful in increasing attendance at our meetings of both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood as we had about 85 Brothers at our meeting and the Sisters had more than 60 at theirs on May 14.

The Club facilities will be closed from June 30 through July 16 to enable the help to have a much deserved vacation and in conjunction with this the Lodge has cancelled their regular meeting July 9.

The Lodge was saddened by the deaths of two Brothers during the past month, they were Harry Larsen or Lassen as he preferred to be called. Brother Harry was president of No. 227 in 1934. The other Brother was Thorvald Thomsen whose son-in-law is Chris Fabricius, the present president of No. 227.

June 15 is the day of our annual "Grundlovsfest" and this is also the 750th anniversary of Dannebrog, so a great celebration has been planned by the National Committee for everyone in attendance. The Danish Old People's Home will be the site of this year's celebration.

By the time this issue of the Brotherhood Magazine reaches you the Michigan-Ohio District convention which is being hosted by Lodge 227 this year, will have come and gone, but I will report on it in the next issue.

ROBERT SORENSEN.

## NEWS FROM IOWA UNITED LODGES

A. B. THODE, Correspondent

A board meeting was held at the home of Bud Grunberg, president of Iowa United Lodges, April 26. The order of business concerned the forthcoming convention to be held at Davenport, Iowa, over the Labor Day weekend. According to Jack Wood, the convention chairman, every effort should be made to come to Davenport for this convention, the meetings will be held in strictly Danish Brotherhood style. There will be lots of other interesting outside activities and places of interest to see while attending the convention.

The scholarship committee also met at this time, there was a lot of discussion on the scholarship fund and the distribution of the money. The fund is coming along quite well but could be improved. There are a lot of Lodges who have not been active as far as the scholarship fund is concerned and we feel that this is an important thing because education is something that has come to be a must for our young people who are facing the future.

We who attended the meeting at Council Bluffs, enjoyed a delicious meal served by the past president of the Iowa United Sisterhood, Mary Jean Grunberg. Thanks.

GEORGE B. OLSEN, Secretary,  
Iowa United Lodges.

## Letter to the Editor

TO ALL MEMBERS:

A suggestion to allow a cash surrender of all straight life insurance policies issued to Danish Brotherhood members should be considered after 65 or 70 years of age on a basis of 65 per cent of face at 65 years; 70 per cent at 70 years; 80 per cent at 80 years and so on.

This should be favorable to Omaha and I believe a good many older members would prefer to spend their own money while living rather than leaving it to their heirs. Let's have some discussion.

NIELS JEPSEN, Ex-Treasurer,  
Lodge 255, Selma, Calif.



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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Ryan Grut, 73, honorary consul in the southern California area for more than 35 years died in Soro, Denmark, May 1. Consul Grut was a good friend of the Danish Brotherhood, during his long reign in this area. He took part in the colony's social activities and was often a guest at DB doings.

Consul Grut was somewhat controversial and not afraid to speak his mind when he thought it necessary, but even those who disagreed with him said that he was a fair opponent. "Han kæmpede med aaben pande."

Consul Grut, who was educated in Denmark as an engineer became a successful building contractor in the Los Angeles area. He retired to his villa in Soro in 1961 where he resided until his death.

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The anniversary celebration of Silver State Lodge 339 was a tremendous success. We were very honored to have among our guests here in Las Vegas National President Kristen Jorgensen, National Vice President Al Tunsen and his lovely wife Ethel, and Pete Pederson and his lovely wife, our founder, as well as Jeannette Jensen, Sisterhood president of the California General Committee. To help celebrate came many of our Brothers and Sisters from Los Angeles, San Diego and Ripon, for which we were most thankful and happy.

A very delicious dinner was served by the Showboat Hotel, good music was supplied for dancing and a festive atmosphere was present at all times that evening.

A presentation was made by the local members who had attended the California General Committee convention in Oakland, consisting of Harold and Jutta Reed,



Left to right, standing: John Bielefeldt, Lillian Berntsen, Nils Karl-Eric Boas, Lene Boas, Lissie Bielefeldt, Leslie Reed and Jutta Reed. Seated: Tommy Bielefeldt, Alice Pinkerton, Harold Reed, Nelta Robinson, David Boas, Bergitte Bielefeldt, Kim Pedersen, and in front lying down, Glen Frank.

Lillian Berntsen, Lena Boas, Nelta Robinson and Alice Pinkerton. Jutta Reed has worked very hard in creating the dances, both with the adults and children. The costumes were created and made by each of the adult participants and the children's by their mothers. The children performed very well and were well received by all. This all originated upon our return from the California convention last year when it was stated that during the course of the convention, Al Tunsen had sent a note

to Harold Reed inviting him and his "harem" up to the room for a drink. The skit then was formulated as a fun thing for our anniversary and eventually became a reality.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made our anniversary celebration a success and hope that our years to come will be as good as our first year has been. In particular we wish to thank all our Brothers and Sisters who came from near and far to help us celebrate.

Silver State Lodge began one year ago with 19 members and has now increased to double in size with hopes of tripling by next year. The members of Silver State have enjoyed a most fruitful year as a lodge. We have met many new friends from other lodges as well as within our own lodge in acquiring new members throughout the year. We have enjoyed many good times together and hope to enjoy many more in the future.

ALICE PINKERTON.

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Sunday, April 13 was the date for a very enjoyable evening in the Selma Lodge Hall. The evening began with a ham and bean supper, including all the trimmings, served buffet style.

After due justice had been given the delicious supper, beautiful and interesting moving pictures were shown by Ray and Vivian Olsen of Modesto. The pictures were from several countries in Europe, including Denmark, of course. We think they were the most beautiful we have seen and Ray and Vivian have a pleasing talent in presenting them.

At the close of the picture program, Clifford Hansen, president of Selma Lodge, presented 50-year membership pins to a couple of faithful Brotherhood members, namely Walter C. Petersen and Hans M. Andersen. These two young fellows are friends of many years duration. They were born on farms, located about three-fourths of a mile apart. They went to and graduated from grammar school together, they attended and were confirmed together in the Danish Lutheran Church, they played baseball together in summer sandlot ball games, and even shared the same motorcycle in going to and from high school.

So, when the opportunity to join the Danish Brotherhood presented itself, it was fitting that they were initiated on the same evening. Just to show how the other members appreciated them they were barely initiated before they were appointed to serve a six-month term as waiters for lodge banquets. Since then they have attended Brotherhood national conventions together, as well as numerous lodge picnics, dances and Christmas tree parties. It's amazing how many joyous occasions there can occur during 50 years of membership.

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According to my count, we have 17 lodges in this area. That means we have 17 presidents and 17 secretaries. Since each member is interested in, and inspired by what goes on in other lodges, would it not be an idea if some of you presidents and/or secretaries dropped me a line or two about the happenings in your lodge?

It would make the job easier for me, and the column I'm certain, would be more readable, more diversified. If you, Mr. Presidents, don't feel that you care to write, why not appoint someone bitten by a writing bug to be your publicity chairman? The copy does not have to be

typewritten, correct spelling is not important either, and don't worry about form.

How about you Richard Suda? You have a flair for writing, being your lodge's secretary. And Peter Petersen (126) your lodge has the state convention this year. You must have some news about your lodge's plans for this event. Then there is Big Melvin Oredsen who has so much organizational talent and such a great gift of speaking.

The General Committee has about a dozen members and they are the cream of the Brotherhood membership in this area. So how about hearing from some of you? There is Past President Willie (Caruso) Christensen and President Alfred Westergaard; you ought to have something of value to tell us.

Not to forget my good friend Eric Roug, who will take over as president in August (we hope) and our pretty Secretary-Treasurer Charlotte Tunsen and Larry Olsen and Arnold Jensen and Fred Kergaard.

The better informed we, as lodge members are, the better we can interact, particularly at convention time.

We almost overlooked Santa Barbara Lodge 322's big newsheet, the "Grapevine." It is filled to the brim with interesting items of action and days and events to be remembered.

The lodge had a bang up potluck dinner and card party in April. This event started with something new in this part of the country, namely an "Attitude Adjustment Hour." Editor Ed Aasted does not tell how it is arranged, but it is some kind of a cocktail party, I would assume. Anyway it was very successful.

The lodge also sponsored a May party in collaboration with the Sisterhood Lodge. As a matter of fact, these two lodges work together on nearly all social events. The May party and dance was in Oak Park and there was a barbecue and all that goes with it. There was even a May pole to dance around. The lodges even sponsored a hike up the mountain trails. The party did not, as on other hikes, catch poison oak this time. But Ruth Rasmussen took a nasty tumble and the next day sported a beautiful shiner.

Retired industrialist Esper Pedersen (formerly of Chi-

cago) who was seriously ill for quite awhile, is now reported to be back to normal. The Brauners (Urmageren) were in an auto accident and Toots wound up in the hospital with a fractured knee cap.

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The wives of two Brotherhood members in Solvang were very lucky in some recent drawings for big prizes. Mrs. Peter Weber won a brand new automobile, and Mrs. Nis Christiansen won a two-week trip to Denmark with all expenses paid. So you see, it pays to be married to members of the Danish Brotherhood.

Hilda and Lars Svendsgaard, who came to Solvang just a year ago, just finished their new million dollar motel, containing 49 units. So now we will be able to take better care of future Brotherhood conventions here. The lodge is about the most modern and most luxurious in the country, from color TV to air conditioning and heated pool. Our own Ferdinand Sorensen was responsible for most of the decorating both outside and inside. Phillip Larsen, past president in 299 did all the earth moving, with his big tractors and several other Brotherhood members had a piece of the action.

#### CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Brother and Mrs. Boy Jessen of Lexington, Nebr., observed their golden wedding anniversary June 1. Brother Jessen has served as president of Lodge No. 262 in Cozad for many years and for the past six years as secretary-treasurer of the Nebraska General Committee of The Danish Brotherhood in America.

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## 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Mar 12—       | Laurits Sorensen      | 79  | Jelling, Denmark        | 17           | Chicago, Illinois         | 1911        |
| Mar 21—       | Clarence Lindhardt    | 50  | Hillyard, Washington    | 126          | Los Angeles, California   | 1938        |
| Apr 4—        | Knud S. Rasmussen     | 69  | Svendborg, Denmark      | 183          | Troy, New York            | 1923        |
| Apr 26—       | Edwin C. Petersen     | 75  | Muskegon, Michigan      | 30           | Muskegon, Michigan        | 1916        |
| Apr 29—       | Herman Miller         | 76  | Valley County, Nebraska | 213          | Ord, Nebraska             | 1923        |
| Apr 27—       | Ingvard Christensen   | 77  | Ribe, Denmark           | 49           | San Francisco, California | 1913        |
| Apr 9—        | Hans C. Christensen   | 94  | Skovhuse, Denmark       | 106          | Trufant, Michigan         | 1907        |
| Mar 12—       | John E. Jacobsen      | 88  | Bistrup, Denmark        | 42           | Spokane, Washington       | 1902        |
| Apr 6—        | Jens Eriksen          | 76  | Vrenslev, Denmark       | 10           | Council Bluffs, Iowa      | 1916        |
| Apr 21—       | Niels Morck           | 64  | Lokken, Denmark         | 327          | Harlan, Iowa              | 1940        |
| Apr 30—       | Karl D. Larsen        | 81  | Præsto, Denmark         | 170          | Rocky River, Ohio         | 1932        |
| May 9—        | Carl M. Nielsen       | 82  | Svendborg, Denmark      | 39           | Oakland, California       | 1917        |
| Apr 23—       | Nis Iversen           | 84  | Skodsbøl, Denmark       | 37           | Bridgeport, Connecticut   | 1903        |
| May 1—        | N. M. Nielsen         | 96  | Randers, Denmark        | 49           | San Francisco, California | 1903        |
| Apr 29—       | Ray Ervan Miller      | 68  | Chicago, Illinois       | 107          | Chicago, Illinois         | 1961        |
| May 6—        | Anton Larsen          | 77  | Brovst, Denmark         | 242          | Erie, Pennsylvania        | 1949        |
| Apr 20—       | William J. Purse      | 61  | Denver, Colorado        | 43           | Denver, Colorado          | 1964        |
| Apr 8—        | Alfred Viggo Andersen | 73  | Gyrstinge, Denmark      | 43           | Denver, Colorado          | 1965        |

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

Danes of the great Pacific Northwest join Danish Brotherhood President Kristen Jorgensen in accepting the resignation of Axel Skelbeck as Secretary-Treasurer with regret, however, herewith extend him and his good wife, our very best wishes on retirement. Likewise, we congratulate Brother Howard Christensen on his promotion and wish him "good luck."

We salute the Spokane Danes of DB 42 for hosting the 20th annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Lodges May 9-10-11 — quality rather than quantity seemed to be this year's representation. "A rewarding and successful conclave," were the words of retiring Secretary-Treasurer Sigrid Jensen. Distinguished guests included Third Trustee George Godthaab of Union, N. J., and Past Board Director Otto Nielsen of Seattle. Presiding over the three-day session was District President Thorvald Jensen and the attendance trophy was won by McMinnville DB 194. Elected and installed for the 1969-70 administration were President Hans Jensen, DB 167; Vice President Kristen Jorgensen, DB 29; Secretary-Treasurer Erik Gloet, DB 328; First Trustee Henning Lindberg, DB 33; Second Trustee Niels Nedergard, DB 113; Third Trustee Ib Rossen, DB 29; Conductor Lawrence Cook, DB 167; Inner Guard Emil Larsen, DB 42; Outer Guard Poul Christensen, DB 328; and Promotion Director Magnus Esrom, DB 167. An invitation by Sigurd Nielsen was accepted to stage the 1970 annual event in Portland.

Spokane's Brother Kris Wales was the speaker at a tri-state forest products management workshop at Community College.

Enumclaw's Kai Rasmussen is a grandfather for the first time with a "little" girl born into the family. Spokane delegates included the Henry Hergerts, the Niels Nedergards and the Elmer Boysens, Brother Boysen having just returned from a trip to Iowa the day before.

Seattle's Brother Mads Mauritsen's son Peter is back home from a tour of duty in Vietnam. If you have finally made up your mind to go to Denmark this sum-

mer, telephone Brother Paul Hansen at WE 5-3528 right away for the Brotherhood flight details. Brother Walter Christiansen has recovered from a confinement at Cabrini Hospital. According to Picnic Chairman Frank Larsen, the annual event is scheduled for August 24. "Thanks" to National President Kris Jorgensen, Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Chef Soren Frederiksen and Brothers Svend Nielsen and Frank Larsen, the DB 29 81st anniversary was a huge success. Brother John Langsted was "charge de affaires" for the Otto Nielsen golden wedding banquet. The Queen City Danes will host the 1970 Pacific Northwest bowling tournament ably chaired by Sam Frederiksen. Delegates to the Lilac City were President Ole Langsted and Secretary Clyde Langsted. Should you want to know the details surrounding the 750th anniversary of the Danish flag, see Brother Ted Kofoed.

## Colorado-Wyoming General Committee Meeting

The Colorado-Wyoming General Committee's officers held a luncheon meeting May 4, at the home of District President Svend Ronlov. Present were Past President Andrew Christensen, Brush, Colo.; President Svend Ronlov, Denver, Colo.; Vice President Walter Nelson, Fowler, Colo.; Secretary-Treasurer Svend A. Sonderup, Denver; Trustees Albert Hansen, Brush, and Kaj Moller, Denver; and Conductor Orla Dal, Denver. Absent was Trustee Martin Ferguson of Cheyenne, Wyo.

It was decided to hold the District convention August 22 and 23, in Denver, with Columbine Lodge 43, as host. The social evening Friday, August 22, and the business meeting, Saturday, August 23, will be held at the meeting hall at the VFW Building, 1545 So. Broadway, Denver. The banquet and dance Saturday evening, August 23, will be held at the Continental Denver Hotel. The final details in the program will be announced later.

We invite all Brothers and their wives from our two states to attend, we also extend the invitation to our Brothers and their wives from neighboring states, Nebraska, Utah and Idaho, to come to Denver for the occasion and we would like to see a few Brothers from other lodges in the country. The Denver Lodge will go all out to give you a good enjoyable convention time.

It was also decided that the District officers would send out a questionnaire to all the members in the Colorado-Wyoming District to get answers to a lot of questions concerning lodges, activities and promotion of the Brotherhood. The committee would like to have these questionnaires answered and have them back before the District convention.

The officers and their ladies thank Mrs. Helen Ronlov who served a very delicious luncheon in typical Danish style, it was very much appreciated by everyone.

Send in your reservation as soon as possible, we will be glad to make hotel and banquet reservations for you. Contact Secretary-Treasurer Svend A. Sonderup, 615 Ash Street, Denver, Colo. 80220. Phone (303) 388-2221.

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