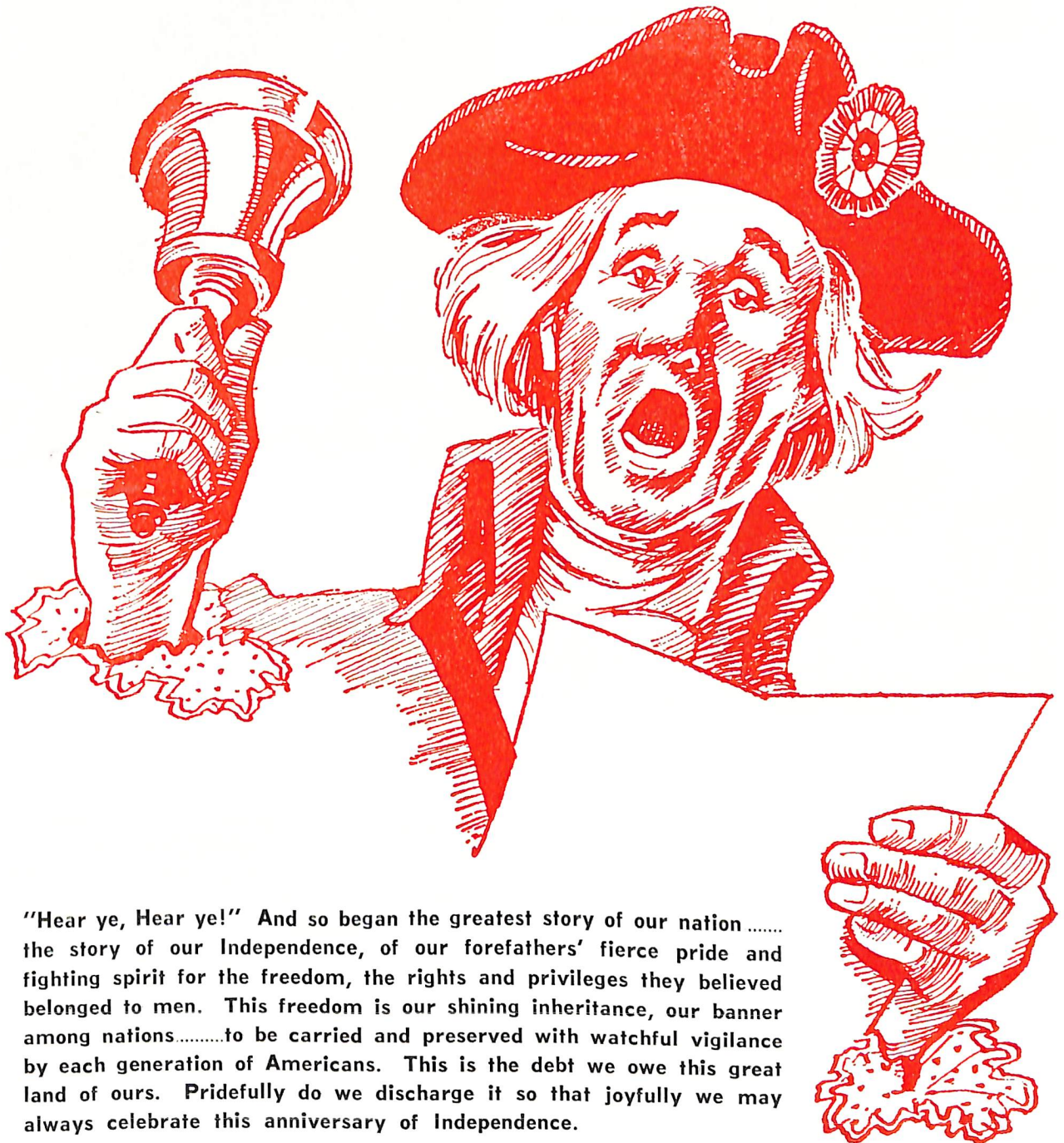


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## Addresses Membership Rally



Left to right: Al Hedegaard, Bill Smith, Gilbert Larsen

Alfred Hedegaard, promotional director of the Danish Brotherhood in America, left, is greeted by President William A. Smith, Lodge 51, Ludington, during a membership rally held April 24 in Danish Hall. Master of ceremonies Gilbert Larsen is pictured at the right.

Hedegaard addressed approximately 75 members and prospective members relative to *fraternalism* in membership within the lodge. Hedegaard is from Omaha, Nebr.

#### ECONOMIST PREDICTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR PROFESSIONS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

While more and more unskilled job occupations disappear each year, University of Michigan Economist William Haber sees a "vast expansion of jobs which have nothing to do with making things but are related to making life more tolerable for everyone." These jobs are in the professions and the professional aides, in interior design, in beautification, in the arts, in research, in teaching and preaching, in public service.

## Bakkedal News



As a matter of information the Youth Summer Program is now in progress and all the young boys and girls attending the first session seem to be enjoying themselves. Recently the Little Mermaid copy was completed and ready to be placed in its proper prospective at Bakkedal representing a page out of Danish history.

The above picture made of the completed mermaid, sculptured by Bobby Olsen from Modesto, Calif. Bobby, 23, is a member of Valley Lodge No. 332, and studying the art of sculpturing at Modesto Junior College.

During his studies, he saw fit to complete a clay form setting forth a proper mold and then pouring the mold with concrete causing the formation of the Little Mermaid.

Bobby has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood since early childhood and attends all the Brotherhood functions as an interested member. His devotion to cause the construction of the Little Mermaid for presentation to Bakkedal was most graciously accepted.

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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

The annual meeting of the Northwest Danish Home will be held July 12, at Washington Hall in Seattle. Coffee will be served at 2:30 p. m., and the business session will start promptly at 3 p. m. Prepared by the Seattle Circle Ladies, dinner will be at 7 p. m., for \$3 per person, followed by a card party. Reservations should be made by calling Brother Paul Hansen at WE 5-3528. Of course you are all invited to attend the Sunday picnic the following day at the Home. A fine musical program has been arranged for the 45th anniversary celebration. "Come out and see for yourself the progress of your new Danish Home now well under construction," so says Brother Anton Jessen, chairman of the publicity and donations committee and master of ceremonies for the day.

Probably the "social hour of the year" was the reception and cocktail party given by our Royal Danish Consul Paul O. Nielsen for the commissioners and chief executives of the Port of Copenhagen under the leadership of Count Carl Moltke. Trader Vic's lounge in the Washington Plaza Hotel on June 19 was buzzing with friendship, trade talk and the Danish language. They were a nice delegation and while I met most of them, I had only lengthy conversations with "København Overpræsident" Moltke, "Chief Port Engineer" Johan G. Rode and "Architecte and First Vice President du Conseil Municipal" Flemming Grut. Naturally, it was also nice to see National President Kristen Jorgensen, Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Past District President Sam Frederiksen, Seattle DB President Ole Langsted, Danish Home President Edmund S. Olsen and Brothers Mads Mauritsen, John Polson, Martin Rasmussen and Svend Nielsen. The Lt. Gov. of the state of Washington, Hon. John and Mrs. Cherberg were present as were a number of Seattle port commissioners and other leading civic figures, most of whom I had had the pleasure of meeting before in other circles.

Seattle DB 29 has announced their annual fishing derby to take place August 17 at Westport ("Captain" Jim Langsted in charge) and their yearly family picnic on August 24 at Vasa Park on Lake Sammamish ("Chef" Frank Larsen in command); Bon voyage to everyone going to Denmark this year, which includes Brothers Svend Nielsen and Mads Mauritsen; Enumclaw members joined the Seattlites in paying tribute to the visit of Supreme Sisterhood President Ellen Madison May 14; recent jackpot winners have included Brothers Fred Hewes, Ted Kofoed, Clyde Langsted and Otto Nielsen; on July 27, Queen City Danes will participate in the Scandinavian Music Festival at Volunteer Park; if you call Sister Wilhemina Parker at WE 2-3997 right away, you may still make the last Brotherhood Flight to Denmark, leaving August 14; and Danish Princess selection judges were Brothers John Langsted, Fred Hewes and Clyde Langsted.

Vancouver B. C.'s DB 328 thanks all those Danish-Canadians and Danish-Americans who helped make another success "Grundlovsfesten" on June 8 at beautiful Peach Arch Park on the border; Brother Poul B. Christensen, whom most Pacific Northwest conventionaires have met, is the chairman of the board of directors of the Danish Central Committee for Greater Vancouver; Brothers Arne Johansen and Erik Sorell finished the 25-mile walkathon last month; and on May 17-19, Vancouver Danes enjoyed a fish and camping trip to Pinantan Lake near Kamloops.

Portland DB 167 celebrated their anniversary with a roast beef dinner preceded by a "Past District President Peter Pihl Special Cocktail" and followed by dancing until midnight with another Past District President, Ed Hirsch, as M. C.; Brother Hans Madsen is on the sick list; and Treasurer Emil Svendsen passed away in April.

McMinnville's DB 194 Past President Holger Nielsen, who now lives in Eugene, was presented his 50-year membership pin by Past District President Peter Rasmussen on May 24; and Brother Nielsen now joins three other so-honored members, Brothers Henry Christensen, Jens Jensen and Soren Petersen.

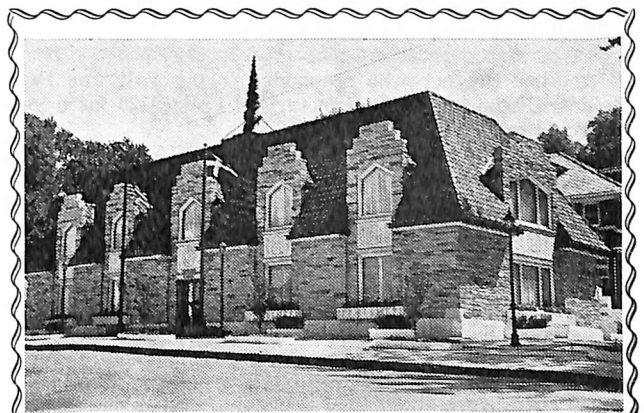
Tacoma DB 33's Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen is moving his "stationery store" across the street from 1105 to 1124 Broadway; and the membership met at Fred's home May 28, after which he served refreshments.

## Danish Foreign Trade

Foreign trade has always been a crucial factor in Danish economic life, underlined by Denmark's geographical location. Denmark's importance as a trading partner has therefore grown out of all proportion with the geographical size.

Today, Danish exports account for almost one-quarter of the gross national products, and more than a quarter of total consumption (in the widest sense of the word) has to be imported.

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

We had an immediate response to our appeal for written support for this column of last issue, and it came on a neatly typed page from none other than the former "big boss" of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Hans M. Andersen of Selma.

Brother Hans said that he would gladly contribute to the welfare of this column not only with news items from his Selma Lodge 255, but also from time to time with some constructive thoughts on our Danish Brotherhood. Brother Andersen is well known for his "gift of gab." We are happy to discover (what most people knew all the time) that he handles the pen, or the typewriter, equally well. At any rate Hans is never dull. Anyway here is a news item from the Selma area:

People wonder if there is life on the moon and those who do will probably find out about that some time in July. Some people, at least members of the Brotherhood, have also been wondering if there was any life in the Selma Lodge. Well, here is great news for you. There is life here in Selma and plenty of it.

For instance, May 25 the Selma Lodge members and friends enjoyed a happy picnic in Burris Park, Kings County, the weather was ideal for the picnic and so were the spacious grounds. Burris Park has plenty of shade and large playgrounds with many benches, tables and whatever else it takes to make an outdoor event perfect.

Best of all perhaps, the Selma Lodge has three great chefs, who have proven their abilities over the years with perfect performance. You simply can't beat guys like Willy Kroos, William B. Petersen and Niels Jepsen when it comes to cooking beef over an open fire. The barbecued steaks were thick and juicy, prepared to suit all tastes, from "cremated to rare-rare."

We are already looking forward to our next picnic; too bad that our Lodge only has it annually. Anyway, "Tak for sidst" and now that you have discovered that there is life in the Selma Lodge, you may look for it to be discovered on the moon also — but it will probably be without barbecued steaks ala Selma.

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Another Brother who responded to our call was Peter Petersen, who has been secretary of Lodge 126 for a good many years. Peter writes:

Lodge 126 held its semi-annual meeting June 12, and elected the following members as delegates to the 1969 convention: Paul D. Andersen, Kurt Moller, Chas. M. Petersen, Otto Lund, Alfred Munck, Owen Miller and Peter Pedersen. Alternates are: Carl Hansen and Lars Westerskov.

It was also decided to continue with the meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays only. The other two Thursdays will be used for various social affairs. We also decided to become affiliated with the Continental Club. That affiliation gives our members an opportunity to take part in some 35-40 flights a year from Los Angeles to either Hamburg or Frankfurt, Germany, at a very favorable cost. However, as we must be members of the Continental Club for six months before we can go on any flights outside the country, it will be 1970 before we can make any use of travel bargains.

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Else Poulsen from Anker Lodge writes:

There is not much to report but many of our members made the trip to Bakkedal Sunday, June 1. Some even drove up the night before and camped.

Mrs. Agnes Nielsen was formally presented with an

award for submitting the name Bakkedal. A photographer was present and pictures will be sent to newspapers.

The weather was warm but there was a cooling breeze and the picnic lunches were enjoyed in the shade of the old oak trees.

Ingeborg and Niels Nielsen are again honored by having visitors from Denmark. This time, Ingeborg's sister from Soborg and her daughter, paid them a three weeks visit.

At the Anker Lodge meeting, Niels Nielsen announced that he had made two flag poles which he has donated to Bakkedal, in memory of Anker (ABC) Christensen. That prompted me to donate a Danish flag which I intend to bring with me from my Denmark trip this summer. Anna and Lawrence Olsen promised to donate an American flag for the other flag pole. These flags will tell the world that Bakkedal is a Danish-American venture.

You may not hear from me next month because I will be vacationing in Denmark until July 16 — but I will be thinking of you.

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Niels Lorentzen, secretary of Gimle Lodge in Fern-dale writes: The Danish Brotherhood Lodge bowling team here was proclaimed "League Champions of the Empire Redwood Bowling League." The team received a large trophy which has been presented to the Lodge. Members of the team are Donald Sandborn, Dean Petersen, Glen Martella, Aron Matyschock, Kenneth Sanborn, Sr., Kenneth Sanborn, Jr., and Leonard Lentz. The team was champion for the 68-69 season as sanctioned under ABC rules.

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Al Westergaard, capable secretary of Golden Gate Lodge 49 in San Francisco, pens this: After meeting in old memory-laden Druids Temple for more than 35 years our Lodge has decided to move to the Swedish American Hall, 2174 Market St., San Francisco. Meeting nights will remain the same, that is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m.

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Again this month a bountiful Santa Barbara Grapevine. Its three, legal size, single space pages contains as much news as is in this column — about all the Lodges in California. And this Lodge does not even belong to the California General Committee. Wonder how they do it? The writing, that is.

The Lodge sponsored a card party June 20 and friends of the Lodge were also invited. Special tables of 500 were arranged for newcomers or learners. Editor Ed Aasted taught the beginners all that he knew about cards — no not all, but some.

At the Lodge's meeting July 18, a large turnout is expected because there are several candidates for membership who will be initiated on that evening.

Svend Olsen, a member of the Lodge for many years, died recently. Brother Olsen held a supervisory position at Ford in Detroit for many years before coming to Santa Barbara where he became a big personality within the real estate business.

Emil and Hulfred Jensen are off by English boat for Denmark via the Panama Canal.

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Paul Dalby Andersen of Lodge 126, sends us a "flyer" which contains all the necessary information about the General Committee convention in Los Angeles August 28-29-30. We assume that this flyer will be mailed to

all members of the Lodges in California, so it is unnecessary to quote the news and information here.

However, it looks like this convention will be the most "lush" meeting ever held on the Pacific Coast by the Brotherhood. It is held in the fabulous Airport-Marina Hotel where each room is air conditioned, sound-proofed and has its own bar and icebox.

"Airport Marina, your 1969 Sisterhood-Brotherhood convention center is," according to Paul Andersen, "truly the symbol of prestige and elegance in the Southland."

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Solvang activities? Oh, yes, we have had some — a dance, a barbecue, the regular meeting; some dime-limit poker, some pinochle. And now we are fighting to elect Brother Johannes Jaeger's pretty daughter as Fourth of July Queen. We will have a big parade and our Lodge will have a representative float on which Glenda Jaeger will ride amid flowers and flags of both Denmark and the U.S.A.

The campaign to elect Glenda queen is supported by Dania and the Sisterhood, so Miss Jaeger just might make it. We are gathering dollars and each dollar is a vote. It's like politics — you buy your way in. Only the dollars we collect go to good causes, such as youth work. We are interested in educating our youth as well as keeping them off the streets during vacations and late hours. By doing this we make our Santa Ynez Valley a better place in which to work and live.

In correspondence with Brother Valdemar Frankel, we discussed speed of writing a column like this. Brother Frankel, who writes a column for the Danish Pioneer, can do 60 lines per hour. I seldom do more than 40 lines per hour, which is two typewritten pages, double spaced. In other words, Frankel can do this column in about two hours, whereas it takes me at least three hours. That amounts to 40 hours at this typewriter each year — roughly a week's work. That is my contribution to an organization which is dear to me — The Danish Brotherhood in America.

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A member of the Solvang Lodge who has money to invest, made a trip to Bakkedal recently. His report at the lodge's May meeting consisted of muffled enthusiasm.

The member, who chooses not to be identified at this time, thought that the promoters were guilty of over-enthusiasm and wishful thinking. "From articles in newspapers and also in the Brotherhood Magazine, I was led to believe that Bakkedal was the perfect subdivision," the member said. "And it may very well be. Only I cannot see it. Anyway for the next decade or so."

I believe that real estate investments are about the best investment a man can make. There is only so much of it on this earth and there will never be any more. Every day there are new customers by the hundred thousand. All want a bit of God's green acres, a spot of dirt they can call their own — home. The more the demand, the better the prices and the better the investment. But it depends on where the land is located. As a matter of fact in real estate school we are told that there are only three things which are important in real estate and they are location, Location and LOCATION. The closer a development is to the big population centers, the more chance there is for its success.

Solvang was far from the big population centers when it was founded nearly 60 years ago, and it is still far from them. Its development during the first 40 years was indeed slow. But then Saturday Evening Post discovered our Danish Days, gave us a four-page writeup. The Americans discovered that those Danes in Solvang had a colorful and interesting culture, so Solvang gradually became a tourist center. There are, however, still many

Danes here who object to the tourists and would just as soon be left alone.

After 57 years our population is only about 1800. One reason Solvang has remained small is that it is located far from the nearest railroad. We don't even today have a bus line. You cannot buy a ticket to our town. To Buellton, yes, but you must either walk or hitchhike the other three miles to Solvang.

It took Solvang about 40 years before it got natural gas and about the same time before a dependable water supply became available. Sewer, another necessity came still later.

Solvang and the Santa Ynez Valley has much natural beauty. We are close to marvelous fishing in big Lake Cachuma, where there also is a big recreation area. We are close to the ocean and some of the finest bathing beaches in the world. We have, perhaps, the most ideal climate and still after 57 years of success, with hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of free publicity in newspapers, magazines and on television, with near world fame — we still have only 1800 inhabitants.

It took us 40 years to get a decent medical clinic, and 50 years to get a small hospital started. The hospital took concentrated effort of everyone in the community to create. Volunteer work was necessary to build it, and volunteer work is still necessary to keep it going.

The men who are sponsoring Bakkedal may be bigger idealists than those who founded Solvang, and Bakkedal may have potentials that Solvang never had. Still, I think it will take the concentrated effort not only of Brotherhood members but of many other unselfish people. The recreational center must be of value not only to Brotherhood members, but to all Danish-Americans, to all Californians, in fact to all Americans if it is to succeed.

I was for Bakkedal at the start. I'm still for it. I am not a dreamer like the anonymous person who wrote "Bakkedal — A Glimpse Into the Future" in the April issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine. It was interesting reading, but it was a pipe dream.

Vacation time is coming up for the Perssons, and then we will take in Bakkedal. Who knows, we might become convinced about Bakkedal's potentials.

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## Notes From Florida

This is another letter with more or less personal information, but I trust at least a few of you will be interested about some old friends.

I left Winter Park recently for a most important and busy trip north. I was a guest at the home of friends in Providence, R. I., and attended the golden wedding celebration for two couples of long acquaintance, Herbert and Anne Lincoln and Fred and Cora Mortensen. The Brothers and Sisters had arranged a lovely affair for them. After a short meeting of No. 102 the Sisters had decorated the tables and furnished a delightful lunch and of course a glass of wine. Many gifts, two money trees, several speeches and singing made for a nice program. Friends wish both couples many happy years together.

The following day five of us made the trip to Hartford, Conn., to help the Lodge there celebrate its 52nd anniversary. How well I remember the first meeting I attended there 50 years ago. Twenty members were initiated that evening and I had the honor of being one of the conductors. As usual at Hartford the evening was great.

May 23 I took part in the celebration of the 63rd anniversary in Erie, Pa., a Lodge I have a great deal of respect

for and have had many good times there with the Brothers and Sisters.

I then returned to Wellesley Hills, Mass., for the most important affair of my trip, the wedding of my grandson, Wayne R. Petersen, on June 8.

I want to say that living in Florida with 200 miles to the nearest Danish Brotherhood Lodge is not really easy to get used to. I do appreciate the calls and visits I have from many old friends like my very good friends from Tyler, Texas, and a visit with Brother and Mrs. Axel Skelbeck of Omaha. It means very much to me — please come again.

On my way back to Florida I stopped in Hampton, Va., to pick up four friends from Denmark who came to help Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bryder, formerly of Chicago, celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. About 150 guests attended the open house and 62 were at the dinner.

I could keep on, but I think you have had enough. Again I wish to thank all friends for their hospitality and extend good wishes to the couples who observed anniversaries.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

APRIL 1 — The day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other 364 — by Mark Twain.

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Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
4	Racine	Clarence Olsen	Gordon Greene
4	Racine	Ralph Ryan, Sr.	Chas. Alexander
4	Racine	Harry Mickelsen	Gordon Sorenson
4	Racine	Fred Bislew	Gordon Sorenson
14	Kenosha	Vernon Pedersen	Robert Ibsen
15	Des Moines	Thomas Weinman	F. Christiansen
15	Des Moines	Robert Brown	Alex Hansen
49	San Francisco	Soren Braad	Rudolph Olsen
51	Ludington	Roger Andersen	Andrew Andersen
51	Ludington	William Huber	Donald Wagner
51	Ludington	Robert Huber	Donald Wagner
51	Ludington	Roy Chapman	Donald Wagner
51	Ludington	Claude Shanks	William Smith
51	Ludington	Herbert Tacktor	William Smith
51	Ludington	Wilbur Leonard	Earl Jensen
51	Ludington	Marlin Fouts	Earl Jensen
51	Ludington	Robert A. Jensen	Earl Jensen
51	Ludington	James Shaffer	Earl Jensen
51	Ludington	Dennis Hansen	James Hansen
51	Ludington	Douglas Hansen	Kenneth Johnson
51	Ludington	Frank Budreau	Alfred Sequin
113	Enumclaw	Wendell Oliver	Jack Oakley
116	Newark	Ove Hansen	Knud Scholer
126	Los Angeles	Leif Hakonsson	Harold Mathiasen
126	Los Angeles	Rufus Dugan	Kurt Moller
167	Portland	William Thompson	Hans P. Jensen
167	Portland	Ronald Jacobsen	Harold Jacobsen
167	Portland	Erik Jaeger	Pete Pihl
190	Schenectady	Helmar Schmidt	Harold B. Hansen
211	Grand Island	Marvelle Laursen	Ervie Laursen
211	Grand Island	Alice Laursen	Ervie Laursen
227	Detroit	Gregory Behling	Gilbert Behling
227	Detroit	Edwin McNamara	Otto Schotz
227	Detroit	Arthur Sorensen	Svend Jensen
227	Detroit	George Alcsar	Jorgen Mau
230	Arcata	Edith Jensen	Viggo Poulsen
230	Arcata	Dale Ingvarlsen	Viggo Poulsen
323	Alhambra	Eva Wurte	Hans J. Nielsen
325	Nassau Co.	John Pollock	Anna Kargaard
326	Wt. Branch	Mary Thomsen	Thorvald Thomsen
600	Home Office	Britta Hahn	Svend Sonderup
600	Home Office	Gerda Fønnesback	Alfred Larsen
600	Home Office	Margaret D. Larsen	Al Hedegaard
700	Home Office	Bente Mitchell	Jim Larsen

### JUVENILE MEMBERS

116	Newark	Erik S. Knappman	Viggo Nielsen
143	Petaluma	Joyce L. Miller	Jim Larsen
143	Petaluma	Fred Al. Stelling, Jr.	Jim Larsen
143	Petaluma	John R. Stelling	Jim Larsen
144	Dike	Mark E. Andersen	Gary Andersen
190	Schenectady	Kevin A. Barry	Anders Bernstorff
700	Home Office	Allen T. Gade	Al Hedegaard
700	Home Office	Robert L. Hansen	Al Hedegaard
700	Home Office	Betty K. Hansen	Al Hedegaard

## Honor Roll

### LOGGES

Lodge	Location	No. of New Members
4	Racine, Wisconsin	5
29	Seattle, Washington	5
15	Des Moines, Iowa	5
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	10
51	Ludington, Michigan	14
126	Los Angeles, California	21
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	9
227	Detroit, Michigan	18
323	Alhambra, California	12
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
1	Omaha, Nebr.	Al Hedegaard	5
51	Ludington, Mich.	Earl Jensen	4
51	Ludington, Mich.	Donald Wagner	3
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Hans Brodersen	3
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Carl Christensen	5
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Kurt Moller	5
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Eric Roug	9
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mogens Hempel	10
227	Detroit, Mich.	Johan Emanuelsen	5
227	Detroit, Mich.	Jorgen Mau	5
227	Detroit, Mich.	Otto Pedersen	3
323	Alhambra, Calif.	Hans Nielsen	6
332	Ripon, Calif.	Jack Belmont	10
337	Fremont, Calif.	Sigfred Olsen	3

### TOP LODGES

#### GROUP I —

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Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Michigan  
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For the youth it might be dances, language classes (Danish), history, festivals, tours, essay contests, or little league.

For teenagers, public speaking, hobbies, training in certain vocations, money management classes, social work or a scholarship program.

Community affairs and civic activities are a part of the plans.

The committee will undoubtedly decorate the hall, which can be very simple but striking and not necessarily expensive.

They will advertise their functions and meetings and may even have them set forth in a program book for a year in advance.

A variety of activity will create new interest. What can be gained by waiting?

It is not too late now to get that committee working and then support it, so the Danish Brotherhood will be the organization in your community to get the favorable recognition. It is likely there would be people who would seek membership when it is shown you have been behind your committee in good support and created activity.

Why wait?

## You and Your Lodge

An informal discussion recently by some society members of the National Fraternal Congress brought to light some information that needs to be revitalized.

You and your lodge are no doubt aware of some of the attributes of a good lodge meeting, but sometimes you forego these for a supposedly easier way out, which usually results in a lesser meeting than is desirable.

One point stressed, and this has been emphasized by your own promotional department, is to have programs in which the members can participate. This can be dances, card parties, bingo, picnics, or any number of other types of programs. Many people today are not too impressed by being merely a spectator, but really desire to become a part of the activity.

Even teen-agers can become involved if given an opportunity to participate in public speaking programs,

essay contests, hobby classes or civic or social work. And the junior members can get out the parents and grandparents to meetings if they, the juniors, are participants in dances, festivals, tours, little league games, demonstrations of knowledge learned about the Danish language, etc.

Family programs are essential to your lodge and, if you feel capable of offering any type of service to the lodge, volunteer those services.

Selection of officers and committee members should be restricted, if possible, to those who have some time to devote to the lodge. This is essential.

Variety in programming and enthusiastic presentation of it go hand-in-hand for effective lodge functioning. Good advertising of the event to be held and determination of a schedule of programs a year in advance do much to create a desire for attendance. One way of accomplishing this is by means of a program book prepared and distributed to the membership.

Membership involvement in community and civic affairs, with the resultant newspaper publicity, can do much to advertise your lodge in the area in which it is located.

It is not too late to do something about getting started with these ideas right now. Most of you know they are essential, and some are doing a good job of using them. This is evidenced by your reports of lodge activity in the Magazine.

Remember, it is not **the** lodge, or **their** lodge, but it is **your** lodge. Will you participate?

A. H.

## A Lasting Gift

One of our members recently gave his grandchild an insurance certificate in the Danish Brotherhood as a baptismal gift. This is certainly one occasion where this would be appreciated by the parents of the child. In the years far into the future it will be thought of as a wonderful idea and the grandparents will be remembered. Sometimes parents or grandparents spend more money on the children or grandchildren than a certificate would involve and it is for items that disappear in a short while.

A Danish Brotherhood certificate would grow in value each year and would represent a method of savings rather than an expense.

There doesn't have to be a special occasion to start a plan on a junior member, but at such times as baptism, graduation, birthdays, confirmation, a good gift would be such a plan.

A young man could show his concern for his bride-to-be by starting an insured savings plan in the Danish Brotherhood, and the bride would be glad to inform her new husband she had started an insurance plan some time in the past when the rates were lower. There have been occasions when the dividend money on certificates in force since childhood have provided a good source of money for a honeymoon.

There are probably many more reasons you can think of for starting a lasting gift. Right now would be a good time to get an application sent in.

## DATE SET FOR MINNESOTA STATE CONVENTION

Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, announces that the United Lodges of Minnesota state convention will be held on Saturday, August 9, at the Sons of Norway Hall, 1455 West Lake Street in Minneapolis. It will be a one-day meeting, concluding with a banquet and dance.

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Now this of course is not to discredit these protections because they are important. But the puzzling thing is many of the same people will be reluctant to insure against a **certainty** through life insurance. This certainty is that death is inevitable. Statistics show even though death is certain this is not the type of claim on which life insurance most often pays. The claims for retirement benefits, college funds, emergency money, opportune purchases and dividends are the claims which pay out about \$3.00 for every \$2.00 paid in death benefits. The chances are a claim will be made by the insured for money, but if not; then certainly by his family.

Why then is it so difficult for some people to insure themselves when there is no question that a claim will ultimately be made? Isn't it a good feeling to know

you are probably paying yourself through a life insurance contract.

Why not obligate yourself right now to pay yourself a portion of your paycheck? This of course, in The Danish Brotherhood in America.

A. H.

## You Gotta Buy Insurance!

There has been comment made to the effect that lodge membership can be sold but when it comes time to tell the prospective member insurance is required at his age, a barrier is thrown up and the sale is lost.

If you will determine his age while talking to him or when he asks the cost of belonging, then check the monthly rate for \$500 or \$1,000 of insurance and add this to your local lodge dues. You can then tell him this figure is for all the benefits you have told him about and it **includes** the insurance.

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A. H.

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## MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

by ROBERT SORENSEN, 12906 Montrose Avenue,  
Detroit, Michigan 48227

### DETROIT LODGE NO. 227 —

On June 7 and 8, Lodge 227 hosted the 1969 Michigan-Ohio District convention which turned out to be quite successful, but not nearly as successful as it could be in future years if some of the lodges in this district would participate in an effort to keep the Danish Brotherhood the type of fraternal organization it is instead of letting a few Brothers carry the load and the rest just go along for the ride and whatever benefits that may come their way. This may sound like sour grapes to a good many of you Brothers, but if you stop and take a look at your own lodge you more than likely will find what I am writing is not too far from the truth.

At the above mentioned convention the following Brothers were elected to office for the year 1969-70: Carl Soneral, Ludington, President; Carl Hansen, Muskegon, Vice President; Manus Norton, Trufant, Treasurer; and Lawrence Ritter, Greenville, Secretary.

On the evening of June 7, after the business part of the convention was concluded, there was a dinner-dance held at the club facilities, with about 150 Brothers, Sisters and friends in attendance and I am sure everyone present had a good time. A special word of thanks to Brother Axel Lohmann who was chairman of the committee and also to the committee members for a job well done.

On June 15, the annual "Grundlovsfest" was held at the Old People's Home near Rochester, Mich., and despite rain which fell all morning before stopping and letting us have our celebration, the turnout was very good. I guess it takes more than a little bad weather to keep a Dane from enjoying himself when he has made plans to do so. Among the festivities was a salute to Dannebrog on its 750th anniversary. The Soldier's Society presented the Colors after which the Arpi Swedish Male Chorus sang both the American and the Danish national anthems and then Danish Consul Brother Marshall Fredricks spoke a few words of greeting. By the end of the day the members of the national committee had once again been responsible for a fine and well organized celebration. Thanks to each and everyone of you who worked so hard to make this a memorable day for all.

On June 11, two new Brothers were initiated into our order, they are Edwin McNamara and Arthur Sorensen. Welcome Brothers.

Our next big function is scheduled for September 20. This is to be a joint anniversary party with Sisterhood Lodge No. 125. More information will be forthcoming on this party at our lodge meetings.

That's all for now and I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy summer, especially those who are away and do not have an opportunity to read the Brotherhood Magazine during vacation time.

ROBERT SORENSEN.

### LUDINGTON LODGE NO. 51 —

May 21, our lodge held its monthly pinochle party in the lodge room of the Danish Hall. The committee for the evening consisted of President and Mrs. William Smith and Albert Christoffersen. Following the games, a potluck luncheon was served by the committee.

May 22 we held our regular monthly meeting at the Danish Hall, conducted by President William Smith. At this time plans were formulated for a special meeting to be held May 29, for the purpose of initiating a class of candidates into the Danish Brotherhood. We also welcomed into full membership Noel K. Howe, who had graduated from juvenile membership. At the close of

the meeting lunch was served by Donald Wagner and Al Sequin, provided by Claude Shanks. Arthur Sorensen's name was called for the jackpot but he was absent.

May 23 we held a dance in the ball room of the Danish Hall. The committee for the evening was Lars Christoffersen, Albert Christoffersen, Laurits Hansen, Brother and Mrs. Carl Soneral, Brother and Mrs. Donald Wagner, Brother and Mrs. Arthur Hansen and Brother and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson and Brother and Mrs. Alfred Larsen. At midnight a potluck luncheon was served and two door prizes were awarded.

May 29 was a special meeting for the purpose of initiating the following: William Huber, Robert Huber, Wilbur Leonard, Roy Chapman, James Shaffer, Claude Shanks, Dennis Hansen, Roger Andersen, Herbert Tacktor, Jr., Robert Jensen, Marlin Fouts and Douglas Hansen. This class was initiated into our lodge by Acting President Howard Bentz in the absence of President Smith. Brother Bentz showed us that he had not forgotten anything since he last initiated a class when he was president. Following the ceremony, each of the new members responded with a short talk. To conclude the evening a smorgasbord luncheon was served by Trustee Donald Wagner and Brother Lars Christoffersen. George McCallum's name was drawn for the jackpot, but he was absent.

June 7 and 8, our lodge was represented at the Michigan-Ohio District convention held in Detroit by delegates Carl Soneral, Donald Wagner, Lars Christoffersen and George McCallum. Further news of the convention will probably be forthcoming from the convention secretary, but we are happy to have Brother Soneral elected as president for 1970 of the Michigan-Ohio District and pleased that Ludington has been selected as the location of the 1970 convention.

Get well wishes go to Brother Julius Peterson who is confined to Mason County Memorial Hospital.

Congratulations go to our Lodge's bowling team, composed of Roger Hansen, Chester Shappee and the three Christensen brothers, Arni, Gunner and Ray, for the fine showing in the national bowling tournament in which they placed seventh.

ALF LARSEN, Publicity.

### 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.

MAY 1969 —

Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$254.73, less taxes \$21.40, net \$233.33. For attending Lodge No. 339's first anniversary on May 3, 1969: Transportation \$156.45, per diem \$50.00.

Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$1,150.00, less taxes \$276.03, net \$873.97. For attending 75th anniversary of Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minn.: Transportation \$49.28, per diem \$50.00.

Fred Jensen: For attending 75th anniversary of Lodge No. 78, Salt Lake City, Utah: Transportation \$114.24, per diem \$50.00.

George Godthaab: For attending Pacific Northwest convention at Spokane, Wash.: Transportation \$348.60, per diem \$125.00, refund of expense for taxi \$8.30.

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** At our last meeting President Erling Braumann and Secretary Carl Sorensen were elected delegate and alternate, respectively to the GCEL convention. Directly after the meeting, 40 Brothers and Sisters attended a double golden wedding anniversary party in our hall. The honored guests were Brother and Mrs. Fred Mortensen and Brother and Mrs. Herbert Lincoln. A money tree was presented to each couple, compliments of the Lodges and we all wished them many more years of married bliss.

Congratulations to DSS Lodge No. 158, for a successful convention. Glad to report that Brother Gilbert Mortensen is home from the hospital and on the road to recovery.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Brother C. Raymond Noll on June 10, after a long and extended illness. He was a member since 1923. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

President Agnes Aust of the Sisterhood invited all members and their families to a box lunch picnic at her summer home off Beach Pond Road, Charlestown, R. I., on Sunday, July 20 — rain date, July 27.

CARL SORENSEN, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** A number of Brothers are on the sick list, we wish them all a speedy recovery. Brother Louis Larsen is bedridden and a patient in the Veteran's Hospital, East Orange, N. J. Brother Ole Larsen is recuperating at home. Brother Albert Jespersen is well on the mend. Brother Hans Smidt is recuperating at home. Brother Viggo Nielsen started back at work June 2. Brother George Christensen is in St. Barnabas Hospital, Livingston, undergoing tests. Brother Carl W. Nielsen, a resident in the Home, is in J.F.K. Hospital. Brother Knud Fobian will be confined to his home for about eight weeks due to an injury to his leg.

We regret the loss of Brother Anton Godthaab, father of George Godthaab, Trustee of the Board. Brother Anton, who passed away June 7, was a past president of the lodge and always very active within the lodge, as well as in the Danish Home for the Aged, where he served on the Christmas seal committee for many years. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Brother Louis Andersen, a member since 1902, and who just passed his 91st birthday, passed away May 9. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow and family.

Do not forget our 70th anniversary to be held October 11, in the Mountainside Inn, Mountainside, N. J. Tickets which are \$8.50 per person are available now — see any of the officers in the lodge.

Our annual picnic will once more be held in Holmdel, N. J. The wife of our good Brother Peter Williams, who passed away last January, has extended an invitation for Lodge 116 to hold its picnic as in the past. It will be August 9. Members will be notified by mail, in order to know about how many will attend. A reply will be appreciated, this picnic is for members, their families and friends, but please let us know how many in your group will attend.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Stanley Knappman, a bouncing baby boy was added to the family. Erik is his name and he's a DB Junior member.

VIGGO NIELSEN, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** As usual there will not be meetings held in July and August. Therefore I would like to, on behalf of the officers, wish each and

everyone of you a pleasant and enjoyable summer. We hope to see you all at the September meeting and that we may begin the second half of the year with better membership attendance than we have had during the first half. Remember, that this is your Lodge and we want your ideas and thoughts on building a better and even more interesting Lodge!

FLEMMING HINRICHSEN, President.

Off to Denmark: Several of our members have planned to spend their vacation in Denmark this summer. The majority have elected to go there via our charter flight. Those that we have listed are, Bent Bush-Petersen and family, Paul V. Pedersen and family, Robert Milne and family, Joseph and Gladys Pittman, Theodore Tjader, Jr., John and Karen Lindberg, Dorrit Fausnaught, Gyda Lindt and Flemming Hinrichsen and family.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** Pinse (Pentecost) is a Danish holiday. The beechwood forest is then fresh in all its glory and the song birds are busy as ever before, everybody brings fresh branches home for decorations. Believe me, this is still one of the wonders of nature repeated every year. Fresh green colors unspoiled by the traffic pollution and the skylark singing above you, invisible, small like a sparrow, but powerful enough to be heard for miles.

Latest sick report: P. Ljungreen is now home and doing well — welcome home Poul. H. Christie is again in the hospital, but nothing real serious. Stan Hanson is also in the hospital but he will soon be home again.

W. WILLENDRUP.

**Lodge No. 202, Warren, Pa.** At the May meeting, Brother Knud Knudsen was elected delegate and Brother Karl Petersen alternate to the GCEL convention to be held Labor Day weekend in Long Island, N. Y.

Instead of a regular meeting on June 4, a well attended memorial service was held to honor departed members of the three Danish lodges in Warren, the Sisterhood, the Brotherhood and Dania. This is held annually and is arranged by a committee, representing the three lodges. Following impressive services, a social hour was held and to conclude the evening, refreshments were served.

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Secretary-Treasurer.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** The joint DB and DSS anniversary banquet held May 24, was a success. Pastor John A. Johnson gave the invocation. GCEL President Olin Yauchler and his wife were our honored guests and we all enjoyed Brother Olin's nice speech. Other out of town guests included Brother George V. Petersen from Florida, former correspondent of the Eastern Lodges and Past GCEL president; and Brother and Mrs. Harold Andersen of Cleveland, he is secretary-treasurer of Gorm Lodge 170.

Brother and Mrs. Olaf Hansen and Brother and Mrs. Edward Jonasen were in charge of the arrangements.

At the DBS Building Association annual meeting June 6, Brothers Edward Jonasen, Olaf Hansen and Walter Christensen resigned as directors. In their place Brothers Jørn Hansen, Robert Holby and Harwey Pearson were elected.

Brothers John Pihl, John Hedlund and James Beck are on the sick list and we wish them a speedy recovery.

The Danish Club picnic will be held August 10 at Sommerlyst.

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.** All the members of the Leif Eriksen Day committee in Connecticut and all the people who participated are pleased to announce that "An Act Concerning Leif Eriksen Day," was signed and officially approved May 15, by Gov. John Dempsey.

It reads as follows: The governor shall proclaim a day within the first nine days of October of each year to be Leif Eriksen Day, which day shall be suitably observed in all the public schools of the state as a day of commemoration of the Scandinavian peoples and their culture and the great contribution they have made to

this country in the past and now making, and also as a tribute to the gallant exploration of the Vikings.

Connecticut now shares with all the other states, the official annual celebrations of Leif Eriksen Day in October.  
FRANK H. PETERSEN, Secretary.

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Our Next Convention Lodge.** Long Island Lodge 325 has been selected as host lodge for the 45th annual convention of the GCEL to be held over Labor Day weekend, August 30, 31 and September 1. We extend a cordial invitation to delegates, alternates, officers and individual lodge members to visit Long Island and hope to make this one of the greatest conventions ever.

The Garden City Hotel has been chosen as our convention headquarters. It has excellent facilities for a convention such as ours and offers the opportunity for everyone to stay under one roof and take part in the various activities, without spending hours driving to distant motels. The rates for hotel rooms are \$17 for singles; \$19 for doubles and \$5 extra for a third person in a room.

Registration will start at 10 a. m., Saturday, August 30. Should you have any questions, contact George Jacobsen, 6 Elm Street, Malverne, N. Y. 11565.

Our annual picnic is planned for August 10 at 11 a. m. Details later.

We are happy to report that Harry Larsen has been released from the hospital after a successful operation. Brother Carl Jensen, now residing in Virginia, is well on the road to complete recovery after a serious heart operation. We welcome Brother John Pollock who was initiated into the lodge at our May meeting.



## In Loving Memory



*Members who have passed away since the last report*

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Feb 21	Martin M. Thomsen	82	Klin Thisted, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1907
May 9	Lauritz Chr. Andersen	91	Fredericia, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1902
Apr 25	Andrew Holm	82	Gardner, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1909
May 9	Laurids Hansen	78	Humble Sogn, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1912
May 22	Thorvald Jensen	74	New Hartford, Iowa	263	Askov, Minnesota	1938
Nov 20	Jacob Hansen	84	Faster Ringkobing, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1908
Mar 26	Niels P. Madsen	86	Norre Snede Aarhus, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1905
May 11	Karl V. Nilsson	70	Copenhagen, Denmark	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1929
May 17	Henry K. Carlson	71	Malmö, Sweden	314	Hartford, Connecticut	1944
Apr 29	Hans P. Jorgensen	86	Odense, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1908
May 28	Wayne B. Larsen	18	Albert Lea, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1965
Feb 28	Peter A. Sorensen	92	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1913
May 20	Miller Dalsgaard	78	Vraa Sogn, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1912
May 10	Thorvald Thomsen	73	Voer Sogn, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1930
May 7	Harry Aksel Larsen	77	Aalborg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1929
Jan 8	Johan G. Lindberg	77	Hollandsbjerg, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
May 24	Alfred J. Hansen	76	Aastrup, Denmark	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1913
Jan 24	Georg Aage Jensen	69	Copenhagen, Denmark	278	Salt Lake City, Utah	1927
May 28	Peder Madsen	74	Norre Snede, Denmark	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1926
Jun 7	Anthon Godthaab	79	Norre Snede, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1924
Apr 8	Knud Paulsen	74	Vorupor, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1934
Jun 2	Christian Hansen	70	Copenhagen, Denmark	184	Hayward, California	1930
Apr 7	Emil Messerschmidt	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1927
May	Max M. Asmussen	68	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1964
Jun 3	John P. Jensen	77	Esbjerg, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1942
May	John Wegener	71	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1965
May 29	Kaj H. W. Poggensee	77	Nakskov, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1959
May 28	Hans Christian Petersen	83	Denmark	301	Akron, Ohio	1963
Jun 10	Clifford Raymond Noll	66	New Britain, Connecticut	102	Providence, Rhode Island	1923
May 22	Hans Rudolf Jorgensen	71	Draby Munkebo Sogn, Denmark	149	Luverne, North Dakota	1936

## Danish-Americans – Our Contribution

The following is a speech given by Brother Clyde Langsted, Secretary of Lodge 29, on the occasion of the Lodge's 81st anniversary:

Mr. Toastmaster, Brothers, Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen — On speaking of America, this great nation of ours, one must regress somewhat and refer to what contributed to that greatness.

It is people such as yourselves, giving up the "greatest little nation" in the world, perhaps in body only but not in spirit, that place you call your homeland and immigrating to America.

It is people such as our parents who took that great step, leaving the known for the unknown, coming here and establishing themselves, becoming good citizens and members of their communities that assisted in making this the greatest nation on earth.

I do not know of any group of people, namely Scandinavians and in particular Danes, rooting themselves here, who are so nationalistic toward America and who, by sheer diligence and effort, have contributed so much to this great nation of ours.

American has done much for us all, but I cannot say that it has been "one sided" in the giving. Though it is easy to say, we speak of America's greatness as if it were a simple assumption. By the same token we must take into account the reason for that greatness and I feel it is exemplified by you who are present here tonight.

One must be reminded that we cannot take all of this country for granted....We must continue to be active members of our community, our lodge and in our society.

For if this greatness is to survive, or this nation to survive, or consider even Denmark is to survive, it is people such as ourselves, Danish-Americans...or should I say Americanized Danes, who will contribute largely in making that possible.

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The Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Inc., is being thoroughly introduced in the homeland of Denmark. During the days of June 13-22, inclusive, a large booth has been available for us at Copenhagen's largest auditorium, Forum.

This particular period has been designated as "Danmark ude i Verden" (Denmark out in the World), by the Dansk Samvirke. At this time many of the world's largest industries which are owned, controlled or managed by Danish people, come back to Denmark to display their products. We are indeed most fortunate to have had this opportunity to bring the project "Bakkedal" to the people of Denmark.

A great and most unusual interest has been shown in Bakkedal by people of all walks of life. As one reporter called it, "The world's newest Danish city." Many pictures of Denmark's King and Queen were taken as they visited our booth on the opening day. Nearly all the members of the royal family, at one time or another visited all the displays at the Forum. It was, indeed a most unusual and interesting experience to be that close and to be able to speak to members of this great royal family.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 11, at 3 o'clock, a special ceremony and program was held at the California Red Wood Tree section of Tivoli Park.

The Radio Boys Choir was present and sang some most appropriate numbers, a few short remarks were given by a number of interested people, at the close of which Miss Thomsen, a most charming and gracious stewardess from the Scandinavian Airlines, gave California's Red Wood Tree a drink of California water donated by the California Spring Water Company of San Francisco and flown to Denmark for the occasion.

Our special thanks to Tivoli, the Radio Boys Choir, SAS, the press and all concerned.

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