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## *Leif Ericson Day*

### October 9

Leif Ericson, a Norse explorer, was the son of Eric the Red of Greenland. Leif was one of the first men to visit America.

He sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from Greenland to visit Norway in about 999 AD. He became a Christian in Norway and decided to introduce the new religion to his father's pagan colony in Greenland. For several years he traveled about Greenland teaching Christianity.

It was probably in 1003 that Leif sailed west from Greenland to seek the strange land about which he had heard. He and his crew first sighted what historians believe was Newfoundland, and then sailed along the coast to what was probably Cape Cod in Massachusetts. He named the country Vinland. He left no maps. But the long Iceland poems or sagas, telling of his voyage describe islands, rivers and bays which help identify the areas he discovered.

Leif Ericson died as Greenland's ruler.



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## Receives Insurance Check

Nels P. Jensen, 96, was born August 26, 1873, in Ugilt, Hjørring Amt, Denmark. In the spring of 1893 he came from Denmark to Clifton, Ill., where he had two brothers and two sisters who had preceded him here. He worked as a farmhand for a number of years after which he went to college at Valparaiso, Ind. After graduating he enlisted in the Army for three years. He was discharged as a corporal.

After that he farmed for a number of years. He had a steam engine and a threshing machine and was a partner with his brother in a well drilling outfit. In 1913 he went into the garage business.

During World War I he enlisted again in the Motor Division of the Quartermasters Corps and was stationed at Camp Travis, Texas. Later he was transferred to the Tank Corps at Gettysburg, Pa., commanded by Col. Eisenhower. He was again transferred, this time to Camp Polk, N. C., and was all packed to go overseas when the war ended. After leaving the Army he mar-



ried June Smith in Pennsylvania. She died in 1959. There were no children.

After coming back to Clifton he again took up the garage business. In 1947 he bought a parcel of ground adjoining Clifton. In 1958 he started Jensen Subdivision and sold building lots. A street is named Jensen Avenue. In 1965 he decided to call it quits and sold all his real estate.

Nels made arrangements to make his home at Central Hospital in Clifton where he is happy and contented and receives good care. He has his own room, is up and walking around a good deal of the time and visits old friends and visitors in the lobby of the hospital. His mind is clear and alert but his eyesight and hearing are not so good.

Nels joined the Danish Brotherhood and is a member of Lodge No. 600. He is a member of the Spanish American War Veterans and a charter member of American Legion Post No. 385, Clifton, and of Zion Lutheran Church, Clifton.

On the Sunday before his birthday his relatives came with cake and ice cream and celebrated with him in the Hospital Cafeteria. On his birthday, August 26, he was presented with a cake from the Hospital kitchen staff, his picture was taken, many friends greeted him during the day and evening and he received many cards.

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## Little Denmark's Lesson for the USA

(From the Philadelphia Bulletin, July 27, 1969)

(Editor's Note: Mr. Humphrey was on a month-long trip to England, France, Russia, Denmark and other European countries.)

Copenhagen, Denmark—A visit to a country such as Denmark gives an American a fresh perspective on the relationship of people to their land and air and water. It makes us think about the quality of life we are leaving to our children and grandchildren. It compels us to question our national priorities.

I had long known about the Scandinavians and their achievements in agriculture, education and social welfare. But what I have found most impressive about the Danes is their love of the land.

The beauty of Denmark is amazing. The cities and villages are clean. The roadsides and streets are free of debris. There are great numbers of trees. You seldom see a fence and most of the wiring is underground. The Danes have automobiles and good roads, but many people bicycle along the trails that have been built all across the country.

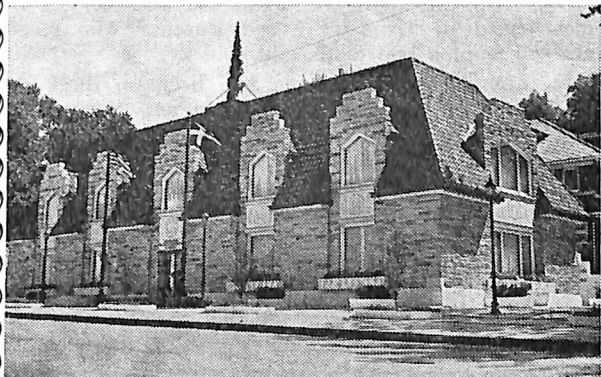
Many of the farm buildings are 200 years old, but in a three-day visit to rural Denmark, I didn't see a single run down or unpainted building.

As you travel the highways, you see signs directing people to camping sites. Thousands of people with their tents and trailers can be found at these sites, and in those I visited, I never saw rubbish or debris left behind.

There are no advertising signs along the roads. The highways are well marked and well policed.

The message that comes through so clearly from Denmark is that what is really important is the human being. The Danes are a civilized, cultured people. They have a great sense of personal and national pride without being arrogant. They have a wonderful sense of humor. They work and play hard.

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My visit to Denmark makes me think that we in America grow ever more privately rich and publicly poor. Our great cities are monuments of steel and concrete. They are hard and busy and dirty and noisy.

In Denmark, so small and crowded, there are more parks near the cities than we have in America. We have many more acres of park land, but in European countries the parks are near the people. Trees and shrubs and flowers humanize their cities and soften the impact of industrial life.

Europeans have learned that the products of an industrial society alone do not bring happiness and the good life. It becomes clear, traveling through Europe, that one of the frustrations of the American experience is that as our gross national products grows, our land becomes less livable.

We must be proud of something more than our wealth and power. The sense of pride we feel in our space exploits must be matched by a pride in our citizenship, by a love of the land.

"America the Beautiful" must be more than just a song. It must be one of our urgent national priorities.

Like the Danes, we should learn to be a people at peace with ourselves and our natural heritage.

## New Advertiser

In this issue we bid welcome to our new advertiser, Brother Palle Juul-Larsen of the Richardo Nelson Travel Bureau, Inc., Chicago. Juul-Larsen is a member of Lodge No. 17, Chicago. He was the manager of our two most successful tours to Denmark in 1962 and again in 1966. Before acquiring his own travel bureau he was connected with the Chicago office of the Swedish American Line and manager of the Line's Danish Department for a number of years. ADV. MGR.

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Discontent was noted at the recent California convention by quite a few delegates. They had failed to ascertain that a change in the meeting pattern had been made at the previous convention. These delegates and they included the Solvang representatives, missed the most important part of the convention because they did not know that the convention convened Thursday noon. In the past all conventions have not begun until Friday morning. Some dissatisfaction was also voiced over the lack of other types of information in regard to the social schedule. These two bones of contention will be eliminated next year. This reporter will print the full program of next year's convention just prior to the gathering. From time to time also we will remind the lodges of the additional day of meetings which was added.

Else Poulsen from Anker Lodge writes that the summer has cut down the lodge's activities. Many members have been vacationing at the seaside, in the mountains and a few have been in Denmark. "We held a potluck supper-meeting August 30 at the home of Erhardt and Elsy Rasmussen and it turned out to be a delightful event," she writes. "The business meeting was conducted by Vice President William Nielsen who substituted for Lawrence Olsen who was at the Los Angeles convention. We initiated four new members they are Mr. and Mrs. Thyrring and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nielsen. Chris Jorgensen had brought his Danish records which contributed to the success of the evening, particularly among the young people. Get-togethers such as this one and particularly of the informal type, contribute much to the solidarity of our Lodge — or any Lodge for that matter.

"I'm glad to report also that Else Mikkelsen is recuperating from a nasty fall wherein she broke her hip. She is still on crutches, but is doing very well. Eddy Christensen, who has long been on the sick list was so well that he attended the September meeting... Sigfred Olsen, who has been hospitalized for surgery, is on the mend... One of our younger members, Marine Pfc. Robert Buehler was recently awarded the American Spirit Honor Medal. He is only the fifth out of 24,000 Marine recruit graduates to have received this award. It is the highest honor a recruit in the armed forces can receive. Robert is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Buehler and the fiance of Miss Kirsten Olsen... We have scheduled a "masquerade" for November 15, to be held in the Veterans Memorial Building. The best costumes at this affair will receive prizes for originality and effort — and that is about it for this month." ELSE POULSEN.

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Alice Pinkerton from the Silver State Lodge in Las Vegas has this to say:

Vacations have now come to an end for our students and all are heading back to school. Within our Lodge is Ivy Rasmussen, who will be attending the University of Nevada and Julie Pinkerton, who will attend the University of Southern Nevada.

Harry Berntsen, who recently returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam, is now traveling in the world with the U. S. Air Force. He is presently in Turkey.

Delegates Harold and Jutta Reed have returned from the Los Angeles convention; they report that it was a great event, businesswise as well as socially. Lene Boas attended as an alternate and Harry Conradsen was elected Inner Guard. This by the way is the first time a member from this Lodge has been elected to the General Com-

mittee. (Alice herself was elected as Secretary-Treasurer. LP.)

We are sorry to see Vivian and Bob Frank leave our area, but Bob is in the service and has been transferred from Las Vegas. Hanna Stark has been appointed Secretary of the Lodge to replace Vivian.

I would personally like to thank the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges in Los Angeles for putting on such a marvelous convention. The accommodations were certainly first class and all arrangements made depicted much work and cooperation of all the members of the convention committee. It takes a lot of hard work from a lot of people to put on a convention. Not to single out one person, it is particularly commendable to note all the hard work contributed by Lillian Mathiasen in sewing the drill team dresses, as well as the combined efforts of Lillian and Harold in making the table decorations. Your efforts were appreciated.

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Santa Barbara Grapevine Editor Ed Aasted sent us this contribution:

Our annual picnic held September 21, was a worthy successor to its many "foregaaende skovture." The program contained something for everyone. Tuckers Grove is a fine place for an outing and the weather was perfect as soon as the sun had swept away the gray fog.

I'm sad to relate that Brother Bjørn Thorleifsen died September 11. He had been a member of the Danish Brotherhood since 1922. Thorleifsen hailed from Ringsted and worked as an engineer in the Los Angeles area for many years before moving to the Solvang Lutheran Home where, with his wife, he lived the past four or five years. Thorleifsen was well known particularly in Los Angeles where for many years he was an active member of the Danish colony.

Caroline Petersen is nursing a number of bruises received in Solvang when someone started a chain reaction by tripping in the wine cellar.

Danes in this area will again be able to get their clocks fixed by Urmager Svend Baruner who recently returned from a trip to the old country.

Lt. Col. Albert Rasmussen has been on three overseas trips this year, including Japan and Europe. However this fall he will be a counselor and also teach adult woodworking at the La Colina School.

Travel Agent Rudolph Olsen tells this true story about a Danish-American lady, who in Denmark told her friends: "Jeg holder saa meget af en sjover om morgenen." Hmmm!

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Denmark has become a tourist's paradise and one of the reasons is that there is so much to see and do in the little fairy tale country. The newspaper Berlingske Tidende recently conducted a poll to find out what the visitors like best in Denmark. Here is the list of the most popular sights or institutions, according to their popularity, among foreigners:

The Royal family, its castles and colorfully clad guards; the little Mermaid, Tivoli, the National Museum, Rosenborg; the street without automobile traffic (the malls) Strøget, etc.; the Danish artisans work, like silver, copperware, glass and porcelain; tours to the countryside, the small towns; the lovable Danes?; the Danish cold table; the industries, in particular the breweries; the porno shops; the entertainment world; the way in which the Danes take care of its poor and aged; and tours through the harbor quarters (Nyhavn) and the canals.

After reading the above list, I wondered why Berlingske Tidende had not asked the tourists what they disliked most or were annoyed by in Denmark. It occurs to me that while the Danes cannot improve upon the Royal Family, or the Danish cold table, it could remove the things which annoy travelers and thereby make Denmark a better tourist attraction.

I also wondered what the Danes themselves would have answered to the question: "What do you like best about Denmark." It would be interesting to find out. Anyway, next month this column will present a list of things the emigrants like best and dislike most there. We will also try to bring a list of what these people like and dislike most in America. Such lists could be interesting and perhaps also surprising.

## MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

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

**Lodge 227, Detroit.** August 23, a large group of Sisters and Brothers went to Greenville, Mich., for the Danish Festival. We had a good time and were honored by having our own Past Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen as one of the parade marshals. The parade and all the festivities made for a good time for all and we wish to compliment the committee in Greenville for an outstanding job in getting this festival arranged.

Now to local news: September 10, there were over 100 Brothers and Sisters at our monthly dinner. This kind of turnout is helping our attendance at Lodge meetings, also as we had about 70 Brothers at the meeting after dinner. At the same meeting two new Brothers were initiated. They were Cass Davis and Russell Chamberlain.

The new bowling season has started with 10 five-man teams in the Lodge League and six five-girl teams in the Sisterhood League. In the first two weeks of bowling we have had a 235 game by Don Andersen and a 230 game and a 595 series by Svend Hansen, so already the rest of us have something to shoot for. In the Sisterhood League, Grete Donvig had a 197 game and a 493 series.

Our next party is scheduled for November 1 and entertainment chairman, Ken Rehan, is making the necessary arrangements with his committee. More about this party will be forthcoming at the Lodge meetings.

Through the generosity of the Sisterhood Lodge 125 of Detroit, there is now new ceiling tile in the lodge meeting room. The ladies paid for it and several of the Brothers gave of their time to install it. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers from the Lodge.

September 20, DB Lodge 227 and DSS Lodge 125 held

a joint anniversary party featured by a dinner-dance. It was the 64th birthday of Lodge 227 and the 58th birthday of Sisterhood Lodge 125. We had a good turnout for this party as it is one of the big events of the year and I am sure everyone had a good time.

That ends the news from Detroit for this month, but you will hear more from us in the next issue of the Brotherhood Magazine.

**ROBERT SORENSEN, Corres.**

**Lodge 51, Ludington.** August 20 we held our monthly pinochle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. Prizes were awarded and at the close of the games a potluck lunch was served. The committee for the evening was President and Mrs. William Smith and Brother Lars Christoffersen.

August 28 we held a social evening at the Hall instead of our regular business meeting. Some of the Brothers got together before the meeting and did some painting on windows and trim on the outside of the Danish Hall. For our lunch we were treated to hot dogs and sweet corn. Chef for the evening was First Trustee Kenneth Johnson with the corn provided by Brother Dennis Hansen.

September 14, we had our regular meeting. We initiated Henry Johnson into our Lodge. President William Smith again served on the lunch committee and was assisted by Brother Herbert Tacktor, Jr. The name of Noel Howe, Jr., was called for the jackpot but he was absent. Brother Howard Bentz accepted the job as chairman of our money-making promotion and will be assisted by Secretary Earl Jensen and of course all the members will be expected to pitch in and help with this endeavor to raise money for our "furniture fund." Conductor Carl Seneral was welcomed back from an extended vacation trip out West and Trustee Donald Wagner from a vacation to the East.

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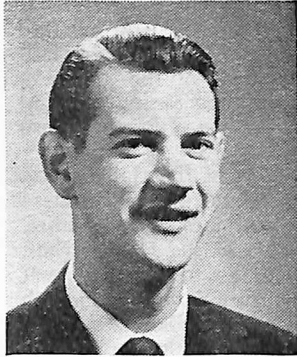
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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

## Message from the President of the General Committee

The delegates at this convention elected the youngest group of officers ever to govern the GCEL, however we will be old some day and others must take over. Who are we going to look to, but the junior members of today. The only problem is that we do not have enough.



We in the Danish Brotherhood have so much to offer our children and others. We are actually depriving them of inexpensive insurance — scholarship — culture centers — charter flights — activities and other things, if you don't sign them up. Even if we

don't sign up but one new member next year and instead sign up children of parents belonging, we would still be far ahead.

So who are we cheating? Our Lodge, the GCEL, and the national Brotherhood. Let's stop cheating ourselves.

FLEMMING HINRICHSEN,

GCEL President.

GCEL meeting will be held at the Danish Home in Metuchen, N. J., on March 9, 1970.

**Charter Flight "70"** — Attention Brothers! August 29, GCEL President Olin Yauchler reappointed Flemming Hinrichsen as chairman of a proposed flight to Denmark in 1970. It is to be known as Flight "70." Write to Flemming Hinrichsen, 80 West Albermarle Ave., Lansdowne, Pa., or to the Co-Chairman Elmer W. Jensen, 1644 Edison Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

**General Committee of the Eastern Lodges.** As your correspondent didn't attend the convention on Long Island, I got some information from Delegate Olaf Hansen and picked some items from the newsletter of Long Island Lodge.

It was a hot and hectic weekend, we can truly say it was a good convention, a great success and an event that Long Island Lodge can be proud of. This of course was due to the effort of the committee headed by George Jacobsen and Hans Pedersen, who did a lot of work preparing for the convention.

August 30, official opening of the convention by Hon. Frederick Schneider, mayor of Garden City. Welcome by Tage Wibroe, President of 325. Greetings from Sofus W. Christensen, delegate of 325.

Meetings of the delegates started at 2:30 p. m., and at the same time sight-seeing tours under sunny skies for visitors; 8 p. m., film festival in Salon B at the Garden City Hotel; 9 p. m., dancing and fun in the Garden Room to the music of Joe Allan and his orchestra. More than 70 delegates and guests were present. The convention was honored by the presence of National Officers Axel Skelbeck and George Godthaab.

The convention banquet Sunday was held in conjunction with the host lodge's anniversary dinner-dance at the Garden City Hotel and more than 150 dinners were served. George Jacobsen was master of ceremonies. Speakers were Tage Wibroe, Olin Yauchler, Axel Skelbeck and Hon. Lester L. Wolf, member of New York State Congress.

The GCEL Officers for 1970 are as follows: Past Presi-

dent Olin Yauchler, 190, Schenectady, N. Y.; President Flemming Hinrichsen, 172, Philadelphia, Pa.; Vice President Paul Ifversen, 116, Newark, N. J.; Secretary Mark Jensen, 71, Penn Van, N. Y.; Treasurer George Jacobsen, 325, Long Island, N. Y.; and Trustee Olaf Hansen, 242, Erie, Pa.

**Comments From Your Correspondent.** According to our delegates, the convention was absolutely a grand and glorious affair. But I will say, something was amiss. The souvenir program was a failure, because there was not any or at the best, just a pamphlet.

At a GCEL convention a souvenir program should be a "must." Ads and booster lists from lodges in the East, also a few ads from local business should be in the program to curb expenses. It could mean the difference between loss and gain. But most important the pictures of the GCEL Officers should be in the program. I can't emphasize enough how important it is, not only to honor the officers, but to let the membership of Brothers in the East know and see their officers.

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.** Haabet Lodge is planning its annual fall dance at the Apollo Hall, Sherman Ave., New Haven, November 1. Music by the Velvations from 9 to 1. Admission \$1.75, includes coffee and cake. Come and enjoy the fun. All Brothers and Sisters are invited.

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** We were happy to hear that Brother Alfred Pearson is home from the hospital and is on the recovery list. Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Bob Leonardson who became the proud parents of a son August 15. Rumor has it that Navy Medic Brother Karl J. Larson is on the way to Vietnam. We all wish him lots of luck and a safe return. Robert Jr., son of Haabet Lodge DSS Secretary Marion Zbyszewski has completed his tour of duty with the U. S. Navy and now is home. The Brothers and Sisters combined committee are starting the social season with a harvest buffet and dance October 4.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Corres.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** Brother George Christensen, who has been sick since last April, is still quite ill.

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he was in the hospital for several months, but is at home now attended by a private nurse.

Brother Carl W. Nielsen, a resident of the Home, has been in and out of the hospital several times in the past few months. We can only admire Brother Carl, he is a fighter and we are sure he'll soon be well again, although he is past 92.

Brother Carl Olsen reported sick at the August meeting, a skin infection gave him a great deal of discomfort. He is however doing quite well again. Also sick, recuperating from a serious operation is our latest addition to the Brotherhood, Ove Norquist Hansen. We wish all our sick Brothers a speedy recovery.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Welcome back Kjeld Christensen of Somers Point. Kjeld returned from Vietnam in late July. Needless to say that there were some happy moments in the baker's home. Also welcome to Henning Erland Hansen who has moved from Detroit to Philadelphia and is working for United Airlines as chef. We are sure that Henning will be an asset to our Lodge and a help to our kitchen.

Irene and John Hinrichsen are the happy parents of a baby son, born July 25. Both mother and child are well and we are expecting John Christian to join our juvenile ranks.

College bound: Alan Christensen will attend Atlantic County College for his first year. Knud Erik Koefod will return to York College September 2 for his second year and Erik Østergaard is busy pursuing his evening curriculum at Drexel.

Twenty-two travelers from Philadelphia returned July 20 from Denmark. The Krebs family spent their vacation in Iceland, camping in volcano craters.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** President G. Christiansen attended the GCEL convention during the Labor Day weekend, gave an interesting report on the past and future activities; some new ideas sounded rather promising for the Eastern Lodges' position in the Brotherhood.

Jens Rasmussen from Florida was visiting his old hunting grounds here in the north and paid the Lodge a visit last meeting night. He has left again for Florida. As expected Brother Jake also made his appearance, he intends to make his home in the East again, so we will see more of him.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. The Next Convention City.** This Lodge was quite satisfied in securing the GCEL convention in Erie in 1970. Also we are happy that Brother Olaf Hansen was elected Trustee on the General Committee.

November 1, a dinner party will be held to celebrate Dr. and Mrs. Leo Nelson's silver wedding anniversary.

September 20, we spent "A Night in Denmark." There was "Dansk Night" at the Danish Club. A gourmet's smørrebrød, a sampling of the menu: Rullepølse, leverposteg, frikadeller, medisterpølse and sild. Also available was Carlsberg and Tuborg beer and akvavit (Rød Aalborg). There were two door prizes, Royal Copenhagen 1969 Christmas plates.

One hundred twenty Brothers and friends attended. From Warren Lodge 202, came Brother Laurits Andersen, Brother and Mrs. Karl Petersen, Maren Larsen and Agnes Christiansen. From Warren, Ohio, came Brother and Mrs. Jens Beck. Creators of this party were Brother and Mrs. Jørn Hansen and Brother and Mrs. Carl Berry. Next time we are going to have a party like this we will advertise it well in advance so that Brothers and friends in nearby New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania also can enjoy a "Night in Denmark."

**Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt.** It is with sorrow we an-

nounce the passing of Brother Paul C. Matson, treasurer of Green Mountain Lodge 294. With the death of Brother Matson, went a Brother who possessed fine qualities of friendship. He loved the Danish fraternalism, whether it was working pushing ahead in the Lodge meeting or helping to put on a social supper or dinner. Brother Matson joined Lodge 294, September 18, 1920 and was a member for 49 years. His passing August 16 left his own Lodge with many pleasant memories and his life as well as our own lives richer for all he gave. He will be greatly missed by friends and his community. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** Now that the convention is over and the delegates and visitors have left, this Lodge is thankful to the members who served on the different committees to make this convention a great success.

We welcome Joan and Maurice Gruber to our Lodge and hope they will enjoy the doings in the Brotherhood. For entertainment this lodge's members are playing a new card game, called Crazy Eight, it is easy and everyone can play it.

## Attention Pasengers of Flight 69

Excerpts from Mrs. Milne's letter:

Dear Mrs. Thofner:

On our way home on Charter Flight 69 it was suggested we send your husband a little greeting to let him know that we were thinking of him and in collecting the signatures it was suggested to also donate money and send him flowers. I am enclosing a check for \$40 and all the signatures and ask that you please order a get well bouquet, preferably in red, white and blue. I realize that \$40 is entirely too much for flowers, but you may do with the remainder of the money as you please.

Hoping that your husband will soon be well and that you will be able to return to the United States soon.

Mrs. Eddy M. Milne.

This is Mrs. Thofner's reply:

My dear Mrs. Milne:

I want to thank you for your kind thoughts about the greeting from the Charter Flight 69. I was deeply touched. I think it was so sweet of you. Thanks for the check. It was too much. I got my husband a beautiful bouquet of flowers in white, red and blue. My husband understands everything and he cried when he saw the flowers and I read your letter.

I can tell you he is much better. He is out of bed and walks very good. The blood clot is still there, but it will dissolve by itself. His speech has been affected but it is already better. We will just have to have patience. He is trying so hard to express himself. He wants to go home to Florida.

Again I want to thank you. I will write you when we get home.

Elsie Thofner.

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Some of our membership may not be aware that our limits have been increased for quite some time.

# DB DATA

## FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

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### Honor Roll

#### LODGES

Lodge	Location	Number of New Members
1—Omaha, Nebraska	.....	9
4—Racine, Wisconsin	.....	6
15—Des Moines, Iowa	.....	5
29—Seattle, Washington	.....	5
43—Denver, Colorado	.....	5
45—Minneapolis, Minnesota	.....	11
51—Ludington, Michigan	.....	14
126—Los Angeles, California	.....	29
161—Ruskin, Nebraska	.....	9
172—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	.....	9
227—Detroit, Michigan	.....	22
273—Dillon, Montana	.....	5
323—Alhambra, California	.....	12
325—Nassau County, New York	.....	6
328—Vancouver, B. C., Canada	.....	23
332—Ripon, California	.....	13
337—Fremont, California	.....	9

#### INDIVIDUALS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members
1—Omaha, Nebr., Howard Christensen	.....	.....	8
1—Omaha, Nebr., Al Hedegaard	.....	.....	15
42—Spokane, Wash., John Beck	.....	.....	3
43—Denver, Colo., Svend Sonderup	.....	.....	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	.....	.....	6
126—Los Angeles, Calif., Eric Roug	.....	.....	9
172—Philadelphia, Pa., Mogens Hempel	.....	.....	10
227—Detroit, Mich., Johan Emanuelsen	.....	.....	5
227—Detroit, Mich., Jorgen Mau	.....	.....	6
227—Detroit, Mich., Otto Pedersen	.....	.....	5
323—Alhambra, Calif., Hans Nielsen	.....	.....	6
328—Vancouver, B. C., Eigil Kristensen	.....	.....	10
328—Vancouver, B. C., Svend Pedersen	.....	.....	3
332—Ripon, Calif., Jack Belmont	.....	.....	10
337—Fremont, Calif., Ingeborg Nielsen	.....	.....	3
337—Fremont, Calif., Sigfred Olsen	.....	.....	3

#### TOP LODGES

##### GROUP I —

No Top Lodges In This Group

##### GROUP II —

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B. C., Canada  
Pacific Northwest District

#### AGENT'S PRODUCTION

143—Petaluma, Calif., Jim Larsen	.....	21
263—Askov, Minn., Edwin Sorensen	.....	4
144—Dike, Iowa, A. B. Thode	.....	4
17—Chicago, Ill., Carl Hansen	.....	3
230—Arcata, Calif., Viggo Poulsen	.....	3



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
1	Omaha	Paul Festersen	Axel Skelbeck
1	Omaha	Charles Hansen	Al Hedegaard
42	Spokane	Carl Kjeldsen	John Beck
43	Denver	Ernest Rateuke	Svend Sonderup
43	Denver	Anna Rateuke	Svend Sonderup
43	Denver	George Daley	Svend Sonderup
43	Denver	Dorothy Daley	Svend Sonderup
126	Los Angeles	Niels Lausten	Kurt Moller
126	Los Angeles	Claude Sorensen	Tage Moller
227	Detroit	Cass Davies	Svend Hansen
227	Detroit	Russell Chamberlain	L. Sheppard
273	Dillon	D. W. Lindquist	Otto Christensen
299	Solvang	Paul Knudsen	Art Bell
299	Solvang	Wendell Jacobsen	Art Bell
306	San Diego	Carsten Norby	Peder Norby
322	Santa B'r'bra	Jorgen Klampe	Arne Johansen
325	Nassau Co.	Maurice Gruber	Tab Wibroe
325	Nassau Co.	Joan Gruber	Tab Wibroe
328	Vancouver	Kaj Beermann	Eigil Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Eddie Hellesen	Eigil Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Kurt Jensen	Eigil Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Jens Pedersen	Eigil Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Carl Petersen	Eigil Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Svend Petersen	Eigil Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Bengt Prebensen	Eigil Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Frede Spangsvold	Eigil Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Laurits Holm	Eigil Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Svend Mathiesen	Svend Pedersen
328	Vancouver	Moller Mathiesen	Svend Pedersen
328	Vancouver	Lasse Kyhl	Svend Pedersen
328	Vancouver	Knud Christiansen	Elith Marcussen
332	Ripon	Harry Young	Norman Davis, Jr.
600	Home Office	Marie Nielsen	James Beck
700	Home Office	Sara Madsen	A. B. Thode

#### JUVENILES

126	Los Angeles	Kirsten Nilsson	Svend Nilsson
227	Detroit	Geoffrey A. Moses	Jorgen Mau
245	South Bend	Kristen Leah Kasa	Louis A. Kasa
700	Home Office	Angela M. Petersen	Al Hedegaard
700	Home Office	Tamara L. Petersen	Al Hedegaard
700	Home Office	Deborah S. Petersen	Al Hedegaard
700	Home Office	Lori A. Petersen	Al Hedegaard
700	Home Office	Gary N. Petersen	Al Hedegaard

## Visitors

If you haven't had a chance to visit our Home Office Building at 3717 Harney Street in Omaha yet, we hope this published list of out-of-town visitors will remind you you are welcome to stop and see the building when you are in the area. We will be happy to show you through and answer your questions.

**California:** Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wiler, Stockton; Jim P. Larsen, Petaluma; Warren D. Noteware, Stockton; Thomas P. Mosher, Stockton; Weldon T. Moss, Jr., Stockton; Julian and Ellen Christiansen, Palos Verdes Est.; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold R. Jensen, Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Nielsen, Bakersfield; and Peter Pedersen, San Fernando.

**Colorado:** Svend A. Sonderup, Denver; and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen, Denver.

**Florida:** James L. Humes, Panama City.

**Georgia:** Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Berthelsen, Acworth.

**Illinois:** Bent A. Engsted, Chicago; Andrew S. Karkow, Itasca; Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Hansen and family, Broadview; Mr. and Mrs. David Hunecke, Wheaton; and Owen Lovelle, Chicago.

**Iowa:** Hans Nielsen, Council Bluffs; Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Berg, Sioux City; Mary Rasmussen, Council Bluffs; Kirk Rasmussen, Council Bluffs; Helga and Earl Mikkelsen, Dike; and Mr. and Mrs. Verner B. Sorensen, Clear Lake.

**Kansas:** Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Buck, Wichita; and Alan Turner, Overland Park.

**Michigan:** Sven E. Larsen, Detroit.

**Missouri:** Earl Ericksen, St. Louis.

**Nebraska:** Arthur Christensen, Waterloo; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hedegaard, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Moore, Hastings; Engvert Jensen, Exeter.

**New Jersey:** Mr. and Mrs. P. Christensen, Green Brook.

**Ohio:** Ralph C. Hansen, Toledo.

**South Dakota:** Margo Brevik, Gary; Judy Denekamp, Gary.

**Texas:** Christian Hedegaard, San Antonio.

**Washington:** Erik, Nilda and Kell Bodholt, Centralia.

## Local Lodges, Take Note!

Some question has been advanced as to just what benefit a **local lodge** would receive from having a local agent or representative.

One of the necessary attributes of an agent is that he or she must have some time to devote to the actual solicitation of membership. Regardless of how interested someone is in getting new members, if they have no time to contact anyone, the results are negative. So an agent would be able to get members for the lodge because they indicated they would have the time to do it.

Some training in insurance matters, familiarity with the national organization benefits and the indication this person wants to do this type of work should be an asset to the local lodge. A specific person to whom insurance questions could be referred, along with other questions about the Danish Brotherhood, ought to be desirable. New members certainly mean revenue for the local lodge, the potential of getting future leaders and activity ideas. It also means the national organization may well increase its fraternal benefits because of increased revenue.

With the direct bill system, it should not create a loss to the lodge if a member should get behind on assessments. The agent would also have an interest in conserving a member and would put forth effort to do this.

Overall better service to our present membership

should certainly be of interest to everyone. A local representative can act as a liaison between the members and the Home Office, thereby expediting communication. All in all, it would be ideal for each lodge to have at least a part-time representative, but not just for the sake of being able to say they have one. Unless the time and willingness is manifested by an individual, it is just as well to proceed with present member-getting methods.

Our goal, of course, is to ultimately have people who will devote all their time to this work and will be in a position to serve several lodges in an area. When this takes place, it is possible a direct payment to the lodge for each new member can be effected.

Remember — fraternal insurance societies were created to provide insurance services for their members. Trained people are necessary for this. Your local lodge surely would benefit.

## Social Members Eligible

Somehow it seems most applicants for membership between ages 50 and 60 do not apply for insurance.

Perhaps because it is optional, some don't think it's available without difficulty. Anyone who is in this age bracket as a social member, and would like to be insured, should certainly submit an application for our consideration. Sure, rates are somewhat higher at these ages, but look at the shorter period of time you may pay on Ordinary Life, or consider the higher cash values built in a Twenty Pay taken at older ages. Do you wish an application?

There no doubt are some members in this group who should have insurance protection. You can even be billed direct so you will not impose additional work on your local treasurer.

## Food for Thought

Some study by members of various fraternal organizations has caused them to advance the following observations:

- If there is no activity at the local lodge level, then of course, no home office program will be successful.
- Leaders cannot do for the people what the people will not do for themselves. This is true in many areas of activity, not just local lodges.
- Family type programs where the members can participate, including community and civic affairs, hold the most interest for the membership. Participation (a duty or responsibility) is important to a member.
- The age 17 to 40 group is not too regular in attendance at lodge meetings but is interested in social activities.
- Officers can usually handle most items at a business meeting, so interest for others to attend is reduced.
- Enthusiastic people should be chosen for leaders, and last but by far not least, officers should be elected who have time to devote to their duties. This applies to the local lodge and district as well as to the national level.

**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:

AUGUST 1969 —

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### Cultural Center News



Miss Pearl Jorgensen

During the month of August, San Joaquin County held its county fair at the fairgrounds in Stockton, Calif.

The Danish Cultural Center participated with an attractive booth and display — plus being represented by Danish Queen Pearl Jorgensen. Miss Jorgensen participated in a parade of queens representing their countries and gave the following speech — part in Danish and part in English:

Det er en stor ære for mig at repræsentere Danmark ved Dyrskuet i San Joaquin amt og jeg byder jer alle velkommen.

Ladies and gentlemen — It is indeed an honor to be present at this San Joaquin County Fair representing the beautiful heritage of Denmark.

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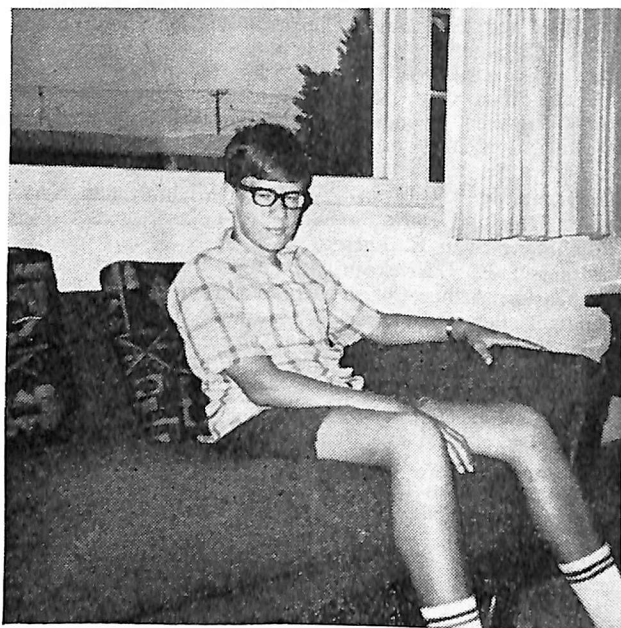
We Danes in America are proud of the many good ideals set forth by our forefathers and we are especially proud of the part Danish immigrants played in the building of this wonderful America.

It is well known around the world how the Danish people welcome their guests so if you are ever visiting Denmark, please enjoy the gracious hospitality and delicious food as only the Danes can serve. As a queen I represent here today the Danish Brotherhood in America and through them the country of Denmark.

The booth was filled with various items representative of the Danish culture and Bakkedal was present in the form of pictures and models.

A vacuum cleaner salesman came to a farm house and wanted to demonstrate his product. He emptied a sack of dirt on the rug and said, "Lady if this cleaner doesn't pick up all that dirt, I'll eat it."

"Just a minute," answered the housewife, "I'll get a spoon. We don't have any electricity."



CAL HESSON, the young man pictured, spent the entire session at Bakkedal, and is now a member of the Danish Brotherhood. He lives in Omaha, Nebr.

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No. 844**

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**October 1, 1969**

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**November 1, 1969**

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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

National President Kristen Jorgensen brings personal greetings to the Pacific Northwest from our Danish Lodges in California, Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho.

Spokane's Ernie Wales is now the president of the Inland Empire Boy Scout Council. Brother Vagn Hansen of DB 42 was in West Berlin, Germany, during September, as a member of the Danish Home Guards.

Tacoma's Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen of DB 33 was hospitalized last month but is up and around again. Brother Norb Grove has been elected "Man of the Year" for the Puyallup Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Vancouver B. C.'s representative to the Danish Community Centre is Brother Svend Bratner. The Law Committee of DB 328 is made up of Brothers Jens Miller, Marius Jensen, Axel Rytter, Kay Hoyer and Svend Pedersen. Latest member to join the ranks is Brother Poul Sorensen with 16 new links presently being processed.

Enumclaw's Karl H. Koch came into my office in August before departing on his European trip which took him to Denmark, Germany and Rome. Old time member of DB 113, Niels Rasmussen was laid to rest September 11. And speaking of burials, Brother Hans Kjar was given his

last rites July 15. Brother Chris Sands is in an Enumclaw Rest Home but celebrated his 98th birthday September 25. Brother Ingvald Nelsen's son George has become a father and 33 Enumclaw Danes enjoyed a Ross Dam outing August 23.

Seattle's Secretary Clyde Langsted made headlines in the Post Intelligencer when feature writer Nard Jones quoted the Queen City Dane's tribute to the USA amidst the "inside and outside" criticism of our country. DB 29 presently meets at the Crabapple Restaurant in Bellevue. On the sick list report are Brothers Einar Hansen and Harold Rasmussen. Picnic Chairman Frank Larsen reported over 200 in attendance at the annual outing and thanks to his committee of Brothers Paul Hansen, John Langsted, Sam Frederiksen and Einar Thompsen, everyone had a good time. Past District President Soren Frederiksen caught the largest fish in the recent derby chaired by Brothers Einar Hansen, Jim Langsted and John Langsted with Brother Frank Larsen catching the first salmon. The Danish Home bazaar will be held in Washington Hall November 1. Brother Flemming Sorensen will chair the harvest party at the Old Swedish Club October 11.

## IOWA UNITED LODGES

A. B. THODE, Correspondent

The Iowa United Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America opened its annual convention August 30, in the Blackhawk Hotel in Davenport, Iowa. Lodge No. 3, DB; and Lodge No. 3, DSS were the hosts for this convention. Saturday evening was spent playing cards and just visiting with Brother and Sister members.

Sunday, August 31, a joint opening meeting was held at 1:30 p. m. President Wind greeted all guests and National Officers and delegates and then asked National Trustee Fred Jensen to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of America. After short greetings by other National and State Officers the Sisters retired to their meeting hall. The meeting adjourned at 5 p. m. A social hour was held between 5 and 7.

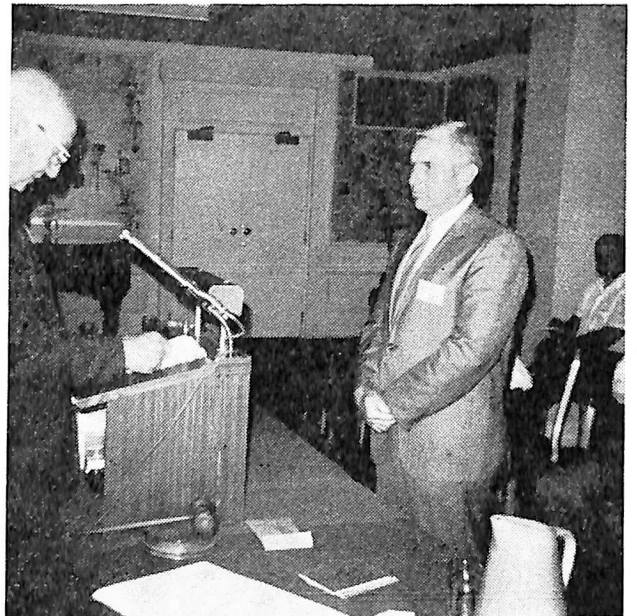
The banquet began at 7 at which time Brother Wind introduced the master of ceremonies, Jack Schroeder. Greetings and short comments given by the following: National Trustee Fred Jensen, Past Supreme President John Hansen, Supreme Sisterhood President Ellen Madison, Past Supreme President Margaret Larsen, Supreme Secretary Virginia Christensen, Iowa United Lodges President Irvin Grunberg, Iowa United Lodges Sisterhood President Emma Thode and the guest speaker of the evening Lt. Gov. Roger Jepsen of Iowa.

After a very dynamic speech he announced that he had made application to join No. 3 of Davenport, Iowa. Mr. Jepsen, who is of Danish origin is happy to become a member of this great Danish society and plans to bring in many new members. Thanks to you Lt. Gov, we need your help. Entertainment was furnished by Danish gymnasts and singers after which a dance was held with music by the Dixieland Ramblers. Prizes were given during the banquet with the main prize being a painting of a Danish home, this picture was painted by Sister Leona Plaehn of Lodge 176, Dike, Iowa,

September 1, the meeting was opened by President Irvin Grunberg. New slate of officers for the coming year are: Jerry Maixner, Lodge 144, President; Kai Hansen, Lodge 11, Vice President; Loyd Plaehn, Lodge 144, Secretary-Treasurer; Verner Sorensen, Lodge 219, three-

year Trustee; Irvin Strand, No. 147, two-year Trustee; Jack Wood, one-year Trustee; Carl Christensen, No. 3, Conductor. The officers were installed by Past Supreme President John Hansen and assisted by Fred Jensen. After greetings the gavel was handed to the new President Jerry Maixner who thanked all the delegates, officers and Brothers for a very fine convention. He then appointed Art Thode for correspondent for the coming year.

Our thanks to Lodges 3, DB and DSS and to the Blackhawk Hotel for the fine accommodations and hospitality shown us while in Davenport.



**FORMER SUPREME PRESIDENT JOHN HANSEN** of Bettendorf, Iowa, acted as installing officer for the newly elected officers of the Iowa United Lodges. Here he is shown installing the new president, Jerry Maixner, who was elected at the Labor Day weekend convention held in Davenport, Iowa.



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## General Committee Notes Fifty Years

"Put purpose in your meetings. Find a project that will give meaning and perspective to the Brothers. This is the only way you can challenge and interest them, and they will flock to your meetings."

These admonishing words were the essence of the congratulatory speech offered by National President Kristen Jorgensen at the 50-year anniversary of the Brotherhood's oldest General Committee founded on Decoration Day, 1919 in Ogden, Utah.

August 31, the delegates and their ladies from Utah and Idaho gathered in Pocatello, Idaho, with their first order of business to ravage the beautifully set tables of Mrs. Peter Norgaard and her lovely helpers, and to no one's surprise they did an astonishingly good job of it. After an uneventful business meeting where they enjoyed the honor of the presence of President Jorgensen, who also installed the new officers, a banquet was held in the evening. Wonder what happened to the social hour, by the way?

It was at this banquet President Jorgensen spoke the above mentioned words and he opened — to a common member — a progressive and optimistic view of the Brotherhood's future. Not only is he a brilliant speaker, but he has the progressive outlook reserved for executive management who is paid a high salary for ideas, not for doing. The convention was very grateful for his taking time out to come here to the Rockies. So far we understand he had to use practically all kinds of transportation with the one exception of dog sled.

There was one other highlight at this occasion, to honor Brother Soren Jespersen, who 50 years ago, together with five others, now deceased Brothers, formed this, the first General Committee. He has worked in different positions in the self same organization for all these years.

Brother Henry Andersen spoke in heartfelt words to

and about Soren and his devotion to the Brotherhood, and what seemingly started out as a eulogy ended in a cascade of praise to this stout old Dane, yes those Mormon bishops surely know their oratory.

In between and round about were community singing, jokes and presentation of officers and committees and thank yous and ovations galore for Mrs. Gertrude Jensen's beautiful piano selection, as usual on a recalcitrant piano. Mrs. Ellen Watson's just as beautiful soprano renditions and a lot of grumbling over the oom-ba-ba, oom-ba-ba competition from an adjoining room's long-haired combo, I think it is called nowadays, at any rate, pure country fair.

Among all the roses, we find a somewhat thorny thistle. When we have a guest such as our national president, we might expect a little more festivity — and dignity — beyond the ordinary. When on top of that, we celebrate fifty years, we might have hoped for a little more imagination and ingenuity in the arrangements.

We do not know what Brother Jorgensen thought of this convention, he is too polite to express an opinion, but if his thoughts are rather negative, can we blame him?

BORGE KRAGH.

14 blinde studerer i U.S.A. I fortsættelse af den udveksling af handicappede unge, som overborgmester Urban Hansen, København, og den danske konsul i Detroit, Michigan, billedhuggeren Marshall Fredericks, tidligere har faaet gennemført, er Marshall Fredericks vendt tilbage fra Danmark med 14 blinde danskere, der skal studere i U.S.A., bl. a. paa Blindeskolen i Rochester. Naar deltagerne den 5. oktober 1969 flyver tilbage til Danmark med Northwest Airlines og SAS, medbringer hver af dem — som gave fra Marshall Fredericks — en førerhund, der i Danmark repræsenterer en værdi af 4-5000 kr. pr. styk, og hvis anvendelse de er gjort fortrolige med under studieopholdet. Nærmere oplysning: Marshall Fredericks, tlf. (313) 549-3666.

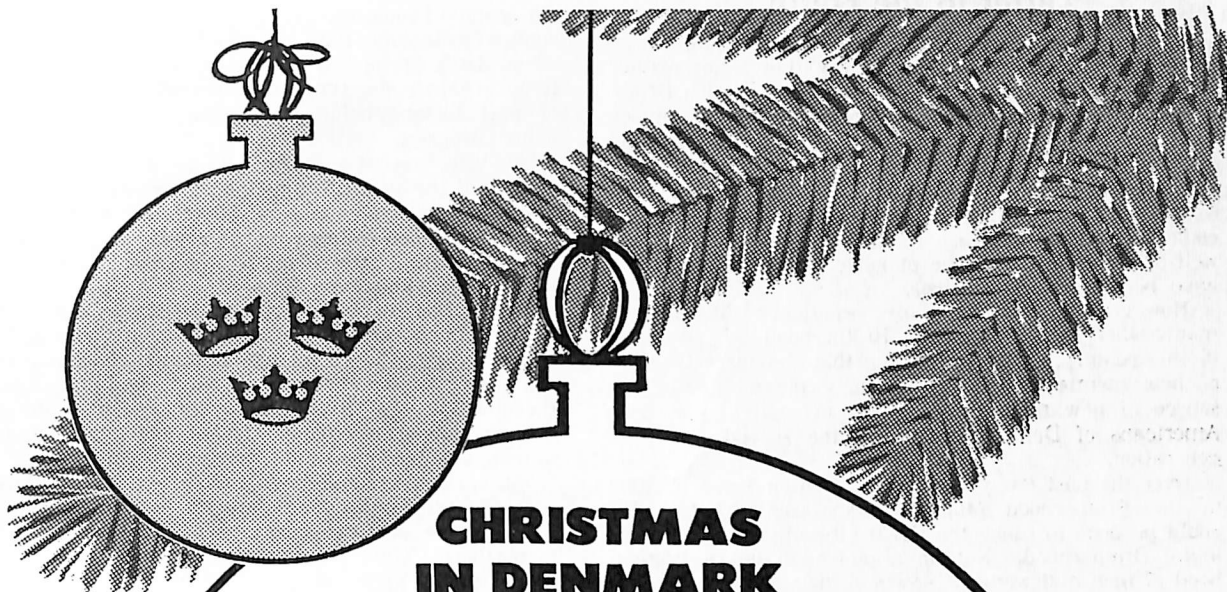


## In Loving Memory

*Members who have passed away since the last report*



Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Aug 4	Axel Thomsen	76	Hjørring, Denmark	315	Buffalo, New York	1924
Aug 9	Niels A. A. Nielsen	88	Holbak, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1911
Aug 18	Henry Riis	77	Horsens, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1914
Aug 22	Rasmus Laursen	87	Horndrup, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1903
Aug 18	John T. Larsen	76	Jyderup, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1921
Aug 18	Vilhelm Pedersen	82	Kjellerup, Denmark	153	Dannevirke, Nebraska	1917
Aug 30	Fred W. Johnson	84	Minden, Nebraska	43	Denver, Colorado	1903
Jul 31	Elvinus Jep. Iversen	85	Hols, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1915
Jul 7	Jens O. Kronholm	90	Hundelund, Denmark	65	Duluth, Minnesota	1911
Jun 26	Johannes Rasmussen	82	Horsens, Denmark	251	Devils Lake, North Dakota	1912
Sep 6	John E. Miller	74	South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1928
Sep 10	Walter F. Caspersen	84	Neenah, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1906
Aug 31	Arnold Mickelsen	53	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1937
Sep 4	Christen Koek	74	Als, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1920
Aug 27	Carl E. Hansen	77	Lolland, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1941
Aug 24	Chris Mikkelsen	90	Hade, Denmark	152	Wilbur, Washington	1916
Aug 2	Peter Petersen	84	Sidney, Michigan	181	Sidney, Michigan	1905
Dec 21	Jens Olesen	90	Rakkeby Hjørring, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Washington	1905
Sep 1	Hans B. Kroman	83	Vindeby, Denmark	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1926
Aug 16	Paul Chr. Matson	67	Graniteville, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1920
Sep 6	Walter H. Larsen	88	Nykobing, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1917
Aug 30	Robert J. Erion	53	Alta Vista, Iowa	332	Ripon, California	1968
Sep 10	Hans Peter Jorgensen	86	Nørrebølling, Denmark	67	Fresno, California	1959



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# Letter to the Editor

I have been a member of DB No. 167, Portland, since 1936 and I think it reasonable to say that I am neither the oldest nor the youngest member of the Danish Brotherhood. During this period, I have seen English replace Danish in the local meetings; have had the privilege and pleasure of going through the chairs and have heard many impassioned pleas at the local level as well as read many letters in the Brotherhood Magazine wondering what could be done to increase membership in the lodge, as well as increase attendance at lodge meetings, etc. There have been many suggestions.

However, at this point my experience differs from many other members of the Brotherhood. I was born in this country. It seems to me that the largest source of new members, perhaps the only possible sustaining source of new members, must of necessity come from **Americans of Danish ancestry** of the second and third generation.

Over the past few years, I have written several letters to the Brotherhood Magazine expressing what I felt could be done to make the DB a vibrant, live and meaningful Brotherhood. Not an organization but a brotherhood of men and women, boys and girls of similar racial background, dating back to antiquity. I suppose some people have read these letters and some agreed and some disagreed.

One of the things that separates the generations as well as old country Danes from Americans of Danish ancestry is their experiences. An old country Dane knows about Denmark, its customs, its history, its language and its crafts. After all, why shouldn't he, he was a part of it. But an American of Danish ancestry doesn't know this. Perhaps he may have some hazy memories from stories told by his parents; but the knowledge is so limited that he is unable to pass it on to his children satisfactorily.

To top it off, the world seems to be becoming homogenized. Everyone seems to be doing the same things. They are putting aside the crafts, the handwork, the dreams, the reasons which brought out the strength in each race and

caused it to survive until today. I'm sure that those old country Danes who visit in Denmark see considerable change just since they left, just as we see it here. I would be surprised if little Denmark wasn't doing its best to gather the remaining mementos of the grandeur of past history before they disappear into this abyss called progress.

Anyhow, over the years, others beside myself, have expressed the need to unite all Americans of Danish ancestry by the common bond which will bring them into the Brotherhood voluntarily. To succeed, this program must offer these Americans of Danish ancestry something which they cannot get elsewhere.

This is not an attempt to make Danes out of Americans, but rather an opportunity to help them find themselves. After all, we all like to know who our ancestors were and spend some time trying to find out. Likewise, the study of Danish culture, language and crafts enable the younger generation to better understand their own talents and background in relation to today.

At various times I have read where others have expressed interest in these matters and perhaps taken action. One of those expressions was the action taken in northern California by various members of DB lodges in California in a specific tract of land designated as Bakkedal. My son answered their ad in the Brotherhood Magazine for boys to work during the summer; and of course I wanted to see Bakkedal, so my wife and I went with him to give it the once over. At this time we met Brother Al Tunsen.

Californians seem to be more flamboyant and outgoing than the rest of us. Perhaps this makes it easy for them to make great dreams come true. Anyhow, Brother Tunsen showed us the 1200 acres, explained their ideas for a Danish Cultural Center and all the other things planned to graphically illustrate in one way or another, the various facets of Danish old country life. You can paint pictures with words, but each one of us doesn't see the same picture. But the construction of buildings in the 18th century style, the practice of crafts and the instruction in language will create a precise picture in the mind of the observer or participant.

As I looked at the raw land and watched the surveyors working, I couldn't help but admire all those who are connected with this tremendous project. It certainly is of a vast scope and won't be completed overnight. Of this, those connected with Bakkedal with whom I spoke, seemed to be well aware. But they were also aware of the need for this center and seemed willing to dedicate their lives to its completion.

Now that my son Robert is home again, I am getting some of the more personal side of this story. Such as some of the problems involved and the reaction of those connected with Bakkedal to these problems. My admiration for them increases. The California Brothers should be proud of Bakkedal, for it merits their support. In fact we all should support them, for this venture is not to make a profit, but instead to educate our children in ways not open to them elsewhere, that their lives may be enhanced.

Also, it will create pleasing surroundings for their elders and give them an opportunity to take part in ways where they are best able to serve and at a time in their life when they will want to share their talents and knowledge with others. There are not too many opportunities for us of various generations to work together for the common good. This is one time we shouldn't miss the boat. Thank you, Bakkedal, for lighting the lamp that others might see.

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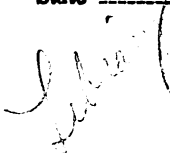
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