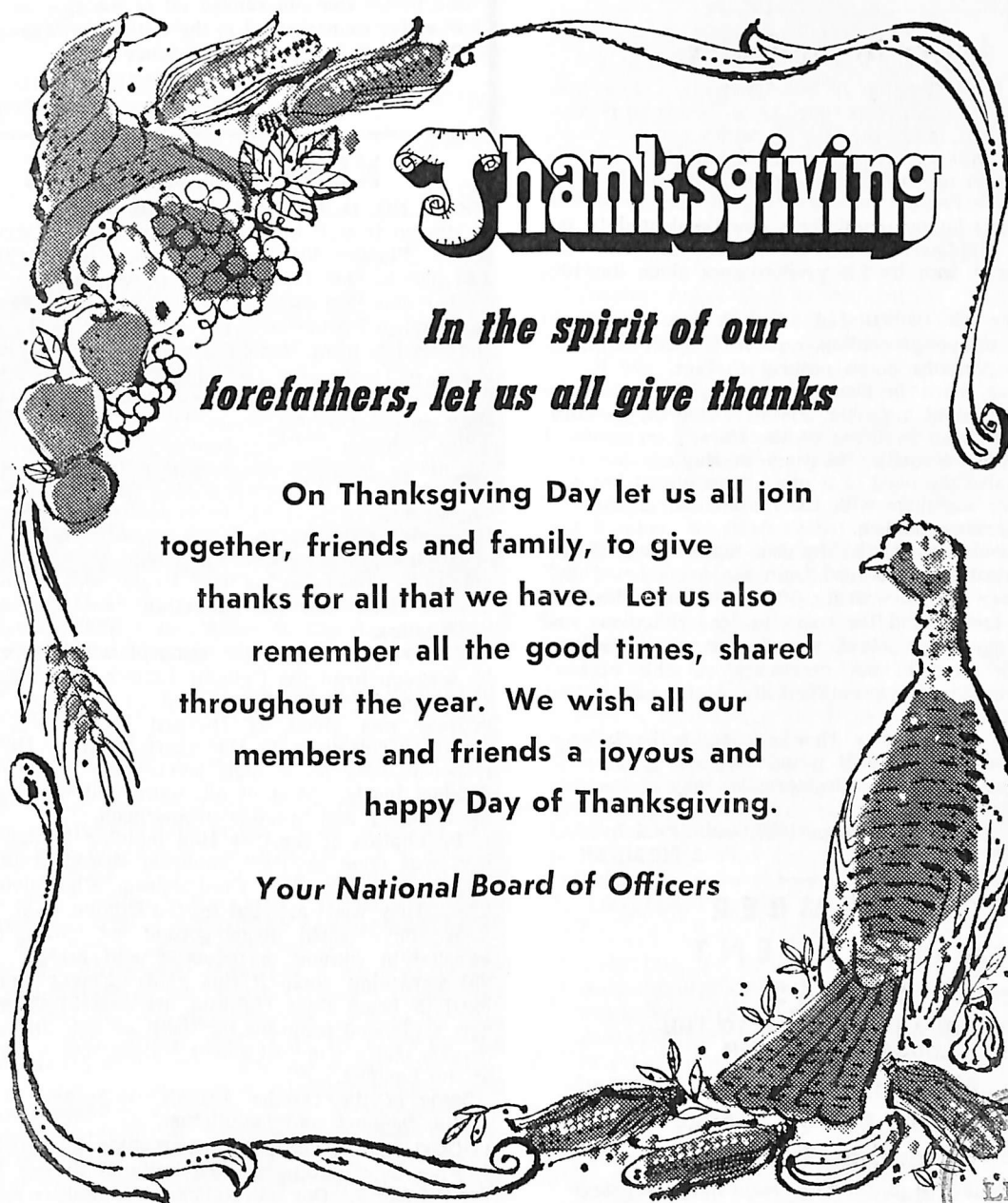


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Thanksgiving

*In the spirit of our
forefathers, let us all give thanks*

On Thanksgiving Day let us all join together, friends and family, to give thanks for all that we have. Let us also remember all the good times, shared throughout the year. We wish all our members and friends a joyous and happy Day of Thanksgiving.

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Letter to the Editor

At this week's meeting of our lodge the Danish-born president was absent, consequently a young American took over. He read the ritual with some aplomb, much to the satisfaction of the members. Consequently we were able to adjourn much earlier than usual.

This is no reflection on our energetic and hardworking president, who no doubt feels tradition-bound to put considerable emphasis on our ceremonies as they were handed down to him by his predecessors since the 19th century.

The officer who substituted as chairman, belongs to the younger native generation, so our English language rules and regulations come natural to him.

This writer, born in Denmark, nearly 82 years ago and an intermittent member for over half a century, admits having been in favor of the Danish language at the time of DB's transition to usage of English, but as a realist feels also the need of a more streamlined business routine at our meetings with the elimination of some of our medieval abracadabra.

To have double guards at the door and to have "Jens" demand the current password from his neighbor "Pete" (whom he may have known for fifty years) as if he were a suspected traitor and the more or less ridiculous and outmoded supposedly secret gestures at our meetings, together with some of our ceremony, all this appears to this Brother to have outlived its usefulness in our 20th century.

Concluding with Patrick Henry: "If this be treason, make the most of it!" — It would give me great satisfaction to hear from other Brothers, be they of the first, second or third generation.

Respectfully submitted by
A MEMBER.

NOVEMBER ASSESSMENT

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December 1, 1969

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Notice in Regard to Bakkedal

Until further notice, no news articles or opinions by members, groups of members or advertising firms will appear in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine. The reason for the above action is that I, as your editor, have received numerous letters and articles about the Bakkedal project with requests for immediate publication. Much of this material contains statements that I cannot substantiate as facts and it could therefore be misleading. We do not have nearly enough space to publish all these letters.

I can inform you, however, that the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association has taken the initial steps to convey all of the responsibilities of active management to the California Management Committee for greater efficiency.

EINAR DANIELSEN, Editor and
DB Cultural Center President.

NEBRASKA NEWS

LODGE NO. 16, MINDEN, NEBRASKA —

Minden is well known for many things: 2,500 friendly people, Pioneer Village and the Christmas City. They also like to host DB and DSS conventions.

One was just held October 3 and 4. There was a get-together Friday evening, singing led by Fred Jensen, and movies from Honolulu, shown by Herbert Nielsen. Coffee and cake was served.

Registration was Saturday morning. Brothers had a short meeting. A delicious buffet lunch served by the ladies in Minden. There was a joint meeting at 1 p. m., the mayor of Minden extended a welcome to all. Not too much was brought up at the meeting. The delegates were asked to go back to their lodges and talk about proposals to the national convention in 1971.

Brother Soren Sorensen of Lodge 84, Lincoln, was not able to be present as his wife, Peggy, was in the hospital. Brother Soren has not missed a convention since 1931 — 38 years.

About 200 attended the banquet which was prepared by a group from the Catholic Church, a delicious dinner was served. Fred Jensen led in singing. The main address was given by Howard Christensen, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer in the Home Office. He spoke of responsibilities on a high level; also at local and individual levels. Most of all, unity, and working together for a bigger and broader Brotherhood.

Installation at the City Hall building for both DB and DSS was done by Past Supreme President of the DSS Margaret Larsen, and Fred Jensen, Chairman of Trustees. They were assisted by the Omaha Drill Team.

We have heard about getting our young people interested in coming to meetings and doings. Nebraska did something about it this year. People were encouraged to bring their children, we had 21 in all. There was a planned program for them all day and evening — movies and a trip to Pioneer Village and a special table at the banquet.

Some of the Omaha JADA's performed at intervals at the banquet and installation.

LODGE NO. 1, OMAHA, NEBRASKA —

Five new members were initiated at our last meeting October 7. Our entertainment committee has planned a card party for October 21 and a turkey bingo game on November 18.

CHRIS LARSEN, Corres.

Anker B. Christensen Dedication

October 11, ceremonies were held at Bakkedal, Calif., to dedicate a beautiful green belt area around Lake Bakkedal in memory of Anker B. Christensen, who died October 5, 1968, while attending a Danish Cultural Center Association meeting in Murphys, Calif.

Anker B. Christensen was born in Holbak, Randers County, Denmark, March 19, 1898. ABC, as he was known to all his friends, came to America at an early age and had always been very active in the Danish Brotherhood. Up until his death, ABC devoted much of his time toward projects that worked to further the development of young people.

Anker joined Golden Gate Lodge 49, San Francisco, March 19, 1919. October 10, 1924 he transferred to Hayward Lodge 184, where he was still a most active member, until his death. He was corresponding secretary of Hayward Lodge for over 28 years, in which capacity he served his lodge well.

For many years Anker served as the state bowling chairman of the DB lodges in California. This was an immense task, but a job that he loved and he devoted a great deal of time in making it a success.

In 1960 Anker was elected as an officer in the California General Committee. His slogan always was, "I'll



Front row, left to right: A. B. Christensen's sister, Mrs. Hansen; ABC's son, Alden B. Christensen, Mrs. Christensen and ABC's son, Mervin Christensen.

do the best I can." In 1963, at the state convention, Anker was elected president. During his term as president, many advanced and progressive ideas were introduced and tried. Many of them are taken for granted today in our organization.

In the winter and early spring of 1965, Anker got together a group of Danish people in the Fremont area and talked to them about the possibility of starting a DB lodge. After a number of these meetings, it was agreed to start a lodge in that area. The charter members unanimously agreed it should be named Anker Lodge No. 337. ABC served as the first president.

A year ago Anker was appointed a member of the managing committee of the Danish Cultural Center. This appointment was the ultimate in his life, for here he could visualize the many things that could be done for the young people, the middle-aged and the aged.

October 5, one year ago, the managing committee held an all-day meeting in Stockton. Late in the afternoon the committee viewed the property, and after that to the town of Murphys for dinner to spend the night in preparation for a continuance of the meeting the next day.

It was at the dinner in the Murphys' Hotel there was an unexpected guest. The Grim Reaper came to remove Anker B. Christensen from our midst. His hour-

glass had run dry, and there was a need for him in a brighter, better land.

Yes, our Brother has been missed, he is missed and will long be missed, but his memory still lives in the hearts and minds of many. Many sincere and heartfelt



Melvin Ordsen points to bronze plaque

pledges have been made this past year that the dreams of Brother Anker shall be fulfilled.

The committee felt it should do something to preserve the shoreline of our lake and make it available to all our people and not let private ownership control the frontage. The members therefore decided to set aside a strip of property 200 feet wide as domain for our own people, that they shall have the privilege of using this strip of shoreline without fear of being on someone else's property.

Today, one year and one week after the passing of our Brother, we have gathered here at Bakkedal for the special purpose of dedicating this strip of land surrounding our lake, to the memory of our Brother Anker B. Christensen, as testimony, before all of you as witnesses, that one of the dreams he had has become a reality and all our people may use it until time is no more.

In looking up the name Anker, I find the Oxford Universal Dictionary says that Anker is one of the oldest European words, and its origin is unknown. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary says it means to secure, to tie down, to make safe. Vej, is a Danish word meaning a thoroughfare, a right-of-way, a highway, etc. Therefore, the managing committee of the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center, Bakkedal, has unanimously adopted the name ANKER VEJ for this waterfront domain.

As testimony for the world to see for time immemorial, we have here a bronze plaque, duly inscribed:

ANKER VEJ

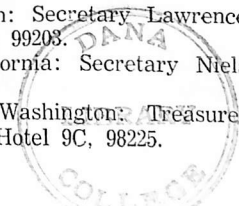
On this day, October 11, 1969, the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center has dedicated and named the green belt area surrounding the lake in memory of Anker B. Christensen, who gave greatly of himself to fraternalism and fellowship in furthering the intentions of the Danish Brotherhood.

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1969 Scholarship Awards Announced

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Officers is very pleased to announce scholarship awards to the following members of The Danish Brotherhood in America:

CHARLOTTE BIGELOW

Lodge No. 202, Warren, Pa.

NIELS LOECHELL

Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Ill.

WILLIAM MOORE

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.

ELIZABETH NIELSEN

Lodge No. 337, Fremont, Calif.

SANDRA PIERCE

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, N. Y.

IVY RASMUSSEN

Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev.

On behalf of the Board of Officers and the members of The Danish Brotherhood in America, I wish to congratulate these young people on their achievements and to wish them well in their future endeavors.

Fraternally,

KRISTEN JORGENSEN, Chairman,
The Scholarship Committee.

CHARLOTTE BIGELOW—Lodge No. 202

All through my high school years I had been thinking about entering the business world. I had worked at my father's leather store as a bookkeeper and a salesclerk.

In my last three years in high school my studies were concentrated on the business course. I became involved in the business club in school, the Future Business Leaders of America. I also joined the Rainbow Girls of America.

After I graduated from high school I decided to further my education in the field of business. I applied to and was accepted at Bryant and Stratton Business Institute in Buffalo, N. Y. My course of study was fashion merchandising. I chose this field because I am very interested in clothes and their effect on society.

Now that I am attending Bryant and Stratton I can't begin to express how happy I am, knowing that in the near future I will be a qualified business leader in the field of fashion merchandising.

I would like to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to complete my studies and further my knowledge of the fashion world. The scholarship is very much appreciated and I am very grateful.

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NIELS LOECHELL—Lodge No. 92

I was born May 14, 1950 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and was brought to the United States at the age of 11 months. I attended grade school and junior high school in such places as Nashville, Tenn.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Endicott, N. Y.; and Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. I attended Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and am now a sophomore at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. I probably

will major either in history or anthropology and I plan to attend law school in preparation for a career in some field of criminal law.

Since leaving Denmark I have been back only once, in 1960, for six weeks. I have been a member of the Danish Brotherhood since July 1959, when I joined Lodge 301 in Akron, Ohio.

As of now, my main interests are politics, conservation, writing and backpacking. I hope, however, to do some field work in archaeology in the near future.

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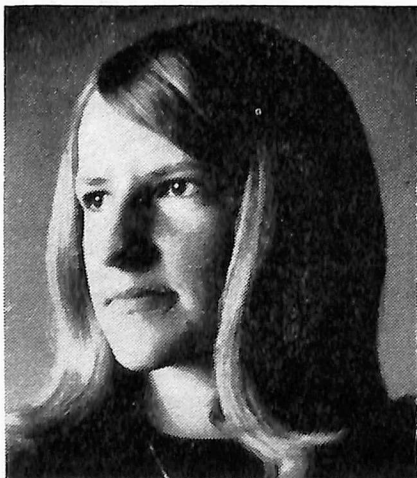
WILLIAM J. MOORE—Lodge No. 116

Up until this year I have lived with my family in the small town of Middlesex, N. J. It is a rural area located just west of the central Jersey suburbs and east of the state's rich farm lands. I have a brother, David, age 12. My mother is a full-time housewife and my father is a professional photographer in business for himself.

Graduation from Our Lady of Mount Virgin Grammar and Middlesex High Schools comprise my primary education. During my high school years my interests were many and varied. I was a student council representative and a member of the French and Varsity Clubs. I wrestled on the varsity team for two years and played baseball for the same length of time.

Community activities included active participation with my church youth group and membership in a young political organization. Philately, long an interest of mine, rounds out those things which have taken up my free time these past four years.

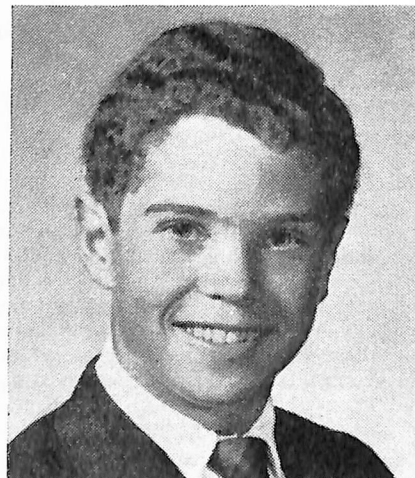
This year I am enrolled as a full-time undergraduate in the College of Arts and Sciences at the American Uni-



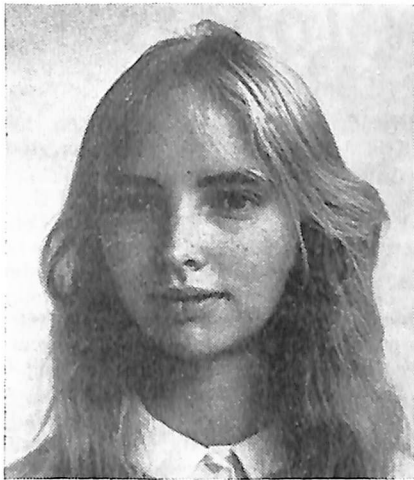
Charlotte Bigelow



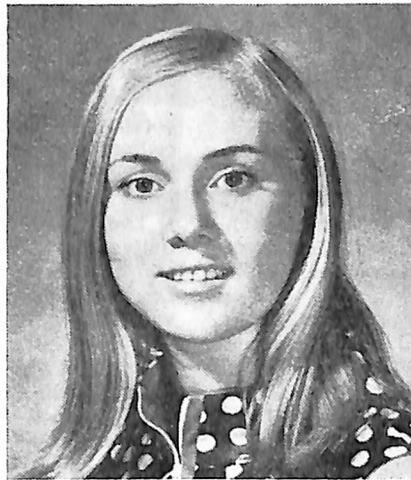
Niels Loechell



William J. Moore



Elizabeth Anne Nielsen



Sandra Lynn Pierce



Ivy Rasmussen

versity, Washington, D. C. As of now my declared major is political science and I hope to go on to law school.

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ELIZABETH ANNE NIELSEN—Lodge No. 337

I was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, and I've lived all but the first year of my life in the same city — Fremont, Calif.

When I was nine, my family made a sort of pilgrimage to Denmark. My parents were both born there and for six months we visited all the relatives my two brothers and I had never met. I was able to learn the language and attended school there for a short time.

Upon returning to Fremont I finished elementary and high school in that city. Now I am living in Davis, Calif., attending the University of California Branch there and I am planning on an English major.

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SANDRA LYNN PIERCE—Lodge No. 325

My life has been an exciting sequence of unusual events. Until I was six, I lived with my parents and sister on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania. Then for five wonderful and informative years my home was Brazil. It was there that I began to understand what "people" are all about.

In the States I continued my education at L. I. Lutheran High School and R. J. Reynolds High School. In 1965 I became a junior member of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 325, of which my grandfather has been a member for 42 years. The summer of 1968 I accompanied my grandparents to Europe for 12 marvelous weeks. During our 10-day stay in Copenhagen, I fell in love with the Danes, the warmest and friendliest people I have ever met!

I am now attending Smith College, Northampton, Mass., aiming toward a career in chemistry research or political science. The scholarship granted me by the Danish Brotherhood will help me immeasurably throughout my college years. I want to thank all the members of the Brotherhood for giving each of us the opportunity to receive this award. Mange tak!

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IVY RASMUSSEN—Lodge No. 339

I was born in Las Vegas, Nev., attended school here all my life and graduated from Valley High School with a B plus grade average. While attending high school I was a member of the National Honor Society, American Field Service and the Ski Club. I was a Senior Class Senator, Inter-Club Council Representative, Representative to the Student Youth Traffic Jury, vice president

of Future Teachers of America, class editor of the Yearbook, vice president of our Junior Human Relations Committee, which was organized to promote better human relations between the members of our community, and co-president of Club Charity, its purpose being to raise \$1,000 to build a school in an underprivileged country through the Peace Corps.

For community activities I was vice president of Candy Strippers, a member of Jobs Daughters and the Danish Brotherhood in America, Silver State Lodge 339, and I worked for UNICEF, March of Dimes and Easter Seals.

My hobbies include snow skiing, tennis, badminton, bowling and horseback riding in which I have won many blue ribbons.

This year I am a freshman attending the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, majoring in elementary education. Next year I plan to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y. We lost two Brothers this summer — Brother Albert Johansen passed away July 22. He was a retired farmer. His wife died in 1965; he left three daughters, Helen Spencer, Elsie Borglum and Anne Marie Powers all of Penn Yan. Brother Kresten Kock passed away September 4, leaving two daughters, Agnes DeBolt and Elsie Hemminger and two sons, Marvin and Glen.

Brother and Mrs. Paul Christiansen celebrated their golden wedding September 7. Paul and Agnes entered this country in 1922 and settled near Penn Yan. They have 11 children of which one is living in California and one in Detroit. Brother Paul joined the Danish Brotherhood in 1923 and has been a member for 46 years and has been through all the chairs, he is also a member of the Kiwanis.

Laurids S. PEDERSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. The date of our November meeting has been advanced to Friday the 14th, to accommodate the building management.

We were happy to welcome Brother William J. Gill into active membership at our September meeting and just know he will enjoy being with us.

Our harvest buffet and dance was a successful event enjoyed by all. The hall was decorated in tune with the season — pumpkins, cornstalks and mums. Each table had a bouquet of mums also. Many thanks to Brother Paul and Sister Lizzie Nielsen for their scarecrow and miniature hay stacks which added immensely to the decorative effect.

My wife and I attended the 70th anniversary celebration of Lodge 116, where we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We were delighted to meet and talk with National Board President Kris Jorgensen and Officer of the Board George Godthaab.

Next day we attended a meeting at the Danish Home in Metuchen, N. J., after which we enjoyed a wonderful dinner and a tour of the place. Thanks to Brother Peter Christensen. After a delightful visit with President Carl W. Sorensen, Jr., at his home in Cherry Hill, N. J., we left for home.

CARL W. SORENSSEN, Corres.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. This lodge was happy that Brother Paul Iversen was elected GCEL vice president at the convention in Long Island.

We were honored by having National President Kristen Jorgensen present at our meeting October 10. A nice crowd was on hand and a very inspiring meeting was held. Added to this was the initiation of a new social member. The initiation performed in an excellent manner by President Jorgensen. We welcome our new member, Brother Ernst C. Keseler, hoping he may enjoy many happy hours in the lodge.

Saturday, October 11 was the big affair, our 70th anniversary dinner and dance, 208 Brothers, Sisters, relatives and friends attended this celebration and a fine evening it was. Chairman Svend Sorensen and his committee did a marvelous job. Visitors from Lodges 41, 46, 90, 102, 164, 172, 183, 190 and 325 honored us with their presence.

The lodge had invited all wives of deceased Brothers, going back over 20 years and a good number of widows were on hand. Toastmaster for the evening was Past President James Brochu, who did a splendid job. Speakers were President Knud Scholer, Supreme Vice President of the DSS, Mildred Sorensen; President of DSS Lodge 84, Anna Nielsen; Committee Chairman Svend

Sorensen, GCEL President Flemming Hinrichsen and National President Kris Jorgensen. Invocation was given by National Trustee George Godthaab.

VIGGO NIELSEN.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. The General Committee of the Eastern Lodges held their annual convention at Garden City, Long Island, N. Y., over the Labor Day weekend with Lodge No. 325 as host. Our lodge was honored by having Flemming Hinrichsen elected and installed as president for 1970. Brother Lawrence Knudsen is the only other member of our lodge ever to hold this job since the founding of the GCEL in 1925.

On August 18, our lodge was visited by Holger Bladt, who is curator of Udvandre Arkivet, the Danish Worldwide Archives on immigration to other countries. He was met and entertained by our president. Mr. Bladt is on a two-month tour of the USA, seeking information about Danish immigrants. If anyone should have items pertaining to Danish immigrants that they wish to donate, they may send it to: Arkivet Konvalvej 2, Aalborg, Denmark, or contact Flemming Hinrichsen who is one of the correspondents for the East Coast.

Lodge No. 183, Troy, N. Y. News has been rather slow. The death of Brother Nielse W. Jensen October 9, leaving a daughter Engerborg Moran of Rye, N. Y., and a son Erving Jensen, who has been financial secretary for 22 years. Bill Jensen, as he was better known, joined Lodge 183 in 1907, had been an active member until his death.

We are hoping to start our winter program with the Sisterhood, as our social program has been slipping, with the installation coming up soon and other socials in the planning.

M. RASMUSSEN, Treas.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. K. Chr. Krake, who joined as a juvenile member, has now come of age and has become a full fledged member of Lodge 190. We are aware, that the distance to Schenectady is a little in excess of what can be considered practical. Brother Krake lives in Pennsylvania, so we will not have the pleasure of seeing him too often.

Brother Stuart Fynboe in Binghamton was the lucky winner of three months free dues drawn during the last meeting. Ernest Jorgensen sends greetings from the Bahamas.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. GCEL Convention Host Lodge. Brother and Mrs. John Pihl attended the 18th annual convention of the Midwest District in Racine, Wis., on September 27-28. Brother Robert Holby is the new manager of the Danish Club.

We welcome Brothers Bruce Feltenberger and John Lye, Jr., who were initiated into our lodge at the meeting October 10. A Feather Party will be held Saturday, November 22. Ten turkeys will be given away.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. The October meeting was, as usual, a well attended affair. It was a good evening for your friends and prospective members for an evening of brotherhood fellowship. After the business session, the entertainment committee had arranged bingo. There were prizes galore and lots of fun. Coffee and Danish pastry were served for lunch.

Charter Flight "70." Attention Brothers: Correct address for Co-chairman Elmer W. Jensen, 1915 Seminole Blvd. 123, Largo, Fla. 33540.

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NEW MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
1	Omaha	Florence Rasmussen	H. Christensen
1	Omaha	Alexander Sorensen	Al Hedegaard
1	Omaha	Mabel C. Lauer	Al Hedegaard
1	Omaha	Julietta Christensen	Al Hedegaard
1	Omaha	Lillian Christensen	Al Hedegaard
4	Racine	Russel Kruck	Charles Alexander
4	Racine	Clifford Miller	Gordon Sorenson
51	Ludington	Henry Johnson	Frank Budreau
102	Providence	William Gill	Erling Braumann
126	Los Angeles	George Johnson	Kurt Moller
126	Los Angeles	Anker Jensen	Carl Christensen
126	Los Angeles	Edmond Due	Martin Jensen
126	Los Angeles	Hans Jensen	Martin Jensen
126	Los Angeles	Jorgen Hansen	Niels Pallisgaard
167	Portland	James Coughlin	Hans P. Jensen
227	Detroit	Paul Brasch	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Mark Christensen	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Herbert Andersen	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Einar Glasius	Lawrence Sheppard
242	Erie	Bruce Feltenberger	Olaf Hansen
242	Erie	John Lye, Jr.	Olaf Hansen
264	Pocatello	James Jensen	Ejnar Jensen
299	Solvang	Henning Hansen	Jorgen Hansen
328	Vancouver	Ove Pedersen	Harry Nielsen
328	Vancouver	Hakon Willadsen	Eigil Kristensen
334	Geneva	Otto Christensen	Arthur Christensen
337	Fremont	Poul Nielsen	William Nielsen
337	Fremont	Inger Nielsen	William Nielsen

JUVENILES

301	Akron	Elizabeth A. Young	Jerome Young
301	Akron	Mary Martha Young	Jerome Young
301	Akron	Karen Ann Young	Jerome Young

HONOR ROLL

LODGES

Lodge	Location	Number of New Members
1	Omaha, Nebraska	14
4	Racine, Wisconsin	8
15	Des Moines, Iowa	5
29	Seattle, Washington	5
43	Denver, Colorado	5
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	11

51	Ludington, Michigan	15
126	Los Angeles, California	34
161	Ruskin, Nebraska	9
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	9
227	Detroit, Michigan	26
273	Dillon, Montana	5
323	Alhambra, California	12
325	Nassau County, New York	6
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	25
332	Ripon, California	13
337	Fremont, California	11

INDIVIDUALS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members
1	Omaha, Nebr.	Howard Christensen	9
1	Omaha, Nebr.	Al Hedegaard	19
4	Racine, Wis.	Gordon Sorenson	3
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	6
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Kurt Moller	7
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	8
301	Akron, Ohio	Jerome Young	3
323	Alhambra, Calif.	Hans Nielsen	6
328	Vancouver, B. C.	Eigil Kristensen	11
328	Vancouver, B. C.	Svend Pedersen	3
322	Ripon, Calif.	Jack Belmont	10
337	Fremont, Calif.	Ingeborg Nielsen	3
337	Fremont, Calif.	Sigfred Olsen	3

TOP LODGES

Group 1 —

No Top Lodge In This Group

Group II —

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

AGENTS' PRODUCTION

143	Petaluma, Calif.	Jim Larsen	21
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Viggo Poulsen	6
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News From the Midwest District

The annual convention was held at Racine, Wis., on September 27 and 28. Six officers, 20 delegates and five alternates attended. Brothers Nels Christensen and Ed Aasted were special guests from Santa Barbara, Calif.

Much discussion centered around the Bakkedal project in California. Since National Board officers are also acting as officers for this project the possibility of our involvement as a Brotherhood in the financial liabilities of the project was the subject of much vigorous discussion. The delegates received assurances from National Vice President Einar Danielsen that there would be no liability incurred. A fact-finding committee was appointed to collect details concerning National Board activities which, when assembled, would form the basis for a plan of action at the 1971 convention.

In response to a suggestion that the national convention run from Wednesday to Wednesday with a weekend in between, the delegates voted to continue the schedule as usual from Monday to Friday with weekend plans to be made at the discretion of the delegates.

The pension plan used by National Board employees was discussed. It appeared that changes in the employee contribution structure have been made without regard to the wishes of the delegates at the Erie convention where the plans were formulated.

The by-laws for our District were changed because our current income is not adequate to carry on the programs in the District.

New officers for the District elected on Sunday are as follows: President Donald Moon, No. 64; Vice President Louis Kasa, No. 245; Secretary-Treasurer Ronald Jensen, No. 14; Third Trustee Carl Meyer, No. 35.

The scholarship committee will meet again in October to set up final criteria for selection of a candidate to receive a scholarship in the fall of 1970.

The convention for 1970 will be held September 12 and 13 in Rockford, Ill. The bowling tournament will be held

May 2, 1970 at Guttormsen's Bowling Alley in Kenosha, Wis. The 1971 convention will be held at St. Charles, Ill.
R. C. JENSEN, Secretary.

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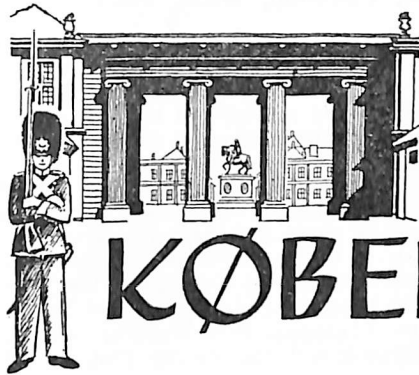
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

National President Kris Jorgensen brought greetings back from Lodge 116 of Newark, N. J., to the West Coast Danes. On his behalf, this column extends Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

According to Correspondent Sigurd Nielsen, the quarterly meeting October 4 of the Northwest Danish Home directors in Portland was well attended and especially by Seattlites which was followed by a ham dinner served to about 150. Sig has broken his hip and after three weeks in the hospital, is now on crutches. Brother Chris Elsner has just returned from a Denmark sojourn.

Halloween was observed by Enumclaw Brothers and Sisters in staging a dance and supper October 18 at only \$1 per person. "The greatest little Danish community in the West," is what the Seattle Danish Lodges call Enumscratch. DB 113 Past President Hans Kjar passed away July 10 after a lingering illness.

DB 328, Vancouver, British Columbia, had the largest initiation in their history last month. The new Brothers include Kaj Beermann, Knud Christiansen, Eddie Hellesten, Kurt Jensen, Lasse Kyhl, Moller Mathiesen, Jens Pedersen, Svend Mathiesen, Carl Petersen, Svend Petersen, Bengt Prebensen, Frede Spangsvold, Jorgen Kristiansen, Hakon Willadsen and Laurits Holm. Congratulations and best wishes to this "bumper crop." Wedding bells rang for Brother John Svenson October 18 when he married Lillian Russell.

Brother Nels P. Rasmussen, an Enumclaw pioneer, passed away September 8 at the age of 91, following a short illness. Born in Denmark January 9, 1878, and following a tour of duty with the Danish Army, he came to the United States in 1902 where he went to work for the White River Lumber Co. In 1912, Brother Rasmussen was married to the former Karen Thim, whom your correspondent lovingly calls "Tanta Karen," and she survives her husband as well as several nieces and nephews. A 50-year member of the DB, a past master of the Crescent Masonic Lodge and a member of the Nile Temple Shrine, Nels was an avid sportsman.

Canadian Brother Poul B. Christensen, reports that the 1969 Danish Constitution Day at the Peace Arch was the tenth and last in that beautiful border park. Where "Grundlovsfest" will be held in 1970 still is to be decided. Much work goes into the event and Poul wishes to thank all those who continue to help make it so. Brothers Jens Miller and Harry Rasmussen are the representatives of No. 328 to the Central Committee of Danes.

One of the dates to remember in Spokane's Danish Brotherhood is their annual Christmas Tree celebration December 6. At DB 42's regular meeting November 1, Brother Erik Leegaard shared his Denmark pictures with his Brothers and Sisters. Belated congratulations on Brother Simon Groth's silver wedding, October 29. A baby boy was born to Brother Jim Pieroni August 17. Sympathies go this month to Brother Martinus Nielsen on the loss of his youngest brother. On the sick list are Brothers Anthon Jespersen, Herbert Miller and Iver Hansen. Brother Howard Jensen enjoyed a trip to New York and Washington, D. C. Latest member to join the Inland Empire Danes is Brother Carl Kjeldsen.

"Because of salary raises and the increased cost of supplies at the Northwest Danish Home, the total expenses of that benevolent operation was 11 per cent over the prior year," so says Treasurer Joseph R. Matsen. Nevertheless, being able to serve more people at the Home, the cost per resident has decreased and coupled

with the continuous generosity of many donors, the rates are still less than comparable facilities in our area. "Old Glory" and "Dannebrog" proudly fly over the Home as a new 40-bed project will soon be ready for occupancy. Thanks to a fine board of directors under the presidency of Brother Edmund S. Olsen, we can all be proud of the Northwest Danish Home. The new Home will stand as a memorial to all Danes in the Pacific Northwest for many years and your donations and pledges will be welcomed by Brother Anton Jessen, chairman of the publicity committee, 2468 Westmont Way West, Seattle 98199.

The regular October meeting of Seattle's DB was held at the Crabapple Restaurant in Bellevue. Ed Olsen is negotiating with the Swedish Club for 1970 DB 29 scheduled meetings. The Danish bowling organization is under the chairmanship of Brother Sam Frederiksen and assisted by Brothers Fred Hewes, Martin Rasmussen, Mel Hollister and Ed Olsen. On veteran's night, 50-year pins were presented to Brothers, Hans Christian Hansen, Ed H. Clausen, A. M. Henriksen and Christian Larsen. Twenty-five year pins were recently earned by Brothers Svend Nielsen and Chris Brandholt. Brother Martin Andersen, a 50-year member of Kronborg DB 298 in Chicago, regularly attends the Queen City meetings. Brother Sig Pedersen reports a good summer vacation in Denmark. On the sick list are Brothers Harold Rasmussen and Otto Hansen. Harvest party chairman Flemming Sorensen reported a fair turnout at the Painter's Hall October 11. Lodge President Olaf Langsted will chair the annual old-timer's night November 12. Old Washington Hall, the home of the Danish colony for the past 45 years, has been sold. Picnic chairman Frank Larsen and Danish princesses Greta Jessen and Eleanor Jensen again want to thank everyone for making this year's event in August so very successful. Twentieth year anniversary greetings to Brother Ted Kofoed. Brother Thorvald Clausen, "Ornery Mayor Ex-Officio" of Askov, Minn., has just returned to the West Coast. Save Sunday, December 14 for the annual Lodge Christmas party at Brother John Langsted's Crabapple Restaurant. Danalag Folk Dancers meet the first and third Friday nights at Marymoor Park on the northwest corner of Lake Sammamish.

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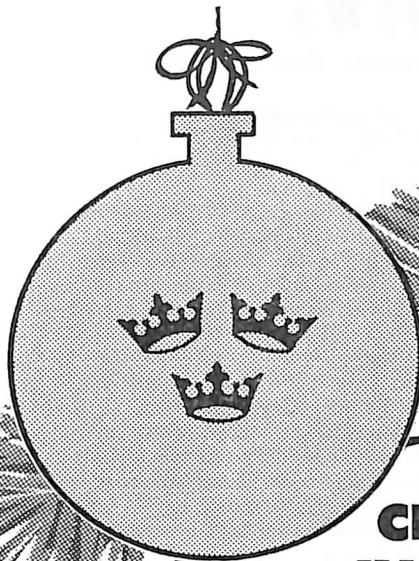
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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Some readers of the DB Magazine wonder what Levi Persson, our California correspondent looks like. Well, here he is, as Solvang caricaturist John Lerch saw him when Persson was sixty years old recently. Note the cauliflower ear, which Persson is very proud of. He got it when he forgot to duck, during a Chicago Golden Gloves bout in 1933.



In the mail a long, neatly typed letter from L. S. DeLaurant, secretary of Lodge 67, Fresno, who says:

I miss your predecessor, A. B. Christensen. Still I do not believe that the DB Magazine has become less interesting. We want you to know that we still have our Lodge Hall, a few assets in our treasury, but a dwindling membership. Things in our lodge this year have been somewhat less than gay. The most disappointing aspect was, that we were almost not represented at the California General Committee convention this year. Brother Julius Hansen, who turned 80 last March, Brother Rey Nielsen (up to his ears in grape harvest), and I, a victim of bureaucratic disturbances, were duly elected delegates. But when the convention time arrived, not one of us could make it to Los Angeles.

While more important matters were brought up at the convention, the one closest to me was a minor question on DB support of Danish homes for the aged. A gift, even if only a token, is a nice gesture, but I feel that it would be far more charitable if we make some concerted plan for regular visits to these homes by individual members or groups of members. A pleasant visit by a friend or even a stranger makes the day a lot more meaningful. Three members of Lodge 67 are now residing at the Bethel Home in Selma and one member living at the Solvang Home. Yes, just visiting these homes is a benevolence that would be a credit to any organization.

L. S. DeLAURANT.

Bits of news from everywhere: Vernon Olsen, secretary of Ripon Lodge, writes that his lodge will cele-

brate its 23rd anniversary with a dinner-dance at Dania Hall. This lodge, nicknamed the "Olsen Lodge," is making big plans for this event and many prominent DB members will participate.

Among the famous chefs in USA is Brother Svend Aage Rasmussen who is in charge of the kitchen at the famous Del Webb Hotel in San Francisco. Chef Svend Aage is a busy man but he always finds time to attend the General Committee conventions with his wife and young daughter.

Holger Bladt, director of the World Wide Danish Archives has been on a tour around USA. Bladt was in America to gather information for his archives. He is interested in anything — documents, letters, manuscripts, pictures, which can help future historians understand the Danish emigrant in America, and record his work, his accomplishments for posterity. "Any member of the Danish Brotherhood who has information about his forefathers should send such to me in Aalborg," Bladt said.

Brother Oscar Aarøe, Palm Springs Danish silversmith, has become so popular among the "jet set" that he was forced to move to a large store in the desert millionaire town. In silversmithing he has taken his apprenticeship from none other than Georg Jensen himself, in Copenhagen.

Brother Eigil Jensen and Mrs. Amelia have made frequent visits from their home in Arcadia, to Solvang during the past year. He was, for many years, the owner of Artcraft Engineering in Los Angeles, where Danes could always find a well-paid job — provided he would put in a full days work. "Store" Eigil retired a few years ago and is now taking it easy.

Brother Esper Pedersen, who after many years residence in Chicago, moved to Santa Barbara a few years ago, is dead. He died October 13, while undergoing heart surgery in a Cleveland hospital. He was buried in Solvang's cemetery. For his work on the international scene, he was knighted by the King of Denmark. He was

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a member of the Santa Barbara Lodge where he was often seen. Esper distributed much of his wealth to charitable institutions. However, he always insisted on the policy of "no publicity" whenever he made a donations. His Esper A. Pedersen Foundation will carry on and further the ideals in which he believed. "Han var en kernekarl — ja, og saa lidt til. Der vil ikke komme til at mangle blomster paa hans grav."

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Frank E. Jepsen of Alhambra Lodge writes: October 11 was a big night for our lodge with over 150 members and guests at our annual sandwich festival. President Hans Nielsen was m.c. "It was the kind of an evening that gives the lodge 'togetherness,'" he said. "The kind of evening that gives us one more reason for existence as a lodge." Richard Rowse was chairman of the food department, assisted by Mrs. Rowse and did an outstanding job as usual, I might add. Decorations were donated by the Hakon Andersen's Nursery. Brother Roy Johnson was in charge of entertainment. Roy knows all the tricks when it comes to entertainment. In closing this little note about our lodge, I want to extend our thanks to the ladies of the lodge who did such a fine job.

FRANK JEPSEN.

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From Silver State Lodge 339, Las Vegas: Jutta Reed, Lene Boas, Lillian Berntsen, Birgette Conradsen and Per Conradsen visited Bakkedal recently to help celebrate the christening of Anker Vej, dedicated to Brother ABC, who devoted much of his lifetime doing good for the Brotherhood. The weekend included a delicious barbecue supper, an overnight stay in a quaint hotel and lots of fellowship with other members who attended the event.

In Las Vegas, Anna and Folmer Lund have visitors from Denmark; Harry Berntsen is expected home soon

from Turkey, and Mr. and Mrs. Willy Bieleeldt and family have left Las Vegas for Denmark.

Silver State Lodge is planning a "Crazy Hat" party at the home of Alice Pinkerton, at which time a prize will be awarded for the craziest hat and winners of other games planned. Pizza will be served and everyone attending should bring their own drinks and wear a crazy hat. We hope to see a good turnout for this event, which will be held November 1. Come and bring a guest.

ALICE PINKERTON.

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The Solvang Lodge had arranged a bowling tournament with the lodges from San Diego and Los Angeles participating for October 11. It turned out to be the best attended party this lodge has had during the past year. It began with a cocktail party and then Johannes Jaeger and his staff served a real California-styled steak barbecue.

Being that the Danish Masonic Club of S. C. held a meeting in Solvang that same weekend, the club was invited to participate in the event. Many of the Masons are also DB members and among those who participated were the well-known architect Per Glarborg, the president of the Masonic Club and Thorvald Kellerup, who for 36 years was the plant manager of the Knudsen's Creamery in Los Angeles. Kellerup retired from the creamery a few years ago and is now living near Laguna Hills.

Well, that is about thirty for November. Next month at this time, I will be up under the Arctic Circle in the town of Kiruna, Sweden. My father was a Swede and was born in that country. Even though I remember him only vaguely, I am still anxious to see where he was born and grew up. I plan to drop you a line from places of interest for the December or January issue.



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
Sep 2—	Niels C. Nielsen	83	Ejstrup, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1911
Sep 5—	Dean A. Layton	47	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1961
Aug 31—	James Andersen	90	Hasler, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1917
Aug 19—	Carl T. Jensen	91	Copenhagen, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1902
Sep 16—	Gustav A. Svensson	80	Alsted Sverige, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1925
Sep 12—	Frederick Greenwood	60	Somerset, England	210	Grand Rapids, Michigan	1929
Sep 25—	Emil Sandberg	68	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1947
Sep 20—	John Olsen	74	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1925
Sep 22—	Jorgen P. Schmidt	77	Nyborg, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1918
Sep 6—	Alfred O. Halvorsen	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1914
Sep 28—	Hans S. C. Hansen	77	Langston, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1915
Sep 14—	Jens O. Jorgensen	83	Grevinge, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1914
Sep 28—	Hans Peter Larsen	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	213	Ord, Nebraska	1916
Sep 26—	Carl Johan Olsson	69	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1943
Sep 24—	Niels K. T. Olsen	80	Esbjerg, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1910
Aug 20—	Hans Marcussen	63	Jelling, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1926
Aug 13—	Christian M. Petersen	73	Hillerod, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1942
Sep 11—	Thorvald B. Thorliefsen	84	Ringsted, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1921
Oct 12—	Lawrence H. Smith	83	Irene, South Dakota	141	Irene, South Dakota	1910
Sep 7—	Viggo Pedersen	75	Viborg, Denmark	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1924
Oct 13—	Christen Rasmussen	87	Sall, Denmark	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1904
Sep 17—	Otto H. Rasmussen	75	St. Paul, Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1917
Sep 29—	Verner Sloth	51	Reinbeck, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1947
Oct 5—	Marius Nielsen	76	Luck, Wisconsin	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1939
Oct 10—	Paul J. Hahnenberg	51	Lake Leelanau, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1963
Sep 16—	Walter H. Hansen	83	Kearney, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1959
Apr 21—	Niels C. Andersen	88	Vig, Denmark	149	Luverne, North Dakota	1926

MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

DETROIT LODGE NO. 227 —

At our regular meeting September 24, there were 55 members present, which is a pretty good turnout for the second meeting of the month. There was not too much business to transact so we closed early to permit the card players to get started and also to allow those interested to have a little refreshment (liquid that is) that seems to appeal to a large number of Danes.

September 4, 14 blind persons from all over Denmark arrived in Detroit to attend the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester, Mich. These people were brought over here as part of Diadem Leader and spent four weeks in very strenuous training in preparation for their return to Denmark to start a new life with a leader dog as their eyes. The dogs were paid for by contributions by the Lions Clubs.

When they first arrived, they had no place to stay for two days until the school was ready to take them, but several members of Lodge 227 and their wives were more than happy to take them in for the time necessary and talking to them afterwards they were all very impressed at how well these people were able to adapt to new surroundings in a very short time and also their spirit, despite their handicap. When the training period was completed, early in October, they and their new eyes left Detroit to go back home.

October 8, there were 105 persons present at the monthly dinner and 75 members in attendance at the business meeting during which four new Brothers were initiated into the lodge. They were Herbert Andersen, Einar Glasius, Mark Christensen and Paul Brasch.

We were sorry to hear that Brother Seigfred Jorgensen was forced by ill health to resign as secretary on the Old People's Home Board but he will remain as a board member, which we are all pleased about as he has been a hard worker on this board for many years.

ROBERT SORENSEN, Corres.

LUDINGTON LODGE 51 —

On September 17 our monthly pinochle party was held with the committee consisting of President and Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. William Hansen and Mrs. J. M. Jeppe-

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sen. Following the games, prizes were awarded and a potluck luncheon was served.

September 25, plans were made for a masquerade party to be held October 31, with a committee headed by Marlin and Mrs. Fouts taking care of the necessary arrangements.

At our regular meeting October 9, plans for a spare ribs and sauerkraut supper were made to be held November 13. All members and their wives are urged to get their reservations in early, as it will be a family dinner, cooked by Chef Claude Shanks with Al Sequin as his helper.

Get well wishes go to Brother Viggo Clausen who is confined to a hospital in Detroit.

ALF LARSEN, Publicity.

Colorado-Wyoming General Committee

The 40th annual district convention held in Denver, Colo., August 22 and 23, was fairly well attended.

The business meeting was very well conducted by District President Svend A. Ronlov of Denver.

We thank our distinguished guest for this convention, President Kristen Jorgensen of Seattle, Wash., for being with us for this occasion. It was gratifying to have him participate in our meeting and social events.

We also thank Past Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen of Detroit, Mich., and Past Supreme President Hans Andersen of Selma, Calif., and Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck of Omaha, for their very nice letters of greetings and congratulations on the 40th anniversary of our District, with the hope of a most successful meeting and a bright future for the Brotherhood in our District.

Four new members were initiated into Lodge 43 by President Jorgensen as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Rateuke and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Daley, a fine welcome was extended to them for applying for membership in the Danish Brotherhood.

Kris Jorgensen also installed the newly elected officers for 1969 and 1970. They are, Past President Svend A. Ronlov, Denver; President Walter Helson, Fowler; Vice President Martin Ferguson, Cheyenne; Secretary-Treasurer Svend A. Sonderup, Denver; Trustees Eldon Warren, Fowler; Kay Moller, Denver and Andrew Christensen, Brush; and Conductor Jorgen Sorensen, Denver.

Paul Strand, Dana College, Blair, Nebr., attended the convention and said he would like to see the Colorado-Wyoming General Committee contribute \$500 to Dana College for a scholarship. No action was taken by the convention. It was decided each lodge should individually decide what they wanted to do.

The convention concluded with a fine banquet held at the Continental Denver Motor Hotel. Master of ceremonies was Svend Ronlov. President Kris Jorgensen was the featured speaker of the evening. The interesting speech he delivered about the Danish Brotherhood was well received by the 92 people in attendance.

It can be said it was one of the finest conventions in social affairs and the best constructive meeting we have had for a long time. Everyone had a wonderful time. The 1970 convention will be held in Fowler, Colo.

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Als Lodge No. 111, Austin, Minn., has moved from the Knights of Columbus Hall, which has been our home for 41 years, to the Odd Fellows Hall at 823 NE 4th Avenue. We will hold our meetings on the third Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., beginning October 18.

CARL SHUTT, Secretary.