

Danish Brotherhood



VOLUME LIV
DECEMBER 1969
NUMBER 12

MAGAZINE



Merry Christmas

May the essence of Christmas once again fill your heart and home with peace and lasting serenity.

To all our faithful and steadfast patrons, we wish the very best at the holiday season.



YOUR NATIONAL BOARD OF OFFICERS

KRISTEN JORGENSEN, President

ALBERT F. TUNSEN, First Vice President

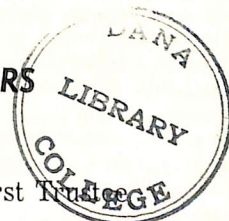
FRED JENSEN, First Trustee

EINAR DANIELSEN, Second Vice President

EDWARD JONASEN, Second Trustee

AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary-Treasurer

GEORGE GODTHAAB, Third Trustee



Danish Brotherhood Magazine

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY

The Danish Brotherhood in America

3717 HARNEY STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68131

AS ITS OFFICIAL ORGAN

Second class postage paid at Askov, Minnesota.

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

DANISH BROTHERHOOD MAGAZINE

P. O. Box 155

ASKOV, MINNESOTA 55704

EDITOR: Einar Danielsen, 404 North Fifth Ave., St. Charles, Illinois 60174. Phone 312 584-3835.

MANAGING EDITOR: Byron W. Petersen, P. O. Box 155, Askov, Minnesota 55704. Phone 612 838-2585.

ADVERTISING MANAGER: Axel Skelbeck, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. Phone 402 341-5049.

Subscription Price: Fifty cents per year.

Condensed Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Board of Officers

The annual meeting of the Board of Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the home office, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebr., September 29-October 2, 1969.

President Kristen Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 9 a. m., September 29. Albert F. Tunsen, Vice President; Einar Danielsen, Vice President; Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer; Fred Jensen, Trustee; Edward Jonassen, Trustee, and George Godthaab, Trustee, were present. He bid them welcome and expressed his pleasure at seeing each member again.

The Board received the proposed agenda and after making a number of additions, the agenda was adopted. Various appointments necessary during this meeting were established.

The president requested each Board member to submit his report to him. These reports were then duplicated and each Board member received a copy of all the reports. In this manner the Board members could study the reports without taking valuable time away from the business session.

Lodge 321, Florida, had suggested to the Board a question and answer column in the Magazine be started. The Board reviewed this subject and Skelbeck moved this question and answer column be established for the Magazine. Duly seconded, the motion carried. Later in the meeting, the following guidelines pertaining to this column were established:

- I. The petitioner, the member who submits questions, shall ask questions pertaining to the following items:
 - a) Organization's history.
 - b) Organization's policies.
 - c) Organization's office or Board of Director's procedures.

- II. The editor of the column shall reserve the right to determine questions of general interest to be answered by publication.

Danielsen moved for adoption of the guidelines as submitted by this committee. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

A report was presented on the completion of the home office building. After the various details involved were presented to the Board, Tunsen moved for adoption of the building committee report and approval of the settlement with the architects and contractors involved. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board of Officers an audit was in the best interest of the Society since a change in home office administration would take place on January 1, 1970. Don Goaley, a partner in the public auditing

firm of Arthur Andersen & Co., presented a proposal to the Board for an audit covering the years 1968 and 1969. Jorgensen accepted this proposal and the Board members supported the president's decision to order an audit for this period.

Jorgensen announced the scholarship committee had awarded six scholarships. He reported fine letters had been received from scholarship winners. He suggested the administrative procedures of the entire scholarship program be moved to the home office.

Jorgensen reported he had requested Past Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen to represent the Danish Brotherhood at the Danish Festival in Greenville, Mich. Brother Mikkelsen was able to do so and the president stated he was very happy to be able to use the past president of our organization in this capacity.

This being the 85th anniversary year of the Danish Sisterhood, upon motion made and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America, while in session at Omaha, Nebr., on this Monday, the twenty-ninth of September, 1969, did act and record the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Danish Sisterhood of America be congratulated in celebration of their 85th anniversary and may the devoted fraternal good they are doing be illustrated forever.

This resolution, signed by all Board members, was sent to the Danish Sisterhood.

A complete evaluation of the current promotional programs and expressions of thoughts with respect to future programs was held at this time.

Some Board members expressed the thought too much emphasis was being placed on insurance and too little lodges need help in developing social activities and it was the role of the promotional department to support both district and local lodge fraternal activities.

The concept of placing the promotional department under the secretary-treasurer was evaluated by the Board members. It was noted the department now functions as a separate unit and members expressed the opinion more teamwork could be realized as a result of a re-organization of this department. A constructive discussion ensued centering on the idea of placing the control of the promotional department directly under the secretary-treasurer and methods of injecting more fraternalism into the program.

Promotional Director Al Hedegaard was called into the meeting. He presented his report. This report included a description of his activities since the last Board meeting, his 1970 promotional program and budget and certain statistics showing some increase in the amount of insurance in force. A general discussion concerning the portion of the 1970 promotional program dealing with salaried representatives was held. Discussion also considered new types of benefit certificates to be developed.

After many items were considered, the promotional director was excused with the stipulation additional discussion would follow later in the meeting.

A motion was made and duly seconded to select April 6, 1970, as the starting date of the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p. m. Monday evening. On Tuesday, the trustees convened in the vault of the First National Bank, Omaha, Nebr., in the official depository of the Society, at 9:30 a. m. to perform the duties described in Section 14, Paragraph 1 of the By-Laws. This function was performed in cooperation with the other members of the Board of Officers. An inven-

tory of the securities was taken and interest coupons were detached from bonds, checked and segregated by due date and placed in a safe deposit box to remain there until date collectible.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the trustee's report was accepted.

After adjournment of this session, a meeting of the Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center Association, Inc., was held.

The June 1969 issue of the monthly Magazine contained a letter to the editor dealing with the subject of permitting members who had attained a certain age to cash surrender their straight life insurance benefit certificates. The president had also received an inquiry from Past Supreme President Hans M. Andersen on this subject. The Board reviewed this request and Skelbeck related from a contractual standpoint, no non-forfeiture options existed in these very old benefit certificates, issued for a small face amount. It was the consensus of the Board the provisions of the benefit certificates could not be violated.

Chairman of the investment committee, Skelbeck, presented the investment committee report. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the investment committee report was adopted.

Requests for charter flights have been received from the Midwest District to sponsor a charter flight to Hawaii in October of 1970, the California General Committee to sponsor a flight to Denmark in 1970, and from the General Committee of Eastern Lodges to sponsor a charter flight to Denmark in 1970.

Upon detailed consideration of each petition, Tunsen moved the requests for approval of these charter flights be granted with the usual limitations. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

The Board reviewed two items dealing with insurance department regulations. A revision in the insurance department laws of the state of Oregon necessitated the appointment of a registered agent in that state. A resolution was adopted by the Board dealing with this item. A report was made by Skelbeck concerning the licensing matters in the state of Colorado. The Board took action maintaining the current status of the Colorado application.

Skelbeck informed the Board the actuarial firm of George V. Stennes and Associates had made the revisions in the retirement plan adopted by the Board at the spring meeting.

The secretary-treasurer was directed to file this amendment with the Internal Revenue Service. To facilitate this filing, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Officers:

RESOLVED, That The Danish Brotherhood in America retirement plan is hereby amended as set forth in the document entitled, "Amendment No. 1, Danish Brotherhood in America Retirement Plan," effective January 1, 1969, which was submitted to this meeting duly identified and filed with the records thereof.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

The president called the meeting to order Wednesday, October 1, at 9 a. m.

Home office employees' salaries were reviewed and adjustments were made where warranted.

Godthaab suggested he would like to see a revised procedure in handling the aid application requests. He felt certain parts of the country were abusing this fraternal benefit. He also stated he would like to see some changes in special aid applications currently used. A general discussion took place concerning special aid.

The president suggested the method of determining special aid awards should be divided into two steps.

Step one would determine whether special aid shall be awarded to the applicant.

Step two would determine the amount of the aid if the majority of the Board voted to allow special aid. Those Board members who voted in the minority are permitted to submit the amount of special aid they wish to award the applicant.

The opinions submitted by all seven members of the Board will be considered in determining the final award.

Skelbeck moved to accept this two-step procedure, stipulating that in no case would the amount of special aid granted an applicant be less than \$10.00 a month.

This motion was seconded. Jensen and Tunsen spoke against this revised procedure and the result of a roll call vote was as follows: Jorgensen, yes; Tunsen, no; Danielsen, yes; Skelbeck, yes; Jensen, no; Jonassen, no; Godthaab, yes.

The 1971 national convention committee (San Diego) had requested Thursday, September 23, 1971, be established as the opening date for the 28th national convention. They proposed having convention sessions on Thursday and Friday, adjourning for a two-day weekend in which various types of sight-seeing activities are planned and then reconvening on the following Monday.

It was their feeling those participating in the convention would have extra time to enjoy the attractions on the West Coast and be able to take advantage of the reduced rates provided by the airlines.

Subsequent to a complete evaluation of the request, Godthaab moved the starting date of the 28th national convention be Wednesday, September 22, 1971, with business sessions to continue daily until completion of all convention business. Duly seconded, this motion carried and the secretary-treasurer was instructed to notify San Diego of the Board's action.

The president pointed out to the Board members that at the spring meeting the Board should have proposals for changing the By-Laws prepared. The convention time schedule should be considered with special attention to the various dates involved for specific action. The Board must appoint a law committee and this may take a special Board meeting in January of 1971 because of By-Law changes made at the last convention.

The president excused Skelbeck from the meeting since he was an interested party to the executive committee report to be presented to the Board for adoption. Jorgensen, on behalf of the executive committee, after noting Skelbeck had been excused from active participation in developing this report due to the nature of the subject matter, presented their report.

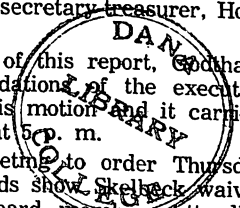
This report dealt with the change in the secretary-treasurer's office which will take place on January 1, 1970. Certain sections of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were reviewed and the report made specific recommendations with respect to items necessary for the transition. It was recommended Skelbeck be retained on a consulting basis to the Board and to the secretary-treasurer on matters such as actuarial and insurance affairs, fraternal activities and investment of the funds of the society. The report also recommended compensation for Skelbeck and the new secretary-treasurer, Howard Christensen.

After complete consideration of this report, Godthaab moved to adopt the recommendations of the executive committee. Jensen seconded this motion and it carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p. m.

The president called the meeting to order Thursday at 9 a. m., and asked the records show Skelbeck waived his per diem allotment for Board members attending meetings of the Board as provided in the By-Laws.

With Hedegaard present, discussion continued concern-



ing the promotional program. The subjects evaluated included new insurance plans, expenditures of this department, salaried representatives, the absence of promotion of fraternal activities, local lodge needs in fraternal areas, public relations efforts and coordination of promotional efforts with the Cultural Center Corporation.

Full consideration was given the idea of placing the promotional department under the direct supervision of the secretary-treasurer. Tunsen asked the promotional director what his opinion would be of placing the promotional department under the jurisdiction of the secretary-treasurer in the home office. Hedegaard favored this concept. At this time Hedegaard was excused.

All facets of this change were evaluated and a motion was made by Tunsen that the promotional department, as set forth under Article VI, Section 58 of the Danish Brotherhood By-Laws, be placed under the jurisdiction of the office of secretary-treasurer with the full authority of supervision over all department employees, including the director, effective immediately. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

Jorgensen suggested the Board of Officers should consider establishing overall policies to be used by the promotional department in developing its program. In this manner, policies with respect to fraternal activities, insurance benefits and financial matters could be set forth by the Board. This would relieve the Board of the necessity of taking specific action on minor details of the program.

After lunch the Board adopted the following promotional policies which are to serve as guidelines for the development of a comprehensive promotional program for 1970 and for the long range future of the Brotherhood. The details of the promotional program are left to the promotional department under the supervision of the secretary-treasurer. This action was taken by the Board in the belief this department will be more productive when the Board establishes the broad policies, leaving specifics to the promotional department under the supervision of the secretary-treasurer. The promotional policies are as follows:

A) Pursue a policy of increasing the value of our portfolio we offer to our membership. Portfolio is defined as fraternal benefits and within this area, insurance is defined as an important fraternal benefit as well as other fraternal benefits.

B) Substantially increase promotion of fraternal activities.

C) Improve communications between the national organization and the central organizations and local lodges. Effective means of communication should be developed, follow-up contact with scholarship winners, letters to members on appropriate occasions, compliments to new officers, etc., should be initiated.

D) Make members and potential members aware of the benefits of belonging to the Danish Brotherhood. Publicize the advantages such as charter flights, scholarships, general and special aid, and any other benefits which can be developed. Establish a procedure for improving public relations with the community.

E) Continue pursuit of the agency system. The secretary-treasurer is empowered to authorize one full-time agent if it appears practical and beneficial.

F) Report the progress of the promotional program to the Board through the secretary-treasurer's office regularly, present full reports to the Board through the secretary-treasurer at each annual and semi-annual meeting.

A motion was made to adopt these promotional policies. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

Godthaab moved the secretary-treasurer be authorized to establish the necessary reserves for the preparation of the annual statement. Duly seconded, this motion carried.

Upon motion made and and duly seconded, the Board declared a refund of gains and savings in the amount equal to last year's refund which was 125 per cent of the original formula.

Skelbeck reported further on his negotiations with Lodge No. 38, Cheyenne, Wyo., to revive it as a duly functioning lodge. However, No. 38 had now requested dissolution. After review of the case history, a motion was made to permit Lodge No. 38 to dissolve; to protect the membership by transferring the remaining members into Lodge No. 600 and to permit the lodge to surrender their charter. Duly seconded, this motion carried. The secretary-treasurer was directed to inform the secretary-treasurer of the Colorado-Wyoming District of the dissolution.

A letter was read from Lodge No. 228 advising the home office only three members of this lodge, from a membership of six, remained in the city of Indianapolis. The other three members lived in other parts of the country. After review, Skelbeck was requested to advise this lodge there was no way to conduct legal business under such conditions, but they could maintain the prestige of local lodge membership by continuing their lodge. If this was not desirable, they would be permitted to dissolve, surrender their charter and transfer their membership to Lodge No. 600.

Holger Bladt, curator, the Danish World-Wide Archives, Aalborg, Denmark, had visited the home office very briefly on one occasion while stopping in Omaha. Mr. Bladt is in the U.S.A. for the purpose of securing material and information about immigrant Danes of interest to the archivists.

During his visit with Skelbeck on this subject matter, he had indicated that volumes of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine would be of a tremendous importance to the archives. Skelbeck had volunteered to assist to that end and suggested Mr. Bladt place a request in writing before the Board at this meeting. This petition now came on for consideration.

Tunsen moved that Skelbeck be permitted to cooperate with Mr. Bladt in this respect to the extent possible. Being duly seconded, the motion carried.

Skelbeck called the Board's attention to the current annual convention of the National Fraternal Congress. He indicated we should send representatives to these meetings to obtain full value of our membership. It was the Board's consensus representatives should attend these meetings.

Certain resolutions required by the various banking and financial institutions in which the Danish Brotherhood has funds on deposit were submitted to the Board for their adoption.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the president declared the meeting adjourned until April 6, 1970.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THE CHRISTMAS FLAG STORY

The custom of hanging strings of small flags on Christmas trees originated in Denmark in the 1840s. Today, they are a traditional part of Christmas decorations in homes throughout Scandinavia. This tradition is maintained in the United States by many people of Scandinavian descent, and it is common to find both American and "old world" flags on their trees.

Go back like Santa Claus.

Jet SAS. 4½ Hours Less. Only \$280*



You came, you saw, you conquered the U.S.A. But you never forgot the Christmases of your childhood. Isn't it about time to relive them? Go back to the firs. To the snow. To Scandinavia. Go back to the friends you've never forgotten and the relatives you've never stopped loving. Go back and share a jug of glogg and a spread

of smorgasbord. The festivities. The fireworks. The friendliness. SAS jets you to Scandinavia in 4½ hours less time than the leading turbo prop airline. And with new lower SAS fares it costs less than ever before to jet to any major city in Scandinavia. No groups. No tours. No clubs to join. Now you can fly to Scandinavia at the lowest price ever and tour about on your own. Stay at least 22 days but not more than 60. Come on, play Santa Claus. Bring all those waiting in Scandinavia the best possible Christmas present—seeing you again. For reservations see your travel agent or call SAS.

Just let yourself go on **SAS**
SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES

*Individual economy round trip fare from New York to Copenhagen. From Chicago \$310, Los Angeles \$408, Seattle \$352, Montreal \$283 (Can.). Effective for departures through March 31; return not later than May 15, 1970.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Jorgen Lebech, who was president of No. 299 some years ago, now lives in Copenhagen, where he operates the family projects in Tivoli Gardens. He is a member and very active within the American Lutheran Church there and in a recent letter he tells that the church is attempting to create a building fund for a much needed enlargement. He got the idea that used postage stamps could help build the church.

He requests that DB members and others gather their used stamps and send them to Pastor A. Kloth, the American Lutheran Church of Copenhagen, Gjorlingsvej 10, Hellerup, or to me and I will forward them periodically.

From the Santa Barbara Lodge: Nels and Anna Christensen accompanied by Ed and Dagmar Aasted have just returned from a 4900 mile motor trip to the midwest. The trip included a brief visit with friends at Omaha and the Home Office and Chicago, where Dagmar attended the DSS Supreme Board meetings for a week. In the meantime the rest of the party visited with Nel's and Anna's relatives in Waukegan, Ill. The travelers also attended the Midwest District conventions where they picked up new ideas.

Brother Herbert and Agnes Sørensen recently journeyed to Oakland where Agnes participated in a lawn bowling tournament. She won a trophy, not only for herself, but for her area.

Brother Per Venge, an active member of Lodge 126 in Los Angeles, has always been a bicycle enthusiast. About six years ago he conceived the idea of arranging an annual bicycle road race around Mathies Tavern, an old stagecoach stop, just north of Solvang.

"Tour de Santa Ynez" received the sanction of the American Bicycle Association and has now become one of the better known road contests in America. Through Per's initiative some of the best road riders in the world have participated in this event.

This year had the largest participation ever with over a hundred riders and several thousand spectators lined the Santa Ynez roads to watch the gruelling event. We congratulate Brother Venge for his unselfish devotion to youth programs and present him with December's big bouquet of imaginary roses.

Bjorn Kristensen is the newest member of Lodge 299 and is now working for the Buellton School. He came to California a few months ago from Sioux City, Iowa. He was formerly an official with Handels og Kontormedhjælperens Fagforening in the largest labor union in Denmark.

Brother Julius Nielsen, who is way past the 80 mark, is now busy writing his memoirs, with regard to the Grundtvig Folk School movement. Julius often stops at our office and gives us a chance to read some new manuscript. He is quite conservative. Yesterday when the weather was sunny and warm he wore heavy black galoshes.

A letter from Arnold Jensen, chairman of the California General Committee Brotherhood and Sisterhood 1970 flight states that the flight to Denmark will leave the first week in June and return the first week in July. They will depart from Oakland, non-stop to Copenhagen. Brother Dan Andersen of San Francisco is the travel agent handling the flight.

Brother Jensen says he must have a master membership list of the California General Committee Lodges for inspection by the Civil Aeronautics Board, and also so that he can mail flight information to all members in the California District.

L. S. DeLaurant from the Fresno Lodge writes: Brother Even Andersen passed away recently after 53 years of membership in this lodge. Even was outer guard that night 22 years ago when I first knocked on the door of Lodge 67. "Come in out of the rain," he said in his rich Danish accent. With that reception I made my acquaintance with the members here, and promptly arranged to have my membership transferred to Fresno.

It was a rare meeting when Even was absent and for years we looked to Even to make the coffee for our annual picnics. He was present at our last meeting and I am sure that it will take many meetings before the lodge becomes accustomed to the absence of our cheerful easy-going companion.

By the way, we were quite pleased with the news the DB Magazine carried about our lodge last month. Makes us feel as if we are back on the map, in the swing of things.

Brothers Emil Jensen and Peter Weber are members of the American Scandinavian Foundation committee which will arrange a Scandinavian styled Christmas party here December 14. The Foundation's home is in Santa Barbara, where every year in the past it has arranged typical Christmas parties for its members, but this year it chose Solvang.

Gløg, an alcoholic Swedish Christmas drink, will be served. There will also be a Santa Lucia procession and costumes from Denmark, Norway, Finland and Iceland will also be observed. This party was warmly endorsed

ALDERSLY, Inc.

DANISH RETIREMENT HOME

FOUNDED 1921

Supported and Maintained by Danish-Americans. Ideal Location and Climate in Beautiful Marin County. Only 30 minutes from San Francisco over the Golden Gate Bridge.

If you are thinking of entering a retirement home, consider these factors: ALDERSLY offers you a friendly, congenial atmosphere, genuine Scandinavian cuisine.....many cultural and social activities during the year.....new and older housing available.....reasonable monthly rates.....Visitors welcome.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION,
CALL OR WRITE

ALDERSLY, Inc.

326 MISSION AVENUE

San Rafael, Calif. 94901

Telephone (415) 453-7425

by the last meeting in Lodge 299 and because of it the lodge will not have its own Christmas party.

—o—o—o—
News from Silver State 339, Las Vegas:

As everyone read in the magazine last month, Ivy Rasmussen was awarded a scholarship by the Danish Brotherhood, and we wish to extend our congratulations to her.

A good turnout attended the "crazy hat" party held at Alice Pinkerton's home. Lillian Berntsen won the prize for the craziest hat and everyone enjoyed plenty of pizza and their favorite beverages.

April, daughter of Alice Pinkerton has announced her engagement to Ronald Gerrity of Las Vegas. The couple plan to be married December 1 and the reception will be at the home of the mother of the bride. Attending April will be her sisters, Julie and Delia.

—o—o—o—
Notes from Fremont by Elsie M. Poulsen:

Regular meeting was held November 13 with a good attendance and we initiated four new members — Mrs. Anna Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hansen and Ian Lorentzen who graduated from juvenile membership.

As per schedule our masquerade ball was in Niles Memorial Hall. Heiser Brothers of Hayward played for dancing. With the exception of half a dozen people, everyone came in a costume. It was nice to see what skill and imagination had been used in making the costumes. They were so numerous and space does not allow detail, only one must have special comment and that was Jenny Olsen, as a snowman — very clever! Many prizes were awarded and the committee deserves credit for planning such a delightful affair. Hayward was very well represented and Mr. and Mrs. Kargard, members of the General Committee of California, came all the way from Petaluma.

May we draw attention to the scholarship awards in the November issue and to the name of Elizabeth Anne Nielsen. She, her parents and two brothers are members of Anker Lodge. Anne graduated magna cum laude from Washington Union High School in June of this year. She is now attending Davis College.

December 14 will be dedicated to our children and grandchildren. The event will be at Washington Township Country Club at 2 p. m., with a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, gifts, good food, singing and games.

An Old World Tradition -

Christmas Flags



... an old Scandinavian custom, and what could be prettier on your tree?

Christmas flag kits have everything you need to make a string of 20 flags. Instructions explain how anyone can assemble the kit in minutes. Order 5 kits for average trees.

Send check or money order to:

Scandinavian Santa
Dept. BE P.O. Box 2764
Durham, N. C. 27705, USA

American, Danish, Norwegian, or Swedish Christmas flag kits - 50¢ ea. - 5 for \$2.00, post paid. (Please add 3% NC sales tax)

Dealers' inquiries invited!

Christmas In Your Lodge

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the lodges this year, when they invite all the children, parents, grandparents of the lodge members and as many eligible for membership as can be thought of to their party, also bring some underprivileged kids as special guests who would otherwise have a limited Christmas?

A nice potluck supper would assure these special guests a good full meal. If a useful gift of some sort could be given them, they probably would appreciate it. A little candy and an apple or orange for all the children and even for the adults is a nice gesture.

A program with some Christmas songs and dancing around a tree and some children giving their school or Sunday school recitations would provide a good evening.

We need to do something outside the lodge if we are to get additional favorable recognition. Would the lodge not only feel better for having done something like this, but the local press could very easily use it as an article to show your group was thinking of others. And who knows, some of those eligible for membership might wish to join and help you continue to show the fraternal spirit.

If you felt your treasury was a little too weak to handle the expense involved by inviting all those eligible for membership, we might help some financially if you are determined to make an effort to solicit these people for membership, but not necessarily at the party. If this intrigues you, let us know ahead of time that you plan to do this and what you might expect as compensation.

Or, we could suggest that the lodge go carolling for their shut-in members. Take the women along. The shut-ins would no doubt appreciate the lodge's thoughtfulness and the singers could be rewarded with a nice cup of hot chocolate on their return to the hall to supplement the inner warmth already created by having done something good.

Will you discuss this at your first lodge meeting?

TRAVEL—let us arrange your trip, it costs you no more. We do large volume charter and group business with many Scandinavian organizations and the independent traveler receives personal and dependable service. If your Lodge is planning a trip write or call collect

PALLE JUUL-LARSEN

(Tour Manager for the Danish Brotherhood Excursions in 1962 and 1966.)

**RICARDO NELSON TRAVEL BUREAU
INCORPORATED**

5245 North Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. 60640

Telephone (312) 561-2435

DB DATA

FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

AL HEDEGAARD

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR



NEW MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
4	Racine	William Heckel	George Schmidt
34	Dwight	Alfred Andreasen	Arthur Nielsen
49	San Francisco	Jens Sondergaard	And. Westergard
116	Newark	Ernst Keseler	John Gronbeck
126	Los Angeles	Donald Fitzpatrick	Tage Moller
126	Los Angeles	Poul Poulsen	Poul Andersen
172	Philadelphia	Henry Bogelund	Christen Wilhjelm
195	Omaha	Lyle Christensen	Fred Jensen
202	Warren	Charles Pedersen	Laurits Andersen
261	Fowler	Harold Lorensen	Walter Nelson
299	Solvang	Ove Kristensen	Peter Grouloff
322	S'ta Barbara	Geert Knudsen	Arne Johansen
323	Alhambra	Elly Wurtz	Hans Nielsen
323	Alhambra	Benno Nielsen	Hans Nielsen
323	Alhambra	Linda Nielsen	Bergette Nielsen
323	Alhambra	Frances Andersen	Jens Andersen
323	Alhambra	Karen Knudsen	Eric Roug
328	Vancouver	Peter Andersen	Herman Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Jorgen Schiebeck	H. Kristensen
328	Vancouver	Leon Olsen	Eigil Kristensen
329	Long Beach	Einer Andersen	Betty Forgrave
337	Fremont	Nina Thyrring	Henning Rasmussen
337	Fremont	Jan Thyrring	Henning Rasmussen
600	Home Office	Carla Roge	Al Hedegaard
600	Home Office	Klea Twigg	Al Hedegaard
700	Home Office	Alice Bigelow	Arthur Thode
700	Home Office	LeAnn Mikkelsen	Arthur Thode

JUVENILE MEMBERS

16	Minden	Ann Marie Eckloff	Herbert Nielsen
16	Minden	Ward N. Eckloff	Herbert Nielsen
71	Penn Yan	Pamela J. Laursen	Jeannie Laursen
219	Clear Lake	Chris A. Sorensen	Thor. Sorensen
301	Akron	Christine E. Herholz	Russell Thayer

Observed Action

"A picture is worth a thousand words" is an old saying familiar to most people. Studies and tests have proven conclusively much of our knowledge is gained through our eyes and what we see is remembered longer than what we hear.

If we believe this, then the conclusion would come that activities performed by our local lodges which are seen by others, would tend to communicate to outsiders most effectively. So we meet behind closed doors. There

are ways in which local lodge activity can be seen and in many ways has been seen.

Lodge hall have been built. Cultural centers are being started. That indicates action. Lodges have provided floats for parades which contain a message of some kind. Picnics or any kind of outing undoubtedly cause others to wonder what group is enjoying itself in this manner. A tribute to a departed Brother at his funeral service is noticed. Local lodge singing or dancing groups have been seen by many. Old people's homes sponsored by our lodges are visible evidence of activity. Flowers sent to sick members in a hospital can cause others to observe the act. You can probably name several more activities that would come in this classification.

Yes, part of our activity goes on behind closed doors, but visible activity, **observed action**, makes it easier for us to sell our memberships. Many lodges have done a wonderful job in this area.

Would you believe your lodge could improve?

Duties of Members

There it is, spelled out in language that should not be confusing to anyone. Article VIII, Section 114 of the By-Laws of The Danish Brotherhood in America:

"It is the duty of every member to work for the growth and existence of the lodge, to stand by each other with word and deed, and as brothers, in harmony and love, join together and hold the national memories in esteem and honor. Members should act toward each other with kindness, never speak ill of each other but ever be ready to help one another in every way."

Somewhere there is another quote that says, "There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us, that it ill behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us."

We meet in the lodge hall anywhere from an hour to maybe five or six hours a month. What takes place there probably has little if any adverse effect on our jobs or daily life outside of the hall. For this reason, it would seem if there are differences of opinion expressed in the hall, there would be no reason to express them other than in a mild manner.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case according to some reports. We know there are members who really get excited about the Brotherhood, which is fine, when the excitement is directed toward the betterment of the organization. Otherwise, let's try to remember if our particular voice is not heard or accepted it will probably have no disastrous effect on our daily life or job.

"...Members should act toward each other with kindness..." If nothing ill is ever spoken about anyone or anything, then surely prospective members will believe it is a good organization, but if the society or local lodge is held in contempt by its members, then surely non-members will hold it in contempt.

We want to grow, so let's not give anyone reason to believe we think anything but good about the Danish Brotherhood.

HOLD IT!

JANUARY

IS THE MONTH TO WATCH FOR THE
DETAILS OF A MEMBERSHIP CRUSADE

*In the meantime, a sincere "thank you" for the efforts
of all this past year and the best of the
Holiday Season to you and yours!*

HONOR ROLL

LODGES

Lodge	Location	Number of New Members
1—Omaha, Nebraska	14
4—Racine, Wisconsin	9
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	36
161—Ruskin, Nebraska	9
172—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	10
227—Detroit, Michigan	26
273—Dillon, Montana	5
323—Alhambra, California	17
325—Nassau County, New York	6
328—Vancouver, B. C., Canada	28
332—Ripon, California	13
337—Fremont, California	13

INDIVIDUALS

1—Omaha, Nebr., Howard Christensen	.....	9
1—Omaha, Nebr., Al Hedegaard	.....	21
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	.....	10
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	.....	8
328—Vancouver, B. C., Canada, Eigel Kristensen	..	12
328—Vancouver, B. C., Svend Pedersen	.....	3
329—Long Beach, Calif., Betty Forgrave	.....	3
332—Ripon, Calif., Jack Belmont	.....	10
337—Fremont, Calif., Ingeborg Nielsen	.....	3
337—Fremont, Calif., Sigfred Olsen	.....	3
337—Fremont, Calif., Henning Rasmussen	.....	4

TOP LODGES

Group 1 —

No Top Lodge In This Group

Group II —

Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, California
California General Committee

AGENTS' PRODUCTION

143—Petaluma, Calif., Jim Larsen	.....	21
126—Los Angeles, Calif., Viggo Poulsen	.....	6
263—Askov, Minn., Edwin Sorenson	.....	4
144—Dike, Iowa, A. B. Thode	.....	6
17—Chicago, Ill., Carl Hansen	.....	3

Lodge Activities

In the interest of suggesting an activity for your lodge, the information following is an indication of what can be done.

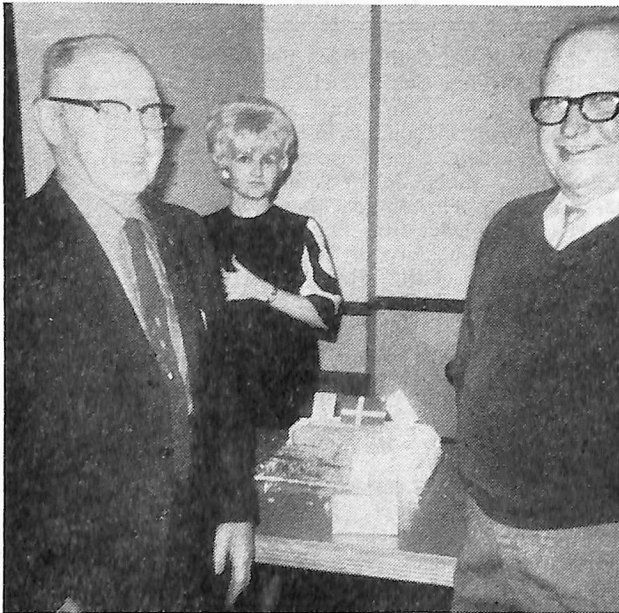
Last month a card party was planned. This consisted primarily of getting the announcement to the membership by mail and by reference to it at the previous lodge meeting. The participants engaged in playing whatever type of cards they desired. At a given time lunch was announced and coffee and sandwiches and/or cake was served. Those who wished could return to their card game and continue playing as long as desired.

This is not too difficult an evening to plan, but of course someone had to announce the party, someone had to see that written notices were sent and someone had to make arrangements for the coffee and food. About 50 attended this function — which is a pretty good group from the potential. Have you tried this in your lodge lately? Different types of card parties can be arranged.

A month later a bingo game was held. Now, apparently bingo may not be legal in all states, but for our type of group Nebraska law permits it with the proper license of course.

Here again, the bingo game was advertised in the same way. In addition, several prospective members had been invited and a good share of them came. Inasmuch as this was the week before Thanksgiving, the prizes consisted of a dozen turkeys and some two or three bottles of wine as a second prize for those who were lucky enough to bingo twice. A flat fee of \$1 for ten games with one card was charged. There were over 100 people to this affair, so it enabled the lodge to make a small profit, although the basic objective is to provide an activity of interest, not to make money.

Again we have to stress the importance of a committee to make the arrangements and to conduct the affair but it does not have to be complicated.



Two Brothers in the lodge, pictured above, left to right, Chris Christensen, 83, and Nels Larsen, 70, were celebrating birthdays, so refreshments were the usual for this type of occasion, including coffee and plenty of nicely decorated birthday cake. In addition, some 300 delicious open-faced sandwiches were provided by Mrs. Nels Larsen. They disappeared in short order.

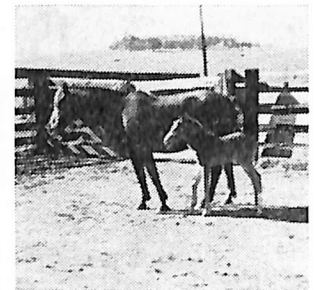
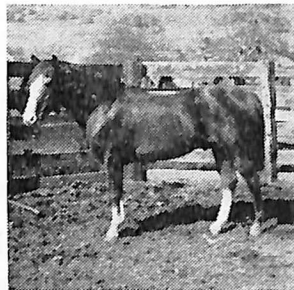
This is perhaps the largest turnout for this lodge for any function for a long time, but indicates the interest is still there if the type of activity is provided that intrigues the membership. This is essential for lodge growth.

Some of the younger parents with small children enjoyed the evening also. The children found delight in repeating the numbers after the caller and in general had a good time watching their parents. Actually, some children's games could very easily be provided on an evening like this. You can see there was a big spread in the age group, so this particular activity appealed to many.

By using the system of selling one card for \$1, time was saved between games and the evening moved rapidly along to not make it late for the children.

This took place in Lodge No. 1, but could easily be reported from many of our lodges. We would appreciate it if every lodge that has a successful evening of any kind would write a report on the evening and mail it to the home office. In that way, we can refer these ideas to other lodges and perhaps the cooperating lodge can in turn get ideas from others through a file that we would keep here for reference. Let's try it.

Midnight Slept Here



Some "claim to fame" is already present at Bakkedal. The horse, "Midnight," formerly Dale Robertson's from the Wells Fargo shows, is out to pasture on this land.

Perhaps his successor, the little colt in the picture, of which he is father, will someday make it to the forefront. It would be interesting if it could be said this child of "Midnight" was born at Bakkedal. The mother, we understand, was also a notable not long ago.

DENMARK 1970

Lodge 45, Minneapolis is sponsoring a group flight to Denmark by SAS.

Leaving from New York June 24
Returning from Copenhagen Aug. 5

Round trip fare — \$288.00
For further information contact

JENS B. HØJ
1846 Jefferson Avenue
St. Paul, Minn. 55105
Phone (612) 699-7578

Receives Insurance Check

A birthday party was held for Brother Chris J. Watt of Corn Palace Lodge No. 62, Sioux City, Iowa November 2 at his son's home, with 35 members and friends present for the express purpose of presenting him with his insurance check. Attending the party was a member who has four sons in the Brotherhood. It was at this member's parent's home that Mr. and Mrs. Watt came to and this Brother was then at the ripe old age of three weeks.

Christian Johannes Watt was born in Skjern, Denmark, November 6, 1873. He received his schooling there. At the age of 14, Chris learned the shoemaker trade which later he decided not to follow. Later he entered the hotel and food business and worked in hotels and inns in various towns for about 10 years, becoming a head-waiter.

In 1902 he married Anna Christine Petersen of Aalborg and Hals, Denmark. In 1903 they decided to go to the United States and to Sioux City, Iowa, where he has resided since. It was an odd deal coming to Sioux City as their original destination was Chicago, Ill. The party who was to meet them did not show up. They then decided to come to Sioux City as Mrs. Watt had a good friend here.

His early jobs were working in the dairy and creamery industry and later operated a dairy of his own. In 1917 he entered the insurance field as an agent which he enjoyed very much until June 1919 when one of his prospects sold him a meat market to which he added groceries. This he operated and worked at until his retirement at the age of 84 years.

Chris since that time has lived alone in his six-room house since the death of his wife in August 1949. He cares for his house and yard, fixes his own breakfast and lunch and eats his evening meals and Sunday dinner with his son and daughter-in-law who live close by.

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3(b)—Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following section: 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:

OCTOBER 1969:

Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$254.73, less taxes \$21.40, net \$223.33. For attending Lodge No. 116's 70th anniversary in Newark, N. J., transportation \$186.90, per diem \$25.00. For attending Board meeting, transportation \$226.80, per diem \$150.00.

Albert F. Tunsen, Sr., for attending Board meeting, transportation \$186.90, per diem \$150.00.

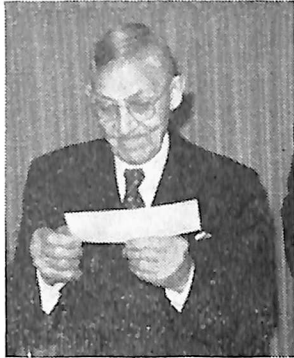
Einar Danielsen: for attending annual meeting of the Board of Officers, transportation \$65.10, per diem \$150.00. For attending California state convention, transportation \$222.60, per diem \$100.00. Refund of telephone expense related to the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Fred Jensen: for attending annual meeting of the Board of Officers, per diem \$100.00.

Edward Jonassen: for attending annual meeting of the Board of Officers, transportation \$142.80, per diem \$150.00.

George Godthaab: for attending annual meeting of the Board of Officers, transportation \$180.60, per diem \$150.00.

Axel Skelbeck: salary \$1,150.00, less taxes \$220.83, net \$911.92.



Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, Iowa

The DB Sommerlyst Lodge 219 met October 11, at the Chris Sorensen farm near Northwood, Iowa. Fifteen persons enjoyed the potluck supper served at 6:30 p. m.

Brother Sorensen has been a member of Lodge 219 at Clear Lake since April 1906 — over 63 years. For the past 22 years he has lived on a farm near Northwood, 30 miles from Clear Lake, but when No. 219 had a meeting or any other doings he was always in attendance except during the last two years when, because of advanced age and leg troubles, he could not always get out. Since October 11 was his 86th birthday and the regular meeting date of Lodge 219, it was decided at the September meeting to meet at his home in October. This way he too, could attend the meeting.



Chris Sorensen and Anton Andersen

Although Chris Sorensen stays close to home most of the time, he is not idle! He does the cooking for himself and one son who now runs the farm. He also canned 103 quarts of apples this summer. This he says he could do sitting down. Three of his sons, three sons-in-law, three grandsons, one granddaughter and one grandson-in-law belong to Lodge 219.

Anton Andersen, another old-timer from No. 219, was presented with a 50-year pin at the meeting by Secretary Thorvald Sorensen. Brother Andersen was 84 October 18.

The charter was draped for Brother Earl Lambert who passed away September 13.

VERNER B. SORENSEN,

CHRISTMAS RECORDS FROM DENMARK

"GLÆDELIG JUL — GODT NYTAAR" is the title of this beautiful 12-inch LP stereo album. With Katy Bodtger and Studenter-sangerne:

Glade Jul, dejlige Jul; Julen har bragt velsignet bud; Det kimer nu til Julefest; Et barn er født in Bethlehem; Det er noget i luften; Højt fra træets grønne top; Vær velkommen Herrens aar; Kong Kristian stod ved højen mast; Der er et yndigt land; Raadhusklokkerne; Tak for alt i det gamle aar.

Only \$5.95 and 25¢ handling.

Please send check or M.O. ORDER NOW or write for Free new exciting list of many other Danish records, gift items, B&G — RC Christmas plates, modern Danish wooden shoes, etc. Of course — No Obligation.

HANS V. LASSEN

P. O. Box 386

ROUND LAKE, ILLINOIS 60073



Direkte og videre
 til til
 KØBENHAVN Oslo

Now is the time to plan your trip to Denmark. Make your reservations early

From New York:	1970	From Copenhagen
May 5	BERGENSFJORD.....	
May 19	SAGAFJORD.....	June 21
June 18	BERGENSFJORD.....	July 12
July 21	BERGENSFJORD.....	August 1
August 11	BERGENSFJORD.....	August 23
September 1	BERGENSFJORD.....	October 11

SAFETY INFORMATION

The m. s. SAGAFJORD and m. s. BERGENSFJORD, registered in Norway, meet International Safety Standards for new ships developed in 1960 and 1948, respectively, and meet 1966 Fire Safety Requirements.

275 pounds or 25 cubic feet of baggage (company's option) free to ports of call.

SEE YOUR TRAVEL AGENT, OR

Norwegian America Line

333 North Michigan Avenue — Chicago, Illinois 60601

New York — Miami — San Francisco — Los Angeles — Seattle — Portland

NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Lodge No. 70, Penn Yan, N. Y. Miss Kathy Christiansen was initiated into our lodge. She is the first woman to join Wendia Lodge. She is the daughter of Brother and Mrs. Arne Christiansen. Brian Angell, son of Brother and Mrs. Arden Angell, was initiated at the same time. We welcome them both and hope we will see them often at our meetings.

Brother Fred Frederiksen is sick and at the F. F. Thompson Hospital, Canandaigua, N. Y. We hope to see Fred home soon.

LAURIDS S. PEDERSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all from us, but especially to Brother Karl Larsen, who is somewhere in Vietnam.

We were happy to have Brothers Harbo Jensen and "Gus" Gustavson with us at our last meeting — two old-time members who live in Massachusetts and don't very often get to visit with us.

Directly after our short but snappy meeting, we, in conjunction with the Sisters, conducted a drawing for the benefit of the annual Christmas party. This was a very successful affair and prizes were won by Sister Esther Madsen and Brothers Edmund Sorensen and Vivi Nielsen.

On the sick list is Brother Fred Mortensen whom we all wish would hurry up and get well. Glad to see Brothers Ray Lauridsen and Johannes Jespersen at this meeting and hope they will become our regulars.

A belated happy birthday to Brother Fred Verdich (11-19), the oldest member of "102."

CARL W. SORENSEN, Corres.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers at the November meeting. Brother Carl W. Nielsen is still not doing too well but we hope he soon will be up and around.

Brother George Christensen, 21 Essex St., East Orange, is back home and feeling a little better after his stay at the Troy Hill House in Parsippany. Brother James Brochu went to the hospital October 20, he is now recuperating at home at 1470 Brookside Drive, Union, N. J. Also recuperating after an operation is Brother Albert Jespersen, 3761 SW Ct. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. We wish all our sick Brothers a speedy recovery.

Lodge No. 164, New York, N. Y. It is with deep regret that we announce the death of two Brothers — Brother Michael S. Larsen, a member since 1925, passed away August 19. Brother Viggo Demant, a member since 1933, passed away October 21. Brother Viggo was a past president in the lodge and for years very active in the Brotherhood. He retired to Rhode Island where he spent his remaining days. At one time Brother Viggo could say that he had three generations in the Brotherhood. His wife, Marie, was also very active in the Sisterhood. Both lodges are proud that they were honored to have such loyal members.

We are glad to announce that Brothers Otto Backus and Gotfred Doctor are improving after their illness.

ROBERT RASMUSSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. Election of officers took place December 3. Members of a law committee from which the delegates to the national convention will be nominated, was appointed.

Svend Munch, whose last address was in Florida, now lives somewhere near Lake George. The lodge and also the National Board are looking for his address, but so far nobody has been able to find him and he has not an-

nounced himself either. The lodge has unfortunately been forced to remove his name from the member files, but if anybody finds him, tell him he will be welcomed back according to the normal ceremonies.

We had greetings from Brothers far away: Troels Beck from Florida and Hans Terkelsen from California. We are always glad for a word from you.

HENRY S. PEDERSEN, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge No. 202, Warren, Pa. At our October 15 meeting we had the pleasure of initiating a new member, Brother Charles A. Pedersen. This is a first for us in a long time and have given us encouragement. We are now going to see what we can do to obtain more members.

We were pleased to be notified by our National Secretary-Treasurer of the scholarship award to one of our members, Charlotte Bigelow. Charlotte's father and brother belong to our lodge, her father "Ben" is a trustee of the lodge. Her grandfather and great-grandfather belonged to Lodge 202. Her mother and grandmother are very active in the Warren Sisterhood Lodge and her great-grandmother belonged to the Warren Lodge.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. Children's Christmas party will be held as before at the Latvian Club, 7th and Spring Garden St., December 14. There is a \$1 admission charge per adult — children free. Coffee, cake, soda and goodies will be served. Plan to bring your children to meet Santa Claus — in person.

We understand that Brother Erik Christiansen of Scandia House recently suffered a most unfortunate and unusual accident. We hope that Brother Eric will soon be back to normal and able to lift furniture again.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Our next convention city. Nominating of officers took place at our last meeting in November. Election will be December 12.

We are sorry to announce that Brother Charles H. Lund passed away November 14. He has been a member since 1949. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

Children's Christmas party will be held in the Danish Club December 21 and New Year's Eve party will, as usual, take place December 31.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. We are happy to inform you that one of our young members, Sandra Lynn Pierce, has been awarded a scholarship from the National Board.

It is with sincere regret we announce the loss of two of our members. Member No. 1 in our lodge, Thorvald Hansen, died October 7 after a long illness. Brother Hansen had been a resident of the Danish Home in Croton on the Hudson for many years. Kamma Juergensen, whom you all knew, passed away October 20 after a short illness. Kamma and Hans had just returned from a trip to Denmark, a trip they had looked forward to for many years. We will miss Kamma, who was always ready to help.

FOR A CHANGE...WHY NOT TRY SOLVANG?
We handle everything in real estate, lots, building sites, acreage, ranches, houses in all price ranges. Stop at our office for a chat for a map of the area and for information.

Write for free colored brochure about Solvang

PERSSON and SON REALTY
525 Atterdag Road
Solvang, California 93463

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

As you read this column, Sonia and I will be celebrating our silver wedding anniversary in Warsaw, Poland where she was born and then the festive holidays in Denmark. May we then wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a snappy Happy New Year from overseas. We hope you are in good health and that you have every other reason to be grateful.

Royal Danish Consulate Brother Poul Nielsen reports that a "shawl presented by former Queen Louise of Denmark in 1878 to the great-grandmother of Mrs. Montana Wilson of Forks, Wash., is now in an Aalborg, museum." The camel's hair shawl, held in high esteem by the Danish Worldwide Archives, was a gift to the then secretary of the dowager queen.

Spokane's DB 42 Brother Kris Wales, vice president of the Inland Empire Hoo-Hoo Club, was in Seattle last month attending a National American Wholesale Lumber Association meeting.

Enumclaw's DB 113 probably staged their last "Andespil" November 8, because of certain King County laws being enforced on gambling.

Vancouver's DB 328 has added another "link" to their fraternal chain in the name of Brother Ove Axel Pedersen born in Copenhagen, 1927. Recent Board action has waived membership dues to all Brothers over 80 years of age. Did you know that Jens Munk was the first Dane to put his foot on Canadian soil?

Seattle's DB 29 stages its annual Christmas party

for the children Sunday, December 14 from 4 to 6 at the Crabapple Restaurant according to Chairman Ib Rossen. Brother Einer Bengsten enjoyed a 2-week trip to Hawaii. Brother Walter Christensen, age 76, has just returned from Illinois and Minnesota. Brothers Mads Mauritsen and Martin Hansen are "putting the finishing touches" to the beautiful new Danish Home at Des Moines. Brother Carl Skafgaard, who in years past was an annual conventionnaire, passed away October 19 at the age of 92. Getting ready for the spring Danish Northwest District bowling tournament are Brothers Sam Fredericksen, Fred Hewes, Ed Olsen, Mel Hollister and Martin Rasmussen. On Veteran's Night, November 12, Brothers Soren Fredericksen, Flemming Sorensen, Albert Odegaard, Otto Nielsen, Tony Jessen, Martin Rasmussen, Einar Hansen, Otto Hansen, Emil Lindholdt and Ed Olsen served as honorary officers. Brother Peter Rasmussen, a member of the Fargo, N. D. Lodge, has demitted to the Queen City. Brother P. Sten Jessen has been initiated as the newest member in the order. Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Past District President Sam Fredericksen and Past Lodge President Einar Hansen are the nomination committee for 1970 officers.

CHRISTMAS: The day into which we try to crowd all "the long arrears of kindness and humanity of the whole year."
Adapted from David Grayson.

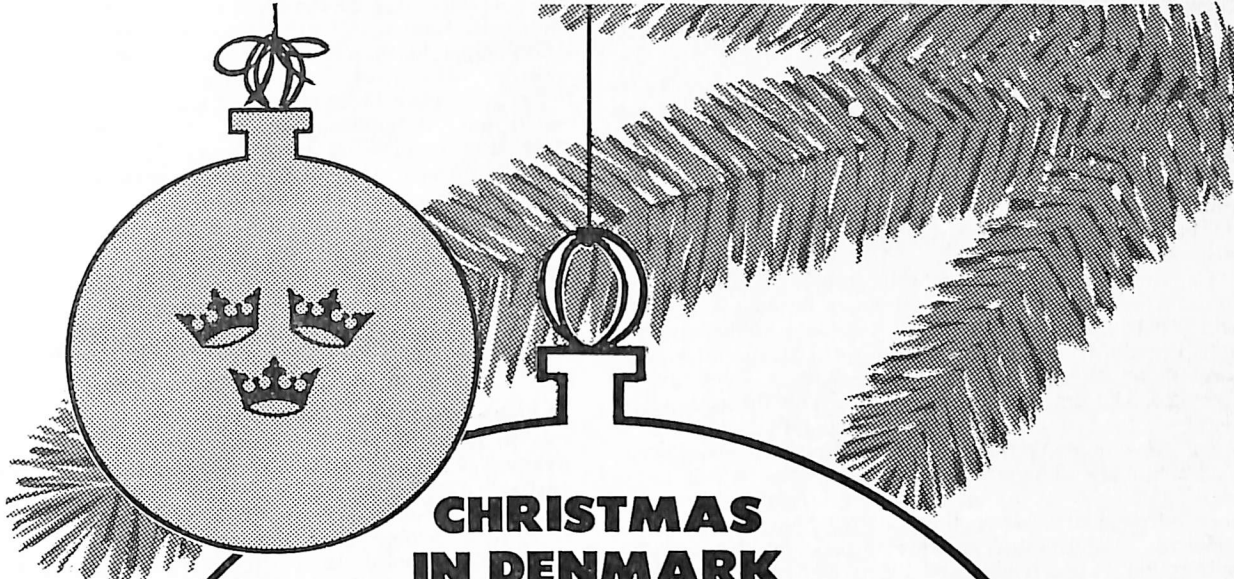


In Loving Memory

Members who have passed away since the last report



Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Sep 8—	Niels P. Rasmussen	91	Langeland, Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1915
Aug 20—	Jens A. F. Longard	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	26	Fremont, Nebraska	1924
Oct 7—	Thorvald Hansen	80	Odense, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1926
Aug 1—	Iver M. Iversen	82	Ribe, Denmark	96	Jackson, Minnesota	1912
Oct 14—	Henry Jorgensen	78	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1911
Sep 24—	Hans J. Hansen	86	Vejle, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1907
Oct 10—	George Neldam	68	Copenhagen, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1930
Oct 22—	Rasmus F. Christensen	84	Hylsted, Denmark	153	Dannevirke, Nebraska	1905
Oct 15—	Carl Andersen	77	Fangel Odense, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1911
Oct 12—	Ejnar S. Flyger	76	Arstrup Aalborg, Denmark	171	Jamestown, New York	1924
Oct 25—	Even Andersen	89	Torre, Denmark	67	Fresno, California	1916
Aug 19—	Sofus M. Larsen	62	Aarhus, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1925
Oct 21—	Viggo Demant	73	Odense, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1933
Oct 6—	Kristian M. Sorensen	84	Varde, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1908
Nov. 6—	Eiler F. Jensen	75	Glumstrup, Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1931
Oct 18—	John Andersen Svopp	82	Strammelse, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1915
Oct 29—	James Johnson	94	Davenport, Iowa	175	Jacksonville, Iowa	1903
Oct 29—	Soren M. Fries	93	Denmark	268	Junction City, Oregon	1911
Nov 5—	Arthur Hansen	77	Eaton, Wisconsin	12	Denmark, Wisconsin	1929
Nov 1—	Olaf Olsen	61	Langeland, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1930
Oct 9—	Niels W. Jensen	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	183	Troy, New York	1907
Nov 8—	Charles C. Dahl	64	Troy, New York	183	Troy, New York	1938
Oct 26—	Chr. H. C. Christophersen	75	Rudkoping, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1914
Nov 11—	Peder C. Andersen	80	Dalam, Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1923
Aug 9—	Chr. M. Christensen	83	Sonderup, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1907
Aug 30—	Camilla Sorensen	84	Kolding, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1966
Oct 13—	Espar A. Petersen	63	Nykobing, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1963
Nov 11—	Andrew Christophersen	83	Vejle, Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1942
Oct 20—	Kamma M. Juergensen	64	Aalborg, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1966



CHRISTMAS IN DENMARK

M. S. KUNGSHOLM

sailing from New York **DECEMBER 6**

Direct to Copenhagen. Personally conducted by Kristian Haakonsen as Excursion Leader and Mrs. Marianne Kvarnstrom as Hostess. Minimum Prices, Tourist Class, \$242. First Class, \$361, half round trip basis.

1970 SAILINGS			
FROM NEW YORK		FROM GOTHENBURG & COPENHAGEN	
.....	KUNGSHOLM	.....	DECEMBER 20, 1969*
MAY 28	..... KUNGSHOLM	.....	JUNE 18*
JUNE 3	..... GRIPSHOLM	.....	JUNE 27
AUGUST 13	..... KUNGSHOLM	.....	AUGUST 26

*from Gothenburg only

SAFETY INFORMATION

The KUNGSHOLM and GRIPSHOLM, registered in Sweden, meet International Safety Standards for new ships developed in 1960, and meet the 1966 fire safety regulations.



For further information see your travel agent, or

Swedish American Line

THE WHITE VIKING FLEET

636 FIFTH AVENUE • NEW YORK, N. Y. 10020

Michigan-Ohio District News

by Robert Sorensen, 12906 Montrose, Detroit, Mich. 48227

Detroit, Lodge No. 227. At our meeting October 22, 55 Brothers were present, among them was Brother Olav Grand from No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn. Brother Grand almost created history in the Detroit lodge by having his wife, Signa Dorthea, who is a Brotherhood member, attend the meeting but she decided not to attend at the last minute. To the best of your writer's knowledge there has never been a female Brotherhood member at a lodge meeting in Detroit.

On November 1 the Brotherhood held a country and western dinner dance. It turned out to be quite a success with 200 people attending. Entertainment chairman Ken Rehan, with a big assist from Dee Larsen, who took care of all the decorations, really had a lively party arranged. Our thanks to Ken and Dee and the committee members for making this good time possible.

On November 12 there were 100 Brothers and Sisterhood members at our monthly dinner, after which there were 75 Brothers at the lodge meeting. Two new Brothers were initiated at this meeting — Paul Skoropa and Arne Andersen. Congratulations were in order at this meeting for Brother Albert Halse and his wife Florence on their 50th wedding anniversary.

ROBERT SORENSEN, Corres.

Ludington, Lodge No. 51. On October 15, our lodge held its monthly pinocle party. After the games a potluck lunch was served and prizes awarded. Committee for the evening was President and Mrs. William Smith and Albert Christoffersen.

On October 23 we held our monthly business meeting conducted by President William Smith. The name of Robert Huber was called for our jackpot but he was absent. Following the meeting the "Danish Nightingales" gathered to sing happy birthday for Brother John Nielsen.

On October 31 we held a Halloween costume and hard times party. Chairman Marlin and Jackie Fouts did a bang-up job with their committee in decorating the hall for the occasion. The committee consisted of Chairman and Mrs. Fouts, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Johnson, Mr. and

Mrs. Don Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tacktor, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Lena Hansen, Albert Christoffersen and Carl Soneral. At midnight lunch was served and two door prizes were awarded, after which dancing continued.

On November 13 we dispensed with our business meeting to have a family spare ribs and sauerkraut supper. Chef was Brother Claude Shanks, assisted by Henry "Sugs" Michaud. Other Brothers and their wives assisted with the serving and of course with dish washing.

Get well wishes go to Brothers Julius Peterson and Viggo Clausen with our hopes for their rapid recovery.

ALF LARSEN, Publicity.

Iowa United Lodge Notes

by A. B. THODE, Correspondent

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa. During the past two months Lodge 15 lost two of their older Brothers. To the memory of Viggo Skov who died September 5 at Lutheran Home in Des Moines. He was born in Viborg, Denmark in 1889 and was a member for 34 years. John Andersen Svop died October 18 in Bandon, Ore. He was born in 1887 in Stramnulse, Denmark. He lived in Des Moines 30 years and moved to Oregon 15 years ago. He was a member of the Brotherhood for 54 years and received his 50-year pin in 1965.

We here at the lodge are making preparations for a New Year's Eve party. We hope for a good attendance.

AUGUST RASMUSSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa. On November 8, No. 144 held a promotional dance with 102 people present. Of those present, 32 were guests. A very good time was had by all and we hope to gain a few new members from these efforts.

Preparation is now being made for our Christmas tree party for the children to be held during the week after Christmas. This is a yearly event sponsored by our lodge. On New Year's Eve we will hold our annual New Year's Eve party. We hope to have over 100 of our members and wives attend this affair. Any of our Brother lodges who have members who wish to attend, we extend a welcome and we know a real good time will be had by all.

On September 29 we lost our good Brother Verner Sloth. He was a member for 22 years. Brother Sloth was always willing to help with all our affairs where he was needed. He will certainly be missed by the lodge and its members.

And so goes things at Lodge 144, ever trying for a bigger and better lodge.

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

DANISH BROTHERHOOD MAGAZINE
ASKOV, MINNESOTA 55704

New Address

If you move, then write your name and new address in the space provided. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to:

DANISH BROTHERHOOD MAGAZINE
Askov, Minnesota 55704

Also notify the secretary of your lodge of your new address.

December 1969

I belong to _____ My number in
Lodge No. _____ the lodge is _____

Name _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT

No. 846

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE
LODGE TREASURER

December 1, 1969

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

January 1, 1970

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

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Library

DANE COLLEGE
BLAIR NEBR 68008