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## Letters From Scholarship Winners

My name is Donald Lawrence Nelson and I am a member of Lodge 171, Jamestown, N. Y., where my grandfather, John L. Nelson was secretary before moving to Buffalo, N. Y.

In 1964 I first received the Danish Brotherhood scholarship which was a valuable assistance to me in furthering my education in my field of dentistry. After completing two years and receiving an associate in arts degree with honors (June 1964), from Jamestown Community College, I moved to Buffalo to complete one more year of undergraduate studies.

In September 1965, I began my studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dentistry and was graduated June 1, 1969 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Shortly after graduation I began a tour of active duty in the United States Naval Reserve and am stationed at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S. C., where my wife, 7-year-old son and I are awaiting the arrival of a new baby. After my two years of active duty are completed, I plan to open a private practice.

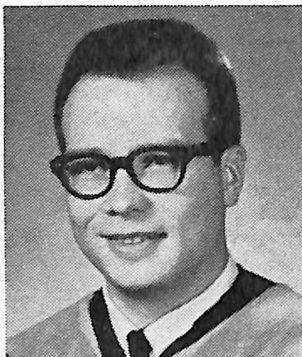
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank The Danish Brotherhood in America for the financial assistance they supplied and to send my best wishes to the membership.

Kris Jorgensen, Chairman, Scholarship Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Danish Brotherhood for the scholarship I was awarded four years ago. I do not think I could have made it without the aid of the Brotherhood.

My first three years of college were spent at Portland State University, where I majored in business administration, and worked part-time at the school. Between my freshman and sophomore year I married Richard Grady who was from my home town, Waldport, Ore. Needless to say, with both of us continuing our education on a full-time basis, the financial situation was tight, and words cannot express the appreciation we felt when those checks arrived from the Danish Brotherhood.

In 1967 we spent the summer in Japan on a program sponsored by Portland State University. We stayed in Sapporo, Portland's sister city, during June and July



and attended the University of Hokkaido. August was spent touring southern Japan, including such cities as Tokyo, Kyoto and Kobe. It was a wonderful experience!

I completed my senior year at Oregon State University, where I will receive my degree in home economics, with a major in clothing, textiles and related arts. This summer I joined Meier and Franks executive training program and hope to become a buyer. Meier and Frank is the largest department store in Oregon.

My husband is currently a life underwriter with Standard Insurance Company and will be receiving his degree in business administration from Portland State University in June, 1970.

This scholarship has been extremely meaningful to both of us and we hope you always continue awarding them.

Most sincerely,

MRS. JULIE FAHL GRADY.

Dear Members of the Danish Brotherhood:

I would like to thank the Danish Brotherhood for the last four years of scholarship aid. Because of this aid I was able to attend Cottey College, a women's junior liberal arts college in Missouri and the University of Minnesota. I graduated last June with a major in elementary education and a minor in speech and theatre. On July 25 of this year I was married and at the present time I am teaching fifth grade at Edgecumbe School in St. Paul, Minn.

Again — "Mange tak" for your financial assistance in helping me to obtain the education I now have.

Sincerely,

MARIAN (FRUHSTUCK) NIEMIC.

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## PERSSON to Person...

By LEVI PERSSON

The most famous Danish-American chef in the world, is no doubt, Brother Kenneth Hansen, proprietor of Hollywood's Scandia Restaurant. Kenneth knows the culinary tastes and desires of many of the world's most prominent people including President Richard Nixon.

But red-headed Brother Knud Miller, owner and chef of "Møllekroen" in Solvang, is in second place and on his way to fame and fortune. Frequent guests in the Miller eatery are men like movie star Jimmie Stewart, singer Kenny Baker, Arthur Godfrey and Don Nixon, brother of the President.

This year when famed Wagnerian tenor, Lauritz Melchior was honorary chairman of the Solvang Danish Days, he was with Brother Carl Birkholm and other famous entertainers, guest at the popular Solvang restaurant. Brother Knud was for several years the manager of the Danish Auditorium in Los Angeles, which for about 40 years was the home of Los Angeles Lodge 126. Knud is probably the most popular DB member in this county, if not in the southern California area. He always goes out of his way to please DB members, particularly if they are from out of town. So if you visit his "Møllekro" don't forget to mention the password. You will almost assuredly get the red carpet treatment. You know "Det Store Kolde Danske Bord med Rejer, Laks og Caviar."

Most Danes are familiar with the elaborate Rebild Festival in Aalborg on the Fourth of July every year. We often wonder how it was possible to gather up to 40,000 spectators to that event — but only until we discovered that Solvang with annual Danish Days celebration outdraws Rebild. This year according to police count, Danish Days had 56,000 visitors during the three-day affair.

This is in spite of the fact that Solvang has no big-name speakers, nor the glitter and the glimmer of royalty. Solvang works alone without federal, state or county aid or assistance. Still it is felt that Solvang does much to cement the ties of friendship between the two countries. Several big magazines and television stations had observers here this year and later in the year a documentary special about our town will appear on a TV network. There will also be several stories about our town appearing in leading magazines. Incidentally that was one reason why I thought that the new Cultural Center would have a better chance for success had it been established in Solvang, and not some faraway place like Acropolis.

Brother Viggo Tarnow, 78, and still summersaulting for his gym students, stole the show at this year's Danish Days with his children's gymnastics exhibition. More than 100 children from this area participated and all were clad in clean, neat, red and white uniforms. The exhibit was repeated on a coast-wide network of television and will later become part of the Solvang documentary film.

Mrs. Carl Birkholm is a butterfly fancier and so is the Birkholm cat — still their tastes differ widely. Last summer the Birkholms visited the Amazon jungles and there with the help of some natives gathered a mess of multicolored butterflies, some of which measured six inches from wingtip to wingtip. She had them mounted in a glass case and they later became the biggest conversation piece in the souvenir-filled Birkholm home. That is, they were until the Birkholm cat pushed the glass case on the floor (accidentally, it is said) and ate every one of the butterflies, wingtips and all. It is reported that Carl Birkholm threw the cat out of the nearest window — without bothering to open it. And also that the cat got so scared by this treatment that it went looking for a new home, with or without butterflies.

I'll let you in on a secret. Why? Well, just because you were patient enough to read this far. When you visit Solvang and want to locate the finest restaurant or the best bakery, then don't ask the local people for their opinion. Ask them rather, "Where do you shop? Where do you eat?" That way you don't put anyone on the spot and they are more likely to give you an honest unbiased opinion.

A restaurant here features "Danish Poor Boy Sandwiches." Now we need only Danish Tacos, Copenhagen Tostados and King Frederick Burritos. We have a Mexican shop — so why not. In Buellton there is a Hans Christian Andersen Bar. Hmmm, I always thought that Andersen was a teetotaler. By the way the Danes call him "H. C." not Hans Christian. Other famous Danes with the "H. C." initials are H. C. Lumbye, perhaps Denmark's most renowned composer; H. C. Ørsted, mathematician-physicist of a couple of centuries ago and H. C. Hansen, prime minister of the kingdom in the late sixties. Not to forget H. C. Hansen, a real estate broker-insurance agent in the Los Angeles area, who served Lodge 126 as secretary for some years during the late forties, or thereabouts.

I like the little intimate cafe's restaurants where it smells of beer and akvavit and exotic foods. No, you don't find them in America, because here everything is too new, too modern, too clean, too light and too commercial. No, give me a little cafe as they say in Copenhagen "ikke langt fra Strøget." I know of one such little place called "Skindbuxen," just around the corner from Kongens Nytorv.

This is the part of Copenhagen which is several centuries old, where the streets are narrow and where the "bindingsværk" houses seem to lean on each other for support. Skindbuxen is several hundred years old and looks even older. The four steps which lead down to the "kælderstue" are worn. Even the steel handrail feels paper thin. There are no tablecloths here, but the tables are scoured every day until they are white.

The clientele consists mostly of students, artists, musicians, writers, painters. Customers sit so close to each other that they touch and it is difficult to avoid getting into some discussion on war in general, Vietnam, socialism, Kennedy, Nixon or what have you. No matter what your language is, someone present is bound to speak it or at least understand it.

If you visit Skindbuxen early in the day, you can get "Skipperlobescoves" — some sort of a white goulash, for about 25¢. But the outstanding feature on the menu is Frederikshavn Rødspette (plaice). It weighs about 1½ pounds when the cook drops it with a big lump of butter on the hot skillet. It is fried to a nut-brown crisp, just skin deep and served with a cup of melted butter and a bowl of Danish potatoes.

You just don't know what living is until you have tasted a "spette," that flavorful steaming meat which you soak in butter and new potatoes, so soft that you squash them with your tongue against the roof of your mouth. A couple of akvavits and a Carlsberg beer or two will whet your appetite for food or for discussion. It is all yours for around four dollars in Skindbuxen, a little cafe in Copenhagen.

### NY MØDELOKALER OG MØDETIDER

Dansk Brodersamfund i Amerika. Loge 318 "København" har mødelokaler i "Berejstes Hus," Emiliegade 7, København, V.

Mødedage: 1. og 3. tirsdag i hver maaned kl. 19.30.

A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done.

—Fred Allen.

# CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Well, I am back at my desk, after a charter flight to Frankfurt, Germany and via a Eurailpass, a visit to 11 countries. My body and soul is still vibrating with pleasure from those 34 fun-filled days. Cost of the trip, including food, hotel, air fare and that Eurailpass was less than \$800 and that even allowed for some nice Christmas gifts for my family at home.

The Eurailpass which cost \$140, took me first class from Gibraltar in Spain to Tromso in Norway, and Kiruna, Sweden, a couple of hundred kilometers north of the Arctic Circle. I went from Lisboa, Portugal, to Beograd, the capitol of Yugoslavia and everything in between, including Paris and Madrid and Italy. What impressed me most? Well, the trains of Europe are the finest in the world, they run on time, there are lots of them, they are clean and during the winter anyway, they are not crowded. Much of the time I had a whole cabin to myself, with a sofa and a writing table, a bay window with a gorgeous ever changing view.

Another thing that impressed me was the stillness of the Arctic night when the thermometer showed 30 below zero and those northern lights. Spooky, yes, and still you stare up at the frosty sky, like you were transfixed.

And then of course there was wintery snow-white Copenhagen, gay in spite of the frosty wind which blustered in from Øresund and sent snow into white spirals. The Christmas decorations of Strøget, of Nørregade and the near perfect cone of a gigantic Christmas tree on Raadhuspladsen, the multicolored neon signs which reflected in the white snow which covered the streets, filled me with strange recognizable feelings — feelings which I had felt before in my childhood in Copenhagen.

And there was Nakskov where I was born. Søndergade and Vejlegade were as gay and colorful in 1969 as they were in 1916 when I last saw them during a holiday season. I ate a stegt Rødspette in a little restaurant there, in a "hyggelig" corner by the window where I could watch the snow fall silently. And I sat there and watched the people hurry past my frosty window. I noted happiness, "juleglæde" in their faces.

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But if you want to taste a bit of nostalgia, why don't you come along on the trip the California General Committee is arranging this summer? Brother Dan Christian Andersen, a former CGC president, is in charge of the event and he is an old hand at it when it comes to arranging such events. He writes:

"Never before in history, is the headline of one of our ads in this issue of the Brotherhood Magazine. And it is true. Never before, has a charter flight been offered to Denmark as our Brotherhood and Sisterhood General Committees are offering with the 1970 excursion. Brother Arnold Jensen of Oakland is the flight chairman, but the

Dan Andersen Travel Service handles all the details, such as assisting members with information relating to the excursion, passport, tickets, insurance, as well as information regarding reasonably priced group tours from Copenhagen to various places in Europe."

Brother Andersen stated in an accompanying note that more than a third of the flight already has been filled and that the flight dates (subject to slight changes) are departure from Oakland on World Airways, June 8. The return flight from Copenhagen is scheduled for July 6, which will still give participants time to participate in the Rebild Festival in Aalborg. You must have been a member of either organization for at least six months before the flight and a deposit of \$100 should be mailed with your ticket request. Anyone desiring further information should write to Dan Andersen Travel Service, 2330 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94114.

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## News from Fremont by Else Poulsen

Here in Anker Lodge, it is not only the children who have a good time, the adults seem to enjoy it just as much with spirited singing of Danish and American Christmas carols and much praise to the ladies for the goodies they put on the table.

A feeling of good will and fellowship seems to prevail in Anker Lodge and especially at the holiday season do we treasure the memory of the man for whom our lodge is named, Anker B. Christensen. ABC possessed the true feeling of Christmas and he had the ability to transmit that feeling to others.

December 7 we had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Kirsten Olsen to Robert Buehler. Both young people are members of our lodge as are Kirsten's parents, Sigfred and Jenny Olsen.

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**News From Everywhere:** As mentioned above, Arnold Jensen of Oakland is chairman of the flight committee, other members are Jack Belmont, Fred Kargard, Bar-

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bara Kargard, Lillian Mathiasen, Annetta Proctor, Tove Bollerup Madsen and Johanna Chippan. World Airways will use one of the new Boeing 707 Fan Jets and will fly non-stop to Copenhagen with 165 passengers. Note also: Normally you are allowed 44 pounds of baggage, but Danny-boy Andersen used his influence with W.A. and the allowance was raised 11 pounds to 55.....The Solvang Lodge did not have a Christmas party this year. Instead the members participated in the American Scandinavian Foundation's party here December 14, and helped make the affair a big success. About 200 persons participated in this Christmas event which it is hoped will be an annual affair in Solvang. The Solvang Danes learned to drink gløg like the Swedes and also watched the Santa Lucia procession, which symbolizes the conquest of light over darkness.

D B members in the headlines for the month include Ferdinand Sorensen, who was elected president of the local Chamber of Commerce, a position he held once before, many years ago. Peter Weber is in charge of Danish Days and special events for the community. Both men are very talented, having proved themselves on numerous occasions with work within the local DB lodge. The Mainliner, a magazine published by United Airlines, for November carries six full pages in color and prose of our town. Writer-photographer Jack Lind writes, "Hans Christian Andersen would be delighted — In Solvang there is no language barrier: only 'hygge' the inimitable brand of Danish hospitality. The word 'hygge' is an all-embracing Danish term which embodies candlelights, flowers, nice paintings on the walls and coziness, together-

ness and comfort. The Danes speak of a hyggelig evening, hyggelig cup of tea, even a hyggelig open-faced sandwich. Hygge neatly wraps up all the good things in the Danish ways of life."

Jack Lind ought to know, because only a hyggelig fyr could take such hyggelig pictures and write such hyggelig prosa about Solvang.

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**Editor's Note:** The Danish Brotherhood Ritual has been modified at both of the last two national conventions and all references to secret proceedings has been removed. We find however, that many lodges continue to conduct meetings with the older, out-dated ritual.

It was with considerable interest that I read last month's "Letter to the Editor." He invites others to comment, so here is my 2¢ worth:

When the Danish Brotherhood was formed in the latter part of the 19th century, secret or quasi-secret organizations were the vogue. They flourished and became very successful, because membership in such an organization meant status. Status, whether we admit it or not, is one of the most important psychological needs of a human being.

Progress, particularly in education and communication, doomed the secret societies. No secret league formed this century has been very successful. We have instead Rotarians, Lions and others. They have become enormously popular because they have done away with the time consuming rituals, passwords and signs. Instead they educate their members (the Toastmasters is a par-

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ticular case in point), by having some educational program at the end of each short business meeting.

The secret organizations stressed help, assistance to its own members. The criteria was always, and is always: "Is he a member?" The service clubs stress service to the community and are often among the leaders in civic work.

During my first 25 years in America, I refused to join any organization which had a ritual and which called itself secret. But I mellowed and in 1948 I joined the Danish Brotherhood. Still, something within me revolts when I have to repeat phrases which add nothing to my life. The rituals are time consuming and mostly childish. I would go along with the signs, even though I and many others treat them as a joke. The password is silly. To what use is it? What does it convey? Can we exclude a paid-up member from a meeting, if he refuses to say the correct password? I think not.

I have one password and that is "Omaha." I use it in our lodge and in other organizations where I attend meetings. I have yet to be kicked out because of this affront. I have been escorted up to the presidents who solemnly whispered the correct password to me, but at the next meeting it was still "Omaha."

I know good Danes who will not join the Danish Brotherhood because they cannot stomach the signs, the passwords and the other rigamarole that membership involves. And I know many who belong but who never attend the meetings because it insults their intelligence to perform out-dated rituals, even with mock seriousness. I know one man who in 25 years attended only two meetings — initiation and when he got his 25-year pin — and for the above named reasons. He said he would return again for his 50-year pin.

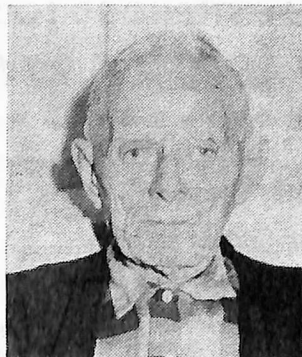
I belong to the Danish Brotherhood. That my heart is in it, is proven by the fact that I served several years as secretary and then also as president. But when it comes to rituals and signs and passwords, I refuse to be serious, because as far as I am concerned these things have lost their meaning — if indeed they ever had one. My membership in the Danish Brotherhood does not include symbols. It will always be so.

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Once again the stirring tune of "Han skal leve" has filled the air in San Diego. This time marked the celebration of Brother Peter Anton Hansen's 96th birthday. The occasion was impressive due to the fact that Peter received not only the congratulations of Lodge 306, but also special considerations from the Home Office, in the form of congratulations, beautiful flowers and a check representing the value of his certificate.

Peter Anton Hansen was born December 19, 1873 in Langeland, Hornsbelle Sogn, Denmark, and came to the United States in 1894. He traveled around the country for a short time and settled in Green Bay, Wis. Three highlights of his life in the early part of the century were his American citizenship in 1900, his marriage to Alma E. Selma in 1902 and his initiation into Lodge No. 12 December 12, 1918.

Danish friends in Green Bay may remember that Brother Peter managed the building which housed the Ansgar Society Hall where the meetings of DB Lodge 12



were held. He also worked for his brother Carl Hansen as an electrician.

In 1923 the Hansens moved to San Diego and transferred his membership to Silvergate Lodge 306. He worked as a miller in a feed mill until he retired at age 65 in 1938.

Mrs. Hansen passed away in 1960. Brother Peter's two children, Bronica Priebiscus and Clifford W. Hansen, live in San Diego. There are three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren who also helped celebrate the birthday party at the home of son Clifford.

## Hilsen fra Danmark Loge 318

Loge 318 "København" sender alle logerne i U.S.A. vore bedste og hjerteligste hilsener. Vi har i sommer haft den store glæde i loge 318, at hilse paa brødre, der har været paa besøg i "det gamle land," specielt har vi haft nogle fornøjelige timer sammen med Melvin Oredsen, Fred Holm og Henning Jensen. Br. Oredsen fortalte os mange detalier om "Bakkedal," ligesom han forærede os den planche, der var ophængt i "Forum." Vi har megen glæde at af mødes med besøgende fra U.S.A. logerne, men vi vil gerne se mange flere til sommer. — We hope so.

For tiden er en af vore brødre, Anker Poulsen paa besøg i Staterne, "maybe you have met him." Det er ja sjældent, der vender Dansk-Americanere hjem, saa det er jo ikke saa mange nye brødre vi faar i loge 318, vi har dog i aar faaet 3 nye brødre.

Vi har ellers en ret god mødeprocent er i logen ca. 30-40%. Vi har lige afholdt vor "Herreaften" med spisning, den var en stor succes. I december maaned afholder vi en "julestue," som plejer at være en rigtig "hyggeaften."

Med broderlig hilsen til dig og alle logerne.

JØRGEN NIELSEN, Sekretær.

A bachelor never quite gets over the idea he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever. — Helen Rowland.

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## Letter to the Editor

In June I submitted a proposal for payment of our straight life insurance policies on a scale of 65 per cent at age 65, 70 per cent at 70 years, 80 per cent at 80, etc.

This because we have some older members in old age homes, hospitals and such who could very well use this money instead of leaving it to heirs.

Our National Board gave a curt answer saying they were not payable. This I question — how can our National Board pay at full value to living members at age 96 and not at 80, 70 or any other age at reduced payments.

Let's have an explanation and better answer than the last one.

NIELS JEPSEN, Lodge 255.

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No. 847

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AL HEDEGAARD PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

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#### LODGES

Lodge	Location	Number of New Members
1—	Omaha, Nebraska	14
4—	Racine, Wisconsin	13
15—	Des Moines, Iowa	5
17—	Chicago, Illinois	5
29—	Seattle, Washington	7
43—	Denver, Colorado	6
45—	Minneapolis, Minnesota	11
49—	San Francisco, California	7
51—	Ludington, Michigan	17
126—	Los Angeles, California	40
161—	Ruskin, Nebraska	9
167—	Portland, Oregon	5
172—	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	10
227—	Detroit, Michigan	38
273—	Dillon, Montana	5
323—	Alhambra, California	17
325—	Nassau County, New York	6
328—	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	31
332—	Ripon, California	14
337—	Fremont, California	16

#### 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	6
51—	Ludington, Mich., Earl Jensen	4
51—	Ludington, Mich., Donald Wagner	3
126—	Los Angeles, Calif., Poul Andersen	5
126—	Los Angeles, Calif., Hans Brodersen	3
126—	Los Angeles, Calif., Carl Christensen	7
126—	Los Angeles, Calif., Kurt Moller	7
126—	Los Angeles, Calif., Eric Roug	10
147—	Newell, Iowa, Jens Pedersen	3
172—	Philadelphia, Pa., Mogens Hempel	10
227—	Detroit, Mich., Johan Emanuelsen	5
227—	Detroit, Mich., Jorgen Mau	9
227—	Detroit, Mich., Otto Pedersen	14
227—	Detroit, Mich., Ove Rostgaard	3
301—	Akron, Ohio, Jerome Young	3
322—	Santa Barbara, Calif., Arne Johansen	3
323—	Alhambra, Calif., Hans Nielsen	8
328—	Vancouver, Canada, Eigil Kristensen	12
328—	Vancouver, Canada, Svend Pedersen	3
329—	Long Beach, Calif., Betty Forgrave	3
332—	Ripon, Calif., Jack Belmont	11
337—	Fremont, Calif., Ingeborg Nielsen	3
337—	Fremont, Calif., Sigfred Olsen	3
337—	Fremont, Calif., Henning Rasmussen	4

#### AGENT'S PRODUCTION

143—	Petaluma, Calif., Jim Larsen	21
126—	Los Angeles, Calif., Viggo Poulsen	6
263—	Askov, Minn., Edwin Sorensen	4

144—	Dike, Iowa, Art Thode	6
17—	Chicago, Ill., Carl Hansen	3

#### TOP LODGES

- Group I —  
No Top Lodge In This Group
- Group II —  
Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan  
Michigan-Ohio General Committee

### Something About Districts, Committees, etc.

Our national By-Laws permit the formation of groups of lodges into a unit which can function as a unit.

Because of the similarity of meaning of some of our American words, we find different names for these units. They might be called districts, general committees, united lodges and lodges of a particular state. Our By-Laws refer to them as central organizations or general districts, but for all practical purposes, all the designations have one and the same meaning.

These units are made up of lodges who voluntarily wish to belong and are within a state, within a geographical area, or within a group of states. A lodge may belong to more than one unit, but for social purposes only. Voting membership is restricted to one unit.

These units can function as lawful organizations and can prescribe and enforce laws which affect their member lodges, provided they do not conflict with the laws of the national organization.

By-Law and Articles of Incorporation amendment proposals related to the national organization, can be submitted by these units. Annual conventions can be held and delegates from their member lodges can attend. Officers are elected and serve until new officers succeed them. They are governed by their own by-laws, again provided they do not conflict with the national organization's.

These units can sponsor or promote projects of various types, one of which is the sponsoring of tours or flights. These are subject to approval by the Board of Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America. At the present time there are 10 units within the United States and Canada. Several lodges distributed throughout various states are not members of any unit as such. This is partly because membership is voluntary and they do not choose to belong or sometimes partly due to geographic locations making it impractical to belong.

Most of the funds for operation of a unit come from dues assessed each member lodge, determined by the number of members in that particular lodge. Some funds have come from the national organization as part of a promotional program.

We hope this has served as enlightenment to some of our members who have not had the opportunity as yet to become acquainted with this particular segment of the Danish Brotherhood.



# NEW MEMBERS

## Local Lodge Fraternalism

In his acceptance speech as newly elected president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, B. C. Hallum stresses the importance of lodge activities for younger members. Our youth, he says, should be trained in good citizenship and pride of their heritage as American citizens. Lodge meetings need to be interesting and social activities must be attractive for the young.

The importance of civic projects was referred to as necessary to make their community a better place for all to live. Do we need more activity in this area?

There is much talk about a generation gap and perhaps some lodges feel they do not know what the younger members want. One way to overcome that is to get the younger members to serve on program committees, serve as officers and listen to their ideas.

One of the noted speakers at this congress also pointed out formal business at a meeting should be kept at a minimum. Perhaps the officers of the lodge could, in some cases, transact this at an earlier hour. This would leave the principal purpose of the meeting open for the membership, he said.

Hallum emphasized the importance of having the person conducting the meeting keep a watchful eye so as not to let the discussion become boring. If there is indication of this, discretion should be used in terminating it as soon as possible and necessary committee appointments, if required, should be made and another part of the program should be pursued.

To get members out for meetings, the suggestion was a letter or card in itself is not enough. Members need to be recruited, who will take a list of members and make a phone call to them. Then this can be followed up by a card or letter and a second phone call shortly before the meeting. This involves people, but we need to get people involved.

More and more communications from other fraternal organizations indicate the social functions and community and civic activities are really what will keep the lodges going.

If a lodge, whether it is the Danish Brotherhood or some other group, hopes to continue with nothing but a formal business meeting month after month, then the future is not too optimistic for this type of lodge. This warning has been sounded repeatedly in the past by those "in the know."

We hope we can be of help to our lodges in the future in suggesting activities and being able to provide them with actual formats of these activities. We know many of them are doing a splendid job now by themselves.

One thing which is important is to get all the local publicity possible when we sponsor a project or conduct an activity so people will know about us. This is important whether they are potential members or not. It is important to let the community know of local fraternalism and the importance of fraternal societies in our culture. Let's get in the local paper.

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Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
4	Racine	Karlo Petersen	Peter Jensen
4	Racine	Lars Petersen	Peter Jensen
4	Racine	Richard Andersen	Eugene Andersen
4	Racine	Dale Jensen	Axel Jensen
17	Chicago	Niels Palp	Peder Larsen
29	Seattle	P. Sten Jessen	Fred Hewes
36	Milwaukee	John Christiansen	Christ Jensen
39	Oakland	Henry Petersen	Melvin Oredsen
43	Denver	Svend Pedersen	Svend Sonderup
46	Perth Amboy	Harald Bisgaard	Peter Christensen
49	San Francisco	Frimoth Petersen	Chris Andersen
49	San Francisco	Ove Johnson	Anders Petersen
49	San Francisco	Jørgen Nielsen	Anders Petersen
49	San Francisco	Christ Knudsen	Holger Knudsen
49	San Francisco	Paul Christiansen	Uffe Christiansen
51	Ludington	Henry Michaud	Claude Shenks
51	Ludington	Stanley Schilling	Wm Hasenbank III
64	Rockford	Henry Brandolf	H. Jorgensen Jr.
75	Albert Lea	Tina Jasperson	Clara Nielsen
75	Albert Lea	Ernest Jasperson	John Larsen
126	Los Angeles	John Beck	Lief Olsen
126	Los Angeles	James Shovgaard	Peter Petersen
126	Los Angeles	John Gersboll	Poul Andersen
126	Los Angeles	Howard Hansen Jr	C. Christensen
144	Dike	Harry Andersen	Hilmar Schmidt
147	Newell	Adolph Gregersen	Jens Pedersen
167	Portland	Carl A. Jespersen	Chris Pedersen
190	Schenectady	Jack Barentse	William Petersen
206	Blair	Elmer Rasmussen	Paul Strand
227	Detroit	Eric Molvang	Jorgen Mau
227	Detroit	Svend Skaarup	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Erik Skree	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Ole Johansen	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Poul Madsen	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Svend Hansen	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	Arne Andersson	Otto Pedersen
227	Detroit	William Jaynes	George Pasbjerg
227	Detroit	Melvin Jensen	Ove Rostgaard
227	Detroit	Paul Skoropa	Ludwig Boraks
242	Erie	George Eriksen	Ole Beck
261	Fowler	Martin Bassett	Walter Nelson
306	San Diego	Martin Nielsen	Alfred Vestergaard
322	Santa B'rbara	Per Lund	Arne Johansen
328	Vancouver	Knud Hewalo	Bengt Prebensen
328	Vancouver	Arne Moller	Harry Nielsen
328	Vancouver	Ove Pedersen	Harry Nielsen
322	Ripon	David Boggs	Jack Belmont
337	Fremont	Anna Bradford	Elsa Mikkelsen
337	Fremont	Walter Hansen	Ann Olsen
337	Fremont	Rosa Hansen	Ann Olsen

### J U V E N I L E S

29	Seattle	Todd P. Larsen	Jens Nielsen
62	Sioux City	Brent M. Boulden	Charles Boulden
71	Penn Yan	Darrin J. Laursen	Edwin Laursen
227	Detroit	Dana L. Pedersen	Jorgen Mau
227	Detroit	Mark S. Pedersen	Jorgen Mau

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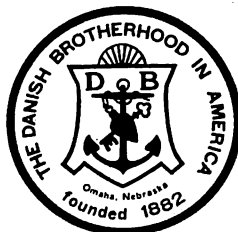
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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

**Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y.** It is with deep regret we announce the passing of Brother Fred Frederiksen. His wife preceded him in death in 1954. Fred was born in Lønstrup, Denmark and came to the USA as a young man. He worked on the railroad in Missouri Valley, Mo. Later he moved to Stanley, N. Y., where he took up farming. He leaves two sons and four daughters. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Our annual banquet will be held January 23, at the Dresden Hotel at 7:30 p. m. Tickets are \$6 per person. Members of the committee are Brothers Hugo Pedersen, Edwin Laurson, Paul Christiansen and Laurids S. Pedersen. We are hoping for a big crowd. Sirloin roast with all the trimmings will be served.

Laurids S. PEDERSEN, Sec.

**Lodge No. 102 Providence, R. I.** Lodge 102 has had a good year. Our membership increased and our several social events have been very well attended. The Danes in this area have really enjoyed themselves immensely at all these events. Many thanks to the Sisters, without whom this would not have been possible.

With 65 members and friends and 45 children present, the annual julefest was a huge success. The combined committees deserve many thanks for their untiring efforts at this affair.

A Fastelavns Gilde, buffet and dance is planned for Saturday, March 7. Come in costume and have fun. More about this in the next issue.

Congratulations to Brother "Bill" and Sister Lillian Gill on becoming the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy December 6.

Carl W. SORENSEN, Corres.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** As we near the end of another year, I would like to thank the small group of officers and Brothers who are the backbone of our lodge. Without these few dedicated lodge Brothers, we would not have any organization at all. During my year as president, I found it extremely difficult to find anybody, outside this small group, willing to accept responsibilities or willing to work for the lodge. KNUD SCHOLER.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Brother Carl W. Nielsen. At 92, Brother Carl gave in November 10. We will all miss Brother Carl, who for many years served the Brotherhood faithfully and our sincere sympathy goes to his widow Johanne, the one who will miss him most of all.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Wayne Williams who became the proud parents of a son, Peter John, on November 21.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Brothers John Jensen, Harold Boldsen and Peter Thilker are presently on our sick list. We wish them all a speedy recovery in time for the New Year.

The election of officers in December will bring new faces to the forefront. President Flemming Hinrichsen has elected not to accept re-nomination. Now it is us, the members, who are responsible for electing our officers, who must perform to keep our lodge and order moving forward and perpetuating to new and better things.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** Election was held during the December 3 meeting and your officer list for 1970 is as follows: President George Christiansen, Vice President T. Mikkelsen, Secretary J. Christiansen, Financial Secretary Chris Biering, Treasurer Chris Biering, Trustee P. Nielsen, Conductor Ew. Christensen, Inside Guard Helmar Schmidt, Outside Guard W. Petersen.

Installation of the officers is scheduled for January 10 at 7 p. m. We expect the Sisterhood will join us in a double installation ceremony. Brother Olin Yauchler will install the officers. Coffee and cake will be served after the installation.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Our next GCEL Convention City.** We welcome Brother George Eriksen, who was initiated into our lodge at the meeting November 28.

Election of officers for 1970 was held December 23 with the following results: Past President Robert Holby, President Olaf Hansen, Vice President Joseph Dascanio, Secretary Edward Jonasen, Financial Secretary Jørn Hansen, Treasurer John Lampe, Trustees Otto Jonasen, Ray Beck and Henry Jensen, Conductor Jens Pedersen, Inner Guard Gordon Patten and Outer Guard Oluf Andersen. Open Installation will take place Friday, January 23. GCEL President Flemming Hinrichsen is invited to perform the installation.

Brother Eric Lampe, a lieutenant in the Air Force, is assigned to the Berlin Brigade for one year. He left with his wife Diana December 9. Eric is the son of Brother and Mrs. John Lampe. He was three times All-American Swimmer and University of Maryland "Man of the Year" in 1966. He graduated in 1967.

At the semi-annual Building Committee meeting December 16, two new directors were elected. The directors of this powerful committee within the Brotherhood in Erie are Ole Beck, Jørn Hansen, Harvey Pearson, Gordon Patten and Joseph Dascanio.

The annual children's Christmas party at the Danish Club December 21 was a big success with over 100 boys and girls in attendance. Thanks for a job well done to Brother Olaf Hansen, chairman, and Santa Claus — Brother Jørn Hansen.

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** We welcome Brother Fritz Laustsen, who was initiated into our lodge at the December meeting. A delegation from our lodge consisting of Tage and Rose Wibroe, George Jacobsen, Ib Andersen and Hans Pedersen attended the November meeting of Lodge No. 205 in Brooklyn in order to finalize the merger of the two lodges. Effective January 1, all members of Lodge 205 will join Lodge 325. We are looking forward to welcoming the new members on January 9 at our meeting hall.

## News From Sunny Florida

Lodge 321 is active again but we have several members on the sick list. Our treasurer for forty years, Brother Theodor Hansen, was in the hospital last summer and is now in a nursing home. P. P. Paul Thofner landed in a hospital the day before departure from Denmark, he is now at his home in Pompano Beach. Marius Glerum was also in a hospital but is now home again and feeling better. Mrs. Enevold (Kathie) Christensen, a member of the Sisterhood, passed away this fall.

For visiting Brothers we still meet the second Saturday at the Odd Fellows Hall, 410 Datura Street, and our dear ladies serve good coffee.

GUNO KARLBERG, Sec.

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By ALFRED HEDEGAARD, Promotional Director

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It provides money for the costs of dying — the doctor's bill, the hospital, the funeral director, the creditors who have first claims on a man's estate. Life insurance is liquid capital — and because it is available immediately, other properties need not be sacrificed to raise money.

The question should not be, "How much life insurance can you afford to buy?" The question should be, "How much money will your family need to keep on living after you die?"

## Skelbeck Kin Attend Dad's Party

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Axel Skelbeck during the week were the couple's sons-in-law and daughters, Drs. and Mmes. Robert A. Sauter of Indianapolis, Ind., and Robert C. Warner of Grand Forks, N. D.

With the Sauters were their son, Bradley, 4, and accompanying the Warners was a daughter, Pamela, 10. The family reunion was in honor of the Skelbecks, who celebrated their 45th anniversary at a dinner at the Blackstone Hotel Saturday.

Other relatives and friends attended the dinner which also commemorated Mr. Skelbeck's retirement from the Danish Brotherhood in America after 46 years of service.

### PROPHETIC WORDS ABOUT BUSINESS....

Speaking to the Iron and Steel Institute some time ago, Roger M. Blough, chairman of the board, United States Steel, graphically captured one of the often forgotten virtues of the business community. In part, he said:

"I hold that business progress has been the handmaiden of constructive social change. The environmental conditions in which people work, play and bring about social progress are for the most part a direct product of the increasing opportunities which occur when people, working in business, become more productive and more proficient. Social change thrives on business progress. Business progress reflects the process of change. It makes continuing social change inevitable and it enables social change to become social progress."



## 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
Nov 8	Jens Jensen	89	Ringkobing, Denmark	228	Indianapolis, Indiana	1913
Nov 13	Charles H. Lund	50	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1949
Nov 11	Jens Peter Christensen	87	Ans, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1909
Nov 17	Hans P. Mikkelsen	76	Nordby, Denmark	70	Greenville, Michigan	1913
Nov 10	Carl W. Nielsen	92	Roskilde, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1917
Nov 18	Ernest M. Jensen	62	Racine, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1927
Nov 23	Christian Nielsen	92	Kolding, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1906
Nov 8	Ejnar J. Kristensen	83	Silkeborg, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1907
Nov 25	Jorgen Knudsen	84	Almsted, Denmark	175	Jacksonville, Iowa	1917
Dec 2	Andrew Block	90	Tosderup, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1914
Nov 27	Albert Hansen	94	Washington County, Nebr.	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1903
Nov 28	James N. Lassen	70	Hegedal, Denmark	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1926
Nov 26	Nels Larsen	80	Veddum, Denmark	96	Jackson, Minnesota	1927
Nov 30	Henry E. Lausen	68	Austin, Minnesota	111	Austin, Minnesota	1941
Dec 5	Karl Pedersen	69	Coleman, South Dakota	259	Coleman, South Dakota	1927
Nov 27	Lauritz J. Rasmussen	79	Als, Denmark	288	Cotesfield, Nebraska	1911
Nov 1	Jens M. Andersen	85	Aarhus, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1909
Dec 2	Carl M. Olsen	84	Odder, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1926
Dec 8	Frederik Hansen	80	Korsor, Denmark	173	Kansas City, Kansas	1916
Dec 2	Harry Hansen	80	Rowling, Wyoming	29	Seattle, Washington	1915
Nov 19	Albert J. Kaas	85	Bornholm, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1905
Dec 2	Jens Jensen Krogh	80	Vissing, Denmark	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1911
Dec 16	Soren Nielsen	86	Ringkobing, Denmark	261	Fowler, Colorado	1907
Nov 9	Hans Jensen	78	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1961
Nov 27	Fred E. Frederiksen	80	Lønstrup, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1954
Oct 14	Eddie Nielson	70	Wayne County, Nebraska	110	Winside, Nebraska	1961
Dec 3	R. Carter Churchill	68	Shelby, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1966
May '69	Herlup P. Olsen	61	Hudson, Iowa	17	Chicago, Illinois	1965
Sep 13	Earl Lambert	81	Clear Lake, Iowa	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1953
Nov 29	Russel F. Kruck	65	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1969
Oct 26	Rasmus Jespersen	80	Høruslet, Denmark	42	Spokane, Washington	1968



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# MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

By **ROBERT SORENSEN**, 12906 Montrose,  
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## NEWS FROM LODGE 227 —

At our regular meeting November 26, we had the pleasure of seeing 72 plaques hanging on the walls of the lodge hall. These plaques show the coats of arms of many cities in Denmark. They were the gift of Ingeborg Jens, in memory of her late husband and our Brother August Jens. Our deepest thanks to Ingeborg for this gift.

We were saddened by the loss of Brother Chris Nelson who died November 23. He had been a member of Detroit Lodge 227 for 63 years. At this meeting we also had the pleasure of having Brother Rudy Larsen from Florida pay us a visit.

On December 10 we held election of officers with approximately 90 members present to select their officers for the coming year. The following were elected: Past President Chris Fabricius, President Robert Sorensen, Vice President Erik Larsen, Trustees Thomas Rasmussen, Howard Hansen and George Fendell, Financial Secretary Otto Pedersen, Treasurer Paul Carlsen, Corresponding Secretary Jorgen Mau, Recording Secretary Larry Shepard, Conductor Willy Pedersen, Inner Guard Edmund Johansen and Outer Guard George Petersen. Also elected to the Building Board for two-year terms were Bob Andersen and Carl Jensen. To represent the lodge on the National Committee, Brothers Herman Boraks, John Emanuelsen and Otto Jensen were elected.

We also had an initiation that night with eight new Brothers joining our ranks. They are, Svend Hansen, Svend Skaarup, Erik Molvang, Erik Jespersen-Skree, Melvin Jensen, Ole Johansen, Poul Madsen and William Jaynes.

We had our monthly dinner before the meeting and we really had a turnout for a codfish dinner. There were 150 Brothers and Sisterhood members present.

This is my last letter as your correspondent as I have been given the honor to serve as president of Lodge 227 for the next year. Fortunately we have a very capable Brother to carry on. He is Past President Carl Hansen. In closing I want to wish everyone a very Happy and

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Prosperous New Year and to thank you for the pleasure I have had as your correspondent to the Brotherhood Magazine for the past year.

ROBERT SORENSEN.

## NEWS FROM LODGE 51 —

November 19, Lodge 51 held its monthly pinochle party at the Danish Hall. Committee for the evening was composed of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and Lars Christofersen. Following the games, a potluck luncheon was served by the committee and prizes were awarded.

November 28 we held our regular business meeting. (Changed because it would have fallen on Thanksgiving Day.) The meeting was conducted by President William Smith. The name of Timothy Finholm was called for the jackpot but Timothy is serving in the Navy, so of course he wasn't present — the pot grows larger.

December 11 we held our regular business conducted by President Smith. Henry (Sugs) Michaud and Stanley Schilling were initiated into our lodge. We were also privileged to present Brother Stanley Williamson with his 60-year pin. We have two other Brothers, Holger Hansen who is wintering in Florida and Albert Nielsen, who lives in Canada, who will be receiving their 60-year pins in the mail. At the close of the evening lunch was served by Brother Everett Liebetreau. The name of Donald Bentz was called and he was present so he received the jackpot. We now must start over again.

ALF LARSEN.

## Anniversary and Recognition Banquet

Saturday, January 24, 1970, is the date set by Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr., for a banquet celebrating their 88th anniversary and honoring Brother Axel Skelbeck.

The officers and members of the lodge extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends wishing to attend the banquet. Requests for reservations and information may be sent to:

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