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**A Message**

The 28th National Convention held in San Diego, Calif., on September 22 through September 25 is now history and the convention committee from Silvergate Lodge No. 306 can be proud of a job well done. Delegates and visitors enjoyed the program and tours arranged by the committee with a response and participation that exceeded expectation because of the fine effort of the committee. The combined efforts of the California General Committee lodges also deserve a special thanks.

Two Past Supreme Presidents, Hans Andersen and Viggo Mikkelsen, added dignity with their presence throughout the entire event. We have two other Past Supreme Presidents, John Hansen and Otto Nielsen, but unfortunately they were unable to attend.

The delegates performed their duties in a manner that clearly indicated a genuine interest in the future and welfare of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

The new Board of Officers are scheduled to arrive in Omaha on November 7 to begin the first regular semi-annual board meeting at the Home Office. The meeting is scheduled to last through November 11. The agenda for the meeting is already prepared and the work load is rather heavy this time.

Much time and effort will be devoted toward generating new interest among our present membership and prospective members, making it more attractive and more beneficial to be a part of the Danish Brotherhood. To be successful, we must bring in new business continuously and we must help every local lodge in their efforts to move forward in the field of fraternal benefits, principles, heritage and culture.

Participation in local community affairs should be encouraged so that the name of the Danish Brotherhood

in America will become well known and respected by the public everywhere. New goals and guidelines need to be established so that we can meet the challenges of today and the future. I ask for the support of every member in every lodge for a bigger and better Danish Brotherhood in America.

Fraternally yours,  
EINAR DANIELSEN,  
President.

**Colorado-Wyoming General Committee**

The Colorado-Wyoming General Committee had a very fine one-day district convention in Cheyenne, Wyo., Saturday, August 28, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 1521 Dunn Street, Cheyenne, with Lodge No. 148 as host.

Lodges represented were Fowler, Brush and Denver, Colo., and Cheyenne, Wyo.

A very nice telegram was received for the occasion from the National Board of Officers and the Home Office staff of the Danish Brotherhood in America, wishing each member and lodge that participated in this district convention an enjoyable and successful convention.

We had a good constructive business meeting, conducted by District President Svend A. Ronlov of Denver, with most of the discussion on proposals for the national convention, and the well-being of our district lodges. It was agreed that members should work much harder to bring relatives and prospective members into their lodge and the Brotherhood.

Past District President Glen Vosler of Cheyenne, installed the following newly elected district officers: President Andrew Christensen, Brush; Vice President Clyde W. Davidson, Denver; Secretary-Treasurer Svend A. Sonderup, Denver; Trustees Martin Furguson, Cheyenne and Rich Sharon, Fowler and Ole Bork, Denver; Conductor Jorgen Sorensen, Denver.

After the meeting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen served free cocktails to all in their very beautiful trophy room. At 7 p. m. a delicious dinner, prepared by Mrs. Martin Furguson and her committee was enjoyed by all. The convention concluded with dancing.

We wish to express our thanks to the members of Cheyenne lodge and their ladies for making it an enjoyable day.

SVEND A. SONDERUP,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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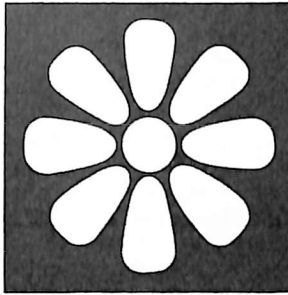
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## Question and Answer Column

One question we are asked every year about this time is, "What can our lodge do for entertainment during the winter months?" The most important answer to this question is not to lose your enthusiasm for doing something. Establish a goal for your group to work towards during the winter. What the project will encompass and whether or not it will be a short-term goal or a long-term goal is best decided by your own lodge members.

We like to recommend that each lodge plan a Christmas party. Although charity and kindness are displayed by our members all through the year, Christmas is that special time when we are all a little more inclined to go out of our way to help someone else, especially the children. The reports we have received in the home office after local lodges have sponsored Christmas parties for handicapped or deprived children all indicate the members and their own children were pleased as much by doing for less fortunate youngsters as these youngsters were pleased by what they did. It creates a mutual feeling of caring.

After your Christmas party, you may decide to become involved in civic affairs, or you may want to relax

and entertain your own members for a time. We have recently received a brochure from the Miller Brewing Company which describes several films which are available free of charge to any group requesting them. The brochure lists over 50 film titles under the subject headings of golf, major league baseball, auto racing, pro football, sports spectacular and Miller "Extras." Surely at least one of these films would appeal to your membership. You may request information about the films from your local Miller High Life distributor or you may write to: Film Section, Public Relations Department, Miller Brewing Co., 4000 W. State St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208.

The winter snows, if you have them, may establish the right atmosphere for your lodge to begin an educational program for your adult or juvenile members. While the English language is now taught in most Danish schools, Danish is taught in very few of our schools. Encourage someone who is reasonably proficient in conversational Danish to instruct a class. If your youngsters have a lot of excess energy this winter, suggest a class in Danish folk dancing be organized which will provide a constructive outlet for their energies. Almost anything can be taught to someone else.

Should you still be wondering what you can do, we have made a list of lodge activities and we invite you to request a copy. It will help your entertainment committee or your officers plan their programs all year round.

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN.  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Apply for 1972 Scholarship Now

The Scholarship Committee wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September 1972 will be considered beginning February 1, 1972. Those eligible members wishing to apply should write to The Danish Brotherhood in America, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebr. 68131, and request an application form not later than December 31, 1971. No applications received after February 1, 1972 will be considered by the Committee for 1972 awards.

Eligible for scholarship awards are insured members in good standing within their local lodge who are attending, or planning to attend, an accredited college, technical school or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award. (See Sec. 61, Par. 9 of the bylaws.)

KRISTEN JORGENSEN, Chairman,  
The Scholarship Committee.

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

Belated birthday greetings to Past District President Peter Pihl on his 80th anniversary. At the quarterly meeting and party of the Northwest Danish Home held in Portland, Ore., Brother Melvin Pihl and his sister Elenora Purdy provided champagne cocktails for the occasion. Coffee and cake was served by the Sunshine Club and a ham dinner followed the business session. Danish folk dancers performed as part of the entertainment. Happy Birthday, Pete.

Centenarian Chris Sand, a member of the Enumclaw Danish Brotherhood, is "looking forward to the next 100," and that's his own quote. It was a beautiful day and relatives and friends from near and far helped celebrate the occasion on September 25. Hale and hearty, Brother Sand stood up at the honored table and thanked the many well wishers for their concern as telegrams were read from President Richard Nixon, Governor Dan Evans and U. S. Congressman Floyd Hicks. Myrna Rieck of Enumclaw's Myrna's Kitchen, baked the large anniversary cake and I happen to know that she also baked the 90th, 80th and 75th birthday goodies for the celebrant. A resident of the Northwest Danish Home, the Board of Directors President Edmund Olsen, was master of ceremonies for one of his subjects. Incidentally, it was also the 75th birthday of Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen and he was there.

In their 11th international tour, the Danish gym team, featured performances at two World's Fairs and the Mexico City Olympic Games, performed at Olson Auditorium on October 4. The program included rhythmical gymnastics, vaulting, tumbling and Danish folk dances in their national costumes. Elsewhere, on the "Danish front" in the Pacific Northwest, Victor Borge is currently on tour and of course, always proudly mentions the Danes and his native Denmark. That the Danes are everywhere, one needs only to read any daily newspaper — Queen Ingrid of the Danish Isles recently being escorted by the Shah of Iran at Persepolis and wearing the Danish royal tiara as King Frederik looked on. Meanwhile, Brother Nels Røed of the Colman, S. D. Danish Brotherhood, celebrated his and Carrie's golden wedding anniversary in Laguna Hills, Calif.

DB 29's Newsletter Editor P. Sten Jessen made a fine report of his sojourn to Denmark after an absence of 13 years. Brother Fred Hewes conducted the regular meeting of the Seattlites at the Northwest Danish Home on August 4. Brother Paul O. Nielsen, Danish Consul in the Queen City, reports that Danish Ambassador Torben Rønne is now an honorary citizen of the State of Washington. Seattle's Danish colony staged a harvest party of substantial success on October 30. Already at work for the 1972 Pacific Northwest convention are Brothers

Frank Larsen, Martin Rasmussen, Ed Olsen, Jim Langsted, Ib Rossen, Clyde Langsted, Sten Jessen and Jens Nielsen. Over 200 Brothers, Sisters and guests enjoyed the fun activities at the annual lodge picnic in August.

DB 42's former President Ernie Wales and wife Ellen, just back from Japan and Denmark, visited your editor in "little old Puyallup" last month. Brother Kris "Captain" Wales has been on army duty at Fort Lewis and proudly boasts of an addition to his family — a little boy born on August 10. Brother Rudy Vida visited our Brotherhood's National Office Building in Omaha during September.

DB 33's Secretary-Treasurer Martin Rasmussen stops in to chat about Tacoma's Brotherhood status every once in a while. Brother Paul Olson spoke to both the Puyallup Valley Chamber of Commerce and their Rotary Club on two separate occasions but both topics covered the food stamp program.

DB 328's Brother John V. Thorsen passed away on July 31 and his funeral was observed at the Danish Church in Vancouver on August 6. Our Canadian Brothers celebrated "en Høstfest" on September 18 in Hastings Auditorium. On October 23 the Vancouver Danes observed their annual "Gaase og Andespil" in "Vikingshallen." "Glem ikke dit gode humør" says the editor of their official newsletter.

DB 113's Past President Karl Koch spent the last half of October visiting old friends around Des Moines, Iowa. Enumclaw Danes "scored" again by servicing the King County Fair participants with an "æbleskiver" booth during August. Past President Martin Pedersen made a trip back east and then came back only to enter the hospital but is now recovering.

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# Announce 1971 Scholarship Winners

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Officers is pleased to announce the award of scholarships to the following members:

- ANDREW CHRISTIANSEN,**  
Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vermont.
- PETER GRIMLUND,**  
Lodge No. 155, Bellingham, Washington.
- JINGER JORGENSEN,**  
Lodge No. 177, Cordova, Nebraska.
- SARA MADSEN,**  
Lodge No. 144, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

- BRETT NELSEN,**  
Lodge No. 299, Solvang, California.
- NIELS NIELSEN,**  
Lodge No. 337, Fremont, California.

On behalf of the Board of Officers and the entire membership of the Danish Brotherhood in America, I take pleasure in extending our congratulations to these fine and deserving young students and to wish them well in this endeavor.

KRISTEN JORGENSEN,  
Chairman, Scholarship Committee.

## ANDREW CHRISTIANSEN—Lodge No. 294

Brother Christiansen's report did not arrive in time for this issue of the Magazine. —EDITOR.

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## PETER GRIMLUND—Lodge No. 115

Let me introduce myself. My name is Pete Grimlund. I am one of the few lucky persons to receive a scholarship from the Danish Brotherhood in America. This aid is really a great help to me. I've been a member of Lodge No. 155 in Bellingham, Wash., ever since my grandfather, Hans F. Hansen and my parents brought me into the organization when I was still a boy.

I've come a long way since then. At present I'm enrolled in Colorado State University Business College. My major is data processing. About my only hobbies are skiing, motorcycle riding and boating in the San Juan Islands whenever I get a chance.

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## JINGER JORGENSEN—Lodge No. 177

Eighteen years ago I entered this world, the third of three daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jorgensen of rural Cordova, Nebr.

I attended Exeter High School where I found myself involved in many activities including honor roll, Mu Alpha Thita (honorary math club), cheerleader, Y-Teens, triple trio, librarian, volleyball student manager, accompanist, homecoming attendant, class secretary and vice president,

chorus and numerous other offices and committees within these organizations.

I was chosen as an Outstanding American High School Student, Outstanding Teenager of America, and a member of Who's Who in American High School Students Honor Society. I also participated in 4-H for 10 years where I found myself actively involved in three clubs, and have won many ribbons, medals and trips at both county and state levels. During these 10 years I completed projects in the areas of clothing, foods, junior leadership, food preservation, safety, first aid, home-living, cattle and swine.

My family is affiliated with the Danish Brotherhood Lodge in Cordova where my father and mother are presently serving as president and trustee, respectively. I am also proud to add that we are a 100% family in this organization.

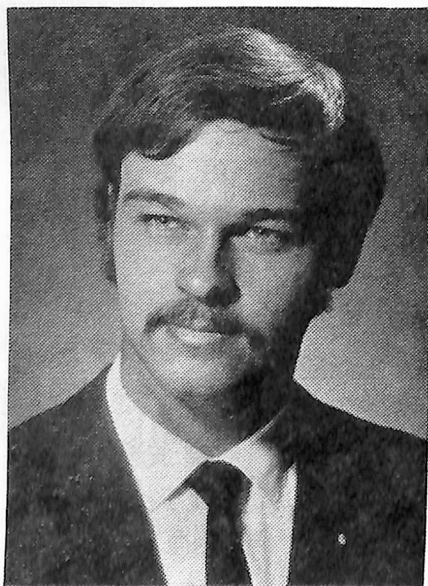
I am presently attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a major in fashion merchandising which I find to be a fascinating and challenging career.

And now may I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Danish Brotherhood for this scholarship, as I am well aware that it is your help that will aid in making my dreams come true.

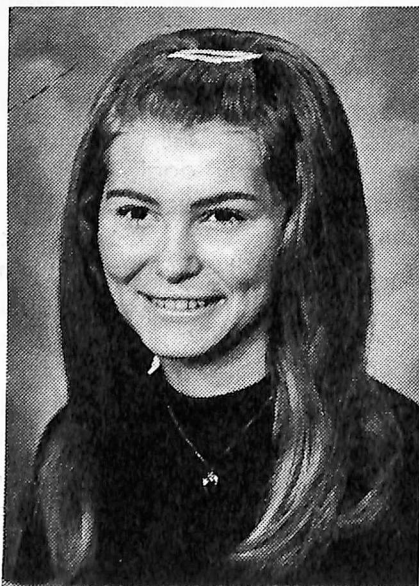
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## SARA MADSEN—Lodge No. 144

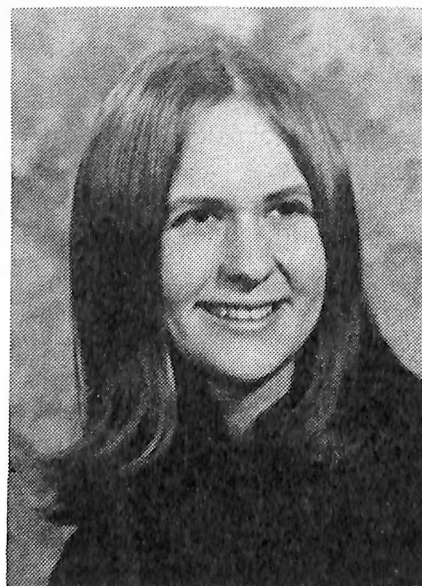
I come from a small rural Danish community near Cedar Falls, Iowa, where my father is a farmer. My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Madsen, are members of



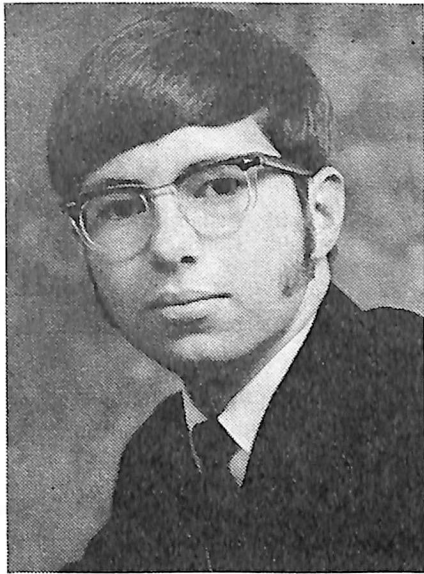
Peter Grimlund



Jinger Jorgensen



Sara Madsen



Brett Nelsen

the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood, where my father is treasurer of the local lodge No. 144. I am also a member of this lodge.

I attended the Dike Community High School where I graduated last spring. I was active in band, chorus, various music ensembles and groups, girls basketball, dramatics and the National Honor Society.

The summer of 1970, I was a YFU exchange student to Denmark. I enjoyed my stay with the Knud Rasmussen family of Odense very much and hope to return some day.

This fall I am a freshman at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. My future plans are undecided. I am interested in physical therapy, remedial reading and guidance counseling.

I'd like to thank the Danish Brotherhood for this scholarship. It certainly will help me in pursuing and finishing my education. Mange tak!

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**BRETT NELSEN—Lodge No. 299**

I would like to thank the Danish Brotherhood in America for making this scholarship possible.

I became a junior member of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge 299 in 1966 at the age of 13. In 1967 I was fortunate enough to be able to visit Denmark and see many of my relatives for the first time.

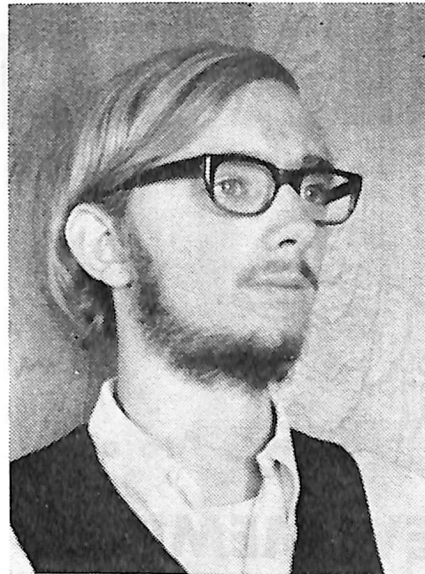
In high school I participated in the American Field Service, the California Scholarship Federation and was the president of our chess and science clubs. Drama and chorus also engaged some of my time. I graduated as valedictorian of Santa Ynez High's 1971 class with a 3.97 grade point average.

I am presently enrolled at the California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo as an electronics engineering major. My hobbies include electronics, chess, bowling, golf and naturally, girls.

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**NIELS NIELSEN—Lodge No. 337**

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the membership, the Board of Officers and to the Scholarship Committee of the Danish Brotherhood for awarding me a scholarship this year. It will considerably ease my financial position and so will allow me to continue my work here at the University of California with one less burden on my mind.



Niels Nielsen

I am a native of California, having been born in Hayward in 1952. My parents though, both came to this country from Denmark and have been active in the affairs of the Brotherhood for some years, having helped found our own lodge, Anker No. 337, in Fremont. I became a member of the Brotherhood in 1969 and in 1970 was able to visit Denmark through the generosity of my grandmother, whom I had not seen since my first trip to Denmark in 1960. The trip was a very exciting and educational experience and I am still impressed by the hospitality I was shown during my stay. I am presently exploring the possibility of making Denmark my home once I have completed my study of the physical sciences in 1974. I am currently a sophomore at the university.

My academic pursuits will be greatly aided by your grant. Once again, let me express my deep appreciation of your generosity in extending me the scholarship.

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700 ...	Home Office—	Karen Hedegaard.....	Al Hedegaard
<b>JUVENILE MEMBERS</b>			
242 .....	Erie—	Jeffrey Wiech.....	Wm. Andersen
332 .....	Ripon—	Darrin Fox.....	Herman Janzen
700 ...	Home Office—	Jeffry Jensen.....	Al Hedegaard
700 ...	Home Office—	Edward Freeberg.....	Al Hedegaard
700 ...	Home Office—	Anneliese Festersen....	Al Hedegaard
700 ...	Home Office—	Peter Festersen.....	Al Hedegaard
700 ...	Home Office—	Mary Nielsen.....	Al Hedegaard

### Honor Roll

#### LOGGES

Lodge	Location	Number of New Members
4—	Racine, Wisconsin .....	15
14—	Kenosha, Wisconsin .....	7
15—	Des Moines, Iowa .....	8
16—	Minden, Nebraska .....	9
29—	Seattle, Washington .....	11
51—	Ludington, Michigan .....	15
92—	St. Charles, Illinois .....	6
126—	Los Angeles, California .....	9
139—	Viborg, South Dakota .....	5
143—	Petaluma, California .....	9
167—	Portland, Oregon .....	9
227—	Detroit, Michigan .....	26
261—	Fowler, Colorado .....	9
306—	San Diego, California .....	5
325—	Nassau County, New York .....	29
328—	Vancouver, B. C., Canada .....	10

#### INDIVIDUALS

4—	Racine, Wis., Billy Jensen .....	3
14—	Kenosha, Wis., Robert Ibsen .....	3
15—	Des Moines, Iowa, Ferry Christiansen .....	3
15—	Des Moines, Iowa, Arthur Isserstadt .....	3
33—	Tacoma, Wash., Martin Rasmussen .....	4
51—	Ludington, Mich., Donald Bentz .....	4
51—	Ludington, Mich., Alfred Seguin .....	3
92—	St. Charles, Ill., Howard Rasmussen .....	3
139—	Viborg, S. D., Lars Simonsen .....	3
144—	Dike, Iowa, Arthur Thode .....	3
227—	Detroit, Mich., Otto Pedersen .....	6
261—	Fowler, Colo., Victor Hansen .....	5
261—	Fowler, Colo., Larry Higgs .....	3

306—	San Diego, Calif., Arthur Norgaard .....	3
323—	Alhambra, Calif., Gunnar Hansen .....	4
325—	Nassau County, N. Y., George Jacobsen .....	20
325—	Nassau County, N. Y., Jim Jorgensen .....	4

#### AGENT'S PRODUCTION

1—	Omaha, Nebr., Al Hedegaard .....	27
16—	Minden, Nebr., Herbert Nielsen .....	6
29—	Seattle, Wash., Jens Nielsen .....	6
143—	Petaluma, Calif., Jim Larsen .....	11
167—	Portland, Ore., Poul Persson .....	6

**SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3(b)** — Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following Section 4, Par. 4 and/or Section 6, Par. 1; Section 7, Par. 9; Section 14, Par. 2; Section 7, Par. 3(b) is hereby published:

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Albert F. Tunsen: Salary \$291.84, less taxes \$15.18, net \$276.66; postage \$25.00; for attending California General Committee convention at Bakersfield, transportation \$36.64, per diem \$100.00; for attending anniversary of Arcata Lodge No. 230 and 50-year membership presentation, transportation \$51.68, per diem \$75.00.

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By ARNE GARDE, 26 Brooklawn Place, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.** At the convention in Newark, Brother Norman Edmond was elected trustee for the GCEL — congratulations. As it was mentioned in last month's news, the Brothers and Sisters are having a dinner-dance on October 30 at the Apollo Hall. Eleane Sorensen is in charge of the kitchen.

CHRIS SIMONSEN, Sec.

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** Our belated congratulations and best wishes to all the newly elected officers of the GCEL, especially Brother Arne Garde who has accepted the job of correspondent and to the retiring correspondent, Brother Otto Jonasen, who did an outstanding job.

We extend deepest sympathy to the family of Brother Fred Mortensen who passed away September 26 after a long illness. Brother Fred was a hard working member of No. 102 and he will be sorely missed by all.

The deep sea fishing trip will take place October 23. More about this in the next issue.

The 50th anniversary of Haab Lodge No. 158 was well attended and we were delighted to be there. Congrats to the committee.

Once again we are having a barbecue steak dinner on November 6 under the personal direction of those young, interested and hard working Brothers, E. and J. Braumann and Wm. Gill. Our Christmas party date has been set for Sunday, December 12, make plans now to be there.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Secretary.

**Fremad Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.,** meets the second Friday of each month at the American Legion Hall, Town Green, Springfield, N. J.

The lodge wishes happy birthday to the following Brothers who have "theirs" in October: Kaj Brown, Chr. P. Holme, Anton Jensen, Harry Kristensen, Peter Giegericht, Neil J. Jensen, Karl G. Jensen, Jens Mortensen, N. C. Thomsen, Frederick Holmer, Hugo K. Wendel, Alfred Borup, Paul Gehrs, Paul Blidsoe, Harold Sorensen, Kaj Jensen and Oluf Morch.

Our next meeting will be held October 8. Our delegate to the national convention in San Diego, Calif., will make his report.

We are happy to announce at this time that our own Brother George Godthaab was elected to the Board of Directors. He has served the past four years as a trustee — at a meeting held by the directors he was elected second vice president. We congratulate Brother George and wish him luck in the years to come, on his new assignment.

We sincerely regret the loss of Brother Svend Larsen, who after several months illness, passed away September 10. Brother Svend resided in Copenhagen, Denmark. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Brothers Kenneth Zuschlag, Paul Ifversen, Louis Lydiksen, Sigurd Holme and Viggo Nielsen were appointed at the last meeting to serve on the nominating committee, which means that any Brother who is willing to serve the Brotherhood as an officer in 1972 can contact any of those above mentioned committee members and make the job easy for them this year.

Speaking of the nominating committee, this actually means that we are nearing the end of 1971, yet a number of Brothers have forgotten that to be in good standing, dues and assessments to the lodge must be paid. Why make the job of financial secretary so difficult, when you forget. He's the fellow who has to write you when you do, and spend money as well for stamps. Ask yourself, is it fair? Send your dues and assessments to Viggo Nielsen, 33 Ridgedale Ave., Summit, N. J., or better yet, come to the meeting and pay up for the year. Remember, three months in arrears means loss of benefit in case of sickness.

The folk dancers meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, Main Street, Millburn, N. J., and are looking for new members.

SIGURD HOLME, Secretary.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Folk Fair — let's all support the fine work that our Brothers and Sisters



## 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 5	Chris Larsen	81	Campus, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1926
Aug 30	Roy W. Rasmussen	73	Grand Island, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1934
Aug 24	Hugo Thomsen	67	Skouby, Denmark	257	New York, New York	1929
Aug 16	Svend A. Andersen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1920
Aug 12	Ronald G. Leonard	32	Lansing, Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1963
Sep 19	Hans Petersen	69	Aerø, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1931
Sep 26	G. O. Mortensen	78	Odense, Denmark	102	Providence, Rhode Island	1912
Aug 14	Knudt Bonnicksen	86	Clinton, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1916
Sep 10	Jens S. Clausen	82	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1921
Sep 10	Svend Larsen	66	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1930
Sep 26	Peder Aage Nielsen	77	Horsens, Denmark	210	Grand Rapids, Michigan	1914
Sep 27	P. O. Vald. Sorensen	76	Hjorring, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1916
Sep 29	Nels Hansen	75	Kolding, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minneapolis	1938
Oct 2	Jens M. Westergaard	78	Mjølde, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1923
Oct 3	Alfred Nielsen	84	Hal Sogn, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
Oct 10	Mads P. Kroman	96	Oro, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1918
Sep 7	Hans M. Nielsen	71	Varde, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1955

began last year at the annual Folk Fair. Heed the call for help in their efforts to create an affair worthy of our national heritage. The affair will take place on April 14, 15 and 16 next spring. That is not so far off when it comes to preparing for such a large event. So won't you please help — call George Clausen at HI 9-8817 or Joseph Pitman at 623-5982. Your help is important.

Friday, October 15 is the date of the next meeting. This meeting had been delayed until the third Friday because of the late meeting in September and the fact that we have a very important change in the bylaws to vote on. The subject concerned the admittance of women to the lodge. The motion had been duly read at successive meetings, considered by the law committee and is now up to vote. The most important consideration is the need for keeping up the membership and injecting new life into the lodge. Immigration from Denmark and thus the potential for new members has declined in the past 10 years for two reasons. One has been the change in the immigration laws and second, perhaps most important, the fine economic conditions for the individual in Denmark. Consequently the urge to seek opportunities here has diminished. Thus the future of the lodge is at stake and without growth will not survive the times. Therefore Brothers, the lodge depends on your good judgment to vote on this all important question.

There will also be a call for volunteers to handle the food for the rest of the season, beginning in November. The lodge defrays the cost in the out-of-pocket expenses that you may have in this connection. All we need is your time and talents. Please see Bent Busch-Petersen at the meeting.

Flemming Hinrichsen is vacationing in Denmark; George Clausen has just returned from the national convention in San Diego; Henny and Joe Janco are the proud parents of a son, Hans Erik. The Lars Gamborg Nielsens had a daughter, congratulations.

The following had birthdays in October: Walter R. Broadbent, Jr., Robert S. Rondum, Hakon Rasmussen, John P. Richard, Erik D. Nielsen, John H. Keegan, Jr., Knud Koefoed, Henry J. Christiansen and Hans Siemers.

Donations to our printing fund have been received from Norma Teti, Bent Busch-Petersen, Carl Rasmussen and Mrs. Nina Boldsen. She writes: "I still enjoy that small monthly newspaper, please give my best regards to the Brotherhood. It will soon be a year since Harold Boldsen passed away and it has been a long year. Wishing your Brotherhood all the best of success."

The Christmas banquet will be at the Walbers on the Delaware, Saturday, December 19. Please mark your calendars.

The Nick Knudsens are opening a Christmas ship with Scandinavian gifts at Linvilla Orchards.

Chris Christensen of Lake City, Fla., is on the sick list and Erik Østergaard has been laid up with a bad case of hepatitis.

Gerthe Busch-Petersen, a member of Lodge 600, was a visitor at our September meeting. Recently she broke her foot. (There was not connection between the two events.) Her brother, Martin, has begun college at Georgia Tech.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** Our September meeting on the 15th started off with the usual good dinner as we celebrated the birthday of Brother Jake Christiansen. Jake is now located in California, but he was good enough to send a check so that all the Brothers had a drink on him. Thanks for the snaps, Jake. As we drank the snaps and sang a song for Jake and sent a birthday card with all the names of the Brothers who attended the affair. Our meeting started at 8:15, opened

by President Ted Mikkelsen. We had a long discussion about mutual-aid, but it was put over to our next meeting. Willie Willendrup was the winner of the attendance prize.

The meeting October 6 was a special one. The discussion was on mutual-aid and we found at this time that it is not allowed in New York state. The vote was to discontinue all aid. Members who have paid for October through December will be given credit for the same. Before the meeting we had a good beef stew prepared by Rigmor Biering, so you know it was good.

On Sunday, October 10, we had a picnic at George Severson's camp at Lake George N. Y. Lots of food and drink was available and all had a good time. I'm sorry I couldn't attend that one, but I had relatives visiting from Denmark, who were leaving that day. I was told that one Brother took all the money from the card game, I wonder who he was? We are now waiting for our invitation for picnic next year — so Brothers, don't forget if you have a camp, invite the Brotherhood up for a good time.

CHRIS BIERING, Correspondent.

The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten.  
—Calvin Coolidge.

Let the soldier yield to the civilian.  
—Cicero.

The wise old soldier is never in haste to strike a blow.  
—Metastasio.

Women adore a martial man.  
—Wycherly.

The best soldiers are not warlike.  
—Old French Proverb.

It is the citizens, the men who own land and have homes, that make the best soldiers.  
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## National Fraternal Congress Annual Meeting Held in Denver

More than 600 delegates and visitors representing 100 fraternal benefit societies in the United States and Canada attended the 85th annual meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America in Denver, Colo., September 26-29.

Howard Christensen, secretary-treasurer of the Danish Brotherhood in America, attended this convention representing the society and as a delegate for the Nebraska Fraternal Congress, the state arm of the national organization.

In his report to the meeting of the Nebraska Fraternal Congress, October 12, Mr. Christensen described the fraternal programs held for the delegates, the state fraternal section meeting and the general sessions. On Sunday, September 26, a fraternal program featured a variety of entertainers demonstrating the talents of adults and juvenile members of fraternal benefit societies.

A state sections' luncheon was held on Tuesday. It is during this meeting the various delegates representing the state congresses meet. In addition to performing the administrative duties required by the section, a speech by Foster Farrell, past secretary-treasurer of the National Fraternal Congress, was presented by Raymond Klee, the current secretary-treasurer. Mr. Farrell was unable to attend due to illness. He described the development of the state fraternal congress section and the role they play in furthering the fraternal benefit system.

The national meeting started on Monday morning, September 27, with a plenary session and continued Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon, closing with a final meeting Wednesday morning. During these three days those present heard speakers individually or in panel discussions present information concerning such subjects as: public relations, investments, variable life insurance, national health insurance, ethnic influence in America, fraternal opportunities and observations on the current scene. Each speaker had been chosen for his knowledge of the subject to be presented and for his ability to relate that subject to fraternal organizations.

The final speaker at the Wednesday session was television personality Art Linkletter whose talk was entitled, "Changing Patterns in Drug Abuse." Mr. Linkletter has developed very strong views on the misuse of drugs by young people and adults. He has also done a great deal of research into the causes and cures for this broadening social problem which made his presentation very effective.

The National Fraternal Congress of America was organized in 1886 in Washington, D. C., by representatives of 16 fraternal benefit societies. Today it represents 97 societies having nearly 10 million members in 47,438 local lodges.

Major purposes of the Congress include promoting the general welfare of the fraternal benefit system in all matters of mutual concern and public interest, disseminating information to the general public regarding the fraternal benefit system, rendering service to member societies in general and assisting individual fraternal benefit societies when appropriate.

At the annual meetings, problems peculiar to procedures and the system are discussed and solutions sought. To this forum, the various officers of the societies bring their ideas for the betterment of individual societies and of the system as a whole. A free interchange of ideas and methods is conducted. The meetings not only benefit

each society and the system, but also give careful attention to public interest.

At the beginning of 1971, societies affiliated with the NFCA had \$24,717,476,655 of fraternal life insurance in force. Assets of the societies totaled \$4,967,740,113 and the benefits paid in 1970 alone totaled \$368,574,240.

## Celebrate Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Hansen (above) 631 South 36th St., Omaha, Nebr., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 18 of this year. Their children, a son, Charles, living in Minneapolis, Minn., with his family and two daughters, Ida and Dorothy, living in Omaha with their families were on hand to help their parents celebrate this wonderful occasion. Brother Hansen is a member of Lodge No. 1, Omaha.

## Thank You

My most sincere thanks to the members of the Brotherhood for supporting me at the four conventions for a seat on the Board of Officers.

It has been a most educational, rewarding and enjoyable experience. I want to thank all of the fine people at the many places Sena and I have had the pleasure of visiting during my term on the board for their splendid welcome extended to both of us everywhere. We were always made to feel at home and amongst friends.

And thanks for the many cards and other means of congratulating us on our 50th wedding anniversary. We will treasure them for many years to come.

I hope the new Board of Officers will have a most successful four years in office and that their work and decisions will make a wonderful organization even a better one to belong to.

I shall always be a booster for our Danish Brotherhood. Thanks again.

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By **PETER PEDERSEN, 450 Meyer, St., San Fernando, Calif. 91340**

The 1971 National Convention is past and hopefully the delegates have made a report to their lodges. The San Diego Lodge is to be congratulated on the arrangements in all aspects. Housing was excellent — entertainment certainly first class. The banquet was outstanding and the dance following, to Wistrup Olesen's Band was the grand finale. Everybody had a wonderful time.

The convention itself was conducted in an atmosphere of fraternalism and good fellowship. President Jorgensen led the meetings with a sure hand and did not waiver when a decision or opinion from him was needed. It was a pleasure to see him in control of the situation at all times. All too often a president loses touch with the delegates.

Of course we here in California with 12½ per cent of all the members in the Danish Brotherhood were sorry to lose our representative on the Board of Officers. But perhaps the reason lies in what this reporter overheard by the seal pond. Two delegates were discussing the convention and one said, "I don't know much about this business, but it gave me a free trip as delegate and now I can visit my son who lives nearby." Enough said.

**News From Los Angeles No. 126** — Fred Holm reports a few seats left on the Christmas Flight. Contact him at 1238 Spazier Ave., Glendale, Calif., 91201, phone (213) 842-5656. But hurry!

Several members of No. 126 attended the national convention in San Diego. This year, as in the past, we addressed and stuffed 1000 envelopes for the Foundation

for the Junior Blind. A very worthwhile project with Owen Miller in charge.

Our next social affair will be the bingo on November 18, with all profits to the South Gate Youth Band for their trip to Rebild in '72.

**Anniversary Flight for 1972** — After lengthy negotiations the committee has made final arrangements for California's Flight '72, with the World Airways Airline. This is the same airline we had for the successful 1968 flight. Price for all adults and children over 2 years of age \$268.00, U. S. tax \$3.00, Danish tax \$2.00, total \$273.00. Children under 2 years of age free, provided they do not occupy a seat.

Departure will be from Oakland International Airport on May 25, 1972 and return from Copenhagen July 9, 1972. All reservations are on a first come, first served basis, \$100 must accompany each reservation. Send all reservations and deposits to The Brotherhood Flight, in care of The Rudolph Olsen Travel Agency, 166 Geary St., San Francisco, Calif. 94108.

The year 1972 is a year of anniversaries: The Danish Brotherhood in America will be 90 years old, the Danish newspaper "Bien," will also be 90 years old and Rebild Park will celebrate its 60th anniversary.

In 1968 the members of the California General Committee took a young redwood tree with them to Denmark and planted it in Tivoli Park, with appropriate ceremonies, as a gift to the people of Denmark on the occasion of Tivoli Park's 125th anniversary. This year a

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#### THE COMMITTEE.

Ripon Lodge No. 332 extends an invitation to their 25th anniversary Saturday, November 13. Reservations are a must as space is limited.

Alhambra Lodge extends an invitation to enjoy open-faced sandwiches with them, also on November 13.

## MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

By **ROBERT SORENSEN**, 44800 Gregory Lane,  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

### NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 51 —

Wednesday evening, September 15, Lodge No. 51 held their monthly pinochle party in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall. Committee for the evening was President Kenneth Johnson and daughter, Cindy, Trustee Lars Christoffersen and Brother Stanley Williamson. Following the pinochle games, a potluck lunch was served by the committee and prizes were awarded.

Thursday evening, September 23, we had a social gathering at the Danish Hall starting out with a steak fry at 6:30 p. m. Chairman of the event were Trustees Wallace Nelson and Lars Christoffersen, assisted by Brother Albert Christoffersen as beverage dispenser, Inside Guard Alfred Larsen and Outside Guard Alvin Garcia as dish washers, and Past President Bill Smith and Trustee Don Wagner as roustabouts. Brother Tim Finholm's name was called for the jackpot but he was absent. Brother Albert Christoffersen was the recipient of a special award.

Thursday evening, October 14, we held our monthly business meeting in the lodge rooms of the Danish Hall with President Kenneth Johnson presiding. A report was given by Trustee Donald Wagner on the very successful baseball excursion to Milwaukee of which he was chairman. Don was given a rising vote of thanks by the members.

President Kenneth gave his report on the national convention he attended as the delegate from Lodge No. 51. This was a very fine report and we are proud of the fine job Kenneth did as representative of Lodge 51.

Brother Roy Chapman's name was called for the jackpot but he was absent. President Kenneth Johnson was the lucky member to receive the "Don Wagner Special."

Our next meeting will be a social meeting October 28 and will feature æbleskiver for the lunch.

Get well wishes go to our members who are ill, and as of this writing they are: Albert Christoffersen, Holger Hansen, James Rye and Wallace Bentz.

ALF LARSEN, Correspondent.

### NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 227 —

Hello again from Detroit! At our regular business meeting September 21, there were 40 members in attendance. The meeting was presided over by President Eric (Moose) Larsen. After the business at hand was transacted, the meeting was adjourned and the pinochle cards came out for those interested, also coffee, rolls and other liquid refreshment was made available to those Brothers who stayed.

On October 13, there were 150 persons at our monthly pre-meeting dinner, which was fried chicken this time. At the business meeting which followed, there were 75 members present. Vice President Olaf Erickson presided in the absence of our president. Five new Brothers were initiated, they are as follows: Soren Grum-Schwansen, Svend Oggie Nielsen, Richard Sorensen, Raymond English and James Crockett.

Our delegate to the national convention, Carl Jensen,

and alternate delegate, Robert Andersen, gave a very thorough report of the happenings at the convention and also they were very high in their praise of the committee in San Diego for a job well done.

Past Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen also attended the convention and gave us a few words about the proceedings out there.

Detroit Lodge No. 227 wishes all the best to the new National President Einar Danielsen, during his term in office.

That takes care of the news from this area for now, see you again in the next issue.

ROBERT SORENSEN, Correspondent.

## National Convention Resolutions

**Two 100-year-old members honored** by the 28th National Convention. The following resolutions were adopted by the delegates in session at the quadrennial convention of the Danish Brotherhood at San Diego, California, September 22-25, 1971.

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Danish Brotherhood in America in assembly at the 28th National Convention in San Diego, California, expresses their heartfelt congratulations to Brother CHRISTIAN SAND, on his 100th birthday.

Brother Sand was born in Vester Thorup, Fjerstlev, Denmark on September 25, 1871. He joined Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington, August 17, 1899 and is currently in Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Washington.

It is a rare man who reaches 100 years and we wish to make special note of this event. May the good Lord bless you with good health and happiness in the future.

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Danish Brotherhood in America in assembly at the 28th National Convention in San Diego, California, expresses their heartfelt congratulations to Brother PETER BUNDGAARD, on his 100th birthday.

Brother Bundgaard was born in Vestervig, Thisted, Denmark on September 9, 1871. He joined Lodge No. 192, Boston, Massachusetts, April 25, 1906 and is currently in Lodge No. 600, Omaha, Nebraska.

It is a rare man who reaches 100 years and we wish to make special note of this event. May the good Lord bless you with good health and happiness in the future.

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## A Little Bit From Florida and the 28th National Convention

After returning from the San Diego convention, I often think about what a wonderful job the committee for the convention did. Personally I will say that I have never received a warmer welcome by any committee — bringing you from the airport to the hotel and returning you again when you were going home. The five days at the convention in San Diego went so fast that you couldn't believe that a week could go so fast.

The tours we had each day to the Swedish smorgasbord and the trips to Mexico and on the boat for the fine dinners were also something I will not forget. The most enjoyable evening was Wednesday (the Danish program). The children really performed wonderfully well and they were quiet, everyone enjoyed that show and the parents surely did a nice job in teaching them.

About the convention meetings I will say they were conducted in a fine way and the law committee certainly did a fine job. All 96 delegates answered all roll calls and about what was decided at the meeting you will hear from your delegate.

At the election of new officers it was a surprise to note that four new board members were elected. Brother Skelbeck declined after serving so splendidly for many years, Brother Fred Jensen also declined as did Brother Edward Jonassen.

I am sure, however, that we did elect a fine group to serve on the Board for the next four years and I congratulate them all for their spirit.

Now living in Florida and about 200 miles from the lodge, I am sorry that I cannot attend every meeting, but I try to do the best I can and the meeting here in West Palm Beach Saturday, October 9 was not too well attended as it is a little early for some to have returned from up north.

We had a fine meeting and were pleased to see a Brother formerly of Springfield, Mass., and now a member of No. 600. We also had a fine table set up with

coffee and pastry, as usual served by our good ladies. We hope to have a good attendance next month, and hope to see Knud Friis and Anna again.

About the convention, let me say that it was a pleasure to meet so many friends from all over the country, especially so many of my old Brothers from New England. I love Florida, but I miss New England and the many meetings of the Brotherhood I could attend there, but the Danish Brotherhood will always be in my heart and may the Brotherhood live and progress, after 55 years I will never forget it.

I'd like to tell you a little about our new Disney World here in Florida. A group from my church here in Winter Park (53) went there by bus recently and had a wonderful time. We toured the whole city, it is really beautiful and what pleased me most was the fact that all the young people who are employed there (over 6000) were all neatly dressed and polite — no mini skirts, no long hair on the boys and they would give you any information you wanted. The Disney World in Florida is really something you should all come to see.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN,  
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