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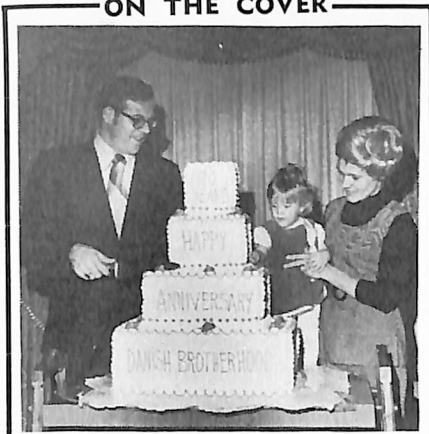
A new era of adventure begins today for the editor, and hopefully, for you, too. The leadership of the Danish Brotherhood recently created two positions at the Home Office staff level and, fortunately for me, I was asked to fill one of them.

In accepting the responsibility of this position, I pledge myself to an editorial policy that attempts to embody truth, fairness, honesty, and accuracy in reporting and in representation. I will also strive to capture in print the spirit of fraternalism, patriotism, benevolence, and goodwill that can, and should, kindle the fires of common dedication.

I seek your trust and support in making this publication a meaningful form of communication between our members, our lodges, and our friends. Please remember that the editorial office is now located in Omaha. Your correspondence, of course, is always welcome. Good reading!



The Editor.



The front cover of our magazine this month introduces a 100% Danish Brotherhood family, The Nielsens—Tom, Inta and Maija. Tom and Inta became members on July 1, 1969. Maija was born October 8, 1970 and became a member on November 3, 1970. The Nielsens belong to Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska, celebrating their 90th anniversary January 2, 1972.

Tom was born in Racine, Wisconsin on October 3, 1937. Inta was born in Latvia, June 7, 1939. Tom and Inta are both in the teaching profession.

# CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD

On a cold Monday morning, Jan. 2, 1882, in Omaha, Nebraska, a group of men with a warm spot in their heart formed a lodge or organization which today bears the name of The Danish Brotherhood in America.

From this original idea of providing a common meeting place for Danish immigrants, many lodges were established across the country with the same purpose in mind. Growing in scope and purpose, the Brotherhood has sprung from those humblest of beginnings into a driving, dynamic force. Today The Danish Brotherhood is the largest Danish Fraternal Society in America, featuring 170 lodges in the United States, Denmark and Canada. Total membership is near 10,000.

This month marks the 90th Anniversary of our Brotherhood which is recognized as America's leading Danish-oriented organization. For almost a century, the society has promoted the concepts of peace, love and goodwill and at the same time underscored the importance of individual community and national responsibility. Historically, in our lodge rooms and through our rituals, DB has been considered a guiding beacon in promoting fraternalism, fellowship, service, charity, faith, hope and justice.

This spirit of leadership hopefully has made better citizens of Brotherhood members and contributed no token amount to the progress of our communities, states and nations. A true form of democracy, the society is governed by a convention, board of officers and individual lodge officers.

In the progress of Danish Brotherhood history in North America, there is a fascinating and inspiring story of the magnificent growth of an idea, from the lowly beginning, when the little seed of fraternalism was planted back in 1882, to the grand institution it is today.

The man credited with founding the society is Mark Hansen, an immigrant to this country from Denmark

in 1861 who settled in Omaha. Soon after he came to the United States, the Civil War broke out and he enlisted in the Nebraska Cavalry. This decision perhaps characterizes the spirit of Mark Hansen. Strong in conviction, he was a hard worker for his cause. Already a veteran of the war between Denmark and Germany in 1848, his enlistment here gave him the chance to serve two countries in one lifetime.

Following the Civil War, Mark and some friends organized the Danish Veterans Society. Not finding many more Danish soldiers who had fought for their motherland though, they decided to take in other people, and it was this decision that made possible the beginning of the Danish Brotherhood. Initial corporation papers were drawn up on that second day of January in 1882, and the 90 years since have been encouraging testimony to the power of fraternalism, protection, patriotism and benevolence.

Times are changing and the original purpose of the lodge is no longer foremost. But today the Brotherhood is striving to keep aware of these changes and shape itself to conform to them. The very first lodge had a taste of this when they decided to accept Danes other than veterans. It was a clear choice: change or perish. They changed and we exist today for that reason.

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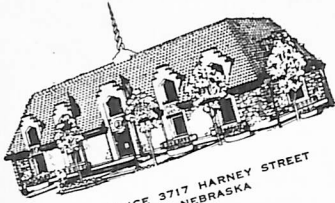
### THREE LODGES MARK 90 YEARS

Special congratulations go out to Lodges 1, 3 and 4, located respectively in Omaha, Davenport and Racine, for reaching this dramatic milestone. All three were chartered at the same time on January 2, 1882, and appropriate anniversary ceremonies commemorating their chartership are scheduled in each lodge some time during this month.

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## A LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Members:

As you will note from the article on the opposite page, your Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters is announcing the appointment this month of two full-time employees. They are Clayton Grady, Director of Agencies; and Don Eversoll, Director of Fraternal Affairs. These men join Howard Christensen's fine staff in the Danish Brotherhood Home Office and have already assumed their duties.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Clayton and Don to The Danish Brotherhood, on behalf of its Board of Officers and the entire membership. These appointments are evidence of the Society's renewed dedication to the goals of growth and opportunity through a continuing effort to improve the status of our beloved Brotherhood.

It is perhaps more than coincidental that this new dimension of total service be offered to the members virtually at the same time we celebrate the Society's 90th anniversary. I think you will agree this is an excellent opportunity to rededicate ourselves to those principles which we know to be true and unflinching.

Let us all greet Clayton and Don with the same friendship and fraternal spirit that has made the Brotherhood a driving force in this country for 90 years. They will need your cooperation to be effective.

I pledge my support--will you pledge yours?

Fraternally,

*Einar Danielson*  
Einar Danielson  
President

# National Headquarters Appoints Pair to Usher in New Dimension of Service

.... BOTH FULL-TIME STAFF MEMBERS ARE NOW IN HOME OFFICE

The National Headquarters office of The Danish Brotherhood in America takes pride in announcing the appointment of two full-time staff members to serve the Brotherhood from Omaha beginning immediately.

They are Clayton Grady, named to the position of Director of Agencies; and Don Eversoll, who will serve as the Director of Fraternal Affairs. Both positions were recently created as part of a new thrust on behalf of the society to emphasize a "New Spirit of Brotherhood" soon to take shape.

Making the announcement and introductions is Howard Christensen, secretary-treasurer and chief of staff services in the home office.

These appointments represent the first time in the history of the Brotherhood that one full-time professional staff member has been assigned to serve each area of activity inside the Brotherhood. By planning with common direction in fraternal dedication, it is anticipated these men, together with all of our ten thousand members, can generate new interest and participation critically needed for growth and development.



Clayton Grady

Clayton Grady's responsibility will be to employ and train full-time agents on a national level for the purpose of promoting the Brotherhood, its fraternal programs, activities and goals. Clayton brings to the Brotherhood 14 years of service to the concept of fraternal benefits and a total of 21 years experience in insurance and management fields. Prior to coming to Omaha, he was the manager of his own agency located in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

A Navy veteran, Clayton is married and the father of five children. He and his wife, Ellen, are the parents of Sharon, Clayton, Jr., Gary, Kevin and Tammie. He is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and attended Iowa State University at Ames prior to enlisting in the Navy. Many clubs and organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, Optimists, PTA and Babe Ruth Baseball League have honored and recognized Clayton for his unselfish work and devotion to his fellow man. He has also been very active in community affairs serving as president or vice president of many of the above organizations.

Mr. Grady said, "I am grateful for the opportunity in becoming associated with the largest Danish fraternal society in America. In The Danish Brotherhood we have a great legacy, a tradition of service to God, country, community and fellow man. You

and I owe our prestige to some degree to those who have gone before. Similarly, we hope we may enrich this legacy and pass it on to those who will follow.

"I seek your support and cooperation so we may climb together the heights yet to be achieved. Ours right now is a great responsibility and challenge."

Mr. Eversoll's background is one of public relations, editing and publishing, and developing communications projects. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and a former sportswriter for the Lincoln Star and associate editor of Nebraskaland magazine. Prior to that, he was tourist manager for the State of Nebraska. Most recently, he has been employed as public relations director of Gate City Steel Corporation in Omaha.



Don Eversoll

Don Eversoll's responsibility will be to edit special publications and also to edit and publish the monthly magazine. He will also be charged with developing fraternal activities as well as a public relations program. A member of Sigma Delta Chi professional journalism fraternity and Delta Upsilon social fraternity, he is past president and chairman of the board of the Nebraska Business Communicators.

Married, Don and his wife, Terri, are the parents of two children, Christine and Steven.

In conjunction with Mr. Christensen's announcement of the appointment, Eversoll stated, "I am very happy to become associated with The Danish Brotherhood in America. The Brotherhood has a fine tradition of excellent leadership and service to its members, customs, lodges and country. I hope to be able to amplify and add new dimensions to our relations with each in the future.

"It will be a pleasure to personally meet many of you in the months ahead to discuss how we can best perform together."

## YOU CAN SPREAD THE WORD

If you know someone who might be a prospective member of the Brotherhood, why not pass a copy of this magazine on to them? Also, if you are a correspondent, or contributing editor, please keep in mind that copy and photos for the magazine are due in the Home Office by the 10th of each month.

# A Good Personal Philosophy

(taken from a 1692 inscription in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore)

**G**o Placidly Amid The Noise And Haste And Remember What Peace There May Be In Silence! As Far As Possible, Without Surrender, Be On Good Terms With All Persons. If You Compare Yourself With Others, You May Become Bitter Or Vain, For Always There Will Be Greater And Lesser Persons Than Yourself.

**T**ake Kindly The Counsel Of The Years, Gracefully Surrendering The Things of Youth, Nurture Strength Of Spirit To Shield You In Sudden Misfortune. But Do Not Distress Yourself With Dark Imaginings. Many Fears Are Born Of Fatigue And Loneliness.

**B**eyond A Wholesome Discipline, Be Gentle With Yourself. You Are A Child Of The Universe No Less Than The Trees And The Stars; You Have A Right To Be Here, And Whether Or Not It Is Clear To You, No Doubt The Universe Is Unfolding As It Should.

**T**herefore, Be At Peace With God, Whatever You Conceive Him To Be. And, Whatever Your Labors And Aspirations, In The Noisy Confusion Of Life, Keep Peace In Your Soul. With All Its Sham, Drudgery And Broken Dreams, It Is Still A Beautiful World!



# Our Lodges in Action

**Editor's Note:** If you can't find your lodge's report in this section, don't be discouraged. Many were caught in the pinch between the Christmas mail rush and the earlier deadline by 10 days over previous publications. Look for lots of news next month. Hopefully some of it will be about you.

## Copenhagen Boys Choir Entertains in New York

NEWS FROM EASTERN LODGES

By Erik Garde

**Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y.** Brother Martin Christensen is home from the hospital and doing fine. Brother Herman Rasmussen and his wife are building a home. Brother Henry Jensen and his wife celebrated their golden anniversary this fall and the children had an open house for their family and friends. Brother Larry Andersen and his wife will be leaving for Florida where Larry is employed during the winter. We are going to miss them at our meetings.

The lodge now has a new building. The other one collapsed last year in a snowstorm. We have a turkey party coming up. We had our annual dinner November 26 at the Dresden Hotel.

This correspondent and his wife wish to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who sent letters and cards when the family had its accident. We also thank our old friend, Joan Madsen for coming down here to comfort us.

The Boys Choir from Copenhagen was in Penn Yan and gave two performances, they were just wonderful.

Brother Arne Christiansen and his wife are cele-

brating their silver anniversary at the Legion Home in Penn Yan. A delicious dinner was served followed by a dance to the music of Nielsen's Orchestra.

Laurids S. Petersen, Corresponding Secretary.

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** The deep sea fishing trip, held October 23, was enjoyed so much by those who attended that plans are in the making for another next year. Make your reservations now.

President Braumann, Secretary Sorensen and Sisters Lee Sorensen, Agnes Aust, Mildred Larson and Marie Demant attended the dinner-dance held in New Haven on October 30, where we enjoyed a fine time.

A standing moment of silence was observed at our last meeting in memory of Brother Harbo P. T. Jensen who passed away in Ålborg, Denmark, while visiting there. We extend sympathy to his family.

Vice President Herbert Nelson underwent surgery recently at the Veterans hospital and is now recuperating at home. Get well wishes are extended from the Brothers.

About 100 members and friends attended our barbecue steak dinner November 6 and a great time was had by all. Many thanks to President Braumann and his committee for such a successful affair.

Brother Jorgen and Sister Karen Christensen left here September 13 on M. S. Sea Venture for a one week vacation in Bermuda. We bid them bon voyage and a safe return.

A Happy New Year from all of us to all of you!

Carl W. Sorensen, Correspondent.

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# Our Lodges in Action

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**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** Happy Birthday wishes to the following Brothers: Knud Scholer, Kirsten Wendt, Michael Iversen, Otto Lysgaard, Eric Sorensen, Oluf Johansen, Edwin Iversen, Charles Wolthers, Svend Jorgensen, John Kristensen, Svend H. Kjær, Lori Madsen, Robert Godthaab, Viggo Nielsen, Knud Sorensen and Oluf Olsen.

Our last regular lodge meeting was held November 12. At this meeting nominations were made for officers for the coming year. The past presidents were also recognized at this time. Brother Paul Iversen was head of the refreshment committee, serving the kind of food and drink we all like.

Our Christmas party was held in the American Legion Hall December 19, from 3 to 6 p. m. This party was for the children and grandchildren and the adopted children of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood.  
**Sigurd Holme, Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Our Christmas banquet was December 4 at the Walbers-on-the-Delaware, Essington, Pa.

Erik Ostergaard had his parents over from Denmark this October. Erik is doing well after his illness the past summer. Birthe Johnson's brother visited for a short time while here on a business trip to the states. Anna Molup has also been visiting. Flemming Hinrichsen has been made world-wide representative No. 40 for the Danes Worldwide Archives in Ålborg, Denmark.

Special from the law committee is that the bylaw change to permit women in the lodge was passed. Doing so has made possible the future growth of all Danes in the Delaware Valley.

We understand that Paul Bull has spent some time in the hospital recently. Lizzi and Henning Erland have decided to move back to Denmark. We will all be sorry to see them leave; they will be sorely missed. Much happiness in your new life there.

Your contributions to our Brotherhood can take any form. It can be as an officer or just getting a new member. You can get rewarding and satisfying experience as an officer and be a great help to your fellow Brothers. If you are nominated, please don't turn it down, accept it and help your lodge.

Other ways to help are to join committees, start new projects, plan trips, or just donate time. For those of you who have money, or are on your way to making your first million and have no time (no wonder) please try to contribute a little towards this paper, "The Lurblad." Oh, by the way, the lodge wishes a very happy birthday to Joshua Wendell, Neils Mau, Paul Bull, Niels Chr. Wilhjelms and John A. Lindberg.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** At our meeting October 29, Harald Hansen reported that he and his wife had attended the silver anniversary of Howard and Margaret Andrews. Carl Kuehnel and his wife, along with Mrs. C. B. Christensen were there also. Harald presented them with a money tree from the lodge. About a hundred friends and relatives were there also. Before our meeting started we had our usually fine dinner with about 20 Brothers attending. As you already know the last meeting is to celebrate a birthday and this month we had seven, none of which were able to attend.

All the lodge asks is that when you have a birthday please attend the meeting that month so that we may honor you. The lodge treats you to a fine dinner and now-a-days that can be quite a task, but a real joy when someone is there to enjoy it. The meeting ended at 9:45 p. m., with Jack Barentse taking the prize.

At our last meeting November 3, we had our nominations for officers for 1972. Ole Hansen reported that he is still unable to get a vice president and a conductor for the coming year. Nominations will be open again for the November 17 meeting so Brothers, come and support your lodge. The sick committee reported that our old Brother John M. Larsen is sick in St. Mary's hospital in Amsterdam. Ole Hansen and I went to see him but unfortunately he didn't recognize us. We wish the best for him.

Brother Evan Christensen is reported well and is now at home. A committee was selected to arrange for a Christmas party with the wives in attendance this time. Secretary Clarence Hanson was the lucky winner of the meeting prize — three months free dues.  
**Chris Biering, Corresponding Secretary.**

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** The next meeting will be held in early December. The last meeting in November brought a \$160 check from the Home Office in Omaha as a reward for the many new members brought into the lodge. A smorgasbord was served to show our appreciation for the fine efforts made by so many. In the serving committee were Elise and Joseph O'Rourke and Bill and Esther Stefensen. At the December meeting Bridget and George Jacobsen, along with Tina and Mogens Thomsen will be in charge of the table. Frede Christensen was not present to receive the jackpot which is now worth \$30. We are happy to announce that over 100 tickets have been sold to our 45th anniversary dinner-dance.

We are planning a Christmas party again this year. It will be at the hall December 26 at 3 p. m. At the December meeting there will be election and nominations of officers for 1972.

Our fishing trip took place October 24. The weather was very bad and we had only six members attending. Despite the rain we sailed from the pier at 7 p. m. and came back with a handful of fish. It was quite an experience and enjoyed by all.

We still have time to reach our goal of 50 new members. Time is running out so please do your share now. Remember, we count juvenile members, so enroll your children and grandchildren now. Please write Sofus Christensen a get well card. He is still resting at Hilaire Farms Nursing Home, Hilaire Drive, Huntington, N. Y.

The following had their birthdays this month: Eleanor Petersen, Joseph O'Rourke, Soffy Andersen, Al Plett, Tage Wilbree, Hans Juergensen, Todd E. Petersen, Elin Sorensen, Svend Gaden, Aage Dolleris and Marie Hejmark.

Well that's all for now, have a Happy New Year. See you at the next meeting. —The Editors.

## MIDWEST DISTRICT NEWS

### RACINE CELEBRATES 90th

On January 22, a great milestone will be reached in the history of Racine Lodge No. 4. On that evening, our 90th anniversary will be celebrated at the annual banquet.

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# What You Can Do To Stop Life From Passing You By



## *The Name of the Game Is Getting Involved*

**1. Sociability.** Get into an activity where you participate with other people. Sing with a group or join a card club, or sign up at your neighborhood bowling lanes for a team. The hardest part is the start. Once you've passed that point you'll be right on key, having a ball.

**2. PTA or School Board Activities.** Taking an interest and getting involved with the teaching of children can be an educational experience for adults, too.

**3. Politics.** Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their party. Political organizations of all kinds want grass roots support. And to get it, they welcome the efforts of men and women who believe in their principles.

**4. Volunteer at Hospitals.** If you're looking for a way to be connected with the latest medical advances, contact your community hospital and ask for information about volunteer work. Your own "Operation Hospital" can be a healthy sign indeed.

**5. Volunteer to Help Charity.** Whether it involves collecting needed funds or working directly with the disadvantaged, few activities are as rewarding (to givers as well as recipients) as is devoting your time and effort to the less fortunate.

**6. Start a Garden.** Gardening is a pastime growing on more and more men and women. Even if the only space you have is in a window box, you can delight in making things grow without uprooting your conventional comforts.

**7. Take a Night Course at a Local High School or College.** Another way to become a blooming genius is through studies in adult education. With low tuition, these courses are offered in a wide variety of subjects including personal investment management, foreign languages and poetry writing. Consult your community college for further information.

**8. Take an Active Interest in your Health by Losing Weight if You Need to.** Read up on it and stay with it until you've reached the goal set by you and your doctor.

**9. Buy a Bicycle and Use It.** By exercising this right to exercise you can create a vitalizing cycle that will invigorate your health and spirit.

**10. Learn to Paint.** If you can't get to a school, take a correspondence course in art or cartooning. Such an endeavor will make your leisure hours much more "palatteable" and enjoyable.

**11. Find Out What Music Is All About.** Regardless of whether you prefer popular or classical music, attending concerts, buying records and reading up on this pleasurable pastime can be music to your ears and a sound decision.

**12. Organize a Book Club.** This is an excellent way of keeping your intellectual interests off the shelf. Such groups meet regularly, and members discuss various aspects of vol-

umes. Subtle shades of meaning, which ordinarily elude many readers, frequently come to light during the discussion groups which also are valuable social outlets.

**13. Become an Expert on a Period of History.** History needn't be a mystery if you specialize in the knowledge of particular eras. Civil War buffs often add to their understanding by reading a wide variety of volumes on the subject and visiting the scenes of major battles. Or you may want to choose the American Revolution or the Roaring Twenties.

**14. If You're a Woman, Get a Job.** Your husband may object, saying that he makes enough money to provide for you and the family. If he does, tell him he's doing such a great job that he shouldn't mind. If he still objects, the problem may be with himself and not with you getting a job.

**15. Take Up a New Sport.** People of all ages who never considered themselves athletes have derived enormous pleasure by unwinding in games like golf or tennis . . . or even croquet. When it comes to exhilarating competition, they certainly know the score.

**16. Take an Interest in Today's Youth.** There's no better way to retain youthful vigor than through continued association with youngsters. Concern yourself and get involved with the activities of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other youth organizations which welcome guidance from adults in planning and taking trips, judging sports competition and supervising social events.

**17. Learn a New Language.** Becoming conversant in a foreign tongue can bring new meaning to your life. If you don't have the time to attend classes, you may find that some of the foreign language records now on the market can make a pronounced contribution to your knowledge of differing cultures.

**18. Make Photography Part of the Picture.** Taking pictures of your loved ones affords a unique kind of "camaraderie." Clicking with people of all ages, a boom in this hobby is developing all over the country. Many prefer to do their own developing and printing. But even if your enthusiasm is more restrained, you can still enlarge your world of fun by becoming a competent cameraman or woman.

**19. To Escape a Trap, Take a Trip.** The time may have arrived when you're tired of the same scenery day after day. Then why put up with it? With the easy availability of road maps and experts who can help you plan any excursion — and with airlines that can zoom you to the land of your dreams in hours — there's little to prevent you from going places. Travels can be an excellent way to escape travails.

Follow a few of these suggestions, not all of them, and the world won't pass you by. Not on your life!

# Thorvaldsen Turned the Eyes of the World Toward Denmark with his Famous Sculptures

From a humble beginning on the streets of Copenhagen, Bertel Thorvaldsen became the most famous sculptor born in Denmark and recognized in his own lifetime as an artist of international renown.

He was born in 1770, the son of a poor wood carver, and already at the age of 12, he worked with his father carving wooden galleon figures for the sailing ships, while also attending classes in the Royal Academy of Fine Arts. He studied the great art of ancient times and after earning the highest honors of the Academy, including its gold medal, he obtained a travel stipend and went to Rome, at that time the art capital of the world.

It was here, after much study and practice in marble sculpture, that he created his first important work, "Jason with the Golden Fleece." This statue aroused enormous excitement in Rome, and brought his name to the attention of many rich collectors of that time. Commissions for sculptures poured in from then on. The workshop grew, and many artists and stone masons joined Thorvaldsen.

During the next decades in Rome, he created his famous statues of "Amor and Psyche," "Mars and Amor," "Hebe," "Mercury," "Christ and the Twelve Apostles," "Venus," "The Lion" monument in Lu-

zerne, "Adonis," "Schiller," "Byron" and many, many more, including busts of royal families and other influential contemporaries.

Another part of Thorvaldsen's fame stems from his many marble reliefs, which gave him a chance to display his unusually well developed feeling for composition. One of the best known of these works of art is the relief, "Alexander the Great," measuring over 100 feet in length. It was completed in just three months, before the visit of Napoleon to Rome. Other famous pieces include "Priamos with Achilles," "Night and Day," "The Abduction of Briseis," and probably the greatest triumph in his varied career was that he was given the task of making an epitaph for Pope Pius VII for the church of St. Peter.

After his return to Copenhagen in 1838, he presented to his native town all his collections of antique and contemporary art, together with copies, or originals, of his own work. In grateful return, a museum was built to hold this great gift, and it was in the court yard of his museum that Bertel Thorvaldsen was buried, upon his death in 1844.

His great contributions to the arts have helped to make Denmark known and respected throughout the world.

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## Our Lodges in Action

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A wonderful program has been planned with many dignitaries in attendance. For entertainment Racine's famous YMCA Boy's Choir will sing for us. After the banquet there will be music for your dancing pleasure.

We invite you to join us on this festive occasion that begins with dinner at 7 p. m. Each Lodge No. 4 member is allowed two tickets at \$2.00 each. They must be purchased at the lodge. All other tickets are \$4.75 each and may also be purchased at the lodge. Out-of-town guests may phone (414) 633-1012 for reservations.

### BANQUET COMMITTEE.

On December 3, Als Lodge 111 in conjunction with the Sisterhood held our annual Christmas banquet at the Oak Leaf Cafe in Austin, Minnesota, with about 50 present. After a wonderful ham dinner, we shuffled the deck until a late hour. At regular intervals names were drawn for prizes. All were in good spirits and we had an enjoyable time.

We here all wish everyone in The Brotherhood a Happy and Good Year for 1972.

Carl Shutt, Secretary-Treasurer.

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## Board Declares Dividends For 16th Straight Year

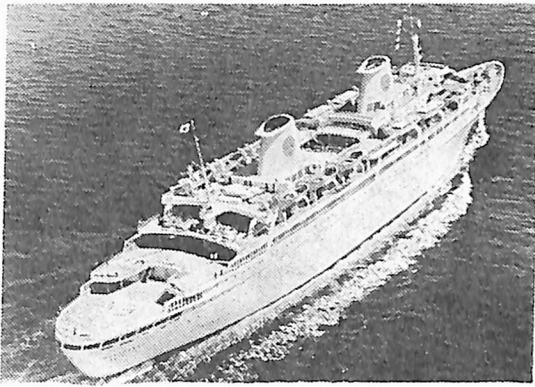
Refunds of gains and savings (dividends) have been announced for insured members of The Danish Brotherhood for 1972. The members of the Board of Officers take pride in making this declaration for the 16th consecutive year.

The financial position of The Danish Brotherhood is such that refunds may be declared despite the fact all membership taxes were eliminated over four years ago. Savings in the cost of administering your society, mortality savings and excellent returns on investments have enabled the Board to declare these refunds.

Members owning benefit certificates which have been in force for three full years will share in the 1972 refunds. Refunds are vested on the anniversary date of the individual certificate.

The majority of our membership uses refunds to purchase additional fully-paid-up insurance which, over a period of years, adds substantially to the financial protection provided by the benefit certificate. No evidence of insurability is required and age and state of health are not considered when the additional insurance is purchased.

No additional monthly assessments are paid on this additional insurance.



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# Brotherhood Urged : Promote Heritage

**Editor's Note:** This is a resolution which was written by George J. Jacobsen, Secretary of the Board, and adopted by the Board of Officers at their recent meeting in Omaha. By reporting on Board affairs in this individualized, article form, it is felt more can be gleaned from these activities and more ideas communicated for the benefit of all of us. Look for more of this type next month.

As officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America, we urge the members of each lodge to rededicate themselves to a more active pursuit of one of the most important objectives of our society; namely, to "perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America."

Our right to honestly use the name, The Danish Brotherhood, in years to come must be based to a great extent on the ability and willingness of our present members to fulfill this objective.

Our lodge meetings must become more educational and offer our non-Danish born members the opportunity to learn about many of the men and women who helped make Denmark known and respected throughout the world. We should also include interesting historical events, success stories of Danish firms of international renown, information about the great cultural institutions in Denmark and many more interesting items.

By offering this type of a program, we will be performing a real service for our fellow members. We are now living in an era where people are looking for identity and where cultural and ethnic background information is becoming increasingly impor-

tant. Let us also help provide the answers to some of the questions our young people may have.

We must no longer be a group that gets together every month for the sole purpose of conducting an oft-times boring meeting and getting into long arguments. The time consumed in performing rituals, signs and password could be used instead for constructive talks and discussions. We are not a secret society and should have no fear of inviting prospective members to attend meetings.

Let us open our doors more and more and let us all share our knowledge and love for The Danish Brotherhood. We should encourage wives and children to join our lodges and then keep their interest by developing our programs to meet the cultural needs of the whole family.

Our new image must be one of expanding cultural and educational services to our membership and we request the support of every member to reach this goal. We must be willing to change many of our old ways and not stand in the way of progress. The future growth of The Danish Brotherhood in America depends on this.

Upon conclusion of this statement, Jacobsen continued, he felt the Board should take the initial action in showing lodges how they feel about the importance of cultural aspects of our society. Godthaab moved to adopt this resolution. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

**Just for Today** I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

**Just for Today** I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

**Just for Today** I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, some time, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

**Just for Today** I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

## Lest We Forget

In grateful remembrance of their service and fellowship, we honor those members who have passed away since the last report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Nov 6	Fred Christensen	79	Svendborg, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Washington	1922
Sep 22	Peter V. Petersen	70	Nakskov, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1924
Oct 28	Hans P. J. Holtse	85	Blans, Denmark	279	Hunter, North Dakota	1913
Nov 15	Soren S. Thomsen	86	Bode, Denmark	141	Irene, South Dakota	1910
Nov 1	Peter Rasmussen	91	Ommel, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1907
Nov 17	Kresten J. Larsen	86	Norhalne, Denmark	149	Luverne, North Dakota	1909
Nov 13	Thorvald W. Mortensen	80	Odense, Denmark	215	Battle Creek, Iowa	1910
May 17	Johannes H. Naur	65	Moen, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1925
Aug 17	Rasmus P. Kohler	84	Vejle, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1914
Nov 10	Sophus Hansen	83	Ringsted, Iowa	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1925
Nov 23	Nels Larsen	78	Gol, Denmark	141	Irene, South Dakota	1918
Nov 17	Ronald M. Melgaard	38	Erie, Pennsylvania	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1963



Name	Location	Sponsor
Amelia McCrickard....	Omaha .....	Nels Larsen
Katherine Paludan.....	Omaha .....	Nels Larsen
Reinhardt Paludan.....	Omaha .....	Nels Larsen
Neil Larsen.....	Omaha .....	Nels Larsen
Chester Petersen.....	Kenosha .....	Harold R. Petersen
Emily McBride*.....	Minden .....	Herbert Nielsen
Kip Gilbert*.....	Spokane .....	H. W. Gilbert
Lance Charneski*.....	Spokane .....	Lawrence Charneski
Lorana Sweet.....	Ferndale .....	Francis Sweet
Kendel Tronbak.....	Viborg .....	Adolph Tronbak
Else Petersen.....	New York .....	Thorvald Rasmussen
Gudrun McDonald.....	New York .....	Thorvald Rasmussen
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Ingolf Petersen.....	Hartford .....	George Keller
Carl Jensen.....	Santa Barbara....	Erik K. Christensen
Aage Bertelsen.....	Santa Barbara .....	Erik Jorgensen
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Leonard Matson.....	Home Office .....	Howard Christensen
Margaret Larsen.....	Home Office .....	Otto Ehlers
Bonnie Wallenberg.....	Home Office .....	Karl Andersen
Harald Nielsen*.....	Home Office .....	Al Hedegaard

\*—Juvenile Member

## President Gets Plaque



Pictured receiving a souvenir brass plaque from Lodge No. 92 in St. Charles, Illinois, is DB Board President Einar Danielson, second from left. Presenting the plaque to Mr. Danielson, left to right, are Howard Rasmussen, Luther Trinrud and Carl Loechell (president of No. 92). The 11-inch brass plate is believed to be a souvenir from a DB national convention held in Omaha in 1927. The Home Office would like to display a similar plaque, so background information on this item would be appreciated from anyone knowing who made it, how many were

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**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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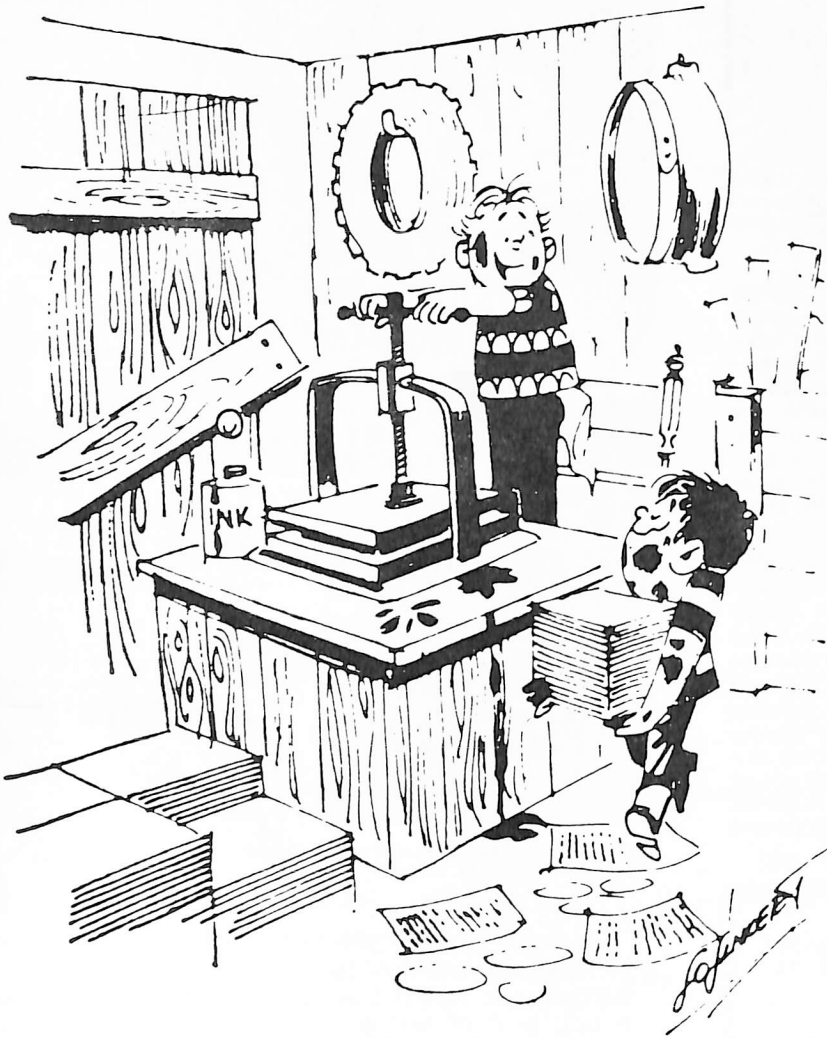
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The hand that rocks the cradle is usually the same hand that turned out the parlor lights.

## Advice From Satchel

If you’re looking for the secret of good health and long life, here’s a classic bit of advice from the fabulous old Negro baseball pitcher, Satchel Paige:

“Avoid fried meats which angry up the blood.

“If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts.

“Keep the juices flowing by jangling around gently as you move.

“Go light, very light on the vices, such as carrying around in society. The social rumble ain’t restful.

“Avoid running at all times.

“Don’t look back. Something might be gaining on you.”

Student: What’s the first lesson in chemistry?

Prof: Don’t lick the spoon.

One of the most soul-satisfying stories we have heard involves a cheerful truck driver who pulled up at a roadside tavern in the middle of the night for a spot of refreshment. Half way through his dinner, three wild looking motorcyclists roared up — bearded, leather jacketed, filthy, with swastikas adorning their chests and helmets.

For no reason at all they selected the truck driver as a target. One poured pepper over his head, another stole his apple pie, the third upset his cup of coffee. The trucker never said one word — just rose, paid his check and left.

“That palooka sure ain’t much of a fighter,” sneered one of the invaders. The man behind the counter, peering out into the night added, “He ain’t much of a driver either. He just ran his truck right over three motorcycles!”

Love makes the world go round. But then, so does a good swallow of tobacco.

## Groundless

De Twitter — “Did your wife lose much weight on her diet of bananas and coconuts?”

Mc Tweet — “Only a couple of pounds, but you ought to see the way she can climb a tree.”

An insurance agent said to a new client: I want to sell you this policy. But I’m not like other insurance agents. I’m not going to scare you into buying it. Take the policy home. Sleep on it tonight. If you wake up in the morning, give me a call.

Two duffers were enjoying their liquid refreshments at the 19th hole one day.

“My wife says she’ll leave me if I don’t stop playing golf.”

“Gee, that’s too bad,” said his friend.

“Yeah, I’ll really miss her.”

A marriage counselor began to ask a woman some questions concerning her disposition: Did you wake up grumpy this morning?

“No,” she said. “I let him sleep.”

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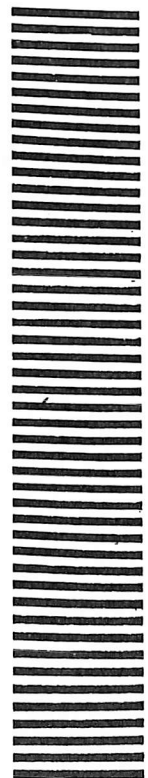
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As the year of 1971 has now closed to an end, I think it would be proper for me to tell the members of The Danish Brotherhood how very grateful I am for the high honor which the delegates bestowed upon me at the National Convention.

I would also like to thank Lodge No. 43 and the Colorado-Wyoming General Committee for their part in assisting me to the National Board of Officers of The Danish Brotherhood.

This is the first time in the 80-year history of Columbine Lodge No. 43 here in Denver and the 42 years of Colorado-Wyoming District, we have had a representative from this area serving on the National Board. It will be my privilege to serve the National Board of Officers as third trustee for the next three years. As I have accepted this high office, I will put forth a great deal of effort to protect and promote the general welfare of The Danish Brotherhood and each lodge as well as each individual member.

We have seen many changes happen to The Brotherhood in 1971, and as we look into the remainder of the 70s, we see a whole new decade of challenge and opportunities just made for us. Changes are all around us. They are in the making; this is what the 70's will be made of, even for The Danish Brotherhood. The question before us is: Can we cope with it? Are we willing to change?

The past is now history for us, and we should give thanks but we should welcome the future with an open mind.

The holiday season is always a time for an expression of good will so, in spite of today's pace, we still feel an old fashioned "thank you" is necessary and appropriate. We realize more than ever how much it means to have the friendship and confidence of the members. Without the young and the old members' help, we could not prosper and make The Danish Brotherhood grow.

May the coming New Year bring good health, happiness and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

Fraternally yours,

**Svend A. Sonderup, Trustee.**

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### — DANISH CHICKEN —

Two chickens, parsley, salt, pepper, butter, 3½ ounces butter, seven tbsps. water and browning, approx. ½ pint whipping cream (optional).

Rub the chickens with salt and pepper and stuff with parsley and butter. Brown in a pot and roast over a low flame with a tightly fitting lid for about 1 hour. Add no (or at most very little) water.

When the chickens are tender, take them out of the pot. Add the cream to the gravy and perhaps a little butter so that the sauce separates. Serve the chickens with plain boiled potatoes and cucumber salad.

The giblets can either be cooked whole in with the chicken or chopped up small and added to the sauce.

## Our Lodges in Action

(Continued from page 10)

Hello from Viborg and Happy New Year to everyone. As some of you know, two years ago we sold our old hall and it was later torn down and a new bank building put up on the lot. Then the lodge rented the Legion Hall and held its meetings there.

Last spring work started on a new DB Hall and was just completed this winter. We had our first meeting November 4 with about 30 members turning out. Kendal Tronbak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Tronbak (our delegates to the recent convention) had the honor of being the first member to join the lodge in the new hall.

Sunday afternoon, November 14, an open house was held and cookies and coffee were served to 200 people. Saturday, November 20, we had our annual bingo party, where we raffled home-grown ducks and turkeys for Thanksgiving. The ladies served pie, cake and coffee. Many years ago we always had live ducks and geese, then for many years the members got together and cleaned the ducks and geese. Now we are more modern (lazy); we now buy them dressed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Nielsen celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in December and we congratulate them on their 50 years. Jens is our treasurer. They are retired farmers who live in town now. Mr. and Mrs. Anton Jacobsen were in Denmark last summer and they report they had a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jespersen celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last summer. Their six children were all home for the occasion. Raymond is our secretary.

Next March Mr. and Mrs. Soren Simonsen have their golden wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Niels Lauritzen have their 45th in December. The day we had our open house, two of our older members, Niels Paulsen and Anton Jorgensen were there. Jens Hansen was in the Viborg Hospital.

We have to give much credit to our old members, because they were the ones who built the old hall.

But we now have our new place and are real proud of the results. Many members in the lodge donated their work and contributed many hours finishing woodwork, cupboards and new curtains, and just putting the finishing touches on. We hope that when you folks travel through Viborg, you will stop and see us because we are known as the Home of Lodge 139 — "The Friendly Danes." So until next time, a friend,

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## PROMISE YOURSELF

To be so strong that nothing can  
disturb your piece of mind.

To talk health, happiness and  
prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that  
there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of ev-  
erything and make your optimism  
come true.

To think only of the best, to work  
only for the best and to expect only  
the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about  
the success of others as you are  
about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past  
and press on to the greater achieve-  
ments of the future.

(Continued from page 3)

The Danish Brotherhood has lived for 90 years be-  
cause it is good and has deserved to live. And it has  
lived, too, because there have been leaders who had  
a keen realization of the world's need for the Brother-  
hood and who had the power to see into the future —  
men and women who literally gave of their lives that  
the fraternity might live and become the instrument  
of service it is today.

New challenges now face us. We must face them  
with viable solutions to be effective. Modern life, with  
its inviting amusements and its frivolities, and with  
means of quick transportation to centers of attractions,  
has disorganized home life. It has set up conditions  
that have bewildered parents. It has created prob-  
lems that are difficult of solution. But these problems  
must be solved, if our homes are to be preserved and  
the future made secure.

Through our many local lodges, meeting regularly  
in DB lodge halls, we have an opportunity to enhance  
and maintain high home ideals. Through the spoken  
word of our leaders, we can continue to emphasize  
great principles that are a guide and an inspiration  
to fathers and mothers. Through dramatic exercises,  
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