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Midsummer Festival In Northern California



The Holgersen Family
Mr. and Mrs. Holgersen, Elena, Peter, Glenna,
Holger, Evelyn, Otto.

It was a beautiful week-end in southern Humboldt for the second Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, which was held at Scotia Park, Scotia, Calif., on June 21 and 22. We danced to the ever popular Heiser's orchestra on Saturday night.

Our distinguished visitors, Mr. Paul Ryder, Royal Danish Consulate General, and Mr. Sverre Gjellum, Royal Norwegian Vice Consulate, added much to the stately display and dignity of the occasion. Prior to eating a picnic lunch, and following the races for children on Sunday morning, these men gave us a most interesting and inspirational talk, Mr. Ryder making part of his address in the Danish language, which sounded to we, American born Danes, as most beautiful. He made us feel very humble and proud to be descendants of our fathers and mothers who endured many hardships to establish their homes in our great United States of America.

After luncheon, the program took up the afternoon. There were two dance contests, the adult and junior groups. These people were members or descendants of members of the Scandinavian organizations. The Runeberg lodge won the Cy Bendorf perpetual trophy, dancing the Schottische in the adult group; however, we are very proud of our complete Holgersen family; mother, dad and children taking second place. Their costumes were of the Danish flag colors, the women wearing white blouses, red skirts and white shoes. The men wore red shirts, white ties, white pants and red shoes, a very colorful and attractive sight. The Holgersen's represent

the D. B. S. No. 230 and Danish Ladies' Club of Arcata. Then the children, sponsored by the D. B. S. No. 86, Danish Sisterhood, Dania, and Ydom of Ferndale, Calif., won the trophy for the junior group, dancing the rye waltz. Their instructor was Mrs. Paul Chance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jacobsen. Pete is the president of the D. B. S. in Ferndale. Eria, (Mrs. Paul) made all the skirts, vests and bonnets for the girls, and since she is just a new member of the D. S. S., vast credit is due her for undertaking such a problem, as there was a lot of competition among the 10 Scandinavian lodges.

Following the dance contests, many other numbers were enjoyed by other local talent, such as, a tap schottische by 2 little girls and several accordion band members from first year students, ranging from 10 to 16 years of age, under the tutorage of Frances Nielsen of Eureka.

There were visitors from Brookings, Oregon, who danced a beautiful waltz. At the conclusion of the program, dancing was again enjoyed with Frances Nielsen and Verner Huntus playing the accordions.

There were several thousand people attending this festival coming from all directions, as far south as Bakersfield and as far north as Astoria, Oregon. It was very gratifying to know that everyone had such a good time, and made the Association feel that all the work and effort they put into the planning and organizing it was worth while.

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A Job To Do

Seventy years ago, the "Old Timers", as we so proudly and fondly have named them, created the Danish Brotherhood. They saw the need of having a fraternal organization through which they might, mutually, be of assistance to each other and to the new emigrants, whom, they welcomed to this new country. They also realized that the Danes have many good traditions, customs and characteristics to offer as contributions to this melting pot of nations, and, that the Danes would play an important part in the development of this new country, in which, they were to build their homes and raise their families.

Desiring that their descendants should derive the fullest benefits from the best they had to offer, the "Old Timers" built soundly, with an eye to permanency.

The Danish Brotherhood was created for the purpose of providing assistance to needy members and their families, to guide and assist newcomers to establish themselves as good citizens and to serve as a medium for the perpetuation of all the good, that the Danes brought with them, from their country of birth.

During the past seventy years, the Danish Brotherhood has provided assistance and benefits to many, and its social activities have reflected the good humor, courtesy, hospitality and friendliness of the Danish people. The Danish Brotherhood is, today, living up to past performances and we are confident that the future will be equally gratifying.

We, of the second and third generations, are fortunate to have this fraternity in which we may perpetuate the good qualities inherited from our forefathers, but we also have the responsibility of maintaining the existence and expansion of our fraternity for the benefit of our own descendants.

To assure the continuation of our fraternity, we must attract the interest of our sons, sons-in-law and grandsons to convince them that they have much to gain by becoming members and taking an active part in the work of the Danish Brotherhood. We have a job to do.

May be build constructively and continue progress to the extent that, some day, members of the Brotherhood will refer to us, also, as the "Old Timers."

Fraternally,
HANS M. ANDERSEN.

Hilsen Fra Vancouver

Vi, heroppe, fra Vancouver, B. C., siger hjertelig Tak til de gode Brødre i Spokane for den glimrende Modtagelse og Behandling de gav os under Pacific Northwest Lodges Konvention den 23-24 og 25 Maj. Tak for Uret vi vandt ved at være den Loge der havde optaget de fleste nye Medlemmer siden den 1 Sept., 1951. Paa den Dato havde vi 82 Medlemmer, og optog 52 flere inden Konventionen.

Det er nu ikke Logen der faar Uret, men den Broder der har bragt ind de fleste nye Medlemmer i det Tidsrum. Paa Logens Juni Mødet blev Uret af Præsidenten overrakt Charles Jensen, der takkede for Æren og samtidig bemærkede, at det var nu ikke ved "smart Salesmanship" han vandt Prisen, da de fleste havde henvendt sig til ham om at blive Medlem af Logen. Det samme kan vi allesammen sige der har anbefalet nye Brødre, de kommer frivilligt, hvilket vi tager som et godt Tegn paa vi vil beholde dem.

Mange nye Medlemmer i et kort Tidsrum viser sig som Regel, ikke at være heldigt.

Lad os haabe det ikke gælder for den nye Loge i Port Alberni, der blev stiftet den 31 Maj med 32 Medlemmer. Vi var 8 fra Vancouver der rejste derover for at være Overtillidsmand, Otto Nielsen, behjælpelig. Efter den højtidelig Part var overstaet bød deres Damer paa Kaffe, Smørrebrød og Dans.

Man fik uvilkaarligt det Indtryk at her var der stiftet en levedygtig Loge.

I Port Alberni, som her i Vancouver, har vi den Fordel over Logerne i Statene, at Imigranter kommer hertil i Hundredevis. Tilsyneladende finder de fleste arbejde forholdsvis hurtigt, det er maaske en af Grundene til de ønsker at slutte sig til Logen.

Næste Konvention er i Seattle. Da en Imigrant har haardt ved at komme over Grænsen det første Aar og det tilmed tager Tid og Penge at gaa til Spokane, kan Seattle sikkert regne med god Tilslutning fra ikke saa faa af vore nye Brødre.

J. P. M., Loge No. 328.

Register Of Jubilee Celebrations

Lodge No. 173, Kansas City -----	Aug. ?
(Date not given)	
Utah-Idaho Lodges at Salt Lake City -----	Sept. 1.
Lodge No. 15, Des Moines -----	Sept. 20.
Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt. -----	Oct. 4.
Lodge No. 227, Detroit -----	Oct. 18.
Lodge No. 184, Hayward, Calif. -----	Nov. 1.
Lodge No. 35, Chicago -----	Nov. 9.

Financial Report

June 30, 1952

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1952	\$ 9,597.63
Assessments	10,057.29
Interest on Bonds	13,602.24
Bonds Sold or Called	55,000.00
Premium on Bonds Called	80.00
Premium on Currency Exchange (Canadian)	29.63
Interest on Certificate Loans	7.50
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	\$88,374.29

Disbursements:	
Death Claims	\$20,812.19
Cash Surrender	211.83
Collection Expense	4.80
Bonds Purchased	51,513.00
Interest Accrued on Bonds Purchased	438.89
Balance on hand June 30, 1952	15,393.58
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	\$88,374.29

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1952	\$ 1,907.75
Received in June	971.50
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	\$ 2,879.25

Disbursements:	
Adv. Ptg. & Stationery	\$ 134.42
Postage, Exp. Tele. etc.	61.62
Rent & Lights	180.50
Ptg. & Mlg. Off. Pub.	413.89
Membership Rewards	201.00
Travel Expenses	217.34
Insurance Dept. Examination	45.00
General Office Expenses	50.00
Salaries to Officers & Employees	1,142.00
Employers Taxes Paid	12.30
Balance on hand June 30, 1952	421.18
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	\$ 2,879.25

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1952	\$12,110.65
Interest on Bonds	875.00
Relief Payments Returned	31.96
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	\$13,017.61

Disbursements:	
Relief Payments	\$ 128.00
Balance on hand June 30, 1952	12,889.61
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	\$13,017.61

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1952	\$ 590.70
Assessments	50.80
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	\$ 641.50

Disbursements:	
Balance on hand June 30, 1952	\$ 641.50
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	\$ 641.50

Assets

Mortuary Fund Investments	\$3,882,349.30
Relief Fund Investments	200,000.00

General Fund Investments	25,000.00
Cash in Bank	29,345.87
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	\$4,136,695.17

Honor Roll

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
113	Norbert E. Grove,	Enumclaw, Wash.	12
92	Gerhart Rasmussen,	St. Charles, Ill.	8
263	Svend Petersen,	Askov, Minn.	8
328	Charles Jensen,	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	8
263	Jens Krogh,	Askov, Minn.	7
301	Ejner Madsen,	Akron, Ohio	7
299	Niels Petersen,	Solvang, Calif.	6
330	Sam Stevens,	Prince George, B. C., Can.	6
42	Ingvard Eskeberg,	Spokane, Wash.	5
103	Robert L. Humiston,	Waterbury, Conn.	5
107	N. O. Hansen,	Chicago, Ill.	5
299	Chris Madsen,	Solvang, Calif.	5
227	Johan Emanuelsen,	Detroit, Mich.	4
322	Jorgen H. Jendresen,	Santa Barbara, Calif.	4
328	J. Bergman,	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	4
328	J. Glenstrup,	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	4
332	Axel Petersen,	Ripon, Calif.	4
4	Arne Sondergaard,	Racine, Wis.	3
*126	Axel Christensen,	Los Angeles, Calif.	3
183	Andrew Nielsen,	Troy, New York	3
*227	Viggo Mikkelsen,	Detroit, Mich.	3
242	Thos. Larsen,	Erie, Penn.	3
255	Hans M. Andersen,	Selma, Calif.	3
314	Holger G. Esbesen,	Hartford, Conn.	3
314	Christian M. Lonstrup,	Hartford, Conn.	3
314	N. Skipper Nielsen,	Hartford, Conn.	3
322	Nels P. Christensen,	Santa Barbara, Calif.	3

*Added this month.
 Juveniles included in the above.

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1952
328	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	38	112
*335	Port Alberni, B. C., Can.	33	New Lodge
263	Askov, Minn.	15	138
299	Solvang, Calif.	15	33
314	Hartford, Conn.	15	173
113	Enumclaw, Wash.	13	64
330	Prince George, B. C., Can.	12	42
42	Spokane, Wash.	11	66
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	11	306
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	11	99
92	St. Charles, Ill.	10	94
227	Detroit, Mich.	10	281
322	Ripon, Calif.	9	39
4	Racine, Wis.	8	281
301	Akron, Ohio	7	36
14	Kenosha, Wis.	6	216
34	Dwight, Ill.	5	92
39	Oakland, Calif.	5	225
* 70	Greenville, Mich.	5	107
103	Waterbury, Conn.	5	38
107	Chicago, Ill.	5	75
242	Erie, Penn.	5	176

*Added this month.
 Juveniles included in the above.

Face The Facts

By Jul. Andersen

The successful business man must plan for the future, the past is gone and can only serve as a criterion for avoiding mistakes committed by either himself or others in the line of business undertaken.

Those who are trying their best to keep up the general interest in the Danish Brotherhood, must also consider our future in a business like manner, especially in our insurance department. Our insurance is strictly a business matter for which the individual members must pay the cost and keep the payments up until death overtakes them unless they have taken out a 20-year policy. But in our fraternal way we can help those who find it difficult to keep up the payments, especially when old age prevents some members from earning enough money for both living and insurance, a truly fraternal suggestion was made by our Supreme Vice President, Brother Hilmar Hansen, in his suggestion of helping our old members in a recent article published in our Magazine.

We have reached the stage in our existence where, through no fault of our own, we must create a prospective for the future if we shall continue to exist as a fraternal society and function as an insurance business. If we do not do so, we face no alternatives but the closing of the books upon both subjects ere long. However, through united efforts and sensible business methods we can stave off such a calamity for years to come.

Let me suggest three points for your consideration, which I am sure will have to be adopted by us sooner or later and the sooner we do so the better it will be for the future of our society, naturally I expect some opposition to these suggestions, but I hope any opposition will not be based upon any political influence or selfish desires, but based upon true principles of real Brotherhood, good citizenship, patriotism and honor and respect for the memories of our parents and our founders.

First: We must admit ladies into the Brotherhood as insured members and with equal rights and privileges as the man, with them we will have more sociability, more attraction for the younger members and more of the Juvenile subscribers to insurance who will carry on our ideals.

Second: We should eliminate compulsory insurance, it prevents many good new members from joining, let us not hold the insurance as a club over the potential new member's heads, telling them "Unless you subscribe to insurance you cannot join." Nowadays the insurance question is very different from the day when the Brotherhood was organized, but encourage all to take out a policy, if possible.

Third: The lodges sending delegates to a convention should either pay the delegate's expense or the brother pay his own. It could be worked out jointly if so desired, that would be up to the lodges. Many small lodges will have a member willing and capable of paying his own expenses and thus eliminate all the discussions we have had for years about district division and save placing extra burdens upon the general membership, who has to pay for one member's vacation and pleasure trip. We do not need more-laws, we have too

many as it is, and all they really could accomplish is the election of supreme officers as the country's laws demand. The money thus saved could be used more profitably and to better use by helping our aged members who need help financially.

So Brothers, consider these points in the light of necessity, true fraternal spirit and real democracy, giving the small lodges equal rights with the larger ones, help to make the Danish Brotherhood live and prosper and when the time arrives for the next convention, elect delegates who will work and vote for the continuation of a bigger and better society.

Four Generations In Askov



The Askov, Minn., lodge No. 263, is happy to announce that we now have four generations of which 75 per cent attend meetings regularly.

In the picture, above, we present Mark Allen Thomsen, 2 months old, nestled in the arms of his great-grandfather, T. N. Thomsen, who has been a member of Lodge No. 263 for nearly 40 years. On the left is the grandfather, Albert M. Thomsen, and on the right, the proud and happy father, Dwain Thomsen, who is assistant treasurer of No. 263.

There Is Nothing Like A Dane

The above is the caption of an article in which Denmark is highlighted as "one of the best tourist buys on the continent" in a four-page picture story in the July issue of LOOK magazine.

They are 15 cents at the news stand. If the supply is all gone, then send 25 cents to LOOK, Look Bldg., Des Moines 4, Iowa, and ask for the July 15 issue. The extra dime is to cover cost of postage and handling.

Essay Contest Winners

At the California convention in San Diego in 1950 Brother Paul Herskind (now president of Los Angeles Lodge No. 126) offered an award of \$50.00 for the best three letters written on how we best could stimulate interest in the Danish Brotherhood.

Many letters were written and at their state convention in Petaluma last September the committee judging the letters, made the following awards:

First: Dan Christian Andersen, San Francisco, No. 49. (Now treasurer.)

Second: Hans M. Andersen, Parlier, No. 255. (Now Supreme Trustee.)

Third: Otto I. Sorensen, Los Angeles, No. 126. (Former editor of the Pioneer, Omaha.)

These letters are of interest to the entire Brotherhood and should have been published long ago, but it has been impossible to find room for them. A year has nearly gone by, but the articles are as good today as they were when they were written, so in this issue we crowd out other contributions and shorten others. Here they are.

SVEND PETERSEN, Editor.

(First Prize)

Ti Forslag til Forbedring og Styrkelse af De Danske Brodersamfundsløger i Californien.

I al beskedenhed indsendt af Dan Christian Andersen.

1. En omhyggeligere lægeundersøgelse, saaledes at de nye kandidater ikke alene straks bliver klar over, at man gaar grundigt til værks i en dansk brodersamfundsløge, men ogsaa mærker, at han har faaet en virkelig lægeundersøgelse, der faktisk kan være af betydning for ham i øjeblikket og i fremtiden. Den forøgede udgift til lægen kunne evt. paalægges indmeldelsesgebyret.

2. En værdigere optagelse af de nye kandidater, saaledes at forstaa, at de forskellige bestyrelsesmedlemmer kan deres ting, og hvor den nye kandidat mærker, at der er orden og system is sagerne. Rituallet maa hellere være lidt kortere og læres udenad. Samtidigt foreslaaes det, at man aldrig under en optagelse korrigerer et bestyrelsesmedlem, hvis han skulle begaa en fejl i rituallet,—derimod skulle han stilfærdigt og privat gøres opmærksom paa fejlen efter ceremonierne.

Dette vil mere end noget andet give den nyankomne et godt og gedigent indtryk af logen, give ham mere respekt og gøre ham mere ivrig efter at arbejde ihærdigt for og med den.

3. En klar adskillelse mellem det danske og det engelske sprog under møderne istedet for det altfor ofte forekommende sammensurium af to sprog, der hverken er Dansk eller Engelsk. Enten det ene eller det andet! Derved viser vi vort modersmaal den tilbørlige ære og respekt.

4. Et logeprogram, der i langt højere grad er lagt an paa den yngre generation. Unde dette foreslaaes, at man i største udstrækning søger at sætte sig ind i de yngres interesser og krav og saa vidt muligt prøver at efterkomme dem. Med den forøgede indvandring fra Danmark maa vi regne med, at en stor

procentdel af nye medlemmer skal hentes blandt nykommerne.

5. Nominering af flere kandidater til valgene, saaledes at der bliver mere kappelyst mellem dem,—ikke netop politisk konkurrence—men en venlig kappestrid om at vælge de dygtigste og bedst egnede ind i bestyrelsen.

6. En mere liberal vilje blandt de ældre og mangeaarige bestyrelsesmedlemmer til at trække sig tilbage fra deres respektive hverv til fordel for de yngre kræfter.

7. Valg af en tre-mands medlemskomite i hver løge. Hvert medlem bliver siddende i komiteen, indtil han har skaffet mindst eet nyt medlem—derefter vælger han selv sin efterfølger, som indtræder paa den samme betingelse.

8. Hver løge udnævner en dertil egnet propagandamand, som af yderste evne regelmæssigt søger at publicere i logens eget organ og i de lokale danske blade alt, hvad der foregaar i logen for derved at give ikke alene medlemmerne, men ogsaa danskerne som helhed, et virkeligt og levende indtryk af logens aktiviteter.

Dette vil, hvis en positiv og systematisk indsats gøres, være et vægtigt middel til at skabe almen interesse og—nye medlemmer—for logen.

9. Det foreslaaes i langt højere grad at støtte de nye medlemmer ved at indføre dem i de danske kredse, bl. a. invitere dem til hjemmene eller tage dem med paa privat og fælles-udflugter til de naturskønne omgivelser. F. eks. vil Taksigelsesdagen og Julen være udmærkede anledninger til at lade et nyt medlem føle, at han ikke alene er blandt venner, men ogsaa blandt brødre.

10. Et virksomt middel til forbedring af vore loger er følgende: ved vor opførsel i det daglige liv at vise, at vor løge er sammensat af en gruppe mænd, der har høje idealer, frit udsyn og en ægte trang til at opmuntre og hjælpe vore syge landsmænd. Til hjælp i dette spørgsmål har vi adskillige gode eksempler i flere af de bestaaende loger.

Iøvrigt skulle vi ældre medlemmer i langt højere grad praktisere den gode gamle regel: gør mod andre, som du ønsker andre skal gøre imod dig! Netop her ligger maaske nøglen til en virkelige forbedring og vækst af vore danske brodersamfundsløger i Californien.

(Second Prize)

Parlier, Calif.

June 21, 1951

Brother Herskind has asked "What can be done to improve or expand the Danish Brotherhood?"

Most of us believe (and I think rightly so) that the fundamental principles of the Danish Brotherhood are sound and worthy of our efforts to maintain them. In a fraternity, with such a desirable foundation, it seems that the membership should total considerably more than fifteen thousand out of a potential of over two hundred and fifty thousand eligible men in America. So our problem, as usual, simmers down to the questions of, how to gain new members, also how to retain our present members.

Various means have been employed, in the past, to interest prospective members, in the hope of inducing them to join the Brotherhood. Some ideas have produced results, while so many have not that it appears there is no one feature, alone, that will solve the problem to our satisfaction. I am of the

opinion that greater emphasis should be placed on the continuation and possible increase of interest and satisfaction of our present members. Our present members should be so well pleased with their lodge and fraternity, that in their enthusiasm, they will talk and recommend Danish Brotherhood to every eligible man they meet. To maintain the interest and increase the enthusiasm of our members may require a checkup of the conduct of our meetings, our attitude toward members and visitors present at meetings, our response to appointment on committees and our cooperation, as members, with all our officers in their efforts.

Probably, too much ritual at our meetings may bore the members, yet if you will observe the largest fraternal organizations in the world, you will note that they practice the maximum degree of ritual and ceremony. With that thought in mind, I am convinced that Danish Brotherhood should retain a reasonable amount of ritual and that our officers should make an effort to comply fully with the official regulations of our fraternity.

All our members will feel a greater desire to attend meetings and other lodge activities if we arrange our programs to include a wider selection of items of amusement and pastime. Let us make sure that no member or visitor present at our meetings or other lodge activities shall feel neglected.

We make a favorable impression on everyone present when we accept our appointments to serve on committees, willingly and cheerfully. Of course, it helps a lot if the appointing officer will remember to distribute committee duties in rotation, so that all may have an opportunity to be of assistance.

At times, our officers may entertain new ideas for the purpose of adding to the interest of the meetings or an increase of attraction to our social activities. Sometimes we members say, "It won't work, we have never done that before." But if we earnestly cooperate with our officers in trying to make these ideas successful, we will discover to our surprise that many new ideas do work and to the mutual benefit of all of us.

In general, let us arrange so that the maximum number of members may participate in all activities within our organization, let us distribute committee duties to more members and let us elect officers in a manner that will allow more members an opportunity to officiate. The staunch member is the member who has an active part in the work and activities.

As representative groups from our lodges or as individual members, we may foster a feeling of friendly neighborliness, by visiting our brother lodges frequently.

In conventions of our General Committee of California Lodges, we have an excellent opportunity to discuss and arrive at decisions concerning matters to be considered at our National convention, especially since we meet four times before each National convention. We can work towards acquiring recognition of accredited delegates from the General Committee to the National convention. These delegates, regardless of number, should possess as many votes as there are member lodges in the General Committee, and the General Committee should be remunerated for delegates expenses in an amount equal to total expenses of as many delegates as there are lodges in the General Committee.

When signing up prospective members, we should always exert our utmost effort to sell an insurance

policy. But if the young man already has all the insurance he can handle, why should we lose him as a prospective member in our lodge? He could become one of our best boosters and might, in the future, even buy some insurance. As of now, in effect, we imply, "Young man, we are not especially interested in you, personally, but in your ability to pay insurance premiums." Through the medium of our General Committee, we can endeavor to have our Danish Brotherhood constitution changed to permit eligible men under 50 years of age to join the Brotherhood as Social members.

Another thing the California Lodges can do is to carry on the feature, as begun by Brother Herskind in encouraging expressions of opinions through letters on various subjects pertaining to the Danish Brotherhood, Lodges and General Committee.

I believe that the more responsibility and work that can be apportioned to each and every member, the better understanding of our fraternity each member will have and the greater interest he will feel with, maybe, a temptation to boast a little.

Sincerely and fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN.

(Third Prize)

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO BETTER AND STRENGTHEN THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN CALIFORNIA?

To many people such a question will seem comparatively easy to answer. Others will find it hard; indeed so hard, they wouldn't attempt to answer it at all.

When making my attempt, it is not so much for the sake of the prize involved, but because I feel I owe the Danish Brotherhood something in return for what it has done for me. I'm now situated so I cannot very well take part in the meetings of my lodge; but here's something I can do in writing, even if it is from a sickbed.

At first, a composite answer to the question seemed rather difficult to me, inasmuch as the lodges in the state of California are so differently situated and most likely have different problems. But after tossing the question back and forth in my mind I came to the conclusion that it's possible to outline a plan which can be used in nearly all the lodges, be they small or large, in city or town.

I believe one of the weakest points in our lodges is the carefree way in which we appoint committees. We shouldn't appoint any Tom, Dick and Harry; no, we should use the same thoughtfulness we use when we elect a president, a secretary, or a treasurer.

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If the lodges don't do that, my plan is probably worthless.

Most lodges have an entertainment committee; some also have a membership committee. All lodges should have both, and they should be appointed or elected as follows:

The entertainment committee should consist of three members. To make it easy to understand, let's just call them Tom, Dick, and Harry. Tom is a young member who is acquainted with the music, drama and forensic teachers in the local high school or college. Dick is a business man who belongs to one or more of the local service clubs, as f. i. Rotary, Kiwanis, or Chamber of Commerce. Harry is a "joiner." Besides the Danish Brotherhood, he's a member of such fraternal organizations as the Masons, Odd Fellows, American Legion, etc. From their acquaintances and connections they can get ideas for speakers and entertainers—so it's obvious that it's an ideal entertainment committee. Their lodge won't have to depend entirely on card parties and dances—which can get pretty boresome, especially for those who don't dance or play cards. This committee can easily have something to offer in the line of entertainment at at least every other meeting of the lodge.

The membership and host committee should be picked just as carefully as the entertainment committee. It should consist of members who know how to talk to strangers and how to make them feel at home. The two committees should work hand in hand.

When an especially good entertainment is arranged by the entertainment committee, the membership committee goes to work as follows:

They get in connection with the individual members of the lodge and ask them for the names and addresses of neighbors or acquaintances who are eligible to membership in the Danish Brotherhood. The committee visits as many prospects as possible and invites them as follows:

"My name is -----I'm a member of the entertainment committee of the local lodge of the Danish Brotherhood. On -----night we have arranged for an especially fine entertainment and so as not to disappoint the entertainers we'd like to have the hall filled with people. We can't possibly do that by ourselves, so we have decided to invite a few neighbors and acquaintances. Wouldn't you and your wife like to come? There are no obligations whatsoever and it won't cost you a cent—and we can guarantee you a very enjoyable evening."

Not very many would turn down such an invitation, and after its acceptance, it could be augmented in the following manner:

"Oh by the way-----lives only a few blocks from here and he's going to the hall anyway. He'll be glad to pick you up on his way. No use driving two cars when one will do."

Presuming the driver is as genteel as Danes can be, we now have two members of the lodge who have made a good impression on a prospective member. Arriving at the hall, the visitors are turned over to the membership committee, who must see to it that they are properly introduced to other members of the lodge. If they are young people, they should be left in the care of younger members, who it's understood have been instructed beforehand,

that it's up to them to see to it that the visitors feel at home. They should talk to them about their work, their family, their hobbies, outside interests, etc. They should also see to it that the visitors are properly taken care of at the coffee table—and if there is dancing, please don't let the visitors be wall flowers; introduce them around, so they are kept busy.

It'll be noticed I've called one of the committees "The membership **AND** host committee." The name implies a double duty, and so it has. Far too often strangers and new members are left to shift for themselves—at festivities or after lodge meetings. Everybody starts to look for his own crowd, so they can get their poker or pinochle game going. To remedy that ". . . it shall be the duty of the membership and host committee to see to it that visitors and new members feel at home, before, during and after the meeting." Such a paragraphy — put into practice—would be of tremendous help to any lodge.

It's my sincere belief, that if the above sketched plan is followed as closely as possible, the lodges will gain in membership and reputation. Not only that—a new interest will be created among the members. — Perhaps not all the lodges have a Tom, Dick, and Harry, with the connections I have mentioned. But even then my plan is not for naught, because I've pointed out where we can get entertainment if we go after it in the right spirit: The spirit of service for our Danish Brotherhood.

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News From The Eastern Lodges

By

George V. Petersen, 20 Maywood Dr., W. Warwick, R. I.

The most important event here in the East will be our annual convention of the G. C. This will be held and sponsored by the Troy lodge in Troy, N. Y., on August 30-31 and Sept. 1, Labor Day week-end.

This promises to be a special affair according to the convention committee reports and we advise you to make your reservations at the Hendrick Hudson Hotel in Troy as soon as possible.

The convention will be held in N. Troy at the Danish building, 112th St., and will start Saturday morning with registrations there during the 3 days.

It is important that you register and name your lodge as you will see in the following.

There will be an opportunity for your lodge to take home a beautiful gold cup, 22 inches high, inscribed with your lodge and number if you win it.

Your lodge can win this cup this year by having the largest number in attendance and registered in proportion to the membership of your lodge. The cup is to be returned to the next convention and awarded again on the same basis (one year) under the direction of the G. C. The first lodge to win this cup 3 times, will be the permanent owner of same.

There will be many other beautiful surprise awards given to delegates and guests attending the convention. The committee is planning to make this conference a pleasing and lasting one for all who attend.

So, let us see you in Troy over Labor Day.

From Providence R. I. Lodge No. 102:

At this time we like to make the last appeal to you to remember our 55th and the D. B. 70th anniversary, which we will celebrate here on Sept. 20.

We have arranged for a fine dinner at the Crown Hotel and a most enjoyable evening, we shall have the very best in entertainment and a few choice speakers. Ambassador Kauffmann has promised to be here, if at all possible. Former Supreme President C. B. Christensen, will be here as usual, also representatives from the G. C. and others; a fine toastmaster and guests from neighboring lodges.

We appeal to you to let us know how many will come from each lodge, as it is important for the proper arrangement and should you want accommodations for the night, we shall be glad to arrange that for you too, or if you wish, you may write to the Crown Hotel and mention that you are there for our party. Or write our Secretary, Paul Nielsen, 139 Harrison St., Providence, R. I., or to me at the address above.

Remember, that in Providence we are only a small lodge but we like our Brotherhood and want you to share with us this wonderful affair. The weather in Rhode Island is very pleasant in September and the roads are perfect in all directions.

P. S. We invited representatives from the Supreme Board; but due to the fact that their semi-annual meeting in Omaha starts September 22, no one will be able to attend.

G. V. P.

Not much news has reached me the last month, but we do know that the lodges in New Jersey, as I understand it, are going to celebrate in a body, the 70th anniversary of the D. B. This affair is to be held on September the 26th and we believe the Supreme President will be there and of course many other well known brothers from the East.

In Barre, Vt., the lodge will celebrate its 40th birthday with a party there on Saturday, October 4.

This little lodge far up north, is a wonderful lodge where you find that Brotherhood really exists.

We trust that as many as possible will be able to attend these affairs as we know they are all worth it, and it is not too soon after the convention in Troy, so that you will be able to recover from one before attending the other.

Hartford Scores Again

At our meeting June 18 we initiated another candidate, namely: Brother George H. Keller. Again the ex-president team performed the initiation and the father of the new member, Brother George E. Keller, being conductor this evening, escorted his son through the ceremonies and our secretary, Einar M. Nielsen, who has been a close friend of the family even before young George gave his first cry, acted as president.

Nothing so remarkable about that, you may say, but it was in this way, that this was the sixth time this year that we initiated a son of a member of the lodge. This is the way it should be for any lodge. The father belongs and naturally the son thinks if Pop belongs and recommends it, it must be good. We hope that we will have the pleasure of initiating many more sons of members this year.

Looking at the records we find that of a membership of 185, we have 31 sons of members, so it looks like the old members of 314 have done a good job of selling the Danish Brotherhood to their boys and Hartford Lodge should look forward to a bright future with so many young members to follow in the old man's footsteps.

But, as I said before, we have more yet, so why don't you get on the ball "Pop" and talk to Sonny. This is a message to you 15 brothers of 314, who have sons eligible for membership. Remember, the age minimum is 16 years. Undersigned has plenty application blanks on hand. We still have 20 to go to reach our goal, 35 for our 35th year.

Fraternally yours,

EINAR M. NIELSEN, Sec.

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District Consolidation In The Midwest

Labor day week-end, August 30-31 and September 1, is expected to be a history making week-end for the Danish Brotherhood Lodges in Illinois and Indiana, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

On this week-end, a joint convention meeting will take place in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Lodge No. 14 being the host, and the final action on the consolidation of Illinois-Indiana and Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Districts will take place.

A six man committee, three from Illinois-Indiana District and three from Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District, has been hard at work for the past year working out the details necessary to make this consolidation to the convention will be sent to each lodge by-laws to be submitted by the committee on consolidation to the convention will be sent to each lodge for study.

I hereby urge that all lodges in Illinois-Indiana and Wisconsin-Upper Michigan elect and send their delegates to this history making meeting in Kenosha, Wisconsin, August 30-31 and September 1. If you are not a delegate, be a visitor and a witness to this important event.

Fraternally yours,
EINAR DANIELSEN,
 Committee Secretary.

Stiftelsesfest i Nr. 318

Den 8. Maj fejrede loge 318 sin 27-aars stiftelsesdag i Br. S. Lykkemeyers Selskabslokaler paa Halm-torvet 9. Antallet af deltagere med damer var ca. 100 og man havde en god og hyggelig aften. Desværre manglede vi en stor part af de brødre der var med hin mindeværdige 8. Maj i 1925 da logen blev stiftet og masseoptagelse fandt sted i Palads Teatrets saakaldte blaa sal. Det var under den store fællesrejse af Brodersamfundet her til Danmark under afdøde Over-præsident, John Christensen's, ledelse, og samme aar man indviede Mindehøjen i Søndermarken. Jeg gætter paa, at der endnu sidder brødre i Amerika der har gode minder fra den sommer.

Paa denne 27-aars fødselsdag havde vi her i logen nogle fornøjelige timer i hinandens selskab, ikke mindst havde vi den glæde, at blandt vore dame gæster var Enkefru K. London. Dette navn vil altid mindes i forbindelse med Logens stifter, Arthur London, som var vor første præsident. I aftenens løb indkom et lykønskings telegram fra vor meget forfløjne og vidtberejste broder K. V. der paa dette tidspunkt opholdt sig i Stockholm, men nærmere presentation af denne Globetrotter turde være overflødig, mon ikke?

Med en tak til bladet for optagelse af dette saavel som alt tidligere og forhaabentlig fremtidige. Med broderlig hilsen paa loge 318's vegne,

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Along The Line

By Norbert E. Grove, 205 North Tacoma Avenue,
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Until such time as my contemporary Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood secretaries will contribute their news to this writer, we shall struggle along with what we have. Not that yours truly professes to do miracles with the vocabulary but send along the mere facts and we will do our best to make it interesting. Methinks we could well maintain a regular double page column similar to that of the Eastern Lodges and of California News.

That our Pacific Northwest Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America have been extra-ordinarily active and successful since organizing at Portland in 1950 is indicated by the growth of our fraternity, the initiation of many new members, and the charitable, patriotic and social fields in which we have taken a large part. A growing interest in the work of the lodges is reflected in many outstanding accomplishments and beyond a doubt, we can see our progress each time we assemble—whether that be in our local lodge or at a convention. However, the success of the DBS is dependent upon you brothers in your support and participation in all activities and functions of the lodge—the officers cannot, by themselves, make it a success. It is necessary to have leaders but it is with your help and aid that we can further the ideals and principles of the Danish Brotherhood of America in America.

Several years ago, one of our New York City lodges formed a special club whereby they had an aim in collecting one dollar dues for their folks at the Old People's Home in Metuchen, New Jersey. At Christmas time, these monies were used for a little present such as wine, tobacco and candy—it not only was a pleasant surprise to the old timers but created fun for the lodge members. Our Northwest voluntary "Birthday Club" originated by past President of the District, Carl N. Grove, a faithful member for over 40 years, operates much in the same way. Those of you who haven't yet joined are missing your chance of a good deed. August, the month of Gladiolus and Sardonyx, remembers the birthdays of Brothers Karl Koch, Fred Petersen, Fred Weston, Jens Christensen, Ingvald Nelsen, Jens Nielsen and Oswald Petersen. Cheers.

We do not have the details but here are a few DBS reflections sent us by Brother N. B. Nelson:

A beloved sister of Spokane's Sisterhood, Maria Holm, passed away suddenly from a heart attack.

Mrs. J. P. Mortensen of Vancouver suffered serious injuries in a fall from their vacation car on the way back from Yellowstone National Park to which place the Mortensens headed after our recent District Convention.

Spokane had a very successful picnic at the home of Rasch and Mabel Paulsen near Davenport on Sunday, June fifteenth.

Some Sunday in August, the Ladies' Thursday Afternoon Club will meet at the lake home of Mr. and Mrs. Ingvard Eskeberg. Call and get particulars.

Past President Fred Weston of Enumclaw's Lodge No. 113 informs me that on August tenth at Defiance Park in Tacoma, the Weston-Sventh-Andersen family

reunion will be staged, rain or shine. Two years ago, more than 150 picnickers enjoyed the gathering. You are invited to bring your own lunch but coffee will be served.

Portland's Lodge No. 167 initiated a total of 26 adult and juvenile members into their lodge between the dates of our last two conventions. Congratulations brothers, but get on the "ball," Treasurer Magnus Esrom, and send us some news about your very active organization.

President Boysen and Vice President Rieck of Enumclaw's DB decorated a 1923 Hupmobile and entered it in the Fourth of July celebration parade, driving away with a cash award. It was the first time that Lodge No. 113 had ever been represented in this yearly affair commemorating the Trail Days of our pioneer forefathers.

Fond Memories From Jackson

The 29th of May has come and gone, reminding me of spring in 1896 in Jackson, Minn., when two young fellows sat talking in the rear of my shoe store. (Jeff and I.)

Jeff Smidt, a member of D. B. Lodge in Dwight, Ill., was telling me about the good times they had there, to which I replied: "Why not start a lodge right here in Jackson?" I prepared a list and had Jeff circulate it among the Danes; several signed and then I had the slip in the store where several more came in and signed, with the result that we soon organized, and Lodge No. 96 started May 29, 1896, with 26 charter members, and several of the signers joined at following meetings.

We started with Jeff Smidt as president and myself as secretary, which office I held for several years. The odd incident is that 50 years later, in 1946, we were the only two living charter members present at the 50th anniversary celebration. Jeff Smidt opened the meeting and the minutes of the first meeting were read by me as acting secretary. This great event was witnessed by Supreme President Svend Petersen (then Supreme Vice President) and several other visitors from lodges in Minnesota.

Now, you old guys, in any lodge, can you top that? The two starters of a lodge living through the 50 years and presiding in the key positions at the anniversary celebration fifty years later. Speak up, boys.

Let's boost for the DBS.

PETER ANDREWSSEN,

Ex-President of Lodge No. 96,
Jackson, Minn. (now living at
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New Members

The Following Is A List Of The New Members In Port Alberni, Canada

Booster	No. of Lodge	Location	New Members
Jens Overgaard	-- 1	—Omaha	—Gerald F. Petersen
Christ P. Jensen	-- 4	—Racine	—Victor C. Jensen
Egon Larsen	----- 4	—Racine	—Jorn H. Loschenkohl
Carl B. Meyer	----- 35	—Chicago	—Alex Hansen
James Sterndorff	-- 37	—Bridgeport	—J. P. Carstensen
Chris W. Pedersen	-- 45	—Minneapolis	—L. Jensen
Walter Armstrup	-- 49	—San Francisco	—C. M. Petersen
I. Wesley Kraft	-- 70	—Greenville	—Elmer Anderson
Bent Espersen	---113	—Enumclaw	—Esper Espersen
Axel Christensen	---126	—Los Angeles	—Peter Bach
Axel Christensen	---126	—Los Angeles	—A. Rasmussen
Poul Brown	-----164	—New York	—Svend Jensen
Harold Sundby	---184	—Hayward	—George P. Banke
Harold Sundby	---184	—Hayward	—Eric. C. Sundby
Ove Rostgaard	---227	—Detroit	—Erik A. Andersen
Ove Rostgaard	---227	—Detroit	—Karl J. Nielsen
Viggo Mikkelsen	---227	—Detroit	—Niels J. Stub
Knud M. Knudsen	---227	—Detroit	—Preben F. Jæger
Svend Petersen	---263	—Askov	—Emil G. Johansen
George E. Keller	---314	—Hartford	—George H. Keller
H. Wickstrom	---319	—Bakersfield	—Ove Hansen
H. Wickstrom	---319	—Bakersfield	—Vernon Nelson
Chris Jorgensen	---325	—Nassau Co.	—E. Christoffersen
Chris Jorgensen	---325	—Nassau Co.	—Jim Jorgensen
J. M. Jensen	---328	—Vancouver, B. C.	—F. Jensen
J. M. Jensen	---328	—Vancouver, B. C.	—A. Pedersen
Charles Jensen	---328	—Vancouver, B. C.	—K. Rolschau
Harry Sjogren	---328	—Vancouver, B. C.	—Ole Jensen
E. Plambeck	---328	—Vancouver	—O. Andreassen
Arne Sorensen	---328	—Vancouver	—G. Christiansen
J. P. Mortensen	---328	—Vancouver	—Poul Krogh
Nels Sorensen	---330	—Prince George	—Chris. Odin
Alvin N. Olsen	---332	—Ripon	—Wesley A. Olsen
Alvin N. Olsen	---332	—Ripon	—Raymond P. Olsen

Geo. Andersen	---335
K. H. Hansen	---335
N. Tidemansen	---335
A. K. Andersen	---335
A. Chr. Jensen	---335
Kay Sorensen	---335
Lauritz Simonsen	---335
Villy K. Andersen	---335
Oluf Hansen	---335
Paul Sorensen	---335
Gunnar Sorensen	---335
Knud Kofod	---335
Harry Koch	---335
Tage Larsen	---335
Harry Nielsen	---335
Vagn Bonde	---335
Helge Engstrom	---335
E. B. Christiansen	---335
A. Schmidt	---335
Fred. Rasmussen	---335
Henry Olsen	---335
Vagn Ibsen	---335
Aksel Rasmussen	---335
Knud Hansen	---335
Kristian Hviid	---335
T. Jensen	---335
Jorgen F. Hansen	---335
H. Eriksson	---335
Borge P. Karsholt	---335
B. Sorensen	---335
Preben Rasmussen	---335
Erik Ove Meyer	---335
Svend Gade	---335

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMT PAID
June 13	—John A. Sorensen	---77	Copenhagen, Den.	--- 14	Kenosha, Wis.	---1919	Cerebral hemorrhage	---\$1000.00
June 6	—Grant Dissing	---63	Nykøbing, Morsø	---259	Colman, S. D.	---1930	Cerebral hemorrhage	---1000.00
May 25	—Carl Larsen	---72	Copenhagen, Den.	---315	Buffalo, N. Y.	---1924	Carcinoma	---500.00
May 21	—Martin P. Mortensen	---83	Denmark	---194	McMinnville, Ore.	---1904	Arteriosclerosis	---817.64
June 13	—Carl F. Christiansen	---79	Stokkebjerg, Holbæk	--- 78	Salt Lake City, Ut.	---1894	Cerebral hemorrhage	---808.51
June 8	—Jens C. J. Haubroe	---73	Aalborg, Den.	--- 1	Omaha, Nebr.	---1905	Coronary thrombosis	---1000.00
May 18	—Palle Christensen	---79	Ramten, Jylland	---107	Chicago, Ill.	---1899	Carcinoma	---412.61
May 19	—Charles Johnsen	---81	Langeland, Den.	--- 20	Manistee, Mich.	---1899	Carcinoma	---1000.00
April 23	—Peter Petersen	---78	Klippinge, Den.	---299	Solvang, Calif.	---1909	Arteriosclerosis	---458.42
June 6	—William Hansen	---90	Hjørring, Den.	---600	Omaha, Nebr.	---1901	Myocarditis	---716.98
June 24	—Jacob Jensen	---83	Holbæk Amt.	---144	Dike, Iowa	---1897	Myocardial infraction	---776.50
June 20	—Anders P. Sorensen	---72	Odense, Den.	---172	Philadelphia, Pa.	---1919	Uremia	---1000.00
June 19	—Christ V. Christiansen	---82	Denmark	---242	Erie, Pa.	---1908	Carcinoma	---442.97
June 23	—Gail L. Johnson	---35	Preston, Idaho	--- 29	Seattle, Wash.	---1899	Not given	---1000.00
June 24	—Jens C. Jacobsen	---73	Randers Amt.	---182	Waukegan, Ill.	---1903	Cerebral edema	---898.09
June 12	—Jens Jensen	---78	Astrup Sogn, Den.	---227	Detroit, Mich.	---1916	Coronary occlusion	---500.00
June 22	—Kristian Hjortnes	---67	Hjørring Amt.	--- 10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	---1911	Cardiac tamponade	---1000.00
June 29	—Chris F. Christensen	---75	Ballerup Thisted, Den.	---195	Omaha, Nebr.	---1912	Arterio sclerotic	---479.36
June 28	—Marius R. Hansen	---65	Blerup, Den.	---149	Luverne, N. D.	---1917	Heart failure	---250.00
July 1	—William B. Skov	---56	Copenhagen, Den.	--- 49	San Francisco, Calif.	---1941	Carcinoma	---500.00
July 7	—Carl Andersen	---61	Odense, Den.	--- 45	Minneapolis, Minn.	---1919	Coronary disease	---250.00
June 6	—Elmer P. Hansen	---49	Rice Lake, Wis.	---266	Rice Lake, Wis.	---1923	Coronary arteriosclerosis	---1000.00
June 10	—Harry Hansen	---68	Burlington, Iowa	--- 1	Omaha, Nebr.	---1906	Myocardial insufficiency	---1000.00
March 4	—Peter Nielsen	---80	Odense, Den.	---245	South Bend, Ind.	---1911	Cerebral hemorrhage	---1000.00
June 26	—Carlo Henderson	---77	Copenhagen, Den.	---172	Philadelphia, Pa.	---1913	Chronic myocarditis	---250.00
July 12	—Hans Olson	---92	Denmark	--- 20	Manistee, Wis.	---1891	Heart disease	---685.11
July 11	—Andrew Jensen	---76	Lørslev, Den.	---123	Clifton, Ill.	---1899	Carcinoma	---250.00
July 1	—Peter Nielsen	---84	Skjørring, Aarhus A.	---172	Philadelphia, Pa.	---1908	Coronary thrombosis	---1000.00
April 7	—Claus Jensen	---72	Denmark	---283	Dagmar, Mont.	---1903	Coronary occlusion	---918.09
July 10	—Carl Sorensen	---62	Ulstrup, Viborg, Den.	---315	Buffalo, N. Y.	---1917	Acute leukemia	---1000.00
May 19	—Hans Jensen	---81	Ringkjøbing Amt.	--- 83	Hutchinson, Minn.	---1894	Carcinoma	---394.33
June 14	—Julius A. Priskorn	---81	Copenhagen, Den.	---314	Hartford, Conn.	---1931	Not stated	---Social

CALIFORNIA NEWS

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco 8, California

As promised in my article last month here are the rates for hotels in Santa Barbara for the convention. As you know, the Carrillo Hotel will be Headquarters for both the Sisterhood and Brotherhood delegates and it is, of course, anticipated that most will stay in this hotel. The rates here are as follows: single room, from \$4.00 to \$7.00; room for 2 with double bed, from \$5.00 to \$7.00; room with twin beds, from \$7.00 to \$9.00; suites from \$15.00 and UP. However, if these rates are not satisfactory, the list as received from the Convention Bureau, lists no less than 14 hotels in Santa Barbara, 15 motels along the beach and 17 other motels in and around the city. Other hotels, like the Barbara for instance, are slightly lower, and the Miramar is somewhat higher. From the list given it would seem that the motels run somewhat higher than the hotels.

For members of the Sister and Brotherhood lodges in California, please contact your secretary and secure an application form for hotel reservations and forward same to Santa Barbara Convention Bureau, P. O. Box 299, Santa Barbara, together with deposit of \$5.00 per person. In order to be assured of space at the convention hotel your application should be in before September 1.

For out of state members who wish to come to the convention, please write to the convention secretary, Mrs. Lillian Miller, 976 Medio Road, Santa Barbara, who will be very happy to send you a form.

The banquet to be held Saturday night, Sept. 13, will undoubtedly be a gala affair and will be held in the beautiful Mar-Monte Hotel, by the beach of the Pacific ocean. Reservations for the banquet must be made not later than September 9 to the secretary, Mrs. Lillian Miller at above address.

May I remind the secretaries of the Brotherhood lodges to be sure to send me a list of all active members initiated between the dates of August 1, 1951, and August 1, 1952, not later than August 10, together with the names of the sponsors. As you know, there are three prizes to be distributed at the convention.

For those who wish to take the train to Santa Barbara from the northern part of the state, it is recommended that you take the beautiful Daylight Limited leaving San Francisco at 8:15 a. m. Standard time on Thursday, September 11, and will arrive in Santa Barbara in the late afternoon about 4 p. m., in plenty of time for dinner and the official reception. The round trip ticket including Federal Tax is \$19.36. If you wish to make a side trip to Los Angeles after the convention is over you can purchase a round trip ticket to Los Angeles for only 30 cents more, or \$19.90 for the round trip. So much for the convention this time, final information if any, will be in the September issue. Get your tickets from Brother Dan Andersen.

I have just received the president's message, which is sent out, not by Mr. Truman, but by able Brother Paul Herskind, president of lodge No. 126 in Los Angeles. From the new items we note, that Lodge No. 126 will celebrate its 53 anniversary with a banquet on Saturday, August 9. The entire dinner and entertainment will cost only \$2.00. How do

they do it in Los Angeles??? Why it would almost pay for the San Francisco brothers to make a trip to Los Angeles in order to attend. You good brethren in Southern California do yourself a favor and attend. Contact Brother Herskind in good time for reservation.

On Sunday, August 17, the Los Angeles Bowling Team will compete with the Santa Barbara lodge in Santa Barbara. It will undoubtedly be a hot battle.

On Wednesday evening, July 9, Brother Vernon Olsen, president of the General Committee, installed the officers in Lodge No. 49. The installation was done in Brother Olsen's usual excellent manner, with the assistance of Brother Lawrence Nelson, who was president of the General Committee over 20 years ago. Brother George Hansen was installed as president with Brothers Leo Bjeld as vice president, Andy Westergaard as conductor and Fred Bakke as guardian of the doors, both the outside and inside. For the past 30 years, Brothers Carl Kemp, Louis Jorgensen and Carl Mygind have been installed as secretary, financial secretary and treasurer, but this time Brother Mygind begged off, as his health is not entirely what he could wish for and consequently Brother Dan Andersen was installed in his place. However, the lodge will still be able to have the council and advice of Brother Mygind as he was elected a trustee. Brother Mygind has held an office in 49 for 46 years, which is somewhat of a record. After the installation, smørrebrød, beer and etc., were served to which the sisters of No. 24 were invited.

Unfortunately the writer was unable to be present at the installation, although he was to be installed as ex-president. (The Cunard Line, with which he is connected, had sent him on a business trip to Utah.) However, I was lucky enough to be in Salt Lake City when No. 78 had its meeting and of course, I attended. It is always a delight to come to Salt Lake City where I have so many good friends both within and without the Brotherhood. The last couple of times I have visited No. 78 they had initiation and I was very confident that they would have an initiation all prepared for me, but I was mistaken, but they did have a candidate upon which they balloted. Considering the Republicans were blasting one another that evening over the radio and TV, the meeting was very well attended, and as usual, well run with Brother Hilmar Hansen as secretary and his son, Lloyd, as president. I truly enjoyed the meeting very much.

It is always nice to see when our countrymen do well in this country. While in Salt Lake City, I visited the new store of Mr. Jørgen Schmidt at 311 So. State Street, where he has a very fine supply of imported delicacies and a fine supply of Danish books.

It is amazing the number of Danish immigrants that have come to Utah since the war, and one might say that Utah certainly has had the lion's share of Danes coming over. It is sincerely hoped that some of them will find their way into the membership

of one of the two lodges in Salt Lake City. Looking through the telephone directory one would think it was the directory of one of the cities in Denmark, with page after page of names like, Christensen, Jensen, Hansen, Sorensen and Olsen.

Returning from Salt Lake City I came back via the Western Pacific Vista-Dome streamliner. I suppose I have traveled this particular route over 50 times, and yet I can never get tired of marveling at its beauty. The trip through the Feather River canyon, which lasts about 4 hours, is unsurpassed in its beauty and grandeur. I always discover something new and interesting. That is why I am perhaps a bit old-fashioned in that I prefer a train to a plane. True, a plane gets you there faster, but unless it is a matter of urgency, why rush.

Ladies Night In Oneonta, N. Y.

"Himmelbjerget" Lodge No. 300, Oneonta, N. Y., had a grand and glorious "Ladies Night" at their lodge hall the 14th of June. There was a good attendance and the dinner was served by special caterers secured by the committee consisting of Emil Pedersen, chairman, assisted by John Maloney, Bruno Larsen and Al Hansen. The tables were gaily decorated with flowers.

President Kollgard said a few words about the help furnished by the ladies in the past and he was very pleased to be able to say that tonight the ladies would sit back and relax and have no serving to do and no dishes to wash.

We were honored by the presence of Brother Chris Jensen from Lodge No. 183, Troy, N. Y., who praised the members of Lodge No. 300 for their beautiful lodge building and wished the ladies well on "Ladies Night." He also issued a personal invitation to all the members to attend the Eastern Lodges State Convention to be held in Troy in September.

Brother Lawrentz Pherson and Mrs. Pherson were present. He has been in ill health for some time so the members were pleased to see him again.

There were lots of "thank yous" from the ladies present, including Mrs. Ellen Larsen, Mrs. Al Hansen and Mrs. Pete Ottsen. Mrs. Ottsen especially thanked Lodge No. 300 and remarked that she hoped the members would keep up the spirit of the night and dance the light fantastic with the ladies later on in the evening, which was done.

A moment of silence was observed by the members out of respect to the mother of Leon Pedersen, the treasurer of the lodge, who had passed away Saturday morning, June 14.

Dancing and folk singing terminated the evening's festivities and coffee was served by some of the members to the ladies later on. Everyone present said they had a wonderful time and looked forward to the next "Ladies Night" to be held a year hence.

MARTIN C. MALONEY, Sec.

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Along The Trail

(Continued from last month)

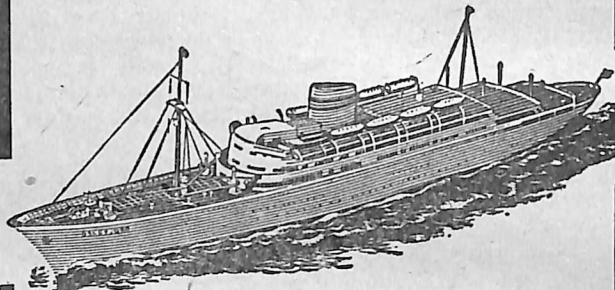
Our PNW District's third annual convention of the DBS Lodges was a tremendous success under the splendid supervision of Chairman Eskeberg and his committee on May 23, 24 and 25 at Spokane. Delegates and out-of-town guests began registering at the Knights of Pythias Hall at 1 p. m., on Friday—most having reservations at Hotel Spokane for the big week-end. Coffee, cake and cocktails amidst plenty of hand shaking accompanied the registration period. At the evening's welcome meeting reception we were honored by a representative of this fine city's council, who extended the proverbial "Key." Master of Ceremonies, Brother Ernest Wales presided and introduced officers and delegates for a few remarks as he sandwiched in an appropriate joke here and there. Before refreshments and informal dancing commenced, President Grove and District Sisterhood President Rigmor Sorensen responded with well chosen words. Saturday's business schedule was rather crowded but with a lovely Danish luncheon, served at noon, we resumed our chairs and finished in time to redress for the banquet and for the exhibition performance of the Portland and Seattle Sisterhood Drill Teams, something very outstanding and highly spoken of by everyone present. On Sunday, a farewell breakfast was given by Brothers of No. 42—in behalf of all visiting lodges, may I say "Thanks, Spokane."

The highlights of the convention was combined in the form of a letter drafted for the Supreme Board which read thusly: "At our 3rd annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America, a resolution unanimously went on record requesting immediate decision on the long awaited controversy of the Canadian Lodges becoming officially a part of us. A year ago, a similar resolution was introduced and passed at the National Convention—the Supreme Board was instructed to act accordingly but month after month, this delay becomes more costly and the Canadian Lodges are thoroughly disgusted. We therefore request a return answer or the responsibility for a failure of our efforts will become that of the Supreme Board."

A branding iron was applied to 14 new brothers, among whom were the sons of District Vice President Ingvard Eskeberg (Jack W.) and Enumclaw's delegate Bent Espersen (Esper Roland). Supreme First Vice President Otto Nielsen with the assistance of retiring District Officers kept the fire red hot while they enlightened the candidates about DBS duties, obligations and responsibilities but heartily welcomed them into our Order. Each was introduced and spoke briefly. It appears to this correspondent that by following up these fine results in a continued persistent effort to bring in new members, we are rendering a service that can and will be appreciated by the entire membership. The younger generation will be the members who will keep the D. B. alive, so let's continue to make every effort in urging them to join.

Due to the unsatisfactory health of good old Brother N. B. Nelson, past Supreme President of the DBS, yours truly was appointed to fill the unex-

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pired term of District Secretary-Treasurer before the convention. However, N. B.'s smiling personality and ever helping hand was present to ease the transfer to his successor. In appreciation of his untiring efforts in organizing this District and becoming our first Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Nelson has again earned the deepest of gratitude from all brothers in this great fraternity.

Before we know it, Christmas is here again and those birthday dollars from you kind hearted brothers who have so lovingly supported the "Voluntary Birth Date Club" will go to work. We salute the Northwest Danish Old People's Home that has served us so well for these many years and we are justly proud of our organization in caring for the aged. Your contribution and helping hand is sincerely appreciated in behalf of our deserving old folks. If you feel you would like to be a part of the newest charitable project of the DBS—send in a buck on your "Fødselsdag." Following is a list of members with birthdays falling in the month of July: Chris Slott, Peder Molby, Hans Holm and Chris Heiberg. Good luck and greetings from Enumclaw, Washington's Lodge Number 113. You belong to a fraternity that has constantly been a credit to the nation and shall continue to help bring peace and happiness to a troubled world.

Wilbur's secretary, Svend Gommesen, is following Portland's Brother C. R. Christensen in always having an application form in his possession. At the convention banquet, which by the way, was one of the finest I have ever attended replete with good food, a mighty fine speaker and a beautiful girl as Miss Spokane—anyway, Brother Gommesen signed up two new prospects, who were present only as guests. Congratulations.

Seattle will be our next District Convention City with Lodge No. 29 as host. Carry on, brothers and sisters, with the same spirit and cooperation in which you entered into the Spokane celebration. A yearly gathering of this kind is an incentive to work harder for the advancement of our fraternities and to further better understanding with other lodges through the friendship and good will expressed at such a time.

Notice: The annual business meeting of the Northwest Danish Old People's Home members will be held at Washington Hall, 14th Avenue and East Fir Street, Seattle, Washington, on July 12, 1952, at 3:00 o'clock p. m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p. m. The twenty seventh anniversary picnic will be held on the grounds of the Home at 10010 Des Moines Way on Sunday, July 13, with a special program. Be there.

NORBERT E. GROVE, Sec.

Picnic In Minneapolis

D. B. S. Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn., will hold its annual picnic at Birch Bluff, Lake Minnetonka, on Sunday, August 10. The grounds open at 11:00 a. m. There will be games and races for the children at 2 o'clock and dancing in the evening. Refreshments and coffee will be available on the picnic grounds. Directions to reach the picnic are as follows: Follow Highway No. 7—2½ miles past Excelsior, turn to right after crossing railroad tracks. We extend sincere invitation to all lodges in Minnesota and Wisconsin to attend this picnic and enjoy

good fellowship together. We will all be looking forward to seeing you at the D. B. S. No. 45 annual picnic.

CARL GUSTAFSON, Sec.

Questions and Answers

Question: This August I will have been in this country for five years. However, I have lived in several different places during this period. Must I have witnesses from each of these places when I apply for naturalization? If so, when must I give their names to the naturalization authorities?

Answer: You will need more than one set of witnesses if you are unable to find two citizen witnesses who are qualified to testify as to your residence and character for the whole five years. When you go to the preliminary hearing at the naturalization court, you must take with you two witnesses who have known you well since you moved to the place in which you are now living. This preliminary hearing, you understand, is not a court hearing; it is conducted by a naturalization examiner, and its object is to make certain, before you go to court for the final hearing on your petition for naturalization, that your papers are in order and that you meet the educational and legal requirements of the naturalization law. Your good conduct in the places in which you previously lived since coming to the United States must be proved either by the depositions of two witnesses for each place of residence or by the testimony in person of two witnesses for each such place. Depositions are sworn, written statements. At the time you file your preliminary petition for naturalization, you should supply the naturalization examiner who is handling your petition with the names and addresses of citizens who can testify to your residence in other places and you must notify your witnesses that you have done so. The naturalization examiner himself attends to obtaining the depositions.

New Treasurers

Lodge No. 49:

Mr. Dan Chr. Andersen, 2330 Market Street, San Francisco 14, California.

Lodge No. 1:

Mr. Gordon Pedersen, 3117 Taylor Street, Omaha 11, Nebraska.

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

Resolutions

MARIUS RASMUS HANSEN, Luverne, N. D.

In memory of our departed brother, Marius Rasmus Hansen, who passed away June 28, 1952:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days, that this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

In behalf of D. B. Lodge No. 149.

Chris Christensen, President.
John Carlson, Secretary.

ANDREW JENSEN, Clifton, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew Jensen, who passed away July 11, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 123:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother, who was a charter member of our lodge, and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his wife and family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and that a copy be sent to his family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 123.

Soren Jensen, President.
Peter Madsen, Act. Secretary.

PETER PETERSEN, Solvang, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Peter Petersen, who passed away the 23rd day of April, the following resolution was adopted by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 299 at our regular meeting the 11th of June, 1952:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother, and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, published in the Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.

Otto Christensen, President.
C. V. Nielsen, Secretary.

GAIL L. JOHNSON, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Gail L. Johnson, who passed away June 23, 1952, this resolution was adopted by D. B. Lodge No. 29:

Resolved, that we regret the loss of our brother and wish to express our sympathy to his family, that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days in his memory, and that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, entered in the minutes of this lodge, and a copy sent to his family.

William E. Petersen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

PALLE CHRISTENSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Palle Christensen, who passed away May 18, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Steen Steensen Blicher Lodge No. 107 of the Danish Brotherhood:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother of our lodge and that we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days in his memory, that this resolution be inserted in our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

Jack Hansen, President.
Thomas Jensen, Secretary.

JORGEN C. NIELSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Jorgen C. Nielsen, who passed away May 18, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by the Steen Steensen Blicher Lodge No. 107 of the Danish Brotherhood:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother of our lodge and that we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days in his memory, that this resolution be inserted in the minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

Jack Hansen, President.
Thomas Jensen, Secretary.

CHRIST V. CHRISTIANSEN, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our late brother, Christ V. Christiansen, who passed away on June 19, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 242 at its meeting of June 27, 1952:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days; that this resolution be entered in our minutes; published in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

Peter Larsen, President.
J. A. Nielsen, Secretary.

J. C. JACOBSEN, Waukegan, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Sec. J. C. Jacobsen, who passed away June 24, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Dannevang Lodge No. 182, D. B., at its regular meeting held June 27, 1952.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal member of our lodge, that we hereby extend to his family our sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that this resolution be entered in our minutes.

Niels Anton Jorgensen, President.
Mark Jensen, Acting Secretary.

CARL SØRENSEN, Buffalo, N. Y.

In memory of Carl Sørensen, who passed away July 10, 1952. Age 61.

Be it resolved by Lodge No. 215 that we deeply feel the loss of our departed brother and hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days in memory, and that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy be sent to his family.

Axel C. Thomsen, Secretary.

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