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Humboldt Lodge No. 230, Arcata, Calif.



Humboldt Lodge No. 230 was started November 5, 1905. The hall, as shown above, was built in 1927. That year they had 64 members. They have less now, but the hall is paid for.

Selma - Parlier, Calif.



The hall pictured here is the home of Selma Lodge No. 255 of Danish Brotherhood and Martha Lodge No. 159 of Danish Sisterhood.

It is located on Mendocino Ave., $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles west of Parlier, Calif. Outside dimensions of the hall are 72 feet in length by 36 feet in width. The building contains a semi-basement dining room with kitchen adjoining, an upstairs meeting room or dance hall (including a raised stage and all necessary accessory ante rooms).

Back in 1921, Selma Lodge thought it best to have sole ownership of a suitable meeting hall. Seeing that the building committee was finding it difficult to obtain a good building site, Brother N. J. Hansen generously donated a portion of his farm to the lodge. Immediately, the lodge members pledged contributions of money and labor to the cause. With Brother

V. G. Johnsen (a charter member of Selma Lodge) supervising, the building was constructed by the members and ready for use by January 1922. During the 30 years, intervening, members have voluntarily donated work and materials toward upkeep, redecoration, new furniture, etc.

Selma Lodge was instituted in Selma, Calif., and although it now meets in the near vicinity of Parlier, has retained its original name.

Martha Lodge No. 159 of Danish Sisterhood was instituted April 1, 1922, in the new hall and named in honor of charter member, Sister Martha Hansen (wife of the Brother who donated the hall site).

Both lodges meet the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month. Visitors are cordially invited.

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Editorial

(From Lodge No. 4 D. B. Monthly News)

Are you proud of your Danish Brotherhood membership? You ought to be. You belong to an organization whose programs and achievements are an outstanding service to family life.

But every once in awhile we receive a check from a brother and a note indicating that he wants to pay dues for a quarter, for six months or for a year. We stop and wonder why we do not see more of that brother around at our meetings. Yes, he is a good member—he pays his dues on time and occasionally has a new member—but we wonder what this brother is getting out of his membership in the Lodge.

Perhaps he just wants to belong to an organization. Perhaps the sick and death benefits represent a measure of security for him and his family are his reasons for continuing his membership. Both reasons are good.

But we cannot help but feel that such a brother would be getting a lot more for his money if he would come around and see what his Lodge is doing, what it offers him in the way of social and recreational privileges, what activities might prove to be attractive to the members of his family. Our Danish Brotherhood has a lot to offer every brother. We think that our program is varied enough to please most everyone. Those who are taking advantage of what our Lodge has to offer are getting a lot more for their dues dollar than is the brother who merely maintains good standing by paying his dues regularly.

This is YOUR Lodge. Why not drop around more often and see what it has to offer you and to the members of your family? Get into the spirit of real fellowship and enjoy the many advantages

and privileges to which your paid up receipt entitles you.

We think it is a good idea to pay your dues by the year in advance. The first of the year one has the usual pile of seasonal bills confronting them. Some members have their dues paid up to July 1. To pay your dues in advance at this time of the year is found to be a lot easier for most of us than at any other time. You'll like it too because you only need remember to pay your dues once a year instead of 6 or 8 times a year. Why not try it?

Silver Wedding Anniversary In Arcata, California

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christiansen celebrated their silver wedding anniversary by holding open house from 2 to 5 p. m., August 23. Friends from throughout the state and county called and extended the couple felicitations in their home at 1201 Q St., Arcata, California.

Carl, a member of Arcata D. B. S. was married to Elsa Carlson, of Eureka, on August 19, 1927, in Eureka, Calif. They received many beautiful gifts and cards, including a telegram and gift from Denmark.

Decorations adorning the refreshment table consisted of a miniature church scene with the altar and trellis of pink rose buds and silver candles forming the background. In front of this was the large wedding cake surrounded by the traditional Danish delicacies. The other rooms were decorated with greenery and flowers with pink and green streamers overhead.

The anniversary dinner was also held at the home with 18 relatives and close friends attending.

The following ladies assisted the hostess: Mrs. Soren Holgersen of Oakland and Mrs. Emel Nelson, Eureka, were the receptionists; Mrs. Chris Christiansen, pouring; Mrs. Ray Webster, at the guest book; Mrs. Guy Johnson, at the gift table; and Mrs. Jens Hansen, making the coffee.

Other out of town guests were Ronald Leach of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. Broerson Lyck of San Rafael, Calif.

The following Tuesday the Danish Ladies' Club of Arcata, of which Elsa is a member, called and presented her with a gift. Cards were played with prizes going to Mesdames: Jens Hansen, Soren Holgersen, Walter Moranda, and Martin Larsen. At the conclusion of the afternoon, refreshments were served.

L. L. S.

Register Of Jubilee Celebrations

| | |
|--|---------|
| Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt. | Oct. 4 |
| Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. | Oct. 18 |
| Lodge No. 184, Hayward, Calif. | Nov. 1 |
| Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, Calif. | Nov. 8 |
| Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Ill. | Nov. 9 |

There were 92 per cent more fatal accidents on icy roads last year than in 1950.

Financial Report

AUGUST 31, 1952

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Balance on hand August 1, 1952 | ----- | \$ 5,234.71 |
| Assessments | ----- | 10,370.18 |
| Interest on Bonds | ----- | 17,665.52 |
| Premium on Currency Exchange (Canada) | ----- | 35.92 |
| | | \$ 33,306.33 |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Death Claims | ----- | \$ 7,059.56 |
| Cash Surrender | ----- | 199.41 |
| Collection Expense on Bond Coupons | ----- | 16.20 |
| Balance on hand August 31, 1952 | ----- | 26,031.16 |
| | | \$ 33,306.33 |

General Fund

Receipts:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Balance on hand August 1, 1952 | ----- | \$ 1,810.48 |
| Dues and Per Capita Tax | ----- | 19,015.00 |
| Received in August | ----- | 1,072.48 |
| | | \$ 21,897.96 |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Adv. Ptg. & Stationery | ----- | \$ 368.99 |
| Postage, Exp. Tele. etc. | ----- | 55.34 |
| Rent & Lights | ----- | 180.50 |
| Ptg. & Mlg. Official Publication | ----- | 399.82 |
| Membership Rewards | ----- | 69.00 |
| Travel Expenses | ----- | 224.32 |
| General Office Expenses | ----- | 50.00 |
| Salaries to Officers and Employees | ----- | 1,142.00 |
| Employer Taxes Paid | ----- | 12.30 |
| Balance on hand August 31, 1952 | ----- | 19,395.69 |
| | | \$ 21,897.96 |

Relief Fund

Receipts:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Balance on hand August 1, 1952 | ----- | \$ 13,393.80 |
| Relief Assessments | ----- | 14.00 |
| Interest on Bonds | ----- | 112.50 |
| Relief Payments Returned | ----- | 9.64 |
| | | \$ 13,529.94 |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Relief Payments | ----- | \$ 197.00 |
| Balance on hand August 31, 1952 | ----- | 13,332.94 |
| | | \$ 13,529.94 |

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Balance on hand August 1, 1952 | ----- | \$ 692.66 |
| Assessments | ----- | 68.45 |
| | | \$ 761.11 |

Disbursements:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Balance on hand August 31, 1952 | ----- | \$ 761.11 |
| | | \$ 761.11 |

Assets

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Mortuary Fund Investments | ----- | \$3,880,349.30 |
| Relief Fund Investments | ----- | 200,000.00 |
| General Fund Investments | ----- | 25,000.00 |
| Cash in Bank | ----- | 59,520.90 |
| | | \$4,164,870.20 |

The Convention In Kenosha

It was with great enthusiasm we went to the convention in Kenosha for consolidating the Districts of Illinois and Indiana with Wisconsin and Upper Michigan into the Midwest District of the Danish Brotherhood.

The weather was fine and the welcome we got from the lodge brothers (and sisters) was first rate. It was my first time to a Brotherhood convention, and I never imagined that they would welcome us in such a wonderful manner. It was almost like coming home from a long journey.

Well, the consolidating came off in good order, and we enjoyed a splendid and much appreciated speech by our Supreme President Svend Petersen.

What I want to say now, is somewhat of an afterthought of what happened and what did not happen at the convention. There seemed to be some disappointment in the election of some officers, but naturally the majority rules, so therefore there can be said nothing about it. However, I was quite surprised to find an undertone prevailing among some delegates; something that one can certainly not combine with brotherly love or brotherhood; perhaps I am wrong—and I almost hope I am—but I warn you, do not make our convention like political conventions, with all its chicanery and bargains; such things should be foreign to Danish Brotherhood.

Next: What now — for what purpose were the lodges consolidated—what about the future? Very well—it was decided to go to Upper Michigan for our next convention. Was that all we consolidated for? It, the convention—that is—I believe left something undone. It should be interesting to hear from our new president concerning that.

Fraternally,

A. SVENDSEN, Sec. of Lodge No. 35.

Secretary And Treasurer Changes

Secretary Change of Address:

Lodge No. 332: Vernon Olsen, 1104 38th Street, Sacramento, California.

New Treasurer:

Lodge No. 268. F. Winther Bodtker, 751 River Road, Junction City, Oregon.

Lodge No. 39: Chris Petersen, 828 Talbot Avenue, Albany 6, California.

Treasurer Change of Address:

Lodge No. 35: Peter H. Miller, 8008 Ada Street, Chicago 20, Illinois.

Lodge No. 70: Milo Mason, Route No. 2, Greenville, Michigan.

Lodge No. 249: Jens C. J. Stevens, 501 E. Missouri Avenue, Pierre, S. D.

Lodge No. 322: Frank Pedersen, 406 Carona Del Mar, Santa Barbara, Calif.

One person in the U. S. died every 19 minutes in 1950 as the result of accidents in the home. Total number of persons killed was 27,500. In the same year, one person in the U. S. died of TB every 14 minutes—a total of 40,000 TB victims in one year!

Hunger

By Jul. Andersen

When I first arrived in the United States from Denmark, all I possessed was a ticket to my destination in Wisconsin and two dollars. While waiting in the city of New York for transportation to the west, I spent one dollar, which left me a dollar for food during the rest of my journey. Shortly after leaving New York, a candy vendor came through the coach and left a small bag of candy with each of us immigrants. Some ate the candy, the same as I did, while others ignored it. Later on the vendor came back, demanding pay for the two cents worth of candy he had left with us. I had no change so handed him my last dollar bill. He stuck it in his pocket and went on to the next seat for further victims. I protested vigorously but he shrugged me off and shoved me back into the seat I occupied. None of us could speak English. I was completely broke. Several young girls headed for Neenah, Wisconsin, shared a sandwich with me but when we reached Chicago they took another train. It was three days before I reached my destination, and was I hungry.

Another time, while serving in the Spanish-American War, the camp where we were stationed near our Capitol City of the United States became so unhealthful that we were ordered to march through Virginia on to the west coast of West Virginia for change to another camp. When we reached the well know river of Bull Run, a heavy rain deluged us, swelling the river so greatly it was impossible to cross it as there was no bridge. The meat we were supposed to get had been condemned on account of its being embalmed. Other food had been sent in advance to some town beyond the river, so we had to stay put for three days without food, with the

water unfit to drink. That time I was not alone for over one thousand of my Rhode Island buddies shared the hunger with me.

In life we experience other kinds of hunger beside the hunger for food. It may be for a mother's love and kindness. It may be for our own children who have gone out in the world as nature's laws demand and started their own lives and futures. It may be for the love and affection of a wife, husband, relative or friend. Again, it may be for the friendship and good fellowship that fraternalism can produce among us if it is truly and sincerely understood and practised.

In our own Brotherhood, we often find a new member who never fully understands or realizes what our aims are and should be. They are to unite all eligible persons into a group to help one another, treat one another as brothers, and to eliminate all selfishness, bias and personal prejudices from our order. If we do not impress these ideals in the mind of the newcomer, he often loses interest in our society, stays away from the meetings, and eventually has to be dropped as a member.

There is in every human being a hunger for fellowship. We should all try to satisfy that hunger as soon as a new member enters the door of our hall, or whenever we meet a brother or member of our society. We should take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself to do all we can to cement fraternal ties and friendship among our members, both the newcomers and the older ones. Then we are truly giving good food to those who are hungry for friendship.

Iowa District Meeting

The Iowa United Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America held their 24th annual state convention at Newell, Iowa, with Lodge No. 147 as host on August 30, 31 and September 1, 1952.

Saturday evening, August 30, was spent in registration, social hour and lunch at the Allee Memorial Building.

Sunday noon, following church services, a smorgasbord was held at the IOOF hall. The food was really delicious. At 2 p. m., the brothers and sisters gathered at Allee Memorial Building and were welcomed to the convention after which the sisters retired to the IOOF hall. The brothers then held their business meeting.

The banquet was held at 6:30 p. m. Dinner music was provided and following the banquet the convention was greeted and welcomed by Newell's Mayor, O. B. Rogers. Rev. Jespersen gave a short talk and some musical selections were presented. Arnold Rasmussen, toastmaster, introduced Supreme and State Officers with stories about them that brought much laughter and some embarrassment to them. Supreme Officers present were Sister Christine Miller, Supreme President of the Danish Sisterhood and Brother Hans

Norregaard, Supreme Trustee of the Danish Brotherhood. Dancing occupied the rest of the evening.

Monday, September 1, the business meeting opened at 9 a. m., and the following officers were elected: Chris Sorensen, Past President; Paul Paulsen, President; Howard Neilsen, Vice-President; Edwin Estergard, Secretary-Treasurer; Niels Nielsen, Trustee; Chris Sloth, Trustee; Hans Gertsen, Conductor; M. Petersen, Guard.

The Newell Lodge No. 147 should be congratulated for its hospitality, refreshments, and good will during the state convention which enabled everyone to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

E. C. ESTERGARD, Sec.-Treas.

In the election of 1950, all off-year voting records were broken. Yet 314,000 citizens in Connecticut couldn't vote. 330,000 in Indiana couldn't vote. 880,000 in New Jersey couldn't vote and almost four million in New York State couldn't vote. Why? Simply because they neglected to register. Don't lose your right to vote this year. Find out where and how and when to register by inquiring at the city hall or county courthouse.

Gala Night At Lodge No. 92

Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Illinois, had an eventful evening on Friday, September 12, when four old-timers received their 50-year honor emblems.

President Danielson presented these emblems to Soren H. Arnkill, Henry Henricksen and Emil Jensen. Olof Henricksen, was unable to be present. Also present was Jens Fredricksen and John F. Hansen, who had already received their 50-year honor membership emblems and 50 other members and guests.

After a social evening refreshments were served.

Honor Roll

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

| Lodge No. | Recommender | Location | New Members Enrolled |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 113 | Norbert E. Grove, | Enumclaw, Wash. | 12 |
| 263 | Svend Petersen, | Askov, Minn. | 9 |
| 92 | Gerhart Rasmussen, | St. Charles, Ill. | 8 |
| 328 | Charles Jensen, | Vancouver, B. C., Can. | 8 |
| 263 | Jens Krogh, | Askov, Minn. | 7 |
| 299 | Niels Petersen, | Solvang, Calif. | 7 |
| 301 | Ejner Madsen, | Akron, Ohio | 7 |
| 227 | Johan Emanuelsen, | Detroit, Mich. | 7 |
| 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 |
| *184 | Harold Sundby, | Hayward, Calif. | 5 |
| 299 | Chris Madsen, | Solvang, Calif. | 5 |
| 125 | Axel Christensen, | Los Angeles, Calif. | 4 |
| 322 | Jorgen H. Jendresen, | Santa Barbara, Calif. | 4 |
| 322 | Niels P. Christensen, | 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 |
| 29 | Otto Nielsen, | Seattle, Wash. | 3 |
| 34 | Andrew P. Nielsen, | Dwight, Ill. | 3 |
| 183 | Andrew Nielsen, | Troy, N. Y. | 3 |
| 227 | Viggo Mikkelsen, | Detroit, Mich. | 3 |
| 242 | Thos. Larsen, | Erie, Pennsylvania | 3 |
| 255 | Hans M. Andersen, | Selma, Calif. | 3 |
| *262 | Edward Nielsen, | Cozad, Nebr. | 3 |
| 314 | Holger G. Esbesen, | Hartford, Conn. | 3 |
| 314 | Christian M. Lønstrup, | Hartford, Conn. | 3 |
| 314 | N. Skipper Nielsen, | Hartford, Conn. | 3 |
| *330 | E. H. Braather, | Prince George, B. C., Can. | 3 |

*Admitted this month.

Juveniles included in the above.

LIST OF LODGES

| Lodge No. | Location | New Members | Membership Jan. 1, 1952 |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 328 | Vancouver, B. C., Canada | 41 | 112 |
| 335 | Port Alberni, B. C., Canada | 35 | New Lodge |
| 299 | Solvang, Calif. | 17 | 33 |
| 263 | Askov, Minn. | 16 | 138 |
| 314 | Hartford, Conn. | 15 | 173 |
| 227 | Detroit, Mich. | 14 | 281 |
| 113 | Enumclaw, Wash. | 13 | 64 |
| 126 | Los Angeles, Calif. | 13 | 306 |
| 330 | Prince George, B. C., Canada | 13 | 42 |
| 322 | Santa Barbara, Calif. | 12 | 99 |
| 42 | Spokane, Wash. | 11 | 66 |

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|------|---------------------|----|-----|
| 92 | St. Charles, Ill. | 10 | 94 |
| 322 | Ripon, Calif. | 9 | 39 |
| 4 | Racine, Wis. | 8 | 281 |
| 14 | Kenosha, Wis. | 7 | 216 |
| 29 | Seattle, Wash. | 7 | 386 |
| 301 | Akron, Ohio | 7 | 36 |
| 70 | Greenville, Mich. | 6 | 107 |
| 242 | Erie, Pa. | 6 | 176 |
| 34 | Dwight, Ill. | 5 | 92 |
| 39 | Oakland, Calif. | 5 | 225 |
| * 41 | Derby, Conn. | 5 | 55 |
| * 59 | Menominee, Mich. | 5 | 89 |
| 103 | Waterbury, Conn. | 5 | 38 |
| 107 | Chicago, Ill. | 5 | 75 |
| *183 | Troy, N. Y. | 5 | 84 |
| *190 | Schenectady, N. Y. | 5 | 149 |
| 318 | Copenhagen, Denmark | 5 | 168 |

*Admitted this month.

Juveniles included in the above.

New Members

| Booster | No. of Lodge | Location | New Member |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| John Jacobsen | 36 | Milwaukee | Paul A. Jensen |
| Charles Peters, Jr. | 41 | Derby | Alexander J. Bryce |
| Henry Andersen | 41 | Derby | Robert C. Andersen |
| James Heckel | 59 | Menominee | George Hansen |
| Andrew Anderson | 59 | Menominee | Gary Wheaton |
| Harry A. Nielsen | 59 | Menominee | Robert Nielsen |
| Harry A. Nielsen | 59 | Menominee | Harold Larsen |
| Harold Sundby | 67 | Fresno | Kenneth L. Selzer |
| Harold Sundby | 67 | Fresno | Harry B. Hansen |
| Harold Sundby | 67 | Fresno | John M. Hansen |
| S. C. Sorensen | 84 | Lincoln | William F. Ross |
| Axel Christensen | 126 | Los Angeles | Henry Leete |
| Eiler F. Jensen | 139 | Viborg | Niels Urup |
| Eiler F. Jensen | 139 | Viborg | Holger B. Pedersen |
| John P. Jensen | 140 | Chicago | Paul Nielsen |
| John V. Jensen | 143 | Petaluma | Terrance Jensen |
| Paul Petersen | 164 | Brooklyn | Henry G. Hansen |
| Christian Jensen | 183 | Troy | Burton W. Mosher |
| Christian Jensen | 183 | Troy | John E. Nielsen |
| Henry Bukke | 190 | Schenectady | R. A. Agervig |
| Axel Lohmann | 227 | Detroit | Wilhelm P. Larsen |
| Fred Sorensen | 227 | Detroit | Walter Sorensen |
| John Emanuelsen | 227 | Detroit | Carl W. Dryer |
| Ole C. Beck | 242 | Erie | Earl L. Lynge |
| Henry Hansen | 261 | Fowler | Donald R. Wooters |
| S. Edward Nielsen | 262 | Cozad | Soren Brauner |
| Aage Dolleris | 325 | Nassau Co. | Dan S. Schmidt |
| Peter Hubbe | 328 | Vancouver | H. Christoffersen |
| Aksel Rasmussen | 335 | Port Alberni | V. R. Olsen |

There was a gain in membership during the first six months of 1952. Let's have a repeat performance the last six months.

Let's go.

Captain Carlsen's Denmark

(Editor's note: The following communication was received by Elmer Andersen, Grand Secretary of the Scandinavian American Fraternity, in his capacity as secretary of the Eau Claire Rotary Club, Eau Claire, Wis. It is taken from the columns of the S. A. F. Monthly Journal.)

This greeting comes from a little country of only four million inhabitants—comes to you in fact, from "Captain Carlsen's Denmark."

Recently, the Secretary of the Copenhagen Rotary Club has received many letters from American Rotarians asking for information about this little country, and, hearing of this, I conceived the idea of writing an account of some facts of Danish life which would give our American friends an impression of life in Denmark today. To choose a suitable theme proved difficult, but I finally decided that it would be of interest to you if I told you something of the **Social Services** which benefit Danish people from the cradle to the grave, for in this field Denmark is one of the world's most progressive nations.

Danish Social Legislation is not new, for certain of our regulations date back to the 17th century. It was, however, immediately before, during and after World War I that the most far-reaching social reforms took place, and these have meant much to our country. As might be expected, the development of these social reforms was considerably retarded by the German occupation of 1940 and the subsequent post-war difficulties, but there is now every indication that the coming years will see still further progress.

Social Security in Denmark Today

Even the unborn child has many privileges, whether its parents are married or not, everything possible is done to give it a good start in life.

There is a Mother's Welfare League ready to guide and advise the expectant mother on all personal, social and medical problems, and she is examined at regular intervals by doctor and midwife, without charge.

Unmarried women and mothers without means are given clothes for their babies and receive free treatment in up-to-date maternity homes both during and after confinement.

Free milk too is provided for all those women whose income group entitles them to full benefits from the Health Insurance Companies—almost a pint a day for the six months before the birth and twice as much for the six months thereafter.

After the baby is born, a "mother's help" may be called in to assist with the housework or the care of other children—a service for which payment is made according to the individual's taxable income.

In their first year, the children are regularly examined by a trained nurse, who advises the mothers on their care and upbringing, and all children under the age of 7 are entitled to a free medical examination once a year. The cost of these medical services is shared by the State and Local Authorities.

In Copenhagen—the capital of Denmark—and many provincial towns, nurseries and kindergartens

are privately maintained, though with financial help from the State and Municipalities, for those children whose parents must work. And so great is the demand, that, even though there are many such institutions in all part of the country, children must often be placed on waiting lists before they are born.

As early as 1814, compulsory schooling was introduced for children between the ages of 7 and 14, and in the majority of schools—whether elementary, intermediate or senior—education is free. (Intermediate and senior schools correspond, more or less, to your American junior and senior high schools.) Consequently it is not unusual for children from working class homes to continue their education to the age of 18 when the senior school examinations which are entrance examinations for the universities, are taken.

Special state-controlled institutions exist for the care of deaf and dumb, blind or mentally deficient children. Doctors and teachers who come in contact with such children are bound by law to make a report to the social committee of the municipality concerned, and they in turn must report to the appropriate institution. If the parents of such children fail to provide and care for them, the children are removed to the state institution concerned.

Yet every parent has the right to teach his or her child at home, though such children must be examined each year by the local school authorities.

In order to ensure that poor school children in the cities and towns are properly nourished, a wholesome and adequate meal is provided free of charge during the winter months for those whose parents wish it. Moreover, every school child from a working class home in the capital can have a free six week's summer holiday. For many summers past the Danish farmers have welcomed these children to their homes and their travel on the State Railway is free.

In return, provincial and village school student bodies are invited to stay in the schools in Copenhagen, where, for a few days, the children can visit museums, churches, factories and other places of interest.

Summer holidays are not confined to the children, for by the Danish vacation laws every employe and domestic servant is entitled to an annual 14 day holiday with pay during the summer months.

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Every business concern must pay its employes a holiday allowance of 4% of the wages earned during the last year of employment.

A cooperative movement—the "Workers' Holiday Association"—which received grants from the trade unions and labor organizations, helps working people to have a real healthgiving break. It has established holiday towns—colonies of small houses which can be rented by holidaymaking families who are prepared to do their own cooking. The movement also arranges exchanges between people from town and country districts.

Social legislation is deeply concerned with the protection of labor in times of unemployment. In 1917 the State instituted a grant to the Trade Union Unemployment Fund, so that every unemployed person could draw a weekly allowance. The amount of this grant is, however, dependent on the funds of the individual Union, and each worker must pay a contribution to his trade union, of which a large proportion goes to the Unemployment Fund.

In 1893 the first Health Insurance Companies were by both workers and small farmers and now 75% of Denmark's population are members. Everyone between the age of 21 and 60 must subscribe to a Health Insurance Company, but only those whose income and property do not exceed a certain sum are considered as "active" members and are allowed to benefit. Such active members receive free medical treatment and partially free medicines and dental treatment, they may choose their own doctor and consult him whenever it is necessary and specialist attention is available when required. The doctors receive a fixed annual fee for each patient on their list.

In Denmark, any person who has been employed for six months is entitled to full wages during sickness and cannot be given a dismissal notice while he is ill. Weekly wage earners are, however, paid during illness by their unemployment fund and health insurance companies, and not by their employers.

Most hospitals are free, and patients with health insurance cards are given a hospital bed and all treatment without payment. A small part of the cost of this is paid by the health insurance companies, the rest being met from public sources. General hospitals are run by the local authorities, hospitals for mental diseases by the State and sanatoriums for the treatment of tuberculosis by the Tuberculosis Association.

In 1891 the first old-age pensions were introduced to this little country, and in this I believe we were the pioneers. Contrary to the practice in other countries, these pensions are entirely supported by the state and local authorities. Women of over 60 years of age and men of over 65 years are entitled to an old-age pension, providing their income is below a certain maximum, and the amount of the pension is determined according to fixed rates.

There are many homes for the aged and infirm, and everything is done to make them as comfortable and homelike as possible. Some municipalities have even built apartment houses for the aged, with annual rents as low as 43 dollars for single people and little more for married couples.

And so, from cradle to grave, social legislation in Denmark cares for the Danish people.

I hope this account has not bored you. This opportunity of talking to my fellow members through

this medium has given me great pleasure and I hope that one day I may have the added pleasure of meeting you.

Thank you for listening and goodbye from "Captain Carlsen's Denmark."

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News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention Of The General Committee

This convention was held in Troy, N. Y., sponsored by Lodge No. 183 and was opened at 2 p. m., on Saturday, August 30.

President N. Nielsen of Troy lodge bid all welcome, he introduced the chairman of the committee, Robert E. Nielsen, who then in turn introduced the Mayor of the city, Hon. Fitzgerald, he gave us all the key to the city and gave a short history of Troy, most interesting.

The president of the General Committee, Andrew Thomsen was then presented and he presented all the officers present at the convention.

The chairman of the committee explained in detail what was going on the three days we were to be in Troy and following this the official opening came to a close and the meeting was then opened in the D. B. hall next door to where the main functions were to take place.

We will not here go into details about the business meeting but as this was the first meeting after the national convention in Detroit, several questions from that was brought forward, as usual, C. B. Christensen, Past Supreme President was present and he did in his usual fine way explain any questions asked. All in all, it was a fine meeting all through the several sessions and the most congenial spirit was found during the whole three days.

The secretary of the General Committee, who originally lived in Providence, R. I., but moved to Georgia during the year, was not present, the alternate secretary, Brother Nordine from Warren, Pa., took over his job and did a very fine job of it, so good in fact that he was elected secretary for the General Committee for the next term.

During the meeting on Monday morning two candidates were initiated into Troy lodge, the initiation was performed by all past presidents and officers of the General Committee, George V. Petersen acted as president, according to those present it was a nice job and the past officers certainly appreciated the fact that they were recognized at this point.

The newly elected officers were installed by past Supreme President C. B. Christensen with the assistance of J. Jorgensen from Bridgeport. A nice job as usual.

Upon arriving in Troy Saturday noon, we were greeted by the committee who consisted of all younger members, assisted to some extent by a few of the older members, it was indeed a job well done and much praise should go to these young men.

Lunch was served at noon on Saturday, dinner and entertainment Saturday evening, lunch again Sunday noon, banquet and dancing in the evening and on Monday noon the usual Dansk Frokost, this was indeed a Frokost we long remember, as were all the meals.

Something of interest took place in Troy, a gold cup, was given to the lodge who had the largest number of members registered at the convention, in pro-

portion to the membership of the lodge, this was won by Oneonta Lodge No. 300, a close second was Geneva lodge. This cup will be presented again next year and will again go to the lodge with the largest attendance, when won by any lodge three years, it will be the property of the lodge.

Many very valuable prizes were also given away, all in all it was tops.

The convention in 1953 will be held at the Old People's Home in Metuchen, plan to go there and see this beautiful new home.

The new officers are as follows: Ex-President, Andrew Thomsen, of Lodge No. 32, New Haven; President, Paul Thofner, of Lodge No. 50, Port Chester; Vice-President, Aage Jespersen, of Lodge No. 314, Hartford; Secretary, James Nordine, of Lodge No. 202, Warren; Treasurer, Carl Christensen, of Lodge No. 190, Schenectady; Trustee, Peter Christensen, of Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy.

Between 200 and 300 people were present at all times during the convention, what better proof of a fine affair.

Fifty-Fifth Anniversary of Rosenborg Lodge No. 102

The 55th anniversary in conjunction with 70th Jubilee of the D. B., was celebrated on Saturday September 20 at Crown Hotel in Providence, R. I.

Present were a little over 100 guests, a beautifully decorated head table and smaller tables with small flowers made a fine setting. A fine chicken dinner was served and welcome by the chairman, George Petersen presenting the toastmaster for the evening, Hon. Harry Sandager, former Congressman from Rhode Island.

The speakers were all very fine and short as they were followed by entertainment by Dr. Henry Gerald, (the Wizard of Denmark).

The speakers called up in order were president of Lodge No. 102, Harold Hosbond; president of Sisterhood lodge in Providence, Annie Lincoln; past president, General Committee, A. Thomsen; Supreme Trustee, D. S. S., Edith Seidell; president, General Committee, Paul Thofner; Past Supreme President, C. B. Christensen; vice-president, General Committee, Aage Jespersen; and last but not least Ambassador Henrik Kauffmann. Everybody was happy that an enjoyable evening was had. Our living charter members were unable to be present, Chris. Madsen, Albert Lauridsen and Jens Jensen.

A 45 year bar was presented to Brother Hugo

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Visitors were present from the following lodges, Boston, Worcester, Troy, N. Y.; Schenectady, N. Y.; Waterbury, Conn.; Hartford, Conn.; New Haven, Conn.; Derby, Conn.; and Byram, Conn.

We like to announce to those who so kindly bought tickets for the chair given away, that the chair was won by Miss A. Mulvey, Elmwood Ave., Providence.

"America" and "Der er et yndigt Land," were sung at the opening and closing of the affair.

We appreciate you coming from so far away to help us celebrate and especially appreciate the appearance of Ambassador Kauffmann.

The committee for the affair were George V. Petersen, chairman; Paul Nielsen, secretary; Jens Sorensen, treasurer; Harold Hosbond, Fred Verdich, Jens Jensen, Hugo Heinemann, and Henry Nelson.

Annual Meeting In Nebraska

The annual meeting of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Nebraska Lodges was held in Weeping Water on Saturday, September 13. One of the largest crowds ever to be present was on hand when President Axel Skelbeck called meeting to order. Fifteen lodges were represented and many visitors, among whom were Supreme Trustee Hans Nørregaard from Council Bluffs. A very interesting meeting where many questions concerning the welfare of our organization were discussed at length.

William Johnson, Grand Island, was elected president, Fred Jensen, Omaha, vice president; and S. C.

Sørensen, Lincoln, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Lincoln will be next year's meeting place.

Two hundred and seventy-five people attended the banquet in the evening, after which the new officers were installed by Supreme Trustee, Hans Nørregaard, and the Sisterhood officers by Supreme President Kristine Miller, with assistance of the Omaha Sisterhood Drill Team, who offered an excellent Drill performance.

The rest of the evening was taken up by dancing to excellent music and everybody went home looking back to the city of Weeping Water as one of the most hospitable and friendly little town we have had the pleasure to visit.

The Sisterhood officers elected were Mrs. Nell Katzenstein, Omaha, president; Mrs. Anna Hensley, Lincoln, vice president; and Kristine Nielsen, Cozad, secretary-treasurer.

S. C. SORENSEN.

Life is currently described in one of four ways: As a journey, as a battle, as a pilgrimage, and as a race. Select your own metaphor, but the finishing necessity is all the same. If life is a journey, it must be completed. If life is a battle, it must be finished. If life is a pilgrimage, it must be concluded. And if it is a race, it must be won.

Husk at gaa til Møde i Loge Nr. 318 naar du er i Danmark paa Besøg. Logen møder paa Sct. Knudsvej 26, København, den 1, og 3, Mandag i hver Maaned, Klokken 7:30 Aften. I Maanederne Juni og Juli dog kun den første Mandag.

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P. J. Andersen of Lodge No. 35 In Chicago

"Give honor where honor is due" is a good saying. And surely this man, P. J. Andersen, in my estimation, deserves honor and credit for his work for the "Danish" in Chicago, and the Danish Brotherhood in America, and last but not least "Denmark Lodge No. 35 in Chicago." I am inclined to believe, that if P. J. A. had been more successful with worldly goods, he would perhaps have gotten a "cross" from across the sea. No, P. J. A. is not looking for personal honor; he has always been sincere in his ideas and opinions, and he fights "med aaben Pande" for what he thinks is right. Perhaps, if he had not had so much opposition, he would have gone forward to greater heights in lodge life.

P. J. Andersen was born on Sjælland in Denmark January 11, 1861, and came to America in 1885. He came to Chicago in 1889 and got a job as coachman, and in 1891 joined Lodge No. 35, where he soon took actual part in the lodge affairs. He was elected president in 1898, and again in 1899, and he believes he has had every position in the lodge, off and on through the years. He was later elected secretary, which job he held for 26 years, with only one year off in between. Although he never was a delegate to national conventions, he took an active part in most of them, and always knew what was going on. We in Lodge No. 35 have long ago made him an Honorary Member of our lodge.

P. J. A. was one of the starters of the National Committee in Chicago, and has been a member of that body ever since; 44 years to be exact. He was for many years secretary of that society also. He recalls that the late Sofus Neble was the principal speaker to the first banquet the Nat. Com. ever had.

P. J. A. is a member of the 100 Men's Society in Chicago for 24 years, and its secretary for 23 years, and last he is a Life Member of the Danish Sisterhood of America.

P. J. A. has made his living the last 40 years as an insurance man. He is married and had two children. He has in these many years made three visits to the land of his birth, Denmark.

P. J. Andersen will soon be 93 years old, but he has all his faculties. He collects old age pension, and still does a little insurance business. He lives a happy and contented life, and it is with great pleasure that I give you this description of his long and full life, a great patriot too, not alone for his native land, Denmark, but also his adopted country, America.

En Kæmpe han var i al sin Færd
hvem Frygten aldrig lammed
For Broder-logen faldt hans Sværd
og mangelsteds har det flammert;
et Stridens Emne endnu han staar
og bli'r det vel i hundrede Aar;
det viser,—dybt han rammed.

In closing may I say to you P. J.—May you yet have many years to live, and to enjoy life, as well as your lodge, which, we all know you hold so dear.

Yours truly,

A. SVENDSEN, Sec., No. 35.

Eureka, Calif.

Gimble Lodge No. 95 D. B. S., Ferndale, Calif., held its regular stated meeting Tuesday night, Sept. 23, with Peter Jacobsen, president, presiding. At this meeting Brother Morris P. Frey, of Spruce Point, (south of Eureka), was presented his 50 year pin. According to the records, Brother Frey joined the lodge on Sept. 23, 1902. Gimble Lodge has presented the 50 year emblem to 14 of its members, the most recent one going to Brother Ole Olesen, Ferndale, Calif., who joined the order July 10, 1902. There are two charter members left, Brother Cornelius Rasmussen, 96 years of age, residing in Ferndale, Calif., and Brother N. T. Nielsen, 84 years of age, now residing in Fresno, Calif.

Following the meeting, the brothers joined the sisters in playing cards. Refreshments were served later in the dining room, which was decorated in the birthday theme, commemorating the birthday anniversaries of several sisters. There were short talks given by our two new general committee presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Larsen. Mrs. Niels Dyhrberg, delegate to the D. S. S. national convention in Detroit, was extended many good wishes on her forthcoming trip.

L. L. S.

Henrik Røndum in Memoriam

Henrik Julius Ulrich Martin Røndum, født i Haslev, Danmark, d. 18, April 1877 blev begravet d. 9 September i Philadelphia. Med Hr. Røndums Død har den danske Koloni her mistet et af sine bedste Medlemmer. Afholdt og agtet af alle var han maaske bedst kendt som den udmærkede Korrespondent til Den Danske Pioneer, hvori han berettede om, hvad der hændtes, paa et smukt Dansk. Deri var der intet mærkeligt, for Hr. Røndum var ikke saa lidt af en Digter. Mest kendt er maaske hans smukke Prolog ved Festsiddagen for det danske Kronprinspar, da de besøgte Philadelphia i Maj 1939.

Hr. Røndum startede i Amerika i 1925 med Købet af en Farm i North Carolina. Hans Motiv til, at emigrere var, at give sine Børn bedre Fremtidsmuligheder, end de kunde vente i det krigshærgede Europa. I de vanskelige Tider, som fulgte for ham, var hans trofaste og usædvanlig dygtige Hustru ham en uvurderlig Hjælp.

Hr. Røndum kom til Philadelphia i 1929, hvor han blev et skattet Medlem af Dansk Brodersamfund. Foruden hans Hustru overleves han af fem Sønner og to Døtre. Fire af Sønnene er gifte.

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Utah-Idaho Lodges Hold Convention

The annual convention of the Utah-Idaho Lodges of the Brotherhood held this year in Salt Lake City at the Civic Center, was in all respects a complete success. Delegates from all lodges were present and entered into the spirit of the occasion, by participating in discussions and fraternizing with their brothers.

The theme of the convention was the "70th Anniversary of the Brotherhood in America" which painted a marvelous picture of the past and a potent picture for the future. Delegates from all lodges reported many successes during the past year, indicating prosperity to all the lodges in this area. The convention was presided over by C. Henry Nielsen, President of the General Committee, with other officers of the General Committee assisting. Brother Hilmar W. Hansen, who serves the General Committee in the secretarial capacity, ably assisted those in charge with his unlimited knowledge and wisdom of Brotherhood affairs. It is most fortunate, we have such a brother in our midst to dispense with the able assistance when needed.

The following brothers will represent the several lodges of the Utah-Idaho area as officers during the forth-coming year, to-wit: Ex. Pres., C. Henry Nielsen—267; Pres. Rasmus Christensen—264; V. P., Edgar W. Hansen—78; Sec'y., Hilmar W. Hansen—78; Treas., Soren J. Jespersen—278 (Brother Jespersen was excused from the convention, as he is traveling extensively in Denmark and other parts of the European Continent); the following were elected directors—Chris Pedersen No. 72, J. P. Jensen No. 264, McClaren Funk No. 267, Kjeld Jorgensen No. 268, and the ever-popular Marius Rasmussen was unanimously sustained as correspondent.

During the afternoon, the host lodge and Sisterhood Lodge, entertained the sisterhood ladies at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. George Jensen. After the convention adjourned, Supreme Vice President Hilmar W. Hansen held open house to all delegates and their wives. During the evening a delicious banquet was served at the Hotel Temple Square for 150 people under the direction of the brethren of Lodge No. 278, and spearheaded by their capable president, Einar Nielsen. Toastmaster at the banquet was Brother Earl C. Hansen, and Mrs. Earl Hansen accompanied several numbers during the evening. Speakers for the evening's program were Supreme Vice President Hilmar W. Hansen, who spoke on the "70th" Anniversary of the Brotherhood and detailing events since the inception of this grand and glorious fraternity of brothers. Ex. President C. Henry Nielsen presented appropriate remarks, while other participants of the program included Mrs. Gundhil Kragh whose silver soprano is an expectant thrill.

In passing it is befitting to state that during the convention, or while the convention was convened for a period of about 15 minutes, hamburgers and all the trimmings were served to all delegates by Earl C. Hansen and Geo. Jensen, Jr.

We take our hats off to a good time and a good convention to the brothers of Lodge No. 278 and their congenial President Einar Nielsen, it was won-

derful and well done. More of this and we would have more Brotherhood.

We hope some of the other Brotherhood members in other states can join us next year.

C. HENRY NIELSEN.

Resolutions

MARIUS C. CHRISTENSEN, Waterloo, Iowa

In sincerest memory of our brother, Marius C. Christensen, who passed away August 26, 1952, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting September 12, 1952:

Resolved, that we regret the passing of a good and loyal brother and hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 212 in Waterloo, Iowa,

Sam Jensen, President.
Kristen Hansen, Secretary.

NIELS CHR. POULSEN, Dagmar, Mont.

In memory of our departed brother, Niels Chr. Poulsen, who died September 7, 1952, Dagmar Lodge No. 283 adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that our lodge deeply regrets the loss of a true and loyal brother, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days and that the lodge hereby extends its sympathy to the bereaved family, and that this resolution be in our minutes and also printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Chris Christensen, President.
Kenneth J. Kaae, Secretary.

MILLER NELSON, Junction City, Ore.

In memory of our late brother, Miller Nelson who passed away August 2, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by lodge No. 268:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of our brother, and we hereby extend his widow and family our most sincere sympathy.

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

S. M. Fries, President.
Fred Petersen, Secretary.

OVE BODTKER, Junction City, Ore.

In memory of our late brother, Ove Bodtker, who passed away August 9, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 268 at our regular meeting, September 2, 1952:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a good, true and most loyal brother, and extend to his widow and family our most sincere sympathy.

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

In behalf of Junction City Lodge No. 268 of the Danish Brotherhood.

S. M. Fries, President.
Fred Petersen, Secretary.

NELS CHRISTENSEN, White, S. D.

Det var med Sorg at vor Loge modtog Underretning om Broder Nels Christensen's Død den 24 Aug., 1952. Grundet derpaa vedtog Logen No. 109, White, S. D., følgende Resolution:

At Logen dybt beklager Tabet af en god og agtet Broder at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder Logens Charter for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, og at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol og indtrykkes i D. B. S. Maanedssblad, og at en kopi tilsendes afdødes Hustru.

Paa Loge No. 109s Vegne.

J. P. Jensen, Præsident.
Senius Jensen, Sekretær.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

The Santa Barbara convention is over. From all reports it would appear to be one of our best conventions so far. Your scribe has attended every convention since the convention held in San Francisco in 1926, at which time I was a delegate for the first time, and as far as I am concerned this last convention was the best, viewing it from both the social and business side. Sometime we have had a convention where the social side was tops, but the business side not so good, and other times visa versa. But the convention in Santa Barbara combined the two beautifully.

As soon as we arrived we felt we were welcome. Brother Nels P. Christensen received all those who arrived in the Daylight Limited and took them to the Hotel. The street on which the Hotel Carrillo, convention headquarters, was located, was lined with American and Danish flags, and the Hotel was also decorated in the Danish colours.

As the first day progressed more and more arrived. Delegations from Arcata in the Northern end of California and well as from San Diego near the Mexican border arrived about the same time. Someone mentioned that this was truly a "gathering of the clan" and so it was. The clan of members of the Danish Sister and Brotherhood for their 31st annual State Convention.

The opening of the convention was in the evening of September 11th in the Carrillo Auditorium. About 350 people were present, including all the dignitaries such as the Mayor of Santa Barbara, representative from the Chamber of Commerce as well as two Supreme Officers and the various State officers of the two organizations. After the formal speeches of welcome, we had the pleasure of listening to a delightful program of music, followed by refreshments and dancing.

The two conventions opened at 9 A. M. on Friday morning, September 12th. As far as the Brotherhood is concerned, all officers were present with the exception of our Ex-President, Victor Nielsen, who was unable to be present and his place was taken by Bro. Aage Miller of Santa Barbara Lodge and Ex-President of the General Committee. Besides the officers we found the lodges were represented with 34 delegates at the opening session.

Inasmuch as your secretary will be sending out to the lodges a more detailed report of the conventions, I shall not go too much into the details of what took place. It is of course, also assumed that your delegates to the convention have given you a report upon their return. However, perhaps a few points might not be amiss.

Let me say, first of all, that the meetings were conducted excellently by our President, Bro. Vernon Olsen. It was a real pleasure to see him lead the meetings.

The Convention was greatly honoured by having no less than two members of the Supreme Board with us, namely, Brothers Otto Nielsen from Renton, Washington, First Supreme Vice President as well as our own Hans Andersen from Parlier, California, Supreme Trustee. Both brothers gave us much val-

uable information relative to the Danish Brotherhood, and such visitation by officers of the Supreme Board can only strengthen the ties between us. It is the humble opinion of this writer that we do not see enough of our Supreme Officers, and much more visitation ought to take place.

At this point I should like to compliment the Danish Brotherhood for having a great diplomat on the Supreme Board. As has been pointed out before in this column we were just a bit surprised in California at the method used by the Board in selecting the Convention place in 1955. Well, Brother Hans Andersen was able to get up and give a fine explanation to everyone's satisfaction—almost. And when he was through talking we knew exactly as much as we knew before—nothing. That's diplomacy. Hans ought to be an attorney or at least a politician running for office. Someday we might get the story, but Hans was not spilling the beans.

The following changes in our By-Laws were made:

Section 6, (a) was changed to read: Each Lodge is entitled to representation at the convention by the following number of delegates: Two delegates for the for first fifty members or fraction thereof. One delegate for the next fifty members or fraction thereof and thereafter one delegate for each 100 members or fraction thereof.

The above will, of course, increase the number of delegates, especially from the smaller lodges. The proposal was sent in by Lodge No. 49.

Another change was made relative to new proposals. All proposals must now be in the hands of the secretary at least 60 days prior to the convention. The secretary in turn must mail such proposals to all the lodges not less than 35 days prior to the convention.

The change made in the By-Laws last year relative to the "Order of Business" whereby the election and installation of officers must be on the first day of the convention was rescinded as it was found to be impractical.

It will undoubtedly be recalled that, two years ago, Brother Paul Herskind, as present president of Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, offered \$50 in prizes for the best three letters written by members of the Brotherhood in California, whereby the Brotherhood might be benefited. These letters were printed not so long ago in this magazine. At the Santa Barbara convention Brother Herskind again offered \$50 in prizes for the best three letters. Brother Herskind's gracious offer was accepted with thanks. So brothers get your pencil sharpened, and write your letters. Same should be in my hands not later than July 1, 1953.

The entertainment Friday evening, September 12 was without doubt one of the finest I have ever had the pleasure of attending. It was called a Cabaret Night and was truly unique. The food was excellent and the entertainment outstanding. What made it so unique was this, that it was all home talent. All the food was prepared by the good sisters and the entertainment was all local talent, with one exception,

and that was a native California Indian who entertained us with his tribal dances. It was a young man about 17 years of age who is devoting his life to showing the white man these dances. Most of his dances were ceremonial or religious in nature, and perhaps was not entirely understood by many. One dance, however, was not, and it was on the humorous side, it represented a medicine man trying to treat a patient he did not like. The victim in this instance was none other than Brother Leo Bjeld of San Francisco who showed himself as a good sport by assisting his Indian friend. The outstanding number of the evening, however, was as far as I am concerned a number called the "Goons." It is impossible to describe, but I don't think I have laughed as much during the past 10 years as I did that night. Afterwards we learned the performers were none other than Sister Goldie Hansen and her daughter.

Saturday morning September 13, we had election of officers, and the new officers are as follows: Ex-President Vernon Olsen, Lodge No. 332; President, Curtis Larsen, Lodge No. 230; Vice President, Paul Christensen, Lodge No. 126; Secretary-Treasurer, Rudolph Olsen, Lodge No. 49; Trustees, Herberth H. Helseth, Sr., Lodge No. 332; George Hansen, Lodge No. 49; Gus Hold, Lodge No. 67; Conductor, Alfred Nielsen, Lodge No. 319; Inner Guard, Dan Chr. Andersen, Lodge No. 49; and Outer Guard, Lee Cook, Lodge No. 306.

As far as this writer is concerned it was the 25th time in succession that I had been elected an officer of the General Committee, in that I was first elected an officer in 1928 and since 1932 as Secretary-Treasurer. It was an honor which I deeply appreciated.

The installation of officers was jointly with the Sisterhood officers, and was truly a beautiful affair. As far as the brothers were concerned they were installed by Brother Otto Nielsen, Supreme Vice-President assisted by Brother Hans M. Andersen, Supreme Trustee, both are experienced hands at installing officers and did a fine job. The Sisters were installed by Sister Anna Christensen of Santa Barbara, assisted by gracious Sister Olga Maria Johansen of Oakland. They too are old hands at this installation business and the combination of these four assisted by a drill team of beautiful young ladies made the occasion a memorable one.

The convention closed by a banquet at the Mar Monte Hotel. Seldom have I seen a finer gathering of Danes and their friends anywhere. About 99 per cent were in evening clothes and the spirit of the affair was just about at boiling point. The setting unforgettable in this beautiful hotel located right on the beach of the Pacific Ocean, and the evening semi-tropic. All in all a fitting closing to a perfect convention.

Before closing I should like to pay tribute to the good sisters and brothers in Santa Barbara for having given a perfect convention. It would be impossible to single out anyone in particular for all members worked to make us happy. I would like however, to mention the two Co-Chairmen, Brother Frank Bader and the indefatigable and ever present Sister Lillian Miller. They did a super job. It was a convention we shall remember for many years to come.

The convention in 1953 will be in Fresno, the raisin city, located almost right in the center of California. Let us all look forward to the "gathering of the clan" in Fresno.



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Grove's Comment

Once again, your writer has reread another Danish Brotherhood Magazine from first to last page and as always has enjoyed the interesting activities from our many Lodges throughout these United States, Canada and Denmark. We momentarily refer to the July issue, on whose cover is the photo and details of the newly installed Port Alberni Lodge No. 335. With Canadian Brothers of the calibre in which I hold Einer Plambeck of Vancouver, those boys will "go to town." Then, as I turn the pages, I note the busy doings of Supreme President Svend Petersen and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck through the Middle Western area—celebrating an anniversary here and a milestone there. I find articles on FIRST juveniles and on PAID-UP old timers—typical of the importance the DBS places on young and aged alike. Supreme Ex-President Bystedt Christensen still remains as active as ever on the East Coast and travels to the various occasions and jubilees. Mention is made under News from the Eastern Lodges of H. M. Marker, a fine old Dane who lives at Stoneham, Massachusetts and with whom I once had a nice visit while stationed at Boston. The item on Viborg's No. 139 brings back many pleasant bygone memories when their lodge and Colman's No. 29 staged joint jamborees in South Dakota. But on a following page, we note that Colman's President Grant Dissing has passed on and our sympathies extend that-a-way. Rudolph Olsen's California News from our sister lodges to the South never fails to bring new ideas to the reader. As I dwell a moment on the "Fourth of July in Denmark" column, I wholeheartedly agree with those who would publicize this unique celebration of America's Independence Day in the Danish "Rebild Bakker." First hand information on this yearly festival was once given yours truly by Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen's son-in-law, Fred C. Hoiland, who accompanied Otto on a trip to Aalborg not many years ago. Fred belongs to Seattle's No. 29 but both he and I live in Tacoma where I am a Real Estate Broker and Freddie owns and operates a used car lot "og han er en god Købmand og Handelsmand." Should you perchance be traveling Highway 99 enroute through Tacoma, Hoiland Motors is at 7035 South Tacoma Way. Yes, I shall reread that issue

and all issues of OUR MAGAZINE again one day.

"Short But Sweet" can apply to a lot of things, from females, to fashions, from vacations to haircuts, but it also describes tersely, but accurately, our snappy summer meetings. Through the promotions of Enumclaw's DBS Hall Custodian, Brother Ellery Einess, our August entertainment consisted of some nice musical numbers by Don Ulmer and Dorothy Olson from Auburn, instructors in guitar and accordion perfection.

When your birth date rolls around and you get your driver's license, that's the time to remember the "Voluntary Birthday Club." Happy Birthdays this month to Brothers Soren Ericksen, Graves Gravesen, Hans Kjar, Ove Miller and Chris Jensen. And may we extend belated greetings to a grand lady who celebrated her birth date on August the third—wife of our First Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen.

The visit of Dr. Gerluf Baggesen and wife from Copenhagen was enjoyed at Seattle, Tacoma and Enumclaw as well as at other Northwest stops during the month of August. The doctor is a nephew of the late Rev. Isaksen and is to attend some of our universities on a stipend from the American Scandinavian Foundation. The Baggesens provided Danish evenings of high class entertainment in music, song reading and dialogue in their native tongue.

A most cordial invitation was accepted by Lodge No. 113 from Seattle's DBS and DSS to help celebrate at their yearly picnic staged on the shores of Lake Meridan, August tenth. It was a day of fun and pleasure for the entire family—a day to enjoy wholesome recreation and to promote good fellowship. Typical of the friendly treatment accorded all participants of Danish doings, every picnicker found their journey a distinct success. The credit for making everyone feel at home goes to Immanuel Jensen, Secretary of No. 29.

New days are dawning—great rivers are finally reaching the sea—the terrific task of arranging insurance for our Canadian Lodges is shaping up to a successful conclusion. It is our hope that Canadian Authorities at Ottawa will issue that "bit of paper" which shall mean the difference between social and active DBS Lodges in British Columbia.

Although the following was not submitted to this writer, we happened to see it and felt that it was well worth publishing—Quote: "I want to give

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

| DATE OF DEATH | NAME | AGE | BIRTHPLACE | LODGE NO. | LOCATION | YEAR JOINED | CAUSE OF DEATH | AM'T PAID |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|
| July 29 | George J. Johnsen | 80 | Gunerslev, Falster Den. | 1 | Omaha, Nebr. | 1907 | Carcinoma | \$888.11 |
| Aug. 9 | Chris C. M. Christensen | 70 | Denmark | 16 | Minden, Nebr. | 1911 | Coronary occlusion | 486.89 |
| Aug. 13 | Reinhardt Anderson | 62 | Denmark | 51 | Ludington, Mich. | 1934 | Coronary sclerosis | 500.00 |
| Aug. 1 | Niels C. Bjorholm | 65 | Gerndrup Vejle Amt. | 215 | Battle Creek, Iowa | 1919 | Accident | 1000.00 |
| July 31 | Hans Peter A. Jensen | 70 | Copenhagen, Den. | 39 | Oakland, Calif. | 1913 | Bronchopneumonia | 1000.00 |
| Aug. 10 | Axel Rasmussen | 62 | York, Nebr. | 177 | Cordova, Nebr. | 1915 | Accident | 250.00 |
| March 9 | Hans N. Hansen | 80 | Varde, Den. | 600 | Omaha, Nebr. | 1906 | Not Given | 857.10 |
| June 2 | Andres L. Nielsen | 72 | Seem Sogn, Den. | 119 | Pueblo, Colo. | 1912 | Cerebral hemorrhage | 242.44 |
| Aug. 17 | John M. Madsen | 62 | Aars Alborg Amt. | 128 | Avoca, Iowa | 1914 | Uremia | 500.00 |
| Aug. 18 | Jack Schmidt | 86 | Huglum Slesvig | 29 | Seattle, Wash. | 1903 | Arteriosclerosis | 777.23 |
| Aug. 23 | John A. Sommers | 76 | Redwood, Minn. | 91 | St. Paul, Minn. | 1906 | Carcinoma | 899.20 |
| Aug. 27 | Jens M. Sorensen | 76 | Thorsø Grenaa | 18 | Chicago, Ill. | 1913 | Coronary thrombosis | 1000.00 |
| Aug. 24 | Nels Christensen | 64 | Borglum Sogn Hjør. | 109 | White, S. D. | 1910 | Coronary occlusion | 499.75 |
| Sept. 6 | Paul Jensen | 65 | Aarhus, Den. | 300 | Oneonta, N. Y. | 1928 | Coronary thrombosis | 500.00 |
| Aug. 26 | Louis G. Hanson | 78 | Denmark, Wis. | 12 | Green Bay, Wis. | 1909 | Cerebral hemorrhage | 229.21 |
| Sept. 10 | Frederik J. Moller | 89 | Gabol Slesvig | 46 | Perth Amboy, N. J. | 1906 | Cerebral hemorrhage | 368.15 |
| Aug. 30 | Hans Jensen | 82 | Denmark | 107 | Chicago, Ill. | 1911 | Coronary occlusion | 500.00 |
| Sept. 13 | Chris Sorensen | 87 | Viborg, Amt. | 211 | Grand Island, Nebr. | 1905 | Arteriosclerosis | 383.51 |
| Aug. 29 | Harry F. Hermansen | 57 | Chicago, Ill. | 17 | Chicago, Ill. | 1926 | Carcinoma | 1000.00 |

a sincere thanks to all who in any way contributed to the Northwest Danish Old People's Home for Oregon and Washington. The Directors appreciate very much and support they get from organizations, members and friends—be it money gifts or a friendly visit to the Home and a conversation with the residents. When the Home was started, it was decided to obtain as many members as possible, paying three dollars each year. If the number of members could be raised to a thousand or more, the Home would have an income of \$3000 a year and this amount would pay for all repairs and improvements. The Home and the surrounding park looks very nice and we are proud of it." Signed—John Hansen, President.

Always, it is a pleasant task to announce the arrival of newcomers to the happy homes of happy brothers. Susan is the addition to the Kent domicile of Enumclaw's Organist James Tedrick who is the son-in-law of the conductor, Ingvald Nelsen. Five generations were recently brought together when the baby girl was officially introduced to her grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother—the latter being Mrs. Dorothea Quist, age 86, who came from Denmark 63 years ago at a total transportation and food cost of thirty-six dollars.

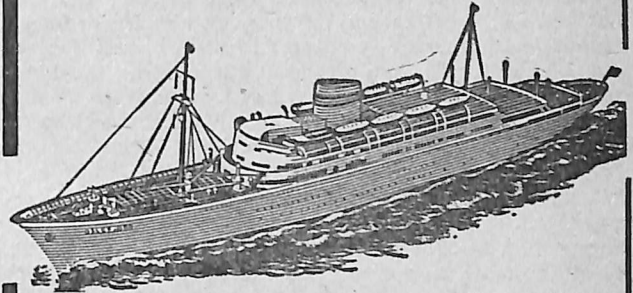
August twenty-sixth was the date of the Old People's Home caravan sponsored by the Lauridsen Fund when a chartered bus loaded to capacity left 10010 Des Moines Way thence out past the eleven million dollar Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and on to Point Defiance Park in Tacoma, a 640 acre virgin wilderness of woodland roadways, flower trails, rose gardens, green turf and extended beauty. After viewing the playfields, Puget Sound, the aquarium, beach, zoo and picnic grounds, the old timers were served lunch by Tacoma's Danish Church ladies. Next, the bus hesitated a minute to view Narrow's Bridge, third largest suspension in the world, and then headed for Mount Rainier's gateway, Enumclaw, and there they were again wined and dined by a committee of Mr. and Mrs. Bent Espersen, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl N. Grove, Mrs. Bonde Bondesen, Mrs. Nels Rasmussen, Mrs. Chris Petersen and Tina Hansen. Accompanying the happy group were Old People's Home President John A. Hansen and Kristinne, immediate Past President John Hansen and Mrs. Hansen, and Secretary Immanuel Jensen and his wife from Seattle—C. Fred Christensen and Marinus Lauersen from Tacoma.

Just as we go to press, Past President Carl N. Grove is being admitted to the Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle for a semi-major operation. Good luck, Pops. With the vacation season over, all lodges in the District are reporting better attendance.

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The importance of foodhandlers in spread of communicable disease becomes clear when we realize that today's restaurant is the dining room of the nation. There are almost a million-and-one-third restaurant workers in the U. S. The country's 525,000 eating and drinking places serve more than 65,000,000 Americans daily—nearly half the population of the nation.

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En Begyndelse

Nu skal der være stor Fest i Dansk Brodersamfunds Loge No. 17, 2517 Fullerton ave., Lørdag den 25 Oktober, i Anledning af at to Brodersamfunds Loger har sluttet dem sammen, Nr. 17 og Nr. 140 af Chicago, til én stor Loge.

Manden sagde, ja nu er vi forlovede, og saa skal vi have Bryllup, og det skal være Lørdag den 25, Oktober Kl. 7 precis, om Aftenen og alle Brødre med Damer og Venner er indviteret til at deltage i Festen, som bliver en Banket med Kalkun Steg og alt hvad der gaar med til et veldækket Bord. Komiteen garanterer at det vil blive en fornøjelses aften, med Dans til Northern Trio Musik. Over President Svend Petersen har lovet at kommer tilstede som Taler ved Festen. Hele Brudegaven bliver kun \$3.25 pr, Deltager, saa sikker dem billet itide eller reservere pr, Phone Hu, 6-9386 inden Mandag den 20 Oktober, da Pladsen er begrænset. Komiteen vil gerne gøre Bryllups Festen saa højtidelig som mulig og derfor maa den vide hvor mange Bryllups Gæster der kommer.

Det første Møde af Sammenslutningen bliver den 2den Oktober og derefter den 1ste og 3die Torsdag.

CHARLES ERIKSEN,
Komite Formand.

An American mother today has better than 999 chances out of 1,000 to come through childbirth safely—the best record in our history and, on a comparable basis, the best in the world.

The annoying stick-fast odor of onions can be quickly removed from hands by rubbing them gently with a paste of baking soda and water. Then wash with soap and water, rinse and dry.

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October, 1952
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En smuk platte



(6 tommer i diameter)

-og en god gerning

En gang imellem er det muligt på een gang at glæde sig selv og gavne andre. "Rebild platten" giver Dem denne mulighed. Det er en smuk platte fremstillet af kunstnere hos Bing & Grøndahl, den danske porcellænsfabrik med verdensry. Dekorationens motiv er The Log-Cabin i de lyngklædte Rebild bakker, årligt samlingssted for hundreder af dansk-amerikanere. Talrige Brodersamfunds Medlemmer har købt den i Danmark og bragt den tilbage som et kært minde. Nu kan De få den her, leveret direkte til Deres hjem. På Deres bord eller hylde vil Rebild platten stå som en værdig hilsen fra det gamle land. Den koster 3 dollars, og af disse går den ene dollar ubeskåret til et specielt velgørenheds formaal efter overbestyrelsens bestemmelse.

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