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Otto Nielsen, Seattle, New Supreme President

The official minutes as compiled by the Supreme Secretary are being compiled in Omaha and will likely be available for next month's issue.

We failed to get a picture of the new president, but it is expected that there will be a complete board picture a little later.

There are two items which the national convention MUST do, namely, elect a set of officers and select the next convention city. Omaha, Nebraska, was selected as the next convention city.

The new Supreme Officers are as follows:

Supreme President: Otto Nielsen, Seattle, Wash.

Supreme First Vice President: Hans M. Andersen, Parlier, Calif.

Supreme Second Vice President: Viggo E. Mikkelsen, Detroit, Mich.

Supreme Secretary-Treasurer: Axel Skelbeck, Omaha, Nebr.

Supreme Chairman of Trustees: Einar Danielsen, St. Charles, Ill.

Supreme Trustee: Chris Madsen, No. Arlington, N. J.

Supreme Trustee: Fred Jensen, Omaha, Nebr.

Supreme Alternate: Stanley Jensen, Minneapolis, Minn.

Supreme Alternate: Rudolph Olsen, San Francisco, Calif.

The social functions of the convention are "covered" in this issue by Norbert Grove.

24th National Danish Brotherhood Convention

By NORBERT E. GROVE

Behind an artistic and most beautiful rostrum decorated with tiny silk flags from each of the 48 states, Canada and Denmark, Supreme President Svend Petersen, Askov, Minnesota, on Monday, September 19, welcomed a conservative estimate of six hundred conventioners to the Danish Capital of America, Racine, Wisconsin, Belle City of the Lakes. Convention General Chairman "Gold Medal Pete," Brother Peter Jensen, introduced not only the leader of approximately 11,000 Danes to the delegation but also Mayor Jack Humble of this fine city as well as several other dignitaries and officials of the order. Since the busy agenda of vital matters from day to day is covered in the regular minutes, I shall try to bring the reader only the social perspectives of this important conclave of one week.

Entertainment was varied and it seemed something was "lined up" at every opportune moment. The host lodge's Inner Guard, Brother Peder Back, Danish Ambassador of good will and a seed man of long time standing, perhaps is the oldest "disc jockey" from the old school, having had a continuous Danish radio program for two hours every Thursday since October 8, 1928. From Copenhagen sources, he receives the tops in music each month and now has a collection of over 6,000 records. Born in Aalborg, Brother Back's program has actually become an institution. Waukegan, Illinois's Swedish glee club; the Northern's orchestra of Racine; city tours to a number of huge industrial plants including the ultra modern factory of Johnson Wax were highlights of the most pleasant week. The Supreme Board of the Danish Sisterhood convened in Chicago but were seen in and around Racine now and again during the entire week. Entertained by DSS Victoria No. 5, Supreme President Marguerite Christensen of

Maplewood, New Jersey, very capably addressed our assemblage. Wires of congratulations and greetings were sent from many originators comprising the White House and the Wisconsin Governor's office.

As I made my way from the depot to convention headquarters at D. B. No. 4's lovely hall, I was driven there by a taxi driver whose father-in-law, Brother Hans Clausen, is a 56-year member of our order. That this was a truly Danish city was foremost in the minds of all of us at every turn of the road. Traditionally clean, impressively sturdy and atmospherically "Dansk" throughout, the answer to "Where was Racine 40 years ago?" was "In Denmark!"

The Racine Lodge has the largest membership in America and it is also the very largest organized Danish group in the world outside of Denmark. Chartered in 1892, Racine has now been national convention headquarters three times — 1893, 1902 and 1955. Omaha, Nebraska, birthplace of the Danish Brotherhood, will have that privilege in 1959 although Erie and San Francisco also bid for the honor. To Lodge No. 4 went the distinguished recognition of providing our first Supreme President, Brother William Wind — hence, it is natural that Racine is often referred to as "Lille Danmark."

Brother Eivind Petersen, Convention General Secretary, was one of the young "spark plugs" of the occasion and he drove several of us to Kenosha where we visited Brother Axel Thomasen, Manager of DBS No. 14's quarters — "you just won't meet nicer people anywhere." But speaking of "spark plugs," Past Supreme President John Hansen was just that and while he is far from being young, he gave the Danish lawmakers a needed "shot in the arm" which undoubtedly influenced much legislation passed during this session. Yes,

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Brev fra Loge 318

København i September

I aar har gamle Danmark haft en sommer med sol og høj himmel af saa usædvanlig længde og skønhed at den vil være god at tære paa i den lange mørke vintertid og staa i venlig erindring.

Men — efter Almanaken skal ogsaa denne gode sommer være paa hæld. Der har i aar været saa mange turister som aldrig før og fortrinsvis fra U.S.A. og Kanada, og loge 318 har haft et stort antal gæster fra Brodersamfundets menige medlemmer, ved logemødet den 26de august var der 6 besøgende, nemlig Brdr. Martin Petersen, og Sofus Svendsen fra loge 164, J. Hansen loge 214, Rudolf Olsen loge 49, Holt loge 67, H. Sundby loge 184, disse velkomne gæster dannede en værdig ramme om "the grand old man" Rudolf Olsen, at nævne det hele om sidstnævnte er min pen ikke stor nok til, hans egne gerninger i Brodersamfundets tjeneste taler for sig selv, og vi kan smigre os med at Rudolf himself i klare vendinger roste anden og stilen der hersker i 318. 2 dage forud dette logemøde ankom Helga og Rudi til Københavns. Hovedbanegaard hvor repræsentanter for loge 318 modtog dem med fuld honør og var nogle af de første som bød ægteparret velkommen til Danmark.

Solen skinner endnu (man fristes til at kalde det California style).

Jeg vil slutte med en tak til sommerens gæster, dem der var og de der endnu er her, og de hjerteligste hilsner til alle der ville være gæst omend i Juleskibet,s ankomst, mon vi ikke skulde finde gode venner der naar det lægger til kaj.

Med broderlig hilsen i loge 318,s navn,

ALB. PETERSEN, Sek.

P. S. Loge 318 har den glæde at kunne meddele at Br. Rudolf Olsen, Loge 49, samt Br. Harald Sund-

by, Loge 184, bærede os med at blive optaget some "friendship members", hvilket vi betragter som et værdifuldt tillidsvotum. Begge disse brødre er jo vidt bekendt, Br. Rudolf Olsen er jo super skribent paa den vestlige side i samme grad som vor noksom bekendte George V. Petersen fra Rhode Island er det paa den østlige, imellem disse to er B. S. godt forankret.

Change of Officers

Treasurer:

Lodge No. 42, Svend Kaufman, 428 W. Glass, Spokane, Washington.

Lodge No. 233, Willy Andersen, 2654 Westbrook Drive, Toledo 13, Ohio.

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1955
263	Askov, Minnesota	15	130
190	Schenectady, New York	12	144
227	Detroit, Michigan	12	316
116	Newark, New Jersey	11	165
330	Prince George, B. C.	10	52
126	Los Angeles, California	9	295
328	Vancouver, B. C.	8	194
49	San Francisco, California	7	347
113	Enumclaw, Washington	6	85
183	Troy, New York	6	82
4	Racine, Wisconsin	5	521
30	Muskegon, Michigan	5	57
67	Fresno, California	5	82
268	Junction City, Oregon	5	63
299	Solvang, California	5	65

Honor Roll

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
263	Svend Petersen	Askov, Minnesota	13
330	Niels Sorensen	Prince George, B. C.	7
113	Norbert E. Grove	Enumclaw, Wash.	6
67	Julius Hansen	Fresno, California	5
268	Peter Skovbo	Junction City, Oregon	5
116	Preben Wendt	Newark, New Jersey	4
227	Albert R. Halse	Detroit, Michigan	4
227	Christian Larsen	Detroit, Michigan	4
255	Melvin W. Hoegh	Selma, California	4
29	J. Magnus Jensen	Seattle, Washington	3
49	Henning Jensen	San Francisco, Calif.	3
62	A. M. Petersen	Sioux City, Iowa	3
116	Carl E. Rasmussen	Newark, New Jersey	3
183	Andrew Thomsen	Troy, New York	3
230	Gunnar Ladefoged	Arcata, California	3

The practice of taking a routine chest roentgenogram for all patients admitted to the hospital is tending to become universal. Few clinicians question the value of such films; they have come to be accepted as a part of routine studies, similar to the blood cell count and urinalysis.

Financial Report

AUGUST 31, 1955

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1955	\$19,939.63
Assessments	10,449.01
Interest on bonds	6,048.60
Certificate loans	12.50
Interest on certificate loans	.75
	\$36,450.49

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$17,388.55
Collection expense on bond coupons	4.00
Balance on hand August 31, 1955	19,057.94
	\$36,450.49

General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1955	\$10,210.21
Received in August	622.64
Dues and per capita tax	19,245.00
	\$30,077.85

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 3.40
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	45.52
Rent and lights	181.14
Printing and mailing official publication	424.76
Membership reward	7.00
General office expense	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,212.00
Employers taxes paid S. S.	18.70
Balance on hand August 31, 1955	28,135.33
	\$30,077.85

Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1955	\$13,067.45
Relief assessments	4.50
Interest on bonds	112.50
Relief payments returned	14.44
	\$13,198.89

Disbursements:

Relief payments	\$ 313.50
Balance on hand August 31, 1955	12,885.39
	\$13,198.89

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1955	\$ 4,902.49
Juvenile assessments	176.13
	\$ 5,078.62

Disbursements:

Balance on hand August 31, 1955	\$ 5,078.62
	\$ 5,078.62

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$4,002,015.39
Relief fund investments	240,000.00
General fund	40,000.00
Cash in bank	65,157.28
	\$4,347,172.67

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Svend A. Nyboe	4	Racine	Glenn P. Nyboe
Arthur Burkall	30	Muskegon	Rex Alan Burkall
Arthur Burkall	30	Muskegon	Chris Burkall
Jens M. Jensen	35	Chicago	Holger Rasmussen
Jacob Friedrichsen	49	San Francisco	Alex Jensen
S. P. Petersen	95	Ferndale	Michael Nissen
Thomas Jensen	106	Chicago	Walter M. Bollman
Torben Hansen	126	Los Angeles	S. Brinkmann
Ralph Rovn	134	Ringsted	James R. Rovn
Iver Simonsen	230	Arcata	Soren K. Larsen
Gunnar Ladefoged	230	Arcata	Hans L. Andersen
Gunnar Ladefoged	230	Arcata	Henry M. Juhl
Gunnar Ladefoged	230	Arcata	Hugh A. McLearn
Knud P. Kaae	283	Dagmar	Frede Kjargaard
Christian Madsen	299	Solvang	Ove N. Mortensen
F. W. Kristensen	299	Solvang	Viggo Pedersen
Holger Hatting	314	Hartford	Guy H. Nielsen
A. B. Christiansen	322	Santa Barbara	W. Hammel
A. Petersen	330	Prince Geo.	R. H. E. Moller

Colorado-Wyoming Convention

The Colorado-Wyoming lodges held their District convention on August 27, at Laramie, Wyoming. This was also the 65th birthday anniversary of Laramie Lodge No. 38. Supreme Vice President Hilmar W. Hansen installed the newly elected officers.

The banquet held after the business meeting was greatly enjoyed by all present. Following the banquet Supreme Vice President Hilmar W. Hansen gave a very fine talk on the future of the Brotherhood.

A special thanks to Laramie Lodge No. 38 for their wonderful hospitality and to their committee who helped in making the convention a success. A grand and glorious time was had by all.

Columbia Lodge No. 43,

JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.

High heels that throw the body and its functioning out of balance were blamed for many of the gynecologic disorders of women of 30 or older.

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

24th National Danish Brotherhood Convention

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we had a number of "sparks" who were active both on the convention floor and on the side lines — I am at the moment thinking of Gerhart H. Rasmussen, delegate from Racine and their very capable secretary, who said, "There is no point in meeting if we all agree." Tuborg and Carlsberg, of course, along with delicious Danish food, embracing a daily fare of "Medisterpølse" prepared by the good Sisterhood ladies, was always on hand and it was with delegate Hans Soe from Toledo that I had my last beer and with the Minneapolis delegate, Stanley Jensen, my last aspirin.

Seattle and Council Bluffs were very well represented and each of these two cities must have had at least thirty Brothers and Sisters present. Howard Nielsen, office assistant to Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, was on hand and it was a pleasure to get acquainted with not only this young Brother but also with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erik Nielsen. Mentioning folks, Brother Eivind's mother and dad, Racine's Trustee Chairman Emil Petersen, have just returned from Denmark. And now that we are on the subject of Denmark, I met the California General Committee Secretary-Treasurer Rudolph M. Olson and his fine wife for the first time and they were enroute home from a European tour which took in the Danish colony. And thinking of our fatherland, "Der er et yndigt land" was heard quite a number of times during the week's events.

Danish Brotherhood hall headquarters at Seventh and Grand was a handshaking, backslapping congestion of good fellowship at all times. Hotel Racine, overlooking Lake Michigan, housing most of the "big wheels" and providing ample space for committee meetings played a weighty part in our deliberations. Streamlined cocktail parties and honorary dinners sponsored by the Swedish American Line, the Scandinavian Airlines System and other backers were the social highlights of the week in addition to the convention banquet in Memorial hall followed by the grand ball for delegates and guests. At this gigantic affair, we were pleased with the presence of His Excellency, Ambassador Henrik Kauffmann for his third visit to our national conventions. In the service of Denmark since 1911, he has several times brought credit supreme to the Danes through his diplomatic intelligence and foresight especially on April 9, 1940, when Germany invaded the little country. Speaking highly of the DB and DS organizations as important links in the chain of a free world, his honor wished us all Godspeed in the future.

It was my pleasure at the convention banquet to dine with Brother and Mrs. Jens Chr. Nielsen of Dike, Iowa; Brother and Mrs. Marinus Nielsen, Albert Lea, Minnesota; Brother Clarence Morgensen, Askov; and Brother and Mrs. Chris Hansen, Seattle — the latter enroute to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where lives Pastor Alfred Sorensen, and to Sheridan, Wyoming, for a visit with their daughter. The dignity of age is always recognized at a Danish Brotherhood gathering and all honored 50-year members were provided with a reserved table. I noticed that Brother Carl Thorby of Racine was not only wearing a 50-year lapel pin but also an Ex-President's button. Soothing music by Orson White at the Hammond organ reached us while we had shrimp cocktail, tossed salad, sirloin of beef, boiled potatoes with brown gravy, green beans, whole kernel corn, pumpernickel and blue cheese, and Danish layer cake with whipped cream. Brother

Thorval M. Beck, whose son had just driven in from Florida and whom I met at the Elks club, was the toastmaster and Rev. Robert S. Heide gave the invocation. Ethel Jensen, President of the Racine Sisterhood, spoke for the ladies. Thrilling was the performance of the YMCA Kiltie Drum and Bugle Corps.

At a regular meeting of DB No. 4 in Racine, we witnessed the initiation of eighteen new members into our order and it was indeed inspirational to hear two-term local President Erik Raahauge, Denmark born, and his capable officers recite the rituals in opening and closing the lodge. After adjourning, I stepped across the street to have coffee with Bert Vium (that's the Brother who relieved us of our banquet tickets at the front door) who owns and operates a small restaurant called Quality Lunch. Next, in the company of Portland, Oregon's delegate, Charles Ed. Hirsch, and Vancouver, British Columbia's delegate, Svend Johansen, I visited committeeman Russell Jensen's Crescent Tavern out on the highway before appearing at another of California's Albert F. Tunesen's caucus gatherings to organize voting strategy and study current proposals. I am in hopes that when we meet in Omaha, our efforts have not been in vain and that we can truthfully say "We are a growing DBS and have not lost the inherited desire to rub elbows with our fellow men and promote congenial companionship."

Open installation of new Supreme Officers was under the direction and supervision of Past Supreme Presidents C. B. Christensen, Schenectady, New York, and John Hansen, Davenport, Iowa. At one point of the ceremonies, Bysted and John were actually the Danish Brotherhood of America — retiring officers having been seafed and new obligees not yet charged with the oath and obligation. When Immediate Past President Svend Petersen, Askov, joined the Ex-President's club, I noticed that all three were "bald headed." No music was provided and while the installing of officers was actually less impressive than many local lodges, the extemporary remarks were sincere and helped to bring out the seriousness of the huge responsibilities placed on the shoulders of the Brothers we had elected to the seven high offices. "We were all witnesses" as Otto Nielsen, Seattle, was given the gavel to head our organization of Danish men and men married to Danish women, and as he threw a kiss to his charming wife, Anna. Introduced by the new leader, were First Vice President Hans M. Andersen, Parlier; Second Vice President Viggo E. Mikkelsen, Detroit; Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, who pledged the duties with increased significance for the fifth time; Trustee Chairman Einar Danielson, St. Charles, Illinois; Second Trustee Chris Madsen, North Arlington, New Jersey; and Fred Jensen, Omaha. Pictures were constantly being taken and while flash bulbs were exploding at every angle, the writer queried if the foremost thought in everyone's mind was not the same as his own — what accomplishments can we expect in the next four years. Svend had graciously bowed out although I know he would have liked to succeed himself and Otto vowed to do his sincere best which we know he has always done since he joined the Brotherhood in 1911. Trustee Chris Madsen's sister, the Supreme DS President, congratulated each of our officers with a handshake but with a kiss for her brother to which action, Trustee Fred Jensen complained. John Hansen nearly wore out the words "I'll say this" and most speakers overdid the expression "from the bottom of my heart."

With a "God Bless You" we stood adjourned until the third Monday in September, 1959. Retiring Trustee

Hans Norgaard, for many years in the automobile business, parted by wishing everyone "Bon Voyage" and "Drive Carefully." Delegate Thorvald M. Jensen from Fremont, Nebraska, looked so much like retiring President Svend, that folks were bidding the wrong man goodbye. Brother Tage Frederiksen, Seattle, had several requests for autographs and pictures as he resembled President Eisenhower. Delegate Fred K. Holm of Los Angeles sent personal regards back to his two kin brothers in Enumclaw, Washington — Jens P. and Hans E. Nearly the entire General Committee wanted to be remembered to Seattle's Rev. Jens Kjær. A friend of the Pacific Northwest Old People's Residence, Brother Einer Johnson of Menominee, Michigan, wished to be remembered to the West Coast and the new Supreme Second Vice President Viggo informed me that he was a cousin of Brother Arent Nielsen, just recently resigning from the Home. I had the final honor of working on the farewell resolutions with Delegate Julius Hansen, Fresno, living up to his profession as attorney and always getting into the "thick and the thin" of it. Philadelphia's Delegate John H. Nissen brought me special greetings from their Secretary Gunnard Froelich. Through the efficient help of Brother Paul E. Strand, one of the extremely active convention committeemen, I flew home via Minneapolis rather than back through Chicago.

Past Supreme President Svend Petersen did a marvelous job of conducting the business meetings of the sessions and his farewell address at the banquet incorporated many, many splendid thoughts which he expressed so eloquently. Paying tribute to the Past Supreme Presidents and to all fifty-year members, he criticized dormant lodges and procrastinators. Relating pioneer incidents which recalled his first visit to Racine in 1912 when the late Brother Knud F. Jacobsen extended similar hospitalities to him and his future wife, Brother Svend reiterated that he was proud to be a Dane and that "a man who forgets the place from whence he came, will never be a good citizen."

**Canton Lodge No. 225
Canton, Ohio**

We wish to take this opportunity to invite all Brothers, Sisters and friends of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood to attend our 50th anniversary dinner to be held October 22, 1955, at the Villa Padova, Lake Cable, outside of Canton, Ohio. For further information, please contact our secretary, W. Roberts, Route 9, North Canton, Ohio. We hope to see all members and friends from near and far to help us celebrate.

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM ROBERTS, Sec.

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Convention in Utah-Idaho Lodges

To open a convention with a "big feed" is a pretty good idea. It sort of relaxes the delegates and makes them feel more inclined to go to work.

Anyway, that is what the fair ladies from Lodge No. 264, Pocatello, Idaho, thought on Labor day, so when the weary and tired delegates arrived from their different cities, they were seated by a huge sandwich-and-coffee-table and told to "dig in."

Thus the meetings could start at 1:30 when the president, Chris Petersen, opened the convention after Brother Erhard Andersen as president for Lodge No. 264 as host, had bid everyone welcome and outlined the program for the day.

The roll call showed that all four lodges were represented in the 24 delegates. Minutes from every meeting in the preceding year was read and approved, quite a job by the secretary, and a recess was called to give the trustees time to audit the treasurer's books, while the more lucky ones were served another round of refreshments. At it again, Brother Carl Nielsen gave the auditing committee's report, which showed that the money matters were in a sound and prosperous condition.

It has become a rule that the convention at this point of the meeting perform a memorial service for the deceased brothers, a service originated by Brother Hilmar W. Hansen.

He took the floor and, assisted by Brother Kragh, paid the convention's respect to four brothers who had died since last year's convention, Carl J. Andersen, Willis Jensen, Johan Nielsen and Marius Rasmussen.

After the ceremony was finished the more present business was debated, especially the proposals for the national convention, when we have a vital proposal about the Supreme Board, which was supported by everyone of the delegates.

A proposal about the memorial service we now perform every year was approved and will be turned over to the Ritual committee at Racine for becoming a standard ritual along with our other rituals.

Hilmar Hansen read a letter from the director of insurance in U.S.A., which expressed the decrease in membership in the Brotherhood, and he outlined some of the proposals to the national convention about this problem. A very long and thorough discussion followed the proposal to take members in, who had no connection whatever with Denmark. The Racine delegates, however, will act upon this proposal as they themselves feel best, as this convention did not come to a conclusive result. The only thing everybody has in mind is the survival of the Brotherhood.

After a hard session the president finally could announce nominating and election of officers for the coming year. Brother McClaren Turk (267) was elected president after several ties, Brother Kragh (78) was elected vice president, and became correspondent too, as nobody else wanted the job. Secretary remained Hilmar Hansen by acclamation, and so did Treasurer Soren Jespersen. Trustees became Lodge 78, Edgar Hansen; 264, Rasmus Christensen; 267, Axel Olsen (after a close race with himself, he was the only one from Brigham); and 278, Kell Jorgensen. The conductor became Edgar Hansen. Ex-president will be Chris Pedersen.

Hilmar W. Hansen, as supreme vice president, installed the new officers and thanked the outgoing officers for a well done job, after which the convention adjourned.

At 7 o'clock the delegates and their ladies, who had been served and entertained in a glorious way by Mrs. Thomas, met again, this time in the cozy surroundings of "The Green Triangle," a fine restaurant in the outskirts of Pocatello. A deluxe banquet was served to the starved men (the women were still full of a delicious lunch) who evidently had sharpened the appetites during the cocktail hour. Funny word, this cocktail hour. The only thing you cannot get is a cocktail.

The program during and after the banquet was speeches by the participants and a movie by Carlo Klitgaard from the dedication of "The International Peace Gardens" in Salt Lake City. Brother Carl Nielsen, as toastmaster, presented the speakers with small stories a la "believe it or not." Main speakers were Hilmar Hansen for the brotherly fraternity, and Soren Jespersen, about Danish-Americanism. Several other brothers and sisters had the floor and everyone expressed their thanks to the hosts. Brother Poul Gregersen had invited the delegates and friends out to his lovely home for a party after the banquet, and if there was anything we had missed during the day we got it here. Song, music (by Carlo Klitgaard and Fred Hundrup) drinks or nightcaps, anything you could wish you could have; and this is a good place to say "thank you" to the brothers and their wives from Pocatello for a wonderful time. Too bad only that it will be another four years before you will have the convention again. Thank you.

BORGE KRAGH.

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Annual Meeting of Eastern Lodges

The 31st Annual Convention of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood was held in Oneonta, N. Y., on September 3, 4, and 5, with Himmelbjerget Lodge No. 300 as the host lodge.

The convention was called to order at 2:30 p. m., on Saturday at the Elk's Club by the President of Oneonta lodge, Bruno Larsen. He welcomed the assembled delegates, Danish Brotherhood members and friends and wished the delegates success at the meetings. President Peter Christensen took over the meeting and thanked Lodge No. 300 for acting as host to this convention.

The secretary called a roll call of officers and delegates. Ex-President Aage Jespersen, President Peter Christensen, Vice President James Nordine, Secretary Jack Olsen, Trustee John Rasmussen and 25 delegates were present.

The following Past Presidents assembled with the group were introduced as: Ole Beck, George Petersen, Viggo Nielsen, Paul Petersen, Paul Thofner, Andrew Thompsen, Bertel Luja, Aage Jespersen, Chris Madsen and James Jorgensen. Brother R. Siiger of the Boston Club was introduced to the assembly. He was sorry to say that Brother Sophus Damm was unable to be present at this convention. President Christensen asked the Brothers at the meeting to rise and stand in silent prayer in memory of our departed Brothers who passed away the past year.

Delegate Paul Thofner expressed his thanks for the many lodges that had visits from President Peter Christensen and Trustee John Rasmussen.

Brother George Petersen gave a talk on his position as correspondent to the Danish Brotherhood Magazine. He said the last month he had nothing from the lodges to write to the Magazine and hoped he would get more news from the lodges in the future.

Erie, Pa., was selected as the convention city for 1956.

The president called upon Brother Fobian, president of Denmark Lodge No. 318. Brother Fobian brought best wishes from his lodge. He said the Denmark

lodge has its trouble getting members just as we do here in America. Aage Jespersen suggested that we notify Denmark lodge when one of our members return to Denmark, so they may invite him to their lodge meetings.

The election of new officers showed the following results: Ex-President, Peter Christensen; President, James Nordine; Vice President, John Rasmussen; Secretary, Jack Olsen; Treasurer, Carl Christensen; Trustee, Poul Brown; Alternate Secretary, Erik Garde No. 37; Alternate Treasurer, Andrew Thompsen, No. 183; Alternate Trustee, John Nissen, No. 172; Correspondent, John Nissen.

Ex-Supreme President C. B. Christensen, and other ex-presidents of the General Committee each were recognized and responded with a short greeting.

With the business of the convention now completed, the president formally adjourned the convention. The meeting room was opened to the public. C. B. Christensen, assisted by Paul Thofner, installed the new officers for the 1955-56 year. C. B. Christensen called on George Petersen. He then presented George with a watch from the delegates and officers for his 17 years as the correspondent for the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

The newly installed president, James Nordine, thanked all for his election and pledged an active year. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 until our next convention which will be in Erie, Pa., over the Labor Day week-end in 1956!

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July 1	Ove Tonder	64	Esbjærg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1923	Coronary occlusion	\$ 500.00
July 4	Mads Hansen	91	Svendborg, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1900	Senility	739.23
Aug. 5	Hans Henriksen	90	Horsens, Denmark	20	Manistee, Mich.	1895	Heart disease	500.00
Aug. 1	Rasmus H. Rasmussen	86	Langeland, Denmark	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1912	Myocarditis	235.35
July 26	Henry A. Jacobsen	87	Vejle Amt, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1898	Not given	386.57
Aug. 3	Vagn Egeberg	67	Aarhus, Denmark	233	Toledo, Ohio	1938	Carcinoma	125.00
Aug. 5	Ole Nielsen	76	Roskilde, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1903	Heart stroke	1,000.00
Aug. 14	Soren Chr. Bork	76	Ustrup, Halling, Jylland	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1907	Carcinoma	500.00
July 25	Clarence L. Petersen	67	Michigan	106	Trufant, Mich.	1907	Coronary occlusion	500.00
July 27	Nels Peter Nielsen	94	Gerlev, Denmark	106	Trufant, Mich.	1899	Myocardial failure	350.05
Aug. 21	Charlie M. Carlsen	72	Rawlins, Wyoming	40	Rawlins, Wyo.	1903	Myocarditis	954.85
Aug. 16	Peter S. Petersen	73	Neder Jersdal, Denmark	5	Moline, Ill.	1914	Broncho pneumonia	247.72
July 1	Jorgen Thomsen	89	Slesvig, Denmark	240	Rochester, N. Y.	1907	Cardio vascular disease	858.33
Aug. 17	Jacob P. Wolff	74	Hørup, Denmark	206	Blair, Nebr.	1915	Myocardial infarction	1,000.00
Aug. 19	Valdemar Krogh	61	Lincoln, Nebraska	84	Lincoln, Nebr.	1912	Not received	3,000.00
Aug. 16	Niels Clausen	80	Morsø, Denmark	298	Chicago, Ill.	1911	Uremia	1,000.00
July 14	Christian L. Hansen	80	Nakskov, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1900	Pneumonia	424.29
Aug. 16	John W. Morton	69	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1921	Cardio vascular disease	250.00
Aug. 8	Marius Christensen	75	Varde, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1904	Arteriosclerosis	461.22
Aug. 27	Martin J. Sorensen	93	Hørning Sogn, Randers	4	Racine, Wis.	1908	Heart disease	219.17
Aug. 31	Jorgen P. Christensen	80	Tilst, Denmark	54	Dannebrog, Nebr.	1896	Heart disease	830.18
Aug. 31	Niels N. Tonder	92	Slesvig, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1898	Arteriosclerosis	719.64
June 11	Niels Pedersen	69	Karise, Denmark	194	McMinnville, Ore.	1906	Carcinoma	495.40
Aug. 29	Joren Madsen	72	Gullerup, Morsø	35	Chicago, Ill.	1902	Heart disease	954.81
Aug. 16	Jacob Hammericksen	89	Fyn, Denmark	198	Kenmare, N. D.	1906	Cerebral hemorrhage	194.70
Aug. 16	Marinus Jensen	98	Nebel, Denmark	39	Oakland, Calif.	1902	Not given	Social
Sept. 1	Christian Larsen	59	Snedsted, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1947	Not given	Social

A Message to All Brethren in the East

The convention of the General Committee of the Eastern lodges has as usual come to a most successful end and it was a fine affair in Oneonta.

At this time I would like to inform you that a new correspondent for this section has been appointed and I sincerely trust that you will be as kind and helpful to him in his new job as you have been to me the last 17 years. Remember that a correspondent for the East really has a job on his hands and would like to see a little from as many lodges as possible now and then. Therefore, I ask you, in his behalf, send him whatever you think would be of interest to all of us.

May I at this time take the opportunity to thank all of you, who were present in Oneonta, for the beautiful watch presented to me. I can assure you that this will always stand as a great pleasant memory. To think that so many friends present there would do such a thing really made me speechless for a few moments; but I want you all to know that I appreciate your kindness very much, believe me. To do a little work for a group such as ours, is really a pleasure and I am looking forward to many happy reunions with all of you.

To all of you delegates who are at present in Racine, I wish you all a very pleasant week and may it be for the real good of our beloved organization.

To all the members of Oneonta lodge, many, many thanks for a wonderful week-end and pleasant company.

The new correspondent is: John Nissen, 4621 Marple St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Fraternally yours,

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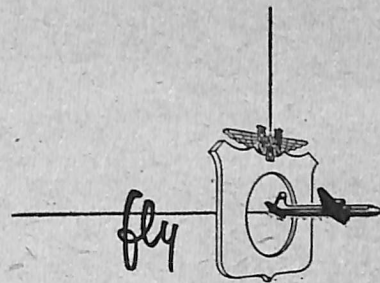
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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

Before leaving for Denmark Brother Svend Petersen gave me permission to write a few impressions of my trip upon my return, and this I shall try to do in the space allotted to me this time.

My last article was written from the new R. M. S. Saxonia somewhere in the North Atlantic enroute to Scotland with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir group, and this is written also on the Atlantic, but enroute back to the United States in the R. M. S. Queen Elizabeth, a ship that is a "Queen" in every sense of the word, and we are at the moment sailing in calm seas at a clip of about 30 knots an hour, which is really something when you consider the ship is of 83,673 tons. I shall not go into the description of this truly magnificent ship or go into details of the superb service; and one could go into the rapture over the menus, which seems almost to be something out of this world. If you will drop me a note I shall be happy to send you without obligation a descriptive folder of the ship.

After sailing for many days on the ocean, it is always something of a thrill to see land again, and this was also the case when one morning we woke up to find we were in the Firth of Clyde and anchored right off Greenock the port of Glasgow. Tenders came out to take the Tabernacle group off here as well as other passengers for this part of the United Kingdom. I went ashore with the first tender to see the reception given the group by the Lord Mayor and his Council and it was really a sight to see this gentleman coming down to the tender, in all his regalia, gold chain around his neck and all, and under a large umbrella, because it was raining cats and dogs when we arrived, the first Scotland had had in two months. A large band of bagpipers in kilts and all were playing — if such it might be called. All very touching and the good people from Salt Lake City could only be happy for the first reception they received upon arriving in Europe. I said goodbye to those delightful people and we were on our way to Liverpool.

The sailing down the Clyde is beautiful and we were in sight of land all day. Later that evening we could see the lights on the Irish Coast, and the next morning when I came up on deck we were anchored on the Mercey just outside Liverpool Harbour, we could not dock because we were in a pea-soup fog. I quickly learned that the Britannic in which the good Missus had sailed from New York had just docked ahead of us. She should really have docked the day before, but because the Britannic had sailed to the rescue of a burning Portuguese ship, it had been delayed, so we had to wait until her passengers got off first. Of course, when we met one another we had a lot to talk about. We were both enthusiastic about our journey so far and we were now looking forward with great anticipation to get to our destination, Denmark.

Liverpool, one of the truly great ports in the world, is not too much to write home about. We attended service on Sunday in the great Cathedral and one of the wardens was good enough to show us around the place. This city, as well as London and

other great cities, still bear the scars of the last war and the ruins are great reminders of man's inhumanity to man, or shall we say, man's stupidity in trying to destroy himself.

We stayed three days in Liverpool and then on to London. We both liked the English people, and we also liked the food and service in the hotels where we stayed. We crossed the North Sea from Harwich to Esbjerg in the beautiful new "Kronprinsesse Ingrid" of the D. F. D. S. and by doing so, we arrived in Denmark under Danish Flag.

For a person who was born in Denmark, it is of course, rather emotional to see "det gamle Fædreland" arise out of the ocean. And, of course, I am no exception, and I preferred not to say anything when I saw Fanø on the starboard side come out of the North Sea. The good Missus, who was born in California and was making her first trip to Denmark was almost as excited as I was.

As in England, we went "sailing," so to speak, right through the customs in Esbjerg, and it did not take very long before we were on our way to Copenhagen in the special train connecting with the boat.

Having traveled from San Francisco to Montreal by train and admired the country, it was really surprising to see the contrast here in Denmark where every inch of land seemed to be cultivated. The farms are entirely different, they are older for one thing, some being several hundred years old. Another thing, everything seemed to be ship shape and in order. As this was towards the end of August the farmers were right in the midst of their harvest, which by the way, was one of the best in many years.

We crossed Jylland in nothing flat, or so it seemed, and after crossing "Lille Belt" we have the rich farms of Fyn. Here we really start to see Bøgeskove. The red houses with tiled roofs makes an impression on you as being something substantial, something built to last for a long, long while. At Nyborg the train goes right on the ferry for crossing "Store Belt" which takes about one hour. Of course, it did not take us long to take the hint of all Danes whose motto seems to be: "skal vi ikke nyde noget." Whilst the food is good and reasonable on these ferries, the coffee is really the worst coffee made any place in the world. Why? No one seems to know, but it is a fact and it seems to be a joke in Denmark. And as one man expressed it: "det er noget Fanens Sprøjt."

The ferries land in Korsør and makes no stops until Copenhagen. And whilst I am en "Jyde" I am almost willing to admit that Sjælland is the beauty spot in Denmark. Lots of trees, lakes and forests. Nearly all the farms are surrounded with hedges of lilac trees. We passed at about 60 miles an hour, by Sorø lake with the beautiful old Akademi in the background, by Roskilde and the Cathedral and before we knew it we were rolling into the station at Copenhagen.

Our arrival in Copenhagen is one event in our

lives we shall never forget. First the excitement of seeing old friends from San Francisco and family and business associates and then — we discovered a large sign across the platform on which was painted "Velkommen til Danmark — Rudy of Helga" and underneath a large delegation of members from Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen. It is not often I have been speechless in my life but this was one time I could not say very much, except thank you, to Brother K. V. Hansen (Kære Ven Hansen) who presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Olsen and said something very nice to both of us, and to all the other good members of No. 318.

We had exactly 10 days in which to see Denmark and to visit relatives spread all over the place, so to speak. And by timing every move we made, I dare say that we saw more of Denmark and had greater experiences than most people have spending several months there.

For many years it has been my ambition to visit Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen and as soon as I knew I would be in Copenhagen on August 26, a meeting night of the lodge I planned to attend. I am extremely happy I did, because it is one of the nicest lodge meetings I have attended in the thirty odd years I have been a member of the Danish Brotherhood. The meeting was conducted with exactness and decorum, something all of the lodges here in the U. S. may well wish to copy. It was a delight to meet all these good brethren, most of whom are business men in Denmark. In order to qualify to be a member one must have been in United States for one year or more. At the meeting it was a delightful surprise to meet my old friend, Brother Harald Sundby of Lodge 184, Hayward, California, who together with Sister Margaret Sundby, Supreme Trustee of the Danish Sisterhood, was visiting Denmark. By the way, Sister Sundby is born in California and this, too, was her first meeting with the land of her parents. I also met Brothers Adolf Svensen and Martin Petersen, both of Lodge No. 164 in New York. I later met another old friend from California, Brother Gus Holt of Lodge 67 in Fresno, California. Both Brother Sundby and Brother Holt are work horses within our California General Committee.

After meeting with these good Brethren of Lodge 318, not only in the lodge room but also in some of their homes, it is my impression that Lodge No. 318 has a most vital place within our organization. I believe we should forever be grateful for the work being done in maintaining a liaison between our lodges in the U. S. and our members now residing in Denmark as well as a meeting place for visiting brethren. After talking to some of these good members I learned of their disappointment, when they seem to be bypassed by former members of the Supreme Board. One wonder why? In my simple opinion we should extend all the recognition possible to No. 318 and its faithful members. I cannot too strongly urge every member of the Danish Brotherhood to visit No. 318 when visiting Denmark. You won't regret it.

With the kind permission of our editor and your indulgence I would like to conclude this article in the following number.

Speeding on U. S. streets and highways injured 659,000 men, women and children.

Colordo-Wyoming Meeting

On August 27, the Colorado-Wyoming District Danish Brotherhood held a meeting at Laramie, Wyoming. This meeting was well attended and a set of new By-Laws was adopted.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the 65th anniversary of Bickers Lodge No. 38. Delegates, members and their wives were represented from the following lodges: From Colorado: Denver, Fowler and Brush. From Wyoming: Cheyenne, Rawlins and Laramie.

On August 26, in the evening, a social get-together was held. Cocktails and sandwiches were served and everyone had a wonderful time. On August 27, the meeting opened at 10 a. m. and closed at 5 p. m. In the evening a banquet was served. A lot of good talks were made by several of the officers and members, and this gathering was honored by the Supreme Vice President, Hilmar Hansen of Salt Lake City, who made a wonderful talk about how to get new members into the Brotherhood. After the banquet a dance was held and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Fraternally yours,

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

John Nissen, 4621 Marple St., Philadelphia, Pa.

After seventeen years of continuous service as correspondent for the eastern lodges, Brother George V. Petersen told the delegates at the Oneonta, N. Y., meeting of his desire to retire. Brother John H. Nissen of Lodge 172, Philadelphia, Pa., was elected to succeed him.

Great and many are the contributions that Brother Petersen has made to the Danish Brotherhood, not only by his conscientious reporting, but by his frequent visits to many of the lodges in the east, his activities in his own lodge, and his boosting of the Brotherhood outside the lodge hall. In grateful appreciation of his devoted service, the delegates presented Brother Petersen with a fine watch at the closing session of the three-day meeting.

The eastern lodges now can feel that they are making a constructive contribution to the Danish Brotherhood with Chris Madsen on the Supreme board as Second Trustee. We who know Chris know that the confidence of the delegates who supported him was not misplaced.

With ten to twelve days of September devoted to travel and two conventions, first at Oneonta over Labor Day week-end, then five days at Racine, the eastern delegates had a busy and hectic month. That they didn't go for the ride was evident, for most of them were found to be active on committees whose work resulted in the adoption, by the national convention, of many constructive proposals.

With Himmelbjerget Lodge No. 300 as the genial, efficient, and most hospitable host of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, delegates and visitors alike made "most of what we yet may spend, before we, too, into the dust descend." Food, entertainment, facilities, and service were par excellence. All sessions and some of the social activities were held in the new Elks Home in Oneonta. An opportunity was afforded everyone to visit the new home of Himmelbjerget at Cliffside, for cake, coffee and snaps. It is a well constructed and tastefully decorated meeting place. What makes it more remarkable, is that it was constructed by the members themselves in their off hours.

If the talk and enthusiasm of the eastern convention is any criterion, it may well be that the lodges have reached the turning point in membership. There was much soul searching in regard to the state of the Order, but morbid brooding over things as they are seems to have given over to a new spirit, a dynamic desire to go forward. It was evident that there is a growing awareness that the Danish Brotherhood, not only at the national level but at the local level as well, has a tremendous public relations job on its hands, to make the Brotherhood attractive to our potential membership.

Encouraging, too, were the reports of nearly a third of the lodges represented, in maintaining membership interest and active participation in the business affairs and social activities. Lodge 71, Penn Yan, N. Y., reported meeting attendance of fifty to seventy-five per cent of its membership which was attributed to well planned social activities and active participation of the

Sisterhood. Lodge 183, Troy, N. Y., reported that an active social program resulted in good attendance. Lodge 190, Schenectady, N. Y., has a bowling team and the enthusiastic support of the Sisterhood in all of its social activities. Lodge 314, Hartford, Conn., reports not only progress, but good attendance at meetings, and that they are taking in new members. Lodge 242, Erie, Pennsylvania, is another lodge with a well-rounded program of activities to fit the seasons. Lodge 334, Geneva, N. Y., the healthy offspring of Lodge 71, like its parent reported good attendance, and increased membership, engendered by well planned activities and Sisterhood participation. Lodge 300, Oneonta, N. Y., reported having developed the spirit of comradeship to a high degree, resulting in sustained membership interest and attendance. Lodge 172, Philadelphia, Pa., reported taking in



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three new members so far this year and the expectation of more before the close of 1955.

Officers elected to head the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges are James Nordine, Warren, Pa., President; John Rasmussen, Flushing, N. Y., Vice President; Jack Olsen, Oneonta, N. Y., Secretary; Carl Christensen, Schenectady, N. Y., Treasurer; Poul Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y., Trustee; Erik Garde, Bridgeport, Conn., Alternate Trustee; Andy Thomsen, Troy, N. Y., Alternate Treasurer; and John H. Nissen, Philadelphia, Pa., Alternate Trustee. Nissen was also elected correspondent to the Danish Brotherhood Magazine. Peter Christensen, who served the General Committee so well as President in the past year, was elevated to the post of Ex-President, succeeding Aage Jespersen.

There were present at the Oneonta meeting ten past officers of the General Committee.

The convention committee of 1955 consisted of Chris Nelson, chairman; Bruno Larsen, vice chairman; Carl Michelsen, secretary-treasurer; Jack Olsen, accommodations; Axel Axhøj, program; Bruno Larsen, entertainment; Al Hansen and his able assistants, refreshment; and Bernard Staunstrup, Arthur Nielsen, Mrs. Ellen Larsen and Mrs. Ellen Michelsen, reception and registration.

At the Sunday evening banquet, Supreme Court Justice J. P. Molinari paid a glowing tribute to the good citizenship and industry of the Danes who had settled in Otego county. He said that in his former capacity as prosecuting attorney he never had the occasion to prosecute a Dane or his family in the courts.

The convention was honored by the attendance of Brother Fobian, president of Copenhagen Lodge 318 who brought greetings from Denmark's capital.

Following installation of officers by Supreme Ex-President Bysted Christensen, the convention was climaxed by an old fashioned Danish Frokost served by Mrs. M. Christensen.

TIMELY ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE COME TO THE WRITER'S ATTENTION:

A Clambake was scheduled for Sunday, September 25, at the Home for the Aged at Metuchen, N. J. Advance publicity stated that the affair would start at 10 a. m. Food will be served all day, all kinds of food will be on hand, whether it be FISH, HAMBURGERS, HOT SAUSAGES or HOT DOGS. A full course dinner will be served at 5:30 p. m. FREE BEER ALL DAY. (How do they do it and still keep their figures?)

Rosenborg Lodge 102, Providence, R. I., was joined by Haab Lodge 158, Danish Sisterhood, in a joint celebration of anniversaries at the home of George and Viola Petersen on Saturday, September 10. Rosenborg was 58 and Haab admitted being over 21 (34 to be exact). Thirty Sisters and Brothers representing the two lodges filled the dining room beyond capacity and overflowed into the garage, to enjoy a full course roast lamb dinner, wonderfully prepared by the Sisters of Haab Lodge. Sister Viola Petersen headed the dinner committee as chairlady. The dinner was preceded by cocktails served in the garden. The Presidents of both lodges each offered very appropriate remarks for the occasion as did a few of the guests. Then the ladies all pitched in on the dishes and in no time at all everything was in readiness for a sociable evening at cards, watching TV, and reminiscing. Brother George Petersen reports that it was an evening enjoyed by

everyone and they are all looking forward to more get-together parties during the winter season.

Denmark Lodge 37, Bridgeport, Conn., has a Danish night scheduled for Saturday evening, November 5. There will be a Smorgasbord, Danish dances, singing, and a color movie of Denmark. Brother Erik Garde is chairman of the arrangements committee.

Lodge 242, Erie, Pa. LYNGBLOMSTEN'S editor, in commenting on the building fund project of the Danish Club in Miami has this to say, "It could be that we've had it 'too good' for too long so we don't know what it is to be 'smart and hungry.' Could be that we are doing too much coasting on a 'hump' that someone else had the foresight and energy to build up. This could be the theme for an extensive bit of self-analysis — and it might hurt."

H. C. Orsted Lodge 190, Schenectady, N. Y., in H. C. ORSTED NEWS, reports that the July and August birthday celebrants got together for a swell birthday party over a good old Danish dinner of spiced meat balls, and of course, everything that goes with it.

Two of the lodges in this month's reporting have had an assist by the Danish Post Office Department in having their names on postage stamps at one time or another; Rosenberg and H. C. Orsted.

To make this column a success, your correspondent enlists the support of lodge secretaries, lodge paper editors, and publicity chairmen. Please note: the address is Maple St., NOT Maple.

Annual Meeting in California

By Dan Christian Andersen

Our good brother and secretary of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges in California, Rudolph M. Olsen, has been good enough to bestow on me the great task of acting as "kapellan" for him during his European trip. This I shall try to do to the best of my ability well knowing, that it takes not only a certain amount of knowledge and insight in the Danish Brotherhood, but also a good vocabulary, two qualities which cannot be acquired in just a few years of domicile in this country.

However, let us continue, where our good brother left us in the last issue of our magazine — namely in England on his way over to Denmark. Since then I have had the good fortune to receive a couple of explanatory notes from him, giving his reasons for not writing regularly and summarizing his and his wife's trip to Denmark as something no less than a Fata Morgana of unlimited hospitality, wonderful, hip-building foods (shall anxiously be watching the bathroom scale, when they return) and lovely strands and fjords, beautiful flowers and homes, or to cut it short in the correct spirit: the enticing atmosphere of the fairy tale country of famous Hans Christian Andersen.

In this moment they should be on their way to the convention in Racine, where no doubt Rudi will be so loaded with hormones, that he will be able to put up a real fight for the many things he believes in.

Naturally we missed our good and efficient secretary at our convention in Arcata. But Norman Dan Andker took his place with determination and perspiration in his face and with a firm grip on the secretary's pen.

It would principally be incorrect to say, that we did accomplish much during our meetings this year,

that is in regards to creating and changing the laws. Our presiding brother, Alfred Nielsen, who is a very peace-loving brother, did not wish any dis-harmony to be developed from any of the restless and revolutionary delegates.

But all joking aside, we did accomplish something, that is of much more value to the entire organization and to ourselves. We created an enormous lot of goodwill. As long as men and women will travel hundreds of miles just to meet their countrymen and to spend a couple of jolly, worthwhile day with them, just as long will the Danish Sister- and Brotherhood not only remain in existence, but it will also develop and grow. Furthermore, the beautiful surroundings and the great cooperation from the little lumber city made the right frame for a gathering of this kind.

Of course, we did miss Rudi, just as we missed the Supreme Trustee of the Sisterhood, Margaret Sundby, and her good husband. That Harold wasn't present gave one a feeling similar to the one you experience, when you open a box and find that there is no "Troid" inside. But alas, they were both swimming in Øresund. Our popular Lee Cook was also in Denmark, where he made his parents happy by being present at their golden wedding anniversary. Also Herberth Helseth and ex-presidents Paul and Margaret Christiansen were absent because of important business.

On the other hand we had the great pleasure and honor to have the Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen and Mrs. Nielsen among us. Otto — pastoral and convincing as ever, gave us at several occasions to admire his abilities as a public speaker. Last, but not least, our own Supreme Trustee, Hans M. Andersen from Parliar, jovial and serious at the right places, proved at various moments, that he was never too tired for a good joke.

Our friend, Les Came arrived late, because he had a rather serious accident in which his wife was badly hurt and his car practically demolished. At this time we have received information that her recovery is progressing slowly. May we wish "God Bedring."

This year Hayward took the bowling prize with 2870 points. San Francisco came next with 2860. Then came Oakland 2684, Fresno 2663 and Petaluma with 2561.

The various festivities progressed as per usual. Everybody had a good time, whatever that means in the dictionary of the individual. One good point was, that there were very few presentations and no long speeches. Honest to goodness, how tired we are of listening to these unintelligent presentations of "I am so happy to be here" and "Thank you for ME being here," etc., in a million of variations. When there are and must be speeches, it is so seldom, that anyone has anything to say but the trivial nonsense. But we had good, clean fun, nice dancing to lively music, and that is really what most people crave for at an occasion of this kind.

The following were elected officers for the coming term: Ex-President: Alfred Nielsen, Bakersfield; President, Dan Christian Andersen, San Francisco; Vice President, Lee Cook, San Diego; Secretary-Treasurer, Rudolph M. Olsen, San Francisco; Trustees, Chris Jensen, Fresno; Harold Jensen, Petaluma; and C. V. Nielsen, Solvang; Marshall, John V. Jensen, Petaluma; Inner Guard, Walther Kaysen, Long Beach; and Outer Guard, Robert Jensen, Oakland.

The installation took place in the Memorial hall, officiated by Supreme Trustee Hans M. Andersen

and Ex-President of the Arcata Sister lodge, Astrid Larsen. Everything went smooth and with a certain system with our experienced brother, Guy Bjerre as marshall. The famous drill team of Petaluma supported the installation considerably with their well trained performance.

After the installation the two newly elected presidents, Ester Petersen and Dan Christian Andersen had occasion to express their appreciation for the great honor and the responsibility that were laid upon their shoulders, and in their individual way they emphasized the importance of doing the very best, no matter whether your task was a big or a small one. Before the installation was over, Dan Andersen presented a nice gift to the Ex-President Alfred Nielsen and thanked him with a few, sincere words for his good work during his term.

True to the tradition the new president and his wife invited to a cocktail party, in which about 70 sisters and brothers took part. After the banquet was over, and the delegates had taken in a little sleep, it was impossible to drive home through the Redwoods without first enjoying Guy Bjerre's and his daughters extravagant breakfast table. Thanks.

And thanks to Arcata and especially to the convention committee with Gunnar Ladefoged and Curtis Larsen as leaders. We shall long remember those days.

Iowa State Convention

After spending an enjoyable Labor day week-end in Ringsted attending the state convention of the Iowa United Lodges, I can speak for the majority of those present that the delegates and visiting members left with a bit more enthusiasm for our Brotherhood than before. The convention was well attended and very effectively carried out by the host lodges.

We were extremely fortunate to have present with us Supreme President Svend Petersen and Supreme Trustee Hans Norregaard. Also in attendance was Supreme Treasurer Christine Linderud of the Danish Sisterhood. I cannot recall when an Iowa convention was so well represented by our higher officials and I am sure that all of us were very much pleased. Social activities were held Saturday evening for the early arrivals and Sunday morning was made available for those who wished to attend church services.

Promptly at two p. m., Sunday, the business session was opened by State President Howard J. Nielsen. After the preliminary matters were disposed of our Supreme President Svend Petersen was called upon to elaborate on his ideas and suggestions for an increased membership. The Supreme President stated that he knew his 20 Points would meet with a lot of criticism when they were first brought to the members attention but feels that they have created a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and interest within our organization during the past couple of years. If only two or three of his recommendations were adopted at the national convention he would consider his efforts not in vain.

Our Supreme President emphasized very emphatically our finances which in his opinion were invulnerable and the record shows that the efforts of the Finance Committee was meeting with a great deal of success. He spoke very briefly and to the point in respect to the proposed amendments to our Scholarship Fund. This he stated is our opportunity to make our name known throughout the country

thereby eliminating a portion of the secrecy that shrouds our Brotherhood. Also we would be bringing out our fraternal aspects by helping our younger members who find it impossible to secure a higher education due to financial reasons. I am sure that all the Iowa delegates and visiting members were much in agreement on this point.

Supreme Trustee Hans Norregaard spoke very briefly and wished to convey to the delegates in particular was they go to the national convention with a sincere desire to adopt legislation that would increase the membership in our organization. That in his opinion was the greatest problem that confronts us.

In so far as opening the doors of our organization, it has always been the contention of the Iowa lodges that this is necessary even if only on an optional basis. There were many other topics discussed and one could only conclude that the Iowa delegation

will attend the national convention in Racine with open minds. Following the discussion Supreme President Svend Petersen was asked to present to Alfred M. Jensen and Chris H. Geronsin their 50 year pins. Also I would like to mention that Lodge No. 134 took in its first Juvenile Member and from the remarks being said I am sure that we can expect more from 134. We welcome James R. Rovn to our ranks.

The convention was concluded with the election of officers for the ensuing year with the following being elected. President, Niels J. Nielsen; vice president, Arnold Rasmussen; secretary-treasurer, Holger Jensen; conductor, Chris Sloth; trustee, Stanley Oredsen; and guard, Ole Jorgensen. The newly elected officers were installed by Supreme President Svend Petersen with the assistance of Supreme Trustee Hans Norregaard who performed the task very nicely.

HOWARD J. NIELSEN,
Ex-President, Iowa United Lodges.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer
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As I ponder on what to write this month, I am also getting ready to join by Brothers from all parts of the country at our national DBS convention in Racine. So even though the October issue of our magazine will carry details of that great event, I must meet the deadline before I leave. Be that as it may, Supreme President Svend Petersen as editor and manager of our magazine, has also asked me to cover the social events at the convention while Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck covers the official meetings and I trust that I can do justice to this honor. I know that it will be a good convention and that wisdom in all decisions and the greatest of interest in the welfare of our society will prevail at all sessions.

This year's individual lodge reports at the sixth annual district convention at Junction City, Ore., which by the way is now an official part of the rituals, showed activities in all our DB cities on the forward march. New members seemed to be our greatest progress but mutual interests in keeping our present membership also were important topics. Brother Svend Johansen, speaking for Vancouver, British Columbia, informed us of his own and of his lodge's folk dancing endeavors. Delegate Kristen Jorgensen reported that "law committee discussions" had become a very definite part of Seattle's DBS. Bowling tournament are the chief recreation interests of many Portland Brothers as reported by that old timer, Delegate Chris Christensen. Brother Donald J. Durkee gave us the highlights of Spokane's Ridpath Hotel "Pølse Gilde" banquets. McMinnville's Peter Rasmussen advised that "making lodge night a family affair" had saved their little organization from disastrous consequences.

Enumclaw's Danish Lodges met for a special occasion Saturday, September 10 in celebrating the silver wedding anniversary of DB President Oswald Pedersen and his very active DSS wife, Laura. Hearty congratulations and wishes for many more happy years together were extended the celebrants by toastmaster Norbert Grove. The lovely party, however, was also in honor of Brothers Jens Andersen, Republic, Wash.,

and Henry Bruhn who had reached their 80th milestone. Zella Sands, wife of Brother Hans, sang, "My Task" by request and Trustee John L. Rieck and wife, Myrna, favored us with "I Love You Truly."

Gone is the penny postal card, gone is the \$1 watch and gone is the \$500 automobile as well as many "firsts" in pioneer days gone by. These 80 year old brothers are our pioneers and a part of the very foundation of our Danish Brotherhood Lodge. In the final summing up, any lodge is but the lengthened shadows of its members — the inheritors of a great tradition — the fraternal bond of brotherhood.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 113 — A beautiful day on Sunday, September 11, resulted in a nice turn-out for the Enumclaw Danish picnic at King County's Recreation Park; among the old timers presently hospitalized or convalescing are Brothers Fred Weston, George Gertsen, Mads Johansen, Marius Madsen, Tony Sartoris and Jens C. Nielsen, the latter recently spending his 75th birthday in bed with the faithful care of his good wife; Trustee Elmer Boysen and his son have just returned from the middle west where they attended a car dealer's school; White River Lumber Company Old Timers, who had an enjoyable summer get-together, included Brothers Fred Peterson, Antonio Sartoris and Peder Molby; Colin Hergert, son of Treasurer Henry, has received his Tenderfoot badge and Dallas Duesen, grandson of Brother Soren Eriksen, was presented with a Forestry merit badge in the Star Scout rank; Brothers Carl C. Johansen and Herbert V. Sorensen are the president and vice president, respectively, of Enumclaw's oldest corporation, the Rochdale Mercantile Company, which has just undergone an extensive ultra-modern remodeling job; Brother Haakon Ipsen has moved to Bothell; Brothers Peder Livingston, Ben Espersen and Herman Pedersen have represented the entertainment committee for the past three months; Brothers Henry Hergert and Herman Pedersen were the May delegates to this summer's district gathering; one way to get out of serving on Enumclaw's rotation refreshment committee is to reach one's 80th birthday; Past

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President John L. Rieck, who very, very seldom misses a meeting, failed a recent session because of a snowslide in the mountains where he is employed by the state highway commission, and as luck would have it, his name was drawn for the jackpot award; only living charter member Brother J. Schwartz Pedersen has been regularly attending lodge of 57 years; Past President Fred Weston is also a past master of the Grange and was recently surprised with a dedicatory housewarming; before Brothers Carl Grove and John Rieck left on their middle west tour, Carl as an active Kiwanis member, was shown through the Auburn U. S. army general depot; "Far Hans," alias Brother Hans P. Nielsen, a resident of the Old People's Home and a past trustee of Enumclaw's DB where he has belonged for nearly 53 years, attends lodge about once a year and when he does, he always brings genuine greetings from his associates; Seattle Brothers John A., Einar and Magnus Hansen, together with Martin Rasmussen made a surprise visit to this lively little lodge of Enumclaw during June; Dale Lynn Rasmussen, six year old son of Brother Kai, has become number four in the juvenile membership book; Brother Nels Johnson celebrated his birthday in Denmark July 12; Brother Harold Holm and his family have recently returned from South Dakota where it was their sad duty to lay away their only daughter, killed in an auto accident; Brother John Sorensen flew back to Nebraska to attend the funeral of his 87 year old mother; and Brother Karl Lind, advertising manager of the Courier Herald, recently made swimming award presentations for the Red Cross and recreation council.

Resolutions

MARTIN JENSEN, Toledo, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Martin Jensen, a charter member of our lodge, who passed away July 1, 1955, in Rochester, New York, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 233:

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

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

Svend Kroyer, Pres.
Hans Soe, Sec.

VAGN EGEBERG, Toledo, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Vagn Egeberg, treasurer of our lodge, who passed away August 3, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 233:

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

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

Svend Kroyer, Pres.
Hans Soe, Sec.

CHRISTIAN LARSEN, Los Angeles, California

In memory of our departed brother, Christian Larsen, who passed away September 1, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Los Angeles Lodge No. 126.

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

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

In behalf of Los Angeles Lodge No. 126,
Peter Pedersen, President.
Hans C. Hansen, Secretary.

NIELS CLAUSEN, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Niels Clausen, who passed away August 16, 1955, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting August 24, 1955.

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

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, that this resolution be entered in the minutes of the lodge and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Christ M. Christiansen, Pres.
James Petersen, Sec.

EDWARD KROGH, Denver, Colorado

In memory of our departed brother, Edward Krogh, who passed away August 19, 1955, this resolution was adopted by Columbine Lodge No. 43:

Be it resolved, that we truly mourn the loss of our brother and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

EBBE BORK, President.
JOHN SORENSEN, Secretary.

PEDER M. PEDERSEN, Albert Lea, Minn.

In memory of Peder M. Pedersen, who died September 1, 1955:

We mourn the loss of a Brother and friend,
Yet know that we shall meet again.

To you, his dear ones, please may we say,
Accept our sympathy this solemn day.

In behalf of Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, Minnesota.
Donald H. Nielsen, Sec.