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Jean Hersholt



**Born July 12, 1886, Copenhagen, Denmark
Died June 2, 1956, Beverly Hills, California**

When Jean Hersholt died June 2 in his spacious, lovely and friendly home, Beverly Hills, it was a loss to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 126, of which he was a member. But it was a greater loss to Beverly Hills, to California and to United States. It was a distinct loss to Denmark, his native land, as well as many other lands where his talents have been appreciated for years. His passing is a serious loss to millions of radio fans who have known him for years as "Dr. Christian"; to the entertainment world as a whole; to the literary world, etc., etc., without end.

It is difficult to find words to pay proper tribute to his memory; suffice to quote Dr. Raymond B. Allen, Chancellor University of California, Los Angeles, who said:

"When any honorable person dies, all of us are diminished thereby. When the person is greatness itself, the world suffers an irreparable loss.

"Jean Hersholt was such a man — great in his serenity of mind and soul, great in his ability to portray a part in any medium, great in his sense of responsibility to his family, his profession, his community, his country and his native land, and to suffering men everywhere."

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Our Goal

Being one of the three Supreme officers appointed by our Supreme President to work out a program to be submitted to our board meeting in October let me just say that at the present time we are exchanging ideas by mail as to what we believe should and can be done to increase our membership. We hope to come up with a proposal that will do some good.

There is no doubt but that the changes in times have much to do with our membership problem. Many of the past theories of what our organization stands for in a social manner have changed due to the fact of a lessening of Danish immigration. It must therefore be based on what will appeal to the future generation of American born Danes in this country and American boys married to a girl of Danish heritage.

We must educate our prospective brothers in the pride that we have in our Danish heritage. As immigrants coming from Denmark we have been exceedingly negligent in this respect. If we can not do it as individuals let us do it as an organization.

This fault of understanding the glories of Denmark's past and present history applies to all people who come from Denmark, whatever they belong to: The Danish Brotherhood or not, and we should make it our goal to correct this situation.

We must convince ourselves that it is our job to tell these young Americans about the glories of Denmark. Other nationalities take great pride in their heritage. Surely we have as much, if not more, to offer. We must also convince ourselves that we have the most wonderful heritage and the most wonderful organization of all. Let's go to work and let the world hear about it. Yes, make

it so emphatic that people will want to belong to our organization because of our wonderful background.

We, of course, do not want to forget the Danish immigrant who comes to this wonderful and glorious country. We want him to be part of us. We want him to know that we here in America have a little Denmark called the Danish Brotherhood (Danske Brodersamfund) waiting to welcome him.

With our now established Promotional Fund we will be able to do many things that we could not do before. One thing we should do is put on an extensive campaign to let our prospective members know of all the advantages of belonging to our fraternity.

Yes, brothers it is up to each and every one of us to do our share and I like to quote Supreme President Otto Nielsen when he said:

"Let us convince our future brothers that the Danish Brotherhood is worthy of their membership."

Fraternally yours,

VIGGO MIKKELSEN,

Supreme Second Vice President.

Get on the Bandwagon Now

The 1956 annual convention of The Eastern Lodges will be held in Erie, Pa., September 1, 2 and 3. In connection with this annual event Erie Lodge No. 242, "Lyngblomsten", will celebrate its 50th anniversary — and this is going to be a gala event. There will be more about that in a later issue and direct from Erie.

The thing that we call attention to right now is, that Erie Lodge will have a convention program booklet and they are going to accept greetings and advertisements in that. The advertising rates are \$50 for a full page; \$25 for a half page; \$15 for a fourth and \$10 for one-eighth of a page. But they will also have a "Booster List" on which you can have your name included for only \$1. Just a little personal greeting.

The usual advance registrations should be made by those who expect to attend. Every convention committee appreciates early advance registration so they know how to plan the affair.

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Balance on hand May 1, 1956	\$11,358.72
Assessments	11,083.25
Interest on bonds	14,226.65
Interest on certificate loans	6.73
	\$36,675.35
Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$23,545.41
Cash surrender	748.33
Certificate loans	881.25
Collection expense bond coupons	9.00
Investment expenses	840.00
Balance on hand May 31, 1956	10,651.36
	\$36,675.35

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1956	\$ 2,358.14
Received in May	657.52
	\$ 3,015.66
Disbursements:	
Postage, telephone and telegraph	\$ 88.42
Advertising, printing and stationery	30.38
Rent and lights	181.14
Printing and mailing official publication	378.45
Insurance department license and fees	53.00
Membership rewards	36.00
Salaries to officers and employes	783.00
Employer's social security taxes	15.16
Balance on hand May 31, 1956	1,450.11
	\$ 3,015.66

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1956	\$11,227.26
Relief assessments	498.50
Interest on bonds	1,650.00
Relief payments returned	5.89
Relief payments repaid by beneficiary	750.00
	\$14,131.65
Disbursements:	
Relief payments	\$ 1,236.32
Balance on hand May 31, 1956	12,895.33
	\$14,131.65

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1956	\$ 6,616.92
Juvenile assessments	212.33
	\$ 6,829.25
Disbursements:	
Balance on hand May 31, 1956	\$ 6,829.25
	\$ 6,829.25

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$4,044,546.80
Relief fund investments	248,000.00
General fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	31,826.05
	\$4,364,372.85

Los Angeles Lodge No. 126

It is customary that when a member of D. B. passes away to cover the charter with black crepe, but as the lodges and the members get older the black crepe works overtime. Quite often the charter is in mourning six months at the time. The Los Angeles Lodge has always followed this custom, but in recent years it has added something else, a service. And it has caught on to the extent that at the last meeting nearly a hundred members of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges attended.

The altar was covered with fresh flowers and the electric illumination turned out as Fred Holm commenced to speak in the hall now only lighted by



(Photo by Levi Persson, Los Angeles)

FRED HOLM

a dozen candles. Fred Holm, who probably should have been a preacher, spoke about each brother and sister who had passed away during the year, spoke about what each had done in life, and what he had meant to the lodge.

When Brother Holm had concluded, the talented fingers of Alice Dobis began to tinkle the keys of the piano lightly, solemnly — and then her clear soprano burst out with "The Lord's Prayer" in all its intended beauty and solemnity. Then President Paul Herskind concluded the services with a few inspiring words.

L. P.

More than 766,000 persons were injured in week-end traffic accidents last year.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By **Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer**
711 North Eye, Tacoma, Washington

On hand June 1st to greet early birds among the 350 Danes who converged into Canada to attend the Seventh Annual Pacific Northwest Danish Lodge's convention were leading officers and enthusiastic members of Vancouver's Brotherhood No. 328. British Columbia was a bit on the wet side during the joyful week end but business sessions and sideline activities were uninterrupted. Official pre-convention concerns were sandwiched with the usual welcome coffee and "schnapps." This marked the second time since the district's inception that the Canadians had played host to their Brothers from "South of the Border."

Generous portions of fun and solemnity were served the delegates from our twelve lodges in Oregon, Washington and Canada. Reports of activities were the highlights on the convention floor but the controversial matter of insurance for Canadian DB Brothers once again became the chief issue. The social calendar included luncheons, banquets, drill teams, folks dancing and sight seeing. Many were heard saying that this was by far our very best of the seven conclaves, the first being held in Portland in 1950.

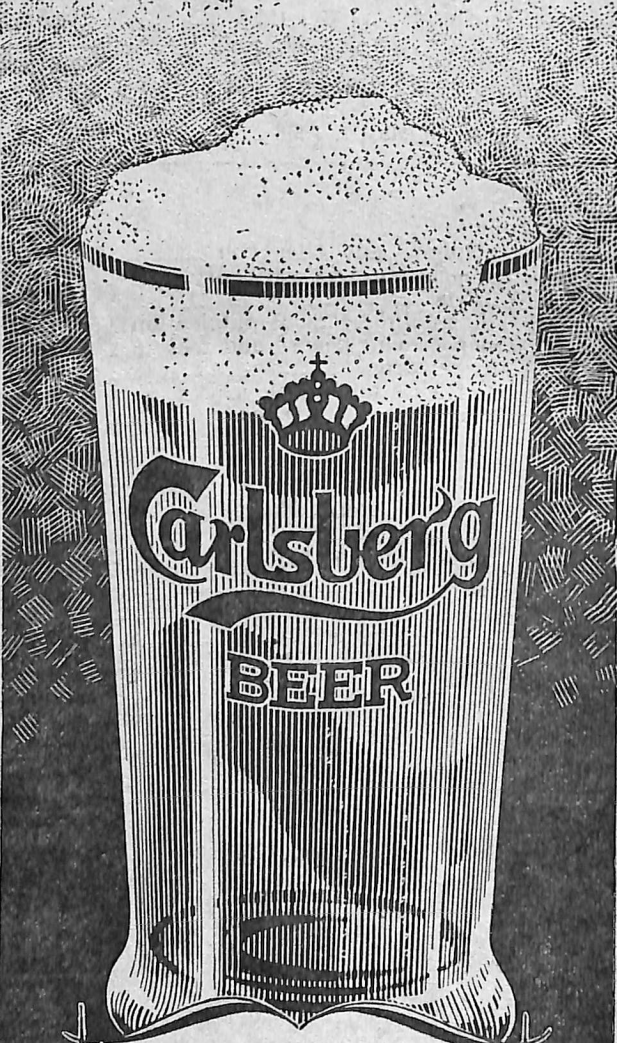
Leaders pledged themselves anew to a revised application of joining the social membership of Canada with the insured Order in America. While the primary purpose of the DB is to be a means of mutual help in time of need and the larger purpose and far reaching pleasant duty of observing constant loyalty to traditions and culture of our forefather's land, it had become a necessity to provide insurance on an equal basis to all.

District President Fred Petersen, Junction City, Oregon, formally opened the convention at 9:30 a. m. on Saturday, June 2. Headquarters were maintained at Hotel Georgia but the Columbian Hall was the scene of most of the convention program. A full day of business climaxed with election of new officers, selection of next year's gathering place and joint installation of Sisterhood and Brotherhood elected personnel. Last official act of the convention was the impressive installing ceremonies conducted by Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Supreme Vice President Hans M. Andersen and Supreme Trustee Kristine Hansen after which the Portland ladies performed splendidly in a lively step of precision. A grand ball and banquet in the famous Spanish Room of the Georgia Hotel and a colorful display of "curvaceous gals" in snappy Danish uniforms by the Seattle Sisterhood Drill team was the climax of the social activities.

Until the Danes gather again at McMinnville, Oregon, next May, the district DBS administration will be the responsibility of President Vernon Tryson, Vancouver, B. C.; Vice President Peter Rasmussen, McMinnville; Secretary-Treasurer Norbert Grove, Tacoma; Trustee Chairman Svend Gommessen, Wilbur, Washington; Second Trustee Svend Johansen, Vancouver, B. C.; Third Trustee Martin Rasmussen, Seattle; Conductor Magnus Esrom, Port-

land; Innerguard Hugo Dall, Spokane; and Outer-guard Peter Skovbo, Junction City, Oregon. Among the Vancouver Brothers who had long planned the event to run smoothly were Convention Chairman, L. L. Jessen; Publicity Man, Vern Tryson; Local President, Borge Dahl; Lodge Secretary, Hugo Busch; Captain Louis Larsen and Svend Johansen.

Our No. 1 Brother, Supreme President Otto



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Nielsen, gave several addresses during the three-day celebration and as always, encouraged the good fellowship we benefit from these yearly sessions. Admitting no failures on the part of the Supreme Board as regards the Canadian question, Otto nevertheless acknowledged the potentiality of approximately 100,000 prospective Danes as per Ottawa. If we thought that the matter died at the National Convention in Racine last September, we now know better.

This is the first opportunity I have had to thank all of you grand Canadian Brothers in Vancouver — all you convention spirited folks who entertained us so beautifully — for the very nice brief case presented me at the cocktail dinner. In behalf of all visiting delegates, we wish to express our congratulations on your silver anniversary and to extend our gratitude for so successful a meeting. It is always a tremendous job for the committee to plan and to execute an assembly of lodges but the reward comes in attaining the goal.

I deeply appreciate the honor and privilege to serve the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood for another year and will do my utmost to endeavor to merit your confidence and continue my efforts to build, strengthen and promote its welfare for the best interest of our lodges and our members. Being your secretary-treasurer has involved responsibilities at times and occasional hard work but it has also meant many new friendships and pleasant associations. Though all of us do not agree on all issues, I truly believe our entire organization is a unit of remarkable cooperation and in the months to come will work for an even bigger and better "Dansk Brodersamfund."

Thanks to one of Enumclaw's delegates, Ingvald Nelsen, I am able to give you a resume of the recent convention. Via one of the Seattle delegates, "lille" Albert Odegard, I sent pertinent details to the Danish Pioneer Correspondent, Brother Chris Jensen and to Bien's, Brother Immanuel Jensen. My many notes as usual need more time in deciphering.

Vancouver Lodge's Folk Dance Group proved to be a popular feature and added attraction to the spectators and a jolly bunch to meet later in the evening. I think that Brother Nis Hansen of Lodge No. 113 became personally acquainted with all the fair ladies who were dressed in native Danish colorful costumes as were also the men. An excellent display of dancing is in store for you folks who will see more of them later. There may have been others but one of our district officers, Brother Svend Johansen, is an active member and naturally a promoter of this delightful group.

Notice of the annual meeting of the Northwest Danish Old People's Home members Saturday, July 14 and and thirty-second anniversary celebration Sunday, is hereby made. Washington Hall in Seattle at 14th and East Fir will serve dinner at 6 p. m. and the picnic on the Home's grounds is called for 3 p. m. with special entertainment. Brother John A. Hansen is President and Brother Chris Hansen is secretary and they both urge good attendance.

Peter Freuchen, the Danish seaman, explorer and author you have been seeing on the television show, the \$64,000 Question, is well known to the

Danish Brotherhood in Philadelphia. "Many are the times when he entertained them with his very interesting and unusual experiences from the vast Arctic" writes the Editor of Lurbladet. Perhaps this "Great Dane" will become even more popular with his almost inexhaustible bag of knowledge and dry wit. And perhaps we may have him on the West Coast at a later date as an evening of sociability and entertainment. Perhaps.

Past District President Carl N. Grove and wife, Myrtine, are vacationing in California; Brother Ove Miller of Buckley is still hospitalized and in bad shape; Brother Chris Sorensen of Costa Mesa, California, is improving after a sojourn in a Washington hospital following a light heart attack; and that's it for this trip.

Four to 8 p. m. are the most dangerous hours of the day to drive.

Are you up in years and lonely and wish to spend your days in congenial surroundings in a Danish home with other Danes, then write to Northwest Danish Old People's Home for further information.

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75th Jubilee Tour to Denmark-1957

NEWS FOR BROTHERHOOD TOUR MEMBERS

Brotherhood members who participate in the 75th Jubilee Tour to Denmark sailing in M. S. STOCKHOLM, June 4, 1957, will be interested to know that the proposed increased ocean passage rates for sailings in 1957 will not apply to Danish Brotherhood members in good standing as of May 7, 1956, and their wives and children under 18 years of age. According to agreement made with the Swedish American Line, such members will have the benefit of the old rates.

I wish to impress on those who want to make the tour with us to write for full particulars, and make reservation at the earliest possible date.

When information is requested please give us the number and location of your lodge. Write to:

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DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Apr. 20	Hans C. Rasmussen	78	Denmark	64	Rockford, Ill.	1904	Coronary occlusion	\$1,000.00
Apr. 19	Carl O. Benson	51	Red Wing, Minn.	273	Dillon, Mont.	1944	Broncho pneumonia	1,000.00
Jan. 3	Peder N. Pedersen	83	Vejle, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1901	Heart disease	420.09
Apr. 8	Oluf Hansen	90	Dalby, Frederiksborg	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1907	Arteriosclerosis	858.33
May 5	Thor K. Jensen	83	Struer, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	1907	Carcinoma	895.02
Apr. 11	Marius Jorgensen	88	Aarhus, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1906	Heart disease	804.02
May 8	Anton Petersen	76	Viborg, Amt., Den.	90	Port Reading, N. J.	1902	Uremia	910.63
May 10	Johan F. Nielsen	84	Hyllested, Denmark	11	Clinton, Iowa	1907	Cardiac decompensation	888.11
Apr. 28	Peter Jensen	96	Alstrup, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1884	Senility	654.96
May 24	Niels Peter Werner	78	Storevorde, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1909	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
May 18	Frederik Knudsen	91	Sønderborg, Als, Den.	215	Battle Creek, Iowa	1905	Lung congestion	1,000.00
May 13	Robert W. Siiger	78	Aalborg, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Prostrate obstruction	894.06
May 4	Peter C. Hansen	67	Gardner, Ill.	34	Dwight, Ill.	1909	Heart failure	1,000.00
May 14	Andrew Anderson	81	Rakkeby Hjørring	39	Oakland, Calif.	1902	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
May 1	Harvey J. Willis	52	Albany, Ga.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1953	Myocardial infraction	1,000.00
May 11	Frederick Johnsen	90	Hove Sorø Amt., Den.	111	Austin, Minn.	1896	Cerebral hemorrhage	746.44
May 27	John Ericksen	80	Nykøbing, Falster	116	Newark, N. J.	1917	Heart disease	1,000.00
May 9	Jens C. Jensen	76	Esbjærg, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1920	Bronchogenic Ca.	500.00
May 15	Christian Fredericksen	74	Denmark	106	Trufant, Mich.	1904	Myocardial infraction	470.70
May 10	Hans C. Sorensen	50	Aarhus Amt., Den.	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1934	Drowning	1,250.00
May 15	Harry Rasmussen	64	Copenhagen, Den.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1936	Carcinoma	125.00
May 19	Svend O. Jensen	72	Copenhagen, Den.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1920	Heart disease	1,000.00
May 15	Jens K. Miller	75	Dronninglund, Sogn	117	Plainview, Nebr.	1907	Pulmonary embelus	500.00
Mar. 17	Raymond H. Petersen	43	Tama County, Iowa	7	Cedar Falls, Iowa	1937	Accident	500.00
May 18	Peter A. Petersen	90	Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1902	Heart disease	771.67
May 27	Harry T. Christiansen	72	Kansas City, Mo.	173	Kansas City, Mo.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
June 1	Niels Peter Olsen	72	Racine, Wis.	182	Waukegan, Ill.	1904	Arteriosclerosis	968.41
June 6	Theodor B. Christensen	73	Everdrup Amt., Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1907	Arteriosclerosis	974.12
June 9	Georg P. B. Anker	72	Odense, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1913	Cerebral thrombosis	996.89
June 2	Christian Nielsen	94	Denmark	181	Sidney, Mich.	1896	Senility	705.54
May 16	Einar E. M. Madsen	62	Copenhagen, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1945	Not given	Social
June 3	William P. Johnson	69	Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1952	Not given	Social

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

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

I should like to begin this article with an important notice to the secretaries, as well as to the rest of the membership of our lodges.

In a letter sent to all the lodges in May, I informed the lodges that the proposal passed at the convention in Arcata, relative to striking the word "Active" from paragraphs a, c, and d in Section 6 of our By-Laws had been turned down by the Supreme Board.

From a letter just received from Brother Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, permit me to quote the following paragraphs:

"I am now writing you to tell you that the question was again submitted to the Board. Similar changes were desired in the By-Laws of other General Committees."

"In negotiating the question the Supreme Board has now reversed the Majority opinion effective until the next National Convention in 1959. The proposed amendment to the By-Laws of your General Committee is therefore now approved."

Inasmuch as most of the lodges have already forwarded me the names of the elected delegates and alternates to the convention in San Diego, I suppose the permission to elect uninsured members will have little effect this year. However, the lodges desiring to do so will have the opportunity during the next three years, or until the next National Convention, where the question undoubtedly will again be discussed.

To the secretaries who have not already done so, please let me have the names of your delegates as soon as possible, as well as the number of active members in your lodges as of July 1st.

Since my last writing we have lost several good members in California, the most distinguished of which was, of course, Brother Jean Hersholt, a member of Los Angeles Lodge No. 126. Few artists have made themselves as dear to the American public in modern times as he did. But in all his success and eminence, he never forgot the land that gave him birth — Denmark. Whenever there was a cause for Denmark he was right in the forefront. Shortly after his arrival he participated with the Denmark Committee in San Francisco during the World's Fair. Again in 1932 he was Chairman of the Danish Olympic Committee in Los Angeles and during World War II he became president of the important American Denmark Association, and he was Vice President of the Rebild National Park Board, Inc.

Brother Alfred Gall passed away three days before his 78th birthday, just two months after his beloved Anna had left him. He was a member of many years' standing in 49 and with his passing one might say that the last of "Trekloveret" a name under which Henry Gylling, Louis Quist and Alfred sometimes were known, has left us. A generation ago, almost, these brethren used to keep 49 in an uproar at nearly every meeting and when they were all to meeting at the same time, which they usually were, then "der var liv og glade dage." Something we are just beginning to get again in 49.

Brother Georg Anker, another famous brother from 49, passed away recently. He was for many years the official pianist in 49. During the years when our lodges were able to put on plays and "Revyer" Georg was always one of the leading men. He was extremely funny and he loved to play a recruit in the Danish Army and alone his entrance on the stage was enough to put the audience in laughter. Brother Anker was 72 at his passing and like Brother Gall suffered a severe stroke.

To the families of these brethren we offer our sincere sympathy.

I have just received a communication from Brother Lehman Cook, the Convention Chairman in San Diego in which he gives me the following information relative to Hotel reservations in San Diego. We are informed that all reservations should be sent direct to the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego. Be sure to tell the Hotel you are participating in the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Convention, as the case may be. The rates quoted are as follows:

Single Rooms (one person) \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50 and up to \$9.00 per day. Double Rooms (double beds) from \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50 and up to \$11.00 per day. Double Rooms (twin beds) \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50 and up to \$12.00 per day. Suites consisting of sitting room and large double bedroom from \$15.00 up to \$30.00 per day.

When writing the hotel be sure to state the type of room you desire and the number in your party. Confirmation from the Hotel will be sent to you. Be sure to make reservation real early in order to get the type of room desired. In connection with the Hotel there is a very beautiful Coffee Shop with Breakfast from 50 cents up, Lunches from \$1.25 and Dinners from \$1.75.

We are informed that the new Palm Room in the Hotel will be at our disposal during the convention and we are assured that everything possible for our comfort will be done for us. A supply of Registration Cards will be sent to the various secretaries of the two organizations so be sure to register. Brother Cook will have the program for the convention in time for the August issue. Watch for it, I am sure it will be good.

The convention committee is raffling off a Round Trip Ticket on the Danish Brotherhood Excursion, sailing in the M/S Stockholm next June 4th. Tickets have been sent to the various Secretaries, so be sure to buy a couple. Someone must win, and you certainly have a better chance here than the Irish Sweepstake. Get your ticket. I got mine.

On June 15 Gimle Lodge No. 95 in Ferndale celebrated its 60th birthday and I was extremely happy to be able to make the trip in order to be present. Brother Dan Chr. Andersen, our president, made a special effort to be present also, and this in view of the fact that the following day he left for Denmark with a group of 40 people.

I am very happy I made the trip because it was such a delightful one. It is always nice to get

away from the hurry and sometimes stress of a busy office. I made the trip by the new North-western Pacific train and it was very nice indeed. The readers of this column have often heard my remarks about the Feather River Canyon Route, and while the trip from San Francisco to Eureka is perhaps not as spectacular, nevertheless it is beautiful. It really begins just after you leave Healdsburg. At Willits you meet the beginning of the Eel River which the railroad follows all the way North. Rounding each turn of the river you see another breathtaking view of the river and the mountains. There is plenty of fishing along the banks and I saw many herds of deer. As you come out towards the Pacific Ocean you come into a valley studded with farms and they have here some of the finest milk cows in California.

Ferndale itself is the same little town it was when I first visited here in 1928. I guess my first dealing with Lodge No. 95 was when I installed the officers in January 1930 when I was president of the General Committee. At that time Brother Chr. Christensen was secretary and I am happy to say he is still in the job, having been installed for 29 years.

The anniversary started out with a very fine turkey dinner and I must say we certainly had plenty to eat. Brother Paul Chance, president of the lodge was toastmaster. Brother Dan Andersen and myself were given an opportunity to speak and convey the greetings from the General Committee. After the dinner a short meeting was held in the lodge room, after which Brother Andersen showed films from Denmark. And after "lidt Nattemad" we departed about midnight. Dan for San Francisco and his tour and I left for Eureka and Crescent City further north on business for Cunard.

Unfortunately, I was unable to be present at the Scandinavian Summer Festival which began on Saturday with a banquet where our popular Consul General of Denmark, Hon. Frode Schøn, was the principal speaker. From all reports it was a huge success. The General Chairman of the affair was none other than Brother Curtis Larsen, Past President of the General Committee. By the way, his good wife, Astrid, also a Past President of the Sisterhood General Committee, was in the hospital recently and left minus her gall bladder. She is recovering nicely.

On June 3rd the Central Committee in San Francisco had, as in previous years, arranged for celebrating the Danish "Grundlovsdag" in Golden Gate Park. The Park Band played a program of delightful Danish music sent over here by the Municipal Band of Copenhagen through the good office of the Danish Consulate General in San Francisco. Brother Sven Stribolt, was General Chairman of the day, and no one can do it better than Sven. The main speakers of the day were Hon. Frode Schøn and Pastor Spenner Petersen. We are so very fortunate to have some excellent talents in San Francisco when it comes to singing. This year we had three of them. Miss Donna Jean Petersen and Mr. Winther Andersen, both from the San Francisco opera, and Mrs. Sylvia Brunckhorst, who had her debut in Milan. The singing was beautiful and you good Danes who did not come out in the park that day missed something real fine. It is really a long time since we had a

concert in San Francisco and I sincerely hope that either the Central Committee or some of the organizations will try to arrange for an evening of song given by these artists so one can really enjoy good music at its best. I pass the suggestion on.

No. 49's Ex-President evening was, as usual, a success. As mentioned here last month it was held on June 13th. Just a week before our chairman of the social committee got the idea of having a "medisterpølseparty" (note new word) preceding the meeting. It was short notice to say the least. But about 100 showed up and they were not disappointed. The kitchen was in charge of Brother Egon Swangreen, assisted by Brother Jørgen Hansen, and they did a marvelous job of it. However, I think the real job was done by Brother Ernst Meyer and his good wife, who all by themselves made 200 pounds of "medisterpølse." Some undertaking. And they were delicious. I hope these good people will do something similar again real soon.

The meeting afterwards was in charge of some of the old timers, with Brother Carl Sørensen as President. We had as usual a very lively meeting. At our meeting we had the honor of having Brother Walter Christensen, Grand President of Dania, as well as Brother Emanuel Jurvig, Grand Secretary. Brother Christensen is a member of Lodge No. 45 in Minneapolis and one can only hope he some day will transfer out here, and take an active part in our meetings. The two brethren mentioned spoke to us both during the dinner and at the meeting, as did, of course, our own President of our General Committee, Brother Dan Chr. Andersen, and your scribe. At this time we extend a cordial invitation to all visiting members of the Danish Sister and Brotherhood to participate at our convention in San Diego. Come and have a good time with us.

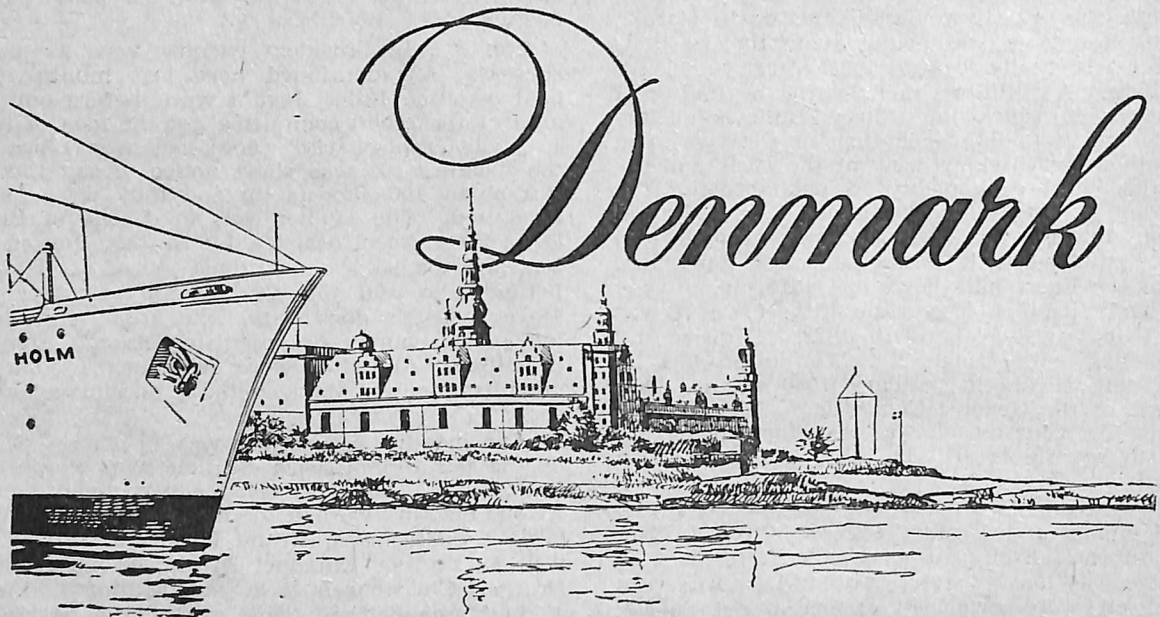
Have you signed up for San Diego? I have. OK, see you at U. S. Grant Hotel.

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Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
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Hans Norregaard	10	Council B.	Alf. Andersen, Jr.
Hans Norregaard	10	Council B.	Jas. R. Andersen
Gerold B. Jensen	29	Seattle	Niels Jensen
Otto Nielsen	29	Seattle	Carl W. Petersen
Otto Nielsen	29	Seattle	Johnny Collin
Herbert Nielsen	49	S. Francisco	John Naumann
Jørgen Larsen	49	S. Francisco	Frank Serop
Hans Prinds, Jr.	56	Kansas City	Ken. Pedersen
Willy Hansen	116	Newark	Jørgen Lytle
Kaj Holm	116	Newark	Alex Marx
Jack G. Svane	116	Newark	Svend Rasmussen
Frank Hagen	126	Los Angeles	Niels Jarre
S. Christofferson	126	L. Angeles	T. Christoffersen
Swen E. Larsen	227	Detroit	Carl E. Larsen
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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

John H. Nissen, 4621 Marple St., Philadelphia 36, Pa.

Aside from thoughts of vacations, and the annual convention of the Eastern Lodges, one thing to which many of us can look forward is the Grand Tour of the Royal Danish Ballet.

Following a two weeks' engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, the ballet company will tour the major cities of this country and Canada, giving balletomanes an opportunity of comparing the technique of the artists of the Royal Ballet with those of the principle American companies.

Wherever the Royal Ballet appears on its tour, it is certain that there will be a good turn-out of members of local lodges of the DANISH BROTHERHOOD. It is likely there will be an early sell-out of preferred seats; so, make your inquiries now!

Now, for the mail:

Denmark Lodge No. 37, Bridgeport, Conn., is one of the many Brotherhood lodges working in close harmony with its counterpart of the Danish Sisterhood. A joint committee representing the two lodges prepares and schedules social activities in which members of both organizations participate.

On May 22 the lodges held a Bingo party at which many beautiful prizes were distributed. Topping off the exciting evening was the serving of delicious cakes and coffee for which the Sisterhood members received the thanks of all present.

A bus trip previously scheduled for June was canceled to permit the members to attend the picnic of Haabet Lodge No. 32, of New Haven.

With September social activities will get under way again according to schedule, with something planned through to the end of the year.

Brother Andrew C. Mortensen doubles as secretary and publicity man for Denmark Lodge, and Sister Irene Olsen is publicity chairman of Sisterhood Lodge No. 16.

Fremad Lodge No. 116, Newark, New Jersey, had a rare treat for its old timers at their May meeting. The initiation of three new members was conducted in the Danish language, due to the fact that two of them arrived in this country only a few months ago.

At least one more new member was scheduled to be initiated in June. Hardly a month has gone by this year without a new name on the membership list. Fremad is determined to top the 200 mark ere the year is out.

With other lodges along the Atlantic seaboard, the Newark lodge participated in a picnic at the Danish Home for the Aged at Metuchen, on Sunday, May 20. A repeat is scheduled for July 4, and is expected to bring out a still larger number from near and far.

Enighed Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa., was one of eleven Scandinavian organizations participating in the annual picnic sponsored by the Scandinavian Central Committee on Saturday, June 16.

The event was a family affair and brought a good turn-out on the spacious grounds of the John Morton Memorial, otherwise known as the American Swedish Historical Museum, 1900 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia.

July 4 will see quite a delegation of Philadelphia members at the picnic at the Danish Home for the Aged at Metuchen, New Jersey.

Tentative plans by the entertainment committee of the Quaker City lodge call for a cruise down the Delaware River with a picnic at Riverview Beach.

H. C. Orsted Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, New York, reports that the Danish Brotherhood Bowling League held its 9th annual banquet at the lodge hall on Sunday, May 20. A delicious roast beef dinner was served, topped off with "citron fromage" for dessert.

Chris Olsen, Bob Sauter and Carl Christensen were awarded prizes for high scores.

Bill Christensen was the recipient of the prize for perfect attendance.

Harold Hansen, Al Letke and Norm Sauter received prizes for good sportsmanship.

The sponsors of the Bowling League this year were the Hanson Construction Corp.; J. H. Petersen; Christensen and Nielsen; and Svend Jensen, Contractor.

Svend Jensen was the winner of the sponsors' trophy.

The biggest birthday party of the year was on the book for Wednesday, June 20, given by "a bunch of big shots," with the sky the limit.

Peter Willimos Lodge No. 202, Warren, Pennsylvania, we are happy to note, made page one of the June issue of the DANISH BROTHERHOOD MAGAZINE with a feature story on 100 per cent juvenile membership. Surely it will stimulate other lodges to follow this example.

Once each year the Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and Dana Lodge in Warren jointly hold a Memorial Service in memory of their departed members. This year's Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, June 6, with an appropriate program arranged by the committee in charge.

Again, on Sunday, June 24, the Danish lodges held their annual picnic at Island Park in Youngs-

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ville, for their members, families and friends. The picnic committee had the foresight to reserve a large pavilion at the park which lessened chances of rain spoiling the event.

Lyngblomsten Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pennsylvania, is up to its elbows in work preparing for the annual convention of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, over Labor Day week end, with which they will combine their own Fiftieth Anniversary celebration.

Convention headquarters will be the Lawrence Hotel.

The publicity and reservation committee, consisting of Brothers Harry Madsen and Peter Larsen, have circulated delegates and lodges with information on the forthcoming convention. All delegates and members planning to attend are urged to make their reservations promptly, or risk being billeted in rooms outside of the convention hotel.

Hartford Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn., elected as delegate and alternate respectively, Brothers Christian Lonstrup and Alfred Stark, to represent the lodge at the convention of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges in Erie, Pa.

Among the visitors to Hartford Lodge recently, was Brother John Rasmussen, of Vortland Lodge No. 205, Vice President of the General Committee.

It is not unusual for a father to see to it that his son becomes a member of the DANISH BROTHERHOOD, and occasionally vice versa. It is news, however, when both father and son are initiated into our fraternity in the same ceremony.

The meeting of June 6 saw Thorwald Hansen, and his son, Robert, initiated as members of Hartford Lodge. The Hansens recently moved to the nearby town of Newington, Conn., having formerly lived in Canada.

Resolutions

PETER H. PETERSEN, Petaluma, California

In memory of our departed brother, Peter H. Petersen, who passed away June 11, 1956:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, Calif.

Louis Larsen, President.

Harvey P. Rasmussen, Secretary.

NELS OLSEN, Waukegan, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Nels Olsen, who passed away on June 1, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Dannevang Lodge No. 182 at its regular meeting June 9, 1956:

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

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

Olaf Johnson, President.

Anton Jorgensen, Secretary.

FREDERICK JOHNSEN, Austin, Minnesota

The following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting in memory of our departed brother, Frederick Johnsen, who passed away May 11, 1956:

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

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

In behalf of D. B. Als Lodge No. 111, Austin, Minnesota,

Fred Godfredsen, President.

Otto M. Andersen, Secretary.

C. P. HANSEN, Warren, Pennsylvania

In memory of our departed brother and charter member, C. P. Hansen, who passed away on April 13, 1956:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 202, Warren, Pa.

Karl E. Petersen, President.

Henry S. Petersen, Secretary.

JOHAN FREDERIK NIELSEN, Clinton, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Johan Fredrik Nielsen, who passed away May 10, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Clinton Lodge No. 11, at our last meeting May 24, 1956:

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

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

Ole Jorgensen, President.

Hans Gertsen, Secretary.

JEAN HERSHOLT, Los Angeles, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Jean Hersholt, who passed away on June 2, 1956:

We mourn the loss of a brother and a 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. 126,

Paul Herskind, President.

Peter Petersen, Secretary.

HANS CHRISTIAN SORESENSEN, Petaluma, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Hans Christian Sorensen, who passed away May 10, 1956, we wish to extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Resolved, that we in his memory drape our charter for thirty days; that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy to be sent to his family.

Golden West Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, Calif.

Louis Larsen, President.

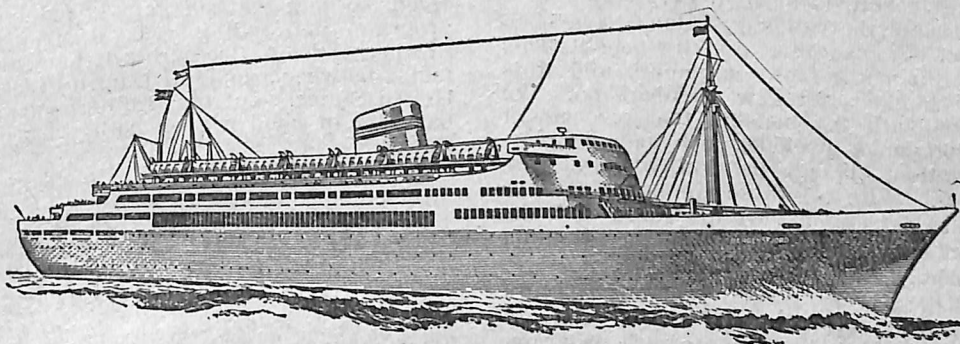
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Food for Thought

It is a sad thing to see how poorly the Brotherhood is making out; and it is with sorrow that I have observed the small attendance all the local lodges have for their meetings. It is surprising to find out how short sighted a good many brothers are. They live in a world of the past, and they still believe, that what was good for the Brotherhood 30 years ago, still is good enough for the present too. We all hear so much about prosperity today, and we know very well what it means, but to accept it in regards to a fraternal organization is so hard in most cases. All of us who have the Brotherhood at heart, would like to see it grow to a great and strong organization.

Now, how can it be done? I am sure there are many roads to take, but which one will give the fastest and best result, is hard to say.

So far, it seems that all suggestions have been concentrated on our insurance and sick benefit. This is not an all important factor anymore, and it is not enough to hold or get new members on. We are all families with the benefits the government and various companies provide, such as unemployment compensation, old age pension, life and pension insurances. With all these we have lost one of the best sales objects, and we are faced with the fact, so find another way of attracting the attention of our Brotherhood.

I, as one, believe very strongly, that the future of the Brotherhood can be very bright. But, to make it so, we will have to join in a new program, which will concentrate on a social and cultural significance. We will have to start an extended youth program, with which all young people of Danish descent and their friends, can be brought up in the spirit friendship and Brotherhood. It will then be a natural thing for the young people to join the Brotherhood when they come of age, because they already have so many things in common.

How many brothers have said: There is nothing in the Brotherhood for their sons, so they never try to get them as members. Do these brothers really realize what they have admitted, the eventual death of the organization.

Each lodge will have to set up a program that will suit them, but financial support should be given from the supreme board to get it started. The lodges could for example start sports activities, hobby room, where wood and metal work could take place, teaching of Danish language, Danish history and geography, all as a part of a yearly sponsored study, at one of the Danish teaching institutes. This could I am sure, be done as a joint operation of the Danish government or a couple of the big newspapers together with the Brotherhood. The different districts should build a summer camp, where the boys would have a chance to meet youngsters from other states, and build a friendship that will extend over the borders of the states. This, together with an expanded scholarship program, would be very good reasons for the brothers to get their sons and others to join.

America is a melting pot of nations, so to speak, and why should not Denmark contribute as much as possible to the American culture. It is a small country but it has one of the highest cultures in the world. As a professor at Columbia University puts it: "Danes Americanize themselves quickly and

easily, a favorable trait, but why should they not also spread their rich culture." See for example how the idea of cooperating, old age pension, just to mention a few. Let's build up a feeling of pride for what is Danish.

So far, I have only been concentrating on what could be done for the younger people, but we can not forget all our older members. I would like to see that the Brotherhood sponsor some trips to Denmark each year. Free to brothers who otherwise would have no chance to visit brothers and sisters back in the old country. We should also be an active part in an old people's home program. As you can see, I have not mentioned anything about the brothers who in age, are in between the two groups mentioned, because I should think, that if a program as outlined here was adopted, it would give this group plenty to do.

I hope, with this article, that a call has been given, so that we can get started on a rebuilding program, that will give us a stronger and better Brotherhood. A Brotherhood that can be a joining factor between people of Danish descent here in the United States. Let the Brotherhood be like an ambassador of good will on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

ERIK C. GARDE, President, Lodge No. 37

July Fourth Celebrated in Denmark

Unusual interest centers on this year's American Independence Day Celebration on July 4 in Denmark because of the presence of King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid of Denmark.

The festival starts at 3 o'clock with the hoisting of the "Stars and Stripes," and the Danish "Dannebrog," and the singing of the American and the Danish anthems. Expected is an even larger attendance than in previous years — some 40,000 to 50,000 — including thousands of Americans of Danish birth or descent, high American and Danish officials, and American tourists.

An avenue of the flags of the 48 States lead to the speaker's platform. Chairman of the festival is Holger Bladt of Aalborg, President of the Rebild National Park Board and the speakers include: Prime Minister H. C. Hansen; U. S. Ambassador Robert D. Coe; Danish Ambassador Henrik Kauffmann and Ebbe Rode of the Royal Theatre. Board Secretary Borge Rosing of Huntington, W. Va., will speak words in memory of Jean Hersholt, who for many years was Vice President of the Board. Soloist will be Albert Luther of the Royal Theatre. American and Danish songs will be sung by the audience to the music of the Danish Civil Defense Band. Special greetings will be brought to the celebration by Mrs. Charles A. Post of Providence,



R. I.; Judge John Gutknecht of Chicago; Dan Christian Andersen of San Francisco; Rev. Harold C. Jorgensen of Blair, Nebraska, and others. The celebration will last about two hours and will be continued in the evening in the nearby city of Aalborg at the "Kilden" Park with more speeches, dinners, entertainment and fireworks.

Denmark's Fourth of July celebration is colorful and stirring. It brings to the heather-clad natural amphitheatre at Rebild thousands upon thousands of families from all walks of life, and high ranking government officials from both countries.

Americans and Danes have been celebrating the Fourth of July together since 1912, when a group of Danish-born Americans purchased the ancient Rebild hills adjacent to Rold Forest, one of the most beautiful sites in Denmark. They donated this land to the Danish Government as a national shrine with the stipulation that the American Independence Day be observed there every year. This was their gratitude to America. Except for the war years, these festivals have been an annual event.

Rebild National Park now consists of 450 acres. It gets its name from the village nearby.

July 4th—Our Greatest Holiday

This Fourth of July we celebrate all that the day has meant for 180 years — the first ringing declaration of our independence as a nation, the winning of that independence, and our long defense of it in times of war and peace, civil strife and economic depression.

The history of the American Declaration of Independence can be set forth briefly, though the ideas the declaration expressed have a rich and varied history of their own.

By 1774 the British colonists in North America had suffered many indignities from the British king. To consolidate their petitions to King George, the 13 colonies in that year sent representatives to meet in Philadelphia. This was called the Continental Congress. But their requests and petitions were ignored and their attempts at arbitration were met with violence and imprisonment.

Finally the colonists could no longer endure their second-class citizenship, and on June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced in the Continental Congress a resolution which declared that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

On June 10th, three days later, a committee was appointed to "prepare a declaration of the said . . . resolution." The following day Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston were appointed to prepare the resolution. Seventeen days later, on June 28th, the committee returned to Congress their draft of a declaration; minor modifications were made and on July 4th it was signed.

The purpose of the Declaration of Independence was not only to declare independence but to tell the governments of the world why this step was taken. The Declaration stated in formal but concise language why the Americans felt they were justi-

fied in renouncing their allegiance to the British Crown.

The document which these men wrote is a landmark in the history of the world. They were setting a new precedent in renouncing their allegiance. They knew that the British king, George III, would call their actions rebellious. But they wanted to prove that what they were doing was not rebellious but substituting a form of government which would represent, not oppress, its citizens.

The first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence clearly outlines the reasoning which impelled the colonists to explain their actions to the world. The famous second paragraph firmly defends the right of a people to establish a just form of government when the rule under which they live is a tyranny:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government . . . as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

The Declaration stated that, under certain conditions, men have the right to change governments. It further stated that the people of the colonies had been patient and had submitted to many harsh measures, and had tried to petition to have them changed. The Declaration then proceeded to list the harsh measures with which George III had burdened them.

These facts were not submitted as in themselves justifying the right to rebel against the Crown but were presented to prove that the Crown wished to establish an "absolute tyranny" over the colonies. Even in the face of all they had suffered, the colonies had not rushed into immediate rebellion. They had decided to establish their own government only after their petitions had been ignored, and when peaceful means had been exhausted.

The truths which Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Adams and other founders believed and declared self-evident could not remain the sole property of the United States. Their words were eagerly heard in Europe. Men everywhere read and remembered them, and were inspired to seek representative government and to extend the freedom of man.

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The regular meeting night for Green Mountain Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt., is the second Saturday of each month. (Not third Friday.)

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Midwest District Convention

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All lodges, affiliated and non-affiliated, are urged to send delegates and actively participate in the business sessions which will be devoted to the problems and welfare of the members of our organization.

Affiliated lodges are allowed **two delegates**. Non-affiliated lodges are hereby extended a sincere invitation to become part — an active part — of our district and help us charter our future fraternal course.

Neighboring districts are cordially invited to join our meeting. It can happily be recorded, that at their meeting in Toledo, May 19th and 20th, the Michigan and Upper Ohio district decided to send five representatives to South Bend, and brothers and sisters from Greenville, Ludington, Muskegon and Detroit in Michigan and Toledo in Ohio will attend, and we assure them — in advance — of a most hearty welcome! Our friends from Minnesota will — no doubt — also be there — we hope!

South Bend has never failed to meet up no matter where our district conventions were held, and, as this is the very first time that No. 245 — South Bend — is entertaining a district meeting, I sincerely hope **all** lodges will show appreciation and meet up 100 per cent. So—please start planning at once! Elect delegates now! Form a committee to organize a group caravan or motorcade! May I suggest a visit to your neighboring lodge, to give or to get a lift. For instance: Menominee, Neenah, Green Bay and Escanaba should get together; and Rockford, Moline, Dwight and Woodstock in Illinois. What about Madison, Oregon and Oshkosh traveling together? and Superior, Withee, Luck and Barronett arranging a get-to-South Bend-Trip? Kenosha will no doubt wake up Racine, and Milwaukee goes with Racine I know! Waukegan can pick up Lake Forest on the way — St. Charles and Chicago know their way around—and it is only 90 miles from Chicago to South Bend. I hope each lodge President will appoint a convention trip arrangement committee, to really boost

the attendance we expect, and which South Bend deserves.

South Bend is a real city. Visit the world famous Notre Dame University, St. Mary's College; the giant Bendix Products Corporation and Studebaker plants; but first and foremost our fine brothers and gracious sisters in South Bend. Brothers Bergenhausen, Cordtz, Kasa and Bauer are enough to warrant for an excellent meeting and a splendid reception. Let's ALL go—100 per cent—plan the trip now!

The facilities of the first class Oliver Hotel, South Bend, have been procured for the meetings and banquet and will provide quarters for the delegates if desired. In fact — all meetings, entertainments, luncheons, dancing and "after-glows" will all take place right in the Oliver Hotel, which is in the heart of down-town and where parking facilities are available in the same block. And one more **very** important point — The most difficult task confronting a convention committee is the sad fact that they are never sure of even the approximate attendance. So they either plan too little or too much. Let's overcome this! As soon as you decide to attend, just drop a postcard to the convention chairman, Brother Louis A. Kasa, 1210 Blaine Ave., South Bend 16, Ind. Brother Kasa can then arrange for banquet, luncheon, and hotel reservations and in other ways assist you. Your reservation will assure YOU of your fair share; and please, stop at the Oliver Hotel! By so doing, you will help the South Bend Committee. Next month I shall detail the program for you — for now, let it suffice to say that registrations will begin at 9 a. m., Saturday, September 1. Luncheon at Oliver Hotel, 11 to 12:30, and the meeting starting **promptly** at 1 p. m.

So cooperate by being there before 9 a. m., September 1st, and send your reservation post card to **Louis Kasa, 1210 Blaine Ave., South Bend 16, Ind.** Attend your lodge meetings and line up a party for South Bend. You will be sure to enjoy it! Be good to yourself, come to South Bend and meet old and make new friends!

Lodge secretary's are asked to send me the names of your delegates at once, and your dues and registration fee. In the meantime, if I can be of further help, please feel free to write me, and hoping to see a real turn-out in South Bend, September 1 and 2, I am,

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