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## Racine Lodge National Bowling Champions

Racine Lodge No. 4, with bowling team No. 2 rolling a total score of 3,000 pins have just emerged as champions of the Danish Brotherhood in America Bowling Tournament. Jensen Brothers of Erie Lodge No. 242 were a very close second, rolling the highest scratch score of all the participating teams but a higher team average resulted in a lower team handicap.

This is the first national tournament sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood in many years and now that it is over with your comments are invited. Sound suggestions, favorable comments or constructive criticisms are welcome and will be received in the spirit that it is issued. Any suggestion that will improve the tournament and is desired by the majority of the bowlers will be used in next year's tournament if at all feasible.

As your bowling chairman, I thank each bowler and their sponsors for participating in this tournament and I hope that you found it interesting and enjoyable. With your help we shall make each year's tournament bigger and better.

Faternally yours,

EINAR DANIELSEN,  
National Bowling Chairman.

Lodge Team	Ave.	Score	Hdep.	Total	Prize
4 Racine No. 2	806	2595	405	3000	\$50 1 Pl.
242 Jensen Bros.	873	2727	264	2991	40 2 Pl.
17 Chicago No. 1	774	2497	474	2971	30 3 Pl.
67 Fresno No. 1	756	2459	510	2969	25 4 Pl.
242 United A. R.	908	2550	399	2949	20 5 Pl.
35 Chicago No. 1	743	2381	537	2918	15 6 Pl.
167 Portland No. 1	802	2490	414	2904	10 7 Pl.
242 Beck Buld.	818	2516	381	2897	10 8 Pl.
190 C & N. Contr.	749	2341	525	2866	10 9 Pl.
92 St. Charles 3	701	2231	627	2858	10 10 Pl.
34 Dwight No. 1	791	2409	438	2847	\$ out of 11

184 Hayward No. 1	805	2437	408	2845	\$ out of 12
116 Newark No. 1	705	2226	618	2844	\$ out of 13
64 Rockford No. 1	715	2222	597	2819	\$ out of 14
64 Rockford No. 2	756	2291	510	2809	\$ out of 15
242 Woodel, Erie	780	2319	462	2781	\$ out of 16
4 Racine No. 2	766	2284	489	2773	\$ out of 17
29 Seattle No. 2	769	2287	483	2760	\$ out of 18
92 St. Charles 2	730	2187	562	2759	\$ out of 19
242 Reed Mfg. Erie	785	2287	450	2737	\$ out of 20
4 Racine No. 3	728	2165	570	2735	\$ out of 21
4 Racine No. 1	832	2383	351	2734	\$ out of 22
273 Dillon No. 1	814	2339	390	2729	\$ out of 23
183 Troy No. 1	767	2214	489	2703	\$ out of 24
4 Racine No. 6	606	1876	825	2701	\$ out of 25
4 Racine No. 4	690	2049	651	2700	\$ out of 26
92 St. Charles 1	740	2153	546	2699	\$ out of 27
29 Seattle No. 2	765	2186	492	2678	\$ out of 28
242 Grossley M.	823	2307	369	2676	\$ out of 29
4 Racine No. 4	752	2147	519	2666	\$ out of 30
332 Ripon No. 1	648	1912	648	2650	\$ out of 31
190 J. H. P.	680	1976	672	2648	\$ out of 32
190 H. C. C.	694	2005	642	2647	\$ out of 33
4 Racine No. 5	665	1922	699	2621	\$ out of 34
1 Omaha No. 1	625	1831	786	2617	\$ out of 35
84 Lincoln No. 1	662	1889	708	2597	\$ out of 36
184 Hayward No. 2	676	1915	678	2593	\$ out of 37
49 S. Francisco 1	763		495		\$ out of 38
49 S. Francisco 2	726		573		\$ out of 39
49 S. Francisco 3	655		723		\$ out of 40

### Individual Series Winner

17 James Spalle	187	190	190	567	93	660	1
29 M. Hollister	172	222	151	545	111	656	2
35 John Jensen	188	178	169	535	120	655	3

### Individual Game Winner

17 Niels Hansen		225	34	259	\$6.25	Tie
29 M. Hollister		222	37	259	6.25	Tie
242 J. Tate		227	30	257	2.50	3 Pl.

## State Convention in Iowa

The annual state convention of Iowa United Lodges will be held at the Danish Hall, West Broadway and Park Avenue, Council Bluffs, Iowa, August 31-September 1-2. Members of the Danish Brotherhood are invited. Specially members of all Iowa lodges regardless if their lodges are members or not, of Iowa United Lodges.

The Danish Hall will open at noon on August 31 for registration. There will be a social event

Saturday evening. Sunday, business meeting. Banquet and dance in the evening. Monday, business meeting. Election of officers and installation. The committee is working hard to make it the best convention.

Iowa Sister Lodges will also have their convention at the Danish Hall the same days.

MARINUS NIELSEN, Sec. No. 10  
787 Madison Ave. Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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## More About The Promotional Program

Now that the first half of the year has become history, it seems a good time to recapitulate the various items of the Promotional Program for 1957.

Individual members have the opportunity of enriching themselves by participating in the membership contest. The member who signs up the most new members during 1957 will receive the first prize, which is \$250.00, cash. Second prize is \$175.00, and the third prize, \$100.00. If the member who signs up the most new members should sign up a total of 50, or more, new members during 1957, at least 40 of whom take insurance, first prize will be a minimum rated, round trip, tourist class trans-ocean ticket, by boat, from New York to Copenhagen, or \$400.00 cash, whichever the winner may choose, instead of the \$250.00. A record is being kept in the home office, of new members signed up and initiated during 1957 which shows the name of the recommending member who is entitled to credit for obtaining the new member. This record will serve as a basis from which to determine when new members have qualified under the requirement that they must have been members for at least six months.

Each lodge will receive rewards at the rate of \$10.00 per \$1,000.00 worth of new insurance, also, \$1.00 for each social member and each juvenile with term insurance, signed up during 1957. Rewards received by the lodges are theirs to spend as they see fit, but the supreme officers have faith in the fairness of the lodges and believe that they will remunerate their soliciting members in suitable amounts and manner. Payments of rewards can begin, to the lodges, during the last quarter of 1957, at which time the home office will have had time

to tabulate the results of the previous months.

The districts (or general committees) will be given rewards of \$125.00 for each multiple of 25 new members, of all classifications, that are signed up within its circle of member lodges.

Payments of rewards to the districts will be made after the results for the full year have been tabulated. It is necessary, however, that the secretary of each district, (or general committee) submits to the home office, as soon as possible, a list, giving the name and number of every lodge which is a member of his respective district.

The current Promotional Program is based on performance during the entire calendar year, 1957, and all compensations, rewards and prizes will be paid for results produced during 1957 even though, in some instances, final payment can not be made until some time in 1958.

In addition to the above stated portion of the program, efforts are being made to establish contacts with Danish men, who are about to migrate to America.

In a few more months the Supreme Board will begin making plans for a 1958 Promotional Program.

Again, the supreme officers ask that interested DB members send in suggestions for possible changes and improvements in methods. The Promotional Campaign committee will be most happy to present new ideas to the board for consideration. Criticism is only constructive if the fault-finder has something better to offer, otherwise his objections become mere drivel. To date no suggestions, good or bad, have been sent in to the Promotional Program committee.

Fraternally,  
Promotional Program Chairman,  
HANS. M. ANDERSEN,

Teacher: "And how old are you, Bobbie?"

Bobbie: "I'm just at the awkward age."

Teacher: "And what do you call the awkward age?"

Bobbie: "I'm too old to cry and too young to swear."

"I don't like our new club president! He cheated me out of \$50,000 once."

"Fifty thousand bucks! The crook! How'd he manage to do that?"

"He refused to let me marry his daughter."

## JULY ASSESSMENT 697

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE  
LODGE TREASURER

July 1, 1957

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

August 1, 1957

Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

## Financial Report

MAY 31, 1957

### Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1957	\$ 39,762.86
Assessments	10,013.90
Interest on bonds	14,706.65
Certificate loan repayments	20.83
Interest on certificate loans	6.65
Premium on currency exchange	31.32

\$ 64,542.21

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$ 19,310.31
Cash surrender	1,178.11
Bonds purchased	30,000.00
Premium on bonds purchased	574.10
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	69.28
Bond coupon collection expense	8.50
Current investment expense	850.62
Certificate loan	400.00
Balance on hand May 31, 1957	12,151.29

\$ 64,542.21

### General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1957	\$ 14,515.09
Received in May	826.69

\$ 15,341.78

Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 140.00
Cost of periodic examination by Nebraska Insurance Department	1,331.72
Employers Social Security tax	16.49
Insurance department license and fees	20.00
Office supplies	18.63
Petty cash	10.00
Postage, express, telephone and telegrams	75.10
Printing song books	72.61
Printing and mailing official publication	391.09
Promotional expense	268.50
Rent and lights	201.84
Salaries to officers and employes	733.00
Travel expenses	205.00
Balance on hand May 31, 1957	11,857.80

\$ 15,341.78

### Fraternal Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1957	\$ 14,185.02
Assessments	419.00
Beneficiary refund	400.00
Fraternal refund	9.20
Interest on bonds	837.50

\$ 15,850.72

Disbursements:	
Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 726.00
Balance on hand May 31, 1957	15,124.72

\$ 15,850.72

### Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1957	\$ 8,411.39
Assessments	178.12

\$ 8,589.51

Disbursements:

None

Balance on hand May 31, 1957 ----- \$ 8,589.51

\$ 8,589.51

### Assets

Mortuary Fund investments	\$ 4,110,881.03
Fraternal Fund investments	248,000.00
General Fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	44,723.32

\$ 4,443,604.35

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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer,  
6312 Nyanza Park Drive, Tacoma 99, Washington

Last March, it was exactly six years since my first column appeared in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and with the exception of possibly two issues, each month since that time has carried an article from the Pacific Northwest. It has been difficult on occasions to gather news from our various lodges in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia and without the faithful help from Secretary L. Mortensen of Spokane, Ex-President Sigurd C. Nielsen of Portland and others of various way-points, it would have been impossible. May I urge each DB unit to appoint a regular correspondent and have him drop me the lodge notes each month by the fifteenth. By no means do I mean to imply that unless I get better cooperation, I am severing connections — it is my sincere desire to continue writing to the best of my ability and "with what I have." Truthfully, I can say that during the past six years, it has been a pleasure rather than a chore to edit the PNW column but more help would be gratefully appreciated. Together, we can continue to make our Brotherhood Magazine a communication of events, news and ideas from all of us to all of us resulting in no less than a closer connection and a more solid unity within the Danish Brotherhood.

We should like at this time to wish a belated "Bon Voyage" to all those brothers and sisters participating in the Tour to Denmark. Some day, we hope that time and money will permit a similar trip for Sonia and myself. Many friends, including servicemen stationed overseas, tell us that Copenhagen is a far more interesting, cleaner and enjoyable city to visit than London, Paris or any other metropolis. Seeing Denmark again after many years of absence, visiting relatives that have been but names in letters, and revisiting childhood memories in the land of fairy tales, are all in the "thoughts for the day." And so we join with Supreme Officers Hans M. Andersen, Chris Madsen and Fred Jensen in saying "Lykke Paa Rejsen" to not only their contemporary fellow board members who sailed on the good ship "Stockholm" but to each and every one of some 300 "lucky peoples."

Via the Scandinavian Airlines and the North Pole, 86-year-old Brother Chris Sand left America for a visit to his birthplace the middle of May. Born in Denmark in 1871, arriving in South Dakota in 1892, and traveling the States over, good old Brother Christian worked on the Alaska railroads during the gold rush days of 1898. Joining the Seattle Danish Brotherhood in 1899, he has lived in King county since that time, being an Enumclawite from 1917 until the present. Last August, his life partner passed away after a long illness and to that union was born one son, Brother Hans Sands, and four daughters. This is Brother Sands first trip across the big pond since his arrival 65 years ago and you can well imagine the thrill in seeing once again, two sisters and a brother anxiously waiting all those years. Old friends and neighbors called at the Sand's home for an all day and night farewell party prior to his embarking for Los Angeles enroute where he visited relatives. Until

we see you again the latter part of July, God Bless You, Chris.

Northwest Danish Old People's Home secretary for Oregon and Washington, Brother Chris Hansen, has sent official notices to all Danish lodges, clubs, churches and organizations that the annual membership meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran church, 5515 Phinney Avenue, Seattle, July 13, at 3 p. m., following a free coffee session. A no-host dinner will follow at six o'clock. On Sunday, the 33rd anniversary picnic with special programs will be held on the grounds of the home, 10010 Des Moines Way. The terms of office of 14 directors expire this year including those of Brothers J. H. Clausen, Bertram Jessen, Chris Hansen, M. Peter Pihl and Bent Espersen.

A new brother, George Nelson, was initiated into the Enumclaw lodge Saturday, June 8. Brother Nelson lives in Seattle and is employed by the Boeing Airplane Company in Renton. Coming to America shortly after the First World War, George has been farming in South Dakota these many years. This column welcomes another link in the DBS and we hope to see much of him and his good wife, Erna,

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with whom he celebrated his wedding anniversary May 12, at future meetings and social affairs.

Young people's vigor and vision are a very necessary part of our overall organization. Our fine Eighth District convention of DB and DS lodges in May proved just that. The younger members were as anxious and willing to share their responsibilities and radiate their hospitalities as the seasoned oldsters. Speaking of that successful conclave, I just now remembered that door prizes were won by Brothers Hans Jensen, Portland; Karl Petersen, Seattle; and Sister Marie Mauridsen, Seattle. To say the least, every phase of the entire undertaking was exceptionally well managed from start to finish and the Pacific Northwest is proud of McMinnville, known as the "City of Diversified Enterprise."

Official but absent delegates from Wilbur were Brothers Ing Hansen and Axel Petersen; No. 152's membership now stands at 42; and Brother Jim Petersen is in the Coulee Dam hospital.

Although the "spark plug" of Tacoma's Danish Brotherhood, Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen, owns and operates not one but two stationery and office supply stores on Pacific Avenue, he and his wife, Cora, locked up both "joints" over a busy week end and joined the festivities in McMinnville; and there are now 31 paid up members in No. 33.

Registration Chairman Otto C. Larsen, whose mother was an active convention worker, plans to visit Denmark in 1960; only other California member besides the "Andersens" present during the convention days in McMinnville was Brother H. L. Vinum; we have heard from District President Peter Rasmussen and his partner, Ellen, since we bid them goodbye on Sunday following a most delicious breakfast; bartender Fred Hansen, also president of Lodge 194, took care of our thirsty brothers during the warm three day sessions; and it is interesting to note that Oregon lodges were for years conducting their own district meetings within the state before the organization of the Pacific Northwest recognized unit.

Lodge Treasurer Carl Petersen of Vancouver, B. C., reports that their membership count now stands at 118; Delegate L. Jessen of Lodge No. 328 was accompanied to McMinnville by a nephew, Karl, enroute from Denmark to Canada; District Trustee Chairman Svend A. Johansen not only had his wife and children along to Oregon but also his mother-in-law, as they celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary; and President Borge Dahl in his masterful style was one of the featured speakers at the banquet head table.

"Brothers either too old or too busy" was the excuse for the absence of Bellingham's delegates to our convention but we were assured that if not in body, their 17 members were represented in spirit and best wishes; averaging 50 per cent attendance at their regular sessions, Lodge No. 155 still meets at various brother's homes; and 1957 president is Albert Matson, vice president Esben Hansen and Brother Cecil D. Colpitts is the new secretary-treasurer.

Junction City's Brother Godtfred Jensen, father of Ex-President Jerry of Seattle's DB, is always on hand when convention time rolls around; after 46 years of absence, District Inner Guard H. C. Christoferson is on the Denmark Tour; and the daughter of Brother Ejner Christensen was among the many Pacific Northwest June brides this year.

Brother Benni Anderson, a member of Spokane's DB but presently manager of Lakewood's leading restaurant, had his family down from the Inland Empire on a house-hunting expedition; No. 42's Brother Hugo Dall, now a district trustee, continues to remember the Old People's Home Voluntary Birthday club; the Becks were well represented by Brother and Mrs. John, son Dick, who is with U. S. Steel in Portland and regards from Jack, Assistant Principal at La Grange, Oregon; Brothers Peter Briggs and Jim Garras stood by as substitute delegates; previously reported sick Brothers Niels Jensen and Swan Larsen are well on the mend again; Brother Fred Holm, who now lives in Los Angeles, will be visiting Washington this summer; on an extended trip through Montana, the Dakotas, Kansas and Utah is Brother Nels Nelson and wife, Ulah; and Jack Eskeberg, son of Past District President Ingvard, is the art instructor at Roosevelt.

## Salute in Beer Bottles

### Danish Display Welcomes Queen Elizabeth

As Queen Elizabeth of England toured Denmark on her state visit, a Copenhagen brewery found a decorative way of expressing its bottled-up sentiments. In a sunlit hall, the brewery arranged 4,600 beer bottles in a 25-foot square to spell out "E R II" in an insignia known as the royal cipher. The unusual display signaled an unusual event.

It was the first Danish tour since 1590 by a ruling British sovereign — one, moreover, whose great-grandmother, Alexandra, was a Dane. But the Danes, who never go over-board for royalty, filled the bottles with water because beer might have spoiled in the sunlight. The brewery did, however, present a properly filled bottle to beer-loving Philip.

The above was in a recent issue of LIFE Magazine as the caption to a two-page spread showing the insignia.

## DANMARK ARCHIVES OF EMIGRANT BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

From the present premises of The Danmark Archives of Emigrant Biography and History, incorporating the Dan-America Archives, is announced with deepest regrets, the decease, last year, of the archivist, Mr. Sv. Waendelin, whose scholarly knowledge, devoted labour, friendliness and good will towards all men, were the all-important factors in the building of this institution.

As the archives have recently been removed to Aalborg, Danmark, here to be reopened in the near future, please switch to our new address, today, mailing all communications, letters and wrappers etc., directly to the new premises: Udvandrerarkivet Konvalvej 2, Aalborg, Danmark.



## Dateline \* Detroit

So far the summer heat hasn't slowed up No. 227 activities too much. We have six members now living at the Danish Old People's Home, including the manager, Hans Lassen, so as one of our candidates has had a hard time getting to a Wednesday night meeting, we initiated Walter Wenders at the Home with the guests there filling all the chairs, except that of the president which was filled by the lodge secretary. Some of these old timers hadn't taken part in an initiation for years, and enjoyed it very much.

About 25 brothers and sisters from Detroit attended the convention at Muskegon, and in spite of the fact that our proposal to join the Midwest District failed to pass, we all had a wonderful time. I think we should have four district meetings each year — one each season. Love those gatherings.

The party for those going to Denmark was a huge success with 107 brothers and sisters enjoying a fine Danish dinner and also the impromptu speeches and singing which followed.

The picnic at the Home, Sunday, August 11, should bring everybody out. We have almost 300 of our members living in the Detroit area, and most of them are married so why don't we have 500 at our parties instead of 107? Why do we have only from 35 to 50 at our regular meetings? We are supposed to be a brotherhood, but how can you get to know your brother if you never see him? We are to aid and assist a brother in need or distress. How do we know if we can help a brother if we don't even know him? Of course, we are usually notified when sick benefit is needed, we far too often it is a job instead of a pleasant duty to get the required sick committee because no one at the meeting has ever heard of the brother in question. If all you get out of the lodge is your \$18 per week when you are sick and your heirs collect your insurance when you die, then you have missed 90 per cent of what the DB should do for you.

Perhaps it is the fault of the lodge, and particularly of the sponsors, when a candidate is initiated and never seen at a meeting again. Life is built on habits, and well established habits are very hard to break.

Let us then for the first few months at least, call the new brother and ask him to the meeting. Drive over on lodge night and pick him up. Remember, he has not yet come to think of every other Wednesday as lodge night. See that he is invited to participate in the card games and the discussions which follow the formal meetings and which are much more important in getting acquainted with each other and become truly brothers and not just fellow insurees in the same insurance company. It is at these after meeting activities that the American born can best learn about the Danish culture and way of life which we are, or claim to be, promoting.

There are those who are bored at a business meeting, but with all the diversified activities of the lodge there is bound to be some place where we all can find our active place to give our share — for only by giving can you truly receive that which we promised you at your initiation — a feeling of brotherhood, of having someone to turn to in time of trouble, of being assured of a friendly welcome

all over the country where there is a lodge of the Danish Brotherhood.

So come to our meetings, get on committees, run for office in the lodge, get on the building board, develop an interest in our old people's home, get in the card games, or if none of these things interest you, then just come to our parties and picnics and make our hard working committees happy. That is the one way we all have of thanking those few who always do the work — attend the activities they plan and make them feel that their efforts are worth while. Your presence is all the reward a good committee needs.

ARMAND E. LARSEN.

## COME TO ASKOV AUGUST 3 AND 4

The date for the United Lodges of Minnesota state meeting is August 3 and 4, 1957. A well balanced program is being planned that should make you happy you came. Registration will be Saturday forenoon at the Morgensen Chevrolet Display room. The meeting will start at 1:30 sharp Saturday afternoon. The banquet will be Saturday evening in the school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock, with entertainment during and after the banquet.

Sunday morning there will be both Danish and English services in the Bethlehem Lutheran church. A potluck picnic dinner will be served at noon in the village park following the church services. Singing and visiting will take care of the afternoon festivities.

The registration fee, including the banquet and Sunday potluck dinner is \$5.00 per person. The registrations should be in the hands of the Registrations committee by July 20. Housing will be available in private homes. Some cabin and motel accommodations are also available. If you wish cabin reservations reply IMMEDIATELY.

See you in Askov August 3 and 4. Come prepared for a good time. All signs point to Askov, fun and hospitality!

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## Resolutions

### CARL S. JUUL, Riverdale, Calif.

In memory of our brother, Carl S. Juul, who died April 18, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Petaluma Lodge No. 143:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our good and loyal 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, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a card of condolence be sent to his family.

In behalf of Golden West Lodge No. 143.

Sam Sorensen, Pres.

Harvey Rasmussen, Sec.

### LOUIS OLSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Louis Olsen, who passed away May 10, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 45, at its meeting May 10, 1957:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our good and loyal 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, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a card of condolence be sent to his family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 45.

Carl Gustafson, Sec.

### JACOB S. PEDERSEN, Enumclaw, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Jacob Swarts Pedersen, who passed away May 10, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 133, Enumclaw, Wash.:

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

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

John F. Hansen, Pres.

Kai Rasmussen, Sec.

### FRANK HANSEN, Ludington, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Frank Hansen, who passed away April 26, 1957, the following resolution was passed by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 51:

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 in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that this resolution be entered in our minutes, and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and that a copy be sent to his family.

John Clausen, Pres.

Earl Jensen, Sec.

### CHRISTEN JENSEN, Hartford, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Christen Jensen, who passed away May 13, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314:

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

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

In behalf of Hartford Lodge No. 314.

John A. Sivertsen, Pres.

Einar W. Nielsen, Sec.

### JULIUS JENSEN, Farum, Denmark

In memory of our departed brother, Julius Jensen, who passed away April 26, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Denmark Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Ill.:

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

Roger Larsen, Pres.

Holger Rasmussen, Sec.

### LORENTZ P. PETERSEN, Chicago, Ill.

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## One For The Road

While it is said that a small amount of alcohol calms the nerves and eases tensions, statistics show that it also lowers skills — driving skills, for instance, according to a state Christmas Seal health release.

In experiments conducted at Yale university, the tests showed that after two or three cocktails, or highballs people react more slowly to the flash of a light or the ring of a bell.

That trigger-like response we need when we get behind the wheel is lacking. "But, since the alcohol depresses the center of judgment, we think we are 'on the ball.' In fact, we think we can do everything better. That's the danger of 'one for the road'."

A well lubricated gent staggered into a hotel lobby and picked up a pen to register. As he did so, a remarkable facsimile of a bedbug crawled across the desk. The bibulous one recoiled and informed the reception clerk, "I've been in lots of hotels and I've been bitten by some mighty smart bedbugs, but—hic—this is the first time one ever came down to see what room I was getting."

# Midwest District Convention

The Sixth Annual Convention of our Midwest district will be held in Rockford, Illinois, Saturday and Sunday, August 31 and September 1, 1957, with DB Lodge No. 64 and DSS Lodge No. 55 as hosts.

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 Danish Brotherhood.

Affiliated lodges are allowed **TWO DELEGATES**. Non-affiliated lodges are hereby extended a sincere invitation to become district members, and thus take a real active part in helping us build the Danish Brotherhood bigger and better. Please send me the names and addresses of your delegates as soon as possible.

Rockford is a real town — know as the machine tool capital of the world, it is located at the crossroads of the Midwest, where U. S. 20 east and west meets U. S. 51 north and south — and what the Seine is to Paris — the Rock river is to Rockford! The facilities of magnificent Hotel Faust — Rockford's finest — at the top of Illinois — 400 rooms — air conditioned — and very reasonable — have been procured for all the meetings, banquet and luncheons — and will provide the most comfortable quarters for the delegates. A truly delightful place is Hotel Faust.

Rockford has never failed to meet up no matter where our district convention was held and I sincerely hope and expect all lodges will reciprocate by showing up in Rockford. So, please start planning right now! Elect delegates and alternates at once — form a committee to organize a group caravan or motorcade! Visit your neighboring lodge to give or get a lift! Plan to or invite someone to ride with you — don't come alone. I hope each lodge president will appoint a convention trip arrangement committee.

Your midwest board met in Rockford April 6. We sat in with the Rockford brothers, and everything is taking shape — even at this early date. Chris Madsen is convention secretary, and you are urged to make reservation for Hotel Faust through him. Write Chris Madsen, 2407 Pelham Road, Rockford, Ill. The committee must get 75 rooms reserved to obtain convention rates and advantages.

Brother Jim Pedersen, Jr., 704 North Rockton, is publicity chairman, and all lodges are asked to send \$5 for a program ad. (Greetings and wishes from Lodge No. so and so.) Please do this at once. A program must be prepared for printing early.

The board in special session and in thoughtful remembrance of deceased brother Tony Jorgensen, fine secretary of Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, expressed profound regrets of his loss to our district.

The board cannot over-emphasize the importance of securing new members. Remember the Supreme Board's decision: "Each legally functioning central organization (General Committee) within the Danish Brotherhood, shall be rewarded at the rate of \$125 for each multiple of 25 new members that it acquires during the calendar year of 1957. Social, adult

and juvenile members shall be considered and the rewards shall be paid from the Promotional Fund." We must reach more than 25 new members — and we earnestly implore each lodge to do their utmost to help us attain the necessary new members — why not go all out for 50 new members, and a \$250 reward for our treasury? Let's go — and start right now!

To summarize:

1. Each lodge ought to get two or more new members — now.
2. Submit \$5 and your ad to: Jim Pedersen, Jr., 704 North Rockton Road, Rockford, Ill.
3. Elect delegates and alternates at once.
4. Send hotel reservation to Chris Madsen, 2407 Pelham Road, Rockford, Ill.  
(Remember; Rockford must get 75 rooms ordered to come out.)
5. Have your lodge invite the convention in 1958 — You can make money — and wake up your lodge activity, if you arrange matters right.
6. Have your lodge president and vice president appoint a Rockford convention arrangement and booster committee!
7. Fill in "The delegate credentials and statement form" at your very earliest chance. Be sure to enclose your check!

And finally — your board asks your cooperation! Please start now to work up enthusiasm for our Rockford convention. Every brother — and every officer must help, and we believe they will. And so, with the very best fraternal wishes from your Midwest board, and with the optimistic hope, that the Rockford attendance will be the biggest ever — and the convention itself a most beneficial one for all of us, I am

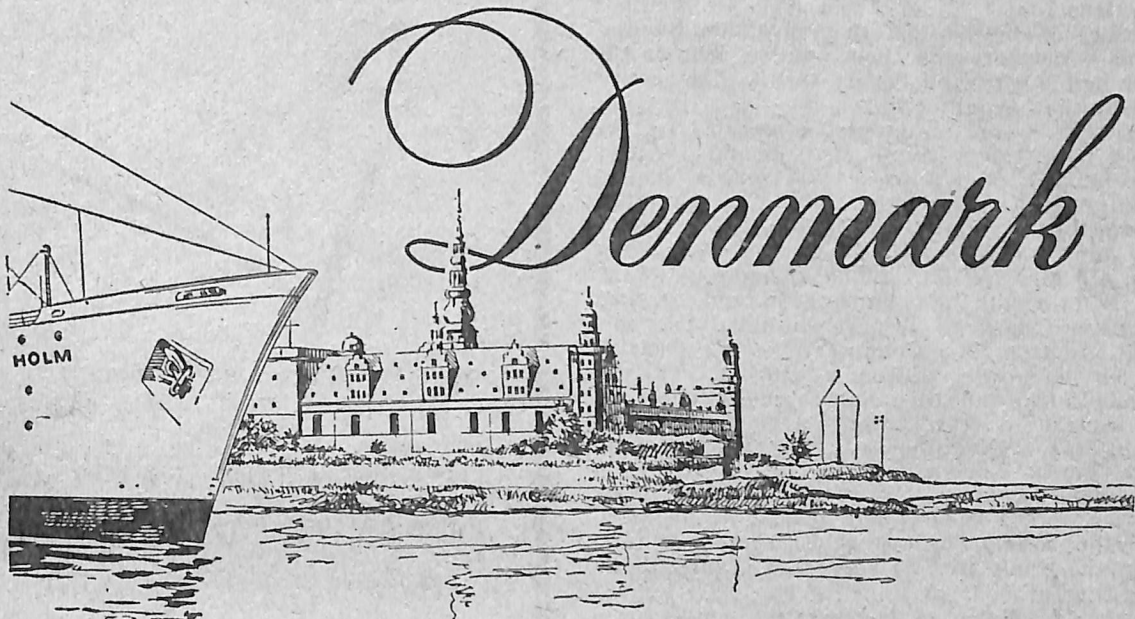
Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN,  
Midwest District Sec-Treas.  
710 Grand Ave., Racine, Wis.

## NEW MEMBERS

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Thor. Ladefoged	4	Racine	Ejner P. Sorensen
Jens A. Ericksen	4	Racine	Arthur Petzke, Jr.
G. H. Rasmussen	4	Racine	Russell Heinrich
Signal Nielsen	36	Milwaukee	Walter Peterson
Norman Andker	39	Oakland	Robert B. Sorensen
Peter Christensen	46	P. Amboy	Hans Pedersen
Peter Christensen	46	P. Amboy	Henry Pedersen
Peter Christensen	46	P. Amboy	E. H. Pedersen
Peter Christensen	46	P. Amboy	Bruno Lindskjold
Preben Holm	49	S. Francisco	Uwe Petersen
Clarence Hansen	143	Petaluma	Albert J. Lucchesi
Chris Hansen	184	Hayward	Donald L. Pearson
John Christensen	225	Canton	Roy Peterson
Peter Skovbo	268	Junction C.	Agner Ranch
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Thor. J. Hansen	314	Hartford	Knud J. Hansen

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## Lodge No. 261 Celebrates Golden Anniversary

"Slettens Lillie" 261 of The Danish Brotherhood in America celebrated its 50th anniversary Sunday, April 28. Members and their families met at the Danish hall where a delicious turkey dinner was served by the committee.

The tables were appropriately decorated for the occasion with yellow mums and jonquils. Large golden number 50's were evenly spaced on the walls at opposite ends of each table. The committee in charge of the dinner and decorations consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Laust Damgaard. Many others helped with the preparation and serving.

Program Chairman Arnold Guthals read congratulations from the Colorado-Wyoming District, also from the Fowler officers of DBS.

In addition to musical numbers and a few interesting sketches a very complete history of the 50 years of this organization was prepared and read by Mrs. Bertha Larsen.

The main speaker of the afternoon was Joe Fox of Fowler. Mr. Fox paid high tribute to the members of this society when he said, "There was foresight in the group that 50 years ago organized the Danish Brotherhood. A united group such as this can be most helpful to its members and to the community. There is an old saying that 'God broadens the back to bear the burden' and we think our forebearers must have understood that formula better than we do today. Our forebearers refused to recognize impossibilities. We come here today to pay honor and tribute not only to those who are at present making the organization the success it is, but also to pay honor and tribute to those founders of this organization who 50 years ago had the foresight to band together and organize the Danish Brotherhood. We all want to be happy people and in fellowship we may find that happiness. You and I should be proud that these and many other fine qualities are a part of the Danish Brotherhood. Our community should be proud that for 50 years they have had such an organization. Our wish is that it may continue to prosper and grow."

The remainder of the day was spent visiting and a buffet supper was served in the evening.

The only remaining charter members are Soren Nelson and Chris Neilsen. They were both present for the anniversary celebration.

MRS. WALTER NELSON.

"My wife and I sure had fun at the beach this summer. First she would bury me in the sand, then I would bury her. One of these days I'm going back there and dig her up."

"My gosh," cried one partner to the other at lunch. "I walked out of the office and left the safe wide open!"

"What's the difference?" said the other. "We're both here!"

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Mother: "Let the husbands alone, dear. Look for some nice single man."

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

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

The San Francisco convention committee will shortly mail to each lodge secretary a supply of reservation request forms for the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco. The form contains all the rates for the various types of rooms desired, with the exception of rate for suites and they are \$20, \$22 or \$24 per night. A suite consists of a room with twin beds and bath plus a nice sitting room. When you send in your request for room space please attach your check for the first night's staying at the hotel. A confirmation will be sent you direct from the hotel management.

Will the various secretaries please send me a list as soon as possible of the delegates and alternates elected for the convention. May I also ask the secretaries to please let me have the number of active members in their lodge as of July 1. Also let me have the number of non-insured members — or social members — if you prefer this term, as of July 1. Please also remember to send me the number of active members initiated in your lodge between the dates of August 1, 1956, and August 1, 1957, this for the purpose of the prizes donated by the General Committee.

Besides the above the convention committee is hard at work forming an interesting program for your pleasure while you are with us. The details of the program will be in the August issue, so please be sure to watch.

A few days ago I received a letter from our Supreme President, written on board the M. S. Stockholm enroute to Copenhagen with the Brotherhood Tour. The letter was written while the ship was passing north of Scotland after a most wonderful trip over the Atlantic. Brother Nielsen tells me it has been an outstanding experience for all the participants and they were now looking forward to the reception in "Frihavnen." He further tells me that both our brethren, Helge Petersen from the Copenhagen and Jørgen Berthelsen of the New York offices of the Swedish Line were doing an outstanding job — as of course they would. I am sure my colleagues from the Swedish Line will agree with the old Cunard slogan that "getting there is half the fun." I have always found it so.

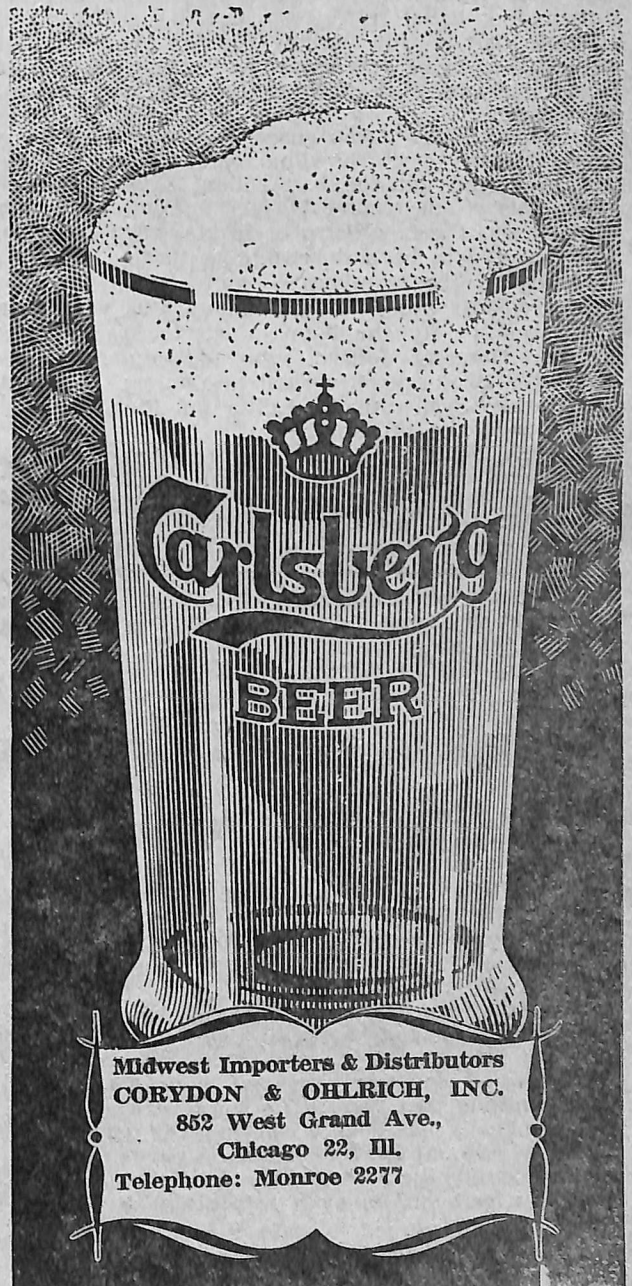
A few days after receiving Brother Nielsen's letter I received a letter from Brother K. V. (Kære Ven) Hansen telling me of the reception in Copenhagen which apparently had been something exceptionally well arranged. But I believe I can do no better than to quote Brother K. V. direct:

"Igaar var vi saa nede for at modtage Stockholm der kom med vore Brødre fra Amerika. Der var sol og varmt vejr og mange tusind mennesker var tilstede. Der var taler af Borgmesteren og Kaptejn. Bøgeløv og mange dejlige blomster pyntede kajen og toldboden. Der var graad og der var smil. To musikkorps spillede danske og amerikanske melodier. Loge Nr. 318 var mødt op med fane og næsten i fuldtal. Ja det var en herlig og dejlig modtagelse og en rigtig god begyndelse for vore landsmænds besøg i det gamle fædreland."

Undoubtedly our Danish newspaper will bring a more detailed report. Both Bien in San Francisco

and Den Danske Pioneer had representatives on board so let us look forward to reading about this wonderful tour sponsored by our organization.

I have had a long letter from George and Rita Hansen who preceded the Tour to Denmark and are both enjoying their stay with family and friends, but they will return with the return voyage of the Tour in time to be with us for the convention. Also a letter from Brother Carl Mygind now living



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in Aalborg. Brother Mygind just celebrated his 83rd birthday and is looking forward with great anticipation to meeting some of his many friends who arrived with the Tour, and is looking forward to the Fourth of July celebration in Aalborg, which will be a gathering of the American clan on that day.

There are a couple of days to remember for our membership in northern California. The first one is July 14 on which date the Big Four in San Francisco will hold their annual picnic in Cupertino. Contact your local lodge for more detailed information or watch *Bien*. The other date is Sunday, July 23, when the Royal Danish Ballet will make its first and only appearance in northern California, it will be at 3 p. m., at the Curran theatre. Tickets can be had at Sherman, Clay Box office, Sutter and Kearney Street, San Francisco. Tickets will be \$1.65, \$2.20, \$2.75, \$3.30 and \$4.40 which includes tax. The Royal Danish Ballet is considered the most outstanding ballet in the world today. The ballet made a visit to this country about a year ago but at that time came only as far as Chicago. Get your ticket early as it is sure to be a sell-out in San Francisco.

Brother Willy Christensen recently donated a lovely trophy to 49's bowling team, so you bowlers get busy and get the ball rolling in practice because this is one trophy 49 likes to keep, but I can already see the bowlers over in Hayward eying it, they seemed to be hell bent on gathering trophies.

Many of the members in and around the San Francisco Bay area are in Denmark this year. The latest one to fly the coup — so to speak — is Brother Henning Jensen, who will report to us about the Brotherhood arrival in Denmark, as well as Brother Sven Stibolt, Editor of *Bien*, who is sailing with the Stockholm.

All the lodges have now received a supply of the tickets sent out by the convention committee. May I ask the lodges to please do everything possible in order to sell the tickets sent them, and please let the committee have the check not later than August 15. Remember you may be the lucky winner of a trip for two to Hawaii. Or, if you wish, you may send me your dollar and I shall send you a ticket right away.

We are looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco.

## ***75th Jubilee Tour to Denmark***

This is a trip we have been looking forward to for quite some time and finally we are on the way. I shall give you just a little information about the tour as I see it. Of course Sven Stibolt will give you the real details of the whole tour; but being that I have been writing this column so long I feel that perhaps you would like to hear — rather read — a little from me.

The trip from the west I do not know a great deal about; but I assure you that right from the time we left New York, time has gone fast and as we are in good company and in good hands we shall continue that way. The committee arranging this trip really has done a fine job and will be best repaid by the expressions from the participants, all seem to enjoy themselves and the weather is fine, the crew on board is most helpful in all respects.

Being accompanied by such men as Jorgen Bertelsen from the New York office of the line, and

Helge Petersen from Denmark, we are certainly assured of a good journey. The committee has arranged several tours in Denmark and even a tour to Paris. By the way, this tour to Paris has been sold out and on Thursday afternoon they had to telegraph to Denmark to inquire if it would be possible to get more buses for this trip.

On board ship "Grundlovsdagen" was celebrated with songs and speeches, in the evening, concerts by a Danish orchestra and dancing every night.

A special orchestra, on their way to Sweden for a prolonged tour, gave special entertainment some evenings.

Of course, brother and sisterhood meetings are held on board and even Masonic meetings are held and all are very well attended. In the evenings all tables are practically occupied by card players. It is wonderful to see how everyone enjoys themselves. Today is Saturday and we are in the middle of the Atlantic going fine, a concert is to start soon followed by dancing and I will tell you a little more as we go along.

Church services were enjoyed Sunday morning conducted by two ministers from Canada and the United States. These services were attended by almost the entire group of passengers and were beautiful.

Monday evening a masquerade party took place and believe me it was really a most fine party. About 40 of the passengers were dressed in original costumes, mostly made on board by the passengers themselves. Of course we are accompanied by two fine photographers who take pictures of the whole trip, so that you all may be able to see what has taken place. From then on we were really trying to get ready for the landing and the excitement could easily be noticed by many who had not been back home for a long time. But we landed just on time Thursday morning at 10 a. m., and the crowd at the pier was large and fine. The 65-piece girl orchestra did a beautiful job and the reception as a whole was grand. In the evening a concert in the new Concert Hall in Tivoli, followed by a dinner in the Nimb restaurant was attended by the entire group.

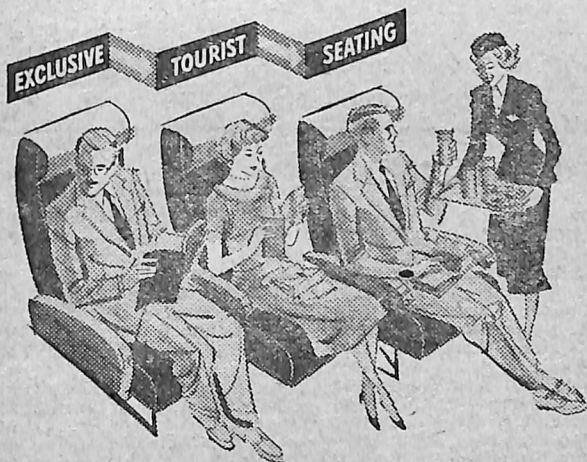
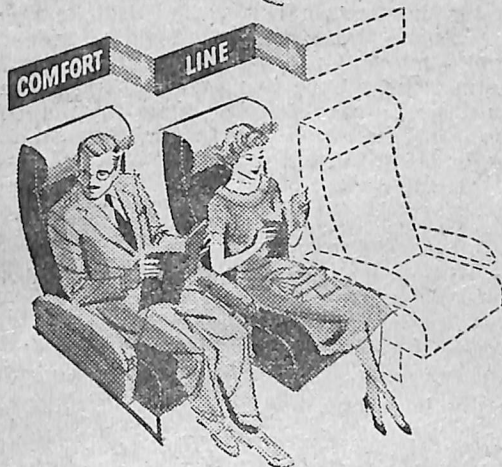
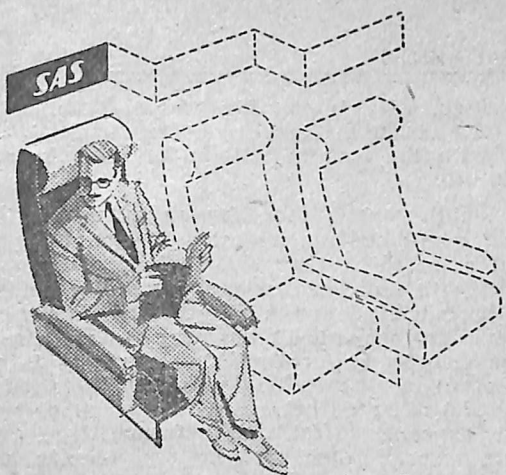
We are now on our own; but of course many are on the several tours that have been arranged and these tours are well attended. We shall be on a tour a little later, after the Rebild festivities are over and will tell you a little about it as we go along. As I mentioned before, I have mentioned no names at these affairs, as we have a couple of very efficient reporters on, I am sure you will get all the details from them as they are official.

But I do here wish to say that the arrangements so far have been excellent and the committee certainly is doing a fine job. Axel Skelbeck is on board and a more busy man I have not seen for a long time and Jorgen Bertelsen and Helge Petersen too.

I forgot to tell you that the reception at Christianborg Castle also was really well attended and there we were greeted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and refreshments were served and enjoyed.

By the way, the only way to get admission to the concert and dinner in Tivoli was a badge prepared by the committee. This badge will be a most treasured memorial from this trip and we are still wearing it. More a little later.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.



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## Active Members

If it was not for the five brothers: Hilmar W. and Edgar Hansen, Chris Pedersen, Einar Ericksen and Borge Kragh, there would be no activity in Lodge No. 78 whatsoever. Fortunately however that they have not given up yet, as was proven at the regular meeting night on May 14, where they had arranged an anniversary for their lodge's 63rd birthday.

Their efforts paid off for a change, as the vice president, on account of the president's absence due to illness in his family, greeted an audience of about 50 members and friends from sister lodge No. 69. A short open meeting was held where a new American flag for the altar was dedicated, and the bills were taken care of. The flag was donated by Brother Edgar Hansen, who also would give a stand for it.

A score of card tables were put up and the most funny game — a mix-up of poker and dice and what not — was started. Everybody won something, if nothing else, a little experience, but the game was enjoyed by everyone. My apologies to the winners as I have forgotten who they were, but am sure that they enjoyed the beautiful ceramics, donated by Mrs. Ruth Hansen, who made them herself.

Meanwhile a huge table was set up in a larger hall upon which was just about everything in the line of open-faced sandwiches, drinks and coffee. Comments unnecessary.

Toastmaster Brother Edgar Hansen expressed his pleasure of having so many guests for our anniversary and introduced Brother Soren Jespersen from Lodge No. 278. Brother Jespersen's speech was a narrative of a Danish immigrant's life about

50 years ago, very interesting and a little sentimental. He brought greetings from his lodge brothers with the best of wishes for the Brotherhood's future.

Later on Brother Hilmer Hansen talked for the lodge and mentioned among other things, that we have three brothers, Brother Tolboe, Kirk and Kjergaard with more than sixty years of membership in the lodge, an outstanding record. He mentioned several other equal interesting "tidbits" from the lodge records, and wound his speech up in an urgent appeal to all members to attend their lodge meetings and other gatherings, words we hope will have the expected effect. In between these two highlights several other brothers and friends had the floor for shorter remarks, as had Brother Henry Andersen, Marius Petersen, Str. Bengta Anderson and Svend Emmer (who will be initiated at the next meeting.) If I have forgotten someone, please excuse me, as I was occupied some of the time otherwise. In conclusion the toastmaster thanked everyone for being present and added his congratulations to the still young lodge.

BORGE KRAGH.

"Your hair needs cutting badly," remarked the barber.

"It does not!" exclaimed the customer, adjusting himself in the chair. "It needs cutting nicely. You cut it badly last time."

Fortune Teller: "I regret that I must inform you you will soon be a widow. Your husband will meet with a violent death."

Wife: "And will I be acquitted?"

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTH-PLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
Oct. 29	Johannes Mortensen	53	Skjern, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1944	Asphyxia	\$ 500.00
Mar. 23	Peter Lustrup	70	Lyndknud, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1936	Not reported	125.00
Mar. 28	Marius Mikkelsen	78	Skanderborg Amt.	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1903	Circulatory failure	500.00
May 14	Andrew Jakobsen	72	Denmark	268	Junction City, Ore.	1908	Phenol poisoning	976.60
May 7	Jens Thomsen	87	Aarhus, Denmark	48	Rock Springs, Wyo.	1902	Cardiac failure	795.73
May 13	Jens P. Torbensen	89	Sohij Byn Toastrup	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1912	Carcinoma of rectum	472.93
May 11	Lars C. Larsen	86	Gjeisted, Denmark	110	Winside, Nebr.	1908	Cardiac failure	442.97
May 11	Kristen B. Johannesen	91	Denmark	59	Menominee, Mich.	1909	Chronic arthritis	1,000.00
May 1	Anton C. Eliassen	67	Haraldsted Sogn	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1923	Asphyxiation	250.00
April 18	Carl S. Juul	74	Aarhus, Denmark	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1912	Not reported	247.96
May 18	Thomas P. Lorenzen	78	Valsbøl Slesvig	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1914	Coronary thrombosis	983.50
May 19	Hans Rasmussen	90	Frederikshof Al	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1902	Hypostatic broncho pneu.	783.88
May 20	Theodore Mogensen	75	Denmark	154	Withee, Wis.	1911	Coronary thrombosis	973.78
April 25	Jens Hansen	90	Rynkeby Odense Amt.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1907	Broncho pneumonia	500.00
May 26	Carl Petersen	79	Horsens, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1904	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
May 26	Henry Scott	84	Haderslev, Denmark	53	Atlantic, Iowa	1904	Sclerotic heart disease	1,000.00
May 19	Lars Andersen	83	Maribo, Denmark	161	Ruskin, Nebr.	1908	Coronary occlusion	227.68
June 1	Edward Thune	60	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1928	Broncho pneumonia	250.00
May 23	Johannes Sorensen	88	Smorum, Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1898	Broncho pneumonia	791.48
June 3	Christoffer M. Andersen	72	Bronserød, Denmark	311	Sidney, Mont.	1916	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
April 8	Rasmus Olsen	88	Sandvig M. Sogn	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1906	Thrombosis	409.98
May 21	Johannes N. Gammel	69	Eged By Maribo Amt.	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1926	Cerebral thrombosis	250.00
May 29	Niels Peter Andersen	83	Maarup, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1918	Senile dementia	500.00
June 5	Walter V. Petersen	75	Denmark	12	Green Bay, Wis.	1908	Coronary thrombosis	957.61
May 20	Waldemar Petersen	85	Nanskov, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1906	Cerebral degeneration	845.18
May 10	Jacob Pedersen	81	Flensted Laasby Sogn	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1898	Coronary occlusion	418.67
May 27	Chris A. Jessen	84	Wooden Slesvig	31	Exira, Iowa	1903	Sclerotic heart disease	857.13
May 8	James B. Hansen	94	Simmersted, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1908	Broncho pneumonia	876.66
May 30	Peter Jensen	84	Raaby, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1907	Gangrene of leg	223.76
May 28	Hans Iversen	74	Broager Slesvig, Den.	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1901	Arterial sclerosis	938.39
April 18	Carl J. Christensen	60	Hurup, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1955	Not given	Social
May 6	John Matson	89	Lyngby, Denmark	139	Viborg, S. D.	1915	Not given	Social
July 24, 54	Einer Kristensen	59	Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1948	Not given	Social
Feb. 55	Soren Nielsen	62	Aarhus, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1946	Not given	Social
June 56	Henry B. Hansen	56	Aalborg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1956	Not given	Social

# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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I promised to send in any news from the Eastern Lodges while our correspondent Brother George Petersen is vacationing in Denmark. Little did I know that I am expected to be a magician. With 28 lodges here in the east, I figured with just a little cooperation from some of the more conscientious workers, little is right, I have waited and waited, all in vain, not a single card or letter has arrived.

Well Viggo, don't give up the ship, by visiting a few lodges in the past month I may be able to scrape a few lines together, anyway you are all forgiven, it is vacation time for most of us, and who wants to even think Brotherhood, unless you have to.

Haabet Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn., had a very successful outing last year, about 400 people participated and a good time was had by all. They have decided to make it an even greater outing this year, Sunday, July 14, is the day, the place is Art Sorensen's farm, Johnson Road, Woodbridge, Conn., the place is located near the Merritt Parkway, only a few miles from New Haven. There will be plenty of food and what goes with it and also all sorts of games, if you bring a deck of cards and possibly a card table you might even be able to get a game of cards.

About 400 people participated last year, can we make it an even 600 this year? Bring your friends and their friends. Remember, Sunday, July 14, at about 10 a. m., Art Sorensen's farm, Johnson Road, Woodbridge, Conn.

Haabet Lodge No. 32 is also host lodge to the General Committee, Eastern Lodges Convention, to be held over Labor day week end, Saturday, August 31, Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2. I have as yet not received any news from the publicity chairman, but hope to have a lot to tell you next month.

Supreme Trustee Brother Chris Madsen and I finally made the trip to Shelton, Conn., which we started several months ago. It was a beautiful ride, we enjoyed their meeting, as well as the spread of sandwiches and refreshments served afterward, to boot it all, they let us win a little in poker, thanks a lot for an enjoyable evening all you good brothers from Lodge No. 41. We'll be back.

Fremad Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J., showed two films after their June meeting, Picturesque Denmark and Copenhagen, Gay Capital of Denmark. A new active member, Brother Henry Dahl was initiated into the lodge. Coffee and cake was served after the meeting.

Fremad Lodge No. 116 is having two meetings in August, our regular monthly meeting will be held Saturday, August 10 and a special meeting will be held Saturday, August 24, we will at that meeting be honored by having our Supreme President, Brother Otto Nielsen as our guest. Brother Nielsen who will return from a vacation in Denmark August 19, has promised to spend a few days here in the east before going back to Washington, and during his stay here try to visit several lodges, however you are all welcome to join Lodge No. 116, Saturday, August 24, we promise you a

good evening. The ladies have promised us buffet style Danish cold table. Get a gang together and come to our special meeting, Saturday, August 24, at 8 p. m., 180 Main Street, West Orange, N. J. Have another drink, you don't have to get up tomorrow.

Long Island Lodge No. 325 had a very successful Frokost party a few weeks ago, it was not advertised too much, as the committee was afraid that too many people would respond and their place too small to house them all. I attended their meeting in June and from the committee report I can only say that a nice profit had been made, but give them credit in Long Island, they are very active and know how to enjoy themselves. I had a very enjoyable evening. And if you ever want to taste a real tasty spread of sandwiches, take a trip to Lodge No. 325, they know how.

Something was started several years back, a picture album. I believe the starter of the idea was Brother Ernest Christoffersen, Jr. It was however never very successful but Brother Hans Jorgensen has now taken over and urges all members of Lodge No. 325 to turn in a recent picture of himself, the picture will then be pasted in an album and all necessary data about the member will be recorded on that page, in fact, any new member being initiated is requested to bring a picture of himself together with his initiation fee. Indeed, not a bad idea, you can always look in the album and see whom you are talking about. Another good idea from that lodge is that all members at the meeting will wear name badges, thus giving everyone present a chance to know whom you are talking with.

So get on the ball all brothers of Lodge No. 325, if you haven't sent in your picture yet, do so now, you have brothers willing to make your lodge an outstanding lodge, you owe it to them to give them your full support.

Attention all brothers of Lodge No. 325: A burial plot at Maple Grove Memorial cemetery located at Queens Blvd. and Van Wyck Expressway is for sale. The plot consists of eight burial lots and is located just inside the main entrance, the owner paid \$875 for the plots and will consider any reasonable offer. If interested contact your secretary Brother Harry Rasmussen.

The annual 4th of July picnic at the Home in Metuchen, N. J., will be held as usual. There will be a softball game in the afternoon between the Danish Athletic Club, Brooklyn, and Lodge No. 116 star team.

The fall picnic which last year was changed to a clam bake is this year being changed to a harvest fest frokost, it will be held Sunday, September 22, at 1 p. m., in the grove at the Home in Metuchen. Tickets will be by reservation only, the price will be \$2.50 for adults, children under 12 years \$1. There will be dancing from 3 p. m. The music will be furnished by Jack Withum and his orchestra.

Brothers if you have any news of interest, remember to mail it to me, Viggo Nielsen, 29 Church Street, Millburn, N. J.

My wife and I are leaving on our vacation July 6, making my vacation both a pleasure and a Brother-

## Look Ahead

By JUL. ANDERSEN

### NEW ADDRESS

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hood trip, I intend to visit the following lodges on their regular meeting night: Godthaab Lodge No. 171, Jamestown, N. Y., Thursday, July 11; Lyngblomsten Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa., Friday, July 12; Himmelbjerget Lodge No. 300, Oneonta, N. Y., Saturday, July 13; Haabet Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn., (weather permitting), picnic at Sorensen's farm, Sunday, July 14; H. C. Orsted Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y., Wednesday, July 17; Godthaab Lodge No. 183, Troy, N. Y., Thursday, July 18; and finally Wendia Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y., Saturday, July 20. Should I be wrong in any of your meeting nights please notify me.

A few secretaries or treasurers have overlooked the fact that the dues to the General Committee, Eastern Lodges, is overdue, remember in order to have your delegate seated at our convention in September your lodge must be paid up until January, 1958.

See you in New Haven, Conn., over Labor day week end, 1957.

## Immigration and Naturalization

**Question:** I came to the United States some years ago as a college student. I now have completed my academic training and am obtaining practical experience as a "trainee" with the permission of the Immigration Service. At the conclusion of my practical training I will be eligible for a first preference immigrant visa, but even the first preference for the country from which I came is oversubscribed. Is there any way in which I can adjust my status to that of permanent resident?

**Answer:** There is. Recently the Immigration and Naturalization Service has ruled that it is permissible to file a petition for a first preference visa while the beneficiary is in the United States. If the first preference is oversubscribed, the Immigration Service may permit him to remain in the United States until a number is available to him, at which time he may be permitted to go to Canada for pre-examination and return to the United States.

Most of us know the Danish Brotherhood was started in 1882 by veterans who had fought in the Danish Wars of 1849 and 1864. The members of that veterans organization were aging rapidly, many had passed away, those remaining then got the idea, there should be a Danish society to help their countrymen, when in distress or ill and as the immigration of Danes at that time was at its peak they decided to help the members with insurance and when any of the members died they all chipped in and paid what insurance the dead member carried. That method had to be changed later on under the laws of the United States, which was done.

At the time this was formed as insurance and fraternalism, it was hard to look into the future almost 100 years ahead. Our country is now practically over populated. Immigration has been curtailed and our children do not seem to have the incentive to join in with us, mostly as they know nearly all other fraternal societies had to close their books. So if we wish to continue as a society, we must live for now and the future and forget the past. We must do away with compulsory insurance and accept members who either desire insurance or not, as full fledged members.

Later the Sisterhood was organized, also with insurance which they later had to cancel and replaced by funeral benefits. The Sisterhood is now sliding down the hill like the Brotherhood is doing. Both must now look to the present and the future and forget the past. So both should join together and make it one society, with one office and one supreme body to run it, they could also give up compulsory funeral benefits and help to climb back to the top of the hill once more.

At the next convention this can be accomplished, if not, both of the societies will have to close their books like other fraternal societies had to do.

So brothers and sisters, get busy now and plan for the future, make our organization a real sociable one, so our children and new immigrants will enjoy joining in with us, have affairs arranged at the meetings where all can enjoy what goes on, make it a real Danish society for all of our nationality and friends.

All we have to do now is just to look ahead.

Wife: "Hello, hello, is this the Missing Persons Bureau? My husband has disappeared. Can you help me find him?"

Bureau Chief: "Certainly, Madam, will you describe him?"

Wife: "Well — he's short — very fat and bald. Likes blondes and alcohol. Wears thick glasses, has a red nose and a highpitched, squeaky voice. And — uh — oh, to hell with him. Never mind!"

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