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Gov. Val Peterson is Ambassador to Denmark



The people of Lincoln, Nebraska, as well as the whole state of Nebraska and more particularly the members of D.B. Lodge No. 84 in Lincoln, of which he has been a member since February, 1948, can be justly proud of their distinguished Danish citizen who this summer was nominated by President Eisenhower, later confirmed by the Senate, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

It was a great thrill for the participants of the D. B. Jubilee Tour that the Ambassador came on board ship in Copenhagen to say "Farvel" to the departing tourists when they left Denmark Satur-

day morning, August 10, on the M. S. STOCKHOLM.

Val Peterson, 53-year-old former three-term Governor of Nebraska, had been Federal Civil Defense Administrator since March 4, 1953.

Prior to this appointment by President Eisenhower, he served as Administrative Assistant to the President. He also served as a member of the Commission on Inter-governmental relations.

Governor Peterson was particularly well qualified for the role of National Administrator of Civil Defense. His active direction of the Nebraska area natural disaster relief in the winter of 1949 set a

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national pattern. He directed the civilian and military rescue and relief program, "Operation Snowbound," during the disastrous blizzards, the worst since the historic storm of 1888. He also was active in direction of relief to areas affected by several floods in the Missouri river and its tributaries in the years 1947 to 1953. His Nebraska state plan was adopted as a model by several other states and incorporated into civil defense natural disaster planning. Later he was appointed to the National Civil Defense Advisory Council. The cycle was completed when he was named to head the Federal Civil Defense Administration and became the national administrator of the disaster relief pattern he set in Nebraska.

Val Peterson was born in Oakland, Nebraska, July 18, 1903. He was graduated from Wayne state teachers college in Nebraska in 1927, and received his Master's Degree in political science from the University of Nebraska in 1931. He holds honorary degrees from Stetson University, Midland College, Muhlenberg College and the Farleigh-Dickinson College.

He rose through the ranks of public service. While obtaining his education, he worked with a railroad section crew. Then, successively, he was a high school teacher and football coach; Superintendent of Schools in Elgin, Nebraska; taught political science at the University of Nebraska; published the Elgin Review, a weekly newspaper, from 1936 to 1946; was secretary to the then Governor of Nebraska, the late Senator Dwight Griswold; was elected Governor of Nebraska in 1946 and served as chairman of the National Governor's Conference; was president of the Council of State Governments in 1952, and was an Administrative Assistant to President Eisenhower in 1953.

In World War II, Governor Peterson served with the Air Force overseas as Plans and Operations Officer, Northern Air Service Area Command, China-

Burma-India Theater of Operations. While Governor of Nebraska, he served regular tours of duty with the Strategic Air Command and holds a colonel's commission in the Air Force Reserve. Also while Governor, he won an air pilot's license, the first Nebraska chief executive to do so. In 1954, he was licensed as a helicopter pilot.

Resolutions

NIELS FREDERIK OLSEN, København, Denmark

I erindring om vor bortgangne lugebroder Niels Fr. Olsen der afgik ved døden den 10, august er følgende resolution vedtaget:

At vort lugealter draperes med sørgeflor i et tidspunkt af 30 dage, endvidere at denne bekendtgørelse optages i Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

A. Schiøler Linck, Præs.

Alb. Petersen, Sekr.

SIGURD FREDERIKSEN, New Haven, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Sigurd Frederiksen, who passed away September 10, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Haabet Lodge No. 32:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our beloved brother and hereby extend our sympathy to his family, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.

John Andersen, Pres.

George C. Holm, Sec.

JESSE NELSEN, Warren, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, Jesse Nelsen, who passed away August 18, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 202:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family; that we drape our charter for thirty days, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 202.

Ray Calowell, Pres.

Henry S. Petersen, Sec.

SOREN ANDERSEN, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Soren Andersen, who passed away August 22, 1957:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and hereby extend our sincere 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 half of D.B. Lodge No. 107.

Thomas R. Jensen, Pres.

Lewis J. Manahan, Sec.

American colleges and universities have gained enough stature in the past ten years to rival Western European institutions as the most sought-after seats of learning. Last year, 36,500 foreign students, of whom 13,600 were at the graduate level, were studying in the United States. This is in contrast to the fact that, 30 years ago, Western European universities attracted three times as many foreign students as those in the United States.

Financial Report

AUGUST 31, 1957

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1957 -----	\$ 22,596.66
Assessments -----	10,064.01
Interest on bonds -----	6,528.60
Interest on certificate loans -----	18.55
Certificate loan payments -----	51.41
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	\$ 39,259.23

Disbursements:

Death claims -----	\$ 18,569.71
Bond coupon collection expense -----	4.50
Certificate loans -----	173.25
Current investment expense -----	833.00
Balance on hand August 31, 1957 -----	19,678.77
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	\$ 39,259.23

General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1957 -----	\$ 11,021.90
Received in August -----	773.12
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	\$ 11,795.02

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery ----	\$ 45.00
Office supplies -----	15.72
Postage, express, telephone and tele- graph, etc. -----	36.45
Printing and mailing official publications	409.49
Rent and lights -----	198.00
Salaries to officers and employes -----	733.00
Employer security taxes -----	16.49
Balance on hand August 31, 1957 -----	10,340.87
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	\$ 11,795.02

Fraternal Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1957 -----	\$ 15,215.65
Assessments -----	9.00
Interest on bonds -----	270.00
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	\$ 15,494.65

Disbursements:

Fraternal aid allowed -----	\$ 359.00
Balance on hand August 31, 1957 -----	15,135.65
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	\$ 15,494.65

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1957 -----	\$ 8,966.14
Assessments -----	179.33
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	\$9,145.47

Disbursements:

None	
Balance on hand August 31, 1957 -----	\$ 9,145.47

Assets

Mortuary Fund investments -----	\$ 4,106,961.21
Fraternal -----	248,000.00
General -----	40,000.00
Cash in bank -----	51,300.76
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	\$ 4,446,261.97

Notice

The following resolution was adopted by the Supreme Board at the regular fall meeting on September 26, 1957:

RESOLVED: That we, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary and because of the excellent financial condition of our Brotherhood, by adoption of this Resolution, omit the collection of the October, November and December, 1957, assessments on all Benefit Certificates issued in the years prior to the calendar year 1955.

That notice hereof be published in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, which is mailed to the entire membership, and by letter to the treasurer of each local lodge.

THE SUPREME BOARD.

Omaha, Nebr., Sept. 26, 1957.

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1957
227	Detroit, Michigan -----	16	309
116	Newark, New Jersey -----	13	166
4	Racine, Wisconsin -----	12	526
318	Copenhagen, Denmark -----	11	139
314	Hartford, Connecticut -----	9	184
46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey --	8	105
49	San Francisco, California ---	7	349
190	Schenectady, New York ----	7	134
242	Erie, Pennsylvania -----	5	150
299	Solvang, California -----	5	59
322	Santa Barbara, California --	5	73

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
227	Chris Larsen, Detroit, Michigan -----		13
116	Alf. Svantemann, Newark, N. J. -----		11
46	Peter Christensen, Perth Amboy, N. J. ---		5
4	Gerhard H. Rasmussen, Racine, Wis. ---		3
46	Charles Christensen, Perth Amboy, N. J. ---		3
164	Robert Petersen, New York, N. Y. -----		3
268	Peter Skovbo, Junction City, Ore. -----		3
301	A. Christensen, Akron, Ohio -----		3
322	Nels P. Christensen, Santa Barbara, Cal. ---		3

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

Tacoma is very proud of a "brand new" thirty unit Travelodge Motel "right smack" in the middle of town with ample parking. Units have telephones, first class mattresses, wall to wall carpeting, and all modern conveniences. Coffee, coke and ice are available. It is hoped that we can accommodate everyone to the very 'enth degree of satisfaction and right after the first of the year, it will not be too early to start making reservations for May 23, 24 and 25. Accommodations in the Winthrop Hotel, a first class home away from home, are also recommended and yours truly has tentatively reserved a block of 60 rooms until further notice. We have chosen a good week as the only other convention group that week end are the Pacific Northwest Plastic surgeons. Delegates and convention visitors to the Ninth Annual Confab of the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges will find the City of Destiny anxious to roll out a red carpet come next summer. Unite in making this event a grand success and assist the Tacoma Lodge to forge ahead with renewed vigor. Please watch this column for official notices regarding the assembly which will appear from time to time. Needless to say, you can expect the usual fine convention we have always had before.

The last few weeks of Pacific Northwest summer are being filled with as much outdoors activity as possible with golfing, swimming, picnicking, cruising and patio parties taking over the social calendar. Showers and wedding plans are still holding the center of interest while others find visitors from out-of-state coming and going. Women are already thinking of Thanksgiving and Christmas while active members in the Danish Brotherhood lodges are planning some good fall and winter meetings. Seattle, Spokane and Portland continue their pattern of top flight sessions.

Brothers of Danish Lodge No. 155 in Bellingham, Washington, their guests and friends from as far away as Carbondale, Illinois, helped three of its members celebrate their 50th anniversary with a potluck dinner in the Fairhaven Park Fieldhouse the night of July 27. Places were set for 40 invited celebrants with Brother Arnold J. Grimlund, secretary for several years, presiding as toastmaster. On behalf of the DBS, he presented 50-year pins to Brothers C. Fred Hansen, S. Chris Hansen and Anton Anderson, the latter now living in Modesto, California. The two Hansens, fraternal brothers as well as brothers of the flesh, are feeling fairly well at this writing but both have been quite ill, according to Secretary Cecil D. Colpitts. Red and white, the traditional colors of "Den Dansk Brodersamfund" were carried out in decorations of flowers and in the anniversary cake. President and Mrs. Albert Matson headed the committee on arrangements.

Although Enumclaw's DB Conductor Nis Hansen kept members of No. 113 informed as to his travels by way of postcards from Denmark, our only jubilee tour representative joined Brother Chris Sand in a full report of their activities to a joint coffee session of brothers and sisters at the Danish hall.

Brother Nis not only took us on an imaginary trip aboard ship but we were also following his extensive itinerary on the islands of his birthplace. A sample of his singing convinced us that the pursuer who engaged him to participate in amateur night knew what he was doing. Seeing his family after many years of absence and reliving his boyhood days brought tears not only to the eyes of Nis but likewise to some of his audience. We are proud of our bachelor brother and we all welcome him home again. In brief but exceptionally well phrased speeches, both our good brothers were the evening's entertainment as many memories of the past were refreshed. Brother Sand had seen America change by degrees in 65 years but in his subconscious mind, Denmark had always remained the same until he returned to the place from whence he came.

A number of years ago, Past Dist. Pres. Ingvard Eskeberg, Spokane, announced an initiation feature for our annual convention whereby the team of members who would have the honor of performing the rituals were to be an "All Star Team" — one brother from each of our associate lodges within

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the district. Each lodge would designate one of their qualified officers to represent them on the team. Other past district presidents have encouraged at least one or more applicants from the various member lodges to be guests of the convention and be initiated at that time as a regular item on the agenda. Two years ago, Past Dist. Pres. John A. Hansen, Seattle, suggested ritualistic contests to better equip present officers throughout Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Your District Secretary-Treasurer, in company with one of Brother John Bech's sons, Spokane, and others, joined the Danish Brotherhood at the very first convention of the Pacific Northwest DB. I think it a good idea and the practice could be renewed again but someone must get behind it. Let me know how you feel about it.

Associated Press released a nice little news item in leading newspapers throughout the states when they quoted Brother Otto Nielsen, our Supreme Danish Brotherhood President, as saying that "feeling in Denmark generally was very favorable toward America." Otto, a retired dairyman from Renton and now an apartment hotel operator in Seattle, spoke in behalf of his 264 associate travelers, all Americans of Danish descent, when he expressed himself to a New York reporter. Sponsoring the two month tour, our Danish Society has received a lot of good publicity and we owe a great deal of appreciation to both Otto and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck. Included in the company of our sponsored excursion, was Hulda Bergquist of Spokane, housemother of the Washington State Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

A good brother who has given unselfishly of his time and energy these many years for the cause of our DBS, the luminary of Seattle's Brotherhood, long time scribe for "Den Danske Pioneer" Chris P. Jensen with his faithful partner, Pauline, celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Thursday, October 10. Old and young alike are most welcome to come and help these fine old people rejoice their "guldbrillup" fiftieth wedding day in Washington Hall, Seattle, at 8 o'clock on the day mentioned. This writer is proud to know and to have known Brother Chris and his good wife. Few couples have contributed more to the progress and benefit of Danish welfare and human relations than have these splendid folks. Joining the many, many congratulation wishes are those of Sonia and myself on this very important jubilee milestone of the Jensens.

"Johannes Moldrup døde plusselig i Fru Andrew Hansen's hjem, 1552 Sorensen Avenue, Enumclaw, Washington, Lørdag Morgen den 24 August. Han var født paa Sjælland den 6 Mars, 1878. John var en ven af alle som kendte ham, John sagde aldrig nej til nogen som trængte til hans hjælp, og han var ærlig i alt sin ferden. Bror Moldrup var Sekretær af DBS Loge 113 for mange aar og var Medlem af Hope Lutheran Kirke i Enumclaw; byen, som han holdt i go d orden til dagen for han dode." Yes, Brother John Moldrup, our beloved trustee, is gone but not forgotten. Left to treasure the memory of a very good man are scores and scores of friends in America; a sister, Minna Rasmussen in Copenhagen; and a nephew, Knud Moldrup also in Denmark. The Rev. Holger Andersen delivered a beautiful eulogy and memorial services were conducted by DB President John Hansen. Brother Moldrup gave us all his friendship. Because he was un-

selfish, he called forth in all of us who were privileged to know him both faith and affection. We shall miss him for his kindness and for his good deed throughout life.

This column bears the condolences of the DBS to the family of departed Brother Antonio Sartoris, who was laid to rest on August 24. Tony, a retired lumberman since 1952, passed away on Wednesday, the 21st, after a lingering illness. Residing in Enumclaw since 1911, he had been employed by the White River Lumber Company for 27 years. Born in Italy but married to a Danish lady, our late Brother was a good member of DB No. 113, of the Hope Lutheran Church and a charter member of I. W. A. Surviving are his wife, Minnie, four stepchildren, and two brothers in California. A host of friends followed him to his last earthly resting place.

At the official dedication of a new wing to the Old People's Home in Vancouver, B. C., on Sunday, August 25, the Danish Canadian Folk Dance Group, sponsored by DBS Lodge No. 328, entertained a good gathering. Brother Svend A. Johansen, Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood Chairman of Trustees, and his wife, Marie, visited Enumclaw in July in order to arrange accommodations for this group at the Square Dance Festival and at the same time, pick up part of their luggage left behind following the McMinnville blow-out.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Borge C. Nielsen	39	Oakland	Valdemar Pedersen
Chas. Christensen	46	Perth	Amboy Chr. O. Koch
Axel Jacobsen	49	San Frisco	Paul M. Nielsen
Viggo Sorensen	50	Byram	Carl A. Christiansen
Paul H. Sorensen	59	Menominee	Peter Wheaton
Paul Christiansen	71	Penn Yan	Jens Christensen
Chris Sorensen	75	Albert Lea	Iner Jensen
George Nyborg	116	Newark	Viggo Madsen
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Ove H. Havsholm
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Preben H. Johnke
Ove R. Moes	126	Los Angeles	John Petersen
Hen. K. Andersen	126	Los Angeles	M. S. Bjerring
N. S. Christensen	148	Cheyenne	L. Chr. Vosler
N. S. Christensen	148	Cheyenne	Willard F. Vosler
Axel Hansen	164	New York	Peter W. Olesen
Viggo Jacobsen	219	Clear Lake	Fred T. Peterson
Paul J. Iversen	299	Solvang	Carl A. Olsen
Lehmann Cook	306	San Diego	H. Rasmussen
C. B. Christensen	318	Copenhagen	Sam Brunner
Axel Skelbeck	318	Copenhagen	Curt Dawe
Walter Johnsen	600	Omaha	Svend M. Jensen
Walter Johnsen	600	Omaha	Jens Henry Jensen
B. Thorleifsen	600	Omaha	Finn Christiansen
Paul Petersen	600	Omaha	Caspard J. Larsen



Utah - Idaho's Annual Convention

For the host lodge, No. 78 of Salt Lake City, it takes more than one day to celebrate the convention, thus to put the finishing touches to the battle plans, the lodge had invited all its members out to Brother Chris Pedersen's cozy backyard in Holladay, where the meeting developed into the most luscious "hamburger feast" with all the trimmings. Lack of space is your correspondent's only excuse for not bringing out the rosy paint brush but only add a well meant "thank you" to Chris and Louise for their hospitality.

On Sunday, September 1, the delegates from Pocatello and the two lodges in Salt Lake City met in No. 78's meeting hall, where they were greeted by the president of the General Committee, Brother B. Kragh, who expressed his and the arranging committee's pleasure by seeing so many delegates present, after which he asked the secretary, Brother Hilmar W. Hansen to outline the program for the day. He extended a thank you to Mrs. Ruth Hansen, wife of the vice president, Edgar W. Hansen, for being hostess for the visiting ladies while the men were occupied with business meetings.

The order of business started with the secretary reading the minutes of last year's meetings, which were approved with a vote of thanks to the secretary for faithful and conscientious work through the years. After Brothers D. E. Lund from Lodge No. 278, and L. Willard from Lodge No. 264, were appointed as auditors, a recess was called for the waiting luncheon which was served by Brothers Edgar and Hilmar Hansen, John Olsen, Ejnar Erickson and Chris Pedersen, with food prepared by their respective wives. A sign of approval is, that not one single potato chip was left for the poor guy who had to do the dishes. Meetings resumed with a report from the auditors, who found books and money in the finest of order, whereafter the treasurer gave the financial report, not much busi-

ness but solid financial foundation. He, too, was given a vote of thanks for his fine work.

A most interesting point of order came next, as the executive officers had proposed to cut the committee to a six-man unit instead of the present larger board. This created a very encouraging discussion, as most everybody was in favor of keeping the board as it is now. Let us hope that the proposal was "psychological," for the reactions were certainly of a psychological character. Everyone was filled with a spirit of "let us go out and work," that was a very encouraging promise for the years to come. The result? Oh, we keep it as it is — naturally!

The different reports from the lodges showed that there was not many changes in membership, but there seems to be quite a good activity in socials and other parties, a fact I believe every lodge in the country can agree to. After a very short recess for a drink and a smoke, the secretary read the names of the brothers we have lost during the past year, and one minute's silence was called in their memory. The last and very important point of order was elections. There was a few "battles" among candidates, but the most

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Feb. 23	Peter H. Hoy	80	Paarup, Denmark	279	Hunter, N. D.	1909	Coronary occlusion	\$1,000.00
May 12	Myers Hansen	66	Ejby Sogn, Denmark	169	Hubbard, Nebr.	1909	Gen. Carcinomatosis	1,000.00
May 15	Anders Thomsen	75	Borrig Tonder Amt.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
July 31	Gustav A. Hansen	78	Heils Vejle	29	Seattle, Wash.	1906	Acute cereb'l hemorrhage	924.03
Aug. 1	Niels N. Nielsen	57	Copenhagen, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1929	Cardiac failure	250.00
Aug. 12	Peter Pedersen	77	Einslev, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1905	Acute Coronary thromb.	926.23
July 11	Peter C. Rasmussen	75	Bendstrup, Denmark	183	Troy, N. Y.	1906	Acute Myocard'l infarction	236.74
July 25	Michael Andersen	74	St. Brond. Ostsylland	301	Akron, Ohio	1913	Acute myocard'l infarction	495.79
Aug. 1	Peter Thomsen	84	Vensby Tonder, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Cancer of stomach	418.29
Aug. 13	Niels C. Thor	76	Kristrup, Denmark	11	Clinton, Iowa	1909	Car. prostrate gland	1,000.00
Aug. 10	Johan G. Mikkelsen	53	Aalborg, Denmark	239	Lake Forest, Ill.	1929	Right heart failure	500.00
June 29	Carl Mortensen	66	Burso Maribo Amt.	65	Duluth, Minn.	1919	Carcinoma of lungs	500.00
Aug. 20	Salmon L. Salmonsens	82	Hundborg, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1904	Cerebral thrombosis	224.54
Aug. 6	Jens Jensen	78	Vejle, Denmark	39	Oakland, Calif.	1904	Chr. congestive failure	912.52
Aug. 18	Jesse M. Nielsen	81	Forslev, Sogn, Den.	202	Warren, Pa.	1905	Hypostatic pneumonia	448.04
Aug. 22	Soren Andersen	65	Falslev, Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	1918	Subdiaphragmatic abcess	500.00
Aug. 17	Anton M. Hansen	63	Holsted Ribe, Den.	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1911	Arteriosclerosis	500.00
July 15	Marinus Larson	84	Smidstrup Joring	175	Jacksonville, Iowa	1903	Pulmonary edema	857.13
Aug. 28	Rasmus C. Petersen	74	Draaby, Randers	121	Tyler, Minn.	1910	Not reported	975.32
Aug. 15	Clayton Knutson	46	Williston, N. D.	260	Williston, N. D.	1936	Hepatic coma	500.00
Sept. 3	Peter S. Pedersen	71	Copenhagen, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1923	Congestive heart failure	1,000.00
Aug. 27	Christian Mikkelsen	74	Barret, Den.	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1902	Gen. carcinomatosis	1,000.00
July 3	Jens Andersen	86	Ugilt Sogn, Den.	71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	1906	Cerebral thrombosis	422.59
Sept. 2	James C. Olesen	78	Aarhus, Den.	245	South Bend, Ind.	1906	Carcinoma of pancreas	500.00
Sept. 10	Thomas J. Thomsen	71	Tornby Amt., Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1909	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Sept. 8	Hein P. Schmidt	59	Menominee, Mich.	59	Menominee, Mich.	1930	Coronary occlusion	1,250.00

were elected by acclamation, you see out here in the west we consider a General Committee impossible without our Hilmar and Soren as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

The new board is as follows: Ex-President, Borge Kragh, Lodge No. 78; president, Carlo Klitgaard, Lodge No. 278; vice president, Ed. W. Hansen, Lodge No. 78; secretary, Hilmer Hansen, Lodge No. 78; treasurer, Soren Jespersen, Lodge No. 278; director, Chris Pedersen, Lodge No. 78; director, Rasmus Christensen, Lodge No. 264; director, Kjell Jorgensen, Lodge No. 278. Correspondent, yours truly. With Brother George Jensen from No. 278 as Conductor, Brother Hilmar Hansen installed the new officers with usual experience and ceremonial pomp as a final touch to a fine and spirited convention.

After the work is done man thinks he is entitled to a little fun and thinking in the same line the committee had arranged a banquet at "Andys" at 7 o'clock where a big crowd gathered around the tables; as a matter of fact, more than was anticipated, so that the waitresses had to put up more tables than they thought which only shows that the right thing to do is to order your reservation in advance. The dinner was superb, as was the magician who for half an hour had everyone spellbound with his "fantabulous" tricks, and his cute little trained parakeets; a real professional performance which was applauded enthusiastically.

As mentioned before, the Danish Brotherhood is

impossible in these parts without Hilmar and Soren, but this goes too for Mrs. Gunhild Kragh at our social gatherings. She has become an institution, and this evening she sang Brahms' "Lullaby" together with the Danish "Vær hilset, min Sol," with the sweetness only she can put into a melody. She was expertly accompanied on the piano by her sister, Mrs. Marie Antoinette Jorgensen, and both ladies received a storming ovation.

Brother Hilmar Hansen, who was toastmaster, had left a special tidbit for this occasion. He called an old brother, Chris Andersen, up front, and with a few well chosen but heartfelt words presented him with the Brotherhood's 50-year pin. Brother Andersen, proud and moved, thanked for this honor, a gesture he was very happy for. The evening's only official speaker was Soren Jespersen, and with usual oratorical grace he praised the Brotherhood for many years of pleasant membership with a serious reminder to the younger generation about their responsibilities. The last few minutes of the program was filled by the new president, Carlo Klitgaard, who promised a work-filled year, a promise nobody who knows Carlo will doubt.

Thus ended a very encouraging convention, and it is your correspondent's impression that the spirit that grew out of the proposal to cut the board, was a happy incentive to give the members a reminder of their responsibilities for the future of our organization. BORGE KRAGH.

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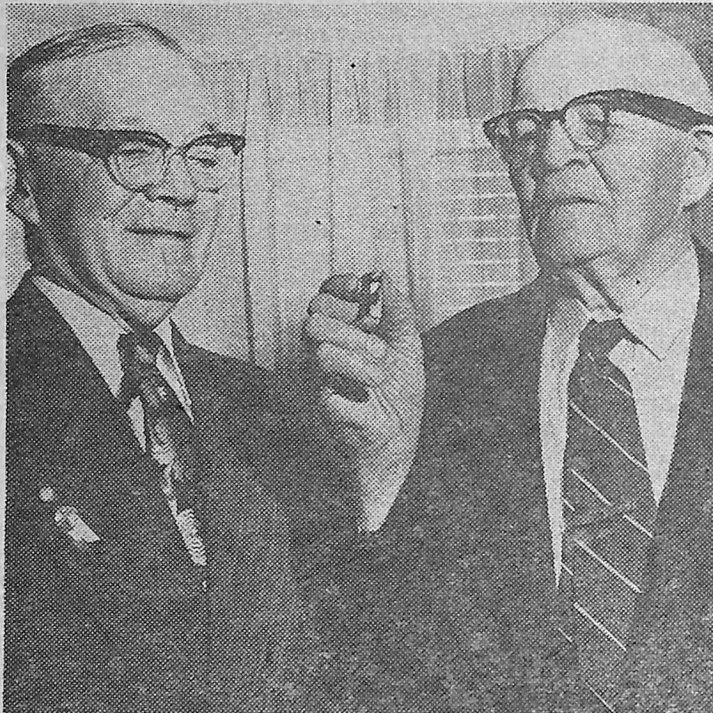
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Resolutions

JOSEPH PAULSEN, Des, Moines, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Joseph Paulsen, who passed away August 1, 1957, the following resolution was adopted at Lodge No. 15's regular meeting August 12, 1957:

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 30 days and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a memorial card be sent to his family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 15.

Albert Alsted, Pres.
Chas. A. Ried, Sec.

CARL MORTENSEN, Duluth, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Carl Mortensen, who passed away June 29, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Dania Lodge No. 65, Duluth Minn.:

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 a memorial card sent to his family.

Roland Hansen, Sec.

JOHAN G. MICHELSEN, Lake Forest, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Johan G. Michelsen, who passed away August 10, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 239, Lake Forest, Ill.:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother, and hereby extend our sympathy to the 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 a copy be sent to the family.

Peter Jensen, Pres.
Kai Thorup, Sec.

ANTON MARINUS HANSEN, Petaluma, Calif.

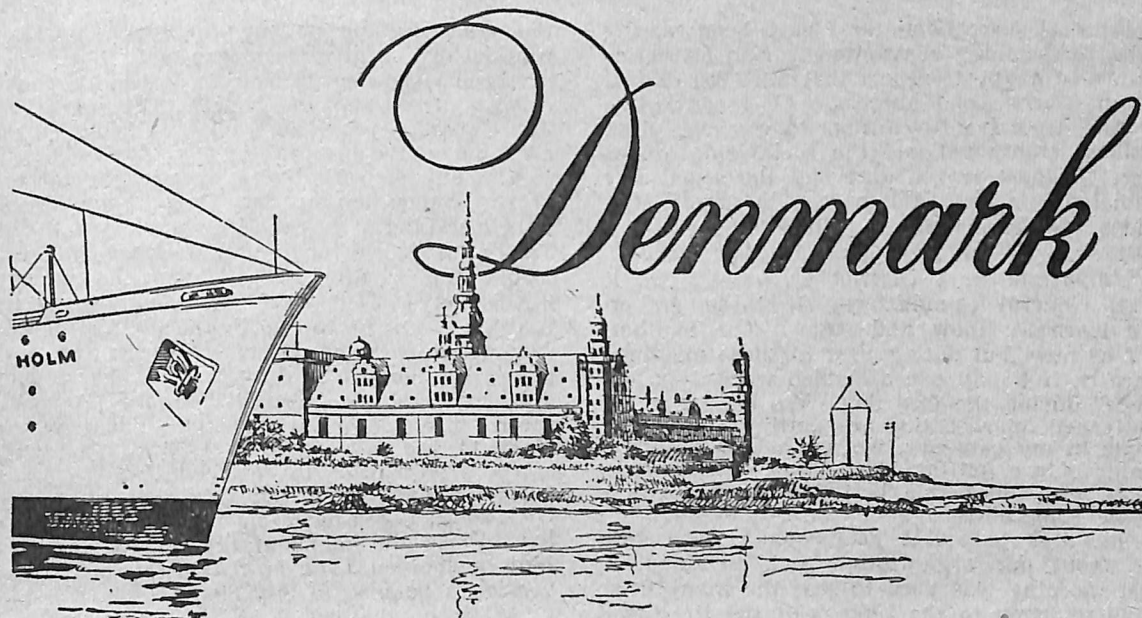
In memory of our departed brother, Anton Marinus Hansen, who passed away August 17, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, California:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother, and hereby extend our sympathy to the 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 a copy be sent to the family.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

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

For the past several months I have been writing about the forthcoming convention in San Francisco and I am now happy to report that our 36th annual convention was a great success. At a convention of this sort, we have two things to consider, first, the business transacted and the social side of the meeting. Of these two, I dare say the social side predominated this year, and it may be stated, that both sides are important. I believe that the get-togetherness — if one has to coin a new word — is very important in a District or, as we call it out here, General Committee. At these gatherings we learn to know and respect one another. Many of us meet but once a year at these meetings and there is, if I may use a Danish word — "Gensynsglæde" during the first day. We inquire as to how the other fellow's kids are getting along, and for people in my category, we are asking how the grandchildren are getting along, and other family affairs — sometimes this is talked about over a "Coke" or something.

The business part this year was a good deal of talk about our organization and its function. The first morning was used to seat the many delegates and to listen to the reports of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer, in which both give an accounting, so to speak, about the stewardships of their respective offices during the past year.

Brother Lehman Cook, who served the General Committee as President for the past year, gave an excellent report of his travels, visiting lodges and installing officers. To me, at least, it is always a joy to learn of the manner in which our Presidents have devoted themselves to the highest office we out here can bestow upon a brother. I think that we demand more of our President than any other similar organization, because, our President is required to devote almost an entire month of his time in the service of the Danish Brotherhood in California, and that is asking a lot. However, we have been very fortunate in electing Presidents who have been willing to take this upon themselves. It must be remembered that we have 17 lodges in our General Committee and there is about a thousand miles between Arcata Lodge No. 230 in the North and Silver Gate Lodge No. 306 in San Diego. Brother Cook did a very fine job last year of visiting the lodges.

Relatives to the Secretary-Treasurer's report, I shall say very little — my modesty forbids me to talk about myself — but I would like to mention a few points from my report which might have interest for our membership.

The burning question within our organization is, of course, the decline in membership, and the California lodges are no exception. However, in the period between August 1, 1956, and August 1, 1957, we initiated 49 active members in California, which by the way is one less than the previous year. Of these members No. 49 in San Francisco initiated 18 and No. 126 in Los Angeles 8, in other words over half of all the members were initiated by these two lodges. It has been customary for many years to give membership prizes totalling \$25, but this year we had three brothers who had all sponsored

the same number of new members, and hence it was decided to give them each a first prize. These brethren were George Hansen of No. 49, Jack Frøderiksen of No. 49, and Nels P. Christensen of No. 322. Thanks a lot for your fine work, which we all hope will continue.

If I am not mistaken, a wager was entered into at the convention in San Diego between Brother Paul Herskind of Los Angeles and Brother Henning Jensen of San Francisco, and from the above it would appear that No. 49 won the wager very handsomely. I suspect we can expect Brother Herskind to come to San Francisco for his pay-off!

According to the reports from the various secretaries, we had as of July 1, 1,310 active members and 236 social members. Juvenile members not given. The California lodges paid out in sick benefit \$6,355.14 and in extra help \$432.88. It would also appear that No. 49 in San Francisco is the second largest lodge within the Danish Brotherhood and No. 126 in Los Angeles is now number six on the list. From the books of the treasurer we learned that he had on hand at the beginning of the convention a balance of \$825.89.

Many of the delegates were very much interested in the Promotional Program as sponsored by the Supreme Board, and we were fortunate in having Brother Hans Andersen, First Supreme Vice President with us. As he is the chairman of the committee in charge of this program he was able to give us the latest information on this subject, which I may say was subject of much discussion. It was the writer's impression that the membership in California expects a good deal more assistance from the Supreme Board in the future, possibly in the way of advertising, both direct and otherwise.

Our meeting on Saturday was enlightened with the presence of our Supreme President, Brother Otto Nielsen, who came to us, direct from Denmark after conducting the very successful Denmark excursion as sponsored by our organization in order to celebrate our 75th anniversary. Brother Nielsen gave us an excellent report of this very fine trip, which had been a success from start to finish.

During the convention a new member was initiated into No. 49 during the afternoon of Friday. The initiation was done by No. 49's young president, Brother Ernst Meyer, and it was one of the finest I have seen for a long time. It was in Danish and many of the delegates stated it was the first they had seen in many years and some admitted it was the first Danish initiation they had ever seen.

The election of officers took place on Saturday morning without any radical change in the present set-up. The new Outer Guard is Brother Fred Holm of Los Angeles, Lodge No. 126, a Brother who has worked for many years for our organization. I think it was a very fine choice, not only is Fred Holm an outstanding man in his lodge but it was also time for Los Angeles lodge to be represented again in the General Committee. If I may enter a personal note here, I may say that at this convention I completed 25 years as Secretary and the delegates chose to elect me again for the 26th time as secretary, and the 29th time as an officer.

The social side of the convention started on Thursday evening with a very fine cocktail party given by Brother and Sister Nick Daphne, at the Whitcomb Hotel, to all the visitors and delegates. It was a huge success and gave the convention just the right note on which to start. The Convention Committee was most grateful to these fine people for helping the affair along in this manner. Time and again they have helped the committee along with committee room and other assistance. By the way, Sister Daphne is President of Margrethe Lodge No. 24 this year. Thanks a million.

Thursday evening a big reception was held in the large banquet room of the Hotel, and we were honored with the presence of Mr. George Christopher, mayor of San Francisco and Consul General and Mrs. Frode Schøn. The Consul General gave us an excellent talk. The evening concluded with refreshments and dance.

Friday evening the entertainment was held at Druid's Temple under the supervision of our co-chairman, Sister Tove Bollerup Madsen. She had secured the service of some very fine entertainers. One of our members, Brother Ove Bauer, showed himself to be something of an entertainer himself and we were most grateful for his assistance. If the old Dramatic club is ever revived in San Francisco I would predict that Ove would be one of the leading men.

Saturday afternoon, whilst perhaps not precisely entertaining, was given over to the joint installation of officers. We have always made a good deal out of this affair in the General Committee and this year was certainly no exception. I have personally attended 30 of them and to my way of thinking this was the finest. Let me preamble this by saying that we have been very fortunate out here to have many teams of presidents of our two organizations of husband and wife, and this year the two presidents are John and Mary Jensen from the Petaluma Lodges, as fine a young couple ever to hold these positions. It so happens that in Petaluma they have a most outstanding Drill Team, and this team came to San Francisco in order to assist in installing their Johnny and Mary properly in their respective jobs. They did it to perfection, as a matter of fact, they did it, or so it seemed, as a personal tribute to this fine young couple. Almost 300 filled the auditorium and at one point it seemed that 75 per cent of them got the sniffs, at least a good many handkerchiefs came out. All very beautifully done and I dare say it was an occasion that Mary and John will never forget. Extremely well done Petaluma, lots of good luck to you.

Saturday evening was the big banquet to which about 375 were present. It was truly a gala affair. Here again we had the honor of having the Consul General and Mrs. Schøn with us, as well as Brother Otto and Mrs. Nielsen from Seattle. Hans and Clara Andersen from Parlier, Sister Margaret Sundby of the Sisterhood Supreme Board, and many others. We missed Harald Sundby, but he had to fly to Denmark a few days before the convention as his mother was critically ill in Copenhagen.

At the beginning of the convention two beautiful baskets of flowers arrived, one for the Sisterhood and one for the Brotherhood, sent to us by that old San Franciscan, Brother Marius Christensen. Unfortunately, I do not have his address, but wherever you are Marius, I want you to know that

your gesture was very much appreciated. A note came along with the flowers which was read at the convention.

A special invitation had been extended to our sister organization in the Pacific Northwest and they responded by sending us their president, Brother Peter Rasmussen, down to be present at the meetings. We heard from Brother Rasmussen at the meetings. But that was not all, many others were along. Brother Rasmussen brought his good wife and we had Brother and Mrs. Esrom, the vice president of the Northwest District from Portland, and I think we had about a dozen attending the convention. Thanks a lot to you brethren in the Pacific Northwest.

As it will be remembered, the convention committee sold tickets for a tour to Hawaii for two, both prior to and during the convention. The drawing took place at 10 o'clock, Saturday evening, and the lucky winner was Brother C. W. Hansen from Long Beach. Congratulations Bill, may you have a nice trip. Bill has been attending conventions for many years, is an Ex-president and now a Trustee.

Sunday morning about 150 of us met at the Cliff House for breakfast as sort of a farewell gesture. Through the good efforts of Brother George Hansen, we got on the Max Baer program over KYA and had a chance to say a few things over the air for D. B. Our two new presidents were interviewed as well.

And so ended the convention. Thanks to all of you for coming. We hope you had a good time whilst in the City by the Golden Gate.

Of future events coming up, don't forget the yearly anniversary banquet for No. 49, to be held this year at the Palace Hotel. It is in charge of Brother Fred Bakke, which should be enough to guarantee it will be a success. Get your tickets early. The night — Saturday, November 2.

I am very pleased to note that Los Angeles has responded to my request for assistance and has appointed Brother Andrew J. Swingholm to let me know of the doings in that city.

From a letter I have just received, I am informed that Los Angeles held its 58th anniversary banquet on August 10 with a very large gathering. President Paul Herskind presented Brothers George Weising, Peter Rasmussen and Jens Sørensen with the 50-year emblem. Brothers Charles Petersen, treasurer of the Los Angeles Lodge for the past 26 years, was presented with a fine gift in the form of a suitcase for his faithful services to the lodge. Wonder where Charles is going, to Denmark maybe, at any rate, Charles, congratulations for your faithful work to our organization.

A rifle, donated by Brother David Petersen, was raffled off and won by Brother Marinus Jepsen, conductor of the lodge. We are informed that Brother Jepsen is now on a hunting trip and the members of 126 is looking for a good stew of either venison or wild burro.

In the evening of September 12, there was a large meeting where the delegates to the convention in San Francisco gave their reports to the lodge. After the meeting there were served sandwiches and coffee, at this knife and fork session the brethren were joined by the sisters.

Brother George Nelson, a past officer of 126 was at meeting for the first time in five years, which was due to his work, however, when the brethren

heard he could now attend the meetings regularly, the president promptly put him on the entertaining committee, which assignment he gladly accepted. That is it. Put them to work and they will show up.

Oh, yes, I almost forgot, but our next convention will be held on the Sunny Side of the bay (or so they claim) in Oakland. Looking back at the other conventions held in Oakland, we are sure it will be good. And in 1959, we have an invitation to come to Los Angeles.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

As we are back again from our wonderful trip to Denmark and elsewhere, we are again going to try to have a little from the Eastern Lodges for you to read. First, I would like to thank Viggo Nielsen for the fine job he did for me during the summer months, and also I would like to express my thanks to the lodges for sending their material to him. As time goes on and we are over the conventions and the 60th anniversary, I would think there would be plenty to fill the space the month of October; but first I would like to tell you a little about our Supreme President's visit here in the East. I had the pleasure to be present at the meeting on August 21 just after we landed. Otto was there in Hartford with his wife, accompanied by Supreme Trustee Chris. Madsen and Joan. A fine crowd from several neighboring lodges were present and it was a pleasure to hear Otto again express his opinions about our Brotherhood and especially about the Jubilee tour to Denmark. During the meeting guests from New Haven, Bridgeport, Derby and Providence also were heard from and after the meeting the usual fine table was presented with delicious sandwiches and other refreshments, served by the Sisters in Hartford. This party was really enjoyed and thanks were expressed to the committee for their fine work. At the meeting Otto Nielsen attended in Newark on August 24, about 70 brethren took part; many were guests from out of town lodges, 26 visitors in all.

This again shows that when something unusual takes place, brothers will show up. Why not have a few more of these unusual meetings and I am sure the attendance would increase. Also here, after the meeting, the Sisters had prepared a delicious sandwich table with other refreshments included. In Lurbladets from Philadelphia is carried a wonderful description also of the visit of the Supreme President in Newark. Also in Lurbladets we find that it has now become a rule to begin the meeting at 7:30 sharp and it will last for two hours; then at 9:30 the stage will be set for pictures for the evening. Oh yes, I like the idea of pictures now and then to make it interesting, here in the small lodges it is still hard to get a crowd to come.

60th Anniversary in Providence. On Saturday evening, September 14, the lodge in Providence celebrated at the Crown Hotel their 60th anniversary, with a fine dinner and dance. This party had been quite well advertised and many lodges had been invited and it was gratifying to see so many guests from out of town show up; it was a fine group and all seemed very happy and satisfied. Of course, the dinner was fine and the speeches short so that dancing could be enjoyed, and it was. George Petersen bid welcome and a salute to the flag was given. Fred Verdich was appointed toastmaster and speakers were introduced and enjoyed. Supreme Trustee Chris. Madsen presented several Brothers of Rosenborg lodge with 35-40-45-year pins and Jens G. Sorensen was presented a 25-year Emblem; all this is given by the lodge, a custom adopted many years ago and they are real gold emblems at 25 years; bars are added after 35, 40

and 45 years' service. Other speakers were the president of our lodge, the president of the Sister-lodge, the vice president of the G. C. The president of the G. C. was unable to attend. Other guests were Past President Bysted Christensen and Casper Hasselriis from the Danish information office in New York, both of them were unable to come; but letters and telegrams were received from them and duly read at the table. Telegrams also were received from the G. C. and from Bertel Jorgensen. Also the Sisters in Providence presented a beautiful centerpiece of flowers; thanks were expressed for all; a few of the guests from the invited lodges expressed their pleasure in being present. We had an upholstered chair presented before the gathering, this chair was to be given away and the lucky winner was Mrs. A. Simonsen, Hyde Park, Mass. Mrs. Simonsen bought her ticket on board Stockholm in the middle of the Atlantic and I trust she is back home by the time we will deliver the chair to her.

I am sorry Nels, way out in Kansas, that I do not have the chance to impose on you for a couple of days, but perhaps I will anyhow. You know what I mean.

We were very grateful to all the guests from out of town for coming to our little party and trust you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having you with us.

The committee in charge for this affair did a fine job and they were George V. Petersen, Chairman, Herb. Nelson, Secretary, Henry Nelson, Treasurer, Fred Mortensen and Jens G. Sorensen.

From Schenectady we just received their monthly news bulletin telling about the visit the Supreme President made to the lodge there. This was on August 22 and a dinner was served and regular meeting after. Several brothers from Schenectady also were present who took part in the Denmark trip. A lot was heard about this and we are sure President Otto Nielsen had a fine visit in the East.

The news from Schenectady also tells us the good news that Ole and Laura Hansen, who met with an automobile accident just before they were to leave Denmark, are both doing real well and will be returning home later in October. We are glad to hear that they are doing well.

Godthaab Lodge No. 171, Jamestown. The lodge in Jamestown had a well attended meeting on September 12, the delegate from the convention in New Haven, Brother Holm Larsen, gave a good and interesting report from the convention, this was followed by a lengthy discussion by the brothers.

At this meeting Brother John Weidman received his 50-year membership pin. Brother Weidman spoke briefly about the Brotherhood as it was before and as of today. Brother Walter Nielsen announced that he and his wife will be leaving Jamestown to take up residence in California. We are sorry to see you leave us here in Jamestown, but certainly wish you the best of luck in the future.

On Sunday, August 18, an invitation to take part in a family picnic in Erie, was accepted and

a group from Jamestown took part in this affair and it certainly was enjoyed by all.

Games for young and old were in order, food was plentiful and delicious and it certainly is a pleasure to meet with friends now and then, therefore, many thanks to Erie for a fine time.

33rd Annual Convention of the Eastern Lodges. This convention was held in New Haven, Conn., sponsored by the New Haven lodge, held at the Hejaz Grotto Hall on Howard Avenue. It was opened in due form by the chairman of the convention committee. Marinus Bjarno, the mayor of New Haven, bid us all welcome and the president, John Rasmussen, opened the meeting at 2:30 o'clock.

All officers and 24 delegates were present and a report was heard from all the officers and committee appointed. The meetings were well attended and the good of the Brotherhood was discussed, mostly the Promotional program, and many good suggestions were heard. We will certainly hear more about this from the special committee appointed for this.

On Saturday evening a dinner was served and very fine entertainment and dancing followed. On Sunday morning, meeting again was held and at 12 noon lunch was served and a trip through the city and to Brother Sorensen's farm in Woodbridge was had during the afternoon. Many took part in this and a fine dinner and dance took place in the evening. At this affair several invited guests were heard and dancing followed and all enjoyed it to the fullest.

Monday forenoon again a meeting with election and installation of officers, also two brothers were initiated into the New Haven lodge. Past President Bysted Christensen, assisted by Past President of the G. C. installed the new officers and after this the traditional Danish breakfast was served. The new officers are as follows: President, Carl Christensen, Schenectady, N. Y.; Vice President, Erik Garde, Bridgeport, Conn.; Secretary, Viggo Nielsen, Newark, N. J.; Treasurer, L. Knudsen, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Trustee, Arthur Christensen, Geneva, N. Y. Correspondent for the East, George V. Petersen, Providence, R. I.

The convention for 1958 will be held in Perth Amboy, N. J. Between 250 and 300 took part in the convention and it was a lively party. The convention committee did a fine job, worked hard all the time, and a great thanks were given them all.

I am sure you will have a more detailed report of this affair a little later, but time is running short and I must have this sent in.

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Jeg vil dog ikke her nævne mere om logemødet for jeg er overbevist om at en af Brodersamfundets mest trofaste skribenter nemlig George V. Petersen fra Rhode Island nok skal vide at give sit vægtige bidrag.

By the way — angaaende vort fortræffelige Magazine, ved at læse juli udgaven saa jeg blandt andet et godt og minderigt navn nævnet det var Carl Mygind der som bekendt igennem adskillige aar var en drivende kraft i loge nr. 49, og nu bosiddende i Aalborg her i Danmark. Da jeg selv føler en stille glæde ved at mærke tegn paa ikke helt at være glemmt for omverden skyndte jeg mig at skrive en hilsen til den ærdværdige Carl M. og modtog i min loges navn et meget smukt brev fra Carl hvori han udtrykte sin glæde over en for ham uventet hilsen. Send ham et lille livstegn, han vil sikkert blive fuldtud saa glad som var han udnævnt til Borgemester for en dag holdende den gyldne nøgle i sin varetægt — hans adresse er Vingaardsgade 22, 1, Aalborg.

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Og naar vi nu er ved (for at benytte et af Hs. Kongelige Højhed Prins Axel's mundheld) at tale skiv vil jeg her erindre om navnet paa et engang saa lovprist Sejlskib "Georg Stage" et navn der vil vække minder hos mangen en Orlovsgast og andre søfarende. Georg Stage blev bygget hos Burmeister & Wain i 1882 og fik dette navn i mindet af et par foreldres eneste søn hvis hu stod til søen og døde kun 22 aar gammel. Det kan maaske interessere at vide at samme Georg Stage da det havde afsluttet sin glørrige løbebane og var dømt til uphugning her i København blev købt af en Amerikansk sejlsportsmand der lod det omdøbe til Joseph Conrad — nu har det fundet sin sidste havn i Hvalfangerbyen Mystic i Connecticut hvor det som Museumsgenstand forevises som et værdig eksempel paa gedigen dansk håndværkssnille. Glemmes maa ej heller en anden stolt sejler af nyere tid nemlig skoleskibet Danmark, det laa ogsaa i Amerikansk havn, men det blev ikke stækket paa vingerne men kom hjem til danske strande hvor det stadig vækker beundring naar det staar sundet op for fulde sejl og med sin myndige Kaptajn Hansen som Chef og 120 unge gutter ombord skal ud paa de dybe have og snuse havluft, men ikke mindst for at gøre sig værdige til at representere Dannebrog. Men disse veteraner paa søen er udtrykte kontraster til nutidens Atomdrevne vidundere.

Og med disse linier slutter jeg og sender en broderlig hilsen til alle i U. S. A. og Kanada.

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Vice President Preben Yager had a chance to show his ability to run the meeting when President Eric Dane went on vacation in August. He performed that exacting task in fine style and even managed to close before the sisters, so we had to wait for the refreshments for a change.

Brother John Emanuelsen announced the 75th anniversary of St. Peter's Danish Church would be celebrated October 19 and 20, and talked us out of a full page ad in the anniversary book. John also gave an interesting talk on the Denmark trip of the Brotherhood, as did Viggo Mikkelsen. Fred Sorensen and Marius Alkier admitted that they also had had a most wonderful trip, but were still too full of that Danish food to talk about it.

We are back in the membership race after a slow summer with two applications in and several others promised. The other lodges are going to have their work cut out for them if they expect to beat us this year.

Our sick benefit has been under fire by several brothers who fear we will go broke unless we modify it in some way. This is a question which affects all of us, so come down and let us know your views.

Holgar Jensen, No. 569, and Norman Holst, No. 930, would have won the jackpot if they had been at the meeting. Don't let this happen to you — attend regularly.

I had a wonderful time on my vacation this year visiting several of the lodges in that great Eastern General Committee. It is a wonderful thing to visit active lodges and meet the brothers, making you realize that our brotherhood is still far from dead. I will never forget the chicken dinner put on by No. 257 in New York City. The collars used by the officers of the Newark and Philadelphia lodges were very effective and added much to the dignity of the meeting. The number of young men in office in these lodges speak well for the future. I was especially impressed by the amount of visiting among the various lodges. The brothers from other lodges seemed just as well acquainted as the local members. This tends to keep all the lodges on their toes and was very evident in the fine manner the meetings were conducted. I don't believe the fact

that our Supreme President was also at these meetings made them any more efficient than usual, but I shall go back sometime when he is not there and find out.

I also attended the annual meeting of the Midwest District, and of course, had a most wonderful time. Following the example of South Bend last year, all the meetings and the banquet were at a down town hotel in Rockford, Ill., where all the delegates and visitors also stayed, making it most convenient. It is a very good thing that these district conventions have a member of the Supreme Board in attendance to give the low-down on doings in Omaha and answer all the questions of the delegates with authority. Supreme Trustee Einer Danielsen did a marvelous job in Rockford and emphasized again the high caliber of our Supreme officers. The only sad note was the retirement from the office of secretary-treasurer of my old friend, Gerhard Rasmussen, of Racine. No one has done more for the Danish Brotherhood and his District than Gerhard, and he is entitled to a little rest. Nevertheless, I was sorry to see him retire to the sidelines and certainly hope he keeps coming to conventions for years yet, giving the benefit of his vast experience and ability to the younger men who will pick up the torch and carry on for the greater good of our beloved Brotherhood.

ARMAND E. LARSEN.

Girl to cab driver: "Take me to the Maternity Hospital" and as an afterthought: "You don't need to rush, I just work there."

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Ambassador Peterson and Driver Emil Larsen return to U.S. embassy after a trip into Copenhagen.

'Hello Val' Is Likely Greeting From Danes

Ambassador Peterson Rides Front Seat

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COPENHAGEN — Val Peterson, the new U.S. ambassador to Denmark, has everything it takes to be popular with the Danes.

Only last month did he hand his credentials to King Frederik but it seems a reasonable prediction that it won't be long before the Danes call "Hello, Val" when they meet the big, debonair Nebraskan in the street. They meet him very often.

The Danes know, from newspaper stories, that there is more than a pint of Danish blood in Val's veins, but this is not the only reason why the former Nebraska governor and U.S. civil defense administrator is in the upper popularity bracket here. The people of this kingdom like men and women in the highest positions to be plain folks as well as high officials.

Ambassador Peterson is the ideal executive in a country where people rate an executive higher the less chance there is of a refusal if you invite him to a crap game in a back room around the corner.

The ambassador is feeling very much at home in the big, modern embassy building of glass and stone in Copenhagen's fashionable Oesterbro district. Actually, he is feeling more at home here than at Rydhave, the ambassador's residence—a big, castle-like mansion "with far too many rooms for Mrs. Peterson and myself".

Language Lesson

The ambassador's day begins with a one-hour Danish lesson in his embassy office. A Danish teacher comes in every morning. Peterson said he can feel it will take a long time before he can

talk the language but he is improving so fast that he can read more of a Danish newspaper every day.

"I am concentrating on picking up enough Danish to be able to read the newspapers thoroughly," the ambassador said. "This is important in my daily work. It should not be too difficult to get that far because the first words I learned in life were Danish."

Peterson explained that he was brought up in his early years with a Danish grandmother in Nebraska. She taught him his first sentences. He still remembers some childhood Danish phrases. He can say in Danish without the trace of an accent: "This is a good dog".

The ambassador takes a special interest in the embassy cafeteria.

He takes lunch there daily, standing in line with his tray like other embassy personnel. He often inspects the kitchen, commending blushing kitchen girls when they have prepared something exquisite.

Good Hamburgers

The ambassador's favorite lunch dish is a huge, flat hamburger. "The best I ever tasted outside the U.S.," he said. "Funny enough because as far as I can judge this country concentrates on dairy cattle but still they can produce beef for delicious hamburgers."

One of the first things Peterson did in this country was to get himself a bicycle. He had heard that there was a bicycle with the name of "Hamlet" and insisted on getting one of these "Shakespearean machines".

After trying out his new "Hamlet" bicycle in the Rydhave back-

yard the ambassador plunged into the neighborhood street traffic. Eyewitnesses said he did very nicely.

"It seems that some people back home have got the idea that I had to learn to ride a bicycle," Peterson said. "Naturally, this is all wrong. I learned to ride a bicycle more than 40 years ago in Nebraska."

The Danes have noticed that Ambassador Peterson is never sitting in the back seat of the big embassy Cadillac when he moves around town. He insists on sitting next to Emil Larsen, the Danish driver.

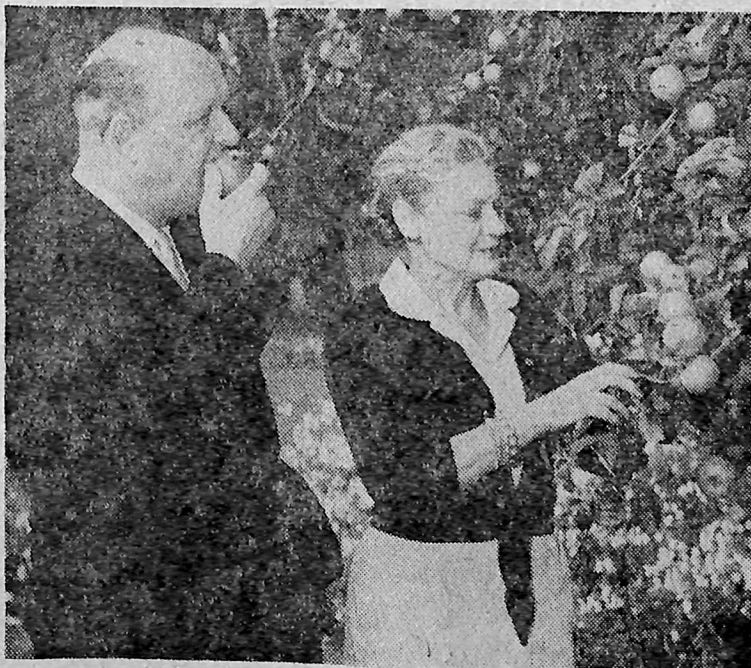
"There is nothing more to this than I feel better up front," Peterson said.

Visits, More Visits

Ambassador Peterson is very busy. He is "making the embassy round," meaning that he is paying visits on the chiefs of the other diplomatic missions in Copenhagen. This must be done according to diplomatic decorum. Afterwards, Peterson will receive the other diplomats in his embassy.

"It is all right for me to make visits," the ambassador said. "After all I'm a newcomer in the diplomatic corps. But I don't see why the other diplomats have to come here. It might have been all right in the old days. But, believe me, an ambassador in 1957 has a lot to do."

The ambassador has not had time to see much of Copenhagen yet. He has been to the famous Tivoli Gardens, though. He said he enjoyed the roller coaster immensely and that he got a kick out of cracking crockery at a place where, for 15 cents, you get six throws with wooden balls at piles of dishes, plates, pitchers and saucers.



At Rydhave . . . Ambassador and Mrs. Peterson sample apples in the garden at official residence. (AP).