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Officers of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges



Seated at the table is C. Bysted Christensen, past supreme president, who installed the above officers of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges Labor Day week end at New Haven annual convention. The officers are, left to right: Viggo Nielsen, secretary; John Rasmussen, ex-president; Carl Christensen, president; Erik Garde, vice president; L. Knudsen, treasurer; and Arthur Christensen, trustee. Carl Christensen is a "chip off the old block" seated at the table.

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

| Lodge No. | Location | New Members | Membership Jan. 1, 1958 |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 328 | Vancouver, B. C., Canada | 11 | 113 |
| 322 | Santa Barbara, Calif. | 7 | 78 |
| 245 | South Bend, Indiana | 6 | 31 |
| 227 | Detroit, Michigan | 5 | 327 |
| 4 | Racine, Wisconsin | 5 | 517 |
| 49 | San Francisco, California | 5 | 336 |

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

| Lodge No. | Recommender | Location | New Members Enrolled |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 245 | Hjalmer Bergen | South Bend, Ind. | 6 |
| 328 | S. A. Johansen | Vancouver, B. C. | 6 |
| 322 | Harold Hansen | Santa Barbara, Calif. | 4 |
| 92 | Karl C. Madsen | St. Charles, Ill. | 3 |
| 143 | John V. Jensen | Petaluma, Calif. | 3 |
| 227 | Christian Larsen | Detroit, Mich. | 3 |
| 328 | Anker Sorensen | Vancouver, B. C. | 3 |

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May 1958

Editorial

(The following is taken from Lodge No. 4's monthly paper, April 1 issue, with minor changes.)

The average member takes for granted the operation of our Danish Brotherhood. He is aware that the payment of his dues makes him eligible to take part in the affairs of the Lodge, but gives little thought to the fact that much work on the part of some members go into the making of a successful Lodge.

First, and most important to the Lodge is the producer, the member who provides the new blood necessary to assure continued growth and progress; through his efforts there is a constant flow of new members to replace those who have died, transferred or dropped.

Next is the member who stands ready at any time to do any job assigned to him to the best of his ability, as long as his efforts are beneficial to the Lodge. This member may be called upon to serve on committees. He may be called upon to do any out of dozens of things which make for the successful operation of our Lodge and add to the pleasure of all concerned. In accepting any assignment that may be given to him he looks for no undue amount of credit; he is a fraternalist and derives pleasure in being able to help and be a vital part of the organization of his choice.

Where do you fit in?

True, we can't all be officers at the same time, we can't all be committee members at the same time, but, if there were more members attending our Danish Brotherhood meetings and a greater show of appreciation of the work that is being done it would serve as an inspiration to the officers and committee men to strike for a still higher goal.

We can all take part in a membership drive;

we can all take part in the delinquency problem and seeing if there is someone we know whom we can contact, thus saving his membership. We can all make it a point to learn all we can about our Lodge, what it is and what it stands for, and having learned, go out and preach it to our friends and neighbors. These are the things that have to be done, and have had to be done through the years. There are always some who are willing to do this work, there are never too many. It is the ones who take an active part in our Lodge's activities that are receiving the most from their membership. They are the ones who look back with a little more pride and satisfaction when we celebrate our anniversaries. How about being one of them?

Introducing

By Jul. Andersen

Martin A. Sorensen's name is well known in the state of Nebraska. He resides at 635 South 29th St., Lincoln. He has been very active in the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 84, of which former Governor Val Petersen of Nebraska is also a member and is now serving as Ambassador to Denmark. Martin has served as secretary of that lodge for more than 27 years, as well as a delegate to our national convention.

He was born near Thisted, year 1900, on a farm, working around as a farm boy until 1920 when he immigrated to the United States and settled in Nebraska where he worked on a farm for awhile and later settled in Lincoln where he got a job as custodian of a city school, a position he now has held for 35 years.

After he had stayed in Lincoln for awhile he met a charming girl from Germany and they got married in 1924 and have lived together since then happily, raising three lovely daughters, all of whom married young ambitious men, one is now living in San Francisco, Calif., where her husband is pastor of a Lutheran church.

This brief article will show the readers and members of the DBS there are great possibilities for all our immigrants who have settled in what is now our country and with this I will send a rose of imagination to both Martha and Martin, may they live long, be happy, and have the best of luck for both themselves and their daughters.

With a double apology to linguists and punsters: It's not the ein or the zwei, but the drei martini that gets you every time.

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Financial Report

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Mortuary Fund

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| Receipts: | |
| Cash balance March 1, 1958 | \$ 5,846.25 |
| Assessments | 9,446.25 |
| Interest on bonds | 11,664.00 |
| Interest on certificate loans | 8.55 |
| Dividends on preferred stocks | 296.88 |
| Bonds called | 3,000.00 |
| Premium on bonds called | 75.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$30,336.93 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Death claims | \$14,449.51 |
| Bond interest collection expense | 11.00 |
| Current investment expense | 850.62 |
| Cash balance March 31, 1958 | 15,025.80 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$30,336.93 |

General Fund

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| Receipts: | |
| Cash balance March 1, 1958 | \$ 8,708.50 |
| Received in March | 1,460.81 |
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| | \$10,169.31 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Actuarial fees | \$ 709.11 |
| Advertising, printing and stationery | 6.40 |
| Employers' Social Security tax | 17.06 |
| From Promotional fund for 1957 membership prizes and rewards | 26.25 |
| Insurance department license and fees | 7.00 |
| Office supplies | 19.39 |
| Postage and telephone | 56.45 |
| Printing and mailing official publication | 391.31 |
| Rent and lights | 201.04 |
| Salaries to officers and employes | 758.00 |
| Supreme Officers travel expense and per diem, Board meeting | 1,540.27 |
| Lodge supplies | 5.20 |
| Cash balance March 31, 1958 | 6,431.83 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$10,169.31 |


Fraternal Fund

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Receipts: | |
| Cash balance March 1, 1958 | \$ 2,920.41 |
| Assessments | 12.00 |
| Fraternal Aid refunded | 3.56 |
| Interest on bonds | 1,312.50 |
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| | \$ 4,248.47 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Fraternal Aid allowed | \$ 432.36 |
| Cash balance March 31, 1958 | 3,816.11 |
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| | \$ 4,248.47 |

Juvenile Fund

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Receipts: | |
| Cash balance March 1, 1958 | \$ 9,955.67 |
| Assessments | 192.29 |
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| | \$10,147.96 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Bonds purchased | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Cash balance March 31, 1958 | 7,147.96 |
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| | \$10,147.96 |
| Assets | |
| Investments: | |
| Mortuary Fund | \$4,123,843.17 |
| Juvenile Fund | 3,000.00 |
| Fraternal Fund | 261,000.00 |
| General Fund | 52,000.00 |
| Cash in bank | 32,421.70 |
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| | \$4,472,264.87 |

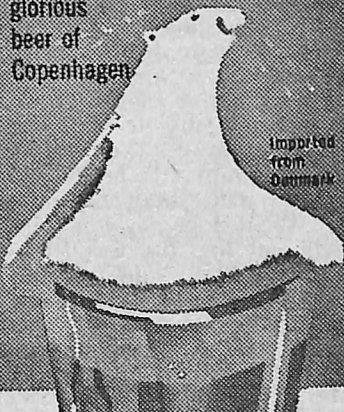
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

Spring is here. The tapestry of young leaves and budding trees, tulips and lilacs; scrappy sparrows and an alert robin here and there; open convertibles with laughing couples whizzing by; all reminds us that winter is over — although Washington's so-called winter all came in the month of March. Spring and April showers will bring not only May and flowers but also another of our famous yearly events in which we strive to become bigger and better. Yes, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and Spring with its warm days and long evenings is finally here. If the delicious Danish lunch served the convention committee by Christine Hanson in her hospitable home on March 24 is any criterion of what is in store for you "morsel-wise" when you come to Tacoma this month, rest assured you are in for some real treats. All DB and DS members everywhere are cordially invited to participate and everyone is urged to help make this one the biggest and best convention ever.

We don't want to brag but actually Tacoma has one of the most comfortable climates in the world with a maximum summer temperature of usually 85 but averaging 64 degrees — sub-freezing being infrequent during the winter and averaging 40. We have the nation's most beautiful inland sea and one of the five best natural harbors in the world right here in the heart of the Evergreen Playground in the Pacific Northwest. We are the nearest metropolitan city to all five entrances of Ranier National Park and within our own boundaries, we maintain 39 park districts offering rose and flower gardens, zoos, aquariums, picnicking, salt-water bathing, lawn bowling and in fact whatever your heart desires. Six evergreen golf courses can be enjoyed virtually all year and Puget Sound offers the finest cruising and year-around sport fishing waters in the United States. It is a known fact that Tacoma is the world's largest center of plywood production, promotion and marketing, boasting fourteen furniture manufacturing establishments. We don't want to become a braggart but one-fourth of all the house doors made in America are manufactured in Tacoma and we are one of the largest pulp and paper mill centers on the Pacific Coast. Tacoma's municipally owned hydro-electric power utility has the lowest rates of any U. S. city of 100,000 or more population. Our shipyards produce more commercial and pleasure craft than any other city on the West Coast. Whether or not you call me a bragger, the truth will out and Tacoma City is recognized for having the largest concentration of chemical processing industries in the Northwest. Our smelter and refining company produces one-tenth of the nation's copper and we have many, many other industries of diversified manufacturing and processing. We are the retail distribution center of Southwest Washington and our county produces more daffodil, iris and tulip bulbs than any other county in the nation. Daffodil land stretches from the glacier fed slopes of Mt. Rainier to the very shores of Commencement Bay in Tacoma incorporating the picturesque tree-lined Puyallup Valley where are

found the world's largest plantings of the giant King Alfred Daffodils. Pioneer, Indian, Alaskan and Oriental exhibits may be seen at the Washington State Historical Society Museum, largest of its kind in the great Northwest. Tacoma's famed Totem Pole is the highest in the nation, carved by Alaskan Indians from a single cedar tree 105 feet high. The Point Defiance boathouse is the largest municipality operated boathouse in the world. The Multiple Sclerosis Clinic at St. Joseph's Hospital is the only one of its kind in the nation and serves patients from all parts of the country. At Fort Nisqually in Point Defiance Park, Hudson's Bay Company outpost established in 1833, stands the oldest structure in Washington. This paragraph could go on and on and develop into a real case of braggadocio but now isn't this the berries — Pierce County, of which our city is the county seat, produces more raspberries, loganberries and strawberries than any other county in the Northwest. It all adds up to why you will like Tacoma. See you the week end of the 24th.

Clouds in the sky will disappear on the 23, 24 and 25 of this month as Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood conventionaires arrive in Tacoma at their Ninth Annual District Conclave for Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges. The weatherman has promised full cooperation and the outlook for that week end is bright as the sun will burn away all moist air, ruling out any possibility of rain. Delegates from twelve Oregon, Washington and Canada lodges will be in the City of Destiny on Friday for opening sessions of the three-day annual affair. From 250 to 300 members are expected to attend the convention programs which will be highlighted by participation from officers of both the supreme board and from the district level. No long speeches, no idle chit-chat — just plain old fashioned friendship, eating, drinking and making merry — plus regular business scheduled to come before the group.

MAY ASSESSMENT

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May 1, 1958

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June 1, 1958

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

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

"New membership enthusiasm" heads the list of topics. As your hosts, we want you to make yourself at home and participate in all the program and social events. Your comments will be greatly appreciated so that the future planning of our conventions will be even more successful. With every modern convenience and facility to assure your comfort in the reserved quarters of both the Winthrop Hotel and the Travelodge Motel, you are promised true Western Hospitality during your stay. Of course, you may find that you would rather live elsewhere — we have several other fine hotels and motels — the Olympus is right down town within easy walking distance of five principal theaters, five major department stores, the main post office, all our banks, the city hall and terminals for airlines, railways and bus.

If you haven't made both convention reservations with Anna Laursen, 3521 South Durango, and sleeping accommodations direct, by the time you read this message, will you please do so at once. It will be of great help to your committee if you will act promptly. We are diligently at work whipping things into shape so that everything will function properly. I am looking for a record attendance this year so do plan to come and greet your old friends and make new ones enjoying yourselves in Tacoma, the All American City. If you plan to arrive by train, we are on the main line of several railroads — if you are pressed for time, we have one of the finest airports in the world — if you can spend extra hours and expect to drive your car, we urge you to enjoy many of the scenic attractions en route and here in this metropolis of 165,000. Relative reservations again, the committee urges you to make your wants known as quickly as possible. Highway 99 goes right through Tacoma and during the summer months nearly all hotels and motels are heavily booked over the week ends. Besides our convention that week, plastic surgeons and men bowlers are scheduled for a gathering. All arrangements have been made necessary for a very successful convention and are moving along extremely well at top speed and results are becoming evident — the rest depends on you. The host of committee members from the Danish Sisterhood in equal measure with those of the Brotherhood says "Velkommen." Tacoma's DB Vice President Chris Petersen will be on hand to greet you and make you welcome.

Our mail bag this month included a lovely Easter card from Brother Jens Thim in Westfir, Oregon, plus invitation acknowledgments from Ex-Supreme President Svend Petersen, Supreme Secretary Axel Skelbeck and Supreme Trustees Chris Madsen and Fred Jensen. The four national leaders all expressed regrets in being unable to accept our request due to many matters among which the time element played an important part. Best wishes for a successful meeting were sent by each of these fine gentlemen. Others of the Supreme Board will be on hand, however, and a sincere welcome is extended to one and all from Puget Sound's Evergreen Vacation Land. With the exception of your hotel reservation made direct, one fee covers the entire expense of the convention including business sessions, entertainment and social functions. If you are in doubt about attending, just ask one of your Brothers who has previously attended one of these gatherings —

their enthusiasm will convince you of its worthwhileness in fraternal friendships.

Normanna Hall at 15th and Kay will be headquarters for all convention sessions. While business matters will take up most of the meetings, ample time has been allotted for social events starting out with a tour through a local brewery for the early birds, registration and a get-acquainted chit-chat over a cup of coffee, a welcoming dance and card party the opening night, annual banquet and ball on Saturday night, and the farewell breakfast on Sunday morning. Registration opens at Normanna on Friday forenoon with the first general session scheduled for three o'clock. Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Seattle, heads the list of prominent Danes who will be in attendance. The convention program includes demonstrations by the famous ladies' drill teams from Portland and Seattle, a popular quartette and some entertaining folk dancers. Joint installation of new officers will terminate the business agenda at three on Saturday. Delegate Sam Frederiksen was complimented for his thorough district convention report to his home lodge last year and we would suggest that all newly elected delegates take heed from the experiences of this old timer who is now President of Seattle's DB No. 29. "Skaal."

All our worries are over! Word has come that a rich Texan just went to Hell and had the entire place air-conditioned.

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Resolutions

ANDERS NIELSEN, Erie, Pennsylvania

In memory of our departed brother, Anders Nielsen, who passed away March 18, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 242:

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

Edward Jonasen, President.
Gerald S. Johnson, Secretary.

JES NICOLAISEN, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Jes Nicolaisen, who passed away March 26, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 298:

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

Anders Schelde, President.
James Petersen, Secretary.

JENS CHRISTIAN BERTELSEN, Hayward, Calif.

In memory of our brother, Jens Christian Bertelsen, who was called to eternal rest on March 16, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 184, Hayward, California:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and true brother, and that we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, and that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, a copy forwarded to his family, and that it be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge.

Dr. V. R. Krag, President.
A. B. Christensen, Secretary.

SOREN PETER CHRISTENSEN, Penn Yan, N. Y.

In memory of brother, Soren Peter Christensen, who passed away March 28, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Wendia Lodge No. 71:

We deeply regret the loss of our good brother, and hereby extend to his family our deepest sympathy.

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

Chris A. Jensen, President.
Niels C. Olesen, Secretary.

PETER H. MILLER, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our brother, Peter H. Miller, who passed away April 6, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 35:

We deeply regret the loss of our good brother,

and hereby extend to his family our deepest sympathy.

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

Roger Larsen, President.
Holger Rasmussen, Secretary.

JOHN F. HANSEN, St. Charles, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, John F. Hansen, who passed away March 17, 1958:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Illinois.

Karl Madsen, President.
Einar Danielsen, Secretary.

KAJ KJELDEN, Glen Ellyn, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Kaj Kjeldsen, who passed away April 4, 1958:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Illinois.

Karl Madsen, President.
Einar Danielsen, Secretary.

Reporter: "Now that you are wealthy, are you bothered by the friends you had when you were poor?"

Man of Wealth: "I never had any friends when I was poor."

New Members

| Booster | Lodge No. | Location | New Member |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Willy Paul | 14 | Kenosha | Gilbert F. Pahl |
| Henning Jensen | 49 | S. Francisco | H. A. Jakobsen |
| George Hansen | 49 | S. Francisco | K. H. Andersen |
| Emmet Petersen | 51 | Ludington | Tony Buholtz |
| Alfred A. Larsen | 51 | Ludington | Douglas Hansen |
| Earl G. Jensen | 51 | Ludington | Gary L. Jensen |
| Pete Hansen | 84 | Lincoln | Anthony Jorgensen |
| Albert Lorentzen | 112 | Portland | Thor Miller Korda |
| Georg T. Olesen | 172 | Philadelphia | Paul C. O. Bull |
| W. C. Johnson | 190 | Schenectady | H. E. Johnson |
| Karl E. Petersen | 202 | Warren | Frank D. Cole |
| F. W. Sorensen | 214 | West Point | J. G. Hansen |
| Christian Larsen | 227 | Detroit | Frederick Jensen |
| Albert Halse | 227 | Detroit | Daniel Swensen |
| Niels A. Larsen | 242 | Erie | Eugene F. Konkowski |
| Hans Miller | 283 | Dagmar | Dwain Johnson |
| Otto Andreasen | 325 | Nassau Co. | Theis Larsen |
| Anker Sorensen | 328 | Vancouver | C. Andersen |
| S. H. Johansen | 328 | Vancouver | Harold Jensen |

Erie, Pennsylvania

We wish to extend a belated "Seasons Greetings and all good wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year" to all members.

As we all know, there are two membership drives on in the Brotherhood, one through the Eastern General Committee and the other through the Supreme Board. There are some very lucrative prizes being offered, so let's dig in and all to our slowly diminishing membership. We would especially like to add some juvenile members to our lodge. It is definitely beneficial to a young lad to join our organization and does not involve a lot of red tape as you might think. For information concerning how to go about this, contact Ralph McGavern or any of our officers. They will be glad to help you. Don't forget the prizes being offered in which you can share.

Death has taken its toll again last year. Three brothers departed from this life rather suddenly in the last two months. They were Arthur Andersen, John Andersen and Peter Nelson. The memory of these brothers will always linger around the Danish club.

The officers elected to guide the Brotherhood through the year of 1958 are: President, Ed Jonassen; vice president, John Hedlund; secretary, Jerry Johnson; financial secretary, Henry Jensen; treasurer, Herman Storch; trustees, Marty Jensen, Richard Smith, Harvey Pearson; conductor, John Tate; guards, Walt Christensen and Bob Wells.

Retiring president, Ralph McGavern, will fill the ex-president's chair. These officers were installed Friday at 8 p. m., January 24, by Jim Nordine, our good friend from neighboring Lodge 202. Relatives and friends were invited to attend installation of officers and attend the social doings afterwards.

I feel very confident that 1958 will be a great year. Your lodge officers are always trying to increase their attendance at meetings but some mem-

bers take an "Oh, What's the Use?" attitude. Think it over, you have a big investment and you as an individual own just as much as any other member. Try attending a few meetings. The officers need your support.

Fraternally,

JERRY JOHNSON, Sec.

St. Louis, Missouri

From St. Louis, Mo., the gateway to the west, comes the following report. On Monday, February 10, we had the great pleasure and duty, to initiate into Lodge No. 191, Ib, Tang Barfod, a chemical engineer, a graduate from the 1944 class of "Polytek-nisk Lareanstalt," Copenhagen, Denmark, presently with the Monsanto Chemical Co., at St. Louis, Mo.

One of our younger members pleased us with his presence, and active participation, namely Brother George Albert Jensen, the son of our secretary, Albert Jensen. Young Jensen is a veteran of World War II, and is now a very prominent lawyer in our city. It must be in the family, when you consider his uncle is a "Lands Dommer i Viborg, Denmark."

Some of us here believe that the state of Missouri is the garden of Eden and that St. Louis is the gateway from which Adam and Eve left when they were given notice to move, for making a mess out of their housekeeping.

While we are at it, telling you about our city and vicinity, let us take a ride out to a suburban section, known as Crestwood, part of which is called crest haven (all new) let us enter in, the second street sign we see in large plain letters LARSEN LANE named after one of our members. So maybe it is the garden of Eden after all.

OLUF LARSEN.

People hardest to convince they are of retirement age are children at bedtime.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

| Date of Death | Name | Age | Birth-place | Lodge No. | Location | Year Joined | Cause of Death | Amount Paid |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Nov. 23 | Valdemar H. P. Jensen | 70 | Otter Tail, Minn. | 160 | Underwood, Minn. | 1907 | Cardiac failure | \$ 496.24 |
| Nov. 26 | Arnold J. Andersen | 46 | Dwight, Ill. | 34 | Dwight, Ill. | 1945 | Cor. Thrombosis | 1,000.00 |
| Feb. 6 | Niels John Clausen | 66 | Ludington, Mich. | 51 | Ludington, Mich. | 1909 | Cor. Thrombosis | 500.00 |
| Mar. 18 | Johan F. Hansen | 93 | Søttrup, Denmark | 92 | St. Charles, Ill. | 1889 | Card. Decompensation | 709.07 |
| Mar. 8 | Hartvig Jorgensen | 58 | Aalborg, Denmark | 172 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 1918 | Acute Card. fail. | 250.00 |
| Mar. 12 | Niel Julius Pedersen | 84 | Vensysel, Denmark | 73 | Alden, Minn. | 1907 | Cor. sclerosis | 895.02 |
| Mar. 18 | Anders Nielsen | 75 | Klein, Denmark | 242 | Erie, Pa. | 1912 | Cor. thrombosis | 246.33 |
| Mar. 26 | Jess Nicolaisen | 73 | Løgum, Sønderjylland | 298 | Chicago, Ill. | 1910 | Arteriosclerotic heart dis. | 1,000.00 |
| Mar. 11 | Johannes V. Henriksen | 82 | København, Denmark | 107 | Chicago, Ill. | 1904 | Cere. thrombosis | 881.60 |
| Mar. 23 | Carl Nielsen | 63 | Copenhagen, Den. | 116 | Newark, N. J. | 1942 | Acute encephalomalacia | 250.00 |
| Mar. 14 | Holger C. Rasmussen | 77 | Denmark | 181 | Sidney, Mich. | 1904 | Acute myoc'l infarction | 461.21 |
| Mar. 17 | Paul Henry Jensen | 76 | Denmark | 185 | Madison, Wis. | 1907 | Con. Heart failure | 250.00 |
| Mar. 17 | Nels N. Thompson | 78 | Denmark | 255 | Selma, Calif. | 1921 | Cor. Occlusion | 250.00 |
| Mar. 21 | Rasmus H. Rasmussen | 88 | Føns, Fyn, Denmark | 62 | Sioux City, Iowa | 1908 | Cardio Renal Syndrome | 885.94 |
| Mar. 2 | Louis C. Christensen | 83 | Sterup, Hjørring, Den. | 26 | Fremont, Neb. | 1895 | Cer. Vascular Acc. | 819.22 |
| Mar. 19 | Samuel Johnsen | 94 | Rissendrup, Denmark | 91 | St. Paul, Minn. | 1908 | Arteriosclerosis | 393.93 |
| Mar. 19 | Ove Nielsen | 51 | Svendborg, Denmark | 126 | Los Angeles, Calif. | 1951 | Cor. Occlusion | 2,000.00 |
| Mar. 29 | Christen Johansen | 76 | Aalborg, Denmark | 39 | Oakland, Calif. | 1915 | Cor. failure | 980.69 |
| Mar. 12 | Hans Marinus Knudsen | 85 | Nykirke, Den. | 45 | Minneapolis, Minn. | 1902 | Pneumonia | 838.95 |
| Feb. 2 | Albert J. Petersen | 73 | Nyborg, Denmark | 325 | Nassau Co., N. Y. | 1928 | Pulmonary Edema | 1,000.00 |
| Mar. 29 | Peter M. Nielsen | 88 | Chicago, Ill. | 59 | Menominee, Mich. | 1900 | Cor. hemorrhage | 1,000.00 |
| Mar. 30 | Arvin B. Minard | 49 | Sidney, Mich. | 70 | Greenville, Mich. | 1947 | Cong. heart failure | 500.00 |
| Mar. 25 | Oscar Jorgensen | 70 | Greenville, Mich. | 70 | Greenville, Mich. | 1908 | Cor. thrombosis | 1,000.00 |
| Apr. 4 | Kaj Kjeldsen | 65 | København, Denmark | 92 | St. Charles, Ill. | 1939 | Sub arachnoid hem. | 1,000.00 |
| Mar. 26 | Anders L. Jorgensen | 83 | Martofte, Fyn | 96 | Jackson, Minn. | 1904 | Not reported | 218.10 |
| Mar. 20 | Soren P. Christensen | 80 | Tversted Sogn, Den. | 71 | Penn Yan, N. Y. | 1903 | Thrombosis | 447.03 |
| Apr. 7 | Johannes Nielsen | 76 | Vejle, Denmark | 50 | Byram, Conn. | 1904 | Chr. Leukemia | 466.13 |
| Mar. 6 | Peder M. Lauridsen | 81 | Gjesing Esbjerg | 40 | Rawlins, Wyo. | 1928 | Not given | Social |
| Mar. 16 | Jens C. Bertelsen | 73 | Denmark | 184 | Hayward, Calif. | 1940 | Not given | Social |
| Mar. 13 | Christian Geertsen | 92 | Thisted | 190 | Schenectady, N. Y. | 1918 | Not given | Social |

Semi-Annual Meeting of the Supreme Officers

(Excerpts from the Minutes, covering matters of general interest to the membership and on requirements of the By-Laws of the Brotherhood)

The semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of the Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the Home Office, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning Monday, March 17, 1958. All officers answered roll call thus: Otto Nielsen, President; Hans M. Andersen, First Vice President; Viggo Mikkelsen, Second Vice President; Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer; Einar Danielsen, Chris Madsen and Fred Jensen, Trustees.

Otto Nielsen called the meeting to order at 9 a. m. He bid welcome and, starting with himself, called for reports from each Board member in a round table type of fashion, on activities in the respective areas.

It was recorded that many official functions were attended and many lodges visited by special request at no, or surprisingly small, expense to the Society's General Fund

The President said: "Thanks to all of you for your sincere work and your interesting comments which I know will aid us in our thinking on matters coming before us at this meeting."

A large number of letters were received and many of special interest were read, expressing appreciation for the dividend of three monthly assessments of October, November and December, 1957, on all Benefit Certificates issued prior to 1955; for rewards paid, Fraternal Aid allowed, and prompt handling of Death Claims.

Of other communications two were read and discussed. They expressed the thoughts that the Board had not fully complied with Sec. 19 Par. 3 (b) in the By-Laws, by omitting in the monthly magazine the name of the Board Member when routine expenses were paid him, such as salaries, attending Official meetings, or carrying out other functions specifically designated in the By-Laws. It was the Board's consensus of opinion that this section was confusing in purpose where it now stands in the By-Laws. It was adopted at the 1955 National Convention in reality to apply to the Promotional Fund alone. The intent was that no Supreme Officer should gain financially from any disbursement from this Fund for any services rendered, or product sold, for promotional purposes. This special purpose, however, was omitted by error in a reference notation when it was placed in the By-Laws as par. 3 (b) to Sec. 19 instead of as a part of Sec. 75.

Pending probable action by the 1959 National Convention, the following interpretation of the mentioned paragraph was agreed upon and adopted by motion duly made by Fred Jensen and seconded:

"If, and when, payment of money is made to a member of the Supreme Board for special services, or products sold to the Brotherhood, or re-imburements for traveling, or any other purpose; except payment for regular salaries and expenses for traveling in connection with

Board meetings and sub-committee meetings or other official functions of a Supreme Board member as prescribed in the By-Laws and per diem in connection with such functions, the name of the Board member shall be mentioned in the Secretary-Treasurer's financial report in the Monthly Magazine for the period during which such payment was made and opposite the amount paid."

Einar Danielsen gave an interesting report on the plans for this year's bowling tournament. There are 13 more teams entered this year and a total of \$300, allowed last year, would not cover the expenses for prizes. He recommended that the trophy be eliminated and 12 team prizes, 3 high game and 3 high series prizes for a total of \$325 be allowed. Approved on motion of Chris Madsen, duly seconded.

In compliance with Sec. 26.1 of the By-Laws, the Supreme Trustees met in the vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha and, assisted by all other members of the Board, checked and counted the securities in which the Society's funds are invested. Interest coupons were detached and segregated in order of due date. The book balances were also verified.

The Trustees submitted a written report on their audit of the investments and bank balances, which they found in full agreement with the Secretary-Treasurer's records. By motion of Hans M. Andersen, duly made and seconded, the Trustees report was accepted and placed on file.

The Finance Committee now reported in detail on transactions made since the last meeting of the Board, which were limited mainly to re-investment of maturities and bonds called for redemption. Hans M. Andersen moved that the report be accepted and the Committee commended for work well done.

The comprehensive financial statement as filed with our Home State Insurance Department, and the Insurance Departments of other States where we transact business, was reviewed in great detail. The statistics involved in preparing the statements were discussed and released for publication in the April issue of the monthly magazine in the form prescribed to meet Statutory requirements.

The solvency ratio, contingency reserves and un-assigned funds for 1957 shows a satisfactory increase over the previous year and it was decided to declare a distribution of savings again this year. This action came upon motion by Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded and unanimously carried.

"That a dividend, equal to three months' assessment on all Benefit Certificates issued before January 1, 1956, be declared by omitting a call for the October, November and December 1958 assessments on such certificates, and that paid-up certificates share in a manner and to an extent possible."

On motion of Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded, and adopted, transactions in the Promotional Fund will henceforth be reported separately in the Secretary-Treasurer's monthly financial reports, published in the magazine beginning with the report for April, 1958. This reverses a previous policy of clearing these transactions under the "General Fund" section of the report.

Transfers between Fund Accounts on the books of our Society in compliance with provisions in

the By-Laws were authorized on motion of Viggo Mikkelsen, duly made and seconded.

Axel Skelbeck reported that an unassigned balance of \$38 remains on the books after subscribing our quota to the Bloodmobile program of the National Fraternal Congress in which our Society participated through voluntary contributions a few years ago. It was unanimously agreed to divide this amount between the Children's Homes for whose benefit we conduct a Christmas collection each year.

The cost of printing informative literature shall be paid from the Promotional Fund per motion duly made and seconded.

The manner in which payments of rewards for securing new members was made came up for review and was approved by unanimous decision. It had proved to be a rather involved, time-consuming and detailed business to keep adequate statistics on these matters.

Correspondence with an Advertiser in the Monthly Magazine was again reviewed. The manner outlined therein for payment of these accounts was reaffirmed and approved.

A letter from Lodge 49 was read wherein the Board is informed that the lodge had voted unanimously to give out 25-year membership pins to all members who had earned it and that the Supreme Lodge should provide such pins free of charge, the cost to be paid from the Promotional Fund.

Hans M. Andersen's recommendation that the Secretary reply that we are happy to see that the lodge wishes to remember members of the lodge with 25 years of membership, but in as much as we already furnish 50-year pins free, at a considerable annual cost, we cannot see our way clear to also furnish 25-year pins gratis, was adopted on motion duly made and seconded.

During, and after the second world war, it had proved impossible to replenish the stock of certain emblems, badges, and pins in same design and quality and in quantities we are able to absorb. Where some of these items could be made the cost was many times the price we furnished them at. Of certain types, such as the 25-year pin, there had been only slight demand so it had been discontinued. Considering the matter again at this time, the Secretary was authorized by motion of Einar Danielsen to investigate the possibility of having suitable numerals made from 25 and in multiples of 5 up to and including 45 to be attached to the present membership lapel pin.

It was similarly decided to again investigate the cost of manufacturing the regular Officers Lodge Badge in the present form of the woven ribbon and top metal bar.

The Secretary reported that it would soon be necessary to publish a new rates and value book covering present Benefit Certificates. The cost had not been ascertained but would be substantial. Hans M. Andersen moved that the Secretary be authorized to compile the necessary tables and statistics and have such book published. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

The Oregon State Tax Commission had claimed payment of Corporation Excise Taxes in Oregon. The Secretary had filed application with required affidavits and other supporting documents, for exemption from the taxes imposed by the Oregon

Corporation Excise Tax Law. Advice was received that the application was approved and exemption granted.

A Committee on By-Laws was appointed preparatory for the 1959 National Convention. The Committee consists of Hans M. Andersen, Axel Skelbeck and Einar Danielsen.

A letter from Brother Helge Petersen, Director, Danmark Amerika Linien, Copenhagen, was read. He expressed the idea that it would be most fitting and a gesture of Good Will towards Denmark, and serve in a manner of bridge building between U. S. A. and Denmark, if we could see our way clear to take the initiative within the Danish Brotherhood to promote the sale of Danish export items in the United States. The letter was discussed in detail and the Secretary was asked to write Helge Petersen that we feel his idea is fine and interesting, but the challenge too much for us to spearhead with our facilities. We would, however, take the thought under advisement.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, submitted a recommendation for a change, and enlargement of our monthly magazine that should result in a considerable improvement of appearance and in contents. The Secretary was asked to thank the lodge for submitting these ideas and report that the matter will be investigated and again taken up for consideration.

Mr. Rudolph M. Olsen, Secretary-Treasurer of the General Committee of The Danish Brotherhood Lodges in California sent a letter containing seven suggestions for the Board's consideration. The letter was read and all items discussed. The letter was then referred to the Promotional Committee for more study and an estimate of cost involved.

A letter was read from the Swedish American Line, that the film taken on board the M/S Stockholm, during the Jubilee Tour in 1957, was shown at a preview on board the ship March 17th and would soon be released. More detailed description would be prepared and released in a future issue of the Magazine.

The next meeting of the full Board became scheduled to begin on Monday, September 29, 1958.

The President presided at, and all members of the Board attended all sessions of the meeting.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

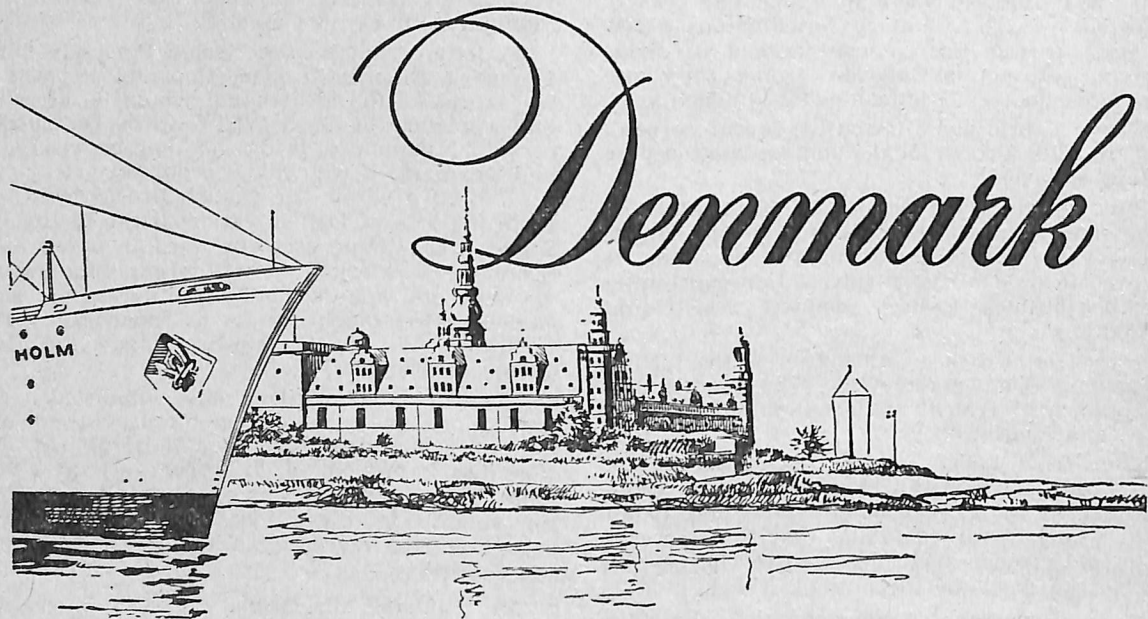
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Past Presidents' Night Menominee, Michigan

The following is a clipping from the Menominee, Mich., Herald Leader:

Approximately 75 Danish Brotherhood members assembled Saturday evening in the hall on 13th Street to honor their past presidents and a 50-year member. The Rev. Gudmund Petersen delivered the invocation. Volmer Thomsen served as master of ceremonies and led community singing, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. John Clark.

The current Lodge President Viggo Wheaton presented past-president pins to Henry Wheaton, Arnold Sorensen, Ralph Hansen, Ernest Jensen, Victor Larsen, Harry Nielsen, Andrew Anderson and Julius Larsen. In addition to a past president's pin, Julius Larsen was presented with a badge signifying his 50-year membership in the lodge.

The lodge colors, red and white, were carried out on the buffet table with red streamers laid on the white cloth. Other table appointments were bouquets of cut flowers and lighted tapers.

Guests were entertained at cards during the social hour with the high honors awarded to Mrs. Julius Larsen and Aage Christiansen, and the low honors to Mrs. William Christensen and Henry Wheaton.

Here from out of the city for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Christian Wheaton of Green Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheaton of Marquette, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sorensen of Milwaukee and Mr. and Mrs. Bertil Miller of Iron Mountain.

The committee in charge consisted of the following: Mr. and Mrs. Hans Reuss, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cadien, Mr. and Mrs. Aage Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hedquist.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

From Newark Lodge No. 116 we hear that they are very progressive regarding the attendance to meeting, trying to get the young as well as the older members to attend, something new has been added to the lodge for recreation and entertainment after the meeting: a ping pong table, a dart board, and of course, cards for those who feel they are not spry enough for ping pong. It should bring them in.

At the meeting April 12, initiation of two new members took place. Sandwiches and beer was served.

From Newark we also note that the brethren there are busy traveling around visiting other lodges, of course, with Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen and Secretary of the General Committee Viggo Nielsen, it gives them a good chance to go places.

We hear from Long Island Lodge No. 325 that at their meeting in April they had visits of Chris Madsen, Viggo Nielsen and Paul Petersen from New York. All these three brothers are, of course, very interested in our Brotherhood and therefore were most interesting for the brothers in 325. Of course, after the meeting something else of interest took place, their refreshment committee had served a very fine FORLOREN SKILDPADDE with all things that go with it and it was grand.

By the time you read this, the Long Island lodge will have had their Dansk Frokost, this will be held on Sunday, April 20. This party, which is an annual affair, is always a well attended affair, members and friends usually crowd the hall. The proceeds of this affair goes to the Emergency Fund.

From Schenectady, New York, we note that Hans Edelfelt, Svend Jensen and Henry Bukke served a Medisterpølse dinner for their birthday party at the meeting March 19. Another birthday dinner will be on April 16.

Golden wedding will be celebrated on Friday, May 16, by Viggo and Anna Jespersen, on Saturday the 17th, the Brotherhood will hold a dinner and dance in their honor. We congratulate you Anna and Viggo on this happy occasion.

Penn Yan, New York, informs us that at the last few meetings the attendance has been rather poor, the reason, severe snow storms. Well, we have had them too here in Providence and at the meeting in March we were only three present, therefore no meeting; but can you blame anyone for not going out in weather like that?

In Penn Yan they lost a brother recently who had the distinction of being the only passenger from the ill fated ship (Norge) who settled in the town of Penn Yan. He was picked out of the ocean by the crew of an English ship and made the rest of the way to this country via England.

His son had about the same experience during World War II, while serving in the Coast Guard,

his ship was torpedoed and sunk after considerable time in the water, he too, was rescued.

The 64th anniversary of Wendia Lodge was celebrated Friday, April 18, with a dinner at the Grange hall. There was a social after the dinner in the lodge rooms.

In Providence we had a fine attended meeting in April. Delegates and alternates were elected to the General Committee convention in Perth Amboy: George V. Petersen, delegate; Herbert Nelson, alternate.

In Portland, Maine, we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary on Saturday night, April 19, in the lodge hall at Columbia Ave. As I am writing this we are not as yet on the way; but to meet the dateline, I am telling you that whatever will take place there will be good, you see, it is not always the large crowd that makes the party a success, the people in Portland know how to make you feel at home. The Supreme Trustee, Chris Madsen, from Newark will be there, and George Peterson from Providence also has been advertised as a guest. I am sure there will be several other guests and we shall partake in a ham dinner. Photographs will be taken of several honor guests and 50-year members, a story about how the Danish Brotherhood was started by Bismark will be read. Well, I shall tell you how it comes out after the party is over. I am sure there will be enough time for a few words.

The party was a success, about 60 attended and had a fine dinner. President Albert Lorentzen bid us all welcome and Carl Petersen acted as toastmaster. After the two above mentioned guests spoke several other speakers were called upon, they being Viggo Nielsen, Secretary of the General Committee; Paul Petersen, Lodge 164, Past President, General Committee, presented more, also Brother Hans Madsen, only living charter member, and Mrs. Alma Jensen, Providence, R. I., Past President, General Committee, and Rigmor Liljo, President of Sisterhood in Portland. The Past President of the General Committee, Bertel Liljo, No. 112 and Secretary, Rasmus Nielsen of No. 112 also spoke.

The following members were presented the 50-year emblem by Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen: Albert Lorentzen, Martin Jensen, Lars P. Larsen, Hans Hansen, Henry Brink, H. P. Friis and Jens Jensen. A little extra was added to the party, two brothers celebrated their birthday the same day, Brother Hans Nielsen, No. 112, and George V. Petersen, No. 102, all singing happy birthday for them and a special birthday cake was presented to George. Thank you very much! A very beautiful cake for the lodge was cut by Rigmor Luja and the tables were beautifully decorated with spring flowers. The committee preparing this party, headed by Rasmus Nielsen as chairman, was presented and they were given a well deserved fine applaud,

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By **RUDOLPH OLSEN**

2530 — 27th Avenue, San Francisco 16, California

The convention committee in Oakland is hard at work with plans for our convention next August. They have a splendid committee headed by Brother Norman Dan Andker, and you may rest assured that nothing will be left undone in order to give the delegates and alternates a very good time. Those of you who attended the last convention in Oakland will remember the fine service we received at the Hotel Leamington, which again will be our headquarters.

Oakland Lodge No. 39 is the oldest lodge in California, in that it was founded on August 11, 1890, with 8 members. The going was tough in those days, primarily because another Danish organization had been founded in Oakland a few years before and the Danish Brotherhood was for many years considered an intruder, luckily this attitude has subsided during the years. Oakland Lodge has given us two presidents in the General Committee, the late Brother Martin Eriksen and Brother Norman Dan Andker, one of our best parliamentarians. Brother Andker has been secretary of No. 39 for many years.

It would really be impossible in a short article like this to do just in telling you about the City of Oakland. But I should like to tell you a little bit about the City which will be our host during our convention.

The original site of Oakland was part of the holdings of Don Luis Maria Peralta, who received vast grants from the Spanish Crown. In 1842, he divided his lands among his four sons, and the two to whom this region fell established themselves on their estates. From one of them in 1850, Moses Chase leased a tract and he became the founder of the future city. In May, 1852, it was incorporated as a town and in 1854 it was chartered as a city. By 1862, Oakland ranked 31 in the principal towns of California. Since 1931, the City has operated under a Council-Manager form of government. The name, Oakland, was suggested by the groves of oaks in which the first homes were built.

The City of Oakland is steadily growing and it was estimated that as of January 1, 1958, it had a population of 408,000, making it the fourth largest city in California. The Metropolitan Oakland area accounts for 21 per cent of the wholesale trade volume in the Bay area. It is the terminus of three major railroads: the Western Pacific, Santa Fe and Southern Pacific, and since the war has developed excellent port facilities and in that respect is a rival to the Port of San Francisco.

Both the Army and Navy have large depots here, due to the port facilities and the Navy maintains a large air base as well. The climate in Oakland is excellent and it is largely a city of fine homes. In the center of the city you will find the beautiful Lake Merritt on the shores of which will be found many fine buildings such as city buildings and a new Scottish Rite Temple.

Such in short, is the city we will be visiting this year. Get your vacation set for the dates of August

29, 30 and 31, giving you lots of time to get back home over the holidays.

And speaking of conventions, we have just received a very fine invitation from Brother Norbert E Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer of the Pacific Northwest District to come and help them celebrate their Ninth Annual Convention during the days of May 23, 24 and 25. It will be held in Normanna Hall, 15th and K Street in Tacoma, Washington. The invitation is open to every Brother who is in the vicinity during these days.

May I remind the secretaries of our lodges about the election of delegates to our convention before so very young. Remember that Section 6, Paragraph A of our By-Laws provide that you are to elect two delegates for the first 50 members or fraction thereof. One delegate for the next 50 members or fraction thereof, and thereafter one delegate for each 100 members or fraction thereof. This includes non-insured members. Paragraph B of the same section provides that delegates must be elected in sufficient time for the list of delegates and alternates to reach the secretary not less than 60 days

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prior to the convention, which means I must have the names not later than July 1.

May I also remind you that Section 20 provides that proposals for amendments or additions to our By-Laws (General Committee) must be forwarded to me not later than 35 days prior to the convention.

May I further remind the good brethren living in and around the Bay area of the bowling tournaments which will be held in San Francisco on May 11. There is a trophy involved and San Francisco is fighting to get it.

Brother Dan Andersen, Ex-President of our General Committee is on the sick list in that he had to undergo surgery last week at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, he is now home at 118 Woodland Avenue, San Francisco, recuperating, and must be quiet for at least a month, which of course, is not easy for Dan as he is usually on the go most of the time. Send him a card and wish him a speedy recovery.

A new club has recently been formed in San Francisco called the "Danish Luncheon Club." It was formed by various Danish businessmen for the purpose of getting together once a month and also for the purpose of entertaining prominent Danes who may come to San Francisco. We wish the club lots of good luck.

Two of our California members were recently honored by the Danish King in that they received the "Galathea Medaljen." They are Brother George Hansen, an officer of the General Committee, and Brother Axel Christensen of Lodge No. 126. Til Lykke.

Many thanks for the letters received after my last article and it would appear that it was the first news that they had of Brother Carl Mygind's passing, it also shows that Carl had a large place in the heart of many of our members. Also thanks for the letters from interested persons regarding my plans of a tour to Denmark next year. I shall, of course, keep you posted as soon as I have something more definite. Thanks for your interest.

Several of our lodges will have special birthdays this year. The first one is 299 in Solvang, celebrating its 45th birthday on August 10. Next is 329 in Long Beach, celebrating its 20th birthday on September 24, and 184 in Hayward, celebrating its 55th birthday on November 1.

A special reminder to those of you who will be visiting Denmark this year. Don't forget to visit Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen. It will be an experience you will never forget.

It is interesting to note from Brother Borge Kragh's Open Letter to the Supreme Board, that I am not the only one that is a bit grumpy. I recently made a few suggestions to the Supreme Board, which I hope to be able to include in a later article.

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Dateline - Detroit

We are getting some young blood in to help bring down our average age. April 9th, 23-year-old Frederick K. Jensen was initiated into Lodge No. 227. We also received an application from the new manager of the Old People's Home, Chris Troelsen.

Brother George Everson will now have more time to attend to his duties as Danish Consul and trustee of the Danish Old People's Home. His fellow workers at Chrysler Corp. gave him a very fine retirement party Wednesday, March 26. Unfortunately, that was also a meeting night at the lodge, so I had to leave the party early. The other brotherhood member there, Jens Feldberg, stayed for the fun, but as luck would have it, that was the night his number was drawn in the jackpot.

We lost two old timers, charter member, Axel Andersen, who passed away in Denmark, and Peder Schmidt, who at 95 had been our oldest member. President Preben Jaeger ordered the charter draped for 30 days in their memory.

We have several old members who can no longer attend lodge meetings, but who in years past worked hard for the Brotherhood. Have you visited one of them lately? In spite of radio and television they still enjoy a visit from a Brother.

We five faithful readers are still on the ball — they all called me to say I had goofed on the date of the National Committee picnic. The correct date is Sunday, June 15, at the Old People's Home. Let us all go out and support this hard working group.

The joint committee of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood have the groundwork laid out for a very enjoyable week end at the district convention, May 24 and 25. All that remains to make it successful is for you all to come. The meetings will start at 2 p. m., Saturday, May 24. Tickets for the banquet Saturday at 6:30 will be available May 1, so please get yours ahead of time. Mrs. Christiansen will be in charge of the kitchen. Albert Halse will be in charge of the bar. Vebeck will provide the music for the dance. Lunches will be served at midnight Saturday and at noon on Sunday. Ejnar Kuhn will be presented with his 50-year pin, and if Johan Hansen can manage to get here from his home in nearby Oakland, Calif., he will also get his 50-year pin.

I don't know if the district secretary has any proposals for discussion, but just in case, I submit the following:

1. Elect delegates and appoint committees one full year before a national convention to allow time to work out proposals in detail.

2. Change the constitution and by-laws as required to allow selling insurance to female relatives, with or without membership in the brotherhood as the local lodge may desire.

3. Have one delegate and one vote for each 100 members in a lodge or group of lodges, thus allowing small lodges to get together and be represented.

4. Have one delegate from each lodge of 11 or more members as at present, but allow ½ vote for 11 to 24 members, 1 vote for 25 to 50 members and one extra vote for each multiple of 50 members in a lodge.

5. Conduct a professional drive for membership in a test area. If successful, extend it to other areas.

6. Grant a delegate and a vote to each district or central committee which meets certain qualifications to be set up by the Supreme Board.

In order to get a complete picture of actual conditions and growth potential of each lodge in the Brotherhood, one of the following proposals should be adopted:

A. Make the Supreme President a full time job and require him to visit each lodge in the DB at least twice during his term, inspect the books and make a written report on its potential to be studied by the Supreme Board and acted on at the next convention.

B. Divide the lodge into eight equal groups and require each supreme officer except the secretary-treasurer to visit each lodge in a group and report to the convention.

C. Let the Supreme Board hire a professional to visit every lodge and report to the Board. This would be a one shot deal for one or two years, as required to complete.

D. Hire an assistant secretary to work for the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, make the survey and assist in the Omaha office. Pay enough to interest a qualified man.

Our present methods of membership drives have failed to halt the decline in the number of lodges and membership. We will have to try something entirely different. All who have the interest of the Brotherhood at heart should give this problem serious consideration, and come up with some ideas.

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