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Circus Day for Juvenile Members



Well — the day finally arrived — Saturday, April 26, when seven of Lodge No. 116's juvenile members (average age 4 to 14) were taken to Madison Square Garden in New York to see the Greatest Show on Earth, and a wonderful time was had by all. I am not sure who had the most fun — the kids or the old timers who went along as escorts.

However, when it comes to circus — once inside there are no more old men. The elephants were great — the girls out of this world, something to please each and every one, no matter what your taste might be.

Our next event will be a ball game on May 24 at our Picnic Grove in Metuchen, where the youngsters will play against the old men. I am afraid it will be murder. It was much easier to sit in the circus.

This is all sponsored by the Promotional Committee with money received in prizes for last year's new members. We can think of no better way of spending this money, and hope that this will bring many more members into our Lodge.

The names of the youngsters are:

Eric Nielsen, Svend Jorgensen, Niels Wendt, George Nyborg, Niel Jensen, James Shane, Robert Ifversen.

Anniversary Celebration

D. B. Lodge No. 75 of Albert Lea and Als Lodge No. 111 of Austin had a joint anniversary celebration the 17th of May at Nelson's Hospitality Room in Austin which was attended by a capacity audience who thoroughly enjoyed the evening and appreciated the beautiful flag and flower decorations on the banquet tables.

Supreme Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. Axel Skelbeck of Omaha were the honored guests and, of course, Secretary Skelbeck was the big drawing card and the speaker of the evening. They were introduced by Bert Godfredsen who served as master of ceremonies in his usual able manner. Brother Skelbeck quoted facts and figures relative to the finances of our society which are in excellent shape and much other good advice relative to the Brotherhood as a whole.

The president of Als Lodge, Fred Godfredsen, bid the audience welcome and expressed the hope that everyone would enjoy the evening.

Brother Erick Jorgensen, who has been employed the past couple of years in the Hormel Institute Laboratory gave some interesting comparisons between Denmark and the U. S. A. Mr. Jorgensen plans to return to Denmark in July of this year. Another colorful feature of the evening was the presentation of the 50-year membership emblems to six eligible brothers, namely: Walter Peterson, Hans Hansen, Hans Jensen and Edmond Jensen from Lodge No. 75, and from the Austin lodge: Walter Andersen and Nels F. Petersen. The presentations were, of course, made by Supreme Secretary Skelbeck, in a very able manner.

Following the dinner the audience was invited to the regular lodge hall where Erick Jorgensen presented a one-hour moving picture performance of films furnished by the Swedish American Line, which were very good. This was followed by social visiting and refreshments and the evening terminated with coffee and Danish pastry.

It was a grand and glorious affair and the committee in charge is due much credit and we are of course, very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Skelbeck for coming all the way from Omaha. They extended their visit an extra day to visit Austin and Albert Lea, which included a social hour at the Chris Sorensen home in Albert Lea, and another dinner at Hotel Albert. The event as a whole will be long remembered by Albert Lea and Austin brothers.

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May 1958

Important Notice to Lodge Treasurers and Members

A dividend equal to the October, November and December 1958 assessment on all Benefit Certificates issued before January 1, 1956, was declared by the Supreme Board at the recent Board meeting. This means that members who own Benefit Certificates issued before January 1, 1956, will not pay assessment on these certificates for the October calendar quarter of 1958. Members who make payment to the lodge treasurer by mail should take this into consideration when payment covering the last quarter of 1958 is made. If you are uncertain as to the correct amount to remit, please check with the treasurer before making payment.

Similar action was taken by the Board in 1957 and makes this the second year this liberal dividend is given the membership.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

Office Closed Saturdays

In keeping with the times, our home office at 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska, will be closed on Saturdays in the future. Matters that will require immediate handling should be timed to reach us on other week days.

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Columbine Lodge No. 43

Please note change of meeting time from first and third Thursdays to second and fourth Fridays of each month, effective May 23, 1958.

JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.

Resolutions

MARIUS I. SIMONSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our brother, Marius I. Simonsen, who died January 29, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Steen Steensen Blicher Lodge No. 107:

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

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for a period of thirty days, and that this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the D. B. Magazine, and a card of condolence be sent to his family.

In behalf of Steen Steensen Blicher Lodge No. 107.

Wilbur Jensen, President.

Howard B. Johnson, Secretary.

EWALD ØSTERGAARD, Kenosha, Wis.

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis.

Everett Henriksen, President.

Carl Olsen, Secretary.

MARTIN RASMUSSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Martin Rasmussen, who passed away April 28, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Kronborg Lodge No. 298:

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

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

Kronborg Lodge No. 298.

Anders Schelde, President.

James Petersen, Secretary.

JORGEN SMITH, McCabe, Montana

In memory of our departed brother, Jorgen Smith, who passed away April 1, 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 this resolution be entered in our minutes, and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 308, McCabe, Mont.

Oscar Svendsen, President.

Otto Hansen, Secretary.



Financial Report

APRIL 30, 1958

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance April 1, 1958	\$15,025.80
Assessments	9,979.95
Interest and dividends on investments	10,793.45
Interest on certificate loans	77.21

\$35,876.41

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$26,945.88
Interest collection expense	7.00
Cash on surrendered certificates	264.02
Current investment expense	850.62
Transfer as per Sec. 49 in By-Laws	6,066.23
Investment expenses to General fund	908.36
Cash balance April 30, 1958	834.30

\$35,876.41

General Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance April 1, 1958	\$ 6,431.83
Received in April	980.02
By transfer of investment expense	908.36
By transfer as per Sec. 49 in By-Laws	6,066.23

\$14,386.44

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 87.10
Employer Social Security tax	17.29
Office supplies	8.35
Lodge supplies	34.43
Postage and telephone	46.45
Printing and mailing official publication	377.46
Rent and light	199.44
Nebraska unemployment tax, 1st quarter	4.62
Salaries to officers and employes	768.00
Balance in the Promotional fund transferred to separate account	5,976.87
Cash balance April 30, 1958	6,866.43

\$14,386.44

Fraternal Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance April 1, 1958	\$ 3,816.11
Assessments	4,149.00
Interest on bonds	187.50

\$ 8,152.61

Disbursements:

Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 1,207.19
Cash balance April 30, 1958	6,945.42

\$ 8,152.61

Promotional Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance from General fund	\$ 5,976.87
Taxes received	11.00

\$ 5,987.87

Disbursements:

Advertising supplies	\$ 137.30
Cash balance April 30, 1958	5,850.57

\$ 5,987.87

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance April 1, 1958	\$ 7,147.96
Assessments	196.18
Interest on bonds	67.50

\$ 7,411.64

Disbursements:

None	
Cash balance April 30, 1958	\$ 7,411.64

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Assets

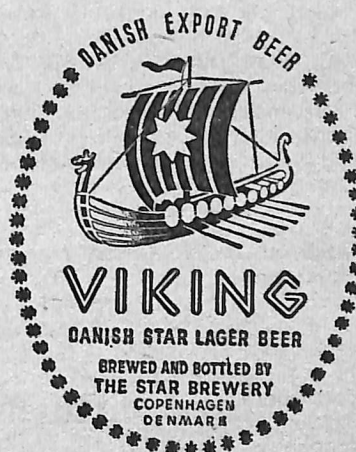
Investments:

Mortuary Fund	\$4,123,861.17
Juvenile Fund	3,000.00
Fraternal Fund	261,000.00
General Fund	52,000.00
Cash in bank	27,908.36

\$4,467,769.53

There is little evidence to support the notion that a decline in health goes hand in hand with retirement, according to results of a study at Cornell university. In fact, the report suggests that, if anything, retirement may bring about an improvement in health. In health, the researchers feel, is just as likely to occur on the job as in retirement.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

This month's article leaves me between the devil and the deep blue sea — it is too early to talk about what happened at the Ninth Annual District convention and it is too late to do any more promoting for the event. As we go to press, however, the weather promises to be good and from all indications the host lodges of Tacoma are preparing for a "full house." Supreme First Vice President Hans M. Andersen and Supreme Trustee Einar Danielsen had until just recently "toyed with the idea of being with us" but notified the writer of their regrets. Past District President Carl N. Grove and active Sisterhood member, Myrtine, had planned to leave for Denmark in May but since this would have been the first district conclave to be missed, plans were changed until June. As you read this paragraph, the Groves are aboard an ocean liner heading for Copenhagen to take delivery of a new Vulva in which they will tour the country of our origin. "Bon Voyage."

We often read about one of our brothers "proudly wearing his 50-year pin" and I wonder if we respect that member to the degree that is warranted. Perhaps we fail in quantity — the act of growing larger in membership — but surely we cannot deny that we grow richer in quality and that these oldtimers become wiser. From time to time, these honor tokens are pinned on our standard bearers — sometimes with a lot of fanfare — other times in mere simplicity. After Brother Jens P. Thim of Westfir, Oregon, received his half century presentation, his daughter, Ethel Smiterlof, wrote these words: "When the 50-year pin came and the lovely card with all your signatures, Dad was overjoyed to tears and I was, too. It made him feel as though he had an active part in the presentation, which due to his health, was of course out of the question. We are proud that Johnny and Jeffrey (juvenile members) will carry on the Danish Brotherhood."

Another link in the fraternal chains at Enumclaw was cemented at the May 10 meeting when Brother Russell R. Grove joined DB 113. In long form rituals, President Dan Meng performed the obligation and Acting Trustee Chairman Norbert Grove added a few personal words to his only brother, who affiliates with the Enumclawites at the same time as he dimits to Tacoma DB 33. Entertainment comprised a trip to Hawaii by way of colored film plus a little Danish girl doing the native dance. Sisterhood President Florence Meng had requested the tables be decorated for Mother's day and in accordance presented several gifts to the oldest and youngest mothers present.

The Emanuel hospital in Portland is still the home of Helen Hirsch, the very jolly and lovable little wife of Past President C. Ed., who has been confined to a bed for over four months. "Vacationing at an exclusive resort" she writes, "an iron horse, pretty little pots of pills and straight shots is all in a day's run." Brother Ed visits Helen every evening, seven days a week, and never misses

bringing a red rose. The entire Pacific Northwest Danish Lodge membership joins in wishing a complete and speedy recovery for one of its most beloved contemporaries.

Junction City's DB 268 was represented in Tacoma by delegates, Peter Skovbo and Ejnar Christiansen, and by alternates, Anton Kochs and Sigurd C. Nielsen, all very active brothers in that lodge.

Wilbur's Svend Gommesen informs me that DB 152 now has 40 brothers on their roster; and elected representatives from this little city were delegates, Nordahl Hagen and Aksel Petersen, and alternates, Frank Kunz and Rolf Jurgensen.

Vancouver, B. C.'s recording secretary is Brother Jack Jensen. Lodge No. 328 now edits a monthly publication and commenced their first edition with "Velkommen til noget nyt." In addition to his two secretaries, President Hugo Busch has the following officers on his slate this year: Ex-President Borge Dahl, Vice President Poul Hansen, Treasurer Carl Petersen, Conductor Ib Jorgensen, Inner Guard Chris Bendsen, Outer Guard Laurence Christiansen and Trustees J. V. Thorsen, Thorvald Larsen and Ejner Egeberg; and two new brothers were recently welcomed into the DB folds in the names of Charlie Andersen and Harald Jensen.

Spokaneans were glad to see Brother Benni Anderson and his fabulous new Lakewood Terrace Restaurant complete with Snack shop, fireplace room, terrace room, Ranier room and recreation hall. Vind's DB pinochle party April 19 proved that these turnouts are increasing in popularity with time. Spokane members have entered a team in the national bowling tournament and so far, Brother Walter Gilbert is rolling the high score; and District Trustee Hugo Dall flew in on Friday night to join his fellow conventionaires.

JUNE ASSESSMENT 708

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June 1, 1958

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July 1, 1958

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

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

Portland's membership now stands at 150 brothers; the season's last card party and dance was successfully held April 5 in the Pythian Building with Sister Elna Ussing as committee chairman for the DB and DS joint evening of gay fun, activity and refreshments. Delegates and alternates, respectively, were Brothers Chris Pedersen, Henry Barreth, Max Madsen, Harry Jensen, Ed Hirsch and Paul Trojel. The city of Roses had at least 50 brothers and sisters in attendance at Tacoma. 1958 leaders include Ex-President Peter Pihl, President Chris Pedersen, Vice President Max Madsen, Secretary Hans Madsen, Financial Secretary Richard Madsen, Treasurer Emil Svendsen, Chairman of Trustees Lou Jeppesen, Trustee John Sorensen, Trustee Carl Holm, Conductor Hans Jensen, Inner Guard Arne Henriksen and Outer Guard Henry Barreth.

Tacoma's President Marinus Laursen's son, Elmer, is a minister in Phoenix, Arizona. Regular monthly meeting date for April was changed to the third Thursday due to conflicting hall arrangements; convention co-chairman, Abelona Jorgensen, was in California during March both visiting friends and promoting attendance to the May conclave. We understand that Brother Hans P. Hansen has sold his Tacoma Avenue Auto Repair to one of his employes and is presently on a tour in the south. Brother Carl P. Jorgensen of Selah is still on the sick list. Delegates, Anders Andersen and Chris Petersen, with alternates, Niels Christensen and Peter Thompson, were declared elected at the March meeting. Sisterhood President Anna Laursen is the "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer" at each month's regular joint session and manufactures some "mighty tender open faced sandwiches." Brother Marinus Laursen spent some time in the hospital prior to the convention. Brother C. Fred Christensen in the company of Lona Jorgensen attended the May 14 meetings of the Seattle Danish Lodges.

Enumclaw's Danish hall reported a full house of predominantly children at the annual Christmas party December 15, which turned out to be a special day for everyone. Not only are the two newly installed presidents of Enumclaw's Danish Lodges man and wife, but also the respective secretaries in the names of Kai and Beulah Rasmussen. Brother Hans Holm was the featured tenor soloist on a Christmas Eve song service at the Hope Lutheran church on which program was also a fine mixed choir including the voices of District President of the Sisterhood, Myrna M. Rieck, and of Colin, son of Treasurer Henry Hergert. Brother Esper Roland Espersen and I have two things in common. We were both initiated into the DB order at a district convention and we are both Elks. Past President Carl Grove, Secretary Kai Rasmussen and Trustee Nels Johnson with their wives were all in attendance at the installation rituals at Seattle in January. Brother Martin Petersen has recently returned from Virginia Mason hospital in Seattle following minor surgery. Nels and Johanna Johnson, Carl and Myrtine Grove, Myrtle Skagen and Myrna Rieck were cold table guests at the home of Ellen Rasmussen in McMinnville following the recent Junction City festivities. Eating, singing and discussing plans for the new lodge year, a caravan of DB and DS officers drove over to Florence and Dan Meng's new home at Normanda Park Saturday, December 28. A majority of the participants at Trustee Chair-

man Johnnie Rieck's New Year's party were DB members and their wives. One of the most colorful characters in the great Northwest, Septuagenarian Nettie Connett of Sandy, Ore., now 77 years of age and a great-grandmother is not alone in standing on her head at such a ripe old age — Past President Fred Weston of Renton until his recent series of strokes, also astonished one and all by doing likewise when he was past 80! Brother Fred Petersen is contemplating a trip to the old country this summer. It was in 1917 that Brother Hans Sands boasted that he had driven from Enumclaw to San Francisco in four days. Brother George Nelson and wife, Erma, have assumed the responsibilities of managing the Old People's home and we wish them good luck in their worthy endeavors. District Sisterhood President Myrna Rieck in the company of her husband, John, Brothers Nels Johnson and Carl Grove and their wives, attended the March meetings of the Portland lodges. Membership has dipped to a new low of 70 brothers plus six juveniles. The 60th lodge anniversary was celebrated April 12. Last month's delegates and alternates were Brothers John Rieck, Dan Meng, John Hansen and Elmer Boysen, respectively; and that's 30.

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Ancient History of D. B.

FORWARD

My aim is to make a sketch of the Danish Brotherhood in America, why it was formed and where the people came from and why they came here. The cause can be traced back to the dawn of the Danish history and the first of a long line of Danish kings starting over a thousand years ago, up to date. Even then, there was evidence of what centuries later culminated in a national disaster.

In an old song was mentioned the concern of the then ruling Queen Thyra Danebrog (wife of the first Danish King Gorm who died long before her and she ruled the country until her death). In this song, it was mentioned that the Southern Gate of the Danish Garden was out of order, meaning, of course, the fortifications on the River Elben, which was the boundary up until the year 1864.

A peaceful invasion evidently had already started of German people over the border of the Danish provinces of Lorenborg and Holstein from the denser populated regions of Germany to the lush and sparsely populated land to the north. This trend continued until the provinces of Holstein and Lorenborg were completely saturated with Germans and all Danish culture had disappeared.

Then we come to Bismark's time when all Germany was unified under one banner. From here on, I will describe how Bismark started the Danish Brotherhood (not that he wanted to do it, but if it had not been for him and his actions, it would never have been done). I don't claim the following story to be historical facts. It consists of bits of information picked up from different sources, mixed with generous imagination, but I will bet my old boots that I am not far from right.

THIS IS THE REAL STORY

After the struggle of unifying Germany, Bismark, drunk with success, started to look for further conquests and among others, Slesvig-Holstein was one of them. Preparation for real invasion commenced to take shape and direction. He sent a horde of spies into the provinces with plenty of money to spread propaganda against the Danish government and placed his agents in strategic positions to work among the common people.

He constantly dangled the golden promise of self-government for Slesvig-Holstein in front of the people's eyes and stirred up trouble between the pro-Danish and pro-Germans. He finally got the two provinces to revolt against the kingdom in the year of 1848. Of course, the revolt was inspired by the German government, but they failed to send the German army in to help, so the Danish army smashed the revolt.

After that, the German government started preparations of a more executive nature. They did not leave a stone unturned that would help to worsen the unrest between the two provinces and the Danish kingdom until in 1864, they declared war against Denmark together with Austria. They drafted or recruited a big army from poorer parts of the population, mostly those who could not afford to pay for exemption. The soldiers were inspired with the slogan "Go up north and free your poor downtrodden brothers from the Terrible Dane."

The fact was that Slesvig-Holstein was flowing in milk and honey far richer than any part of Germany, and they had with the help of Bismark and Company been squeezing one concession after another out of the Danish government until the province actually was a bill of expense to the kingdom.

When the poor German soldiers arrived on the battleground, they looked around them, goggled and proclaimed, "So these are the poor downtrodden brothers we have come to free." It took the combined German and Austrian modern army a whole year to drive the poorly equipped Danish army back into the kingdom and my imagination is that the German and Austrian soldiers fought very reluctantly.

When the Danish army finally gave up and the Germans took over, they incorporated the whole district under the imperial German state of Prussia. That was the end of the dream of self-government for Slesvig-Holstein. Now came hard times for the Danish patriots. They had lost their Danish citizenship and they did not want to swear allegiance to the Germans so that they were in fact a people without a country. They had no civil rights and they were squeezed from every angle. A lot of them fled to Denmark but conditions were poor and they found out that even there, they were not citizens.

Some of them got the idea of going to the United States where they were welcome, and even better than that, they found out that America wanted homesteaders and they could obtain quarter sections of rich prairie land practically for a song. A lot of these people owned good-sized and well cared for fertile farms in the old country which they sold for a good price and with their know-how, handed down and improved from generation to generation with their love of their home, land and family, they made some of the best settlers that this country could obtain. With ready cash in hand, they could get started farming in a very short time and, word soon got back to the old country about the great opportunity for farmers in America.

In the following years, a heavy migration took place from Slesvig to the prairie states. These people flocked together more or less in settlements, but being large-sized farms, it was quite a distance to the next neighbor, and of course, they could speak only Danish. As time went on, people other

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than farmers commenced to settle in small clusters on crossroads and grew into villages and towns.

The Danes liked to get together and they soon formed a society. Many of them were veterans from the two wars fought with Germany, so they adopted the name "De Danske Vaaben Brødre" which means "The Danish Brothers in Arms." This name only stuck a few years on account of changing conditions. As the migration mounted of squeezed-out Danish patriots, the rumors leaked back to Slesvig of the opportunities there were in the new land.

Other Danes who had been dazzled by the golden promises from Germany commenced to pull up stakes to come over and join their brothers. I guess they did not find it so glorious to be under Bismark with the taxes he charged them. The tide of migration kept rising and soon there were more pro-Bismark Danes knocking on the door of the Danish Brothers in Arms Society and, that caused unrest because they were not allowed to join. Since eventually the veterans would diminish, the name of the society was changed to "Det Danske Broder Samfund," or "The Danish Brotherhood Society," to include all Danes. The society made their headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, and branched out from there all over the United States.

Among other benevolent departments, they started a life insurance which was, as practically all other insurance plans were, on a pay-as-you-go plan. There were numerous insurance companies springing up all over the country at that time on the same plan uncontrolled. As time went on, it became evident to the authorities that the plan was unsound and laws were made to curb the practice. The result was that most of these companies disappeared overnight. But not so with the Danish Brotherhood. They went to work and cleaned house in order to follow the newly established laws and today enjoy one of the highest degrees of solvency of any insurance institution in the country.

This is the story of the Danish Brotherhood which would never have existed if it had not been for these events described on these pages starting over a thousand years ago, and culminating in 1864. So I say that Bismark started the Danish Brotherhood in America.

RASMUS NIELSEN,
Portland, Maine.

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San Francisco Lodge National Bowling Champion

Team No. 1 of Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco, California, bowled the phenomenal score of 3229 to win the Danish Brotherhood Championship. Racine Lodge No. 4 with Team No. 6 was second. This year's tournament had many more entries than last year and also many more good bowlers. The best individual performance was a 269 effort by Andrew Karkow of Lodge No. 17 in Chicago. Andrew had a 21 pin handicap good for a score of 290.

The increased interest shown in this year's bowling tournament is very encouraging and I sincerely hope that interest will continue to mount. All entries cannot be winners but if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

As your Bowling Chairman I again want to thank all the participating bowlers and sponsors for the effort and interest put forth in this tournament. Your comments about this and future tournaments will be appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

EINAR DANIELSEN,
National Bowling Chairman.

Herewith the team scores and individual scores:

Lodge	Team	Ave.	Score	Hndcp.	Total	Prize	Place
No. 49	San Francisco 1	761	2728	501	3239	\$50.00	1st.
No. 4	Racine 6	679	2376	672	3048	\$40.00	2nd.
No. 183	Troy, New York	760	2541	504	3045	\$27.50	3rd. Tie
No. 4	Racine 4	664	2340	705	3045	\$27.50	3rd. Tie
No. 298	Chicago	828	2665	360	3025	\$20.00	5th.
No. 45	Minneapolis 1	834	2656	348	3004	\$17.50	6th.
No. 190	Schenectady 1	777	2522	468	2990	\$15.00	7th.
No. 184	Hayward 1	761	2462	501	2963	\$12.50	8th.
No. 242	Woodel, Erie	758	2434	507	2941	\$10.00	9th.
No. 322	Santa Barbara 1	705	2296	618	2914	\$10.00	10th.
No. 242	Beck Bldrs. Erie	790	2459	441	2900	\$10.00	11th.
No. 242	Reislund Uph. Erie	839	2547	336	2883	\$10.00	12th.
No. 17	Chicago 1	802	2464	414	2878	out of money	13th.
No. 245	South Bend 1	826	2508	361	2869	out of money	14th.
No. 4	Racine 3	794	2436	432	2868	out of money	15th.
No. 17	Chicago 2	641	2108	753	2861	out of money	16th.
No. 332	Ripon	707	2246	615	2861	tie for	16th.
No. 167	N. W. T., Portland	749	2118	735	2853	out of money	17th.
No. 45	Minneapolis 2	735	2294	555	2849	out of money	18th.
No. 273	Dillon 1	806	2443	405	2848	out of money	19th.
No. 4	Racine 5	697	2201	636	2837	out of money	20th.
No. 35	Chicago 1	785	2383	450	2833	out of money	21st.
No. 4	Racine 1	830	2471	357	2828	out of money	22nd.
No. 167	N. J., Portland	717	2231	594	2825	out of money	23rd.
No. 4	Racine 2	780	2360	462	2822	out of money	24th.
No. 116	Newark 2	696	2172	636	2808	out of money	25th.
No. 242	U. AUTO. R, Erie	820	2410	378	2788	out of money	26th.
No. 116	Newark 1	757	2278	510	2788	out of money	27th.
No. 227	Detroit 1	786	2329	447	2776	out of money	28th.
No. 64	Rockford 1	731	2212	564	2776	out of money	29th.
No. 29	Seattle 3	716	2181	594	2775	out of money	30th.
No. 92	St. Charles 3	655	2050	723	2773	out of money	31st.
No. 34	Dwight 1	809	2369	399	2768	out of money	32nd.
No. 84	Lincoln	607	1940	825	2765	out of money	33rd.
No. 92	St. Charles 1	685	2185	579	2764	out of money	34th.
No. 242	Reed Mfg. Erie	817	2374	384	2758	out of money	35th.
No. 306	San Diego	650	2022	735	2757	out of money	36th.
No. 34	Dwight 2	650	2020	735	2755	out of money	37th.
No. 273	Dillon 2	639	1988	756	2744	out of money	38th.
No. 64	Rockford 2	734	2185	558	2743	out of money	39th.
No. 182	Waukegan 2	706	2121	615	2736	out of money	40th.
No. 190	Schenectady 2	704	2098	621	2719	out of money	41st.
No. 49	San Francisco 2	672	2006	687	2693	out of money	42nd.
No. 227	Detroit 2	687	2028	657	2685	out of money	43rd.
No. 190	Schenectady 3	662	1964	708	2672	out of money	44th.
No. 42	Spokane	671	1975	690	2665	out of money	45th.

Lodge	Team	Ave.	Score	Hndcp.	Total	Prize	Place
No. 29	Seattle 2	700	2016	630	2646	out of money	46th.
No. 92	St. Charles 2	723	1983	660	2643	out of money	47th.
No. 242	Jensen Br. Erie	882	2372	246	2618	out of money	48th.
No. 227	Detroit 3	572	1691	897	2588	out of money	49th.
No. 29	Seattle 1	640	1690	756	2446	out of money	50th.
No. 182	Waukegan	749	no score			out of money	51st.
No. 1	Omaha 1		no score			out of money	52nd.
No. 227	Detroit 4		no score			out of money	53rd.
No. 39	Oakland						

Entries from Lodges No. 332 and No. 39 received too late to qualify.

INDIVIDUAL SERIES WINNER

Lodge No. 4	Henning Jacobsen	605	138	743	\$7.50	1st.
Lodge No. 49	Mac Juhl	602	99	701	\$5.00	2nd.
Lodge No. 49	Frank Petersen	577	102	679	\$2.50	3rd.

INDIVIDUAL GAME WINNERS

Lodge No. 17	Andrew Karkow	269	21	280	\$7.50	1st.
Lodge No. 34	Herman Persnich	244	27	271	\$3.75	tie
Lodge No. 29	Karl Nielsen	240	31	271	\$3.75	tie

Birthday Party in Lodge 78

Your modest correspondent submits hereby a new sentence to be enlisted among the worlds "Famed words": The smaller a committee the greater the success.

If this should not meet with bibliophilical standards, it was nevertheless proven true at Lodge No. 78's 64-year anniversary on May 6, with a dinner party at "Beau Brummel," well known restaurant in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On this evening an expectant crowd of members and friends gathered around one long table decorated with flowers from Br. Mart Jorgensen, and a flag decoration of the two countries' flags by Mrs. Erica Hansen. The beautiful table set a standard of festivity that was carried through to the end of a most memorable evening.

Committee chairman, Br. Edgar Hansen, called to order and introduced the president, Br. Einar Erickson, who bid welcome with the best of wishes for a fine evening, whereupon everyone was on their own with salad, soup, swiss steak and dessert served very efficiently by a host of waitresses. A fine red wine was served to the main course by the lodge and a toast to 78 was carried out.

As the jaw-activity slowed to a more contented pace, the chairman introduced the toastmaster, Br. Hilmar Hansen, who first presented the lodge's officers together with three brothers from Lodge No. 278, Brothers Soren Jespersen, Carlo Klitgaard and Kjeld Jorgensen.

Our toastmaster is a very rare specimen of its kind, as he thinks of everything, he even presented Mrs. Gunhild Kragh, who for once should NOT sing, and she, as the others, received a nice hand from the "could have been" audience, just think for not doing a d... thing. As Br. Hansen expressed it, he would not miss the chance to speak, thus he had put himself first on the program.

The essence of a very interesting speech was the history of our two countries symbol, Dannebrog and Old Glory. The audience was asked to stand up and sing "God Bless America" and "Vift stolt paa Kodans Bølge" after which Br. Hansen continued with what this country has meant to us and what

we in return have given to the United States, and how we through the Brotherhood have been a part of the building of this great country. In conclusion Br. Hansen congratulated the lodge on the 64 years and expressed wishes for a growing future. These words were received with a big hand, whereupon the president of the General Committee for Utah and Idaho lodges, Br. Carlo Klitgaard, took the floor. He congratulated No. 78 and brought greetings from the G. C. as well as from his own lodge, 278, and expressed the wish that some day these two fine lodges would merge into one solid unit of the Danish Brotherhood. More applause.

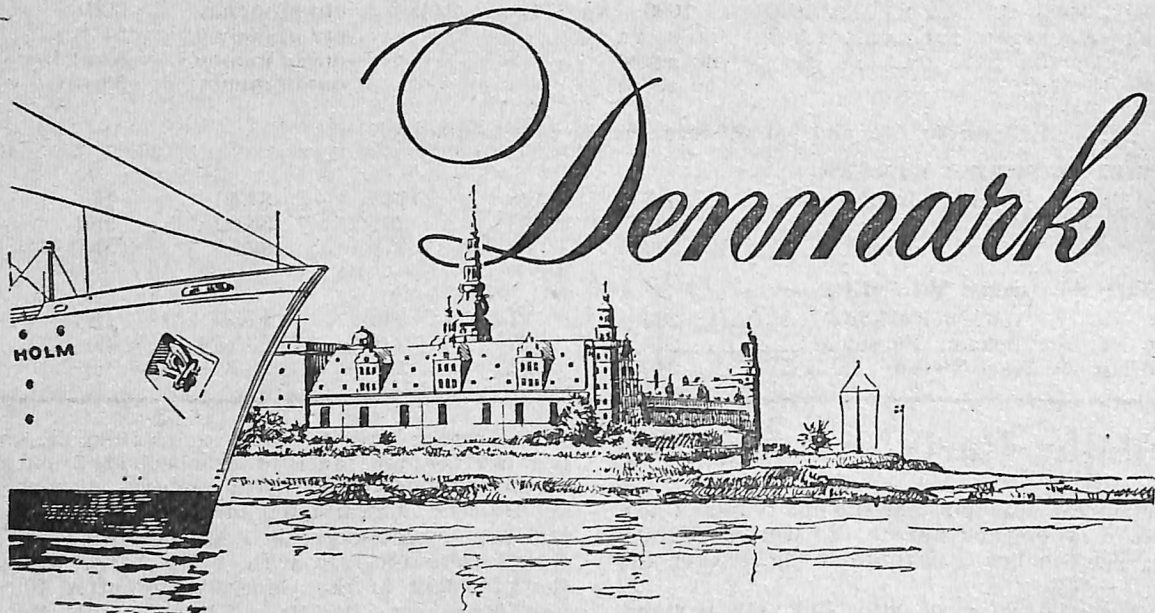
Treasurer of 78, Br. Kragh, was next asked to say "a few words," and he called the attention to 64 years was one year away from retirement age. He called upon five of the most hard working brothers of the lodge, five brothers who almost WAS the lodge, Brothers Chris Pedersen, Einar Erickson, Edgar Hansen, Hilmar Hansen and John Olsen, without who there probably would not be a lodge No. 78, and these faithful brothers were showered with ovations from the audience.

The last speaker, after the "seventh inning stretch" where we sang "Der er et yndigt Land," was Br. Soren Jespersen, who spoke about the Danes of today and of yesteryear. His preference is a free guess, but a lot of truth was his words about the old-timers who built the Brotherhood; their accomplishments should be kept in honor, and it is up to us to do so through our work in our organization. It is up to us to keep it from dying out.

This was the end of the official program and Br. Edgar Hansen took over again and presented proudly an application for membership from his son, which made the fourth generation of his family to become a member, a very fine conclusion of a fine party. After singing "America," and after a thank you to everyone for coming, the party was over. As a postscript your correspondent takes the liberty to thank the three brothers who were the committee, Brothers Edgar Hansen, Hilmar Hansen and Chris Pedersen, for a very swell arrangement, which will go down in the books as one of the most memorable anniversaries of our lodge.

BORGE KRAGH.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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This seems to be a very slow month as far as news goes here in the East. I do not know why, the weather seems all right and summer cannot have made so much impression upon us that we can not do anything but work in the garden.

However, we have a few notes from several lodges informing us about their anniversaries. Hartford No. 314 comes with their 41st on Saturday, May 24, as per usual there will be a good crowd and it will be an enjoyable evening.

Lyngblomsten Erie 242 celebrated their 52nd on Saturday, May 17, no doubt there was a fine party.

Then comes Enighedden, Philadelphia No. 172, notices to all members, yes I got one too, has been sent. I am sorry I cannot be there, but you may be sure I shall be thinking about you that evening. This party will be held on Friday evening, June 6, at 7:30 at the Cherry Hill Inn, located on Route 38, Haddenfield Road, only 30 minutes from City Hall. If you get this notice in time and want to go, contact Harold Boldsen, 134 East Albanus St., Philadelphia 20.

We note that in all the lodges we have heard from, they have been busy initiating new members, this should be an encouraging piece of news for all of us and we certainly wish them all the luck in the world.

In Schenectady they have had their birthday parties as usual. Wednesday, April 16, the party was given by Ray Jorgensen, Fred. Andersen, Niels Muller, Olin Youchler and Eskild Smorup. A turkey dinner was served. Another dinner will be served at the meeting May 21, by those who celebrate their birthdays in May. At this meeting election of delegates for the G. C. convention will take place.

The Bowling League held their annual Bowling banquet on Sunday, May 4, at the hall. Winners in the several classes were announced and the Trophy was awarded to Peterson and Ashton Inc.

Among the sad news we read in our paper is usually the death of certain members, whom we have known for so many years and I am indeed sorry to see that our good friend, Anders Nielsen, in Erie has passed on. Please accept our sincere sympathy. When you read about such news, you cannot help but think back for so many years when we first came to Erie and other places.

Do we realize what the Brotherhood really means to us? Sometimes I wonder what would have happened to many of us if it had not been for the Danish Brotherhood.

Talking about D. B. makes me realize that I have not done a very good job as a deputy for the Promotional Committee here in the East. I was supposed to visit several lodges here and have tried my best; but traveling has not been to easy during the winter. However, I have visited Portland at their anniversary and a most enjoyable meeting in Hartford in May. In Hartford, I wish to say that it was indeed a pleasure to hear the report from the treasurer — it is interesting to hear the sums of thousands of dollars; here in Providence we do not mention thousands anymore. The President in

Hartford made excuses for not remembering everything just perfect without the book, but to me excuses were not in order; he did a very fine job.

For the information of Portland, Maine, and Barre, Vermont, I wish to state that I am planning on visiting both lodges at their meetings in July. When you read this and if you feel it would not be a good time to come, will you please let me know. As far as I know the meeting in Portland is on Thursday the 10th, and in Barre on Saturday, the 12th. You will hear more from me about this.

We have heard the report from Perth Amboy about the sisters' convention. We are looking forward to the announcements for us, if the sisters could have such a wonderful time, we should have a fine convention, too. The last convention in Perth Amboy I believe, was in 1926; oh, it was fine, but times have changed, we hope for the better.

You will soon hear more about the coming convention.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Niels B. Sorensen	4	Racine	Richard Bernhardt
Niels B. Sorensen	4	Racine	W. Clayton Dow
John E. Johnsen	11	Clinton	Courtland Pieper
Robert C. Hansen	14	Kenosha	Jess J. Kolmos
Sam Frederiksen	29	Seattle	Edgar Larsen
Paul Hansen	29	Seattle	John Hoffman
Irving Lund	50	Byram	Charles Christensen
Aage Schonning	50	Byram	Beck. Christensen
Frederik Andersen	67	Fresno	John Wentland
Frederik Andersen	67	Fresno	B. F. Andersen
Hans L. Andersen	67	Fresno	Louis C. Hansen
Frederik Andersen	67	Fresno	Niel William Tassel
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	P. O. Pedersen
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Carl Breuning
Victor F. Johnson	117	Plainview	Harold Pittack
Victor F. Johnson	117	Plainview	Mervin Johnson
Victor F. Johnson	117	Plainview	Donald F. White
Victor F. Johnson	117	Plainview	Lyle V. Horst
Victor F. Johnson	117	Plainview	Robert B. Tift
Kenneth G. Bakke	167	Portland	Robert J. Leppert
George Olesen	172	Philadelphia	John Graham
Carl Danielsen	182	Waukegan	Erik Saltrup
Andrew Thomsen	183	Troy	Samuel L. Adams, Jr.
Irving W. Jensen	183	Troy	James H. Tilly
Harold A. Sundby	184	Hayward	Kurt James Dittig
Harold Sundby	184	Hayward	William H. Meyer
C. B. Christensen	190	Schenectady	W. Willenrup
John Christensen	225	Canton	J. M. Labriola
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Chris K. Troelsen
Vernon C. Nelson	273	Dillon	Andrew Andersen
Vernon C. Nelson	273	Dillon	Thomas Andersen
Fred Aase	306	San Diego	Eric T. Lantz
Fred Aase	306	San Diego	Robert S. Aase
Hans G. Jensen	306	San Diego	Kaj Olesen
Peter Jensen	306	San Diego	Ernardt Osted
Alfred Nielsen	319	Bakersfield	A. C. Stenderup
Aage Miller	322	Santa Barbara	S. G. Mullins
Otto Kiertzner	323	Alhambra	August Pedersen

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'Denmark-Voyage of Delight'

A brand new and sparkling film release from Swedish American Line recently had its first showing in this country onboard MS STOCKHOLM. The film "Denmark — Voyage to Delight" was shown in connection with a reception onboard the Swedish liner. Produced by Teknisk Film Co. of Copenhagen, Denmark, and photographed by Paul Solbjerghoj and Kai Jensen this 50-minute cavalcade of Denmark is both captivating and entertaining. Rapid change of scenes and scenery gives the film an almost kaleidoscopic character, and thus is contrasts sharply with the conventional travelogue type movies with their long sequences. In "Voyage to Delight" scenes from shipboard life on the Stockholm on her way to Denmark are interspersed in a truly amazing and most charming bouquet of pictures from this great little country during the four seasons of the year. It is undoubtedly the finest pictorial description of Denmark at work and play ever made as a travel promoter, and somehow even Danish characteristics such as good humor, hospitality, generosity and a feeling for essential values, are — probably unintentionally — mirrored in this delightful film presentation. Danes and Americans of Danish ancestry may justly feel proud when they view these colorful glimpses of Old Denmark. Spectators with no emotional ties with the countries of the North can not help but thinking: A great country, and "great Danes."

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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
4	Racine, Wis.	7	517
227	Detroit, Mich.	6	327
245	South Bend, Ind.	6	31
273	Dillon, Mont.	5	40
49	San Francisco, Calif.	5	336
117	Plainview, Nebr.	5	58
306	San Diego, Calif.	5	51

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
245	Hjalmer Bergen	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	6
328	S. A. Johansen	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	6
117	Victor Johnson	Plainview, Nebr.	5
322	Harold Hansen	Santa Barbara, Calif.	4
227	Christian Larsen	Detroit, Mich.	4
328	Anker Sorensen	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	3
143	John V. Jensen	Petaluma, Calif.	3
116	Alf Svantemann	Newark, New Jersey	3
92	Karl C. Madsen	St. Charles, Ill.	3
67	Frederik Andersen	Fresno, Calif.	3

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Mar. 16	Albert Christensen	73	Herman, Nebr.	206	Blair, Nebr.	1906	Lymphocarcinoma	\$ 243.28
Mar. 26	Peter K. A. Andersen	84	Nastved, Den.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1905	Hydro nephrosis uraemia	877.18
Apr. 6	Aage M. Hansen	85	Horsens, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1917	Acute myocardial infarct.	250.00
Apr. 12	Ole Olsen	80	Copenhagen, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1904	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
Mar. 17	Christian P. Ho	71	Holbæk, Den.	116	Newark, N. J.	1926	Nephrosclerosis	250.00
Feb. 2	Soren P. Christensen	89	Aal Sogn, Den.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1892	Coronary	755.15
Apr. 6	Peter Moller	79	Oldrup, Karby Sogn	35	Chicago, Ill.	1901	Myocardial infarction	500.00
Apr. 15	Grover C. Smith	65	Neenah, Wis.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1917	Carcinoma of pancreas	1,000.00
Apr. 1	Wilhelm J. Hansen	67	Miner Co. S. D.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1912	Not reported	1,000.00
Apr. 16	John S. Thomsen	90	Haderslev By, Den.	183	Troy, N. Y.	1904	Sclerotic heart disease	500.00
Apr. 8	Christian Sorensen	85	Tokkedal, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1912	Arteriosclerosis	944.07
Apr. 1	Jorgen Smith	85	Slesvig, Den.	308	McCabe, Mont.	1915	Uremia	244.30
Apr. 16	Niels J. Appleskow	83	Aarhus	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1907	Medullary depression	901.83
Apr. 16	John Mikkelsen	67	Horsens, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1920	Acute cardiac failure	1,000.00
Aug. 23	Louis C. Willumsen	88	Copenhagen, Den.	164	New York, N. Y.	1905	Uremia	208.15
Apr. 14	Oluf H. Nielsen	66	Menominee, Mich.	59	Menominee, Mich.	1913	Natural causes	1,000.00
Apr. 17	Alfred W. Andersen	72	Aalborg, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1910	Carcinoma of lung	1,000.00
Mar. 19	Martinus Andersen	83	Vista, Thorup, Thisted	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1904	Pulmonary edema	872.40
Apr. 17	Elias Fredericksen	80	Kildeverk, Lysskov	32	New Haven, Conn.	1901	Cerebro vascular acc.	874.29
Apr. 11	Peder Schmidt	96	Nykøbing, Den.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1907	Uremia	213.55
Apr. 20	Anders Knudsen	79	Støvring, Den.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1905	Coronary thrombosis	459.68
Apr. 21	Peder Hansen Bering	87	Tingleft Slesvig	67	Fresno, Calif.	1913	Cerebral hemorrhage	500.00
Apr. 19	Hans P. Littau	93	Svendborg, Den.	107	Chicago, Ill.	1902	Arteriosclerosis	759.28
Apr. 29	Peter T. Hansen	66	North Troy, N. Y.	183	Troy, N. Y.	1928	Cirrhosis of liver	500.00
Apr. 13	Robert M. Christensen	66	Copenhagen, Den.	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1942	Natural causes	250.00
Apr. 7	Hans Peter Krag	86	Blands, Den.	279	Hunter, N. D.	1909	Bronchopneumonia	452.59
Apr. 30	Frederik Hansen	61	Thybjerg, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1922	Chronic myocarditis	250.00
Apr. 26	Jorgen Markusen	90	Strarup Mark, Fyn	119	Pueblo, Colo.	1906	Anterior myocard' l infarc.	793.15
Apr. 22	Howard R. Hansen	39	Dillon, Mont.	273	Dillon, Mont.	1936	Carcinomatosis	125.00
May 4	Anders E. Simonsen	53	Nørre Sundby, Den.	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1942	Coronary thrombosis	125.00
Apr. 28	Ewald Østergaard	56	Frederikshavn, Den.	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1924	Uremia	500.00
Mar. 18	Jens Christensen	74	Hjørring	259	Colman, S. D.	1908	Metastasis of lymphatic	240.77
Apr. 12	Johannes E. Thornquist	71	Grenaa, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1917	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Apr. 26	Albert N. Christensen	67	Sheridan, Mich.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1937	Renal fail. & uremia	250.00
May 10	Hjalmar Nielsen	72	Copenhagen, Den.	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1906	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
May 3	Hans C. Jensen	79	Fejå, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1918	Myocardial infarction	1,000.00
May 6	R. Joseph Jacobsen	93	Frørup, Fyn, Den.	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1907	Coronary insufficiency	427.96
Apr. 10	Harry Hansen	59	Kenosha, Wis.	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1956		Social
Mar. 22	Peter Fenger	63	Aarhus, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1947		Social
Apr. 28	Martin Rasmussen	78	Svendborg, Den.	298	Chicago, Ill.	1928		Social

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN

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One of the hardest things to do, I believe, is to say or write anything about a dear friend who has passed. I find myself in this position, because my dear friend, Brother Harald Sundby, passed away on May 12.

Brother Sundby was born in Copenhagen on October 15, 1903, and hence was only a little over 54 years. As mentioned some time ago in this column, he was operated upon some months ago and I believe all of us had hoped he was on the road to recovery. The funeral took place from Sorensen Bros. funeral home in Hayward with about 250 in attendance. That Harald was popular was easily shown by the many floral pieces, although the family had desired that donations be made to the Cancer fund. Many of the officers of the General Committees were present, headed by Brother and Sister John Jensen from Petaluma, Presidents of the two organizations. We noticed Brother and Sister Carl and Minnie Hansen from Los Angeles, Aage Miller and Nels Christensen from Santa Barbara. Many of our members from Ripon and San Francisco and other lodges nearby.

Brother A. B. Christensen, his close friend and secretary of the Hayward lodge, recited the Brotherhood's and Brother Hans Henningsen Dania's funeral ritual, both did it feelingly. Pastor Jensen of the Lutheran Church in Castro Valley conducted the religious part of the ceremony.

Brother Sundby was elected the 16th President of our General Committee at our convention in Santa Barbara in 1940. I am sure no one ever forgot Harald, who attended one of our conventions. To begin with, he never outgrew his "København Humor" and on many occasions he had the convention in an uproar with laughter. He was an excellent parliamentarian and one had to get up early to win in a debate with him. He almost knew our constitution and by-laws by heart, as well as Robert's Rules of Order, and became almost famous for his "Point of Order" requests. He was elected four times as delegate to our National Conventions.

When we were both in Denmark in 1955, we attended a meeting in Lodge No. 318, of which we both became members. A membership of which he was very proud.

Besides his wife, Sister Margaret Sundby, a Supreme Trustee of the Danish Sisterhood, he leaves a son and daughter and five grandchildren. Also a brother and sister in Denmark. Last fall he made a hurried trip to Denmark to say a last farewell to his mother who passed away at that time.

To Margaret and his children and grandchildren we offer our deepest sympathy, and may it be of some comfort to them to know that their loss is shared by all his many friends. We, too, shall miss him very much and somehow I feel our yearly meetings will not be quite the same without Harald. And as Hans Andersen wrote to me "The Brotherhood lost a sincere worker and true friend when Harald was called Home to his Creator. Harald Sundby will always be remembered in Danish Broth-

erhood circles." A sentiment in which I think we all agree. Blessed be your memory, Harald.

I am happy to report that the activities in many of our lodges continue to be good. The San Francisco Lodge No. 49 held a very successful "Ex-Presidents' Night" on April 30. Many of the old-time presidents took the various chairs, headed by Brother Holger Bauer, who was president in 1934. We also had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Axel Swanholm, who was President of the General Committee that year and installed Holger as president. As usual we had a lively meeting which was followed by very fine refreshments, prepared for us by Ernst Meyer and Egon Swangreen, washed down with real cold Aalborg and beer. Brother Henning Jensen introduced the various Ex-Presidents present, and I am happy to say that we had no less than 26 of these brethren who had served the Brotherhood in that capacity. Brother Willy Christensen, our conductor, celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary the same evening says his good wife, but I am sure he made up for it either before or after the meeting. When this writer left the hall, Brother Dick Clausen was at the Baldwin and with about 25 of the younger members around him, some real Danish singing was done. A very successful evening indeed. "Mange Tak."

On Mother's Day, May 11, a big bowling tournament took place in San Francisco, and while I know nothing about this sport, I understand the San Francisco team won not only the Daphny Trophy but also a trophy donated by Willy Christensen. Well done. The San Francisco boys are anxious to know how they stand in the National Tournament.

In a recent article about the convention committee in Oakland I made a mistake. It seems I mentioned that Brother Norman Andker was president of the committee. This is all wrong. The president is none other than our conductor in the General Committee, Brother Robert Jensen, and I hope Robert will forgive me. But I have heard from Brother Andker, who is secretary, that the committee is working very hard. I am also informed that letters will be sent, or have been sent, to the various lodges about the convention. In these letters will be found tickets, and I urge everyone to buy at least one, or better still several in order to help the committee in raising the cash which is needed for such an undertaking. I hope to be able to give you more details about the convention in the next issue, so watch for it.

At this time I should like to remind the various secretaries of Section 12 in our By-Laws, which provides that every lodge must submit to me not later than August 1st the number of members of the lodge as of July 1st. I shall need both the number of insured as well as social members.

Any lodge that wishes to invite the General Committee for the 1959 convention should do so not less than 60 days prior to the convention. The more invitations the better. So don't be bashful.

For the members in Southern California may I

remind you of the "Grundlovsfest" arranged by all the Danish lodges in Los Angeles to take place on Sunday, June 8. The picnic will be held at Saxonia Park near Newhall. For those who are not familiar with this place, you drive from Los Angeles out San Fernando Road, (Route 99) 5 miles beyond San Fernando and turn right over the bridge toward Newhall (Route 6). Drive two miles and take right fork toward Mohave. Go about one-third mile to Placerito Canyon, turn left and follow sign to picnic grounds. I am informed that refreshments will be served all day at reasonable prices. Free ice cream for children as well as games with prizes, beginning at 2 p. m. Dancing from 5 p. m. to 9 p. m.

In Northern California there will be a combined "Skovfest" or picnic to be held at Lille Hill Ranch in Hayward. This is the first time that most of the Danish lodges on both sides of the San Francisco Bay have joined for such an outing. Brother Robert Jensen is chairman of the joint committee. See BIEN for further details. The time is Sunday, June 29.

Meanwhile the two lodges in San Francisco will hold a Midsummer Festival in Druids Temple, Saturday evening, June 21. One might call it a "St. Hans Aften," all they will be missing is a "Baal" as they have on the hills in Denmark that evening. Come and really enjoy yourself.

No. 49 has a member residing in New York who was entitled to his 50-year emblem. Brother Axel Jacobsen, the secretary, wrote to Cimbria Lodge No. 257, asking them to be good enough to present the emblem to this old brother. And what did 257 do about it? They invited members of the other New York lodges to come and participate in the event, and Brother Chris Andersen was given a regular feast by the lodge and to top it off, our Supreme Trustee, Brother Chris Madsen, came and did the presentation. Lodge 49 is grateful for what the brethren did for Brother Andersen which was an act of true fraternity.

And speaking of 50-year emblems, Sister Axel Swanholm of Lodge No. 24 in San Francisco, was given her 50-year emblem in that lodge on May 14. Sister Swanholm served some years ago as President of the General Committee, an honor also held by her "gemal" Brother Swanholm. Congratulations.

All of his friends in California were very happy to note, that Brother Paul Ryder, Consul General of Denmark in New York, was recently honored by the Danish King by being appointed "Kommandør af Dannebrog." We send our very best wishes to Broder Ryder on receiving this well deserved honor.

Many of us have been initiated into the international society of "Scarbellies." But I think Brother Hans M. Andersen, our Supreme Vice President, takes the honor, in that he just went through his fourth operation. I am not sure whether to send our sympathy or congratulations, but at any rate, we all hope he will be well real soon. We can't afford to have Hans on the sick list. "God bedring," Hans.

Once more I made a mistake, in that I reported in my last column that Brother Axel Christensen of Lodge 126 in Los Angeles had received the "Galathea Medaljen." What Axel actually received was "Belønningsmedaljen i Guld," one of the highest decorations which one can receive from the Danish King.

I hope Axel will forgive me and once more "Til Lykke."

I sincerely hope that most of our members read the last issue of our magazine as it contained many fine articles. The editorial taken from Lodge No. 4s monthly bulletin is excellent as is the article under "Dateline — Detroit." I am particularly interested in the many fine points suggested by the author, Brother Armand Larsen, and I hope some of these suggestions will become suggestions to be presented at our National Convention in Omaha in 1959.

Personally, I took the liberty of sending various suggestions to the Supreme Board relative to the promotion program, which the committee has taken under consideration. I had hoped to be able to incorporate these suggestions in this issue, but as I have already gone over my allotted space, they will have to wait for some future issue.

May I in the meanwhile suggest, that if any of the lodges in California have any suggestions which they wish to take place before the National Convention that they send these to Brother Lee Cook, 6429 Edmonds Street, San Diego, Calif., chairman of the committee, appointed by our president for this purpose.

May I also once more remind all the members going to Denmark this summer to visit Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen, you won't regret it, as you will receive a very warm welcome.

See you all in Oakland on August 29, 30 and 31.

Brief Thoughts

By JUL. ANDERSON

I would rather have one little rose
From the garden of a friend
Then have the choicest flower
When my stay on earth must end.

If my old friend, Anton Kvist, should happen to read this, he may write a long poem on the subject and likely agree with the thought. Human beings have the habit of sending many flowers to a person's funeral and praising the work and deeds the dead person has done during his life. But while the person was living, they would neither praise them or visit them, finding fault with most of what that person has done during life.

When any of us die we do not know a thing about what happens thereafter in life, and praise and flowers are given us without our knowledge. Yet one thing we should always remember, is that flowers and praise should be given to the person if they have done well while here and should be given them while they are alive.

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Lad disse linier blive modtaget som en broderlig hilsen, og atter en venlige paamindelse — at vi ikke alene er tilfredse med at kunne være til glæde og gavn igennem brevveksling, men ogsaa som før nævnt med glæde vil optage brødre der kommer til Danmark for at blive her hjemme.

Med broderlig hilsen paa loge 318 vegne.

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Naar man i Brodersamfundsbladet læser om saa mangt og meget der foregaar inden for rammerne af DB er det vist oftest opfattet ligesom lyden af kirkeklokken, fornemmes bedst nær ved, men i det fjerne er der ogsaa mennesker der hører klangen og de svage toner.

Her kommer loge 318 ind i billedet — logen her i Danmark gaar sin vægtergang i klokketaarnet og hidkalder opmærksomheden paa fortid og nutid. Kære venner — hvis jeres vej drejer hjem mod Danmark vil jeg gerne og meget indtrængende erindre om at i er velkommen hos os, ikke blot som gæst, men ogsaa som vordende medlem i forsættelse af hidtil logeinteresser. Vi kan desværre ikke byde paa egen logebygning, men vi kan byde paa ægte dansk hjertevarme, denne er endnu ikke sat over styr i nutidens heksekeddel af sydende ufred, takket være et naadig forsyn og beskyttelse.

Maj den 8de fejrede loge 318 sin 33 aars fødselsdag ved en fest hos Lorry paa Frederiksberg. Blandt vore gæster befandt sig fru Kirstine London hvis navn ved ægteskab er tilknyttet logens stifter afdøde Arthur London der i tidernes morgen var medlem af Hartford lodge 314, men kom til Danmark med fuldmagt til at stifte en loge paa dansk grund. Endvidere havde vi den ære at hilse paa den amerikanske Ambassador Mr. Val. Peterson der med frue aflagde os et kærkommen visit under festen, jeg fristes til at ønske at den aand og menneskelighed der præger dette ægtepar kunne og ville virke som mønster paa alle øvrige menneske-

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