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The Big Event in Kenosha, Wisconsin



It was mentioned last month that Lodge No. 14 took in eight new members on the evening of May 27; but at that time we did not have a picture. Here you see from left to right, front row: Walter A. Larsen, Herbert E. Kolmos, Chris J. Kolmos, Elmer C. Kolmos, Paul S. Sorensen, James S. Sorensen, Einar R. Sorensen and Jerroh E. Ziers. In the back row are the officers of the lodge as follows, left to right: Gilbert Thomsen, vice president; Carl Olsen, secretary; Everett Henricksen, president; Einar Danielsen, supreme trustee, from St. Charles, Ill., who presided during the initiation ceremony; William Krogh, (didn't get his title); Robert Hansen, ex-president; and Louis Nielsen, treasurer.

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To Whom it May Concern

In writing this article I must resume to history in part. The existence of the Danish Brotherhood roughly contains three periods overlapping each other considerably.

The first period lasted from the beginning until between 1900 and 1910. In those days it was easy to get new members. No language problem and plenty of immigrants. It was easy to persuade them to join. The mutual easy payment plan was attractive.

Then starts the second period when the authorities started to look into our affairs and found our securities lacking. That started the reconstruction period. We had to increase our insurance assessments and if we wanted full insurance we had to pay higher assessments. This was easy to explain to some of us; but to others, especially those that did not come to meetings, it was almost impossible. They had the idea that they were being gypped. Of course, they spread the rumor around to others, and that hurt. Especially because our lawmakers were actually trying to save the Brotherhood from extinction. As the years went by our sons became of age and most of them could only speak English and a few stubborn members would not allow anything but Danish in our lodges. That was bad, and kept many young men out. The advice they gave us was to teach our children to speak Danish. (Easy said, but hard to do.)

Then comes the third period, which I hope will be ending soon. Our laws and monetary system is about perfect, but our promotional system is sadly out of date. I have definite ideas about this which I will present in my next article.

RASMUS NIELSEN,
 Portland, Maine.

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Financial Report

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Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance July 1, 1958	\$26,415.97
Assessments	9,559.35
Interest on investments	12,022.35
Interest on certificate loans	9.00
Bonds matured	2,000.00
	<u>\$50,006.67</u>

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$15,419.40
Interest collection expense	7.50
Current investment expense	833.00
Cash balance July 31, 1958	33,746.77
	<u>\$50,006.67</u>

General Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance July 1, 1958	\$ 5,947.67
Received in July	1,105.51
	<u>\$ 7,053.18</u>

Disbursements:

Actuarial fees	\$ 25.00
Advertising, printing and stationery	175.94
Employers social security tax	17.29
Insurance Department Licenses and fees	38.22
Nebraska unemployment quarterly tax	2.96
Office supplies	15.75
Postage and telephone	71.85
Printing and mailing official publication	377.43
Rent and light	198.24
Salaries to officers and employes	768.00
Cash balance July 31, 1958	5,362.50
	<u>\$ 7,053.18</u>

Fraternal Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance July 1, 1958	\$ 8,198.98
Assessments	4.00
Payments from beneficiaries	100.00
Fraternal aid returned	3.77
	<u>\$ 8,306.75</u>

Disbursements:

Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 489.50
Cash balance July 31, 1958	7,817.25
	<u>\$ 8,306.75</u>

Promotional Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance July 1, 1958	\$ 5,091.05
Taxes received	92.50
Sale of advertising material	2.50
	<u>\$ 5,186.05</u>

Disbursements:

None	
Cash balance July 31, 1958	\$ 5,186.05
	<u>\$ 5,186.05</u>

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance July 1, 1958	\$ 7,803.20
Assessments	204.15
	<u>\$ 8,007.35</u>

Disbursements:

None	
Cash balance July 31, 1958	\$ 8,007.35
	<u>\$ 8,007.35</u>

Assets

Investments:

Mortuary Fund	\$4,112,091.23
Juvenile Fund	3,000.00
Fraternal Fund	261,000.00
General Fund	52,000.00
Cash in Bank	60,119.92
	<u>\$4,488,211.15</u>

In a traffic safety booklet, THE ROAD TOLL, The Travelers showed that one out of every 67 Americans was killed or injured in an automobile crash last year. Total casualties were 2,563,700, the highest total in history.



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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

Comments heard at the Ninth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges in Tacoma: "We had a wonderful time but we always do — see you in Portland" quoting Brother Emil Mickelsen, Bothel, who with his good wife, Anna, help to make any convention appreciative and worthwhile. "I've been through Tacoma on a number of occasions but this is the first time I have seen the city as it has always been under a heavy fog," said Delegate Fred Hansen, McMinnville. Caught in one of our mild thunderstorms, Brother Oscar Ostlund, Portland, can be quoted as saying "Everything was per schedule and according to Hoyle, but you promised no rain." "I look forward to these gatherings each year and I enjoy myself very much," commented Brother J. B. Jorgensen, Rainier, a member of Menominee, Michigan, D. B. No. 59, and who proudly wears his 50-year lapel honor pin. Said Brother Peter Miller, Yelm, "I'm glad I came." "Yes, thanks for another fine convention," was the expression made by our Brotherhood's first lady and my second girl friend, Anna Nielsen, Seattle.

News behind the news from the May Conclave of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia Danish Lodges: Just prior to Delegate Chris Pedersen's sojourn to Tacoma, his wife fell and broke her hip so her sister, Margrethe Larsen from Copenhagen, came along instead. Reverend John Pedersen, minister at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Thirteenth and L, was on hand to give us invocation at the annual banquet. The beautiful floral pieces seen on various stages were presented by Mt. Hood Danish Sisterhood 81, Portland; DSS No. 75, Enumclaw; Sisterhood 122, Junction City; and Evergreen No. 40, Seattle. Abalone and I have only one observation to make — "If the host city cannot reserve the entire hotel or motel, then part of it will not do as there actually are people who register with no other intent than to sleep." Rain dampened the less stout-hearted on the first day of the assembly to hold down attendance, nevertheless nearly 250 participated. Probably the best convention ever held, old timers did much to make it so. Music rang through the rooms of Normanna Hall and the merry crowd responded with vibrant enthusiasm as the three-day affair went off without a hitch. We were honored indeed to have with us, Brother Poul Nielsen, Seattle, Danish Consul. From Spokane, the metropolis of the Inland Empire, the center of agricultural activities between the Cascades and the Rocky Mountains, came only Past District Presidents Ingvard and June Eskeberg of Vind's DB to attend our Ninth Area Congregation. From Seattle, the largest seaport on Puget Sound, the Queen City of Washington, came the thundering conventionnaires of DB No. 29 into the City of Destiny. From Portland, City of Roses, official capital of snow capped Mt. Hood and the Columbia River Gorge, came DB No. 167 brothers to join in fellowship and good will. From Vancouver, British Columbia, Western Canada's largest city, home of the Lion's Gate Bridge, came two jolly Canadians to celebrate with their American brothers in Tacoma.

Past District President Carl N. Grove and wife,

Myrtine, are presently touring the Scandinavian countries and Germany. Frequent letters assure us that they are tremendously enjoying themselves. Finding friendship and hospitality supreme in lovely little old Denmark, Mother and Dad are being treated royally wherever they visit and complain only of too much rich food. Among friends and relatives throughout the Danish Empire, cards and greetings have come from Brother Tage Paulsen's mother, from Brother Chris Jensen's sister-in-law, from Brother Nis Hansen's sister, from Brother Bonde Bondesen's twin brother, from Brother Chris Bondesen's brother, from Brother Karl Koch's family and from Brother Carl Johansen's in-laws. On the 4th of July, the Groves met Past District Presidents Pete and Veronica Pihl and Rigmor Sorensen at Rebild.

Funeral services for Brother John Alfred Jokumsen, age 79, and a very active member to the very last when he suffered a heart attack, were held on August 13 in the Enumclaw Funeral Chapel with Rev. Ove Nielsen, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Lutheran World Relief, officiating. Born in Denmark, Brother Jokumsen came to America 65 years ago and lived in Kent for several years before moving to Osceola where he started his famous pickle company, still operating. Retiring in 1943, our "friend of friends" will be missed by everyone. Survivors include his wife, Sophie; a daughter, Myrtle Skagen; a son, Alfred; and ten grand and great-grandchildren. A member of the Scandinavian Fraternity and the Hope Lutheran Church, Brother John was one of DB No. 113's best boosters.

Brother James H. Bendtsen, 80 years of age and a Puyallup Valley rancher for over thirty years, died on July 11 in the Lutheran Hospital. A native of Denmark, Brother Bendtsen was a member of Seattle's DB No. 29 and of the First Presbyterian Church of Sumner. Survived by his wife, Emelia; two daughters, Margaret and Catherine; and a brother, Martin; the body was buried in Mountain View Memorial Park at Lakewood. Brother Jim suffered a number of strokes over the past year and has been confined to a rest home of recent date.

Writing this column is usually a pleasure but also a chore as finding the news is often difficult. To quote Brother N. Malmquist, Editor of *Lurbiaget*, the official publication of Enighedens Lodge No. 172, in Philadelphia: "The life of a writer is easy compared to all other jobs — he just sits at his typewriter staring at a blank sheet of paper while the deadline creeps up. What should he put into prose for the benefit of his readers? Should he report that Brother Jensen caught a two-inch trout last week or would Brother Jensen find that an insult? Should he write a story about Brother Hansen's efforts in seducing a young lady or would that be telling tales? Should he report a rumor that Brother Johansen has a fortune but won't part with it or would that be blackmail? Sure, it's an easy job. How do you spell ani-anniversary?"

Enumclaw's 60th anniversary will be celebrated this year according to word received from President

Godan Meng; Brother Hans E. Holm had a vacation in California and while there, made an appearance at the Los Angeles DB in company with his blood brother, Fred; a 50-year member of Seattle's DB, who lived in Marysville and retired in Denmark this year, Brother Kris Christensen visited Enumclaw one week end; John McDonald Lyon of Sherman Clay furnished lodge entertainment with Hammond Organ selections at a recent joint DB and DS session; Brothers Nels Johnson and Carl Grove with their wives were among the many well wishers who attended the second birthday of the State Savings and Loan Association on North Meridian this spring; Delegates Henry Hergert, Elmer Boysen and Jens A. Christensen tell us that "Old Peoples" has been deleted from the name of our Pacific Northwest Danish Home at a recent annual Director's meeting; one of Brother Karl Koch's kinfolks from Germany recently visited him in Buckley; Treasurer Henry Hergert and family vacationed the last two weeks in July; I stopped to have coffee one forenoon with busy Brother Karl Lind, one of the "wheels" at the Enumclaw Courier Herald; Brothers John Jokumsen and Russell R. Grove recently made a motor trip to California and New Mexico; Trustee John L. Rieck and family have been vacationing in Idaho and Oregon; "I see by the archives of fifty years ago" that No. 113 held a basket social at veteran Brother Henry Bruhn's home on Sunday, July 31, 1908, to help defray the expense of painting the Danish hall; and the American Legion Auxiliary met at a potluck luncheon in Brother Hans Sand's Lake Sawyer home on August 4.

Tacoma after having initiated no new members for many, many years, has prospects of interested eligibles who caught a little of the convention spirit when the local lodges played host to the Pacific Northwest in May, first aspirant to be John Miller, brother of Reverend Aage Moller, Chicago; Sonia and I have joined America's Number one indoor sport in which some twenty million people are participating by heading up a "ball and chain" bowling league in the Puyallup Valley; the very dear wife of Brother Svend Nielsen was laid to rest on July 25 and this column expresses heartfelt sympathy to the Nielsens and to Conductor Niels Tegen, who is the father of the late Bodil; Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen represented Lodge No. 33 at the Danish Home picnic on Des Moines Way in July; a final convention committee meeting was held at the Model Grill last month at which time a generous vote of applause was given Convention Chairman Abelone Jorgensen and her committee of Christine Hanson, Anna Laursen and Magda Swayne, and Registration Chairman Chris

Petersen and his committee of Brothers Fred Christensen, Svend Nielsen and Ed Sorensen; Presidents Marinus and Anna Laursen are alone these days as son, Elmer, has returned to his ministerial duties in Phoenix, and son, Dick, has joined one of our armed services reserves; and driving up Highway 99 abreast with Rickie, son of Brother Peder Thompson, and a Public Relations Man for Heidelberg Breweries, we agreed between stop lights that all this wonderful warm Pacific Northwest summer weather was good beer drinking atmosphere.

Spokane's present officers of Vind's DB No. 42 are President Lawrence Cherneski, Vice President Hugo Dall, Secretary L. Mortensen, Treasurer N. P. Jensen, Conductor Iver Hansen, Inner Guard Fred Martin, Outer Guard Ingvard Eskeberg, and Trustees Fred Holm, Svend Kaufman and Peter Briggs; Congratulations to Brother Anker Christensen and Mrs. Phyllis Dettle who were married in Santa Cruz on June 13; and we regret to report the passing of Brother Anders Kristian Schmidt in San Leandro, California on June 12, after 80 years of life, fifty of them affiliated with the Danish Brotherhood.

More than 26 per cent of the drivers in fatal crashes were under 25 years of age. On the other hand, 96.6 per cent of the fatal accident drivers had over one year's driving experience.

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Danish Day — Utah

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This is Latin and means in a very free translation: "thus dies even the most valued things out."

The reference here is to the Danish Day, the General Committee of Utah and Idaho Lodges used to celebrate for more than 34 years. For the older members this day was a very valued thing, but as the older brothers died and the younger ones do not seem to care, it was decided with sad hearts to give up the tremendous amount of work for a few people, that is involved in such an affair.

However, a substitute has come about, as the Salt Lake Lodges, with the consent of the brothers from Pocatello, together with Sisterlodge No. 69 held a picnic in Liberty Park on Friday, August 15. Everybody brought their own food and the General Committee paid for the drinks and coffee. "Thank you" friends in Pocatello who were not able to come to the party you are helping pay for.

With Sister Bengta Anderson as chairman and Brother Edgar W. Hansen as slavelabor (he did all the dirty work) the new form for Danish Day was christened in sodapops and initiated with a lot of short speeches and dedicated in an aura of friendship and brotherhood. For the many people who came to the party it was an evening of joy.

Resolutions

JENS PETERSEN, Muskegon, Michigan

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Petersen, who passed away July 5, 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 inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 30.

Paul Carr, Pres.
Lawrence Ritter, Sec.

THEODOR WM. OLSEN, West Palm Beach, Fla.

In memory of our departed brother, Theodor Wm. Olsen, who passed away July 16, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 321:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 321.

Guna Karlsberg, Pres.
O. W. Eliassen, Sec.

MARTIN JENSEN, Lake Forest, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Martin Jensen, the last charter member of our lodge, who passed away August 8, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by "Skjoldborg" Lodge No. 239:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our

good and loyal brother and hereby extend our sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 239.

Peter Jensen, Pres.
Kai Thorup, Sec.

PETER J. ANDERSEN, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Peter J. Andersen, who passed away August 17, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Denmark Lodge No. 35:

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

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

Denmark Lodge No. 35.

Roger Larsen, Pres.
Holger Rasmussen, Sec.

JOHN OLAF ANDERSEN, Rocky River, Ohio

In memory of our brother, John Olaf Andersen, who died May 11, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Gorm Lodge No. 170:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a 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.

Frank Nielsen, Pres.
John Poulsen, Sec.

Pedestrian fatalities reached 7,500 and injuries reached 22,200, the booklet states. Both these figures were slightly below the 1956 totals. Over 34 per cent of the pedestrian deaths resulted from crossing in the middle of the block, a total of 2,600 persons.

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The work of Lodge No. 227 in establishing an Old People's Home has brought much favorable notice to the Danish Brotherhood from all over the country, and has not gone unnoticed in Denmark. On behalf of the King of Denmark, Danish Consul George Everson presented Supreme Second Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen with the Merit Award in gold for his outstanding effort in behalf of the Home. All the brothers of the lodge who invested their money, time and enthusiasm in the successful operation of this Home during the last 10 years can be justly proud that their efforts are thus recognized.

We again had the pleasure of initiating into adult membership one of our juvenile members, Kenneth Christensen. Kenneth is the step-son of our V. P. Oluf Jensen. We hope the young man shows the same great interest in the lodge as Oluf.

We should be well informed as to what takes place at the District conventions this year as Brother Viggo Mikkelsen is attending the meetings of the Eastern Lodges in Perth Amboy and Bros. Axel Lohman, Eric Dane, Carl Jensen and Armand Larsen will be at the Midwest convention at Racine. We hope they will bring much of value back to the lodge.

Our charter is draped for thirty days in memory of Brother Chris. Larsen, who passed away August 4. Brother Larsen was for many years caretaker of the Danish Lutheran Church.

Our meeting Wednesday, September 24, will be at the Old People's Home. The entertainment committee has promised to serve refreshments, so come on out and enjoy the delightful country air.

Saturday, October 11, we expect you all out for our anniversary Dinner-Dance at the hall. We hope to have delegations from other lodges to help us celebrate. Make your plans to attend now.

The jackpot was missed by Brother Walter Nielsen, No. 827 and Brother Kurt Jensen, No. 1091. You can't win by staying home.

I am glad to see our Supreme President Otto list his recommendations in the Magazine. He is in a position to know what is needed. I wonder just how many of our members read our Magazine. It might be interesting to put in a small paragraph offering one month's free assessment to graph offering in said paragraph to Omaha. I am anyone sending in said paragraph to help us celebrate. Make your plans to attend now.

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1. It is, of course, very necessary to get our members out to meetings, but what is needed is actual information about what has worked. Lodges with successful meetings please let us know how you do it.
2. If our fraternal fund is really self-sustaining now, let us give the 50c to the Promotion Department.
3. There are plenty of scholarship funds available now.
4. Voluntary insurance may be of some help to some lodges, but let us remember that it is more insurance in force the State Departments want us to get.
5. An insurance policy for female relatives of brothers would be of great help.
6. I think our membership requirements are broad enough now.

Recommendations are of value only if they are studied by all brothers, and acted on.

ARMAND E. LARSEN.

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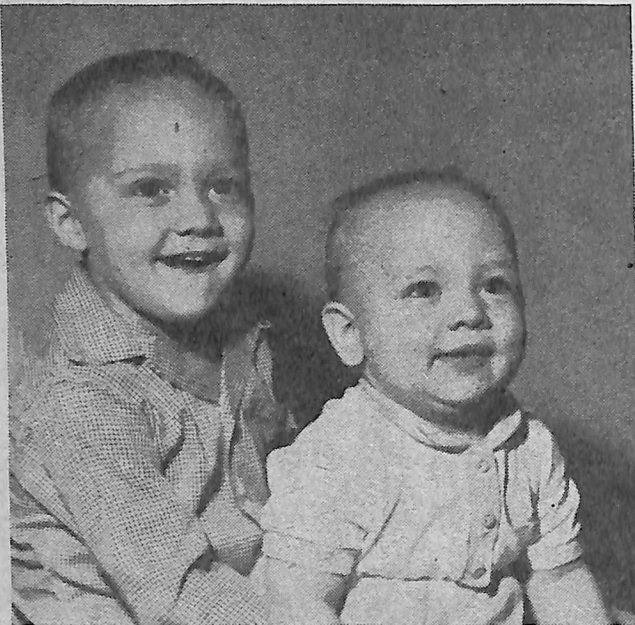
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Great Grandchildren



John Hilding, 4, and Jeffrey Karl, 1 year old, sons of Jane Smiterlof Olive, pose for Great-Grandpa Jens P. Thim in Westfir, Oregon. John and Jeff are juvenile members of Enumclaw, Washington's Danish Brotherhood although they live in Neodesha, Kansas. Brother Thim has recently been presented with his fifty-year honor pin from DB No. 113 and is sponsoring the memberships of his two great grandchildren.

N. E. GROVE.

Columbus Sailed Safely Through Hurricane Seas

If Christopher Columbus, 465 years ago last October, had met a full-blown Caribbean hurricane, the New World might have had to wait for another discoverer.

Far larger ships than the NINA, PINTA and SANTA MARIA have vanished without trace in the fierce winds and mountainous seas of such storms. Columbus' tiny fleet came in the danger season and in latitudes that breed America's tropical hurricanes.

Yet not until two years later, on his second voyage, did the Admiral of the Ocean Sea feel the full force of hurricane weather, the National Geographic Society says. During the historic first voyage his luck held good, and the world gained a new hemisphere.

Columbus weighed anchor from the port of Palos de la Frontera on the Bay of Cadiz in Spain. On September 9, 37 days later, the Canary Islands fell away behind him — the western edge of the known world.

No one knows today exactly what his three ships looked like. No complete record, contemporary painting or drawing of them exists.

NINA and PINTA almost certainly were caravels — small, fast, sturdy craft, their hulls rising steeply

to raised castles or quarterdecks toward the stern. SANTA MARIA was larger; it displaced perhaps 80 tons and measured about 80 feet long. Today's QUEEN ELIZABETH, by comparison, is 1,031 feet long and displaces more than 80,000 tons.

Storms constituted the greatest threat to the high-sided little ships, followed by swamping and fire. Lookouts kept watch for bad weather as sharply as they looked for land. But the trade winds blew from clear eastern skies, through September into October.

From San Salvador, or Watling Island — first speck of land sighted in the Bahamas — Columbus zigzagged in and out of the West Indies, sailing hundreds of miles in hurricane waters without a storm worthy of the name. He touched on Cuba and Hispaniola (Haiti), collecting gold trinkets, parrots, plants and Indians that he took back to the court of Queen Isabella.

In August 1494, on his second voyage to the Indies, the great navigator first met a true tropical hurricane. He rode it out behind Sanoa Island, a 13-mile spit of land southeast of Hispaniola.

Ten months later, in June 1495, he was about to sail for home once again, having planted the colony of Isabela, when a fierce tempest arose and sank three ships which lay at anchor. Only the stout little NINA survived.

From the salvaged wrecks, another ship was built that winter, the SANTA CRUZ. She was soon nicknamed INDIA by her crew, for she was the first ship built in the Indies.

Again, in 1502, Columbus met a raging storm that caught a large number of Spanish ships off Santa Domingo. It smashed a proud armada of 30 vessels homeward bound. Only one was ever to reach Spain, and more than 500 lives were lost. The four ships of Columbus, knowing better a hurricane's strength, somehow rode out the storm and battered but safe got back to port.

Paintings for Dana College

Portraits of four of Dana College's Danish pioneering founders have been presented to the college by an Iowa clergyman.

Reverend C. M. Videbeck, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Atlantic, donated the portraits which he himself painted over the past few years. The paintings will be hung in the college chapel. The portraits are of pioneers: A. M. Andersen, G. B. Christiansen, Kr. Anker, and P. S. Vig.

The foresight and pioneering spirit of these four men has ever been an inspiration to the hundreds of professors and students who have followed behind them.

In 1884, the college was given roots on the hillside it now occupies at the edge of Blair, Nebraska, overlooking the Missouri River Valley and the Iowa bluffs.

In 1948, Pioneer Memorial, Dana's Administration Building, was dedicated to these men and the host of others who have made the college what it is today.

More than 95 per cent of vehicles involved in fatal accidents on U. S. highways in 1957 were in apparently good condition.

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1958
212	Erie, Pennsylvania	20	154
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	15	113
4	Racine, Wisconsin	12	517
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	11	193
322	Santa Barbara, California	8	78
29	Seattle, Washington	6	318
49	San Francisco, California	6	336
51	Ludington, Michigan	6	77
67	Fresno, California	6	70
116	Newark, New Jersey	6	171
126	Los Angeles, California	6	295
183	Troy, New York	6	70
227	Detroit, Michigan	6	327
245	South Bend, Indiana	6	31
306	San Diego, California	6	51
71	Penn Yan, New York	5	93
117	Plainview, Nebraska	5	58
167	Portland, Oregon	5	150
273	Dillon, Montana	5	40

117	Victor Johnson, Plainview, Nebraska	5
227	Christian Larsen, Detroit, Mich.	4
322	Harold Hansen, Santa Barbara, Calif.	4
4	August Christensen, Racine, Wis.	3
49	Henning Jensen, San Francisco, Calif.	3
71	Laurids S. Pedersen, Penn Yan, N. Y.	3
84	Pete Hansen, Lincoln, Nebraska	3
92	Karl C. Madsen, St. Charles, Ill.	3
143	John V. Jensen, Petaluma, Calif.	3
183	Andrew Thomsen, Troy, N. Y.	3
205	Aksel Pedersen, Brooklyn, N. Y.	3
264	Peter Norgaard, Pocatello, Idaho	3
328	Anker Sorensen, Vancouver, B. C., Can.	3
334	Arthur Christensen, Geneva, N. Y.	3

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Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
242	Ralph McGavern, Erie, Pa.		16
14	William G. Krogh, Kenosha, Wis.		6
116	Alf Svantemann, Newark, New Jersey		6
245	Hjalmer Bergenhausen, South Bend, Ind.		6
328	S. A. Johansen, Vancouver, B. C., Can.		6
67	Frederik Andersen, Fresno, Calif.		5

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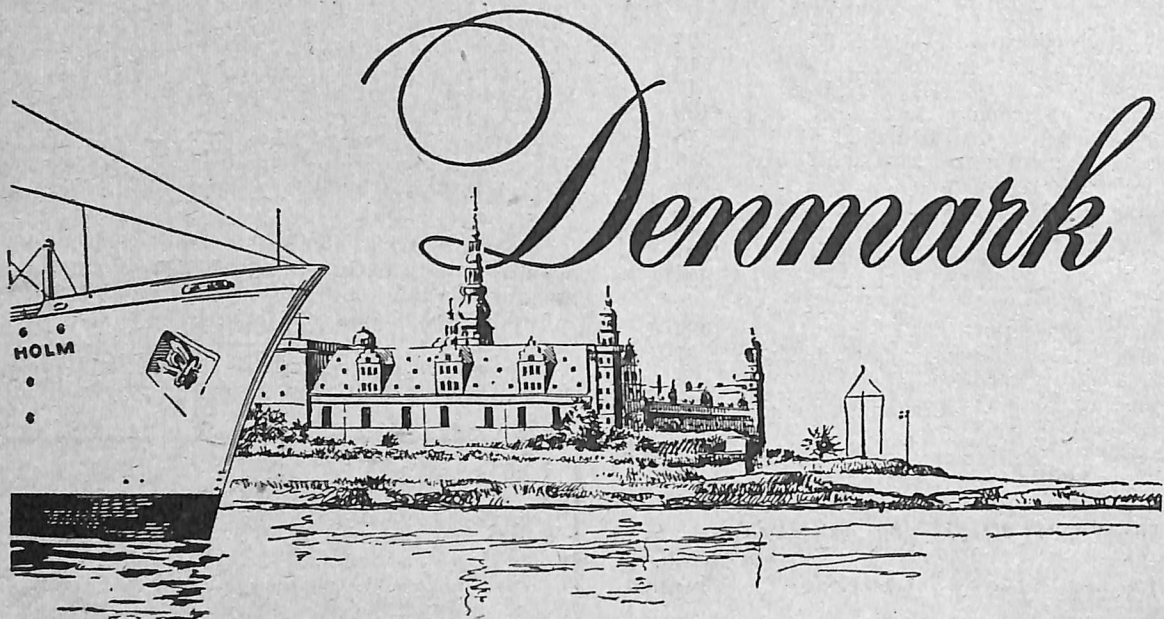
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Brief Introducing

By Jul. Andersen

Sometimes I wonder if any small lodge of the D. B. has more attorneys-at-law as members than No. 191 of St. Louis, Missouri, who has three.

1st. There is Albert Jensen, Jr., the son of Albert Jensen who has now served as secretary of that lodge for many years. His mother is an American, while his father was born in Denmark, but is now getting rather up in age and may quit as secretary next election. He served in the U. S. Army and when discharged went to college, studying law, received the highest degree in three states, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa. Then joined a large firm of attorneys in St. Louis and is now in charge of the entire staff. He also married an American girl and they have two children and the most lovely home of any Danish people in St. Louis.

2nd. His name is J. Henry Andersen (of course, he is the son of myself and my Newport, Rhode Island, wife). He is now in Birmingham, Alabama, and is one of the shrewdest figurer in America, he served as president of No. 191, and a man from Birmingham by name of Hansen, who was publisher of Birmingham News and owner of a radio station there, got him to work for him and sold him his trucking business, which he built up to be a paying proposition, owns his own home and is doing quite well, was later elected as president of the Alabama Truckers Association.

3rd. Which is naturally myself, so, as the most of our members know, my name and what I have done for the Brotherhood, will close for this time, but there is one thing I wish to mention, which is that we have thousands of younger men, with both father and mother of Danish birth or descent who has not joined the Brotherhood, but who should have done so if the parents had induced them to do so. We realize that most of those who are of Danish origin like to join a club where both men and women are members, so if we expect to continue to grow in numbers, we should make laws where both sexes can become members.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Aug. Christensen	4	Racine	Ernie Jensen
Peter C. Nelson	16	Minden	Albert O. Johnson
J. C. Nielsen	29	Seattle	Jens P. Jorgensen
J. D. Nielsen	29	Seattle	Stan Brohammer
Kristian B. Larsen	32	New Haven	K. B. Larsen, Jr.
Kristian B. Larsen	32	New Haven	Lars Thompson
Paul H. Miller	35	Chicago	John A. Olsen
Henry Andersen	41	Derby	William A. Peters
Charles Peters, Jr.	41	Derby	Donald A. Anderson
Charles Peters, Jr.	41	Derby	Charles H. Peters III
L. Mortensen	42	Spokane	Simon Groth
Alfred A. Larsen	51	Ludington	John L. Kaatz
Arne Christiansen	71	Penn Yan	G. Christiansen
L. S. Pedersen	71	Penn Yan	Lars A. Petersen
L. S. Pedersen	71	Penn Yan	Chris H. Petersen
L. S. Pedersen	71	Penn Yan	Niels P. Petersen
Pete Hansen	84	Lincoln	Erick Hansen
A. C. Lorentzen	112	Portland	Harold O. Nielsen
Alf Svanteman	116	Newark	Niels C. Iversen
Lars Westerskov	126	Los Angeles	D. Westerskov
Lars Westerskov	126	Los Angeles	R. Westerskov
Andrew Thomsen	183	Troy	Peter Donald Zepf
James H. Tilly	183	Troy	James Robert Tilly
Aksel Pedersen	205	Brooklyn	Carlo Jurs
Hans E. Nielsen	241	Sayerville	Edward L. Jensen
Peter Norgaard	264	Pocatello	Max S. Call
Lehmann Cook	306	San Diego	Poul S. Nielsen
Valdemar Hansen	328	Vancouver	V. E. B. Hansen
John Zederkopff	328	Vancouver	R. V. Jeppesen
Hans Karl Jessen	328	Vancouver	Jens E. Høgh
Hans Karl Jessen	328	Vancouver	C. S. Skarvig

The judge looked up from the bench to see a familiar face before him. He said:

"I've had you up here for speeding, drunken driving, reckless driving, parking alongside fire hydrants, driving a car with no inspection sticker, driving without a license plate, and the last time you were here I ordered your driver's license suspended. What's the charge this time?"

The defendant looked sheepish. He mumbled: "Jaywalking, your Honor."

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTH-PLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
Oct. 6, '57	Iver Paulsen	93	Thisted Amt.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1904	Coronary thrombosis	\$ 184.71
May 2	Etlar Larsen	53	Redwood Falls, Minn.	260	Williston, N. D.	1945	Carcinoma of kidney	1,000.00
July 5	Jens Petersen	89	Denmark	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1909	Terminal pneumonia	447.07
July 14	Elle Knudsen	63	Breth, Denmark	57	Lexington, Nebr.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	874.35
July 8	Samuel Kaisen	59	Richmond Hill, N. Y.	116	Newark, N. J.	1923	Heart failure	250.00
July 19	Christen Hansen	76	Hammel, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1913	Arteriosclerotic CVD	981.44
July 10	James Bendtsen	80	Bornholm, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1904	Cerebro vasc. hem.	1,000.00
July 16	Nielsen L. Hansen	73	Denmark	150	Rorbeck, Iowa	1921	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
July 6	Marinus Nielsen	61	Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1921	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
July 16	Laurids P. Mortensen	39	Spokane, Wash.	42	Spokane, Wash.	1941	Bronchopneumonia	500.00
July 2	Emil B. L. Johansen	78	Copenhagen, Den.	65	Duluth, Minn.	1909	Carcinoma of bladder	949.32
July 29	August Nielsen	75	Svendborg, Denmark	194	McMinnville, Ore.	1926	Auricular fibrillation	1,000.00
Aug. 4	Niels P. Lassen	88	Lemming, Denmark	88	Elba, Nebr.	1911	Cardiac decompensation	922.93
July 28	Christ G. Thomsen	54	Denmark	298	Chicago, Ill.	1924	Organic heart disease	250.00
July 16	Theodore W. Olson	74	Kearup Aalborg Amt.	321	W. Palm Beach, Fla.	1923	Carcinoma of bladder	250.00
July 31	Carl Wiuff	72	Tingsted Sogn	53	Atlantic, Iowa	1911	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Aug. 5	Julius E. Jensen	81	Copenhagen, Den.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1908	Pneumonia	250.00
Aug. 8	Martin Jensen	79	Vester Tversted, Den.	239	Lake Forest, Ill.	1906	Pulmonary embolism	1,000.00
June 20	Andrew Paulsen	76	Randers, Denmark	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1948	Not given	Social
June 15	Jacob D. Rasmussen	76	Copenhagen, Den.	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1942	Not given	Social
July 19	Johan F. Johnsen	69	Esbjerg	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1935	Not given	Social
June 7	Nels Jensen	90	Dronninglund Jylland	308	McCabe, Mont.	1914	Not given	Social
Aug. 2	Harry Andersen	71	Roskilde, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1942	Not given	Social

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By **RUDOLPH OLSEN**

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I have just had a letter from our Supreme President, Brother Otto Nielsen, telling me, he will not be able to attend our convention in Oakland, but instead will be visiting lodges in the Midwest en route to the fall meeting of the board. Whilst we shall miss Brother Nielsen at our meeting, I am very happy to see that he will be visiting lodges; I have long been an advocate of visitation in the lodge of our Supreme Officer—much more than has been the custom heretofore. As a matter of fact, it would be very well if our Supreme Officers in the various sections of our country would visit other sections. For instance, our good officers in the East does not know a thing about the Western lodges, and visa versa our officers in the West know little or nothing about the lodges in the East or Midwest. So we wish Brother Nielsen good luck on his trip. And let it be said here that we have had few Supreme Presidents who have visited as many lodges as Brother Nielsen.

The August issue of our Magazine contains some interesting reading, and I refer particularly to the recommendations of our Supreme President. These suggestions usually come much later from our Supreme Presidents. Let us look at them.

Let us first look at No. 1. The Supreme President calls attention to the Promotional Program which was created at our last National Convention. The Supreme President says in some places it has had a remarkable success, in other places not so good. To begin with let me say, that I was not aware of the Supreme Board having done much of anything regarding this matter. True, the good board gave out a few prizes for membership. But is that a Promotional Program? I think not, and I am certain that what the delegates, and the sponsors of the program had in mind was something entirely different. I think what we all had in mind was that the Board would really exert itself in actually advertising and promoting the Brotherhood. This has not been done to date. True, a few match covers were printed — but is that promoting? Who cares for such nonsense?

Individually, we elected some very fine men at the convention, who collectively have not been able to work together on this program. None of these good men have any special knowledge about advertising, nor have they been able to arrange for someone who could do it for them. I am sure many of our members are in business, which depends almost entirely upon advertising; for instance, the business with which I have been connected for over 30 years, depends upon this media entirely for results.

It is really strange with Board members that they could not see what was needed. At the convention another program was initiated, namely the Denmark Excursion program. It went off very well. Why? Because each and every member of the organization was contacted by mail, as well as other advertising. One wonders why the same methods have not been tried by the Board. True it would take extra work and money, but so what? We

surely have money enough for promoting our organization — or do we have to pennypinch all our lives? If extra help was needed for this work, why was it not hired? It is admitted by everyone concerned that we really have more money than we need, so why not use it. The question to my mind is, that we have pennypinched for so many years, that it hurts the Board to spend a couple of extra bucks.

It would appear to me, that if we are to survive — which we are — something drastic will have to be done. I believe this was the intention at Racine, but we were told that the Board had no authority to spend the money which the delegates intended the board to use. I remember Brother John Hansen of Davenport, and past Supreme President, said that even if we spend \$200,000 on this project it would be well worth our while. If it were impossible for the Board not to spend this money, why were the delegates not informed of this at the convention, so appropriate legislation could have been passed. Certainly some members of the Board who had been sitting there for years should have known the situation and so informed the delegates. But nary a word was said about it. So somebody goofed badly and we are today in a bad fix.

I'm sure that many brethren who are interested in this matter have sent suggestions to the Board. As far back as March 1956 I took the liberty of sending suggestions. Again last March I again sent the Board a 7-point program. I am not vain enough to think that my suggestions were the only ones — nor necessarily the best ones, but they were based on personal business experiences over the past 30 years. But whether these — or any of them — are suitable, I do hope the Board will take the matter up seriously regarding the matter — and do something. If not, they will, of course, in the last analysis, have to account for their action at the National Convention in Omaha next year.

Suggestion No. 2 is a bad one. The 50 cents per member collected today does not make one bit of difference to the membership. That the fund is still growing is probably due to the fact, that the Board has held tight to the purse string instead of opening the heart strings. It is stated that because of the social insurance we do not need this any more — nonsense. How many of the Board members have tried to live on social insurance? With the continued rise in the cost of living and the racket of medical and hospital care ever reaching into the pocket of people, how far does social security go? Not too far my friends. I am sure that the help from the Fraternal Fund by far has gone to the Brethren who are over 65 and have come to the end of their ropes, so to speak. Today, when people are over 65, they almost become outcasts as far as health and hospital insurances are concerned, because it is usually after 65 that people really begin to have need for such services. And it is then that we need a helping hand for a brother and his wife in needy circumstances. By all means

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The Panama Canal

As early as 300 years ago, the Atlantic Ocean with its numerous sea lanes between Europe and the Americas carried a considerable amount of traffic. But passage to the Pacific Ocean — and thus to Asia — was blocked by the land mass of North and South America. To surmount this barrier, the Spaniards in that area had earlier thought of cutting a canal through the Isthmus of Panama. But no plans materialized at that time.

By the 19th century, nations active in world commerce desired a speedier and shorter trade route between the Atlantic and Pacific than the long voyage around Cape Horn. A canal across the Isthmus of Panama was still the obvious answer. So, in 1879, the Panama Canal Company was organized in France, with Ferdinand de Lesseps as its President — the same de Lesseps who carried out the construction of the Suez Canal. But, for a number of reasons, the French engineer failed to repeat his earlier triumph.

As time passed, however, the United States began to take an active interest in the Panama Canal. It appeared to us to be essential to the national growth of the United States, particularly to our Pacific Coast area. So Congress created the Isthmian Canal Company in 1899, and construction of the canal started a few years later. In spite of many delays and interruptions, it was completed in 1914.

The canal is about 50 miles long — much shorter than the Suez Canal. Its depth varies from 45 to 85 feet. Nearly half of its route runs through Gatun Lake — an artificial body of water formed by damming up the Charges River. Vessels approaching the lake from the Atlantic side are lifted to the lake level — an elevation of about 85 feet — by a series of three locks. Leaving the lake, the vessels travel through a channel 500 to 1,000 feet wide. Near the Pacific coast the vessels are again lowered by a series of locks to the sea level.

The digging of the Panama Canal was not only an engineering triumph, but also a triumph in man's conquest of disease. For before the canal could be built, the twin scourges of malaria and yellow fever had to be conquered. This was done by the engineers, the doctors, and a group of heroic men who voluntarily exposed themselves to disease so that its cause and cure could be found.

The canal has shortened the distance by sea from many Atlantic to Pacific ports by thousands of miles, and has brought about a great expansion of trade between Europe and the Far East. In April, 1951, the 150,000th ocean-going ship passed through the Panama Canal.

Letters From America

The fight for freedom, our American way of life and world peace must be won in the minds of men. The United States is too often misunderstood abroad and its aims and policies distorted by hostile propaganda. It's essential, therefore, that the truth about our country and its way of life be made known. Let's use our letters to spread the truth about America, overcome hostile propaganda, and promote understanding and good-will.

Citizenship

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ANSWER: No, you will not lose your American citizenship by marrying an alien, or by living abroad. If you wish to retain your American citizenship, however, you must be careful not to commit any of the acts which would result in its loss, such as voting in a political election in a foreign state, taking an oath of allegiance to a foreign state, or being naturalized in a foreign state.

No American citizen loses his or her citizenship by marrying an alien. Living abroad, however, is a different matter. Here a different rule applies to native born and naturalized citizens. Prolonged residence abroad does not affect the citizenship of a native born citizen. You are consequently in no danger of losing your American citizenship by residence abroad.

This is not true, however, of a naturalized citizen. With some exceptions for special circumstances, if a naturalized citizen resides continuously for five years in any foreign country or for three years in the foreign country in which he was born, or of which he was formerly a national, he will lose his American citizenship.

American History

On August 27, 1928 — thirty years ago — fourteen nations signed the so-called Kellogg-Briand Pact to outlaw war. A year previously, French Foreign Minister Aristide Briand, as a result of conversations with Professor James T. Shotwell of Columbia University, issued a proposal for the "outlawry of war." The matter was taken up by United States Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg, who drafted a treaty which was brought to the attention of the other powers. The United States Senate ratified the treaty in January, 1929, and it was further implemented, in 1932, when Secretary of State Stimson announced that the United States would not recognize gains achieved through armed force. Although 62 nations eventually signed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, the moral sanctions behind it proved ineffective to prevent war. It represents, however, a pioneer effort to deal with a problem with which today the world is more than ever concerned.

It was New Year's Eve, and the house was brightly decorated with sprigs of holly and mistletoe. Only the clicking of Grandma's knitting needles broke the silence. The children, Polly, eight and Janice, six, were seated before the roaring fireplace leafing through a picture book. Then they rose and went over to Grandma's rocker.

Polly climbed up on the arm of the chair, and Janice snuggled into Grandma's warm lap.

"Tell us a story, Grandma," Janice pleaded.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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let us keep the Fraternal Fund going, but let us open up the heart strings and increase the help, so it is really a help in need.

Suggestion No. 3, may be alright. But if we have any money to spend why not spend it in order to get new members. The scholarships will do nothing whatsoever in order to increase the membership. If some of the good brethren within our order, who have gained plenty in a material way wishes to leave money for such endowments, good and well.

Suggestion No. 4 is an old repeater. Our organization is primarily an insurance company, and if a young man cannot afford to take out as little as \$125 in insurance he is not worth much to our organization.

Suggestion No. 5 is a very good one and I hope it will be adopted. I have always been in favor of women, God bless them. I am even in favor of going a step further, that we consolidate the Danish Sisterhood with the Danish Brotherhood. I think it would be best for the two organizations in the long run. And while I am not a prophet, I think the day will come when most of us will see this come to pass. I hope this suggestion is adopted.

Suggestion No. 6 is another repeater. Why anyone of other nationalities should wish to join the Danish Brotherhood is beyond me. If they wanted

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to join an order they would undoubtedly choose an American order such as the Mason, Odd Fellows or the Knights of Columbus, or what have you. I think the present setup for members is about as elastic as we need it. And when we talk about this matter let us stay away from patriotic slop, which sometimes creep in. If such a suggestion were adopted we ought to change the name of our organization from the Danish Brotherhood and call it the Knights of Jackasses. Neither fowl nor fish.

Suggestion No. 7 is a good and sound one and I hope it will be adopted.

In suggestion No. 8, our Supreme President gives us permission to tear his suggestions apart. Well, perhaps I have done so in the above. But let me assure Brother Nielsen, that while I do not agree with something he has suggested, it does not in any way lessen the esteem I have for him and his interest in our society. On the contrary, I realize he has put much effort into the perseverance of our order. Space will not permit me at this time to list the 7-point program I have suggested to the Supreme Board, nor would it perhaps be right to list it here until the Board has come to a decision about it. Also I hope other members of our society will give their views.

In a few days we shall have our convention here in California and I hope to give a report thereon in the next issue. I am sure we shall have in interesting and constructive meeting.

Hey — You!

Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck will be at the United Danish Brotherhood Lodges of Minnesota state meeting, Saturday, September 6, at Dania Hall, 427 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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AROL D. HANSEN,
State President.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

WHAT HAPPENED TO GEORGE? COPY DID NOT ARRIVE. SORRY.

— EDITOR

Attendance

NOTE: The following was written in 1952 by Viggo Mikkelsen, Detroit. It is as applicable today as it was then. — Svend Petersen.

To improve the attendance at Lodge Meetings I recommend:

1. That the president and officers of the lodge acquaint themselves with the duties of their respective office and Robert Rules of Order.
2. That the president set a definite time for the opening of all meetings.
3. That the president makes a special effort to make meetings interesting and not to hurry meetings through to satisfy a few.
4. That the president allow more time at meetings to be spent for the good of the Danish Brotherhood in America and not just for their local lodge.
5. That the initiation of a new member be as impressive as possible by a drill team or have officers of the lodge well acquainted with the initiation ceremonies.
6. That the president when a new member has been initiated appoint a welcome committee to act for at least six months whose duties it shall be to acquaint the new brothers with other members of our society.
7. That a new member be notified by mail for a period of at least six months about forthcoming meetings and if possible all members should be notified.
8. That officers of the lodge should hold at least one meeting every three months to discuss and plan future business and activities of the lodge.
9. That more attention be shown our older members by encouraging them to attend meetings and call for them if they are unable to come by themselves.
10. That whenever possible arrange mutual meeting nights for brotherhood and sisterhood lodges.
11. That neighboring lodges be notified and invited to special events so as to bring closer relationship with each other.

12. That a local lodge news bulletin be sent to members of their lodge by the secretary of the lodge or someone designated to do so.

13. That the lodge elect an entertainment committee whose duties it shall be to arrange get-together parties for after meetings such as card games, ping pong, bingo, moving pictures, lectures, professional entertainment, lunch and refreshment or dinner parties before or after meetings.

14. That quarterly birthday parties for brothers whose birthday falls in that quarter be held and that special attention be shown them.

15. That the local lodges sponsor a jackpot prize and contribute one dollar or more every meeting night to the jackpot and that names of all the members of the lodge be put in a container and only one name be drawn every meeting night; if the brother is present he gets the jackpot and if the brother whose name was drawn is not present the lodge put in one or more dollars for the next meeting night, etc.

16. That the supreme lodge offers a special prize in the form of a pencil to cost about 50c with the name The Danish Brotherhood in America printed on it to be awarded to the members of any Danish Brotherhood lodge who have attended all meetings of his lodge from September 1, 1952 to May 1, 1953. The secretary of the local lodge to record names of brothers who attend meetings and at the end of the contest, forward records to the supreme secretary — prizes to be mailed out by the supreme secretary. (With a membership of 13,000 I feel that even if about 10 per cent of the members qualify for the award it would cost us about \$650.)

The recommendations I have made are not new ones but if we could get our lodges to adopt and practice some of them I am sure it would help to improve attendance at our lodge meetings.

Sincerely,

VIGGO MIKKELSEN.

At a recent luncheon, the speaker in commenting on being first, said — "We can't all be first."

"In fact," he said, "take President Washington, the Father of Our Country, who was first in peace, first in war and first in the hearts of his countrymen — he married a widow."