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Start Planning NOW for the 1959 National Convention

Greetings From Kauffmann

Washington, D. C.,
August 31, 1958

Mr. Otto Nielsen,
Supreme President,
Danish Brotherhood in America,
509 Bellevue Avenue North,
Seattle 2, Washington.

Dear Mr. Nielsen,

As you may have heard, I am leaving my post in Washington at the end of this month and shall retire from the Danish Foreign Service. Before leaving this country, allow me to send you and your many lodges sincere thanks for the cooperation and help given me in my work for Denmark during the 19 years I have been in Washington.

I have many personal friends among the members of the Danish Brotherhood, and I have many good memories from my various visits to your lodges, memories I shall always treasure.

As I hardly will have a chance of seeing you before I leave Washington, permit me in this way to convey to you and through you to your various lodges a warm greeting and thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

HENRIK KAUFFMANN,
Ambassador of Denmark.

Golden Wedding Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. George White (Hvid) of 7630 West 4th Avenue, Lakewood, Colo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 24, with open house at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Marie Overgaard, of 389 Wadsworth, Lakewood, Colo. Approximately 200 guests were served delicious refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. White are natives of Denmark. George White came to this country from Vejle and to Denver in 1892. Mrs. White, the former Jensine Jensen Hjorth (Tjareborg) came to Denver in 1906.

Mr. White was employed by the Denver Tramway Company for 23 years and the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad for 19 years. He retired in 1939. They have, besides the daughter, a son, Roy White, of Lakewood, four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. White are both active members of the Danish lodges. Mrs. White joined the Danish Sisterhood Lodge on October 12, 1915. Mr. White is a member of Columbine Lodge No. 43. He joined the Danish Brotherhood Lodge on March 23, 1894.

JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.

Midwest District

The Seventh Annual Midwest District Convention met in session at Racine, Wis., August 30 and 31, 1958, with Lodge No. 4, DBS and Lodge No. 5, DSS, as host and hostess.

The Midwest District comprised of 19 affiliated lodges were represented by delegates from 18 lodges which is a very good representation of Indiana, Illinois, Upper Michigan and Wisconsin, the heart of the Danish Brotherhood.

Two proposals for consideration at the national convention were formulated at this session:

1. To increase the per diem pay of all officers and delegates to the national convention from \$5 as at present to \$10.

2. For re-allocation of the Fraternal Tax as follows: (a) 10c into Fraternal Fund. (b) 15c into Promotional Fund. (c) 25c into a Scholarship Fund.

These proposals are worthy of the consideration of the Danish Brotherhood in America as it represents progress and the opportunity to aid in the education of the youth of America.

Perhaps this amount may seem trivial, however, considering the amount allocated at the present time (which is none) you cannot deny that it is a start in the right direction.

As usual in all conventions, new friends are made and old friendships cemented more firmly in the cause and ideals of the Danish Brotherhood. It is pleasing to note the increasing number of visitors who are attending all sessions and the new names appearing on the list of delegates.

Following the Saturday session a banquet and dance was held in the Lodge hall. In spite of the terrific heat everyone did justice to a superbly prepared and well served meal.

Installation of officers took place Sunday afternoon with Supreme Trustee Einar Danielsen as installing officer and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck as conductor. New officers as follows:

Ex-President, Hans Aage Petersen, Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

President, Eric Raahauge, Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wisconsin.

Vice President, Curtis Petersen, Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Illinois.

Secretary-Treasurer, Louis Kasa, Lodge No. 245, South Bend, Indiana.

Trustees, First, Nels Rasmussen, Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Ill.; second, William Krogh, Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis.; Third, Louis Petersen, Lodge No. 64, Rockford, Illinois.

LOUIS A. KASA, Sec.-Treas.

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October 1958

Very Good Suggestions

In the August issue of our Magazine our Supreme President, Brother Otto Nielsen, presents, to the Brotherhood members, eight recommendations for possible improvement of our fraternity. I recognize his sincerity and wish to express my whole-hearted agreement with practically all of his suggestions.

There is no doubt that a reawakening of member interest in our lodges is necessary if our society is to prosper, or maybe, even to remain in existence. The lack of attendance, at many of our lodge meetings, is alarming and does certainly not tend to convince a prospective member that he should become a member. Promotional work is not confined to the procurement of new members but may as well be needed to help improve other aspects of our fraternal society. Apparently, the future promotional program must concentrate on methods of reviving the enthusiasm of our current membership. It is doubtful that a professional promoter would even consider making the effort of soliciting new members for our society, until and unless, its self-imposed obstacles, for signing up new members, are removed. But, if these obstacles were out of the way our members could solicit new members, successfully, themselves.

It does seem that the Fraternal fund will be self supporting, in the future and so, the 50 cent annual dues now being paid into this fund by each insured member could well be converted into much needed revenue for the scholarship fund. If we expect our Juvenile members to be retained, as adult members, some tangible inducement must be offered them.

Most definitely, our insurance is good and sound, and should be sold to members in ever increasing amounts. But it should not be forced on a new applicant, as a sort of penalty or handicap, because of his being attracted to the friendliness and good

fellowship, prevalent within our lodges. After all, the member who has only the minimum amount of insurance, obtainable, has not proven that he joined the lodge to get the insurance. It appears more likely that he tolerates the compulsory insurance, because he thoroughly enjoys the social activities of his lodge. He would, very likely, have joined the lodge a little sooner if insurance hadn't been compulsory. In too many instances, once a member has joined, although with the very minimum amount of insurance required, no further attempt, within the lodge, is made to induce him to increase the amount of his insurance. It seems that a better way would be, to conduct an insurance selling campaign within the lodges, and the society, for the purpose of adequately insuring all our members whether or not they became insured at the time of their initiation.

Why not sell insurance to women? It seems only fair that all members of a family should be permitted to share in the protection that is available through our Brotherhood's sound insurance fund. Isn't it ridiculous to think that our sons-in-law wouldn't be as deserving beneficiaries as our daughters-in-law? Or that we brothers aren't entitled to be the named beneficiary on the insurance certificate of our wives? This perfectly solvent insurance fund that we, as brothers, have built up into sound protection for our beneficiaries (in most cases, women), would seem to be the safest and most logical fund for us, as beneficiaries, to depend upon.

As an American born descendant, or Danish parents, I would welcome other Americans into our beloved fraternity, provided their local lodge members considered them to be honorable and respectable persons, who concur in our opinions of the good that the Brotherhood symbolizes.

Our sense of fairness and justice should convince us that our brothers in Canada, are entitled to representation at our national conventions. Through no fault of theirs, or ours, it is not possible for them to become insured in our organization. Nevertheless, they believe in the Danish Brotherhood and are volunteering to serve as an outlying promotional department for the Danish Brotherhood and America. The least we can do, is to accept their offer of cooperation and that we welcome their representative to our conventions on a basis equal to any other delegate, with the exception of discussing or voting on matters pertaining to our insurance.

The foregoing statements are presented, sincerely, as my own personal opinions. I am pleased to compliment my friend, Brother Otto Nielsen on having made some very good suggestions, which I feel sure he has become convinced are in order in accordance with conditions as he has observed them, on his various travels as Supreme President.

Sincerely and fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN,
Supreme Vice President.

After laboring over his homework, the little boy turned to his father.

"Gee, Dad," he said wearily, "what's the use of all this education stuff, anyway?"

"Why, son," said his father, "there's nothing like it! A good education enables you to worry about conditions everywhere in the world."

Financial Report

AUGUST 31, 1958

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance August 1, 1958	\$33,746.77
Assessments	9,152.61
Interest on investments	6,528.60
Interest on certificate loans	15.69
	<u>\$49,443.67</u>
Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$13,745.20
Interest collection expense	8.00
Cash surrender	256.23
Current investment expense	833.00
Cash balance August 31, 1958	34,601.24
	<u>\$49,443.67</u>

General Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance August 1, 1958	\$ 5,362.50
Received in August	747.92
Per Capita tax	12,555.00
	<u>\$18,665.42</u>

Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 39.02
Employers social security tax	17.29
Insurance Department license and fees	25.00
Lodge supplies	34.10
Office supplies	3.00
Postage and telephone	66.89
Printing and mailing official publication	414.59
Rent and lights	198.00
Salaries to officers and employes	768.00
Cash balance August 31, 1958	17,099.54
	<u>\$18,665.42</u>

Fraternal Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance August 1, 1958	\$ 7,817.25
Assessments	4.00
Interest on investments	1,044.23
Fraternal aid returned	5.66
Bonds sold	50,000.00
	<u>\$58,871.14</u>

Disbursements:	
Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 520.19
Cash balance August 31, 1958	58,350.95
	<u>\$58,871.14</u>

Promotional Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance August 1, 1958	\$ 5,186.05
Taxes received	4,262.50
	<u>\$ 9,448.55</u>

Disbursements:	
None	
Cash balance August 31, 1958	\$ 9,448.55
	<u>\$ 9,448.55</u>

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance August 1, 1958	\$ 8,007.35
Assessments	184.76
	<u>\$ 8,192.11</u>

Disbursements:

None	
Cash balance August 31, 1958	\$ 8,192.11
	<u>\$ 8,192.11</u>

Assets

Investments:	
Mortuary Fund	\$4,112,091.23
Juvenile Fund	3,000.00
Fraternal Fund	211,000.00
General Fund	52,000.00
Cash in Bank	127,692.39
	<u>\$4,505,783.62</u>

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

A warm welcome is extended to all eligibles to join the Danish Brotherhood. Tell your relatives and friends now that a membership in the DBS is as much an asset as any civic or fraternal affiliation — more so in fact, it is the true fraternity of friendship. Tribute is hereby made to the Seattle, Spokane, Enumclaw, Wilbur, Portland, McMinnville, Junction City and Vancouver, B. C. lodges for their new member efforts last year which resulted in a \$125 reward to our district fund. To help strengthen and guide our growth, Supreme President Otto Nielsen and Past District President, Peter Rasmussen, McMinnville, Oregon, have offered generous prizes to promote the membership drive in the Pacific Northwest. In his term as Area Chairman, Pete devoted much of his time to focusing attention on the problem of decreasing memberships. Otto has always tried to stimulate thinking and action on this acute and perplexing situation. To the booster who brings in the most new members in the current fiscal year ending on our next convention date in Portland, the supreme leader will present a lovely wrist watch — only one stipulation, the winner must have sponsored at least six or more insurance members or ten or more social recruits. To the same sponsor without reservations who brings in the most new applicants, Brother Rasmussen will give a beautiful painting direct from Denmark. Of each individual member, I fraternally ask that you not only support our district's campaign for the prizes offered, but also that you solicit the cooperation of everyone in doing something for the DB from coast to coast, from Denmark to Canada. Attention Omaha — when can we organize in Alaska?

Are you one of the brothers who have gradually "got themselves in a rut" by seldom attending the regular meeting of your DB lodge? Your officers and your committee chairmen can do so much better a job of their undertakings if you are there to support them. Please attend the very next session and pay them the compliment they deserve — your presence will carbonate them into even greater accomplishments in a finer manner and higher degree. You are urged to "get out of that rut" — make it a habit of attending regularly — arrive on time for prompt arrivals mean expedient adjournment and snappier meetings. There is no subject discussed at lodge that does not either directly or indirectly effect everyone. We have a national convention coming up next year and a good deal of time, effort and concentration will be spent in drawing up new proposals but we want the wholehearted support of all brothers everywhere. Attend lodge and help study and evaluate "What's Good for Den Dansk Brodersamfund."

While I often gripe about the lack of news and the time involved in editing this monthly column, I usually refer to the responsibility as a pleasure rather than a chore. Why it has not been a chore can be attributed to three main reasons: One, our delegates to the annual district conventions are highly complimentary to yours truly and make history with their conscientious efforts in improving

our Order; Two, having the sincere cooperation of my fellow district officers and having their fair guidance and support of the Supreme President and his colleagues; Three, going to press with an editor and manager at Askov who is interested in bringing about a better fraternal organization, a man well able to handle any and all situations. Here and now, I wish to thank every member of our fraternity for his help in whatever degree but especially Otto, Hans and Svend

Since the organization of our District in 1950, eight men have served as our president and to these men go the credit for the leadership, each in his own way, for the success that has brought our Pacific Northwest to the high position it holds in the Danish Brotherhood today. As a small token of appreciation, the Board of Trustees for Oregon, Washington and Canada asked Supreme President Otto Nielsen to present Past District President Pins to Brothers M. Peter Pihl, Portland; Carl N. Grove, Enumclaw; John A. Hansen, Seattle; Ingvard Eskeberg, Spokane; C. Ed Hirsch, Portland; Fred Petersen, Junction City; Vernon Tryson, Vancouver, B. C.; and Peter Rasmussen, McMinnville. Designed by Brother Martin Rasmussen and made by Brother Einer H. Storm, both of Seattle's DB, we join with genuine congratulations.

Insurance versus Social Membership was a popular subject both on the convention floor and on the side lines over a "schnapps" at our recent Tenth Annual Conclave in Tacoma. It was the general consensus of opinion that if compulsory insurance was a "stumbling block" in our progress, then by all means, abolish it. To those sentiments, Supreme President Otto said "Amen" and we feel that other national leaders think likewise. Said he "What we need is good fellowship rather than insurance." With the thought in mind that non-compulsory insurance would be the answer to our membership lag, the assembly went on record as favoring such a proposal at the next national convention.

Portland's Helen Hirsch, wife of Past District President C. Ed, is out of the hospital and while still on crutches, is gradually improving and getting around quite remarkably; many of the old timers from DB 167 have been laid to rest this year; and now that summer has passed, a new season of lodge activity is underway in the City of Roses.

Enumclaw's Treasurer Henry Hergert and family vacationed at Seaside, Oregon, this year; Past President Oswald Pedersen and wife entertained the Leo M. Pedersen family of Perry, Iowa, for a few days in July; and Past District President Carl Grove, en route home from Copenhagen, writes: "Friendly people, ideal climate, superb scenery, exciting history and delicious food — that's Denmark."

Tacoma's three grand old Danish Sisterhood ladies, all well over ninety years of age, Anna Larson, Agatha Carstensen and Johanna Madsen were given a standing round of applause at the annual district banquet in May; I notice the ancient and nearly completely faded charter of DB 33 hanging in the Odd Fellows Hall bears the signature of

Supreme President L. L. Ries, 1889; and newly initiated Brother John Miller is presently in a local hospital and Conductor Nels Tegen has been admitted to a private rest home.

Spokane's DB is sponsoring a pinóchle tournament with prizes for the highest scores during September, October and November; this month, Past President Ernie Wales will again preside in graduating Brother Chris, his son, from juvenile to adult membership after which the young Boy Scout will show some color slides of his recent European trip; over forty brothers and sisters of Vind's Lodge gathered at the homes of Brothers Ingvard Eskeberg and Rasch Paulsen on Loon Lake for a bountiful basket lunch, Sunday, August 24; and Brother and Mrs. Benni Andersen and daughter vacationed at Priest Lake this summer

Vancouver, B. C.'s popular Brother Henry Madsen was the victim of a rockslide accident; Brother Jack Jensen is to be complimented on his creative efforts in publishing the news periodical for DB No. 328; only three of the following 17 charter members are still among us — Brothers C. B. Christensen, T. H. Strom, V. Benn, C. Larsen, H. P. Hansen, E. Egeberg, I. P. Mortensen, W. Miller, J. Nielsen, H. Hansen, C. Kiel, J. Madsen, L. Larsen, O. Westerlund, B. Borgen, C. Christiansen and M. Andreasen; a successful midsummer dance was held on June 14 at Clinton Hall with real Danish music; included in the "backbone" brothers who have left this lodge to join the great one above during the past year was their entertainment chairman; masquerades and the raffling of "odds and ends" seems to be the most popular form of entertainment; non-payment of dues is perhaps the biggest problem; Treasurer Carl Petersen informs us that Secretary Valdemar Hansen is vacationing in the States; Delegates Svend A. Johansen and Thorvald Larsen made a complete report of the recent convention to their fellow members being sorry for only one thing — missing the free luncheon and beer spree at the Heidelberg Breweries; four new brothers were welcomed into the Order in the names of Richard Jeppesen, Jens Høgh, Chris Skarvig and Valdemar Hansen followed by four more new members initiated including Brothers Olaf Bockel, Ejler Eilbirk, Richard Bihlet and Thomas Christiansen; Brother Andy Anderberg, the "folk dance fiddler," celebrated his 75th birthday on the 14th of July; President Hugo Busch and Brother L. L. Jessen are both recovering from recent operations, the latter in a Copenhagen hospital; Vancouver Brothers hope that next year's convention date will not coincide with their annual Victoria Day; and when you go to Canada and particularly to British Columbia, be sure to visit "Dania," the Danish Old People's Home, and while in the area, call on Brother John V. Nielsen for travel information, Brother L. Birger Nielsen for your photography, radio specialist Brother Svend Koføed, watchmaker Brother Villy Jensen,

butcher Brother Niels Larsen, baker Brother Erik Petersen, auto repairman Brother Ejvind Nielsen, delicatessen artist Brother Heino P. Hansen, jeweler Brother E. H. Rorstrom and TV technician Brother Eric Jensen.

Seattle's former Secretary Immanuel Jensen, the old "work horse" of DB 29 and correspondent for *Bien* the past 28 years, enjoyed an extended trip to Denmark this past summer and was the very first registrant for the Ninth Annual District Convention; Past President Gerald B. Jensen is now with the Remington Rand Typewriter Company; we missed Captain Ready and the celebrated Ladies' Drill Team for their stage performance at May's conclave; Brother Mads Mauridsen was not on the excursion list to Denmark last year — he has actually been back four times since his first arrival in America; Past President William Petersen should soon be ready for another of his leisurely trips to the old country; I met the good wife of Brother Emil Lindholdt for the first time — a victim of a 1930 accident; Supreme Sisterhood Trustee Kristine and Past District President John A. Hansen visited their daughter in New York en route home from Denmark; although still confined to his bed after a complete cardiac heart condition which had him hospitalized for a time, Brother Harry Lorenzen has had a busy motel season at Long Beach, Washington.

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Resolutions

AUGUST-NIELSEN, McMinnville, Oregon

In memory of our departed brother, August Nielsen, who passed away July 29, 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. 194, McMinnville, Oregon.
Fred Hansen, President.
Clayton Gardner, Secretary.

STEFFAN NERHEIM, Ludington, Michigan

In memory of our departed brother, Steffan Nerheim, who passed away September 7, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 51:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 51.

William Neil, President.
Earl G. Jensen, Secretary.

ANDREW JENSEN, Newell, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew Jensen, who passed away on August 7, 1958.

We wish to extend our sympathy to his family.

Resolved, in his honor and memory we drape our charter for thirty days.

Lodge No. 147, Newell, Iowa.

Jens Pedersen, President.
Elmer Jensen, Secretary.

MARION JENSEN, Austin, Minnesota

In memory of our departed brother, Marion Jensen, who passed away August 27, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Als Lodge No. 111:

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

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

In behalf of Als Lodge No. 111.

Fred Godfredsen, President.
Otto M. Andersen, Secretary.

OTTO L. NIELSEN, Austin, Minnesota

In memory of our departed brother, Otto L. Nielsen, who passed away August 30, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Als Lodge No. 111:

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

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

In behalf of Als Lodge No. 111.

Fred Godfredsen, President.
Otto M. Andersen, Secretary.

JENS C. CHRISTENSEN, Shelton, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens C. Christensen, who passed away September 1, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Enighed Lodge No. 41:

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. 41.

Alexander Bryce, President.
Henry Andersen, Secretary.

ALFRED PAULSEN, Shelton, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Alfred Paulsen, who passed away August 17, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Enighed Lodge No. 41:

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. 41.

Alexander Bryce, President.
Henry Andersen, Secretary.

CHRIST G. THOMSEN, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Christ G. Thomsen, who passed away July 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 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. 298.

Anders Schelde, President.
James Petersen, Secretary.

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ANDREW PAULSEN, Petaluma, California

In memory of our brother, Andrew Paulsen, who died June 20, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Petaluma Lodge No. 143:

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

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

In behalf of Golden West Lodge No. 143.

Sven Bostrom, President.
Harvey Rasmussen, Secretary.

JOHAN A. NIELSEN, South Bend, Ind.

In memory of our departed brother, Johan A. Nielsen, who passed away August 6, 1958, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 245:

Be it resolved, that we truly mourn the loss of our brother and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be inserted in our regular minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 245.

Raymond B. Cordtz, Secretary.

JENS LAURIDS JENSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

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

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

On behalf of Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Everett Henriksen, President.
Carl Olsen, Secretary.

Dansk Nytaar

The popular Danish annual DANSK NYTAAR announces that it still has on hand a few remaining copies of the editions for the 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958 editions, and that these may be had for half price, or fifty cents per copy postpaid, if prepayment is sent with orders to "Dansk Nytaar, Blair, Nebraska." The 1954 edition was printed in two editions but has long ago been completely sold out. The 1955 and 1958 editions have been reprinted in new editions.

Each edition is edited by Dr. Paul C. Nyholm and contains over 166 pages with over one hundred illustrations. Most of the contents is just as valuable and readable today as when first published. There are stories by the best known Danish-American writers, many articles of historic interest, stimulating interviews with Lauritz Melchior, Jean Herholt, Aksel Nielsen, Victor Borge, Lis Hartel, Alma Dahlerup, August L. Bang and others.

The 1959 edition will soon be ready and will sell for the usual price of only one dollar, postpaid, and may be ordered now. It contains a wealth of interesting reading e. g. an interview with ex-governor Hjalmar Petersen of Minnesota.

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Intermountain Convention

With a total of 24 delegates the Utah and Idaho General Committee held its yearly convention on August 31 in Pocatello, Idaho. After a delicious luncheon in Labor Temple, the host lodge's meeting place, president Brother Karlo Klitgaard called to order and Brother Norgaard from Lodge No. 264 bid the official welcome and outlined the convention program.

The minutes and treasurer's report was taken care of systematically after which the president gave his report. A substitute for the discontinued "Danish Day" had been born in the outing held by the Salt Lake Lodges together with Sisterlodge No. 69 and with Lodge No. 264 participating, at least financially. (Your correspondent's article about this event listed in the last number of the Magazine was cut in half by mistake). He hoped this would be an annual affair as it had proven very successful. As a whole he looked very hopeful for our future.

Brother Lund and Brother Christensen were appointed as auditors while a recess was called, poor fellows, they always miss this welcome gabfest.

Resuming business, the assistant secretary read a letter from Brother Hilmar Hansen, the secretary, who was in Washington, D. C., on vacation and thus missed this convention, his first miss in 40 years, quite an accomplishment.

Brother Chris Pedersen from Lodge No. 78 reported the loss of two old brothers by death during the year, but had the reciprocal good news of two new members to be initiated at the next meeting. From Lodge No. 264 Brother Rasmus Christensen reported a gain of three brothers the last year, but dwelled especially in fond memories from a recent trip to Denmark, from which he had just returned. Lodge No. 278 by Brother Kjeld Jorgensen did not feel too comfortable in this company, as he could not report any gain against the loss of one brother by death, but looked forward to the spring, when his lodge would celebrate its 50-year anniversary, to which he invited all the other lodges.

After the audit report which of course was favorable, a question arose about Lodge No. 267 in Brigham City. Some of the members of this lodge were not satisfied with the way they had left the General Committee last year. As it appeared that there were divergent opinions in that lodge, it was decided to invite the brothers from the lodge, who wanted it, to come to the convention next year in Salt Lake City and there find means for a "reconciliation."

Brother Edgar Hansen opened a discussion of submitting a proposal to the Supreme Board for the national convention in 1959 about raising the payment to the delegates to this convention. There was a lot of controversial opinions, and it was decided to let the lodges talk it over at their local meetings and then meet in the spring for decision for or against a change.

Election of officers was rather painless as nobody wanted to change the present staff, but as Brother Klitgaard was very busy in other activities he nominated Brother Einar Jensen as president. This was the only change and the new slate is as follows: Ex-President, Carlo Klitgaard, No. 278; President, Einar Jensen, No. 264; Vice President,

Edgar Hansen, No. 78; Secretary, Hilmar Hansen, No. 78; Treasurer, Soren Jespersen, No. 278; Correspondent, Borge Kragh, No. 78. Director for No. 78, Chris Pedersen. Director for No. 264, Rasmus Christensen. Director for No. 278, Kjeld Jorgensen. The officers were installed by Brother Einar Jensen with the assistance of Brother Henry Andersen as conductor, in a professional manner.

The new president did not indicate any revolting changes in his "inauguration speech," but promised his full effort in his term of office. The meeting adjourned. While the business sessions had been held, the visiting ladies had been entertained at Brother Jensen's home, and a cavalcade of cars went out there for a cocktail hour (funny, but I have never had a cocktail at these gatherings) and to pick up the respective wives for a change of clothes for the banquet, which was at "The Green Triangle" and started at 7 o'clock. A whole chicken farm must have gone out of business according to the amount of fried chicken that went down the hatch this evening, served extremely efficient by ONE waitress. After letting the belts out a couple of notches, we were able to think of something else but chicken, and a toastmaster as Brother Jensen is the man for the change. As an old "salt" he reminisced over his early experiences on the seven seas, but was generous enough to let somebody else say a few words, too. Several of the brothers from Lodge 264 had the floor and so had Mrs. Rasmus Christensen, who told about her experiences in her just finished Denmark trip. The main speaker was Brother Soren Jespersen and it is impossible to give him full credit in a report of this kind. He did, however, get credit in the applause he received from his audience. The program exhausted, the toastmaster invited everybody out to his place to continue the disrupted cocktail hour, and thus ended another fine and valuable convention.

You may notice that your correspondent did not mention names of the brothers and sisters who had the floor, but a failing memory and a loss of notes made his exclude them, as he did not want to mention some and forget others, so, please forgive me.

BORGE KRAGH.

Suggestion

St. Louis, Missouri
September 11, 1958

Dear Editor,

Rasmus Nielsen, Portland, Maine, in the September issue, makes some very sensible statements about the promotional endeavor. I would like to add a few.

Why, for instance, do we still call our top officers supreme. That sounds very well to those holding office, but it sounds very bad in 1958 to a prospective candidate for membership. There is only one supreme being, and all those trying to be supreme have all failed; sooner or later; but mostly sooner. So why hold on to such outmoded tradition? Why not call them something else, for instance: International President; International Secretary, etc. There are many other sharp edges that could be removed and make our organization more attractive.

OLUF LARSEN, No. 191.

Minnesota Lodges Convention

The United Lodges of Danish Brotherhood in Minnesota state convention was called to order by President Arol D. Hansen at 1:15 o'clock, Saturday, September 6, 1958, at Dania Hall in Minneapolis, with 37 brothers present and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck in attendance.

State board members present were as follows: President, Arol D. Hansen; Vice President, Charles Eastlund; Secretary, Byron W. Petersen; Treasurer, Otto M. Andersen; and Trustees, A. W. Nielsen and Bert Godfredsen.

Delegates from the following lodges were present: Lodge 45, Minneapolis, two; Lodge 75, Albert Lea, two; Lodge 85, Rochester, two; Lodge 96, Jackson, one; Lodge 111, Austin, one; Lodge 253, Ruthton, one; and Lodge 263, Askov, two.

Minutes of the 1957 state convention and state board meeting were read and approved. Delegates from the various attending lodges reported on their activities during the year. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$143.96 as of August 4, 1957. Receipts were \$59.20 and expenditures were \$25.40, leaving a balance of \$177.76. A motion was made and carried to accept the treasurer's report as read.

The president explained the Tyler trip that was planned and considerable discussion was held on the matter after which it was tabled.

The secretary read the revised by-laws and a motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt same as corrected and re-read. A motion was made and seconded to allow \$10 for the secretary for revising the by-laws.

New suggestions; Motion made and seconded to endorse a plan for a booklet on "How to Sell Insurance."

Motion made and seconded to send the Supreme Board the suggestion of sending half the promotional fund money back to each district to use as they see fit in securing new members.

Motion made and carried to start a perfect attendance premium plan for United Lodge of Danish Brotherhood in Minnesota, sponsored by the Minnesota lodges. Rules to be set up by the state board and also decide on premiums. Plan to start January 1, 1959 and run for one year.

Election of officers resulted in the following: President Arol D. Hansen, Askov; Vice President, Charles Eastlund, 1320 Marshall St., Albert Lea; Secretary, Byron W. Petersen, Askov; Treasurer, Otto M. Andersen, 400 Burr Oak Drive, Austin; Trustee, A. W. Nielsen, 108 Bluff Ave., Jackson; Trustee, Bert Godfredsen, Adams; Trustee, Carl Pedersen, 2639 Lyndale Ave. N., Minneapolis.

Lodge No. 111, Austin, extended an invitation to hold the 1959 state convention in June, which was accepted.

A motion was made and seconded to pay four cents a mile round trip for state officers who drive to conventions and state board meetings, effective at once.

A motion was made and seconded to have the secretary draw up a resolution thanking Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, for their hospitality at the state convention.

The president was to appoint a resolution committee.

Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck spoke briefly on brotherhood matters.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of our departed brothers.


The meeting adjourned on motion carried, at 4:50 o'clock.

A social hour with Arol D. Hansen furnishing music on his accordion, was enjoyed until the banquet started at 7 o'clock, which consisted of a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Dancing and social visiting concluded the day's festivities. Axel Skelbeck was the speaker of the evening at the banquet. He was introduced by Past Supreme President Svend Petersen of Askov

BYRON W. PETERSEN, State Sec.

The Underwriters Review says a lot of women drivers have developed a new driving maneuver — the "O" turn. That's for people who start a "U" turn and then change their mind.

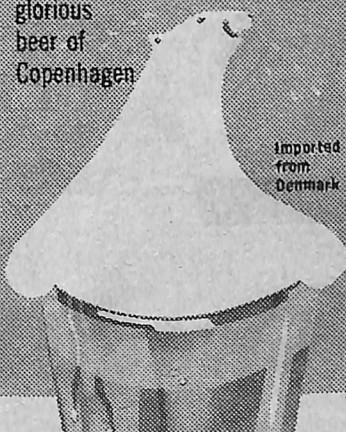
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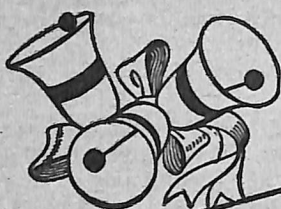
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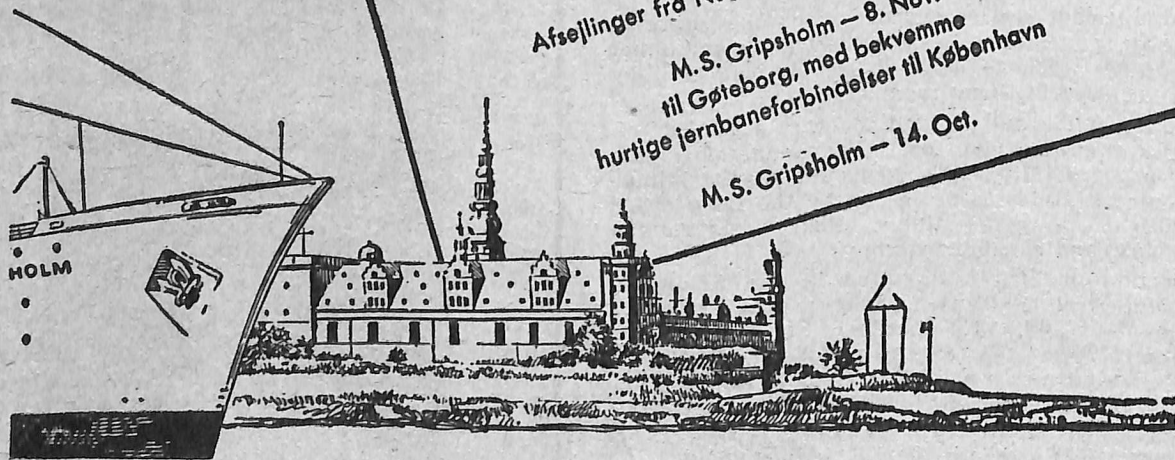
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Official Notice

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAWS

This is to certify that, pursuant to the New York Insurance Laws, the following resolutions were adopted by the SUPREME BOARD OF THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA of OMAHA, NEBRASKA on the fifth day of June 1958 under the powers vested in the said Supreme Board in Sec. 27.13 in the By-Laws of the Society, with all members of the Supreme Board voting:

RESOLVED, That the following Section in the By-Laws of THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA be amended to read as follows:

Section 61. par. 2: "No insurance or other benefits payable under a benefit certificate shall be paid to any beneficiary who, at the death of the insured member, is found not to be lawfully designated under the laws in effect at the time the designation was made. In such cases distribution shall be made under Section 62 of these laws."

Section 146: "Every subordinate lodge prepares its own sick and accident By-Laws. Such laws shall have the approval of the Supreme Board before they shall be valid. No one shall receive assistance or disability benefits before he is a member in good standing. The disability benefits paid must not exceed \$10 per week unless the laws of the State wherein the lodge is located permits a greater amount. However, should any payment of benefits as set forth in this section be prohibited in any State where the Society transacts business, this Section shall not be effective."

Section 147: "Every subordinate lodge shall, in such manner as they may elect, provide for a Sick-Committee, whose duty it shall be to contact and assist the sick if necessary, and otherwise tender them all the help and assistance they may be entitled to according to the By-Laws of the lodge. However, should any payment of benefits

as set forth in this section be prohibited in any State where the Society transacts business this section shall not be effective."

RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, these resolutions shall be published in the issue of The Danish Brotherhood Magazine next following the date of approval by the Department of Insurance, State of New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following publication of these resolutions, all subordinate lodges in New York State shall in addition be given due notice by Certified Letter that the amended Sections 61, 2, 146 and 147 are now effective in New York State."

The undersigned, AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer of The Danish Brotherhood in America further certify that the above is a correct copy of the resolutions appearing on the records of the Society.

(Signed) AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTH-PLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
July 9	Valdemar A. Egekvist	73	Tarup, Fyn	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1905	Coronary thrombosis	\$245.25
July 31	Einer Halgren	75	Køge, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1907	Arteriosclerosis	500.00
Aug. 4	Christian Larsen	64	Fyn, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1930	Carcinoma right lung	500.00
June 9	Thomas M. Sorensen	93	Denmark	77	Turin, Iowa	1893	Asthma bronchial	366.02
Aug. 13	Carl Nielsen	74	Øster Nykirke, Jylland	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1910	Cere. vascular accident	490.43
Aug. 11	Hans H. Hansen	81	Helmed, Denmark	59	Menominee, Mich.	1903	Cancer of bladder	890.73
June 25	Claus Rasmussen	83	Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1906	Arteriosclerotic Heart Dis.	464.37
Aug. 11	Christian Madsen	84	Overby, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1904	Acute circulatory failure	1,000.00
June 29	Piet Nielsen	75	Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1920	Gen. carcinomatosis	500.00
Aug. 7	Andrew Jensen	73	Aalborg, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1927	Coronary occlusion	500.00
Aug. 5	Holger W. Knudsen	82	København, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1920	Cong. heart failure	500.00
Aug. 6	Anton J. Nielsen	69	Bjergsted, Den.	245	South Bend, Ind.	1912	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
Aug. 18	Johannes Watz	65	Rudkøbing, Den.	59	Menominee, Mich.	1912	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
Aug. 20	Rasmus Gylling	89	Boulstrup	114	Lake Benton, Minn.	1901	Sclerotic heart disease	400.46
Aug. 17	Arthur E. Olsen	71	St. Louis Park, Minn.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1905	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Aug. 24	Niels Pedersen	81	Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1922	Arter. heart disease	250.00
Sept. 5	Jens Laurits Jensen	14	Ringkøbing, Den.	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1903	Coronary occlusion	222.68
Sept. 5	Lars S. Madsen	80	Bulbjerg, Den.	64	Rockford, Ill.	1911	Congestive failure	250.00
Aug. 31	Ludvig Jorgensen	84	Faxe, Denmark	127	Reinbeck, Iowa	1912	Pneumonia, viral	475.42
Aug. 22	William S. Haas	84	Copenhagen, Den.	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1909	Apoplexy	458.43
July 25	Nels Peter Johnson	92	Bornholm, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1906	Arter. heart disease	191.29
Aug. 27	Marius Jensen	74	Randers, Den.	111	Austin, Minn.	1917	Not given	1,000.00
Aug. 30	Otto L. Nielsen	65	Volstrup, Den.	111	Austin, Minn.	1942	Not given	125.00
Sept. 10	Godfred Nelsen	74	Brown County, Wis.	12	Green Bay, Wis.	1908	Carcinoma of pancreas	483.83
Aug. 16	Peter J. Andersen	97	Dalby, Den.	35	Chicago, Ill.	1891	Insurance paid at 96	
Sept. 2	Aage Pedersen	73	Helsingør, Den.	328	Vancouver, B. C.	1942	Social	Not given
Mar. 2	Anton Petersen	68	Nebraska	67	Fresno, Calif.	1954	Social	Not given
Sept. 5	Christ Larsen	86	Hjørring, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1907	Hypostatic pneumonia	881.11
Sept. 9	Peter Larsen	87	Tarup, Sjælland, Den.	59	Menominee, Mich.	1894	Cere. vascular accident	500.00

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By **RUDOLPH OLSEN**

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Our 37th annual convention is now past history. I shall not go into too much detail about it, because I presume you good people all attended the lodge meeting when your delegates made their report to the lodge. Or did you? If you did not attend, you did yourself a disservice.

As far as the business end of the convention is concerned, the sessions were active under the fine leadership of Brother John V. Jensen, our president. He is a good parliamentarian, and with Brother Hans M. Andersen, our Supreme Vice President, at his side, everything went along shipshape. The worst feature of the convention was the hall — it was way too big and the acoustics were terrible, and it was hard to be understood at times.

As mentioned above, the convention was honored with the presence of our Supreme Vice President, Brother Hans M. Andersen. The rest of the Supreme Officers all sent messages which were read.

It will be recalled that last February the General Committee was given \$250 by the Supreme Board for members initiated during 1957. Considerable discussion — too much so I think — took place as to how best to use this money. After almost two sessions, it was finally decided to be used as follows: Three membership prizes to be given for the most Juvenile Members signed up on the 20-year plan, between August 1, 1958 and August 1, 1959. First prize \$50; second prize \$25, and a third prize of \$10. So all you good members get busy and get that Junior signed up, or failing a Junior in the family, perhaps you have a grandson or two — but get your application into your lodge. Let us really show the rest of the country that the California membership Knows How.

For many years the General Committee has maintained a directory in our Danish newspaper, "Bien," giving the list of officers and their addresses, as well as listing all our lodges, giving the names of the secretaries, and meeting nights. This directory appeared twice monthly at a yearly cost of \$90; and it was decided to increase this to a weekly listing for a period of one year from September 1, for which we will pay an additional \$90. This action is of two-fold benefit. First, it is benefiting ourselves and next it is supporting our only remaining Danish newspaper printed in Danish. It is a struggle to continue such a paper in these days and it behooves all of us, who are still interested in the Danish language, to give Bien all the support we can. Those of you who do not subscribe — why not do so now.

It was further decided to give \$50 to our Bowling committee for the furtherance of that sport within our member lodges. And speaking of bowling, our good brother, A. B. Christensen of Hayward lodge, who has done such fine work during the past few years as chairman of the committee, decided that enough is enough and declined, at least for the coming year, to be on the committee. Our new president is working on this matter and will undoubtedly have a complete committee shortly.

Here in California we require, if at all possible,

for our president to visit all our lodges during the month of January for the purpose of installing the new officers. It is a big job and the brother chosen to be our leader must devote almost an entire month in the service of our Danish Brotherhood. Brother John Valdemar Jensen did such a fine job of it last year, traveling 4,500 miles visiting lodges, that the delegates voted to pay him the remaining \$25 in appreciation of his work. For those who might not be familiar with our regulation, the General Committee pays its president \$150 in traveling expenses. Not very much, but all we can afford with our limited income from the lodges.

As mentioned previously in this column, a committee was appointed last year for the purpose of looking into the matter of proposal to be submitted at the next National Convention in Omaha next year. The committee submitted a very fine report, and it was decided to let the committee remain to work out in detail its recommendations to the convention. After this is done, these proposals will be submitted, in their proper form, to the various lodges and after they have either accepted or rejected the proposals the committee will then know just what the majority of the lodges want and can act accordingly. That does not stop any lodge, of course, from sending its own proposals to the Supreme Secretary to be listed in the book of proposals. This must be done, however, not later than May 1, 1959. Meanwhile, if any lodge has a proposal to submit to the committee, it should be sent to Brother Lee Cook, 6429 Edmonds Street, San Diego 14.

Los Angeles was chosen as our meeting place for 1959, we have had some very fine conventions in that city in the past and I am sure the 1959 convention will be no exception. It might also be mentioned that the lodge will celebrate its 60th anniversary during the convention and we can expect a bang up affair. So plan now to go with us to the City of the Angels.

Relative to new officers it might be mentioned that all of the regular "line officers" moved up, and the new officer elected as outer guard is Brother Alvin Olsen from Modesto, a member of the large Olsen Clan in that section of the country. He is a brother of Vernon Olsen, who served us so well as president a few years ago, as well as brother of Ray Olsen, who served as Grand President of Dania some time back. So Alvin has a lot to live up to. Good luck, Alvin, on your journey to the top.

Of other officers can be mentioned that Brother Guy Bjerre remained as chairman of the Trustees, and the other two Trustees are Brothers Nels P. Christensen of Santa Barbara and Curtis Larsen from Arcata. Usually we try to get the officers from the various sections of the state. But here we have two officers from the northern end of the state: Brother Bjerre from Ferndale, and Brother Larsen from Arcata, right next to one another. Guess we better watch these slick politicians from the north, maybe they slipped something over on us

— or did they? So much for the business end of the convention.

Brother Robert Jensen, our new vice president, was chairman of the convention committee and was an extremely busy man. I had that job last year in San Francisco and know whereof I speak. Robert did an excellent job even under difficult circumstances, such as toastmaster at the banquet. The programs were good, especially the entertainment on Friday evening, one of the best I have ever seen. It was an all professional evening and must have cost the committee a pretty penny.

The Danish Consul General and Mrs. Frode Schon graciously attended two evenings. The Consul General gave a very good speech on the opening evening, and as usual his talk was informative, as a matter of fact he gave us information about the early days of Oakland, that some of us old-timers did not even know. The Danish organizations are deeply grateful to Consul General and Mrs. Schon for the interest they have taken in our societies.

On Friday evening, September 5, the San Francisco Danes honored our brother, Holger Jacobsen, by giving a dinner in his honor at the El Portal restaurant. For over 40 years he was active in the Danish Singing Society "Lyren" and for over 20 years its leader. Lyren is now "en Saga blot" but Brother Jacobsen's friends felt here was an opportunity to give honor to a man who for so many years devoted all his spare time in the interest of a Danish organization. Unfortunately, due to illness at home, I was unable to be present, but from all reports I have heard it was truly a worthy tribute to Holger's many years of devotion to a Danish cause. Many of us were present when, for instance, he directed "Lyren" in the San Francisco Opera House, under the visit of Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Ingrid, now their Danish Majesties, the King and Queen of Denmark.

During the evening Brother Jacobsen received the order of "Ridder af Ølelefanten," an order started in Copenhagen some years ago by the famous H. P. Sørensen, former Lord Mayor of Copenhagen. Of course, this was all in fun. But the colony owes its thanks to Brother Jacobsen for his years of service. We also owe a thank you to the men who decided to give these "Violer" to the living. After a man has departed this vale of tears, we so often say, "Well, he was sure a nice guy," but it is really much nicer to say it to his face when he is still alive.

Brothers Carl Sorensen, Chris Pedersen, F. J. Bakke and Georg Hansen and Sven Stribolt constituted themselves a committee for this affair and Chris Pedersen did an excellent job as toastmaster. Space does not permit a detailed report, but many of Holger's friends had an opportunity to tell him that he was appreciated.

A Message to the Brethren in the East

After coming home from the convention in Perth Amboy last week end, so many things have entered my mind that I felt I had to let you know a little about what I think of you.

May I say that being a member of the Danish Brotherhood and especially here in the East, has

to me been one of the greatest privileges a man could have and I have sincerely enjoyed all of it. Now that I am leaving this part of the country and going south, I many times wonder if we are doing the right thing; but of course you cannot have your cake and eat it, too. Therefore, we are making this change and, of course, when I had to inform the convention that I no longer was able to take care of the column for the East, I was more than surprised to hear that I really was wanted and to say the least, appreciated. You do not know Brothers, what it means to be told that you are appreciated. Personally I shall never forget these last three days in Perth Amboy.

As far as the writing for the East is concerned, I will say that it has been a pleasure for me to do it; but let me ask you, all of you, to be kind to our new correspondent, Viggo Nielsen. Everybody knows Viggo, he is the former Secretary of the General Committee and no one will be able to do a better job than he can. Therefore, please send all your news from now on to Viggo Nielsen, 29 Church St., Millburn, New Jersey.

As I am leaving Rhode Island for Florida I hope I shall have the privilege to meet many of you down there, both at home and in Lodge No. 321, West Palm Beach.

Again many thanks for a good convention, both as far as delegates and officers are concerned and the committee in Perth Amboy did a fine job. The food was delicious.

Many thanks to all of you.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN,
Lodge No. 102

New address: 1831 Mizell Avenue, Winter Park, Fla.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
William A. Poulsen	4	Racine	P. E. Mogensen, Jr.
Paul N. Ladefoged	4	Racine	Ernst Otto Pedersen
Tony V. Madsen	16	Minden	John Harold Maxon
R. H. Springsdorf	30	Muskegon	P. J. Springsdorf
Thomas Jensen	39	Oakland	Thorvald Jensen
Borge E. Nielsen	39	Oakland	Walter J. Morrison
Ernst Meyer	49	San Francisco	V. Sandorff
Alb. Christoffersen	51	Ludington	R. H. Anderson
Alfred A. Larsen	51	Ludington	R. D. Hansen
Alfred A. Larsen	51	Ludington	Lloyd H. Hansen
Earl G. Jensen	51	Ludington	Ray Goodrich
Earl G. Jensen	51	Ludington	R. T. Goodrich
Alfred A. Larsen	51	Ludington	H. M. Hansen
Ed. W. Hansen, Sr.	78	Salt Lake	E. W. Hansen, Jr.
Karl C. Madsen	92	St. Charles	C. J. Madsen
Paul J. Iversen	299	Solvang	Knudt Christensen
G. Amerman, Jr.	306	San Diego	M. Jr. Davis
Jack W. Nielsen	314	Hartford	John W. Nielsen
Jack W. Nielsen	314	Hartford	Allan J. Nielsen
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	Niels Okholm
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	Axel Olesen
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	Svend M. Holm
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	Knud G. Jensen
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	Richardt Bihlet
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	T. Christiansen
Valdemar Hansen	328	Vancouver	Oluf W. Bockel
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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By
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As you will notice the name of your correspondent for the Eastern Lodges has changed. Our good friend and brother, George Petersen, who for a good many years has been our correspondent, finally made the grade, he has retired altogether, is moving out of our Eastern District, taking up residence in Florida.

I don't think any one can express their mind in words when it comes to praise Brother George for the work he accomplished within the Danish Brotherhood Lodges here in the East. He has during the years traveled a great many miles and has visited many lodges in order to gather his little news items for our column in our Brotherhood Magazine.

I'm sure all you good brothers will join me in extending our sincere thanks for his contribution in keeping our Danish Brotherhood alive. Brother George, not alone you, but your news items will be missed by all here in the East.

Can I fill the shoes of Brother George? I had a try at it last year when Brother George and his wife made a trip to Denmark, I promised myself at that time never to get mixed up in being correspondent for the Brotherhood Magazine, however I had little to say in the matter when I (without my own consent) was voted in as correspondent at our G.C.E.L. convention held in Perth Amboy, N. J., over last Labor day week end.

I got the job together with a box of aspirins, I threw away the aspirins, I'm sure I don't need them, you may well know, that taking a job as correspondent does not require any special training, nor talent, but it does require cooperation and willingness on the part of all our lodges here in the East.

The cheapest and best advertisement for your lodge is our Brotherhood Magazine. All you need in your lodge is a brother who once a month is willing to spend half an hour of his time and write me a card or note about things going to happen, what is being planned or what has happened which will interest all brothers. I'm sure the majority of the brothers read the column from his section of the country and when his own lodge is mentioned, it may create an interest and bring him out to a meeting once in a while.

Does your lodge have a correspondent? Not necessarily your secretary. Why not look around. I'm sure you can find a member eager to take on this little chore, but he must be asked, only few offer their service if not approached.

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The 34th annual convention of the General Committee Eastern Lodges was held over Labor Day week end at 288 Market St., Perth Amboy, N. J., with "Thor" Lodge No. 46 as host lodge. All officers and 23 delegates attended the meetings, Supreme and 2nd Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen, Detroit, and Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen, Newark, were also present during the meetings as were Past Supreme President C. Bysted Christensen, 6 past presidents of the G. C. E. L. and a number of visitors.

The two Supreme Officers present were a great

help during the meetings, many good ideas were heard, discussions and suggestions were plentiful. For me to give a detailed report here in the magazine would be impossible, but a complete report will be mailed to all lodge secretaries here in the East and also to all elected delegates attending the convention.

The social part of the convention was enjoyed by all, the food was superb, real home cooked meals and plenty of it for a reasonable price. Saturday night dinner and dance, Sunday afternoon a visit to the Danish Home for the Aged at Metuchen, a banquet and dance in the evening, a number of invited guests were heard from, to name those entering my mind: Supreme Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen; Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen; Supreme President for the Sisterhood, Marguerite Christensen; President for the G. C. E. L. Carl Christensen; past Supreme President C. B. Christensen. The welcome was by the President of Lodge No. 46, Albert Christensen, who introduced as toastmaster for the evening Brother Charles Christensen. Invocation was by Reverend Kirkegaard Jensen.

After a meeting Monday morning where all convention matters were cleared for this year, open installation of the newly elected officers took place with C. B. Christensen acting as installing officer, assisted by Brother George Petersen, Lodge No. 102. The new officers are as follows: Ex President Carl Christensen, No. 190; President Erik Garde, No. 37; Vice President Viggo Nielsen, No. 116; Secretary Arthur Christensen, No. 334; Treasurer Lawrence Knudsen, No. 172; Trustee Edward Jonassen, No. 242; Correspondent for the East, Viggo Nielsen, No. 116.

Our biggest handicap at present is no invitation for our 1959 convention, so get busy, let the secretary from the General Committee Eastern Lodges hear from your lodge in the near future. His name and address is: Arthur Christensen, Box 493, Geneva, New York.

All in all a splendid and well conducted convention under the leadership of President Carl Christensen, but as said before anyone interested in the details of this convention, a copy will be mailed to your secretary for your October meeting.

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Lodge No. 37 Bridgeport is really on the map this year, and much is expected from the Brothers in that lodge, in as much as one of their own Brothers is President for the General Committee, Eastern Lodges. Those who know Brother Erik Garde also know he is a hard worker within the Brotherhood, he has been active ever since he joined, has never been afraid to say what his goal was and he can proudly say that he made it at an early age. Yet a very young man, full of good ideas, I'm sure Brother Erik Garde will have a splendid year as President for the G. C. E. L. and as a whole I'm sure the Danish Brotherhood will benefit by his eagerness to be among the best of the best.

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A few news items from Lodge No. 41, Derby,

NEW ADDRESS

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October 1958

I belong to Lodge No. _____ My number in the lodge is _____

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Conn., really gives this lodge something to be very proud of, and if any other lodge can beat this record, let me know, three new members were initiated into Lodge No. 41 at their June meeting, two adults and one juvenile member, nothing so big about that, but these new members made it the FOURTH generation of brothers from one family, the late Soren Andersen was the first member, since he joined, his three sons followed in his footsteps, his four grandsons and five great-grandsons all belong to Lodge No. 41. I don't think this can be beaten and I believe Derby Lodge has all reasons in the world to be proud. Were we all that good Danes, the future of the Brotherhood would be safe and sound. They also come quite mature in that lodge, Brother Karl Poulsen, a long time member and yet very active, celebrated his 90th birthday August 27. Open house was held on that day and a number of well wishers dropped in during the day, Brother Poulsen stopped counting when he reached 100 visiting friends. A large delegation of brothers from Lodge No. 41 and their wives dropped in during the evening and many were the gifts, cards and telegrams which "Pop," as Brother Poulsen affectionally is called, received.

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Byram Lodge No. 50 will have a meeting October 11. They have promised to make it a short meeting and following the meeting the latest film from Denmark will be shown. Ladies are invited and a grand time is promised. The name of the film is "Denmark — Voyage to Delight." It is a completely new film which was partly taken from the 75th Jubilee Brotherhood Tour conducted in 1957. All brothers of Lodge No. 50, their wives, friends and visitors, have a date for Saturday, October 11.

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Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N. J, took home the attendance trophy at the convention in Perth Amboy. This trophy is presented every year to the lodge, who percentage wise, has the most people registering at the convention, and is the property of the winning lodge for one year.

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Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 102 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 158, both of Providence, held an annual anniversary dinner, Saturday, August 23, it was held at Johnson Hummocks and about 25 guests participated in celebrating for the Brotherhood their 61st and the Sisterhood their 37th anni-

versary. A fine dinner was served, a social evening was enjoyed with card playing, etc.

Brother George Petersen and his wife, Viola, are leaving for Florida in the near future. They have been very active in the Providence Lodges for over 40 years. In appreciation for their endless effort, the pair was presented with a going-away present during the evening. Brother George was presented a contour chair for the garden, and Sister Viola a stand for her very beautiful hand panted tray. It was a nice gathering, and we hope many more gatherings of this sort will take place.

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Lodge No. 116, Newark, held a nice meeting September 13. Thirty brothers attended the meeting and the ladies served hot roast beef sandwiches following the meeting; the cards also got a good shuffle. Lodge No. 116 is planning a ladies' night after their October 11 meeting, Brother Preben Johnke has promised to bring his hi-fi hookup, coffee and cake will be served and dancing will be in order until midnight. Visitors are always welcome in Lodge No. 116, see you Saturday, October 11, 8 p. m., sharp.

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We hear from Philadelphia Lodge No. 172, a lodge that always has been very active, but who has come up with a second wind in the last few years, that with the summer behind them, a new season of activities will start. Lurbladets, their own little local paper within the lodge goes into its seventh year of publication.

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Supreme Trustee Brother Chris Madsen has received an invitation to initiate four new applicants into Lodge No. 205, Brooklyn, September 17, yours truly has promised to come along on this mission.

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Several lodges here in the East have their own local publication within the Brotherhood, please put me on your mailing list.

All news items to be used in the Brotherhood Magazine under the News from Eastern Lodges should be postmarked no later than the 15th of the month in order for me to send it in for publication in that month's issue.

MEETING NIGHT CHANGED

Please take notice that Lodge No. 155, Bellingham, Washington, has changed its meeting night to the second Saturday of the month.

CECIL COLPITTS, Sec.

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