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## May 28 is the Deadline

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# *1959 National Convention*

*to be held in*

## **Omaha, Nebraska**

### *September 28 through October 2, 1959*

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#### **A Rare Visit**

Mrs. Larsen and I had the rare opportunity to pay a visit to one of the "old timers," which the vast majority of our members may be considered, but in this case it concerns our good old friend and brother, Thorvald Olsen. I remember him as a young man many years ago. Thorvald is now over 80. With him, Skelskør, Denmark, ought to be the capital city of the United Nations. There on the wall is a picture of me when I was seven years old. There is a picture of Niagara waterfalls, taken in 1831. There on the table is a clock over 100 years old, keeping good time at all times. That Danish pipe hanging there is also over 100 years old. Time marches on, as quoted in the January issue. Appreciation of one another at this time is surely in order, inasmuch as the index forefinger of creation is extended more often now for the purpose of closing the physical eyelids.

OLUF LARSEN.  
St. Louis, Missouri

#### **Correction**

To the Annual Report published in the April issue of the Magazine:

Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, New York—Membership should read 91.

Lodge No. 267, Brigham City, Utah, was omitted entirely with a membership of 6. Monthly assessment \$6.66. Amount of insurance in force \$4,500 and assets of \$83.82. (These corrections do not change the closing totals)

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. — Membership should read 191. (This will change the closing total of the membership to 10,328. Other totals not affected)

Mark it down now: Convention, Omaha, September 28.

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May 1959

## The National Convention

In a little less than five months, delegates from all over the nation will assemble in Omaha for the 1959 national convention. If we are ever to take measures to continue our organization, not for just ten or twenty-five years, but for decade upon decade, this will be the time when ideas for revolutionary changes should be taken into serious consideration. There is no denying it, we are at a standstill or worse, with our membership continuously declining, it is imperative that we all, the delegates especially, take action at this time to further the advancement of our beloved brotherhood.

We of the convention committee are satisfied that the delegates-elect to this convention are capable and willing to bring forth and adopt plans that can be activated to such an extent that we all can look forward to a future of confidence and reassurance. We also appreciate the arduous task that confronts the delegates, and that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and with that in mind we are planning to make the social activities during the convention week interesting as well as merry for delegates and visitors alike. In Omaha we are fortunate in having several lodges of the Danish Sisterhood, whose members most cooperatively have offered to assist us on the committees. As there are numerous Brotherhood lodges in the states surrounding Omaha, we are extending a cordial invitation to their members and wives to join us and participate in the planned activities and thereby lend their moral support to the delegates and help spur them on to greater achievements

for our grand and glorious brotherhood. The following brothers and sisters, all hard working members of their lodges, are serving on the various committees, the first named in each group are chairmen:

Danish Brotherhood National Convention Committee, Chris Larson, general chairman; Dr. Robert A. Santer, vice-chairman and secretary; Fred Jensen, treasurer; Axel Skelbeck, Chris Noer, Carsten Hoffmann and Gerald Peterson.

Publicity: Earl Jensen, Axel Olson and Emil Nielsen.

Reception: Emil Kellmann, Leonard Davidson, Walter Jacobsen and Chris Noer.

Banquet: Einar P. Christensen, Anna Christensen, Oscar W. Larson and Maren Lamson.

Souvenir Program: Axel Skelbeck, Fred Jensen and Dr. Robert A. Santer.

Entertainment: Chris Larsen and Nellie M. Katzenstein.

Registration: Gunnar Engskov and Alfred Petersen.

Sight-Seeing Tours: Gordon Pedersen, Kris Kristoffersen, Chris Jorgensen and Verner H. Thompsen.

Fund Raising: Carsten Hoffman.

Ticket Sale: Gerald Petersen.

Hotel Accommodations: Axel Skelbeck, Fred Jensen and Dr. Robert A. Santer.

Sisterhood Committee Members: Lodge No. 6, Nellie M. Katzenstein, Elenore Christine Christensen and Gladys Jacobsen; Lodge No. 119, Agnes Christiansen, Nellie Westergaard and Hansine Svendsen; Lodge No. 137, Sofie Christoffersen, Minnie Larson and Karen Larsen.

We are pleased to call to your attention that several of these members also served on the committee handling the 1927 convention. We are putting forth every effort to make your stay here enjoyable, so plan to spend the week with us and experience the well known Omaha hospitality.

AXEL OLSEN.

## Change in Address

#### TREASURERS

Lodge No. 4, Gunnar Artmann, 806 Hayes Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

Lodge No. 112, Peter Thorvald Larsen, Columbia Road No. 48, Portland, Maine.

Lodge No. 159, N. E. Christensen, Route 2, Blair, Nebraska.

Lodge No. 188, J. M. Mikkelsen, 4460 S. McCall, Del Rey, California.

Lodge No. 205, Thomas Nielsen, 89-25 Parsons Blvd., Jamaica 32, Long Island, New York.

Lodge No. 213, Chris M. Hansen, Ord, Nebraska.

Lodge No. 219, Laurence Halsne, 1301 1st Avenue North, Clear Lake, Iowa.

Lodge No. 314, Anton M. Mose, 44 Grennan Road, West Hartford 7, Connecticut.

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# Financial Report

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## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance March 1, 1959	-----	\$ 1,217.55
Assessments received, net after dividends credit	-----	9,445.47
Interest on investments	-----	12,054.63
Interest on certificate loans	-----	22.05

\$22,739.70

Disbursements:

Death claims	-----	\$17,491.77
Cash surrender	-----	266.39
Interest collection expense	-----	10.00
Current investment expense	-----	852.58
First quarter investment expense	-----	917.11
Cash balance March 31, 1959	-----	3,201.85

\$22,739.70

## General Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance March 1, 1959	-----	\$10,707.81
Miscellaneous income from regular sources	-----	1,060.47
Interest on investments	-----	237.50
Per Capita tax	-----	40.50
Transfer of investment expense from Mortuary Fund	-----	917.11

\$12,963.39

Disbursements:

Special service on annual statements	-----	\$ 156.00
Advertising, printing and stationery	-----	6.40
Employers' social security tax	-----	19.94
Office supplies	-----	6.84
Postage, express and telephone	-----	98.26
Printing and mailing official publication	-----	377.11
Rent and lights	-----	200.40
Salaries to officers and employes	-----	798.00
Traveling expenses	-----	187.91

Supreme Officers' Meeting in Omaha:

Transportation	-----	\$ 715.12
Per diem	-----	1,025.00
Cash balance March 31, 1959	-----	9,372.41

\$12,963.39

## Fraternal Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance March 1, 1959	-----	\$21,419.72
Taxes	-----	48.00
Interest on investments	-----	625.00

\$22,092.72

Disbursements:

Fraternal aid allowed	-----	\$ 565.50
Cash balance March 31, 1959	-----	21,527.22

\$22,092.72

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance March 1, 1959	-----	\$ 2,170.56
Assessments received, net after dividend credit	-----	264.01

\$ 2,434.57

## Disbursements:

None	
Cash balance March 31, 1959	-----
	\$ 2,434.57
	\$ 2,434.57

## Promotional Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance March 1, 1959	-----	\$ 5,667.66
Taxes	-----	12.50

\$ 5,680.16

## Disbursements:

Advertising	-----	\$ 76.00
Express expense	-----	7.05
Cash balance March 31, 1959	-----	5,597.11

\$ 5,680.16

## Assets

Investments:


Mortuary Fund	-----	\$4,143,758.01
Juvenile Fund	-----	10,000.00
Fraternal Fund	-----	248,000.00
General Fund	-----	55,000.00
Cash in Bank	-----	42,133.16

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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By **NORBERT E. GROVE**, Dist. Secretary-Treasurer

219 Meridan North, Puyallup, Washington

Even though this paragraph might ruffle a few feathers, I am nevertheless obliged to take the chance. There are times when diplomacy should be utilized yet sometimes a spade cannot be called by any other name. Our Danish Brotherhood was established a long time ago and to be sure, it is a wonderful fraternity with a very fine insurance program. Be that as it may, our biggest problem is the declining membership. It makes little difference how good a product we sell, unless there is a demand for it, eventually the commodity will disappear from the market. Our entire way of life is changing from day to day and we adjust ourselves accordingly yet the DBS has made little or no material change in these many years. Once upon a time, our lodge as well as most other fraternities were the only source of entertainment for any given group of people. In this day and age, we are competing with television, radio and the movies to name only a few. Beneficial and inexpensive insurance nevertheless has become one of our stumbling blocks in increasing our membership. Voluntary insurance rather than mandatory regulations would automatically solve some of the issues confronting us on the Canadian question. I doubt if many of us are aware of the tremendous numbers of Danes immigrating into Canada. We have been crying for a transfusion — the new blood in the great country to the north is beckoning. Four years ago at the Racine National Convention, the Pacific Northwest delegates tried to bring both issues before the Supreme Board and assembly but the proposals were railroaded and we didn't get very far. So that history won't repeat itself this fall in Omaha, proper steps have long since been taken in getting these matters on the official calendar. Unless we make some drastic but sensible amendments to our constitution at this year's law making assembly, the 1963 national convention might well take place where Gabriel blows his horn.

You are cordially invited to America's biggest 1959 birthday party, the Oregon Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair coupled with the tenth annual district convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges on May 15, 16 and 17, in the City of Roses, Portland, center of the scenic west coast. Area Presidents Magnus Esrom and Ruthe Miller, convention chairmen Max A. Madsen and Doris E. Madsen, and registrars Oscar Oslund and Edna Oslund are all ready to extend the hand of fellowship in behalf of the Portlanders according to publicity secretary Helen Hirsch. It should be the duty of each lodge to be represented at each convention and to vote on each proposal submitted for determination. Although at this writing, I have not yet received the names of all delegates, I trust that both delegates and alternates have been selected according to our district by-laws — alternates are provided for to enable lodges to arrange for the substitution of an alternate for a delegate at the convention should a delegate be unable to serve. If you haven't made reservations by writing to 5622 North Burrage Avenue, Portland, please do so "right this moment" — then come back to the Magazine and finish read-

ing this article. Due to a mountain of details for the Omaha Convention, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck and Supreme Trustee Fred Jensen will be unable to attend our regatta.

Spirited and informative sessions together with real fraternal friendship and good fellowship during invigorating interims are in store for you who attend this 10th anniversary conclave of our Canadian, Washingtonian and Oregonian Danish Brothers and Sisters. Bring the whole family — I am informed that even available teen-age babysitters will be on hand. We trust that this will be one more little item to whet the appetites of you convention goers. Note to all local affiliates: Any lodge wishing to invite the 1960 district assembly and conference should be prepared to extend this invitation at the coming gathering. Delegates should also be prepared to give a brief resume of their year's activities as well as furnish data relating to membership and attending contests. Our host lodges are working day and night to make this one, the convention you will not soon forget. As I have before said, these yearly gatherings tend to become bigger and better as we go along and the "esprit de corps" improves

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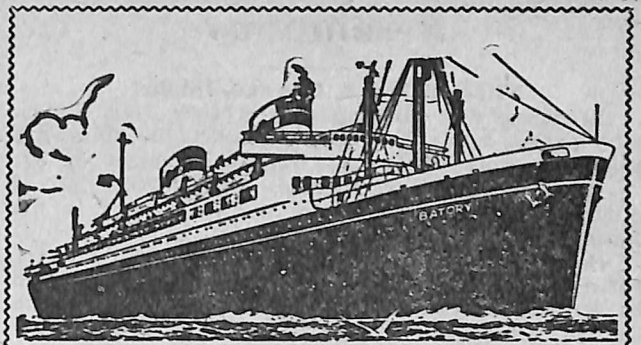
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with age, engendering into a smoother organization and a more sincere fraternal understanding. Hope to see most of you on Friday for registration, on Saturday for the bulk of our meetings and then on Sunday for early morning breakfast. With that satisfied feeling that comes with an appetizing morning meal under our belt and an inspired convention spirit to bring back to our local lodge, we shall return again with renewed vigor to carry on for greater accomplishments. We know you'll have fun and be a better Brother if you make this convention a MUST on your calendar this month.

The 71st year anniversary of Seattle's Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29 was celebrated at Washington hall, 14th Avenue and East Fir Street, on April 4. Cocktails at six to get the celebrants in a festive mood, a delicious roast beef dinner served family style at seven, and then two hours of singing and speech making before we finished out the evening with dancing. Pacific Northwest District Vice-President Soren Frederiksen as toastmaster for the dinner handled the program expertly whilst he introduced Lodge President Jens C. Nielsen, who used the opportunity to outline a constructive outlook for the Danes, the charming wife of Brother Egon Molbak who spoke for Denmark in a most effective manner, Supreme President Otto Nielsen who brought his usual sincere and genuine message from the official family and lodges everywhere, and national delegate Kris Jorgensen who spoke for America. Others called upon by master of ceremonies Sam, who by the way is a past district deputy of the Lions, included Everett Mayor, George Culmbak; 80-year old Brother Fred Nielsen, the last of four brothers who each year brings his entire family offspring to the celebration; Past District President Carl N. Grove from Enumclaw; Lodge President Norbert Grove from Tacoma; Bien representative Immanuel Jensen and Sisterhood President Marie Mauritsen. Brother Martin Hansen led the assemblage in singing "Der Er Et Yndigt Land" and "America." Although the attendance seems to get smaller each year, it was a wonderful evening of good fellowship.

Canada's annual birthday dinner banquet and dance of the Vancouver, B. C., DB Lodge No. 328 took place on Friday, April 10, in Hotel Astor. Cocktails were served at 7:15 p. m., followed by a roast turkey dinner complete with crab, wine, potatoes, vegetables, a sundae and good coffee. Brothers Hugo Busch, Jack Jensen, John Nielsen and Valdemar Hansen were in charge of the promotion. Editor Jack Jensen's plea that all members should show the community that they are stalwart supporters brought results as attendance was phenomenal at this gathering, the 28th celebration of its kind.

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## Resolutions

### NELS MILLER, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Nels Miller, who passed away February 23, 1959, the following resolution was adopted by Denmark Lodge No. 35:

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

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

Roger Larsen, Pres.  
Holger Rasmussen, Sec.

### JENS K. PETERSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens K. Petersen, who passed away March 24, 1959, the following resolution was adopted by Kronborg Lodge No. 298:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of our good and loyal brother, and we extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be entered in our lodge minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a card of condolence be sent to his family.

Harold Petersen, Pres.  
James Petersen, Sec.

### THEODORE PETERSEN, Muskegon, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Theodore Petersen, who passed away February 20, 1959, this resolution is extended by Lodge No. 30:

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

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be entered in our minutes and inserted in our Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 30.

L. G. Thompson, Pres.  
Lawrence Ritter, Sec.

### ALFRED E. SVENDSEN, København, Dan.

Med sorg maa vi meddele at vor broderkæde atter er brudt idet broder Alfred E. Svendsen afgik ved døden den 14, april, 1959 uden forudgaaende sygdom.

Vi beklager tabet af en god og agtet broder der med dyb veneration erindrede sine ungdoms aar i U.S.A. og Kanada og mangeaarig medlemskab i Brodersamfundet. I mindet om afdøde vil loge 318 drapere sit alter med sørgelof for et tidsrum af 30 dage, endvidere indsætte denne Resolution i vort blad, og en kopi tilsendt de sørgende efterladte.

A. Schiøler Linck, Pres.  
Alb. Petersen, Sek.

### JØRGEN FR. ODGAARD, København, Dan.

Med sorg maa vi bekendtgøre at loge 318 har mistet en broder, idet æresmedlem br. Jørgen Fr. Odgaard efter lang tids svaghed afgik ved døden den 8, april i sit 79 aar.

En hædersmand saavel i tanke som i gerning, og en prud for D. B. Vi deler sorgen med hans

efterladte, og vil ved kommende møde beklæde vort logealter med sørgelof i mindet om afdøde, endvidere gerne have denne resolution optaget i vort blad, med en kopi tilsendt familien.

A. Schiøler Linck, Pres.  
Alb. Petersen, Sek.

### HELGE PETERSEN, København, Dan.

Døden gør sin triste høst blandt os. Br. Helge Petersen hvis navn har genklang i mangt et skandinaviske hjerte er ikke mere, gik bort til den lange rejse den 4, april lige før sin 70 aars dag. Vi i loge 318 vil savne en helstøbt personlighed rundet af dansk præstet.

Vi deler sorgen med hans efterladte, og bevidner dette med at beklæde vort logealter med sørgelof i kær erindring, samt ønsker denne resolution optaget i vort brodersamfundsblad men en kopi tilsendt de familietilknyttede.

A. Schiøler Linck, Pres.  
Alb. Petersen, Sek.

## Donations to Children's Homes

It is with grateful appreciation in behalf of the orphan's homes that I hereby acknowledge receipt of contribution to date as noted below:

Lodge No.	Location	Donation
4	Racine, Wisconsin	\$75.00
12	Green Bay, Wisconsin	10.00
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	19.00
29	Seattle, Washington	50.00
32	New Haven, Connecticut	10.00
34	Dwight, Illinois	7.00
37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	10.00
38	Laramie, Wyoming	5.00
41	Derby, Connecticut	10.00
43	Denver, Colorado	10.00
64	Rockford, Illinois	5.00
65	Duluth, Minnesota	3.60
71	Penn Yan, New York	10.00
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	5.00
89	Superior, Wisconsin	3.00
92	St. Charles, Illinois	10.00
95	Ferndale, California	5.00
111	Austin, Minnesota	5.00
112	Portland, Maine	5.00
113	Enumclaw, Washington	7.50
127	Reinbeck, Iowa	2.00
139	Viborg, South Dakota	10.00
155	Bellingham, Washington	2.00
157	Audubon, Iowa	5.00
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172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	10.00
177	Cordova, Nebraska	5.00
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185	Madison, Wisconsin	2.00
186	Luck, Wisconsin	5.00
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212	Waterloo, Iowa	5.00
214	West Point, Nebraska	2.00

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319	Bakersfield, California	10.00
322	Santa Barbara, California	8.00
327	Harlan, Iowa	2.00
329	Long Beach, California	2.00
334	Geneva, New York	5.00
	Niels P. Jensen, Clifton, Illinois	2.82
	Colorado-Wyoming General Committee	30.00
	10 Danish Sisterhood	10.00
	6 Danish Sisterhood	10.00
	Fred O. Christensen 119-55	5.00
	51 Ludington, Michigan	5.00
	152 Wilbur, Washington	5.00
	225 Canton, Ohio	1.00
TOTAL		\$554.62

## West Palm Beach, Florida

Lodge No. 321

On Saturday, January 24, a "New Year" party was held in West Palm Beach, sponsored by the local lodge. The party was held at the Moose Hall. About 100 attended and all had a wonderful time.

Guests were there from Miami, Orlando, Winter Park, Pompano Beach and many other places. The tables were set up and the most delicious Danish sandwiches were served. You would not believe that such a party could be had there. And all was donated by the wives of the members of the lodge, dancing followed and the music was fine; many Danish numbers were played and enjoyed.

When you come to such a party where the lodge is small and consist mostly of members from lodges in other states, you are really among Danes.

There were quite a few present that evening who asked and talked about the future of the members now in Florida and reading a little about the possibility of getting a lodge in St. Petersburg sounds good to many. Oh yes, the Danes in that part of Florida also come together, once each month there is a picnic in Tampa, as yet I have not had a chance to take part, but will soon.

On the 5th of June (Grundlovsdagen) there will be quite a gathering in Sebring. Danes from all over Florida will be there that day.

Perhaps you would like to come and I shall let you know a little more about it later.

Greetings,  
GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

"Excuse me, sir" said the Scotsman, "but aren't you the gentleman who fetched my son out of the lake yesterday?"

"Why yes I am," said the embarrassed rescuer, "but don't bother about it — let's just say nothing more about it."

"Say nothing about it?" shrieked the Scot. "Indeed man, where's his cap?"

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# Racine, Wisconsin Going Strong



Our membership campaign, with a goal of 100 new members during 1959 is really rolling. Through the combined efforts of all members, particularly the Booster Committee and its Prospect Dinners, our President, Alfred C. Pedersen, had the pleasure, on January 28th, of initiating nine new members in No. 4. The accompanying photograph shows the class of initiates grouped before President Pedersen's desk, after the initiation ceremony, reading from left to right: Nels H. Petersen, Raymond Clausen, Roy W. Braid, John H. Nielsen, President Alfred C. Pedersen, John H. Evenson, Roy D. Stewart, Ivan A. Evenson, Chris M. Madsen, Norman A. Paulsen.

Welcome, men, to the Danish Brotherhood. We are all glad to have you as members. We hope you enjoy your membership in our Lodge and that you will pitch in and help us make it a better organization for all of us.

After the initiation and regular meeting, all sat down to Danish open face sandwiches, a few

brown bottles, coffee and kringle. It was obvious that everybody had a good time. Story telling and jokes ran rampant from one table to the other, card games got going in various parts of the hall, new members and old visited and got acquainted over a friendly glass. For a while our juke box tried to compete with Will Poulsen and his harmonizing friends but finally lost out to the singers. They had more volume—and more fun!

This was the best initiation party yet. If we all work toward signing up more members we'll have a real party the fourth meeting of each month when we initiate. Try to get an applicant each month and then join in the fun and fellowship that follows initiation. The last meeting of the month, from now on, will be one you won't want to miss.

And what happened at the February 25th meeting? Believe it or not, there was another class of eight to initiate. And another good time was had by all.

## Honor Roll

### LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
4	Paul E. Strand,	Racine, Wis. -----	8
29	Paul Hansen,	Seattle, Wash. -----	4
328	Jack Jensen,	Vancouver, B. C., Canada--	4
46	Albert C. Borup,	Perth Amboy, N. J. ---	3
110	Thorvald Jacobsen,	Winside, Nebr. ---	3
116	Alf Svantemann,	Newark, N. J. -----	3
183	Andrew Thomsen,	Troy, N. Y. -----	3
184	Anker B. Christensen,	Hayward, Calif. ---	3
334	Arthur Christensen,	Geneva, N. Y. ----	3

## Attention

### TO ALL LODGES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT

Don't forget the present Membership Contest ends May 31. The prizes are \$75.00 in each one of the three groups, to help sponsor a child of a Danish Brotherhood member to summer camp. So, if you have any prospects, get the names on the dotted line, and send them to the Home Office not later than May 31. Remember, they all count, Regular, Social and Juvenile.

CHRIS MADSEN, Sec.,  
Promotional Committee.

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## Dateline - Detroit

Our charter is draped in memory of Brother Jens O. Andersen, who passed away April 2. Brother Jens was born in Copenhagen June 1903. He is survived by his wife, Eileen.

Our latest new members are Brothers Jorgen K. Andersen, Edward Gudum and Edward A. Christensen. Brothers Gudum and Christensen are social members. Brother Jorgen, born in Glostrup, Denmark, in 1931, joins our growing rank of active young members. He will be married April 25, but we expect him to survive this ordeal and be a regular attendant at meetings.

Our jack pot continues to be missed by default. Brothers Carl Clausen and Willard Nielsen should have been at recent meetings to collect. Every fifth meeting all the brothers present put their names in a hat, and someone wins \$10. The last winner was Chris Petersen. If YOU had been there, you might have been the winner.

Brothers Peter Larsen, John Larsen, Benny Larsen and Preben Jaeger donated blood for Carl Froelund in Florida. More is needed. This is your chance to show some real brotherhood spirit.

Our first ladies' night March 25 was a big success. We had 105 brothers and 70 ladies out to enjoy Mrs. Christiansen's wonderful fried flounders. Color movies were provided for the ladies entertainment during our lodge meeting through the courtesy of the Scandinavian Air Lines and Perrsons Travel Agency. Brother Eric Dane also showed movies of lodge activities in former years. It was a most enjoyable evening. Make your plans to attend next year. The social activities are an important part of our fraternal life.

The final payment on the mortgage on the Danish Old People's Home has been made, and Lodge No. 227 now owns free and clear one of the finest retirement homes in the country. It has taken just 10 years to pay off this mortgage, a very good record which speaks well for the management of the Home. About 30 different brothers have served on the board of trustees over these 10 successful years. Four members of the present board were also on during the first year. They are Viggo Mikkelsen, George Everson, Armand Larsen and Chris Larsen. Viggo Mikkelsen has been chairman all 10 years, and has put a tremendous amount of time and energy into the Home. Much of the credit for the success of the Home must go to Mikke. He has been a most willing worker for our lodge ever since he joined in 1917 at the tender age of 19. He was born in Horsens, which he tells me is somewhere in Denmark. He has held every office in the lodge, served on hundreds of committees, been on the building board, the drill team and is of course now Supreme Second Vice President of the Danish Brotherhood in America. In his spare time, he supports his family by operating an upholstering shop. If he had put all the energy into his business which he has given to the Brotherhood, he would be a rich man today. Our fraternity is most fortunate to have such men as Viggo Mikkelsen who are willing to devote so much time and effort on its behalf.

The annual report in the April issue has few bright spots in it. Our membership continues to

fall, being 508 less than last year. We have six fewer lodges than in 1957, and of the 191 lodges we do have 78 have less than 25 members. Only 22 lodges have over 100 members and only 19 show assets of over \$10,000. Ninety lodges have assets of under \$2,000, which means that even a small crisis would wipe them out. In spite of our membership drive, only 29 lodges showed an increase in membership. At our present rate of losing 500 members per year, we will be completely out of business in just 20 years. That means we have only three more national conventions to look forward to unless the one in Omaha in September proves itself willing to make radical changes, forget the past and come up with a real workable plan. Best wishes to all our delegates — your work is certainly cut out for you.

ARMAND E. LARSEN.

## New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Harry Czosnek	4	Racine	Albert Sakalis
Peter A. Jensen	4	Racine	Jerome S. Wallace
George H. Benson	4	Racine	Thomas P. Corbett
George Benson	4	Racine	Robert W. Sorensen
Laurits Bendtsen	4	Racine	Bendt Bendtsen
Carl E. Thomsen	4	Racine	Svend A. Pedersen
Gilbert Thomsen	14	Kenosha	Nels Page
B. O. Aabel	16	Minden	Willie Petersen
Paul C. Hansen	29	Seattle	Knud Hansen
E. Lindholdt Sr.	29	Seattle	John A. Morrison
Jack J. Riis	39	Oakland	Willard Goodrich
Ove Bauer	49	San Francisco	A. Jakobsen
Arne Christiansen	50	Byram	Carl J. Andersen
James A. Rye	51	Ludington	James A. Rye
A. Christoffersen	51	Ludington	Clifford Adams
Alfred A. Larsen	51	Ludington	James F. Hansen
Charles Eastlund	75	Albert Lea	C. A. Petersen
Carl N. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Ed Hoiland
Cecil D. Colpitts	155	Bellingham	D. D. Colpitts
Viggo Demant	164	New York	T. Rasmussen
M. Rasmussen	183	Troy	Michael R. Bonesteel
A. B. Christensen	184	Hayward	Peter Brix
A. B. Christensen	184	Hayward	Paul E. Sorensen
Svend Jensen	190	Schenectady	F. R. Johnson
Niels Jorgensen	190	Schenectady	Erik Larsen
Albert R. Halse	227	Detroit	Edward Gudum
Walter O. Suhr	227	Detroit	E. A. Christensen
H. Bergenhausen	245	South Bend	Larry A. Kasa
Peter Norgaard	264	Pocatello	K. C. N. Haugard
Tracey Watson	264	Pocatello	Enoch Hansen
A. Vestergaard	306	San Diego	Harald H. Larsen
Alfred C. Nielsen	319	Bakersfield	Robert Ortiz

Two power company linemen were working on a set of wires. From a wall two wires projected, one red and one blue. "Harry," one of the linemen said, "Grab one of those wires, will you?"

Harry said, "Sure," and took hold of the blue wire. "Feel anything?" said the other lineman.

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## 75-year Anniversary in No. 17

Chicago Lodge No. 17 celebrated its 75th anniversary with a banquet and dance on Saturday, March 28, in its own building on Fullerton Avenue. The party started in one of the smaller halls, where cocktails were served free from 6 to 7 p. m. After that the 175 guests moved up to the big hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion with red and white streamers, and an array of beautiful flowers on the tables. What especially caught the eye was a colorful, well executed painting, covering the whole backdrop of the stage, by our artist brothers, Helio Wernegreen and Marcel W. Jensen. It depicted a panorama of Roskilde Fjord, and was much admired by everybody.

The chairman of the committee, Brother Wernegreen, bid hearty welcome, and appointed Brother Gunnar Jensinius, former Supreme Trustee, as toastmaster. After the dinner was over, the first speaker called upon was Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, who brought greetings from the Supreme Board. He also thanked No. 17 for close cooperation in the past, and extended best wishes for the future.

A prolog, in Danish, was written and delivered by Brother Viggo Pedersen. Brother Robert Forup, president of No. 17, spoke for the lodge, and thanked the committee for the great work they had done. Supreme Trustee Einar Danielsen made a fine speech for America, and Brother Christ Brix spoke with feeling for old mother Denmark.

Mrs. Gerda Laursen presented a parting gift, a check for 75 dollars, from the former No. 17's Ladies' Society, which unfortunately decided to discontinue a few months ago. Thank you, ladies, for the support you so willingly gave No. 17 for the nearly 35 years of your society's existence.

Several representatives of other lodges and societies were introduced, bringing congratulations from their respective organizations. A number of telegrams and letters were received, among others, one from Brother Jim Andersen in Denmark, for many years treasurer of No. 17.

Entertainment was furnished by Earl Bichel, who sang a number of songs in both Danish and

English, and by Brother Winthers Assembly, which later supplied the music for the dance.

A fine 28-page souvenir program was printed to commemorate Lodge No. 17's diamond jubilee. In it is shown highlights of No. 17's history, and other interesting facts, such as for instance, that there is no less than 38 members in the lodge with 50 or more years of membership in the Brotherhood.

JOHN P. CHRISTIANSEN, Sec.

## New Immigrant Aid Agency Formed

A new, nationwide agency now exists to assist immigrants with their adjustment problems. This is the American Council for Nationalities Service, a merger of the Common Council for American Unity and the American Federation of International Institutes. It has immigrant aid centers in 40 cities. Information about the new organization and its services to immigrants may be obtained by writing to the American Council for Nationalities Service, 20 West 40th Street, New York 18.

## Change of Officers

### TREASURERS

(Continued from last month)

Lodge No. 227, Carl B. Jensen, 18537 Appleton, Detroit 19, Michigan.

Lodge No. 268, Ejnar Christiansen, 333 River Road, Junction City, Oregon.

Lodge No. 281, Soren Nielsen, 7426 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati 31, Ohio.

Lodge No. 299, Carl Olsen, P. O. Box 992, Alisal Road, Solvang, California.

Lodge No. 334, Herman Eskildsen, Route 1, Geneva, New York.

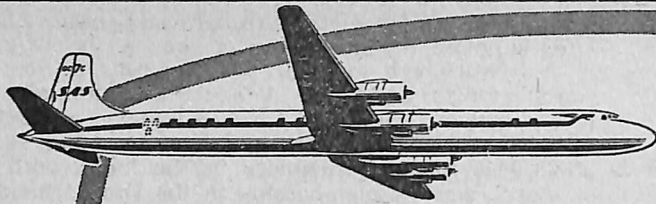
A Texan on a business trip to Chicago who raised a howl with a telephone operator for a long distance charge of \$2.85:

"Why in Texas," he raved, "we can talk to hell and back for \$2.85."

"In Texas, sir," the operator retorted, "that would be a local call."

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birthplace	Lodge	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount of Insurance Paid
Feb. 23	Johan P. Thomsen	75	Vejen, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1914	Cardiac failure	\$1,000.00
Oct. 27	Carl Hansen	68	Dalby Sjælland	298	Chicago, Ill.	1924	Not given	500.00
Feb. 21	O. R. Keller	73	Fuglse, Lolland	263	Askov, Minn.	1904	Carcinomatosis	1,000.00
Mar. 14	Silas K. Sindahl	73	Neenah, Wis.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1915	Lymphatic leukemia	500.00
Feb. 17	Mads C. Juhl	74	Stenderup, Denmark	43	Denver, Colo.	1903	Cerebral thrombosis	1,000.00
Mar. 14	Christian Bornholm	69	Aarhus, Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1929	Coronary occlusion	500.00
Mar. 7	Jens P. Pedersen	85	Biersted, Denmark	149	Luverne, N. D.	1909	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Feb. 23	Nels P. Miller	86	Karby, Morsø	35	Chicago, Ill.	1894	Broncho pneumonia	399.50
Feb. 28	Martin H. Schmidt	77	Aabenraa, Slesvig	39	Oakland, Calif.	1901	Rupt. duodenal ulcer	1,000.00
Mar. 19	Sophus Velden	77	Copenhagen, Den.	116	Newark, N. J.	1917	Carcinoma of liver	1,000.00
Mar. 16	John Nielsen	90	Lindelse, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1904	Arteriosclerotic disease	880.83
Mar. 16	Arnold Bertelson	57	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1944	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
Mar. 23	Nels Andersen	77	Montcalm, Mich.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1920	Acute cardiac dilatation	500.00
Jan. 31	Jens Rasmus Jensen	78	Viby, Aarhus	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1907	Cardio-vascular disease	235.97
Mar. 4	Jacob P. Paulsen	70	Manistee, Mich.	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1918	Cerebral vascular accident	1,000.00
Feb. 27	Laurits Clemmensen	76	Asnas, Holback, Den.	107	Chicago, Ill.	1915	Not given	1,000.00
Apr. 4	Nels Hansen	93	Denmark	20	Manistee, Mich.	1902	Cerebral thrombosis	379.64
Mar. 30	George P. Schnoor	78	Skads, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1912	Carcinoma	974.36
Apr. 8	Sigvald K. Jensen	60	Tyler, Minn.	121	Tyler, Minn.	1930	Coronary occlusion	250.00
Nov. 2	George E. Schondel	82	Copenhagen, Den.	600	Omaha, Neb.	1906	Cerebral hemorrhage	500.00
May 19	Niels Kjolby	81	Bjerby, Denmark	278	Salt Lake City, Utah	1938	Not given	Social
Mar. 23	Knud Hansen	61	Copenhagen, Den.	325	Nassau County, N. Y.	1950	Not given	Social



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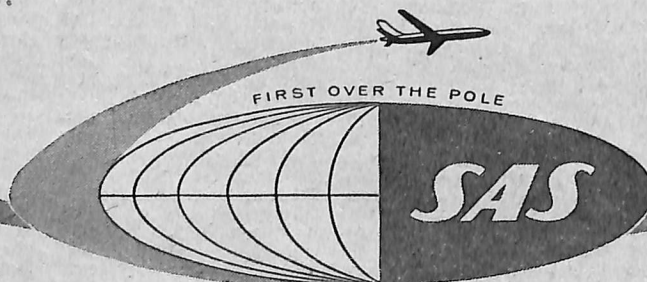
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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By  
VIGGO NIELSEN, 29 Church St., Millburn, N. J.

**General Committee Eastern Lodges.** The new year book for 1959 has been mailed to all lodge secretaries here in the East and is now available to members interested in this little book. This little pocket-size book gives you all information needed should you wish to visit another lodge; it has a listing of meeting nights, places, as well as some of the officers' names and addresses from all lodges belonging to GCEL. It can be most helpful in more than one way, so see your secretary and ask him for a copy.

The listing of some lodges has changed since the book went into print, or the lodge secretaries failed to notify the GCEL secretary in time, however, any correction known to me will be listed under the different lodges, so anyone who wishes can make the proper entry in their year book.

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven,** held a very successful 70th anniversary last night, April 18. About 300 people attended this affair and representation from Lodges 37, 41, 50, 103, 116 and 314 was seen. A Turkey Dinner was served and enjoyed by all. The chairman for the committee, Brother Marinus Bjarno, acted as toastmaster. Speakers for this affair were a representative of the Mayor of New Haven; the President of GCEL, Brother Erik Garde; the Danish Ambassador, H. E. Count Knuth-Winterfelgt, and Supreme Trustee Brother Chris Madsen. Two 50-year pins were presented. All in all an affair where a lot of work had to be performed by the committee and believe me, there were workers, young and not so young from both the Sisterhood and the Brotherhood, in fact a brother from Bridgeport Lodge No. 37 had been drafted.

**Lodge No. 41, Shelton, Conn.** As mentioned in our April issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, this lodge is planning a "Smoker" (no girls or such) but plenty of cards and "snaps," Saturday, May 16, 1959, to be held in their meeting hall, Division Street, Shelton, Conn. They hope to see all their own lodge members and a number of visiting brothers from neighboring lodges. Why not get a carload or two of brothers together and visit Shelton Lodge Saturday, May 16.

**Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, New Jersey,** is one of the lodges which has changed both meeting place and hall this year, but who's listing in the year book is incorrect. Their meeting place is "Dana Hall," 288 Market Street, Perth Amboy, N. J., and they meet the second Wednesday of each month. A terrible and unforgettable tragedy struck one of the young brothers of this lodge. Brother Albert Christensen, Jr., son of Brother and Mrs. Albert Christensen, Sr., met with an accident and was killed instantly April 14. Brother Albert, who was 20 years old, met death on his parents 25th wedding anniversary. Many were the friends who followed Brother Albert to his last resting place, and our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of our young Brother. Brother Albert Christensen, Sr., is President of Lodge No. 46, and the mother, Sister May

Christensen, is President of the Sisterhood Lodge No. 36.

**Lodge No. 103, Waterbury, Conn.** Hans Hansen, 110 Midland Road, Waterbury, Conn., is listed as secretary of this lodge in the year book, Brother Robert L. Humiston, 30 General Patton Drive, Naugatuck, Conn., has, however, taken over the office as secretary. Brother Humiston is an old hand at this, having served in this capacity for the past five years.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, New Jersey.** The 60th anniversary dinner and dance, held April 4, was indeed a very nice affair, attended by 108 people (where were the rest?) A good time was had by all. A combination Roast Chicken and Virginia Ham dinner was served family style. Main speakers for the evening were Supreme Trustee for the Sisterhood, Mildred Sorensen, and Supreme Trustee for the Brotherhood, Chris Madsen. The lodge was presented with two beautiful flag stands, a gift from Sisterhood Lodge No. 84, Newark, also the Past Presidents Club of the Sisterhood decorated the speakers' table with a beautiful arrangement of flowers. Lodge No. 116 lost another member this month, No. 4 this year, Brother Thomas Christensen, who resided at Vero Beach, Florida, was stricken with a heart attack, which was fatal April 14. Brother Tom, who was 59, had retired to Florida only seven months ago. A very interesting and constructive meeting was held in the lodge in April. The meeting lasted almost two and one-half hours, and was attended by about 35 members. We had the pleasure of having Brother Andrew Thomsen of Troy Lodge No. 183 as our guest. The delicious sandwiches, beer and "snaps," served after the meeting, made up for its long duration, only the card sharks suffered defeat.

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**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** A generous donation to that lodge from a Mrs. Karl Thompson of Conneaut Lake, Pa., has started a special relief fund, to be used as a helping hand to members in extreme need. Something which the lodge always had in mind, became a reality. Enighed Lodge No. 172 consider themselves very fortunate to have friends like Mrs. Thompson and they are very thankful.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, New York.** Host to the 35th annual meeting of the General Committee, Eastern Lodges over Labor Day week end. The 55th anniversary dinner and dance which was held March 7 was attended by about 100 people. A turkey dinner was served with all the trimmings. Toastmaster for the evening was Brother Carl Christensen; while digesting the dinner a few speakers were called upon, Mrs. Kristen Andersen, President of the Sisterhood; Bessie Thomsen, Past President of the Sisterhood GCEL; President of Troy Lodge, Andrew Thomsen; Treasurer of the GCEL Lawrence Knudsen; Vice-President of the GCEL, Viggo Nielsen. A letter of congratulations was received and read from Mr. and Mrs. George Petersen in Florida. A nice speech was also delivered by a past president of Lodge No. 205, Brooklyn, Brother Thorvald Larsen. Seven brothers received their 25-year pin. Brother Nils Jorgensen and Ray Jorgensen received membership rewards. A busy but enjoyable evening.

**Lodge No. 257, New York, N. Y.** This lodge has had a change of both meeting place and meeting night since the turn of the year, also a change of officers. While the change of meeting place and night have been corrected in our new year book, the names of the president and secretary are incorrect. Brother George Hansen, 1663, 2nd Avenue, New York City, N. Y., is President this year, and Secretary is John C. Berg, 1155 Park Ave., New York City, N. Y.

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.** Hartford Lodge will celebrate its 42nd anniversary Saturday, May 23, at 7 p. m., at D.B.S. Hall, 302 White St., Hartford. It will be a banquet and dance, several honor guests have been invited, among them several of Lodge No. 314 members, who have passed 75 years of age. This idea was instituted last year and it has shown to be a good idea. Here is one lodge who believes in honoring its older members as long as they are able to come out. It is nice to know that you are not forgotten when you no longer can be as active as you were.

The Fish Dinner, held March 13, was a big success, both financial and social speaking, about 100 persons were present and enjoyed both the meal and the film shown afterwards.

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, New York.** Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen had been invited to join the lodge at their last meeting Friday, April 10. Several visiting brothers were recognized during the meeting, among them Past President of the GCEL Andrew Thomsen from Troy Lodge, Ex-President of Lodge No. 116, Newark, Brother Alf Svantemann, also yours truly. The President of Lodge No. 325, Brother Walter Brinkman, had our Supreme Trustee

Chris Madsen escorted to his chair and he also asked Brother Sophus Christensen of Lodge No. 325 to step forward. Brother Christensen delivered a beautiful speech in which he praised Brother Chris Madsen for his hard work, splendid performance, good judgment, poise and faithfulness, not alone while serving on the Supreme Board, but in all the years that Brother Chris has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood. The President then presented Brother Chris Madsen with a scroll, a



tribute to Brother Chris Madsen from Lodge No. 325 in recognition of what he means to this and all lodges within the Danish Brotherhood. The social part of the evening, delicious sandwiches and beer topped off a night long to be remembered and a feeling of that good fellowship, and above all a Danish Brotherhood that will remain for many years to come.

A small girl whose father is a judge would often say she was Judge Brown's daughter when someone asked her name. Her mother, thinking this might sound snobbish, told her not to make that sort of reply, but simply to say that she was Dorothy Brown. Later someone asked her if she was Judge Brown's daughter. She replied, "Well, I thought I was, but Mother says not."

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN

2530 — 27th Avenue, San Francisco 16, California

The sad news of the passing of Brother Helge Petersen has just reached us from Denmark, where he passed away on April 4, en route to the hospital in the arms of his beloved wife.

With the passing of this great man, a chapter in the Saga of Danish Americanism has come to a close. Perhaps no one knew as many Danes in this country as he did, having had personal contact with so many of our countrymen going and coming through the port of New York.

Brother Petersen started his business career with Det Forenede Damskibsselskab in Copenhagen, the owners of the old Scandinavian American Line. In 1924 the company sent him to Winnipeg to be manager of the office in that city, and when Halvor Jacobsen retired as manager in 1926 he was called to New York and became manager of the Scandinavian American Line for United States and Canada and served in that capacity until the old Danish Line closed its doors in 1936.

It so happened that I had a party of Danes who sailed in the Frederik VIII in December of 1935. This was the Christmas sailing and the ship was pretty well filled. I had taken the party to New York and when the ship sailed I stood with Brother Petersen on the pier in Brooklyn and waved goodbye to our friends. When the ship was sailing down the Hudson he turned around to me and said: "I wonder, Rudolph, if we will see that ship again here in New York." Undoubtedly he had a premonition that this was the last. The company had applied for a small loan from the Danish government and a decision was pending. The government said NO and so did the company, and stopped its traffic on North America as far as passenger ships were concerned.

After he had closed the affairs of the Line in New York he sailed for Denmark and became the manager for Denmark of the Swedish American Line and in that position did a fine pioneer job for the company. In 1954 he retired from his position as manager as he had reached the retirement age of the company, but was retained as a consultant for the company. Prior to his retirement he made several trips to this country visiting many cities and renewed his connection with the Danes. Many of us will remember his last visit to the coast when he came to San Francisco and traveled with the San Francisco delegates to the convention in San Diego which he attended.

In 1955 when Mrs. Olsen and I were in Denmark we spent some delightful days with him and Mrs. Petersen and visited their beautiful home in Lyngby. And we shall always remember the hours spent with this delightful couple.

Brother Petersen was always ready with advice and a helping hand if needed, he was truly a gentleman of the old school.

At his passing he was a member of the board of the Danmark Amerika Line, which he helped to start and which acts as General Agents for the Swedish Line in Denmark. He was Vice-President

of the Denmark America Fund and a member of the Board of the Rebild Park Committee.

His passing brings to an end a close friendship of over 30 years. Denmark has lost a great son and the Danes in America a good friend. I know that all his many friends here join me in sending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Grethe Petersen in Denmark.

I had hoped to have some information relative to the convention in Los Angeles in this issue, but it has not been forthcoming, so it will have to wait until next issue.

One of 49's old members, Brother Michael Helstrup in Eureka celebrated his 80th birthday the other day and we send him our warmest greetings.

All you members of the Danish Brotherhood who are planning a trip to Denmark, don't forget to visit our Lodge No. 318, it will be a visit worth your while. Call the secretary, Brother Albert Petersen, Vesterbrogade 73B, Copenhagen V.

Sometimes it is well to look back and see what our predecessors did for our society. I have before me a "Supplement to Bien", dated September 30, 1910, in other words 49 years ago. On the front of this supplement it is stated that it is "Officielt Festskrift og Program ved Det Danske Brodersamfund's Konvention i Fresno, California, Oktober 1910." To me at least it is an interesting subject to learn about the men who at that time were leaders within our organization.

Brother H. H. Vogt of Davenport, Iowa, was the Supreme President, and in reading the minutes of this the 13th Convention, which by the way I also have before me, one learns that it was not all cream and sugar to hold this position. For instance, Brother Vogt at that time had to read all the proposals that came in and there were many, he also had to count all the votes. At election time he lost to Brother T. P. Nielsen from No. 29 in Seattle. Of the Supreme Officers at this convention I believe there is only one left, namely Brother Fred Petersen of Council Bluffs, he was by the way re-elected at the convention.

At that time there were 14 lodges in California with a total membership of about 1500, which is about the membership we still have. In 1910, there were four lodges which no longer exist,

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namely 226 in Stockton. This lodge was incorporated with 49 some years ago. There was a No. 235 in Watsonville, which apparently simply passed on. I remember about 30 years ago we wanted this lodge to join the General Committee, but they would have no dealings with us. In Los Angeles, they had two lodges, 126 and 246, the latter joined with 126 somewhere in the twenties, I believe, another lodge No. 272 was located in Newman, just what became of this lodge I cannot remember, but it might have joined No. 39.

In Fresno, where the convention was held, I noticed the name of Brother N. H. Fuglesang as Treasurer of No. 67. Brother Fuglesang was later one of the early officers of the General Committee and became its second president, serving two years. Brother I. Teilman was delegate, and he attended our conventions until a few years ago when he passed on. Of other good men in Fresno who were active were George Larsen, den glade Smed, Chris Selling, Hugo Hvidt and Dr. Niels Jørgensen.

Under San Francisco, we find such names, active within D. B. as H. J. Korell, who was delegate; S. P. Møller; John Keldsen, who passed on just about a month ago, as did Brother C. J. Clemens. There were also Viggo Kønig and L. P. Henriksen and many others.

From Oakland we had Alf. Th. Jørgensen, who was a delegate and was elected to the Supreme Board at this convention, the first man from California to be so honored. Brother C. Stockholm was also active and was one of the founders of the General Committee. Another very active man at that time in 39 was Brother D. Andker, whose two sons, Dan Norman Andker and Owen Andker, carry on the tradition established by their father.

The Brotherhood was larger in those days. A total of 268 delegates was registered at the convention and the total cost was \$28,625.95. Among the delegates one finds such names as John Christensen from Cincinnati, who later became Supreme President. Also Søren Iverson, who became head of our order. And such names as H. M. Marker, Jacob Enemark, C. Myland Smith, Julius Andersen who was later a member of the Supreme Board and still very active in Florida, and my late old friend, Peter Boesen, who was a delegate from 246 in Los Angeles, and many, many others who worked unselfishly for our order.

At the opening of the convention, the Supreme

President stated there were two burning questions before the convention, namely changing the Brotherhood into Districts, and a National Magazine. Both were voted down. But we are still fighting for Districts, although we are pretty well divided into General Committees all over the country, which I think has been the salvation of the society. The reason for turning down the idea of a National Magazine was given as, we did not need another Danish paper, and it was stated that one of the current Danish papers, presumably the Danish Pioneer, had a subscription of 40,000. I think that both Bien and the Danish Pioneer would like to have such a subscription list today, if they did, life would be a lot easier for the publishers.

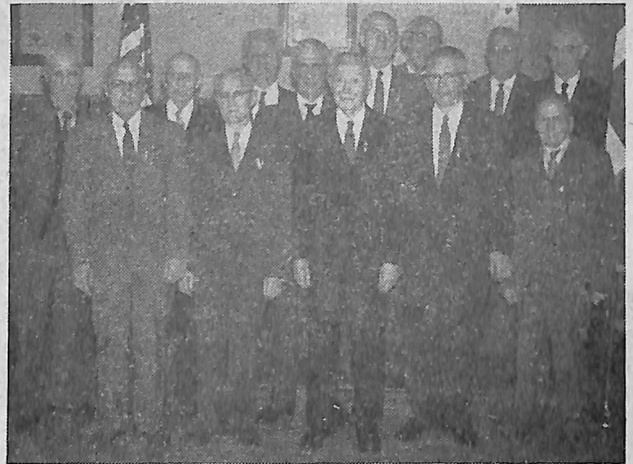
The money situation was not too good either. We had invested in Bonds a little over \$98,000 and various funds on hand about \$71,000. Today our assets are over 4½ million dollars.

I have a purpose in mind in mentioning the above, namely that it is about time we have another National Convention in California. Let's try to make 1963 the big year in California.

And speaking of conventions, our various secretaries will shortly receive from the Los Angeles Convention Committee reservation cards for the Hotel in Hollywood where we will be staying. Next month I hope to have more on this convention, so please watch for it.

## Seattle, Washington

Once a year Lodge No. 29 honors its 50-year members; the picture herewith was taken at the last such event, but it has not appeared in the Magazine due to lack of space. We are pleased to present it at this late date. —EDITOR.



Left to right: (1st row) J. H. Clausen, Ole A. Nissen, Dr. Lauritz Frølund, William Petersen, J. C. Fred Andersen. (2nd row) Walter Jørgensen, Hans S. Andersen, Bert Jessen, Rasmus Christensen, John Hansen, Otto Nielsen, George Culmbach and John Ottesen.

The guy had just become engaged, and he walked on air into a florist's shop where he ordered two dozen roses sent to his beloved, who'd just had a birthday; the card read, "A rose for every year of your life." The wedding hasn't taken place yet: the florist who was filling the order recognized the guy as one of his best customers and threw in an extra dozen roses.