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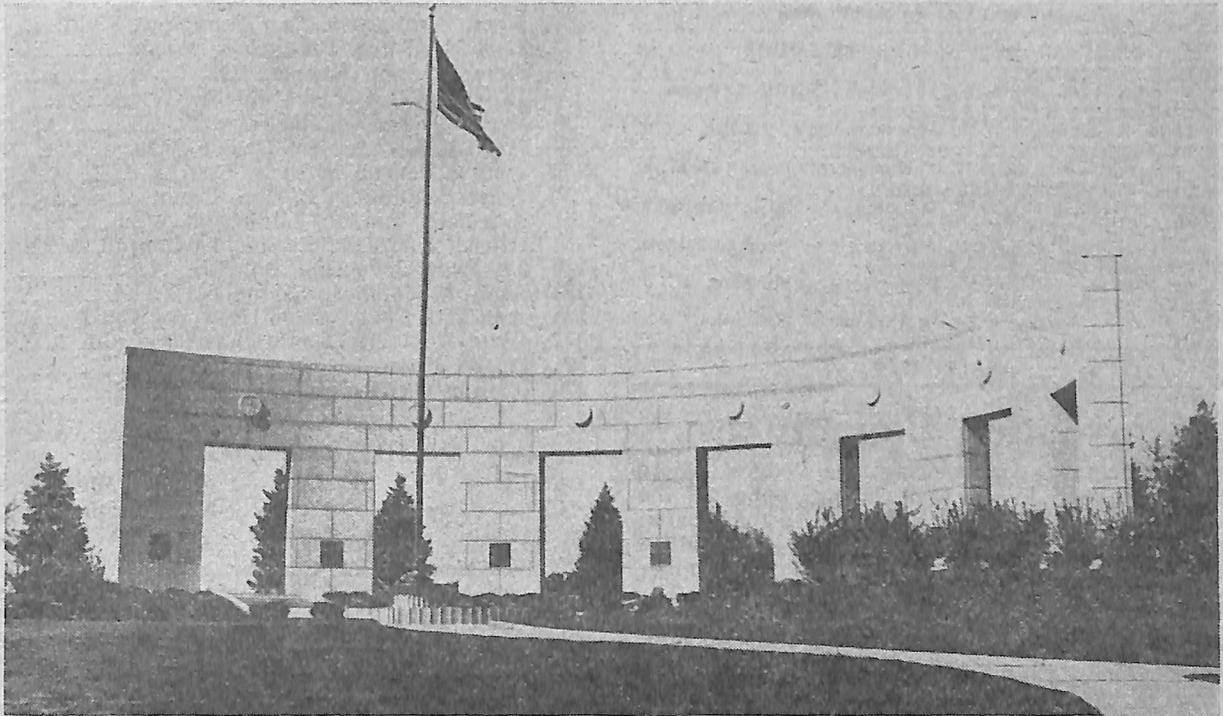
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National Convention in Omaha

September 28 Through October 2, 1959



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National Convention Message

We are a month nearer to what everyone is saying will be the largest convention in the history of the Danish Brotherhood. A hard-working committee is going all out to make this a fact. We strongly urge you to make your arrangements now and not the least make your reservations as soon as possible in order to insure that you will be counted among those attending.

Your convention committee has been busy and will continue to be busy throughout the entire convention to make your stay in Omaha pleasant. In addition to the convention committee the brothers of Lodges No. 1 and 195, with the help of Council Bluff's Lodge No. 10, are pledging to play an active part.

Whenever the subject of conventions comes up various meetings around the country, the convention held in Omaha in 1927 is still talked about and we are sure that the brothers and sisters who were here

at that time will be back. We expect to see a lot of old friends from all over the country.

One important point! Don't leave your wife at home. We want her with you and the Sisters here in Omaha have formed their own committee in order that the ladies will have an enjoyable visit.

The Registration Committee has announced the following schedule for registration of delegates and guests: Sunday, September 27, you can register at the convention headquarters, the Sheraton Fontenelle Hotel, from 10 a. m. to 12 m. and in the afternoon from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. Monday morning from 7:30 a. m. to 10 a. m.. A word to the younger members of the Brotherhood. If you haven't had an opportunity to attend a convention as yet, this is your opportunity. Even if you are not a delegate, we will be looking forward to having you as a guest.

EARL S. JENSEN,
Publicity Committee Chairman.

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Convention Committees

The delegates representing the lodges whose numbers appear in the list below, opposite the name of the committee, are appointed to function on that committee at the convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, beginning Monday, September 28, 1959.

In conformity with Section 36 in our By-Laws you are hereby officially notified of your appointment.

Articles of Incorporation and Constitution

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ALTERNATES: 11-188-152-185-149-184-300-299

OTTO NIELSEN,
Supreme President.

(The above is a reprint from the June issue.)

Honor Roll

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
328	Jack Jensen,	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	10
4	Paul E. Strand,	Racine, Wis.	9
45	Christ W. Pedersen,	Minneapolis, Minn.	8
46	Albert C. Borup,	Perth Amboy, N. J.	6
116	Alf Svantemann,	Newark, N. J.	6
49	Ove Bauer,	San Francisco, Calif.	5
29	Paul Hansen,	Seattle, Wash.	4
49	Egon Swangreen,	San Francisco, Calif.	4
113	Carl N. Grove,	Enumclaw, Wash.	4
4	Jens Engholt,	Racine, Wis.	3
4	Raymond C. Clausen,	Racine, Wis.	3
4	Svend A. Nyboe,	Racine, Wis.	3
4	Harold H. Petersen,	Racine, Wis.	3
43	John Sorensen,	Denver, Colo.	3
50	Aage Schonning,	Byram, Conn.	3
41	Alfred A. Larsen,	Ludington, Mich.	3
51	Albert J. Christoffersen,	Ludington, Mich.	3
110	Thorvald Jacobsen,	Winside, Nebr.	3
183	Andrew Thomsen,	Troy, N. Y.	3
184	Anker B. Christensen,	Hayward, Calif.	3
322	Arne Johansen,	Santa Barbara, Calif.	3
334	N. W. Pedersen,	Geneva, N. Y.	3
334	Arthur Christensen,	Geneva, N. Y.	3

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1959
4	Racine, Wisconsin	52	513
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	16	126
49	San Francisco, California	13	324
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	11	193
50	Byram, Connecticut	9	42
51	Ludington, Michigan	9	81
29	Seattle, Washington	8	304
116	Newark, New Jersey	8	164
46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	7	101
334	Geneva, New York	6	43
43	Denver, Colorado	5	94
322	Santa Barbara, California	5	83

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Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance June 1, 1959	\$ 7,938.78
Assessments	10,583.02
Interest on investments	17,034.38
Certificate loan interest	83.76
Bonds called	11,000.00
Stocks sold (book value)	50,020.00
Profit on stock sold	7,658.76

\$104,318.70

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$ 9,408.85
Cash surrender	160.89
Bonds purchased	50,000.00
Accrued interest on bonds purchased	82.64
Interest collection expense	5.00
Current investment expense	839.41
Cash balance June 30, 1959	43,821.91

\$104,318.70

General Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance June 1, 1959	\$ 13,376.66
Miscellaneous income from regular sources	1,028.54
Interest on investments	125.00
Per Capita tax	41.00

\$ 14,571.20

Disbursements:

Actuary fees	\$ 30.00
Employer social security tax	19.94
Office supplies	2.00
Postage, telephone and telegrams	76.52
Printing and mailing official publication	399.68
Rent and light	198.00
Salaries to officers and employes	798.00
Travel expense	366.25
Cash balance June 30, 1959	12,680.81

\$ 14,571.20

Fraternal Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance June 1, 1959	\$ 25,749.66
Taxes	112.00
Interest on investments	812.50
General aid returned	5.80

\$ 26,679.96

Disbursements:

Special aid allowed	\$ 489.50
Cash balance June 30, 1959	26,190.46

\$ 26,679.96

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance June 1, 1959	\$ 3,019.07
Assessments	274.48

\$ 3,293.55

Disbursements:

None	
Cash balance June 30, 1959	\$ 3,293.55

\$ 3,293.55

Promotional Fund

Receipts:

Cash balance June 1, 1959	\$ 5,262.11
Taxes	15.00

\$ 5,277.11

Disbursements:

Bowling tournament prizes	\$ 589.23
Cash balance June 30, 1959	4,687.88

\$ 5,277.11

Assets

Investments:

Mortuary Fund	\$4,131,679.10
Juvenile Fund	10,000.00
Fraternal Fund	248,000.00
General Fund	55,000.00
Cash in Bank	90,674.61

\$4,535,353.71

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By **NORBERT E. GROVE**, Dist. Secretary-Treasurer
219 Meridan North, Puyallup, Washington

No "best way" of solving the many problems of maintaining a fraternal order were uncovered among the one hundred fifty delegates attending the three-day convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood Lodges in Portland during the middle of May. District President Magnus Esrom of the Rose City suggested that local lodges exchange more visitations to find out "how the other fellow does it." Even though Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Seattle, informed us that our organization was financially sound and that we had fared well the past four years, many problems — local, national and international — face us. Supreme Vice President Hans M. Andersen, Parlier, agreed but reminded us that our continued prime concern should be to gain, keep and satisfy the average member. Norbert E. Grove, district secretary-treasurer, said that this convention was the biggest and best attended ever and then introduced a resolution thanking the host lodges, the host city and the convention committee under the able leadership of Chairman Max A. Madsen for a job well done.

Invitation for next year's convention came from Delegate John Bech, Spokane, in behalf of D. S. 117 and D. B. 42. Since the Inland Empire City had followed Portland, Oregon, nine years ago, Brother John thought it would be in order to continue so and in consequence, extended a warm welcome to the Pacific Northwest Lodges in 1960. I have since received a nice letter from Past District President Ingvar Eskeberg who has already checked with the Chamber of Commerce and found that either of the week ends (May 13, 14 and 15 or May 21, 22 and 23) can be had without interference from other activities. If any lodge or enough individuals have a particular preference, I would suggest that you write at once to South 3316 Division Street, Spokane 36, the home of June and Vard where much of the 1960 foundations will be laid.

Brother Soren "Sam" Frederiksen, Seattle, was unanimously elected as President of the District for the coming twelve months and his first official act was to sponsor a similar traveling attendance trophy on the same basis as the C. Ed Hirsch permanent award to McMinnville's D. B. No. 194. Godan "Dan" Meng, Enumclaw, became district vice-president and Norbert "Nobbie" Grove, Tacoma, succeeded himself as keeper of the books and finances. Regarding trustees, Thorval Larsen, Vancouver, B. C., moved up to chairman, and since Clayton Gardner, McMinnville, had resigned, Canada's Editor Jack Jensen was elected to his two-year unexpired term with John Bech starting a three-year term. Jens Nielsen, Seattle, was nominated and elected to the Conductor's Station and in his acceptance speech made mention of the coming World's Fair in the Queen City, 1961 and 1962. Henry Barreth, Portland, is the new Inner Guard and Fred Hansen, McMinnville, Outer Guard — the latter office presenting the only spirited contest with three candidates and a tie ballot. Outgoing President Magnus "Maggie" Esrom in his closing remarks, presented the idea of a traveling Canadian flag to be used at each convention, the expense to be borne by himself.

The very finest and most impressive installation of the above mentioned officers was performed by visiting supreme officers, D. S. President Margaret Sundby and D. B. Vice-President Hans Andersen, both from California.

Individual lodge reports and resumes were interesting and as usual, Seattle's D. B. No. 29 record was the most complete due to the efficient attention of Secretary Joseph R. Matsen, a young attorney in the Smith Tower. Publication of an address and telephone directory for members of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood had been very well received and bowling teams had met regularly, competing in the National Brotherhood League. Financial contributions had been made to the Scandinavian Music Festival, the Washington State Association for the Blind, the Anti-Tuberculosis League and the Danish Children's Home. Fiftieth Wedding Gift Certificates had been presented to Brothers Anders M. Skov, John Ottesen and Fred Andersen. Helping to make the meetings inviting, programs of various calibre had been arranged throughout the year with the help of Howard Seegar from the Police Department, Standard Oil, Fish and Wild Life Service, Fred Hop-

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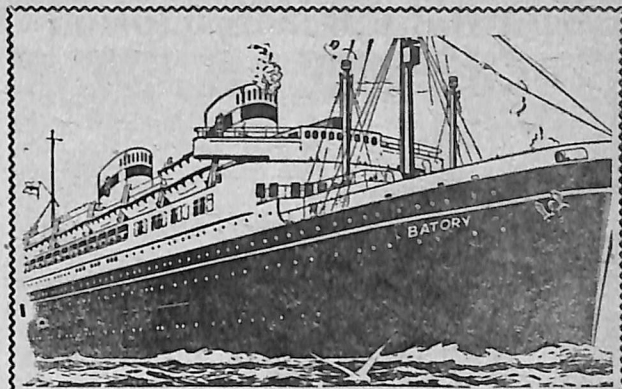
meier of Northwest Airlines, W. C. Berfield of Air Reduction, W. M. Gardner of the Washington State Health Department and the Alaska slide collections of President Jens Nielsen and Brother Aage Andersen. At the annual banquet, Brother Paul Hansen was presented with the prize wrist watch from Supreme President Otto as a token for his untiring efforts in getting the most insured new members.

One of Vancouver, B. C.'s active secretaries, Jack Jensen, who was conventioning for the first time with his charming little wife, Grete, and "brand new" baby daughter, Helga, reported at length for our only participating Canadian Lodge D. B. 328. Initiating 42 new brothers, Brother Jack had sponsored enough of the applications to be awarded a beautiful Danish painting by Immediate Past District President Peter Rasmussen, McMinnville. Editor of a monthly lodge news publication, everyone enjoyed Jack's presence as well as that of the entire Vancouver delegation. Commenting on their several visitations and anniversaries, it was learned that over two thousand had attended performance of the Danish Gym Team. All American Brothers were cordially invited to attend a Danish picnic on June 7 at Peace Arch Park on the Canadian side in commemoration of Liberation Day (Grundlovs dag June fifth).

Sitting here at my typewriter, reminiscing on a very fine week end and admiring the beautiful souvenir program, I cannot help but pay tribute to Brother Sherman Harkson, a "gentleman" Realtor, who was not only Master of Ceremonies and Toastmaster at the gala Saturday Evening Affair, but took an active part in all preparations according to Sister Helene Hirsch.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Eric H. Raahauge	4	Racine	George W. Peach
Peter C. Nielsen	16	Minden	Walter H. Hansen
Nels Andersen	45	Minneapolis	Hans Nielsen
Nels Andersen	45	Minneapolis	K. E. Nielsen
C. W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	Poul Nielsen
C. W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	J. B. Hoj
Peter Christensen	46	Perth Amboy	M. A. Padula
Albert C. Borup	46	Perth Amboy	A. C. Padula
Albert C. Borup	46	Perth Amboy	E. G. Baxter
Albert C. Borup	46	Perth Amboy	Donald Olsen
Ove Bauer	49	San Francisco	Paul Runge
H. A. Jakobsen	49	San Francisco	F. M. Dahl
Egon Swangreen	49	San Francisco	P. Skjoldborg
Henry Josty	50	Byram	Ronald F. Ptasienski
Gunnar Schonning	50	Byram	C. Richardson III
Gunnar Schonning	50	Byram	R. H. Richardson
Aage Schonning	50	Byram	G. J. Schonning
Aage Schonning	50	Byram	P. K. Schonning
K. L. Ravnsborg	77	Turin	Jerry K. Ravnsborg
Erik Hansen	84	Lincoln	Henry R. Dent
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Peter S. Giegerich
Cecil D. Colpitts	155	Bellingham	H. P. Johansen
L. T. Knudsen	172	Philadelphia	John Richard
L. A. Christensen	242	Erie	Lars C. Christensen
Arne Johansen	322	S. Barbara	E. Christiansen
Arne Johansen	322	S. Barbara	G. V. Jeppesen
Walter Brinkman	325	Nassau Co.	A. J. Eichorst



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Brother Bjerrehus was presented with the 50-year emblem by Lodge No. 321 West Palm Beach, Florida. Brother Bjerrehus turned 91 March 19.

A dinner party for our ladies of Lodge 321, West Palm Beach, Florida, was held at a local restaurant on May 16. At the same time, the 50-year emblem was presented to Brother P. C. Bjerrehus, who has been a member of our lodge since the early twenties and before this, was a member of No. 17.

Lodge 321 participated for the sixth time in a wonderful "Grundlovsdag" meeting for Danish people at Sebring, Florida, and the Highland Hammock State Park, over the Memorial Day week end. Over ninety people from far and near were present, about 22 from the Palm Beaches, the majority being members of D. B. S.

Among the speakers were Brother George V. Petersen, formerly of Rhode Island, now Winter Park, Florida. George and Mrs. Petersen have visited our lodge several times and are welcome guests. George made a very good speech and is otherwise busy becoming a good "Florida Cracker" (it takes 7 years, George).

GUNO KARLBERG,
President, Lodge 321.

Weeds

By JUL. ANDERSEN

All farmers know that weeds grow where they plant crops and grass. Nature has apparently ordained that. But in humanity it may also be nature that has created weeds among the people.

Instead of living together as the great Supreme Spirit of the Universe created us, we have murderers, robbers, grafters and so many others who try to take the money away from those who make it. Our political leaders are also cheaters, who try to take what money they can, from the taxpayers pockets in so many instances, instead of playing politics, honest and fair.

However, in our society, the Danish Brotherhood, most of these selected are honest and try to do

the best they can, in order to protect the oldsters, the needy and those who are not able to work.

So at the next convention, vote for an honest man, and forget about raising their salaries, so we can have real honest and without weeds men who will continue to lead our Brotherhood into a bigger and better society.

Annual Convention of Iowa United Lodges

The Iowa United Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood will hold its annual convention September 6th and 7th at the Russell Lamson Hotel at Waterloo, Iowa. The original plans had been to hold it at Cedar Falls, but due to remodeling of the only hotel in town it was necessary to make the change.

All members of the Danish Brotherhood are welcome to attend this event. There will be plenty of social activities along with the business. A buffet luncheon will be held at noon on Sunday, a banquet and dance Sunday evening, and a smorgasbord on Monday at noon.

This promises to be a lively convention as it is being held just a few weeks before the National Convention and many things will come up for discussion. What to do with our ever-growing membership fund? How shall we put it to best use? Can we improve our insurance program? Should we broaden our qualifications for membership? And many others. Let's all plan to attend this important convention!

THORVALD SORENSEN,
Sec.-Treas. Iowa United Lodges
of the Danish Brotherhood.

Dike Lodge No. 144 and Reinbeck Lodge No. 127 will be hosts to the Iowa United Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood Convention to be held at the Russell Lamson Hotel, Waterloo, Iowa, on September 6 and 7.

We extend a cordial invitation to all members of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

CARL HENNINGSEN, Sec. No. 144.
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The good old fashioned lodge spirit was taken out of the closet, dusted off and put to work on May 16, when Lodge No. 78 held a well-visited, well-arranged and well-wished dinner party at the Elks lodge main dinner room in celebration of its 65-year birthday. More than four score members and friends and that is quite a few out here in the Beehive State, had shown up for this gala affair. Your correspondent will have to adumbrate, as his vocabulary is too limited to describe the party in all its glory.

In the most pleasant surroundings with one large head table and many smaller tables spread out in a circle the party was welcomed by Brother Edgar Hansen and a very fine turkey dinner was served after Brother Hansen had extended a toast to the lodge. When everybody had got their money's worth in food Brother Hilmar Hansen as toastmaster presented the officers of the lodge and gave the floor to the president, Brother Borge Kragh, who spoke about 78 and its accomplishments with a cadeau to the old brothers and their faithfulness.

An old Italian violinsonata expertly play by Mr. Corelli from the Utah Symphony Orchestra was, much to this correspondent's surprise, not interrupted by applause between the movements, that might have called Mr. Corelli back to reality — or in short too short for the few really music lovers and too long for the more common people.

After Brother Hansen with more or less personalized jokes in between, read telegrams from the Pacific Northwest General Committee and letters from Brother Rasmussen, Blackfoot, Idaho; Str. Anna Wade from Sisterlodge No. 69 gave congratulations, and so did Brother Soren Jespersen from Lodge No. 278. He is known as the "dean of the Brotherhood in Utah," and his speeches are always excellent, only tonight he had promised to "shut up" fast, which he did — fast! When we talk about sopranos here, it can only mean one little songbird, Gunhild Kragh, and she, with the accompaniment of her sister, Mrs. Jorgensen, sang two Danish romances with her usual timbre and sonorousness.

The treasurer of many, many years, Brother Chris Thomsen was called upon for a hand of appreciation and "the dean of the Sisterhood" Str. Bengta Anderson was asked to say a few words. The people here are very abiding people for a few words is for them only few words, and that is good, it does not tire the audience and does not put too much strain on the one called upon, and thus everyone is happy, if you know what I mean.

A hilarious number was performed by Brothers John Olsen and Hilmar Hansen to an old Danish song, a repeat performance all right, but at the last performance, about 30 years ago, it did not hurt any, but John's memory.

The present treasurer, Brother Edgar Hansen, talked next about juvenile members and urged strongly someone to get some children — into the Brotherhood, of course.

Mr. Corelli played again, this time romanian folk dances which was more to us simple people's liking.

The highlight of the evening followed next in the body of Brother Einar Danielsen, Supreme Chairman of Trustees, who had come from Illinois to take part in our celebration.

Minnesota State Convention

DATE: August 22, 1959

PLACE: Austin, Minnesota, Lodge No. 111

REGISTRATION: 11 a. m., at K. of C. Hall.

Meeting, 1 p. m.; Banquet, 6:30 p. m.

Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck will be there, why not join him?

Byron W. Petersen, State Sec.

Brother Danielsen talked about the finances of the Brotherhood and about the coming convention and its significance for our future. He spelled out how tied down the Supreme Board was in f.i. using money for advertising purposes, but looked upon the future with optimism, a manifestation was that again this year we will get a dividend similar to the ones we have had for the last two years. Brother Danielsen concluded his speech with the most heartfelt congratulations from the Supreme Officers, and best wishes for the future.

We take time out here to thank Brother Danielson for coming out here and give glory to this anniversary despite a tight schedule of his own, both within the Brotherhood and his own business. The Supreme Officers can hardly imagine what it means to a lodge to have one of them present with an occasion like this, and from us shall sound a thank you for their consideration.

After Brother Danielsen's highlight, everything seems to be highlights because then came a song written by Hilmar Hansen, very unexpected but very appropriate. Another highlight came when Hilmar Hansen called upon two brothers, Axel Jensen from Ogden and E. A. Petersen, to receive their 50-year emblems and Brother Mart Jorgensen got his 25-year pin — only six years late.

As a finish Brother Hansen thanked everybody for their participating in our anniversary, thanked Brother Mart Jorgensen and Budd Hansen for donation of the beautiful flower decorations and after singing "America" everybody went home — we suppose — filled with impressions of what the Brotherhood is and means to us.

BORGE KRAGH.

A summer camp is where a boy pretends to have a good time so his parents can pretend not to worry while he's there.



Minneapolis Bowling Champions

We thank everyone connected with the tournament for the fine job done. We are going to get our names engraved on the trophy and give the balance of our winnings to the Danebo Old People's Home in Minneapolis in the name of Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 45.

STAN. JENSEN.



Left to right: Ed Aagaard, John Noer, Stan Jensen, Art Fisher, Paul Nielsen.

Here are the official scores of the tournament:

Lodge	Team	Ave.	Score	Hndep.	Total	Prize	Place
No. 45	Minneapolis 1	820	2816	378	3194	\$75.00	1st.
No. 17	Chicago 1	764	2672	495	3167	\$60.00	2nd.
No. 183	Troy, New York 1	765	2582	492	3074	\$50.00	3rd.
No. 34	Dwight, Ill. 1	816	2635	384	3019	\$45.00	4th.
No. 332	Ripon, Calif. 1	701	2401	612	3013	\$40.00	5th.
No. 167	Portland, Ore. 1	771	2526	480	3006	\$35.00	6th.
No. 322	Santa Barbara 1	754	2483	516	2999	\$30.00	7th.
No. 4	Racine 5	610	2189	819	2998	\$27.50	8th.
No. 227	Detroit 3	720	2408	588	2996	\$25.00	9th.
No. 143	Petaluma, Calif. 1	820	2606	378	2984	\$22.50	10th.
No. 283	Dagmar, Mont. 1	722	2394	582	2976	\$20.00	11th.
No. 67	Fresno, Calif.	758	2461	507	2968	\$16.25	12th. Tie
No. 170	Rocky River, Ohio	728	2398	570	2968	\$16.25	12th. Tie
No. 306	San Diego, Calif. 3	670	2270	693	2963	\$12.50	14th.
No. 182	Waukegan, Ill. 2	695	2303	639	2942	\$10.00	15th.
No. 184	Hayward, Calif. 1	724	2352	579	2931	out of money	16th.
No. 298	Chicago, Ill.	838	2590	339	2929	out of money	17th.
No. 29	Seattle, Wash. 3	610	2108	819	2927	out of money	18th.
No. 242	Erie (Jensen's)	892	2629	225	2924	out of money	19th.
No. 4	Racine, Wis. 9	833	2567	348	2915	out of money	20th.
No. 49	San Francisco 1	772	2432	477	2909	out of money	21st.
No. 242	Erie (Reislunds)	833	2558	348	2906	out of money	22nd.
No. 45	Minneapolis 2	740	2359	546	2905	out of money	23rd.
No. 4	Racine 3	743	2364	532	2896	out of money	24th.
No. 245	South Bend, Ind. 1	818	2480	381	2861	out of money	25th.
No. 4	Racine 7	648	2123	738	2861	out of money	26th.
No. 39	Oakland 1	764	2352	495	2847	out of money	27th.
No. 4	Racine 1	812	2445	393	2838	out of money	28th.
No. 4	Racine 4	622	2032	792	2824	out of money	29th.
No. 242	Erie (Reeds)	812	2426	393	2819	out of money	30th.
No. 29	Seattle 2	781	2357	459	2816	out of money	31st.
No. 116	Newark N. J.	766	2326	489	2815	out of money	32nd.
No. 306	San Diego 1	672	2128	687	2815	out of money	33rd.
No. 29	Seattle 1	599	1969	840	2809	out of money	34th.
No. 283	Dagmar, Mont. 2	643	2045	747	2792	out of money	35th.
No. 242	Erie (United Auto)	812	2398	393	2791	out of money	36th.
No. 242	Erie (Woodel)	796	2359	426	2785	out of money	37th.
No. 167	Portland 2	779	2313	462	2775	out of money	38th.
No. 92	St. Charles 1	713	2175	600	2775	out of money	39th.
No. 190	Schenectady 1	740	2223	546	2769	out of money	40th.
No. 4	Racine 2	773	2294	474	2768	out of money	41st.
No. 227	Detroit 1	661	2057	711	2768	out of money	42nd.
No. 306	San Diego 2	676	2089	678	2767	out of money	43rd.
No. 92	St. Charles 2	721	2175	585	2760	out of money	44th.
No. 273	Dillon, Mont. 2	659	2041	714	2755	out of money	45th.
No. 190	Schenectady 2	662	2036	708	2744	out of money	46th.
No. 273	Dillon 1	800	2322	420	2742	out of money	47th.
No. 4	Racine 6	635	1975	765	2740	out of money	48th.
No. 242	Erie (Beck's)	814	2337	390	2727	out of money	49th.
No. 92	St. Charles 3	688	2072	654	2726	out of money	50th.
No. 143	Petaluma 2	675	2043	681	2724	out of money	51st.

Lodge	Team	Ave.	Score	Hndep.	Total	Prize	Place
No. 49	San Francisco	690	2070	651	2721	out of money	52nd.
No. 182	Waukegan 2	741	2171	543	2714	out of money	53rd.
No. 190	Schenectady 3	667	2006	699	2705	out of money	54th.
No. 167	Portland 3	799	2277	420	2697	out of money	55th.
No. 34	Dwight, Ill. 3	572	1781	897	2688	out of money	56th.
No. 34	Dwight, Ill. 2	702	2054	624	2678	out of money	57th.
No. 35	Chicago 1	761	2176	501	2677	out of money	58th.
No. 227	Detroit 2	589	1806	861	2667	out of money	59th.
No. 29	Seattle 4	665	1924	702	2661	out of money	60th.
No. 245	South Bend 2	655	1858	723	2591	out of money	61st.

INDIVIDUAL SERIES WINNERS

Lodge No. 17	John Olsen	610	114	724	\$10.00	1st.
Lodge No. 298	Henry Petersen	635	63	698	\$ 7.50	2nd.
Lodge No. 183	Standly Fane	605	84	689	\$ 5.00	3rd.

INDIVIDUAL GAME WINNERS

Lodge No. 4	Henning Jacobsen	236	50	286	\$10.00	1st.
Lodge No. 183	Standly Fane	246	28	274	\$ 7.50	2nd.
Lodge No. 17	John Olsen	223	38	261	\$ 5.00	3rd.

Sommerbrev fra 318

Naar jeg sender et par linier igennem vort meddelelses organ Brodersamfundsbladet er det som en fælles hilsen til alle medlemmer i U. S. A. og Kanada, men det er mest mulig mindsteparten der finder synderlig interesse i at læse dansk stof, men denne lille del er jo ikke uvæsenlig set fra mit synspunkt. Vi har nu sommer over land og by og havet blaaher og om faa dage er det Skt. Hans og vi sender et antal Hekse paa en rejse til Bloksbjerg eller et andet tosetet sted, men saa haaber jeg at vejrguderne vil lade det dryppe i rig mængde for landmanden og blomsterdyrkerne sukker efter væde til moder jord.

Trækfluglene (alias) gæster fra den anden side dammen er saa smaat ved at sætte kursen mod Rebild, en af disse br. A. M. Mose fra Hartford som vi takket være br. sekr. E. Nielsen, s venlige oplysning pr. brev kunne vi byde velkommen foreløbig paa afstand men vi forventer stor invasion til vort næste logemøde. Ved det forrige møde havde vi den glæde at se br. Storm, Branton Mohr Ibsen, Pedersen fra 126, Eiler Christensen fra 325, og Alsted fra nr. 29, det luner at se saa mange finde vej til loge 318, alle havde hilsner med til os, br. Mohr hilste special fra Ejnar Madsen, Akron, Ohio, som agter sig en tur hertil næste aar, velkommen. Jeg har her nævnt lidt om midlertidige gæster, men det er mit indtryk at der ogsaa er medlemmer af D. B. eller af American Legion som nu i den modne alder oppevarer en eller anden form for Incurance, godt kunne tænke sig et mere varigt ophold i Danmark, til disse vil jeg gerne erindre om loge 318, existens og samtidig gøre opmærksom paa at vi i København bl. a, ogsaa har en American Legion Post. Nogle af vore brødre er medlemmer af begge dele, vi har jo ogsaa en Ambassade med en Ambassadør af Skandinaviske æt.

Jeg nævnede før begrebet 4, juli i Rebild Park, og erindre om at denne herlige plet nærmer sig 50, aars jubilæum, idet den officielt blev indviet aar 1912, der knytter sig mange minder til dette lille stykke Amerika, og mange traade er der samled og gemt i mindernes store bog. Vi i loge 318 er saa smaat begyndt at gøre vore egne medlemmer interesseret i en fælles rejse til Aalborg, for at fejre

jubilæet, saa vi har taget sparegrisen frem i lyset for at fede den op, den vil forhaabentlig blive rund og trind. Naar jeg skal slutte for denne gang vil jeg forinden give udtryk for at lykønske alle de brødre der saa ærefuldt er udpeget som delegater til forestaaende Convention, vi her i loge 318 haaber at resultaterne maa blive til forsat glæde gavn og tilfredshed, de samme ønsker er henvendt til vor overbestyrelse.

Med broderlig hilsen paa loge 318, vegne.

ALB. PETERSEN, Sekr.

P. S. Ved afslutning af dette lille brev har jeg været i kontakt dels ved et kort visit i mit hjem, og dels pr. telefon med yderlig 3 brodersamfundsbrødre, henholdsvis L. Frølund, Seattle; Jens Madsen og J. Jensen, San Francisco. Disse har lovet at gæste loge 318 ved førstkommende logemøde.

En speciel tak til Overpræsident for de hilsner han har ladet videresende ved vore gæster fra Seattle.

Skelbeck Knighted

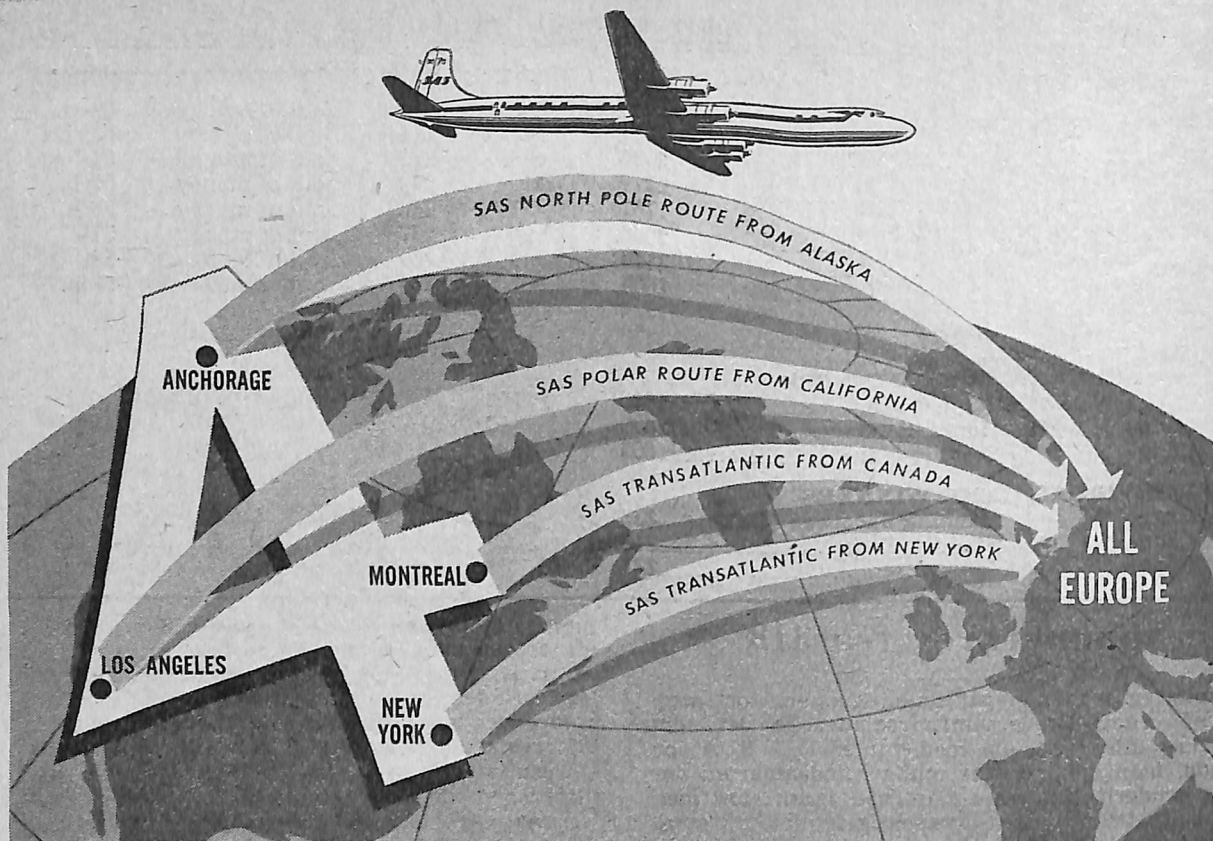
On April 27, 1959, His Majesty the King of Denmark has graciously appointed Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary for The Danish Brotherhood in America, Omaha, Nebraska, Knight of the Royal Order of Dannebrog, in recognition of the meritorious services he has rendered to The Danish Brotherhood in America.

One of the candidates in the recent election was electioneering in the farm area when a storm forced him to look for shelter at the home of a pretty widow.

"You just give me a bite to eat," the candidate said, "and I'll sleep in the barn. With you being all alone and me running for office, it wouldn't do for me to sleep in the house. Somebody would start a lot of gossip."

So the candidate slept in the barn. When he tumbled out next morning he looked into the barnyard where a dozen heifers were romping about. Then he saw the pretty widow pick up a big prod and walk over to a bull sleeping in the straw.

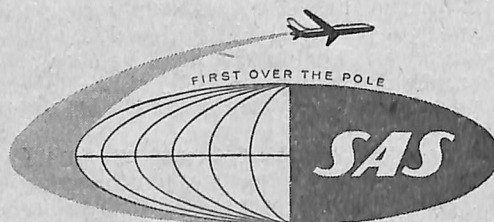
"Hey you!" she shouted, giving the bull a jab. "Do you think you're running for election, too?"



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Our Membership Problem

All of the recent articles dealing with our problems have stressed the need for stopping the membership decline, and Brother Rudolph Olsen struck an optimistic note by calling attention to the fact, that there are about half a million people of Danish birth or descent in this country, and that a fair per cent of the males should be likely prospects for Danish Brotherhood membership.

In 1955 the convention adopted a promotional program, which — good though it be — evidently has not been able to offset the loss of members caused by deaths and withdrawals. Another proposal adopted by the convention was to make the salary of the supreme president about nine times more than it ordinarily would have been, and this presumably must have been done on the assumption, that the supreme president would be able to earn this salary the only way in which it could be earned — namely, by greatly increasing our membership. This has not happened and as the other members of the supreme board probably have contributed as much time and effort to the securing of new members, I hope that either the supreme president in all fairness has shared his windfall with his co-workers, or that we may expect an announcement at the convention that he has decided to follow the example set by President Herbert Hoover, who refused to accept the presidential salary for his own use, although he undoubtedly earned it.

Let us hope that a more effective plan for increasing our membership may be adopted at the coming convention. However, in view of the fact that the immigration quota for Denmark now is less than 1200 (male and female) a year, it would be advisable for us to anticipate the possibility, that even by doing our very best we may not for long be able to get sufficient replacements to maintain our organization as a purely Danish one, so it might be well for us at this time to consider the possible formation of a Scandinavian-American Brotherhood, whose source for membership would be from a combined yearly immigration quota of 6,834 (1,175 plus 2,364 plus 3,295).

The Scandinavian Airlines system and the American-Scandinavian Foundation have operated successfully for years, so a fraternal organization composed of men from the three Scandinavian countries could probably make a go of it. As consideration of such a matter would require much time, we should authorize meetings between representatives of the Danish Brotherhood and the main Norwegian and Swedish fraternal societies in the U. S. A. for the purpose of exploring the possibility of cooperation between the three societies and an eventual merger.

WILLIAM SVENDSEN,
Lodge No. 205.

Secretaries' List

In the list of secretaries published in the March issue of the Magazine, Lodge No. 10, Council Bluffs, Iowa, was listed twice with two different secretaries. Mr. Hans V. Nielsen, 333 Elmwood Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa, is the secretary. Kindly correct the secretary's list in your possession accordingly.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

The most important subject in this issue should be our coming General Committee Eastern Lodges Convention, to be held in Schenectady, N. Y., September 5, 6 and 7 (Labor day week end). I had hoped to get more detailed information, however, it has not arrived and I am already two days past my deadline. The best I can do is to ask those of you who intend to attend the Convention, get in contact with your lodge secretary regarding hotel accommodations and prices.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, New Jersey. The Promotional Committee of that Lodge is planning to take all Juvenile members (9 years or over) to Yankee Stadium Saturday, August 15. The New York Yankees are playing the Boston Red Sox. Anyone interested can come, just contact the chairman, Alf Svantemann, 105 Carlson Parkway, Cedar Grove, or the Secretary, Paul Ifversen, 55 Roseville Ave., Newark 7, New Jersey.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Lodge meeting will be held Saturday, August 8, at 8 p. m. sharp at the Drake Hotel Club Room, 1512 Spruce St. Brother George V. Petersen, former correspondent of this column, now residing in Winterhaven, Florida, will be their guest that evening. Come out Brothers and hear his timely message. Brother George Cortsen celebrated his 75th birthday July 28. Happy Birthday, oldtimer.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, New York. Plan to attend the convention over Labor Day week end together with your family. You'll have a wonderful time, meet old friends and make new ones. You'll enjoy the fine meals served at the Danish Hall.

Lodge No. 205, Brooklyn, New York. A Memorial service was held July 12th at the Mausoleum on the grounds of the D. B. and D. S. Home, Metuchen, N. J., for Brother Magnus Larsen. Pastor Kirkegaard Jensen conducted the service and Mrs. Elsie Stub officiated at the placing of the urn. Brother Magnus Larsen will be greatly missed by Lodge No. 205, of which he had been a most active and dependable member for many years. A few months ago Brother Magnus moved from Brooklyn, to Amsterdam, N. Y., where he passed away June 24th. The delayed Danish Brotherhood service conducted at the Mausoleum was attended by his family and many of his friends.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Connecticut. The Hartford Lodge picnic will this year be held Sunday, August 16, at the Swedish Social Club in Burlington. Take Route 6 from Hartford, turn right on Jerome Ave. in Bristol to So. Main St. in Burlington, turn left and look for sign. Members, their families and friends, also neighboring lodges, are all welcome. Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Sweet Corn, Coffee, Ice Cream, Ice Cold Drinks and Beer on tap will be served all afternoon. There will be games and races for prizes for the children. Admission is \$1.50 for Adults. Children under 16 free. Remember there

will be no tickets sold at the park, so order your ticket before August 10 from the Committee or the Stewards at the Club. The Committee has worked very hard for this affair, so let us all be at the picnic Sunday, August 16.

Brother Anton Mose, who is visiting Denmark, visited Lodge No. 318, Copenhagen. He was given a royal welcome, which pleases all of us here in No. 314. Thanks No. 318, we knew you would come through. Brother Mose deserves it and appreciates it more than words can say. The Mose family is having the time of their lives in the old country and tells us it is a real "Fairylend," I guess we all agree.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pennsylvania. The chairman of the entertainment for the Juveniles of this lodge is Saturday, July 25 taking about 15 of the boys to the Baseball game in Cleveland, they are all Indian fans. Brother and Mrs. Louis Hansen left Erie and is settling down in St. Petersburg, Florida. Brother Soren Melgaard celebrated his 60th birthday Friday, July 17. Happy Birthday, Soren, we all hope you'll celebrate 60 more.

Walking past a church one day, we saw a sign that said, "Make your worst enemy your best friend."

As we rounded the corner to the side of the building, we saw a second sign: "Drink is man's worst enemy."

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Resolutions

PETER M. SORENSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

We mourn the loss of a Brother and a friend
Yet know that we shall meet again.
To you, his dear ones, please may we say,
Accept our sympathy, this solemn day.

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

Everett Henriksen, Pres.
Carl Olsen, Sec.

PAUL G. WIBECK, Denver, Colo.

In memory of our departed brother, Paul G. Wibeck, who passed away on June 25, 1959, this resolution was adopted by Columbine Lodge No. 43.

Be it further 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 our Charter be draped in his memory for a period of thirty days, that this resolution be inserted in our regular minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Orla Dal, Pres.
John Sorensen, Sec.

EMIL MARTIN MIKKELSEN, Denver, Colorado

In memory of our departed brother, Emil Martin Mikkelsen, who passed away on June 18, 1959, this resolution was adopted by Columbine Lodge No. 43.

Be it further 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 our Charter be draped in his memory for a period of thirty days, that this resolution be inserted in our regular minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Orla Dal, Pres.
John Sorensen, Sec.

GEORGE HANSEN, Dillon, Montana

In memory of our departed brother, George Hansen, who passed away April 22, 1959:

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. 273, Dillon, Montana.

Arthur Christensen, Pres.
Willis F. Koeneke, Sec.

HANS MIKKELSEN, Dillon, Montana

In memory of our departed brother, Hans Mikkelsen, who passed away May 1, 1959, the following resolution was adopted by Dillon Lodge No. 273:

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 thirty days and that this resolution be entered in our Lodge minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 273, Dillon, Montana.

Arthur Christensen, Pres.
Willis F. Koeneke, Sec.

ANTON KNUDSEN, Toledo, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Anton Knudsen, who passed away May 22, 1959, this resolution was adopted by Toledo Lodge No. 233:

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

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in his memory for thirty days and that this resolution be inserted in our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

John Hansen, Pres.
Hans Soe, Sec.

Mr. and Mrs. John Madsen



We are pleased to present a picture of Mr. and Mrs. John Madsen, Ringsted, Iowa, Lodge No. 134, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on May 24, at the St. John's Parish Hall in Ringsted, Iowa, at the hours of 2 to 5 in the afternoon with 200 of their friends wishing them many more years of wedded life.

John has been an active and loyal member of the Brotherhood since 1924. Marie is a social member of Sisterhood Lodge No. 52.

Our sincere congratulations to a fine couple.

NIELS J. NIELSEN,
President of Lodge No. 134.

EDNA NIELSEN,
Secretary, Lodge No. 52, DSS.

Very indignant at being arrested, the man staggered into the police station and faced the captain. "What I wanna know," he demanded, "is why I've been arrested!"

"You've been brought in for drinking," answered the captain.

"Well, thass different — thass fine — let's get started."

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN

417 Market Street, San Francisco 5, California

Lodge No. 49 just received a greeting from its member, Brother James Jensen, who is making his first trip back to Denmark in 40 years. The card stated he had attended a Danish Brotherhood meeting on board the good ship, the Stockholm, en route to Denmark. It sure is nice the company make such arrangements for our members. And I do hope all member visiting Denmark this summer will not forget to visit Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen.

As most of you will remember the Danish ship, Hans Hedtoft disappeared with all hands near Greenland some months ago, without leaving a bit of trace of any kind. After the disaster a fund was started in Denmark called "Grønlandfunden af 1959," in order to raise money to help and assist the many children who were left fatherless and motherless. The various Danish Consulates in this country are now accepting donations to the fund.

In connection with this a Danish 2 Kroner was placed on sale through the Consulates, which was minted in connection with the coming of age of the heir to the Danish Throne, Princess Margrethe. Our good friend, George Hansen, an officer of the General Committee, purchased a good many of these 2 Kroner and is now willing to sell 50 of them at \$10 each. The \$10 will in turn be donated to the fund. You may send your \$10 direct to Brother George Hansen, 117 North Road, Belmont, California. By doing this you will not only secure a coin that is not in circulation, but you will also help a cause that is worthy of your consideration.

I am just in receipt of the convention program here it is:

Thursday, September 3

Registration of delegates and visitors will take place on the Mezzanine floor of the Hollywood Roosevelt hotel, a representative of the Chamber of Commerce will be present and assist the committee. Be sure to register as soon as you arrive. At the same time you will assist the convention committee greatly if you will buy your season ticket which will cost you only \$10 per person. This ticket will take care of all the arrangements at the hotel including the banquet, or as the committee tells me, it will take care of everything except your board and room.

Between the hours of 5 and 6 p. m. there will be a cocktail party in conference room "A" on the Mezzanine floor. This will help to get the stage set properly for the affairs to come.

At 8 p. m. All delegates and visitors will assemble in the Blossom room on the first floor and speeches of welcome will be given by His Honor Mayor Poulson of Los Angeles, Royal Danish Consul Ryan Grut, Supreme Presidents Otto Nielsen and Margaret Sundby. The Postmaster of Los Angeles, Otto Olesen, and the two State Presidents and others will speak. However, the program will be held to 60 minutes.

At 9 p. m. local entertainment lasting 32 minutes. At 9:32 p. m., refreshments, and from 10 p. m., dance until midnight.

Friday, September 4

At 9 a. m. the two General Committees will meet on the Mezzanine floor of the Hotel. The Sisters will meet in the Redwood room and the Brothers in the Aviation room. The meetings will continue all day, with a break at 10 a. m. and at 3 p. m. for refreshments.

At 8 p. m., entertainment in the Blossom room on the first floor. Refreshments served at 10 p. m. and dancing until 1 a. m.

Saturday, September 5

Meetings all morning with a break at 10 a. m.

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May 14	Ross Nielsen	56	Odense, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1923	Not reported	\$1,000.00
June 3	John Cate	57	Kenosha, Wis.	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1921	Brain tumor	250.00
May 18	Andrew E. Rasmussen	60	Odense, Denmark	298	Chicago, Ill.	1924	Heart disease	250.00
June 5	Chris. H. Syndergaard	92	Tylstrup, Haderslev	144	Dike, Iowa	1903	Arteriosclerosis	777.23
Mar. 19	Leo Ringsted	77	Copenhagen, Den.	164	New York, N. Y.	1921	Aspiration asphyxi	250.00
June 7	Andrew Andersen	93	Jylland, Denmark	67	Fresno, Calif.	1902	Pulmonary edema	771.67
May 23	O. Johannes Remmert	67	Copenhagen, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1915	Arteriosclerosis	500.00
June 15	Gustav Tillman	53	Kenosha, Wis.	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1944	Coro. occlusion	250.00
June 4	Ralph J. LaValle	70	Manistee, Mich.	20	Manistee, Mich.	1936	Cardiac insuff.	125.00
May 30	Marius C. Lautrup	71	Holsted, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1911	Myo. infarction	1,000.00
June 14	Albert Jensen	59	Vester, Hassing	147	Newell, Iowa	1929	Not reported	500.00
June 22	Kristen B. Andersen	79	Heltborg, Th'ed, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1904	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
June 24	Peter M. Sorensen	78	Hov. Aalborg, Den.	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1899	Carcinoma	808.64
June 10	Henry Carstens	85	Chicago, Ill.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
June 25	Fred W. Hansen	54	San Francisco, Calif.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1927	Not reported	500.00
June 26	Peter M. Mortensen	79	Magleby, Amager, Den.	116	Newark, N. J.	1914	Acute coronary insuff.	250.00
June 26	Niels Christensen	77	Ulsted, Denmark	7	Cedar Falls, Iowa	1906	Cerebral accident	468.72
June 24	Magnus A. Larsen	62	Odense, Denmark	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1936	Cere. hemorrhage	250.00
July 7	Leonard Nielsen	74	Copenhagen, Den.	173	Kansas City, Kansas	1906	Carcinoma	1,000.00

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for refreshments. It is hoped the two organizations will have completed their meetings by noon.

At 2:30 p. m., joint installation of the newly elected officers. Danish Folk Dancers Drill team will perform.

At 7 p. m., banquet in the Blossom Room on the first floor. There will be door prizes, six of them. Each a case of six small bottles of Danish wine, donated by Brother Per Venge. Dancing from 9 to 1 a. m.

Such in short is the program and I think you will agree that it is an interesting one. May I ask you to be sure to get your season ticket as soon as you arrive so the committee may know how many people will attend the various functions. The committee with Brother Paul Herskind and his able co-chairman, Sister Minnie Hansen, has planned an excellent program for us and into such planning have gone much work for the entire committee. The least we can do is to cooperate when we arrive. Another thing, if you have not made your reservation at the hotel, get it in as soon as possible. Your secretaries have reservation cards. All you have to do is to ask for them. If I can be of assistance to anyone going down from the northern end of the state just let me know and I shall do the rest. See the July issue for the cost of transportation to Hollywood.

May I again remind the secretaries to send me the number of insured and juvenile members initiated between August 1, 1958 and August 1, 1959, as well as the names of the sponsors. As you know, we have some very nice prizes for memberships and if some member of your lodge is entitled to a prize I must have his name prior to August 10.

I have just learned that my old friend, Brother Bethel Primdahl Petersen, passed away recently in Los Angeles. He had been a member of Lodge No. 126 for many years and was affectionately known as "Bedstefar." If I am not mistaken he was well past 85 years and lived a long and useful life. He was always full of fun and good humor. Besides the Brotherhood he was a member of Dania, København Klubben, Singing Society "Luren" and the Masonic order.

As I have been asked to make my article short, this will be all for now. See you at the convention.

As you know, we have a lodge in West Palm Beach, Florida, not a large one, but a very good one and when they come together there, they really have a fine time.

It is not alone the Brotherhood, but the Danish Club in Miami, and the group in Tampa, and St. Petersburg, too.

Of course, it does seem rather odd when so many Danes come together that we find so few are members of the Danish Brotherhood. WHY?

I would like to tell you that the week end of the 5th of June about 150 were present to celebrate the Danish Independence day, this was in Sebring, sponsored by the Club in Miami. Present were families from all over. Saturday was spent at the Clayton Motel, singing, dancing and music all afternoon, and on Sunday the whole group gathered at the park just outside Sebring, there speeches were heard, singing, both American and Danish, and everybody brought their lunch. We will not mention names as too many were willing to help.

Then the week end of the 4th of July, again, a large gathering at the home of Brother Andy Andersen in Pahokee. This time it was the D. B.; but Brother Andersen and Mrs. Andersen were the hostesses. Believe me, this couple really deserve a lot of thanks for the way they treated all of us. Too bad it started to rain just as we arrived and were ready to eat our lunch, but it turned out to be just fine and everybody enjoyed this party.

We know that Andy invites everybody annually to this party and you cannot go to a finer place. Again, we would like to say that you all do a wonderful job here in Florida.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

Stenographer Wanted

A member of the Danish Brotherhood who can take shorthand is wanted to report the official proceedings of the National Convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, during the week, beginning September 28, 1959. Write to Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

Egotist: a man who thinks that if he hadn't been born, people would want to know why.

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