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## *Welcome to Omaha*

**Y**OU ARE most cordially invited to come and share in the friendship and fellowship and hospitality which will be extended to everyone at the NATIONAL CONVENTION – September 28 through October 2.



Located in North Omaha near the Mormon bridge which spans the Missouri river and connects Nebraska with Iowa, is the famed statue "Winter Quarters," dedicated to the Mormons wintering in Omaha in 1846. This Statue overlooks a huge bronze plaque which lists the names of the people who died during the severe winter.

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## Convention Message

The Omaha Convention committee is all set to greet delegates and visitors at the National Convention in Omaha, September 28 through October 2. As previously stated, registration starts Sunday morning, September 27. An elaborate opening ceremony is scheduled for 10 a. m., September 28. At the get-acquainted party Monday evening in the Sheraton Fontenelle Hotel, the Danish Sisterhood Drill Team will perform. Also entertaining us will be the folk dancers from Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. Both of these groups have won renown among the Danes in this vicinity for a number of years, the drill team having performed at various Brotherhood and Sisterhood affairs, state conventions, the Sisterhood convention, etc., and the folk dancers at numerous Danish functions in Omaha, as well as with the Omaha Symphony orchestra this summer, and both groups have been well received whenever they have performed.

Tuesday evening is the lodge meeting in our neighboring lodge No. 10, across the river in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the ladies will be entertained by the Sisterhood lodges in Dannebrog Hall, Omaha.

Wednesday evening is left open so that delegates and visitors may call on friends or relatives.

Thursday evening is the highlight of the convention, the gala banquet and dance in the Sheraton Fontenelle Hotel. We hope to seat 600 people at the banquet, and the best available music has been engaged for the grand ball to follow.

Friday evening is the farewell party, also to be held at the Sheraton Fontenelle. Sightseeing trips

are also being arranged and will be announced during the convention. The program committee, consisting of Supreme Officers Axel Skelbeck and Fred Jensen, with Dr. Robert A. Sauter, have done a tremendous job in assembling a program book that will be treasured as a valuable souvenir to all participants, and all of the various committees have executed their individual tasks in harmony and unison, the result of which will be obvious at the convention. We know that everything has been done to make the social part of the convention a grand success and we sincerely hope that the ultimate outcome of the convention itself will be such that it will serve as a shot in the arm and tend to rejuvenate our beloved Brotherhood. Again we urge all members to join the delegates in Omaha and help make this the greatest and most encouraging convention in the history of the Brotherhood.

Paa gensyn,

AXEL OLSEN,

Member of Publicity Committee.

## Introducing

By Jul. Andersen

Ib T. Barfod was born in Frederiksborg, Denmark, September 26, 1921, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Poul Tang Barfod resided. He received a wonderful education in Denmark. Graduated from Saint Jorgens School in 1939 and later became a Chemical Engineer at the Danish Academy in 1944.

He decided to emigrate to the United States in 1948. He had studied the English language while in Denmark. He married a charming lady from New Orleans, and they have two children, a girl and a boy.

The Chemical Company he was working for sent him to St. Louis, and when he heard about No. 191 of the Danish Brotherhood being in that city, he joined it in the month of February, 1958, and got to be a real friend of the secretary, Albert Jensen, who died shortly afterwards. The lodge appointed Brother Barfod as secretary to take the place of Alfred. Brother Barfod should some day be well known throughout the entire Brotherhood and may some day be a leader among our native members as well as others who are born in the United States. He carries the largest insurance of any other member of No. 191 and is quite a lot younger than most of the other members.

#### LETTERS FROM AMERICA

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# Financial Report

JULY 31, 1959

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance July 1 .....	\$43,821.91
Assessments .....	9,699.34
Interest on investments .....	12,573.60
Interest on certificate loans .....	9.00
Bonds matured .....	8,000.00
Premium on currency exchange .....	25.10
	<u>\$74,128.95</u>
Disbursements:	
Death claims .....	\$14,921.01
Cash surrender .....	724.05
Certificate loans .....	230.00
Current investment expense .....	833.00
Interest collection expense .....	8.00
Second Quarter investment expense .....	475.00
Cash balance July 31, 1959 .....	56,937.89
	<u>\$74,128.95</u>

## General Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance July 1, 1959 .....	\$12,680.81
Miscellaneous income from regular sources .....	856.20
Interest on investments .....	150.00
Per Capita tax .....	236.00
Transfer of investment expense from Mortuary Fund .....	475.00
	<u>\$14,398.01</u>
Disbursements:	
Employer Social Security tax .....	\$ 19.94
Advertising, printing and stationery .....	271.70
Emblem boxes .....	43.85
Office expenses .....	21.51
Nebraska unemployment tax, sec. quarter .....	3.05
Postage, telephone and telegrams .....	67.25
Printing and mailing official publication .....	386.97
Rent and light .....	198.76
Salaries to officers and employes .....	798.00
Cash balance July 31, 1959 .....	12,586.98
	<u>\$14,398.01</u>

## Fraternal Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance July 1, 1959 .....	\$26,190.46
Taxes .....	16.50
	<u>\$26,206.96</u>
Disbursements:	
Special aid allowed .....	\$ 774.00
Cash balance July 31, 1959 .....	25,432.96
	<u>\$26,206.96</u>

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance July 1, 1959 .....	\$ 3,293.55
Assessments .....	265.77
	<u>\$ 3,559.32</u>
Disbursements:	
None .....	
Cash balance July 31, 1959 .....	\$ 3,559.32
	<u>\$ 3,559.32</u>

## Promotional Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance July 1, 1959 .....	\$ 4,687.88
Taxes .....	79.50
	<u>\$ 4,767.38</u>
Disbursements:	
For advertising folders .....	\$ 55.65
Cash balance July 31, 1959 .....	4,711.73
	<u>\$ 4,767.38</u>
Assets	
Investments:	
Mortuary Fund .....	\$4,123,846.50
Juvenile Fund .....	10,000.00
Fraternal Fund .....	248,000.00
General Fund .....	55,000.00
Cash in bank .....	103,228.88
	<u>\$4,540,075.38</u>

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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By **NORBERT E. GROVE**, Dist. Secretary-Treasurer  
12424 Rebecca Drive Southwest, Tacoma 99, Washington

As the elected delegate of your local lodge, you became a member of the official law-making body of the Danish Brotherhood now soon to convene at Omaha. Your first duty as you arrive in the White Spot City of Nebraska is to think of the Supreme Board family to whom you will entrust our beloved fraternity the next four years. New men are many times suggested for cultivation purposes rather than for immediate nomination and election. Your thoughtful recommendations will be appreciated, I am sure, by all DB members everywhere. May we at this time extend good wishes to all National Conventioneers and their families from the Oregon, Washington and Canadian Danish brothers.

Although the august body of Portland convention delegates were asked to stand in memory of our departed brothers, I would have liked to see special tribute made to the first of our past district presidents who has been called away. We can thank the late Brother John A. Hansen for many good ideas in our organization as well as in our local lodges. Kristine, his good wife and a Past Supreme Officer of the Sisterhood, was not present at Portland but John's two brothers, Einar and Otto, took an active part in all discussions.

Sitting here at my typewriter and thinking of DB 29 at the moment, my mind drifts down to Enumclaw and I reminisce on their Sixtieth Anniversary celebration. The then "Veep" Jens Nielsen from Seattle, who had actually served his DB apprenticeship in the Vancouver, B. C. lodge before becoming active in our largest DB lodge's affairs, commented on the unusual number of Enumclaw old timers, charter members and honored brothers whose first name happened to be "Jens."

Speaking of Brother Jens Nielsen, we did mention in another article that he made an outstanding annual lodge report at Portland, followed by another interesting and complete account from Vancouver, B. C.'s Jack Jensen. Junction City's Sigurd Nielsen reported for DB 268, Henry Barreth made Portland's resume, Milton Hansen was proud of McMinnville's 39 per cent lodge attendance, Past District President Ingvard Eskeberg brought regards from the Inland Empire, Delegate Aksel Petersen of Wilbur brought greetings in behalf of good old Svend Gommessen to whom was sent a souvenir program on which each Conventioneer had signed his or her name, C. Fred Christensen enumerated Tacoma's accomplishments and Henry Hergert in reporting for Enumclaw, put in a "plug" for Past District President Carl Grove's Voluntary Birthday Club.

A serious and deep thinking man, Past District President Ingvard Eskeberg of Spokane, who represents Pacific Realty, has taken time out to evaluate the results and accomplishments of our annual conventions with an almost negative answer outside of the good fellowship derived. With so many time-consuming minor details during our official sessions, Vard firmly believes that previous planning and closer contact with affiliated lodges during the year would bring forth major ideas worthy of discus-

sion and consideration to better advantage. One of Vind's DB 42 preliminary plans for next summer's conclave include the initiation of new members, a function common in the early days of our district — each lodge bringing at least one candidate to the event. It was at the very first gathering that Jack Bech, also of the Inland Empire City, and yours truly were initiated into the DBS. Another of the Bech sons, Dick, who is in the Industrial Department of the North Pacific Lumber Company in Portland, frequented the recent convention as a visiting brother.

It is our pleasure to advise you that the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges will be entertained May 20, 21 and 22, as Spokane hosts the Eleventh Annual District Convention in 1960. This choice bit of news comes officially from Secretary L. Mortensen of DB 42. It is too early to give you details on all that is being planned for you Brothers and Sisters, but it is not too early to start planning for the big week end. We can assure you that you have never seen genuine Red Carpet Hospitality until you have sampled the Inland Empire product. The Eskebergs, the Bechs, the Mortensens, the Holms,

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the Briggs, Hugo Dahl and all the other wonderful people who hosted the 1952 regatta have one common objective: to offer a convention that will inspire better leadership and stronger participation while also renewing our yearly friendships. I should like to ask all secretaries to make these dates known to your members and urge them to look forward to three days of enjoyment and fellowship next May.

Sonia and I spent a very delightful afternoon and evening at the lovely Kent home of Brother Mads Mauritsen and his charming hostess wife, Marie, as we followed the hydros at Lake Washington in the Gold Cup Race. Between heats, we were served cocktails and fancy morsels of food and with 60 or more representatives of the Danish Colony sharing the Mauritsen hospitality, we actually thought we were attending another Brotherhood and Sisterhood Convention. Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Seattle, was there as was also Past District Presidents C. Ed Hirsch, Portland, and Carl N. Grove, Enumclaw. Past District Trustee Chairman Martin Rasmussen arrived in time from Denmark to enjoy the gathering. This was the 52nd annual running of the famous boat race, the Kentucky Derby of unlimited hydroplane racing, and we understand that Mads and Marie have staged a like Gold Cup Lawn picnic for several years. "Mange Tak."

Richard Thomas, a young Tacoman of 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Thomas and grandson of District Sisterhood President Ablone Jorgensen, is recuperating in a Mount Vernon hospital after his souped-up auto racer went out of control at 150 miles an hour. Hospitalized with concussions, multiple fractures of the jaw and numerous internal bruises, Dick's accident occurred during a drag race at Bayport Airport when his speeder tore through a barbed wire fence, flew 75 feet through the air and then landed upright. Blinded by oil on his goggles, was the reason for the mishap as related by young Thomas as he crawled out of the wreck unaided.

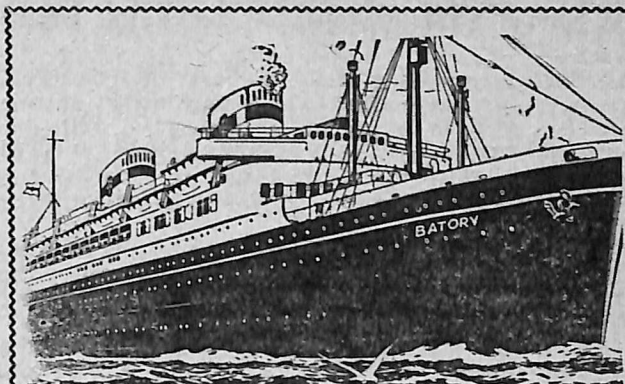
I was once reprimanded by the then Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen to be careful not to give too much credit for the success of the Northwest Danish Home to "Den Dansk Brodersamfund" as churches and other groups would object. Now as I review the annual reports of President J. H. Clausen, Secretary Chris Hansen and Treasurer Joseph Matsen, all active members of Seattle's DB, I am wondering just how the Home would have fared these many years if it wasn't for the Danish Brotherhood. Not only is Otto and the mentioned officers a vital part of this benevolent home for the aged, but the entire Queen City membership, as well as the members of Enumclaw, Tacoma, Portland, McMinnville, Bellingham, Astoria, Wilbur and Spokane Danish Lodges.

It was a warm day, and a dull case concerning the rights of river commissioners was being argued.

Counsel made speeches of interminable length, and the judge fell into a doze.

"But, we must have water here, your honor," thundered the defending lawyer in such stentorian tones that the judge came to.

"All right," he mumbled hastily, "but only a very little in mine!"



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## When You Lose a Loved One

Help in avoiding the "morass of confusion, anxiety, and depression" which may affect anyone on the death of a parent, a husband, a wife, or child is offered in a new pamphlet, **WHEN YOU LOSE A LOVED ONE**, published recently by the Public Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th Street, New York City.

Written by Ernest Osborne, Professor of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, the 25-cent booklet deals not only with the surprising and somewhat disturbed reactions of many individuals when suddenly bereaved but also with the difficult problem of interpreting death to children.

"It is understandable that the death of one with whom one has had an intimate relationship brings a pervasive feeling of loss," Mr. Osborne writes. "What is less well recognized is that this feeling of loss may be taken as a personal slight, the feeling that the departed has run away.

"Yet on a deep emotional level, such feelings of desertion, deprivation and resentment are to be expected. If we know this, we are likely to be able to cope with them more positively."

Similarly, Mr. Osborne adds, "our fears often give rise to anger . . . . We are angry that this should happen to us . . . . We cannot see why we should have been picked out for such tribulations . . . . these are childish reactions. But there is nothing shameful in having childish reactions when one is first faced with an overwhelmingly new and different experience."

Feelings of guilt are also common, Mr. Osborne points out. "At times, we all have hateful or negative feelings towards those with whom we are the closest. Few of us feel that we have been or done all that we might toward husband, wife, father, or mother. The fact of their death, and the knowledge that from now on there is nothing we can do to 'make up' to them, can be a very heavy burden."

"To realize that humans may have 'undesirable' reactions when they lose a loved one may be a helpful thing to all of us," Mr. Osborne concludes. "For in bereavement it is normal to feel deserted or rejected. To sense anger in midst of grief, to be temporarily unable to face the reality of death, to have guilt feelings about real or fancied things said or done toward the deceased . . . is something of an antidote in itself. When we know that such reactions are not unusual, we are much more likely to be able to assimilate them and move on to healthier feelings."

Mr. Osborne also makes a number of suggestions about the practical aspects of funeral arrangements. "For many families," he points out, "the money paid for a funeral is one of the largest expenditures made during a lifetime. Failure to take prudent safeguards can create hardships."

"Sometimes over-elaborate funerals are purchased by families whose economic circumstances do not warrant expenditures," he warns. "The desire to do what is 'right,' the fear that people will think they are miserly, and the feeling that nothing is too good for the deceased, make such over-expensive funerals easy to sell."

"WHEN YOU LOSE A LOVED ONE" is the 269th in the Public Affairs Pamphlet series which is now in its 23rd year. The series has included many

other distinguished titles covering social and economic problems, family relations, health and inter-group relations.

## American History

On AUGUST 11, 1919 — forty years ago — Andrew Carnegie, Scotch-born American industrialist and philanthropist, died at Lenox, Massachusetts, at the age of 84. He began his career as a bobbin-boy in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, at \$1.20 a week, then became a messenger in the Pittsburgh telegraph office. At the age of 16 he was one of the first operators in the United States able to take messages by sound. He became private secretary and telegrapher to the general superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad and later rose to the position of superintendent. He performed notable services for the Union forces during the Civil War. Afterward, Carnegie resigned from the Pennsylvania Railroad to devote himself to the iron, oil, and other businesses. In the following decades, during which the United States topped British steel production, Carnegie added to his holdings and by 1900, the Carnegie Steel Company, organized the preceding year, controlled the bulk of U. S. steel production. Carnegie sold his company to the interests that formed the United States Steel Corporation, retired and devoted himself to philanthropy. He set up trusts and foundations, among them the Carnegie Institution of Washington, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. He also endowed numerous libraries throughout the world.

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## Minnesota State Convention

The fraternal paths and by-ways all lead to the Brotherhood state convention at Austin, Minnesota, on Saturday August 22. The humidity was high but the temperature bearable. No dust flew as the night before Austin had had from three to five inches of rain. Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck found this out the hard way coming into Austin Friday night. The deluge was so terrific that visibility was zero and they had to pull over to the curb. A few minutes later the water started to seep in at floor board level and Brother Axel had to seek a higher level on which to park. Saturday afternoon the meeting was opened by Brother Bert Godfredsen, and after welcoming the state order, turned the gavel over to State President Arol D. Hansen and the state officers, with Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck and Ex-Supreme President Svend Petersen seated as guests on either side of the president.

Following are the minutes of a very lively meeting:

The United Lodges of Danish Brotherhood in Minnesota State Convention was called to order by President Arol Hansen at 1:30 o'clock, Saturday, August 22, 1959, at the K of C hall in Austin, with 13 delegates, five state officers, 16 DB members and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck in attendance.

Delegates from the following lodges were present: Lodge No. 73, Alden, one; Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, two; Lodge No. 85, Rochester, two; Lodge No. 96, Jackson, two; Lodge No. 111, Austin, two; Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, two; and Lodge No. 263, Askov, two.

Minutes of the 1958 state convention in Minneapolis were read and approved on motion carried.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$177.76 as of September 6, 1958, with expenditures of \$100.27, leaving a balance of \$77.49. Receipts were \$51.10, leaving a balance of \$128.59 for the year of 1959. A motion was made and seconded, to accept the treasurer's report as read, and audited by the State Trustee present, Bert Godfredsen.

A discussion on the Amendments and New Proposals to the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws was led by Svend Petersen of Askov as moderator.

The first proposal discussed was Article IV of Incorporation. Axel Skelbeck had explained the new amendment by the Supreme Board thoroughly, then opinions were called for by the delegates, all were in favor of the amendment but one lodge.

The next discussion was on the Constitution, Section 3, as submitted by the Supreme Board. All delegates were in favor but one.

Under voluntary insurance the delegates were pretty much divided in their opinion half and half.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to let Rochester have the 1960 convention.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to pay bills amounting to \$37.15.

Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck spoke briefly and thanked for the opportunity of being present.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President: Charles Eastlund, 1320 Marshall St.

Albert Lea; Vice-President: John McMichael, 308 Bauman, Austin; Secretary: Byron Petersen, Askov; Treasurer: Chris Lund, 309 — 9th St. N. W., Rochester; Trustee: A. W. Nielsen, 108 Bluff Ave., Jackson; Trustee: Carl Pedersen, 2639 Lyndale Ave. N., Minneapolis; Trustee: Ove Hermansen, Askov.

The officers-elect were installed by Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck in a short but impressive ceremony.

Bert Godfredsen started a discussion on Axel Skelbeck's vacation — how much and how long for a man who has worked for 37 years for the D. B. The delegates from Minnesota to the National Convention in Omaha were to draw up a schedule of vacation time and present it from the floor.

The secretary was instructed to draw up a resolution thanking Lodge No. 111, Austin, for their hospitality at the state convention.

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

Meeting adjourned on motion carried at 5:10 o'clock.

A roast beef banquet at 6:30 o'clock was held at Nelson's Hospitality Room. Bert Godfredsen was the toastmaster and introduced Charles Eastlund, Danish Brotherhood State President; Mrs. John McMichael, Danish Sisterhood State President; Svend Petersen, Ex-President, introduced Thora Collins, Supreme Secretary of the Danish Sisterhood and Axel Skelbeck presented a 50-year pin to Sophus Petersen.

The gathering then adjourned to the hall again for social visiting and dancing, with music furnished by Arol Hansen of Askov and Niels Larsen of Austin.

BYRON W. PETERSEN,  
State Secretary.

In saying goodbye, many voices expressed the same opinion: "We had a very good meeting." "Much was accomplished." "A much better understanding of the proposed changes." As again the Brotherhood trails lead homeward there was a feeling of a bigger and better united, state organization. A very evident urge was voiced to promote and build up the Danish Brotherhood to greater heights.

Thank you, host Lodge No. 111 of Austin.

Fraternally,

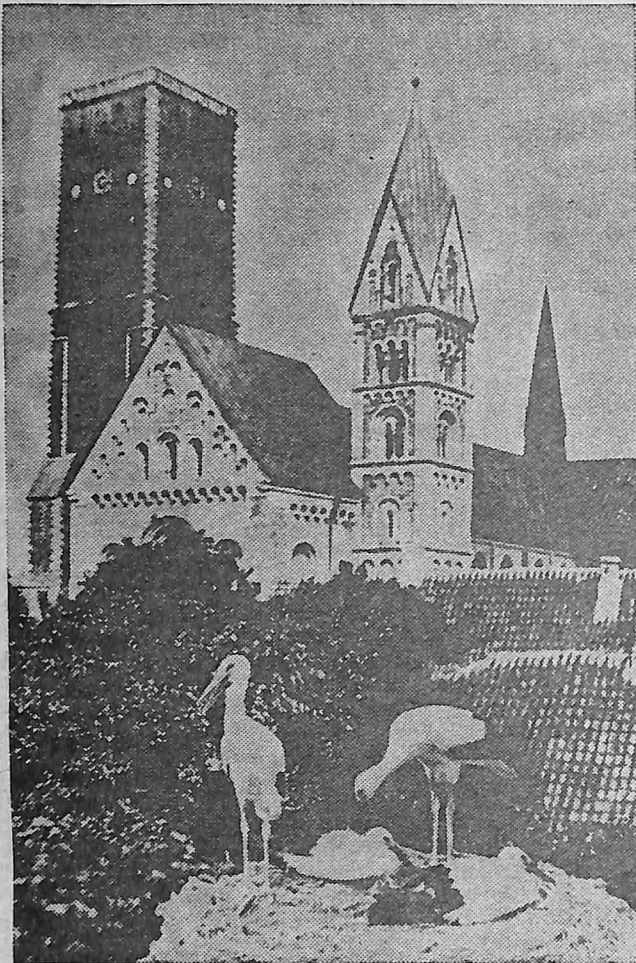
AROL D. HANSEN,  
Askov, Minnesota.

P.S.—Being as it was Axel Skelbeck's 39th birthday (so the man said) we sang Happy Birthday. He thanked us very nicely, but then his wife stood up and confessed that he was really fifty-five.

Forty years ago it took only 100 horsepower to keep a combat plane in the air. Today it takes 250 horsepower to carry a 115-pound female to the corner grocery.—Industrial Press Service.



## Disintegration



The recent stork census in Denmark lists 288 storks compared to some 4,000 once upon a time. What is the reason for the decline? Are people mean to storks? No, on the contrary, these birds are held in warm affection.

Exactly the same thing is happening to the Danish Brotherhood. Once upon a time, back in the twenties to be exact, we had more than 20,000 members, now we are down to approximately 10,000. Back in the old days everyone had straight life insurance, because that was the only thing we had to sell in that line, and previous to 1919 the insurance assessments were pretty much on a mutual basis — that is, collect only as many assessments as were needed to pay the bills.

Now we have 20-year pay policies, extended insurance policies, cash surrender, loan value, cash value, juvenile term policies, etc., all compulsory. Yet our membership continues to go down hill. In view of this it can hardly be argued that compulsory insurance is the backbone of our society.

I do not intend to argue that voluntary insurance is a cureall for our ailment; but it is a known fact that the selling of life insurance today is a highly specialized profession operated on a highly competitive basis by professional business men. What chance then does the average member of the

Brotherhood have for getting new members when it is required that he sell him something he doesn't know anything about? In today's business world you have to have the "know how" to sell anything.

In view of this, I am in favor of letting each lodge be the sole judge of who they want as members. After they have joined the local lodge, then they are eligible to buy our life insurance, if they qualify; they are able to join the local sick benefit fund, if they qualify; etc., etc.

Eliminate as much red tape as possible and let the local lodge take in as members such persons as they believe will become good members.

And by the way, let's make the per capita tax the same for everyone.

SVEND PETERSEN,  
Ex-Supreme President.

## Luckless Legion

More than 2,800,000 Americans were drafted into the Luckless Legion of automobile casualties in 1958.

In its annual highway safety booklet entitled "The Luckless Legion," The Travelers Insurance Companies pointed out "This is an army of suffering humanity which grows more rapidly each year. It is made up of the injured and the dead, the heedless and the innocent, the young and the old. Since the automobile first appeared on the American scene, these ranks of the crippled and the dead have included more than 60,000,000 of us."

The Luckless Legion is a silent, haunted army. We erect no monuments to it. No grim reminders mar the sleek beauty of the roads and highways which are its field of battle. A newspaper headline, perhaps, marks the induction of the latest recruit. Then silence. Silent suffering. A lifetime of pain. Or the silent memories of those who mourn when the dead are laid to rest.

There were 36,700 men, women and children numbered among the dead of the Luckless Legion during the past year. For every fatality there were 77 people who suffered painful injuries. Hour by hour and day by day, this total climbed until it reached the staggering total of 2,825,000.

Injuries during the past year rose 12 per cent — twice the rate of increase for the previous year. In the rising curve of injuries lies the greatest waste of property and human resources in our nation. Behind the lines of our efforts toward national progress, the Luckless Legion stands as a vast fifth column.

Statistics, pledges and slogans do not seem to change us. Something more is needed. During 1959, the Luckless Legion will be meeting in our community . . . on a stretch of highway, in a hospital room, in the morgue.

You alone will know when the meeting time is near. In the temptation to bear down a little harder on the gas, to beat the darkness home, to test your reflexes when they are dulled by sleep or alcohol, to jay-walk on crowded streets, to forget caution when weather and road conditions are bad. During 1959, every time you are behind the wheel of a car, remember that the Luckless Legion is looking for recruits. Don't be one.

Automobile-bicycle collisions during 1958 injured 59,300 persons.

## 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.

## The Motorist's First Psalm

Blessed is the Motorist who driveth not in the manner of the careless nor zig zaggeth in the way of a scorner in the driver's seat. But his enjoyment is in the laws of the road and these laws he doth observe by day and by night.

And he shall be as leisurely as a tree planted in a way-side park; he shall arrive on time; his fenders shall not be crumpled; and wherever he goes his insurance company prospers.

The careless are not so but are as the crippled whom the ambulance taketh away. Therefore, the careless shall stand in the police court and the drunken in the congregation of the dead.

For the traffic officers know the way of the careful, but the way of the careless comes to a dead end.

—REV. HAROLD SLAGG, Minister of the First Methodist Church of Minden, Nebraska.

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## New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
John H. Evensen	4	Racine	Robert J. Fisher
John H. Evensen	4	Racine	Richard C. Nelson
Russell Jensen	4	Racine	Richard Mikkelsen
Paul Strand	4	Racine	Melvin W. Nelson
Erik Raahauge	4	Racine	Harry F. B. Ashley
S. A. Nyboe	4	Racine	J. T. Spangenberg
C. M. Christensen	4	Racine	Carl E. Christensen
Charles H. Portier	29	Seattle	Harold Kromann
Paul Hansen	29	Seattle	S. V. Houghstead
Paul Hansen	29	Seattle	Flemming Kisbye
Henry Bungaard	41	Derby	Aksel M. Nongart
C. W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	H. E. Nielsen
Nels Andersen	45	Minneapolis	M. Mortensen
Nels Andersen	45	Minneapolis	Vagn Jensen
S. A. Rasmussen	49	San Francisco	V. E. Hansen
S. A. Rasmussen	49	San Francisco	J. Mathiasen
S. A. Rasmussen	49	San Francisco	P. Andersen
Henry W. Josty	50	Byram	Frederick H. Miller
Helge Ostergaard	67	Fresno	Steven D. Blodgett
Carl Jacobsen	143	Petaluma	Einar L. Nielsen
Eric Dane	227	Detroit	Hjalmer A. Olsen
Harold Jensen	261	Fowler	Quentin B. Smith
M. L. Ambers	263	Askov	Arne P. Stovring

Studies by The Travelers Insurance Companies show that driver error caused 85 per cent of the highway accidents in 1958.

## Honor Roll

### LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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

### LIST OF LODGES

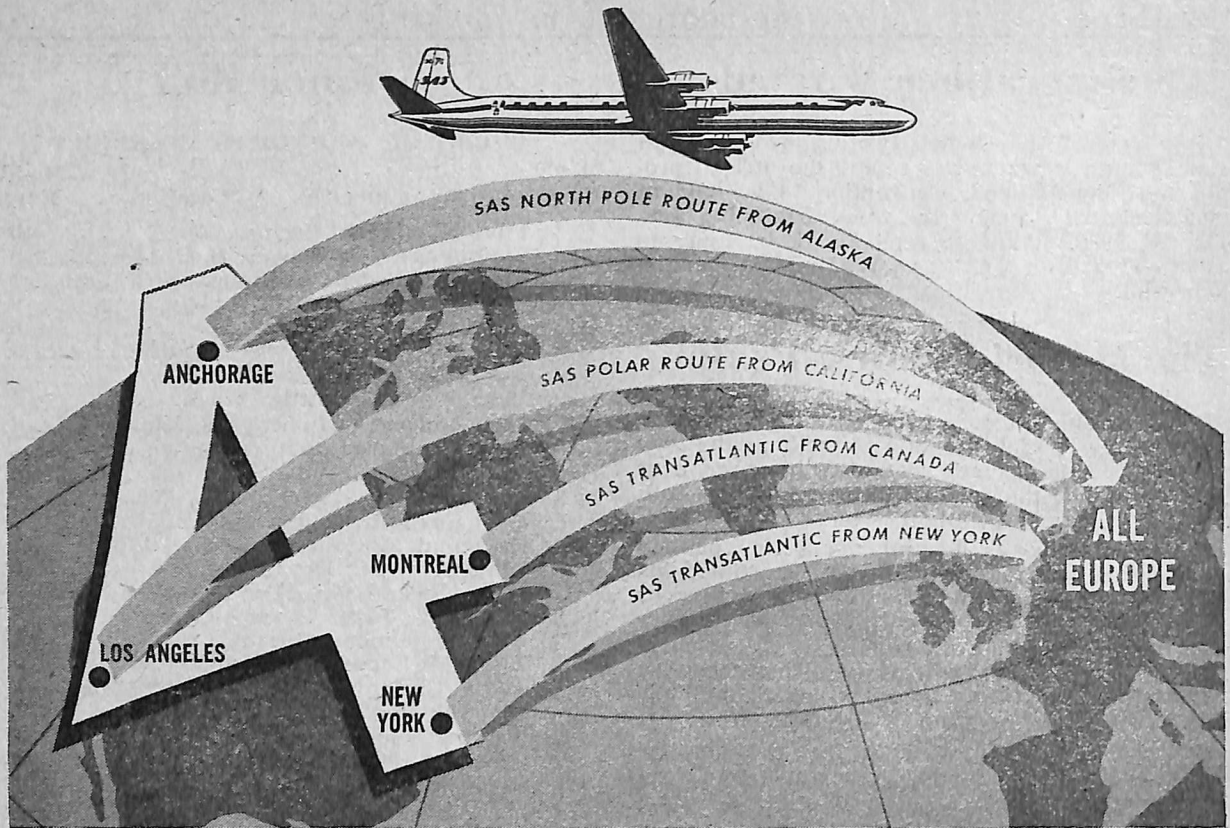
Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1959
4	Racine, Wisconsin	59	513
49	San Francisco, California	16	324
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	16	126
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	14	193
29	Seattle, Washington	11	304
50	Byram, Connecticut	10	42
51	Ludington, Michigan	9	81
116	Newark, New Jersey	8	164
46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	7	101
334	Geneva, New York	6	43
43	Denver, Colorado	5	94
227	Detroit, Michigan	5	315
322	Santa Barbara, California	5	83

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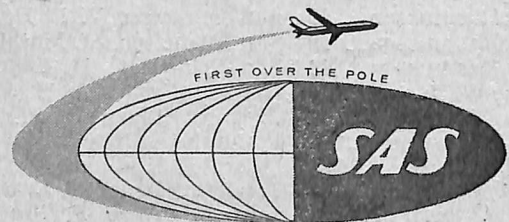
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35—Chicago, Illinois, Paul H. Miller, 2154 E. 95th  
Place, Chicago 17, Illinois.  
167—Portland, Oregon, Gustav G. Haraldsen, 2043  
S. E. 29th Avenue, Portland 14, Oregon.

## Question and Answer

### Question:

My wife and I are both native-born American citizens, but we have been living abroad for a number of years because of my job. My wife recently gave birth to a daughter. We want to know whether our child, born abroad, is an American citizen?

### Answer:

Your daughter is an American citizen. A person born outside of the United States of parents, both of whom are citizens of the United States and one of whom has resided in the United States or one of its outlying possessions prior to the birth of such person, is an American citizen by birth. In the case of your daughter, the question is simple and easy to answer. Frequently, however, questions of citizenship in the case of persons born abroad are complicated and can be answered only if the birthdate of the person is known, since our laws have changed several times and the citizenship status of such a person depends on the law in effect on the date of his birth. Also, other factors may have to be considered and an answer can be given only on a case to case basis. If there is any question or doubt it is well to consult a social agency or lawyer who is expert in these matters.

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

August must be vacation month in nearly all lodges here in the East, I only received one letter from Lodge No. 242 and have therefore very little to write about.

With the publication of this issue of our Brotherhood Magazine our General Committee Eastern Lodges Convention will be in session or about to start and our National Convention in Omaha will be the topic in all our Brotherhood Lodges.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark.** The Promotional Committee within the lodge took the Juvenile members, nine years and over, to Yankee Stadium last Saturday, August 15. Most of our young members are Yankee fans and, although they had a wonderful time, it was a little disappointing to them when the Boston Red Sox beat the New York Yankees 12 to 4. Our good brother, George Godthaab, managed to secure 16 tickets, all box seats. We were 18 at the game, and with 16 free tickets, we sure have a lot to thank Brother George for.

Discussion on the new proposals and amendments to be brought up at our National Convention will take place at our meeting Saturday, September 12, also our alternate delegate to the G.C.E.L. Convention, Brother Paul Ifversen, who will represent the lodge, will bring back his report from that meeting of the Eastern Lodges. Hot roast beef sandwiches will be served following our meeting.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** The secretary from that lodge, Brother Otto Jonasen, has faithfully written to me every month since I took over as correspondent. Due to the hot summer weather no social events are on the agenda at present. Three of the young Brothers in Erie lodge got married during July and August. They are Brothers Kaj Hansen, Hans Gronborg and Edward Jonasen. By the way, Brother Edward Jonasen is our G.C.E.L. Trustee. A new brother, Lars Christensen, was initiated into the lodge, also they had the pleasure of elevating Eric Lampe from Juvenile to adult membership. Congratulations to all of you. Notification of the passing away of Brother George Johnson, former Secretary of the Building Committee of Erie Lodge, reached the secretary as he was to mail his letter. Brother George died August 16.

In the July issue we told you about the Promotional Committee of Lodge No. 116, Newark, treating seven of their Juvenile members to a trip to Palisades Amusement Park. The others were taken to a ball game. But there wasn't room for the picture in that issue, so here we present the picture of the group that went to the Palisades.



Juvenile members in the picture are: front row, left to right: Eric and Robert Jensen (brothers); Svend Aage Jorgensen; James Shane; second row: Neil Wendt; Robert Ifversen and Eric Nielsen.

That platinum package of pulchritude who provides palpitation for the male population on the fifth elevation thinks sex appeal consists of about 25 per cent of what a girl has herself and 75 per cent of what men imagines she has.

Motor vehicle accidents killed 36,700 and injured 2,825,000 on U. S. highways during 1958.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE EASTERN LODGES

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## Resolutions

### NIELS ROBERT NIELSEN, Custer, Michigan

In memory of our departed brother, Niels Robert Nielsen, who passed away July 12, 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, and a copy sent to his family.

Orla Dal, President.  
John Sorensen, Secretary.

### J. IVER JENSEN, Albert Lea, Minnesota

In memory of Brother J. Iver Jensen:

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

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 75.

Chris Sorensen, President.  
Svend R. Andersen, Secretary.

### CHRISTIAN C. HANSEN, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

In memory of our departed brother, Christian C. Hansen, who passed away on August 5, 1959:

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

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

In behalf of D. B. Lodge No. 36.

Anton Roge, President.  
Carval Westerlund, Secretary.

### PAUL A. DAHLGAARD, New Haven, Conn.

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.

Robert C. Bruch, President.  
George C. Holm, Secretary.

### ERNST REHM, Stamford, Connecticut

In memory of our departed brother, Ernst Rehm, who passed away July 30, 1959, this resolution was adopted by Dannevirke Lodge No. 50, Byram, Conn.

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, that this resolution be inserted in our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Henry Josty, President.  
Gunnar Schonning, Secretary.

### PETER NIELS HANSEN, Byram, Connecticut

In memory of our departed brother, Peter Niels

Hansen, this resolution was adopted by Dannevirke Lodge No. 50, Byram, Connecticut.

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN  
417 Market Street, San Francisco 5, California

One of the real old timers in Lodge No. 49 was singularly honored recently, in that the Danish King bestowed upon him "Fortjenstmedaljen i Guld Med Krone," one of the highest honors that can be given by the King, to Brother Fredrik Jensen Bakke for his many years of service to the Danish Colony in San Francisco. And if this writer may say so, if any one deserved to be thus honored, Fred Bakke did.

Although Fred is not so young in years any more, few if any, are more young in spirit than he. There have been few committees of any importance he has not served on and when he is chairman we know it will be done just right. The first time I worked with Fred was on the Denmark Excursion Committee of the General Committee back in 1928-29 and 1930, when the General Committee had what is still considered the best excursion ever to be arranged from this side. During the war years he served on several committees, but here it was especially the Danish sailors who had his heart and attention. He never misses a meeting in 49, as a matter of fact if he were not there, we would think something was wrong.

Brother Bakke was honor guest at 49's Third Wednesday meeting on August the 19th and many words of praise were given this stout fellow. Our president, Ove Bauer, had taken pen in hand and written a song about him. May this writer add his "Til Lykke, Fred."

I have just learned that at the 4th of July parade in Solvang, our lodge No. 299 won first prize with its float "Fulton's Folly." The parade had as its theme, "American History." The committee who made this ship was under the direction of Brother

Johannes Jaeger, and needless to say the Danes in Solvang were happy to capture this honor.

The Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 celebrated its 60th anniversary with a dinner and dance on August 16. Of course, our convention will also help to celebrate this event.

Brother and Mrs. A. L. Madsen recently celebrated their Golden anniversary, and as such were honor guests at the above celebration. These good people have been active for many years in Lodge No. 126 as well as the Sisterhood Lodge, and we wish them many happy returns of the day.

Two of 49's younger and very active members, Brother Alfred Christensen with his wife, Karen, and little Ellen, and Brother Douglas Petersen and

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July 4	Jens M. Jensen	79	Klovborg, Denmark	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1905	Coronary occlusion	\$ 926.23
July 10	Holger L. Jensen	58	Flinterup, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1927	Bronchogenic Carci.	250.00
June 6	Andrew E. Andersen	94	Berkede	42	Spokane, Wash.	1899	Bronchopneumonia	186.32
July 3	Peter H. Jaspersen	78	Slesvig, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1916	Carcinoma prostrate	1,000.00
June 19	Carl H. Andersen	60	Monmouth, Ill.	4	Racine, Wis.	1948	Brain tumor	500.00
June 30	Anders Moller	78	Kolstrup, Denmark	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1911	Carcinoma prostrate	479.74
July 8	Peter C. Sorensen	78	Saltum, Sogn, Den.	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1906	Cardio-vascular collapse	468.72
June 25	Paul G. Webeck	56	Copenhagen, Den.	43	Denver, Colo.	1949	Cong. heart failure	500.00
May 29	Adolf F. V. Rasmussen	84	Saxkobing, Den.	164	New York, N. Y.	1904	Natural causes	436.20
May 28	Soren Christensen	88	Ribe, Denmark	164	New York, N. Y.	1907	Coronary heart disease	1,000.00
June 23	Nels A. Paulsen	74	Avoca, Iowa	221	Latimer, Iowa	1911	Cerebral hemorrhage	500.00
June 21	Cornelius Ringham	79	Chicago, Ill.	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1906	Coronary occlusion	500.00
July 10	Christian M. Hansen	88	Ruddebøl, Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	1892	Pulmonary edema	785.18
July 1	Andreas J. Jensen	75	Norup, Veile, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1908	Cerebral embolism	240.77
July 26	Chris M. Cramer	69	Randers, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1930	Coronary occlusion	500.00
July 14	Paul A. Dahlgard	75	Christiansted, St. C.	32	New Haven, Conn.	1917	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
July 12	Niels C. L. R. Nielsen	78	Jardøse, Denmark	43	Denver, Colo.	1904	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
May 22	Carl T. Thomsen	85	Hvist, Denmark	95	Ferndale, Calif.	1903	Cardiac decompensation	857.13
July 26	Ernest V. Anderson	68	Sweden	181	Sidney, Mich.	1937	Apoplexy	500.00
July 21	George W. Nelson	59	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1947	Myocardial infarction	5,000.00
July 31	Michael C. Lollich	86	Lilleballe, Den.	11	Clinton, Iowa	1912	Bronchopneumonia	944.07
July 19	Kristian F. Sorensen	73	Alderslyst, Silkeborg	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1915	Pulmonary embolus	250.00
June 29	George J. Dryer	86	Indianapolis, Ind.	228	Indianapolis, Ind.	1906	Lobar pneumonia	434.25
July 18	J. A. Riemer	72	Holeby, Denmark	327	Harlan, Iowa	1931	Coronary infarction	250.00
Aug. 5	Christian C. Hansen	89	Falster, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1906	Arteriosclerosis	819.95
July 31	Axel Andersen	70	Copenhagen, Den.	103	Waterbury, Conn.	1923	Coronary occlusion	500.00
Aug. 1	Arthur E. Paulson	66	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1930	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
Aug. 11	Christian Mogensen	50	Kearny, N. J.	116	Newark, N. J.	1927	Cerebral thrombosis	750.00
July 14	Martin Geer	71	Horsens, Denmark	188	Del Rey, Calif.	1947	Not given	Social
June 14	Berthal P. Primdahl	85	Copenhagen, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1939	Not given	Social
July 8	Alfred Jensen	59	Læso, Denmark	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1951	Not given	Social
May 25	Svend Aage Schroeder	73	Aarhus, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1940	Not given	Social
July 24	Cris Hansen	83	Pøl Slesvig, Holsten	125	Weeping Water, Neb.	1947	Not given	Social

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his little son, Philip, recently left by way of the Polar route for Denmark, one of these quick trips during vacation period. They were originally booked on an excursion flight, arranged by a Scandinavian Club in San Francisco, and a few days before they were supposed to leave, and after having paid their money to the club, they were informed the trip was off. It was a great disappointment not only to them but the other 100 persons who had booked. Luckily some were able to make other arrangements, although they had to wait until the very last minute before departure to get their money back. I hope this will be a lesson in the future for those of our countrymen who are led astray with the promise of getting something cheap. You never get something cheap, as you get only what you pay for. That does not say you should not join an excursion, on the contrary it is the best way to travel, but be sure who is arranging the tour and the carrier.

Strangely enough, the Dane who was arranging this trip, has criticized severely the Danish organizations in San Francisco, without ever having been a member of any of them. It is not enough to be a publicity seeker, you have to prove your worth and that is best done with the Danish Brotherhood or Dania or one of the other fine organizations in San Francisco and elsewhere.

In looking over the list of delegates to the National Convention in Omaha, it is interesting to note that there will be two former Supreme Presidents as delegates as well as a former Supreme First Vice President. There will be a father and son team from two of the Northwest lodges and from California there will be the Ex-President and the President of the General Committee. In looking over the list of delegates from California I find a very fine group of men dedicated to the Danish Brotherhood. Several have been delegates before and I am sure we will be happy with the work they will be doing in Omaha.

In looking at the various proposals just published I find many good suggestions for the betterment of the society. Personally I feel No. 49 has made several good suggestions which, if adopted, might change the slumber we have been in to activity.

One thing is sure, if we are to survive, some

radical changes will have to be made. While we are increasing our money in the bank our membership is decreasing. I have mentioned the Sons of Norway several times, but perhaps we ought to take a look and see if they do not have something we might adopt to our advantage. As I understand it, the U. S. is divided into six districts and each district has its own paid promoter. I think it is about time we had a regular paid promoter, or better, several of them. With over one million dollars in surpluses of various kinds is it not time for us to do something about it.

Personally, I think it is about time we had a regular paid president who will devote his entire time to the order, as well as promoters. If this cannot be accomplished at this convention, I hope someone will bring in a proposal to the effect that a committee be appointed to make recommendations for an entire re-organization of our society so that we will have a real working Supreme Board, or what else it might be called. We have too long been content to leave everything on the shoulders of a Supreme Secretary-Treasurer. Another thing we ought to think about is, that because a man is a good — say — mechanic, salesman or farmer, is no guarantee he will know anything about being a Supreme Officer. These men should be chosen with great diligence, not with politics in mind. These are just a few thoughts on the forthcoming shindig in Omaha. But I sure hope the delegates will come up with something that will make our organization a live one and not a sterile one as at present.

An unusual event took place recently, in that No. 49's oldest member, Brother Chr. L. V. Johansen celebrated his 96th birthday, and as such was entitled to have his certificate paid to him in full. The lodge invited him to come to meeting in order to celebrate this event, but Brother Johansen's health did not permit this. Under the circumstances the lodge's president, Brother Ove Bauer, and the writer had the pleasure of presenting a check from the Brotherhood to Brother Johansen.

Brother Johansen joined Lodge No. 49 on January 24, 1900, and hence has been a member for close to 60 years. He was born in Vellersø, Vigerslev Sogn, Randers Amt, in Denmark on August 12, 1863. He retired from business many years ago and now lives with his good wife, who is a faithful nurse to him, in Oakland, California. We wish him many happy returns of the day.

Upon this occasion Lodge No. 49 made Brother Johansen an honorary member and free from any dues to the lodge.

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