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Resolved to sponsor another pilgrimage to Denmark, in the summer of 1962. This tour, the fifth of the Society's successfully sponsored tours to the Homeland, would commemorate the 50-year Golden Anniversary of the Rebild National Committee and the 80th Anniversary of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Plan now to be among the several hundred participants. Further announcements will be made in due time.

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Highlights and Sidelights of the Omaha Convention

Now that the convention is over, the members of the Omaha convention committee can rest on their laurels, and justly so. A year ago, when the nucleus of the committee was chosen, the task confronting it seemed formidable, however, under the able leadership of the general chairman, Chris Larsen, with supreme board members, Axel Skelbeck and Fred Jensen, the lines of battle were soon drawn, additional members appointed to the committee, and in due time, after considerable work and headaches, the program which is now hailed as extremely successful was completed to its minutest detail. For the benefit of those who did not attend it is in order that a report be given on what happened socially in Omaha during this convention. The legislative part will no doubt be reported in other parts of this magazine. Friday afternoon preceding the convention, Supreme President Otto Nielsen arrived in Omaha and was met at the airport by Supreme Trustee Fred Jensen, and in the evening the first conference was held with Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck. Some of the earlier delegates arrived Saturday, and by Sunday the Sheraton Fontenelle Hotel fairly buzzed with excitement and hilarity as the delegates and visitors were greeted by the reception committee, consisting of Emil Kellmann, chairman, Chris Noer and Leonard Davidson. By Sunday evening the registration committee, Gunnar Engskov, chairman, Axel Olsen and Alfred Pedersen, had almost half of the delegates and visitors registered, and many favorable comments were received on the nominal fee of \$8.00 charged for the registration which

included a package deal of tickets for the banquet and grand ball, entertainment for the week and the souvenir program. In passing, it is fitting to mention that the beautiful souvenir program, possibly the most intricate and time consuming task performed by any committee, was skillfully executed by supreme officers, Axel Skelbeck, Fred Jensen and Dr. Robert Sauter, the same trio that had charge of the hotel accommodations.

At the opening ceremony Monday morning delegates and visitors were bid welcome by No. 1's president, general chairman, Chris Larsen. Invocation was by Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen, Central Lutheran church. Presentation of colors by strategic air command guard, Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scout Troop No. 90, Earl Hansen, member of Lodge No. 1, was scoutmaster; solo, "Star Spangled Banner," by Mr. Jack Wright; welcoming address by Omaha's Mayor John Rosenblatt, greetings by Mrs. Margaret Sundby, supreme president Danish Sisterhood; address of acceptance by Otto Nielsen, supreme president.

At the Monday evening "get acquainted party" delegates and visitors were treated to a magnificent performance by the Danish Sisterhood Drill team, under the direction of Captain Mrs. Johanne Kristiansen. As one teen-age girl so gleefully expressed it after watching the sisters in white gowns with red accessories perform: "Oh, they are beautiful." After that the folkdancers from Dana college, dressed in Danish costumes, presented a marvelous exhibition of Danish Folk Dancing. Both of these groups received well deserved tumultuous ovations. After the performances many of the delegates and guests were afforded opportunities to put their best foot forward and step off some of the old time favorite dances with the very accommodating folk dancers. Later the sisters as hostesses served the coffee with the most delicious lagkage, kransekage and cookies, many of them baked by the sisters.

Tuesday evening the boys attended a lodge meeting in Lodge No. 10 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where president of No. 10, Gustav Axelsen, bade all welcome and turned the meeting over to No. 1's president, general chairman of the convention committee, Chris Larsen, who opened the meeting and then requested that the Supreme Board members take over and initiate into the brotherhood as members of Lodge No. 1 three new members. After the initiation, the Supreme President Otto Nielsen in a magnificent ceremony presented ten members of Lodges No. 1, 10 and 195 with 50-year pins.

After the meeting the 250 members and visitors were treated to a bountiful selection of delicious open face sandwiches, prepared as only Danes can prepare them. Beer and coffee were also plentiful and we understand that No. 10's committee of brothers and sisters had prepared more than 2,000 sandwiches. Returning to Omaha on the buses from Council Bluffs, the brothers cut loose and joined in singing some of the old favorites, some of them not intended for more delicate ears, and as one brother expressed it: This may be the last convention stag party, next time we may have women delegates.

During the week several sight-seeing tours were arranged by the tour committee, Gordon Pedersen, chairman, Chris Jorgensen, Verner Thomsen and Kris Kristoffersen, and that the tours were inter-

esting is obvious as at least one delegate participated in every one of them. The tours covered the packing plants, Dana college in Blair, Boys Town, and two surprise tours. That the tour of Dana college was especially appreciated is borne out by the fact that many of the participants generously tipped the students conducting that tour.

Wednesday evening was free to delegates and visitors and many were entertained by Omaha people while others enjoyed a game of cards with some of the committee members at the hotel.

Thursday evening was the grand banquet and ball, the gala event of the convention. The committee for the banquet, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Lawson, administered a beautiful job in arranging everything pertaining to a successful banquet. Decorations were magnificent and the food excellent and hot. After partaking of the sumptuous meal the guests were delighted by soloist, Mr. William L. Kellogg, and especially well received was his rendition of "Wonderful, Wonderful Copenhagen." The main address was given by Hon. Roman L. Hruska, Republican U. S. Senator from Nebraska. The Supreme President of Danish Sisterhood, Mrs. Margaret Sundby, brought greetings from the Sisterhood and Supreme President Otto Nielsen spoke briefly for the Brotherhood. The toastmaster, O. W. Lawson, also introduced all of the supreme officers, newly elected and re-elected, as well as other supreme officers of both organizations past and present. After the banquet was the grand ball to the tunes of the Lambert Bartak orchestra.

Friday evening was the farewell party and again our general chairman, Chris Larsen, chairman of the entertainment committee, proved his ability as arranger of programs beautiful. Miss Charlotte Peterson entertained us with several groups of youngsters, chorus girls in miniature, acrobatic dancers, tap dancers, singers and musicians. After the show the sisters again served delicious cake, cookies and coffee. We were indeed fortunate in having the able assistance of the sisters in arranging these programs and our sincerest appreciation goes to the chairman of the women's committee, Mrs. Sofie Christoffersen, and all of the sisters who so generously assisted us in making this convention a social success. To give due credit to all concerned it is in order that the following committees and their duties also be mentioned: Vice Chairman and Secretary, Dr. Robert Sauter; Fund Raising committee, Carsten Hoffmann; Ticket committee, Gerald Petersen; Publicity, Earl S. Jensen, Emil Nielsen and Axel Olsen; Treasurer, Fred Jensen.

To conclude this report, here are some incidents and side glances worthy of mentioning: At the election of Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, one of the ballots read, "Axel Skelbeck, of course." On the mezzanine floor the committees on registration, tours, etc., with ladies in waiting and visitors were time and time again treated to coffee by Chris Larsen and Carsten Hoffmann. Remarked by Fred Jensen after his re-election: "This must be my lucky day, I also won the baseball pool." Chris Larsen kept the delegates informed of the World Series scores.

While the delegates and visitors were enjoying their coffee at the farewell party, Mr. Kuntorad

with his accordion played several numbers for their enjoyment. Kuntorad was guest on the Lawrence Welk show last spring. Greeting heard Monday morning "Goddav, Din Gamle Kulsvier." One guest was greeted at the door, apparently by a "Fnat Jyde." "Kom ind a dar og gnid jer paa vor pind."

On the convention floor "My candidates concedes the election."

The famous Detroit baker, Erik Dane, became quite popular with his 8-inch badge reading in large letters "ERIK."

Many delegates spoke highly of the well-known hospitality of the Omaha people, among them was George V. Petersen from Rhode Island, now residing in Winter Park, Florida. Supreme Trustee Fred Jensen made a standing invitation to the committee members to visit his suite for refreshments.

After the convention decided to go to Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1963, one of the brothers remarked: "And here I made a date with a woman in San Francisco for 1963."

The lady coming down in the elevator Thursday night dressed in a man's topcoat, convention badge, and not much more was lucky the weather was not cold.

Last but not least, our thanks go to all you good delegates and visitors who came to Omaha and helped make the convention a success.

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A Message from the Supreme President

The twenty-fifth national convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America has now become history. All who attended will agree that the well planned and executed arrangements, by the various committees, resulted in a beautiful and efficiently smooth performing convention program throughout. In behalf of the Supreme Officers, I take great pleasure in thanking the Omaha members, Sisters and Brothers, for their hospitality and friendliness. The entertainment, banquet, the drill team at the installation, and all, were of the best.



The election of officers for the ensuing term, brought only one change in the personnel on the Supreme Board. Of the preceding Board of Supreme Officers, our good friend, Brother Otto Nielsen of Seattle, Wash., joined the club of past Supreme Presidents. With the exception of Brother Axel Skelbeck of Omaha, who was again re-elected to the office of Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, the balance of the officers advanced one step and Brother Kristen (Jørgy) Jorgensen of Seattle, stepped onto the bottom rung of the ladder as Supreme Third Trustee.

So the new Supreme Officers are as follows:

Supreme President: Hans M. Andersen, Parlier, Calif.; Supreme First Vice President: Viggo E. Mikkelsen, Detroit, Mich.; Supreme Second Vice President: Einar Danielsen, St. Charles, Ill.; Supreme Secretary-Treasurer: Axel Skelbeck, Omaha, Nebr.; Supreme Chairman of Trustees: Chris Madsen, North Arlington, N. J.; Supreme Second Trustee: Fred Jensen, Omaha, Nebr.; Supreme Third Trustee: Kristen Jorgensen, Seattle, Wash.

Paul Strand, Racine, Wis., and Niels J. Nielsen, Ringsted, Iowa, were elected alternates.

Just as in former conventions, the delegates were inspired, in the expression of their beliefs, concerning the many propositions under discussion. Such lively interest, in the welfare of our society proves that the current membership fervently desires that the Brotherhood shall live forever. The delegates were very broadminded and generous in their deliberations and enacted legislation that as a mandate to the Supreme Officers, MUST bring an upsurge in the affairs and well-being of our beloved fraternity.

This convention has opened so many new portals that vast fields of potentials can be visualized by this new Board of Supreme Officers. Humbly, the new Supreme Board accepts the responsibilities and will do all within its power to carry into effect, the

mandate of the members as expressed by their representatives, assembled in convention.

Personally, I wish to thank the delegates for their confidence in me and I earnestly invite theirs, and all the members' support and cooperation during the ensuing term in order that we may be able to put into motion whatever is best for the Danish Brotherhood in America. Also, I am very happy that the delegates filled the other offices with men whom I consider good friends of mine and especially of the Brotherhood, men whom I admire for their ability and their devotion to the welfare of this society.

Fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN,
Supreme President.

Two Get 50-Year Pin

Lodge No. 59, Menominee, Michigan, had the thrill on the first of October to honor two of their faithful old members with the 50-year emblem.

The honored pair were Henry Olesen and Louis Petersen.

The ceremony was performed at a regular meeting of the lodge.

HANS RUESS, Sec.

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For the information of our members we report here such changes as were made in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws of our Society as a result of legislation enacted at the twenty-fifth National Convention, held in Omaha, Nebraska, September 28 through October 2. We also report in summary form on such other matters as came before the convention in conformity with the laws of the Society.

All matters acted upon came before the assembled delegates lawfully and in a manner approved by the convention.

At the time this report is published we have not received final approval from our home state authorities on a couple of the amendments adopted. The convention gave the Supreme Officers authority to negotiate and adjust, such matters in the event it becomes necessary.

The report follows:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE III

(Amended to expand qualifications required for membership by changing the words "men" and "boys" to "persons" and adding the words "or who are relatives of members" and will now read as below):

Honorable and respectable persons, over 16 years of age, who are of Danish extraction or who possess such other qualifications as may be required by the by-laws of this society, or who are relatives of members, may become members.

Persons, less than 16 years of age, whose parents are honorable and respectable, may be admitted to this society as juvenile members, subject to such requirements as may be set forth in the by-laws of this society.

ARTICLE X

(Article X was change in respect to the new effective date and hereafter reads as below):

These Articles of Incorporation of the Society shall be in force and take effect commencing the first day of January, following each National Convention, and may only be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes legally represented at the National Convention as prescribed by the by-laws of the Society.

CONSTITUTION

Section 3. This section will now read as follows:

Honorable and respectable persons, over 16 years of age, who are of Danish extraction or who possess such other qualifications as may be required by the by-laws of this society, or who are relatives of members, may become members.

Persons, less than 16 years of age, whose parents are honorable and respectable, may be admitted to this Society as juvenile members, subject to such requirements as may be set forth in the by-laws of this society.

Section 5. This section was merely rewritten in

plainer language. Intent and purpose is the same as before; however, it will now read thus:

Upon receiving report and satisfactory proof of the death of an insured member the society shall promptly pay to his beneficiary or beneficiaries such amount of insurance as may be due and payable in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the society.

Section 6. Paragraph 2. In the last line the word "to" was corrected to read "shall," making this paragraph henceforth to read:

Eligible to these offices is any member of the existing supreme board of officers, and any of the accredited delegates present at the convention. Directly before the election of officers for the supreme board at least three candidates shall be nominated for each office. Election shall be by absolute majority of votes cast.

Section 12. Section 13 was changed in respect to the new effective date and hereafter reads as below:

These provisions shall be in force, and take effect from January 1st, following each National Convention, unless the Supreme Board finds it desirable to make them operative at once. They can be amended only at a lawfully ordered Convention by two-thirds of the votes cast.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

The Supreme Lodge

Section 15, was amended to give effect to an increased fee of \$5.00 to an organizer of a new lodge with payment from the Promotional Fund instead of from the General Fund. This section will then read:

For organizing a new lodge the organizer is entitled to receive \$5.00 for each insured charter member, the amount to be paid from the Promotional Fund. The Supreme Board shall further have the authority to pay the traveling expenses of such brother or brothers if they believe it to be to the best interest of the society; such traveling expenses to be paid from the Promotional Fund.

ARTICLE II

Duties of Supreme Officers

Section 18. Paragraph 1. The annual compensation of the Supreme First Vice President was changed to read "two cents" from "one cent" for each member. It now reads as below:

The supreme first vice president shall, in case of absence of the supreme president, his resignation, death, or other circumstances, perform the duties of the supreme president, and otherwise perform such duties as are prescribed in the constitution, by-laws and statutes. As a compensation for his work he is allowed a yearly salary of two cents for each member in the society. He shall furnish a surety bond for \$5,000.00.

Section 18. Paragraph 2. The annual compensation of the Supreme Second Vice President was

changed to read "two cents" from "one cent" for each member. It now reads as below:

The supreme second vice president shall in case of absence of the supreme president and supreme first vice president, their resignation, death, or other circumstances, perform the duties of the supreme president or supreme first vice president and otherwise perform such duties as are prescribed in the constitution, by-laws and statutes. As a compensation for his work he is allowed a yearly salary of **two cents** for each member in the society. He shall furnish a surety bond for \$5,000.00.

Section 19. Paragraph 3(a). The words in bold face type were added to this paragraph and reads:

He shall issue a monthly publication, under the control and supervision of the supreme board, and each year publish a complete report of the financial standing of the society, listing each fund, separately, showing itemized receipts and expenses of each fund. He shall each year publish the **total membership of the combined lodges, also**, a complete report of each lodge in the society, with its membership, in numerical order, town and state in which they operate, average age of all members, and a condensed report of the supreme board and the executive committee decisions during the past year.

Section 19. Paragraph 3(b). The words in bold face type were added to this paragraph, thus:

All payments made to the supreme officers **from the Mortuary Fund, and all other funds**, must be published in the first issue of the monthly magazine after payment has been made. The name of the board member and the amount paid to him must be published.

Section 23. The present Section 23 was deleted and the following text adopted to take its place:

All lodge communications, which require consideration by the supreme board, must be mailed to the supreme secretary-treasurer, who shall make and send a copy to every board member for his opinion and decision, which must promptly be sent by each member to the supreme president, who shall make the final decision, based upon majority rule, and report the result to the supreme secretary-treasurer, who shall make the proper entry in the society's records and mail a report to the lodge concerned.

Section 24. Par. 2. The present paragraph was deleted and a new one with the following text adopted:

It is further the duty of the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer to publish a complete report of the National Convention in the first possible issue of our monthly magazine.

Section 26. Par. 2. The words "one cent" in this paragraph dealing with the annual compensation of the supreme trustees — was changed to read "two cents," and now reads:

The supreme trustees shall receive a salary of **two cents** per year for each member in the society.

Section 27. Par. 12. The sentence in bold face type was added to this paragraph and for convenience of reference the text is re-arranged as follows:

Par. 12. The supreme board is hereby granted power to: (a) Engage help necessary for the proper functioning of the home office. (b) Establish and regulate the rate of pay of the Secretary-Treasurer and all of its employees in the home office. (c)

Authorized to engage a full time competent assistant to the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 27. Par. 13. The words in bold face type were added to this paragraph.

The supreme board shall have authority during the time between conventions to amend or annul any of the laws that conflict with laws of any state where the society transacts business. In the event any amendments or **annulments** become necessary they shall be published in the monthly magazine.

Section 27. Par. 15. This paragraph reading as follows:

"The supreme board can demand the supreme secretary-treasurer to furnish a statement of the insurance in those states where it is found to be of any advantage" was found to have no meaning and **was repealed.**

The remaining paragraphs 16 to 20 in Section 27 are renumbered and will become paragraphs 15-19 inclusive.

Section 32. The present text of Section 32 was repealed and the following text adopted to take its place:

It shall be the duty of the Supreme President, upon invitation of a local lodge or district organization, such as a general committee, to send a member of the Supreme Board to visit same provided it is to the benefit of the society. Whenever possible, the Supreme President shall endeavor to interchange the assigned representatives of the Supreme Board so that the various districts may become better acquainted with the members of the board. He shall be entitled to the same pay from the General Fund as received by members of the board when attending regular board meetings.

Section 33. Provides the executive committee with an annual advertising budget of \$1,500.00 **This section was repealed** on the grounds that it has become inoperative by Section 75, Promotional Fund.

ARTICLE III

Convention of the Brotherhood

Section 36. The present Section 36 was repealed and a new section of the following text enacted:

Paragraph 1. The Supreme Board of Officers shall appoint one Convention Committee on Laws consisting of nine (9) lawfully elected and qualified delegates to consider the proposals submitted, to come before the National Convention, for amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and By-Laws. The board shall inform the selected delegates of their appointment at least two (2) months prior to the date the National Convention is scheduled to convene.

Paragraph 2. While functioning as the Convention Law Committee, each member delegate shall receive \$10.00 per day in addition to the delegate's regular compensation.

Paragraph 3. The Convention Law Committee shall be entitled to have a member of the Supreme Board available for consultation when it is in session.

Section 37. The present Section 37 was repealed and a new section of the following text enacted:

Paragraph 1. The Convention Law Committee appointed under Section 36 shall meet in the Convention City beginning on Wednesday of the week preceding the convening of the National Convention. It shall be the duty of the Committee to study and, in so far as is possible, consolidate all proposals

having the same intent and purpose. Having similarly studied and considered all proposals, lawfully submitted for action by the Convention, the Committee shall make one all-inclusive report on their recommendations for consideration by the assembled delegates. Final action shall be reserved the delegates entitled to vote on the question, unrestrained by the Committee's recommendations.

Paragraph 2. Proposals may be made from the floor of the convention for immediate discussion but may not be voted upon until the following day or later. Proposals originating on the floor of the convention must be in writing and bear the signature of, at least, five accredited delegates and/or Supreme Officers.

Paragraph 3. The Supreme Officers shall be permitted to address the Convention when proposals submitted by the Supreme Board are being discussed.

Section 41. The present Section 41 was repealed and a new section of the following text was enacted:

Delegates as well as members of the Supreme Board of Officers shall receive as compensation \$15.00 per diem for the duration of the convention, as well as for the time consumed in traveling to and from the convention city, plus mileage based on round trip, first class railroad fare from home town to convention city by the shortest route, plus lower berth or seat charge, where applicable. Such expenses are to be paid from the General Fund and these rules are to be applicable to the 1959 Convention and thereafter.

Section 42. A new paragraph 3 of the following text was adopted:

A member can not be elected to the Supreme Board, except by secret ballot.

Section 48. Was amended to read thus:

The Supreme Board shall appoint a stenographer, preferably a member of the society, to take a record of the proceedings of the Convention sessions.

ARTICLE IV

Life Insurance

Section 53. This section was repealed, on the grounds that its provisions, dealing with the manner in which a member may reduce the amount of his insurance benefits, were unnecessary and superfluous.

Section 62. To paragraph 2 of Section 62 was added the part of the amended text in bold face type below:

If a deceased member has been lawfully divorced from his wife, she shall not be entitled to his insurance. Distribution shall then be made in accordance with above paragraph 1. **However, an exception may be made where a divorced wife is an innocent party to any misconduct, provided that she was legally designated the beneficiary under laws of the society in effect at the time the designation was made. In such cases the divorced wife shall be entitled to receive the insurance.**

Section 63. Par. 1 was amended to raise the fee for change of a benefit certificate to \$1.00. (Heretofore the fee was \$0.50.)

Section 65. This section has heretofore limited to \$350.00 the amount which could be used from a member's insurance for burial expenses in cases of emergency. The words in bold face type in the

text below, which now is enacted as Section 65, is the new part:

If a member shall die without any of his heirs, relatives or members of his family being available or if they neglect to make the necessary arrangements for his burial, his lodge or any other lodge of the society shall be authorized to arrange for the funeral, and the expenses, not to exceed \$500.00, to be paid by the Supreme Board to the lodge in question, after said lodge has tendered an itemized bill for such expenses. The Supreme Board will then deduct such an amount from the insurance, not to exceed \$500.00; **however, in no case may the amount exceed the value of the benefit certificate.** If the amount herein provided exceeds the amount permitted by the laws of the state in which the lodge is located, then only the maximum amount permitted by said state laws can be deducted.

Section 68. Par. 1. The change made here is to add the words "or certified mail" as shown in dark type. The paragraph then will read thus:

Any member who has failed to fulfill his obligations to the society within 30 days from the date the assessment became due, shall immediately be notified by registered letter or certified mail by the lodge, and if the assessment is not paid within 60 days from the date it became due, he is without further notice, suspended from the society and his membership certificate shall become null and void, excepting nonforfeiture options, if any, of his membership certificate.

ARTICLE V

Promotional Fund

The present Section 75, the promotional fund section, was deleted in its entirety. A complete new section was enacted, with the following text:

Section 75. Par. 1. A Promotional Department shall be maintained in the Home Office, Omaha, Nebraska, under direct supervision of a Promotional Director appointed by the Supreme Board.

Paragraph 2. It shall be the duty of the Director to plan and coordinate membership drives on a national scale and make available promotional literature and other means of advertising the Brotherhood. He shall instruct and assist the Regional Promotional Committees in ways to promote the Brotherhood locally for the purpose of securing new members. He shall be responsible to, and report on activities to the Supreme Board at the regular board meetings.

Paragraph 3. The Supreme Board shall determine the yearly compensation for the Director.

Paragraph 4. Funds for the operation of the Promotional Department shall be provided as follows:

(a) An annual tax of 50c per member shall be levied and remitted to the Home Office before September 1st each year.

(b) Additional funds shall be provided from such other sources and in such amounts as may become available.

(c) The Convention shall appropriate funds from surpluses made available from the adult insurance fund.

(d) No monies can be transferred from the Promotional Fund to any other fund.

(e) No Supreme Officer of the society can be

paid any monies from this fund except in the capacity of Promotional Director.

(f) The Supreme Board is hereby authorized to transfer a sum of \$50,000.00 per year from the surplus in the Mortuary Fund or any other fund under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Board to the Promotional Fund. Under no circumstances can monies be transferred if such transfer will reduce our solvency ratio below 110 per cent.

FRATERNAL FUND

Section 78. Par. 2. To this paragraph was added the parts shown in black type in the complete text below as it will now read:

Insured members who are in needy circumstances may obtain such financial aid from the Fraternal Fund as is referred in paragraph 1 of this section. Application must be made to the supreme board, through the member's local lodge, on forms furnished by the Home Office. All applications must be forwarded by the local lodge to the Home Office before December 15 each year for the distribution becoming effective April 1 of the following year. An application must be recommended by the local lodge before it is forwarded to the Home Office. **An insured member, residing at a Home for the Aged, whose original application for general aid was granted, shall be entitled to general aid by signing a statement to the effect that his financial condition remains unchanged, with an officer of the Home confirming the correctness of such statement.**

Section 78. Par. 7. The heretofore maximum amount of aid under this paragraph of \$300.00 was raised to \$600.00 as shown in heavy type in the text below:

In cases where, through illness to himself or his family of dependents, a financial emergency exists, an insured member in good standing may, through his local lodge, send an application for Special Aid to the Supreme Board. The Supreme Board is authorized to grant aid in amounts **up to \$600.00**, when the application is recommended by the local lodge. If, and when, an insured member who has previously been granted aid under this paragraph should again be found in similar needy circumstances he may again in the following calendar year make application. At least one year must elapse between applications.

Section 78. A new part of the following text, was enacted to become paragraph 8:

A member who wishes to enter a licensed Old People's Home may be granted a sum not to exceed \$25.00 per month to supplement state and county grants. If such grants together with any pensions received are not sufficient to enable him to enter said home.

Section 78. Par. 9. The part which up until now was known as ARTICLE XIII, Scholarship Fund, will in the new by-laws become one of the functions of the FRATERNAL FUND, and operate as paragraph 9 of this section, as amended and adopted by the convention. (See Article XIII in this report.)

ARTICLE VI

By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges

Section 89. The text of the present Section 89 was repealed and the following enacted to take its place:

A fee of four dollars must accompany each application for membership in the society, and one dollar

of this amount shall be payable by the lodge, to the General Fund of the society.

Section 90. Par. 1(a) By enactment of the Convention, the words "men" and "women" wherever they appear in the mentioned paragraph shall be changed to read "**persons**" and will read as below:

Eligible for membership are honorable and respectable **persons** over 16 years of age who are of Danish origin or extraction or who have obtained Danish citizenship or who are married to **persons** of Danish origin or extraction, or who are relatives of members of the society.

Section 90. To paragraph 2 of this section shall be added the following provision, if a medical examination for membership is required by the society:

The medical fee for the examination is to be paid from the Promotional Fund.

Section 90. A new proposal to become paragraph 5 of Section 90, having the following text, was adopted:

The local lodges of this society may, each for itself in its by-laws, decide whether it will admit women to membership in the lodge or establish a Ladies' Auxiliary. It shall not be compulsory for a local lodge to admit women to membership in the lodge. In communities where a lodge does not admit women to membership and where no Ladies' Auxiliary has been established women may make application for membership of the society through Lodge No. 600 under Section 88 of these laws.

Section 99. Which provides for payment of a fee of \$2.00 when transferring from one lodge to another was **repealed**.

Section 103. For the purpose of clarification only, Section 103 was divided into two paragraphs without change of wording. The last sentence beginning: "Five members shall constitute a quorum, etc." to become Paragraph 2.

Section 103. As a new paragraph under Section 103, the following text was adopted:

A local lodge must in all instances comply with the rules and regulations prescribed in the laws and rituals of the society. For failure to comply, penalties may be invoked by the Supreme Board of Officers under Section 14, Par. 1 of these by-laws.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of the Officers and Officials

Section 129. The text was amended as shown in heavy type and will read as below:

The trustees are called to duty upon purchase and sale, issuing of legal documents, law suits, etc. They shall have charge of the property of the lodge and give an annual report on same. The trustees or an elected auditing committee shall **audit** (changed from "revise") the accounts after each new election of officers, and before the new board of officers are installed, **and at any other time when requested to do so by the lodge.**

Section 132. The present text was deleted and the following enacted:

It shall be the duty of the officers and members of a lodge to initiate a candidate for membership in the society with dignity and decorum.

ARTICLE VIII

Duties of Members

No changes made.

ARTICLE IX**Sick and Funeral Laws**

Sections 146 and 147. Pertaining to sick benefit in local lodges, were repealed, to comply with changes in statutory requirements.

Section 148. Is moved to Article VIII, where it more properly belongs and will be known as Section 146 in the new book of laws.

ARTICLE X**Offenses and Penalties**

No changes made.

ARTICLE XI**Lodges Outside U. S. A.**

Section 163. To Section 163 is added a new part to be known as paragraph 2 and reads as follows:

Lodges in the Dominion of Canada shall be entitled to send one delegate, as representative of all Canadian lodges, to the national convention. Such delegate elected in accordance with Article III, Section 43, shall have the same rights as other delegates, including compensation, except he cannot take part in discussion or vote upon any questions regarding insurance or other benefit funds to which they do not contribute.

ARTICLE XII**Juvenile Department**

Section 167. The word "boys" is changed to read "persons" and made to conform with other actions by the convention for general membership requirements and will now read:

Persons under 16 years of age, whose parents are honorable and respectable persons and at least one of whom is of Danish descent, or citizenship, or related to a member, may be admitted to the society as juvenile members, subject to such other rules, regulations and requirements as may be prescribed by the supreme board of this society.

Section 172. To this section is added the following text:

... The adult lodge may, however, sponsor a lodge for juveniles which shall be, in general, a replica of the adult lodge, excepting the parts of our ritual which are not to be exposed to the public.

ARTICLE XIII**Scholarship Fund**

This entire article was repealed in the form it has heretofore existed in the society's by-laws. By action of the convention the Scholarship Fund will now become a function of the Fraternal Fund, moved to ARTICLE V, Section 78, of which it becomes paragraph 8 to operate under the provisions as shown in the text below:

Par. 9 College Scholarships. The scholarship fund established within the society shall operate in the following manner:

(a) Scholarships shall be available to members of the society only.

(b) No more than four (4) scholarships may be given each year.

(c) The amount of the scholarship shall not exceed \$125.00 for each semester, for not more than four (4) years, depending upon the length of the college course.

(d) The money for the scholarship program to come from voluntary contributions and from resources of the Fraternal Fund.

(e) The scholarship board shall consist of the supreme board of officers of the society.

(f) An application shall be accepted only for schools approved by the National Federation of Colleges and Universities.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 174. First part of this section was re-enacted without any change of wording, reading as follows:

All provisions of the constitution and by-laws heretofore enacted which are wholly or in part inconsistent with this constitution or by-laws, as adopted and amended at this convention, are hereby repealed. It shall be the duty of the supreme board to make such changes and corrections as shall be consistent and in agreement therewith.

What formerly was the second part of Section 174, prescribing the date the new by-laws become effective and manner in which they can be amended, was established as a separate section and assigned section number 175. The effective date for the amended by-laws was changed from January 1, 1956 to January 1, 1960. The majority vote required for amending the by-laws was changed from "two-thirds" to "simple majority." Section 175 will then have the following text:

Section 175. These laws thus adopted at the convention of the society held in Omaha, Nebraska, September 28 through October 2, 1959, shall be in force and take effect from **January 1, 1960**, and shall remain in full force until amended by a vote of **simple majority** of the votes cast at another convention.

This first part of the report covers the changes in the by-laws, to be included in the new edition to be published. The report will be concluded in the December issue and will cover the several other matters handled by the convention; miscellaneous resolutions and the details of the election of the Supreme Officers. Meanwhile, the names of the new Supreme Officers can be referred to at the top of page 2 of this issue of the Magazine. Brother Otto Nielsen retired from the office of Supreme President after serving 12 years on the board of directors. As the convention came to a close he was accorded a thunderous ovation of applause by the assembly; a memorial of affection and a sign of his popularity.

For the Supreme Officers,

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.-Treas.

Souvenir Program Books

The national convention committee has a limited supply of the souvenir program books available at \$1.00. The convention picture, taken on Wednesday, can also be obtained from the photographer at \$1.00. Our Home Office: Danish Brotherhood, 908 W.O.W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska; will be glad to refer your orders.

Financial Report

SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance September 1, 1959	\$ 7,566.01
Assessments	9,655.53
Bonds called	4,000.00
Bonds matured	43,000.00
Interest on Certificate Loans	8.55
Interest on investments	13,164.13
Profit on bonds called	100.00
	\$ 77,494.22

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$ 11,350.26
Cash surrender	743.05
Current investment expense	833.00
Third quarter investment expense to General Fund	475.00
Interest collection expense	10.00
United States treasury bills purchased	49,655.00
Cash balance September 30, 1959	14,427.91
	\$ 77,494.22

General Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance September 1, 1959	\$ 24,312.77
Miscellaneous income from regular sources	979.75
Investment expense from Mortuary Fund	475.00
Per Capita Tax	702.50
	\$ 26,470.02

Disbursements:	
Advertising	\$ 15.00
Employer Social Security tax	32.84
Nebraska Insurance Department audit, part payment	1,029.98
Office expense	1.25
Postage and telephone	153.01
Printing and mailing official publication	407.55
Rent and light	198.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,300.45
Supreme Officers travel expenses to district meetings	680.57
Cash balance September 30, 1959	22,651.37
	\$ 26,470.02

Fraternal Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance September 1, 1959	\$ 25,129.96
Taxes	9.00
Bonds matured	20,000.00
Interest on investments	625.00
	\$ 45,763.96

Disbursements:	
Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 474.50
Bonds purchased	25,000.00
Safe deposit box rent	27.50

Cash balance September 30, 1959	20,261.96
	\$ 45,763.96

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance September 1, 1959	\$ 3,829.56
Bonds matured	7,000.00
Assessments	264.91
Interest on investments	183.75
	\$ 11,278.22

Disbursements:	
Bonds purchased	\$ 10,000.00
Cash balance September 30, 1959	1,278.22
	\$ 11,278.22

Promotional Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance September 1, 1959	\$ 9,048.73
Taxes	279.50
	\$ 9,328.23

Disbursements:	
Advertising	\$ 66.00
Cash balance September 30, 1959	9,262.23
	\$ 9,328.23

Assets

Investments:	
Mortuary Fund	\$ 4,171,501.50
Juvenile Fund	13,000.00
Fraternal Fund	253,000.00
General Fund	55,000.00
Cash in bank	67,881.69
	\$ 4,560,383.19



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First Time in History



Never before, and perhaps never again, will four ex-supreme presidents be together at a national convention.

In the picture above you see from left to right, Otto Nielsen, who on that very day (October 2, 1959) became the immediate past supreme president, having just completed a four-year term; he was elected in Racine, Wis., in 1955. No. 2 is Svend Petersen, Askov, Minnesota, who was elected in Detroit, Michigan, in 1951 and retired at the Racine convention. No. 3 is C. Bysted Christensen, Schenectady, New York, who was elected in Seattle, Wash-

ington, in 1947 and retired in Detroit. No. 4 is John Hansen, Davenport, Iowa, who was elected in Chicago in 1939, served two terms and was retired in Seattle.

John Hansen attended the national convention in Omaha as a delegate from his lodge, No. 3, Davenport, Iowa. Svend Petersen was also a delegate, representing his home lodge No. 263, Askov, Minn. Bysted Christensen attended the convention as a guest. All four of them had their wives along, and needless to say, they had many social gatherings and much to reminisce about.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTH-PLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
Aug. 21	Henrick Clausen	91	Aarlev, Aabenraa, Jyl.	95	Ferndale, Calif.	1913	Cardiac decompensation	\$ 958.18
Sept. 16	Halfdan C. Thomsen	84	Kærslunde, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1904	Cere. vasc. thrombosis	881.60
Sept. 13	Omar Hansen	66	Chicago, Ill.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1947	Coronary thrombosis	125.00
Aug. 31	Peter Jensen	88	Faxe Ladeplads	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1897	Cerebral hemorrhage	802.37
Sept. 6	N. Roger Jensen, Jr.	44	Portland, Ore.	167	Portland, Ore.	1934	Bronchopneumonia	250.00
Sept. 9	Anton Volquardsen	84	Slesvig, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1916	Cere. vasc. accident	1,000.00
Sept. 21	Ferdinand Andersen	78	Vallensbeck, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1912	Myocardial infarction	1,000.00
Sept. 9	George Sorensen	84	Bredsten, pr. Vejle	50	Byram, Conn.	1898	Cerebral thrombosis	837.34
Sept. 22	Leon H. Tolversen	56	Worthington, Minn.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1931	Cerebral hemorrhage	2,000.00
Sept. 24	George N. Schweder	61	Kansas City, Kan.	173	Kansas City, Kan.	1916	Cardiac tamponade	1,000.00
Sept. 22	Alfred P. Andersen	90	Copenhagen, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1904	Circulatory failure	226.37
Sept. 20	Peter C. Hansen	89	Denmark	16	Minden, Nebr.	1911	Gen. peritonitis	231.53
Sept. 22	Soren N. Schmidt	72	Bakke, Ribe Amt, Den.	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1924	Circulatory failure	1,000.00
Sept. 1	Erasmus Jorgensen	94	Langeland, Den.	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1898	Pneumonia	754.41
Sept. 27	Peter Cordtz	80	Ebberup Odense, Den.	245	South Bend, Ind.	1911	Cerebral thrombosis	1,000.00
Aug. 28	Peter Lind	73	Aarhus, Den.	257	New York City, N. Y.	1924	Carcinoma of stomach	500.00
Sept. 21	Viggo Bargman	66	Højrup, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1923	Pending	500.00
Sept. 10	Gordon B. Elsing, Sr.	70	Copenhagen, Den.	322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	1944	Not given	Social
Oct. 4	Daniel Christensen	82	Funder, Jylland	17	Chicago, Ill.	1954	Not given	Social
Feb. 6, 1956	P. C. Nelson	75	Denmark	65	Duluth, Minn.	1938	Not given	Social

Resolutions

HANS J. HENRIKSEN, Lake Forest, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Hans J. Henriksen, who passed away October 7, 1959, the following resolution was adopted by Skjoldborg Lodge No. 239, Lake Forest, Illinois:

Be it resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a faithful brother, and that we extend our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory, and that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

On behalf of Skjoldborg Lodge No. 239, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Peter Jensen, Pres.
Kai Thorup, Sec.

CHRISTIAN A. JUUL, Duluth, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Christian A. Juul, who passed away October 8, 1959, the following resolution was adopted by Dania Lodge No. 65:

Be it resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a faithful brother, and that we extend our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory, and that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

On behalf of Lodge No. 65, Duluth, Minn.
Roland Hansen, Sec.

CARL F. SNEDKER, Duluth, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Carl F. Snedker, who passed away October 13, 1959, the following resolution was adopted by Dania Lodge No. 65:

Be it resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a faithful brother, and that we extend our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory, and that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

On behalf of Lodge No. 65, Duluth, Minn.
Roland Hansen, Sec.

Donations to Children's Homes

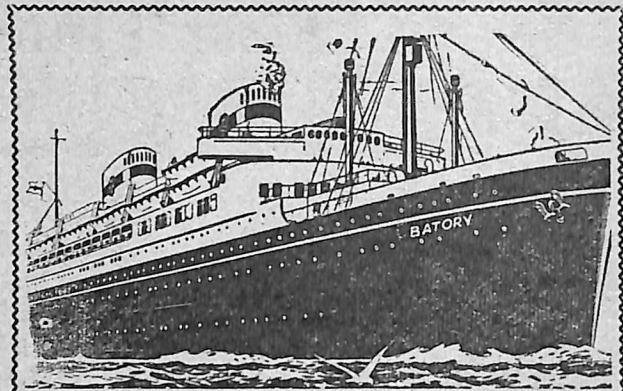
Nearly all lodges contribute an average of 10 cents per member toward the Children's Homes each year with their November or December assessment remittance. That is just fine, but do you realize that the dime of today is worth only about one-half of what it was ten years ago.

By all means send the dime as usual, but if you can, then add a little bit extra to it as it goes to a very worthy cause: Our Danish Children's Homes.

Lodge contributions may be remitted on the regular monthly assessments statement by the lodge treasurer. Individual members' contributions can also be forwarded by the lodge treasurer or sent direct to the Home Office, 908 W.O.W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.



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LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1959
4	Racine, Wisconsin	73	513
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	22	126
49	San Francisco, California	20	324
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	15	193
29	Seattle, Washington	11	304
50	Byram, Connecticut	10	42
51	Ludington, Michigan	9	81
116	Newark, New Jersey	8	164
43	Denver, Colorado	8	94
46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	7	101
184	Hayward, California	6	56
227	Detroit, Michigan	6	315
322	Santa Barbara, California	6	83
334	Geneva, New York	6	43

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
328	Jack Jensen, Vancouver, B. C., Can.		14
4	Paul E. Strand, Racine, Wis.		13
45	Christ W. Pedersen, Minneapolis, Minn.		9
46	Albert C. Borup, Perth Amboy, N. J.		6
116	Alf Svantemann, Newark, N. J.		6
45	Nels Andersen, Minneapolis, Minn.		5
49	Ove Bauer, San Francisco, Calif.		5
184	Anker B. Christensen, Hayward, Calif.		5
4	Svend A. Nyboe, Racine, Wis.		4
29	Paul Hansen, Seattle, Wash.		4
49	Svend A. Rasmussen, San Francisco, Calif.		4
49	Egon Swangren, San Francisco, Calif.		4
113	Carl N. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.		4
4	Raymond C. Clausen, Racine, Wis.		3
4	Jens Engholt, Racine, Wis.		3
4	Harold H. Petersen, Racine, Wis.		3
4	William A. Poulsen, Racine, Wis.		3
43	John Sorensen, Denver, Colo.		3
43	Orla J. Dal, Denver, Colo.		3
50	Aage Schonning, Byram, Conn.		3
50	Henry W. Josty, Byram, Conn.		3
51	Albert J. Christoffersen, Ludington, Mich.		3

51	Alfred A. Larsen, Ludington, Mich.	3
110	Thorvald Jacobsen, Winside, Nebr.	3
183	Andrew Thomsen, Troy, N. Y.	3
322	Arne Johansen, Santa Barbara, Calif.	3
334	N. W. Pedersen, Geneva, N. Y.	3
334	Arthur Christensen, Geneva, N. Y.	3

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Arthur L. Pedersen	4	Racine	Aage S. Pedersen
Paul E. Strand	4	Racine	Torben Jespersen
Paul E. Strand	4	Racine	Holger B. Jorgensen
Paul E. Strand	4	Racine	Andrew P. Jensen
John Mollerskov	4	Racine	Orval Riggsbee
Gunnar Artmann	4	Racine	Henning P. Andersen
Melvin W. Nelson	4	Racine	Sigurd Rasmussen
Melvin W. Nelson	4	Racine	Homer B. Jensen
Peter Jensen	4	Racine	Alfred J. Dahl
Russell Jensen	4	Racine	Martin N. Jensen
William A. Poulsen	4	Racine	Osmund Odders
Peder Back	4	Racine	Fred. W. Nelson
John Jensen	4	Racine	Alfred Jorgensen
Christ N. Pedersen	4	Racine	Einar Damholt
Chris Petersen	33	Tacoma	Hans Rasmussen
Chris Petersen	33	Tacoma	Carl John Miller
Norbert E. Grove	33	Tacoma	Franz H. Swayne
Orla J. Dal	43	Denver	K. O. Rasmussen
Nels Andersen	45	Minneapolis	Jueal J. Vinge
Rudolph M. Olsen	49	San Francisco	P. Johansen
Peter Breum	126	Los Angeles	Lars Mortensen
Adolph Tronbak	139	Viborg	Carl Peter Tronbak
Marcus Peter Pihl	167	Portland	Peter V. Danielsen
Lawrence Olsen	184	Hayward	C. W. Young, Jr.
John Christensen	225	Canton	David A. Jacobson
Chris Larsen	227	Detroit	Fred. W. Kingston
Svend Norgaard	306	San Diego	G. J. V. Schmidt
N. P. Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	H. T. Miller
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	Niels Sorensen
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	Poul E. Eriksen
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	Nis Lorentzen
Jack Jensen	328	Vancouver	Skott Vettendorf
Jens Sondergard	328	Vancouver	Elers Poulsen
Borge Klitz	328	Vancouver	Leo Husted
A. P. Rasmussen	332	Ripon	David Earl Stern
A. F. Tunsen	332	Ripon	Ashburton G. Bailey

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AXEL SKELBECK,
 Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.