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Old Timer Honored



Herewith a photograph of one of our most faithful and active members in Lodge No. 107, Brother Jacob Ludvigsen.

Brother Jacob Ludvigsen has been a member of Lodge No. 107 since September 22, 1909. The photograph shows our president, Wilbur Jensen, presenting Jacob with his 50-year pin.

Brother Jacob Ludvigsen was praised by many of the older members who remember him as one who seldom missed a Lodge meeting in fifty years. The younger members praised him for his loyalty to the Danish Brotherhood and for his good nature and guiding example in their lodge. Brother Jacob has two sons and a son-in-law active in the Lodge affairs.

Brother Axel Jensen, another one of our old timers, arranged and conducted a banquet in Jacob's honor after our regular meeting.

WILBUR JENSEN, Pres.
HOWARD B. JOHNSON, Sec.

A famous divorcee was leaving the court and reporters flocked near. "How did you feel?" one of them asked. "Like a new man," she replied.

The Door is Open

The 1959 National Convention made history. The delegates, now back home in their lodges, have told you about the results of the convention, about the hospitality that the fine people of Omaha bestowed on us while in their fine city and what a fine gathering of members of our Danish Brotherhood, and friends of our organization, who had come to enjoy the good fellowship and friendliness of each other. Many old acquaintances were renewed, and many new friendships were made, all this added much to make it a successful convention.

The delegates came to the convention with much on their minds and determined that there were going to be some changes made in our organization — and they made them. Throughout the entire session the delegates proved that they had come there to work. The records show that when roll call was taken there were very few absentees. They also proved that they had the right spirit of Brotherhood with them, that they wanted Brotherhood practiced, not just talked about. I am not going to elaborate on all the proposals and changes made, but would like to name a few of the many fine proposals that were adopted which showed the true spirit of Brotherhood and the object of our society.

The delegates provided more money for emergency aid to the sick and needy brothers; also provided assistance to our needy senior brothers who reside in an Old People's Home.

Yes, the delegates were most generous toward its members at home and wanted them to have all the benefits that possibly could be made available to them.

Now, what can our home lodges do to help put over our new changes. WORK to get new members; remember, our membership field has been extended in many ways. I am sure that within your home area there are many who now will be eligible to join our society. Right now, with a new year ahead of us, and new officers, is a good time to start by electing or appointing leaders to head up a Membership committee. Keep in mind, that the members of our lodges wanted these changes made, therefore much of the responsibility for success of our new changes rest with our home lodges, its officers, and its members. There must be a reunited effort — cooperation and a willingness to do their part. The delegates themselves must take an active part and remember that their job is not over until the next convention.

In conclusion I would like to thank the delegates for their trust and confidence in me by electing me to again serve as a Supreme Officer for the next four years. I promise that I shall endeavor to do my best.

VIGGO MIKKELSEN,
Supreme First Vice President.

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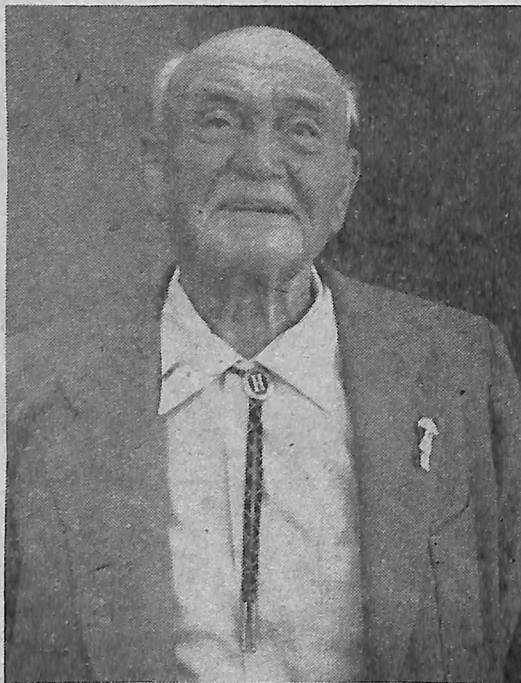
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John Peter Hjort



Here in Fresno we generally agree with the Supreme Lodge in its action toward eliminating the monotonous repetition of resolutions regarding departed brothers. Lodge No. 67 has not published resolutions of this type for many years. However, we feel that for the good of the lodge and order, we should be permitted to present to the readers

of our magazine an occasional biography or sketch of an outstanding member.

Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 67 bids farewell to Brother John Hjort. We grieve his passing, and as we close ranks again in life's onward march, we realize that it may be a long time before we find another brother who will serve us as well. Brother Hjort was a member of this lodge over 50 years at the time of his death. He was treasurer of the lodge for many years.

The story of Johnny's life is interesting, but there is little so colorful and dramatic as to distinguish it from lives of thousands of people of that same epic generation — those who had the initiative to leave their ancestral homes, journey to the far side of the globe, renounce their monarch, and establish homes and businesses in, what was to them, a foreign land. Like Brother Hjort, most of them were modest in telling of their adventures and accomplishments, and there seems to be a tendency on the part of their children and grandchildren to take for granted what these immigrant forbears did for them. The time will come when many of us of the softer generation will realize that we will never come nearer to Valhalla than we were among the old timers at the lodge hall.

Johnny came to Fresno from Kolding, Denmark, at a rather tender age; he acquired citizenship and reached voting age in 1898. This picture was taken just after he returned from the polls in 1958. He claimed the distinction of having cast a ballot in every Fresno election during these 60 years. He admitted that his vote was not always for the winning cause or candidate; but we know he did what was more important, he registered his sentiments so that administrators and politicians could see how they stood. Moreover, he demonstrated that a unanimous vote is only fiction.

Soon after his arrival in Fresno, Johnny started his long service to the community as a blacksmith. Apprenticeship, in the days when Fresno was a small town, meant only that initial period before the boss realized he had a useful helper. Johnny's stories from those days have brightened many conversations at the lodge hall.

It may be of interest to note that the business of blacksmithing, whose origin was in the mists of antiquity, was a flourishing trade about forty years ago. It has now all but disappeared from the American scene. A man's occupation has no doubt some influence on his character. It is doubtful that the mass production industries which replaced this craft can develop in any of its workmen the character and physique that occupied the space between the anvil and the forge.

Yes, we miss old Johnny Hjort.

L. S. DeLAURANT, Sec. No. 67.

A man was telling his club friends about the frightening experience he had during a trip out West.

"It was harrowing," he said. "Indians to the left of me, Indians to the right, Indians to my rear, Indians in front, Indians everywhere closing in on me."

"Gee Whiz," exclaimed a listener. "What did you do?"

"What could I do?" replied the man, "I bought a basket."

Financial Report

DECEMBER 31, 1959

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Cash receipts December 1, 1959	\$ 35,529.50
Assessments	\$8,299.18
Less dividends	7,837.42 461.66
Interest on certificate loans	17.55
Interest on investments	16,595.63
Premium on bonds called	20.00
United States Treasury bills matured	34,655.34
	<u>\$ 87,279.34</u>

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$ 20,325.08
Current investment expense	833.00
Interest collection expense	5.50
Fourth quarter investment expense	1,122.28
Cash balance December 31, 1959	64,993.48
	<u>\$ 87,279.34</u>

General Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance December 1, 1959	\$ 7,777.05
Miscellaneous income from regular sources	946.41
Per capita tax	12.00
Investment expense from Mortuary Fund	1,122.28
Statutory transfer from Fraternal Fund	1,101.36
	<u>\$ 10,959.10</u>

Disbursements:	
Actuary fee	\$ 10.00
Employer social security tax	20.46
Lodge supplies	230.00
Office supplies	21.66
Miscellaneous office expense	63.30
Postage, telephone and telegrams	67.58
Printing	44.87
Printing and mailing official publication	551.61
Rent and light	199.52
Salaries to officers and employes	901.33
Travel and per diem—Meeting of Executive and Investment committee	589.87
Christmas bonus to Home Office employes	50.00
Cash balance December 31, 1959	8,208.90
	<u>\$ 10,959.10</u>

Fraternal Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance December 1, 1959	\$ 19,643.06
Fraternal fund taxes received	5.00
Repaid from insurance	118.63
Interest on investments	812.50
	<u>\$ 20,579.19</u>

Disbursements:	
Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 462.16
Administrative expense for 1959	1,101.36
Cash balance December 31, 1959	19,015.67
	<u>\$ 20,579.19</u>

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance December 1, 1959	\$ 1,939.09
Assessments received	\$335.85
Less dividends	\$162.42 173.43
	<u>\$ 2,112.52</u>

Disbursements:

None	
Cash balance December 31, 1959	\$ 2,112.52
	<u>\$ 2,112.52</u>

Promotional Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance December 1, 1959	\$ 9,221.23
Promotional taxes received	3.50
	<u>\$ 9,224.73</u>
Disbursements:	
Advertising	\$ 48.00
Cash balance December 31, 1959	9,176.73
	<u>\$ 9,224.73</u>

Assets

Investments:	
Mortuary fund	\$4,125,346.25
Juvenile fund	13,000.00
Fraternal fund	253,000.00
General fund	40,000.00
Cash in bank	103,507.30
	<u>\$4,534,853.55</u>

First Student: "How come you didn't make the debating team?"

Second Student: "They s-s-aid I w-w-wasn't t-t-tall enough."

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New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Members
Paul E. Strand	4	Racine	Harold W. Hansen
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Paul E. Strand	4	Racine	E. R. Gottfredsen
Kenneth Janssen	4	Racine	Don C. Jensen
Kenneth Janssen	4	Racine	Robert P. Rasmussen
Raymond C. Olesen	4	Racine	Alfred W. Thomsen
Raymond C. Olesen	4	Racine	Joseph Masik, Jr.
Harry F. B. Ashley	4	Racine	Eugene E. Anderson
Harry F. B. Ashley	4	Racine	Calvin Christensen
A. C. Christensen	4	Racine	Richard Christensen
A. C. Christensen	4	Racine	James Christensen
Einer J. Andersen	4	Racine	Jorgen C. Berthelsen
Einer J. Andersen	4	Racine	Howard H. Odders
Axel Hermansen	4	Racine	Wesley E. Bougneit
Axel Hermansen	4	Racine	Carl J. Jensen
Einer N. Jensen	4	Racine	Donald L. Buhler
Svend A. Nyboe	4	Racine	Louis Fredericksen
Knud Hoffmeyer	4	Racine	Sherman C. Heth
Walter Jensen	4	Racine	L. G. Oberholtzer
James Simonsen	4	Racine	Robert J. Sorensen
Erik Raahauge	4	Racine	Johannes T. Kuijfer
Chris Petersen	33	Tacoma	Emil H. Novis
Chris W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	Duane Young
Chris W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	Marian Rejman
Nels Andersen	45	Minneapolis	Karl Mortensen
A. Christoffersen	51	Ludington	Eugene R. Cater
Arden Angell	71	Penn Yan	R. C. Thompson
Arden Angell	71	Penn Yan	L. W. Angell
Otto Thomsen	75	Albert Lea	James C. Jensen
Henry Hergert	113	Enumclaw	Jean P. DeWitt
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Arthur Shane
Lars C. Hansen	279	Hunter	Frederick Ottesen
Ejnar Madsen	301	Akron	Bertel K. Dyrland
Hans Jensen	306	San Diego	Fred W. Jensen
Svend Norgaard	306	San Diego	Aksel Mathiasen
Alfred C. Nielsen	319	Bakersfield	Kent Stenderup
C. Fairbanks, Jr.	322	Santa Barbara	Peter Phillips

4	Harold H. Petersen, Racine, Wis.	3
4	William A. Poulsen, Racine, Wis.	3
4	John H. Evensen, Racine, Wis.	3
4	Kenneth E. Janssen, Racine, Wis.	3
4	August C. Christensen, Racine, Wis.	3
4	Erik H. Raahauge, Racine, Wis.	3
33	Chris Petersen, Tacoma, Wash.	3
43	John Sorensen, Denver, Colo.	3
50	Henry W. Josty, Byram, Conn.	3
50	Aage Schonning, Byram, Conn.	3
95	Paul R. Chance, Ferndale, Calif.	3
110	Thorvald Jacobsen, Winside, Nebr.	3
183	Andrew Thomsen, Troy, New York	3
225	John Christensen, Canton, Ohio	3
322	Arne Johansen, Santa Barbara, Calif.	3
334	Arthur Christensen, Geneva, New York	3
334	N. W. Pedersen, Geneva, New York	3

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Membership Members Jan. 1, 1959
4	Racine, Wisconsin	102
49	San Francisco, California	27
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	26
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	19
29	Seattle, Washington	13
227	Detroit, Michigan	13
51	Ludington, Michigan	11
50	Byram, Connecticut	10
43	Denver, Colorado	9
46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	9
67	Fresno, California	9
116	Newark, New Jersey	9
322	Santa Barbara, California	7
71	Penn Yan, New York	6
184	Hayward, California	6
334	Geneva, New York	6
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	5
113	Enumclaw, Washington	5
126	Los Angeles, California	5
301	Akron, Ohio	5
332	Ripon, California	5
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Honor Roll

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
4	Paul E. Strand, Racine, Wis.		18
328	Jack Jensen, Vancouver, B. C., Canada		16
45	Christ W. Pedersen, Minneapolis, Minn.		12
46	Albert C. Borup, Perth Amboy, N. J.		8
116	Alf Svantemann, Newark, N. J.		7
45	Nels Andersen, Minneapolis, Minn.		6
49	Ove Bauer, San Francisco, Calif.		6
49	Egon Swangren, San Francisco, Calif.		6
67	Frederik Andersen, Fresno, Calif.		6
4	Svend A. Nyboe, Racine, Wis.		5
184	Anker B. Christensen, Hayward, Calif.		5
4	Axel Hermansen, Racine, Wis.		4
29	Paul Hansen, Seattle, Wash.		4
43	Orla J. Dal, Denver, Colo.		4
49	Orla Otto Gadsdorf, San Francisco, Calif.		4
49	S. A. Rasmussen, San Francisco, Calif.		4
51	Alfred A. Larsen, Ludington, Mich.		4
51	A. J. Christoffersen, Ludington, Mich.		4
113	Carl N. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.		4
4	Jens Engholt, Racine, Wis.		3
4	Raymond C. Clausen, Racine, Wis.		3

Buffer Against Misfortune

It isn't pleasant to think of sudden, early death — but there's no use in blinding ourselves to the fact that it happens, and that no one is magically immune. Nor is there any use in disregarding the fact that the great percentage of persons, in old age, are without adequate independent means, and must depend for their existence on relatives, friends or charity. A membership in The Danish Brotherhood in America cannot prevent tragedy or disaster — but it can provide a buffer against the economic effects that often immediately follow.

The amount of the first payment would represent only so much money in the pocket or in the bank, but invested in a membership in The Danish Brotherhood in America it may become a value of several thousand dollars on some uncertain tomorrow.

Encourage your eligible friends to become members.

A. S.

We like the one about the fella' who stole the comic book from the newsstand. He was arrested for carrying a joke too far.

How to Become a Citizen

A new and revised edition of **How to Become a Citizen of the United States**, by Marion Schibsky and Read Lewis, has just been published by the American Council for Nationalities Service. The naturalization handbook, now in its 19th edition, has been a standard work in the field for nearly 40 years.

The new 128-page handbook explains the requirements for citizenship, describes each step in the naturalization procedure and tells the applicant exactly what he must do to become a citizen. In addition, it contains a special section to be used as a guide in preparing for the naturalization examination. This is a series of 130 questions and answers on American history and government. The handbook also includes the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence.

How to Become a Citizen is intended not only for the individual applicant but also for the teacher, social worker and lawyer who are called upon to advise and assist newcomers. For this expert group, it provides comprehensive information about the technical and often intricate problems of naturalization and citizenship.

Copies of **How to Become a Citizen of the United States**, which sells for \$1 each, can be obtained from the American Council for Nationalities Service, 20 West 40th Street, New York 18, N. Y.

Rocky Mountain Tid-bits

A Christmas party was held by Lodge No. 78 on their regular meeting night at their regular meeting place, but with special lodge spirit. Business was short, if not sweet, as the bills from the month were approved for payment, but with all the ladies impatiently waiting for entertainment, there is not much a man can do but comply.

Therefore everybody gathered in a larger hall and while most of the participants played a game of bingo — a clear defiance of the police chief's moral code — a couple of the brothers set tables with an assortment of consecrated art of what man does not live by alone, according to the Bible.

Although this holds true, there is no question about man's inborn desire for a voluminous consumption of bread with the kind of cover shown at this table. "Rullepølse og Leverpostej" can do wonders to any appetite, and it sure did.

Before the more materialistic nutrition Brother Hilmar Hansen asked all to stand and with one minute's silence to show their respect to Brother Niels Andersen, who had been buried the same day. When everybody had added about 2500 calories and half a gallon of coffee, the party sang Christmas carols and Danish songs — in a conglomeration of tunes and languages, after which Brother Hansen as "cheerleaders" asked several brothers to say the usual few words. This facet of the party of course, was in recognition of the earlier made statement about bread and words, although no religious aspect was intended, nor carried out, we stay very well within our by-laws.

Many brothers had the floor, and in order to save time, space and energy, your correspondent shall omit names as well as content of the many "few

words" and only report that the theme in all speeches was a fervent love for the lodge and the Brotherhood, something that could be just words, but certainly was backed up by the sincere and honest work these brothers have shown during the many years they have faithfully supported their lodge. A surprise was that every brother had bought a present for a lady to make this a pretrial for Christmas morning, and an even bigger surprise was, that Hilmar Hansen and Borge Kragh had conspired against the lodge funds and bought presents for the brothers. Fred Hundrup had brought a Christmas wreath which was sold to help out expenses, and was finally "won" by Chris Pedersen.

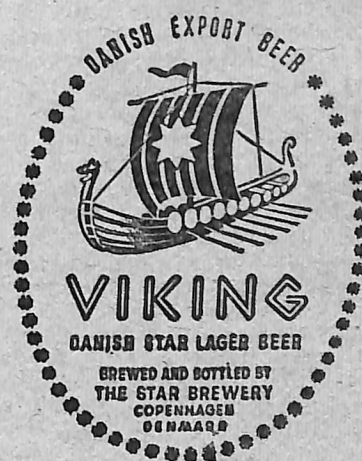
With the singing of "America" the party left the sad remnants to a "well-greased" janitor to clean up — this party was for the ladies so they did not have to work — and the brothers were too, let us say, uninterested in these female chores, thus everyone agreed they had had a wonderful party.

Your correspondent believes that the other lodges here in Utah and Idaho have had parties as fine as this, but as nobody has let him know about it, he is unable to report anything, although he would like very much to write about any "tid-bits" from our friends in the other lodges.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everybody from 78.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By **BUDOLPH OLSEN**

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As mentioned in last month's column Brother and Sister Fred J. Bakke celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 15. They did the celebration by inviting about 150 of their friends to cocktails and dinner at the House of Lawton. It was a beautiful affair, one that will long be remembered by the participants, but then who else but Fred Bakke could do it better, he has been arranging parties and dinners for the lodges during his many years of activities within the Danish colony, but he almost outdid himself for his and Sister Bakke's own great event.

The guest list was headed by the Danish Consul General and Mrs. Schön, the Consul General thanked Brother Bakke for his many years of work within the colony and especially his many years of service to the Danish Old People's Home "Aldersly." Brother Chris Petersen, the president of "Aldersly," also thanked Brother Bakke for his work. There were many other speakers who mentioned the work done by these good people for the Danes in San Francisco.

Brother and Sister Bakke are now leaving San Francisco and will become residents of the beautiful "Aldersly," where they have purchased one of the cottages. We wish them many happy years together in this fine home. But it will be hard to keep Bakke away from the meetings of Golden Gate Lodge No. 49 on Wednesday evenings, as well as the many other organizations where he has been an active member for these many years.

Every year for the past 38 years Brother Louis Jorgensen has been installed Financial Secretary of Lodge No. 49. This year will be an exception. Brother Jorgensen is now retiring after these many years of service to the members of the Danish Brotherhood. The lodge is cancelling its traditional third Wednesday affair and instead will, together with the Sisters of Lodge No. 24, hold a Louis Jorgensen dinner party in the hall on Wednesday evening, February 24. The dinner will be "en Torskemiddag med Tilbehør," which includes "en kold Aalborg." Make your reservation now with the committee, the charge is \$2.50. Ernest Meyer and Egon Svangreen are putting the dinner on at cost and the balance will be turned over to the Convention Committee. Come and have a real good time and at the same time honor one of our most faithful workers in the organization.

Lodge No. 49 will discontinue the office of Financial Secretary and the new treasurer, Brother Kurt Otto Jacobsen, 1921 Fulton Street, San Francisco 17, will henceforth do all the collecting of dues. Brother Jacobsen is a young man and the lodge is happy he will take over the work.

As the last issue of our Magazine indicated,

Lodge No. 49 was next to the top in getting new members during 1959. However, the members are determined to better last year's record and started with another new member initiated on January 20th. The lodge is very fortunate in getting younger members interested in our organization. After all, it must be the younger members who will carry on when some of the older members pass on to their rewards — if any.

One of the most distinguished members of the bar in California has just retired as Superior Judge in San Francisco after many years on the bench, first as municipal and later superior judge, namely Brother Twain Michelsen. I understand he will now devote his time to his hobby, that of writing fiction. But one thing is sure, there was never any fiction in Judge Michelsen's Court, where he was the nemesis of crooks and dope peddlers. Some years ago I was talking to one of the employes in the City Hall, and during our conversation he said: "There is only one thing the matter with Judge Michelsen, he is too damn honest." Honesty has been the badge of honor of Judge Michelsen during his entire career, and something to be proud of, and something the rest of the members of the bar could very well emulate. We wish Brother Michelsen many years of joy and contentment in his retirement.

It is now official, the date of this year's convention will be on September 1, 2 and 3, and the headquarters will be the Whitcomb Hotel, where it is hoped we will have all our meetings and all the various functions. So plan now to be with us in San Francisco during above dates. There is a fine committee hard at work, trying to duplicate the last convention in the City by the Golden Gate.

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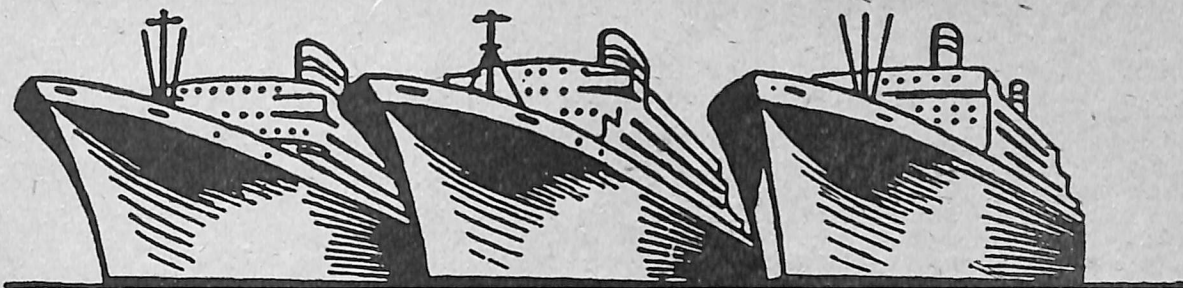
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ALTERNATE NO. 1, 16 days. From New York, June 11, 1960. Visiting all ports listed above from New York disembarking in Bergen June 27. Fares from: First Class \$670. Tourist Class \$424.

ALTERNATE NO. 2, 8 days. From Bergen, June 19, 1960. Visiting all ports listed above from Bergen back to Bergen, June 27. Fares from: First Class \$310. Tourist Class \$180.

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m. s. OSLOFJORD ----- 25 Days
From New York, August 4, 1960

m. s. BERGENSFJORD ----- 26 Days
From New York, May 11, 1960

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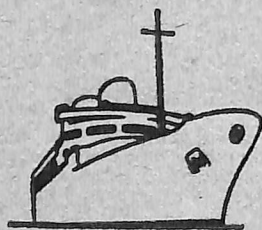
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We find in this part of the country that our opportunity is very limited; but at any rate, we so called "old timers" had a most unusual experience on Sunday, January 24th.

Our secretary, Ib Barfod, invited the members and their life partners to spend the afternoon at his most modern abode in Kirkwood, Mo.

We found not only a true Danish atmosphere arranged by his most unusual genial wife from New Orleans, (native American indeed) but also many Danish delicacies served in real Danish dishes. Danish music and entertainment prevailed during our entire stay.

The children too were indeed interesting and very well behaved, as well as entertaining.

Elizabeth, five years old; Hans Peter, two; and Kirsten, ten months old, represent the next generation.

May these two young people, Emily and Ib Barfod, take over where we oldsters have to leave off.

Surely an afternoon well spent, in fact it was like a visit to the old country, without too much effort on our part. We will remember this visit a long time.

OLUF LARSEN, Lodge No. 191.

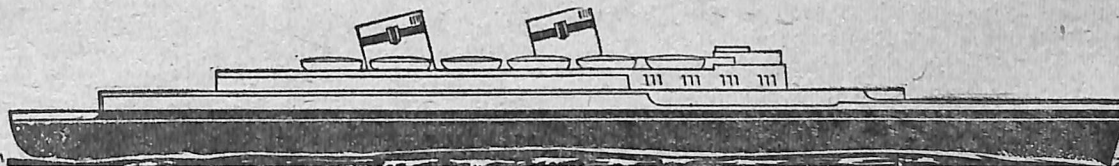
Cemeteries are places where careless drivers stop.

Installation at Byram

On January 16, the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges of Byram, Conn., had joint installation of officers. Brother Chris Madsen, Supreme Trustee, with the assistance of Brother Paul Petersen, installed the brothers, while Sister Mildred Sorensen, Supreme Trustee, installed the Sister Lodge officers. After the installation ceremonies we all enjoyed a most delicious dinner, followed by a few short remarks by the installing officers. Brother Christian was presented with a 50-year emblem by the Supreme Trustee in a brief ceremony. The remainder of the evening we enjoyed dancing to the music of a very good orchestra. About 130 members and friends attended this affair which was outstanding in many ways; but most important, perhaps, for the number of young people who are members or prospective members. Lodge No. 50 is to be congratulated for their very successful efforts on behalf of the Brotherhood in recent years. They not only have been winning prizes for the Membership Drive, but have also won the prize in their class for the Attendance Contest, just closed, in the Eastern District. By all indications, it won't be long before they move into the higher bracket in membership. Thanks to Byram for a truly delightful evening.

CHRIS MADSEN.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

All Lodges have by now installed their officers for 1960. On behalf of the officers of the General Committee, Eastern Lodges, my sincere and best wishes for a successful year is extended, and when we meet in Penn Yan, Lodge No. 71, over the Labor Day week end let us be able to say that it has been a prosperous year for the Brotherhood.

General Committee, Eastern Lodges, Promotional Committee. Paul Petersen, 1429 St. Lawrence Ave., Bronx, N. Y. (chairman) Chris Madsen, 74 Union Place, No. Arlington, N. J. (secretary)

Results of Attendance contest in the Eastern Lodges: Group A — Lodges with 1 to 50 members. Winner was Lodge No. 50 with 42 members, showing an attendance of 45.1 per cent of their membership at their October, November and December meetings.

Group B — Lodges with 51 to 100 members. Winner was Lodge No. 71, with 32.3 per cent of their membership present at the three meetings.

Group C — Lodges with 101 members and over. Winner was Lodge No. 116 with 20.1 per cent of their membership out.

The Promotional Committee is very pleased with the interest shown by the various lodges in this contest, and express our thanks to the secretaries for their cooperation.

Plans for 1960 will be announced shortly. Prizes for the contest — two gavels to each winning lodge — will be presented on a suitable occasion.

PAUL PETERSEN, Chairman.
CHRIS MADSEN, Secretary.

Remember the pledge: "To keep secret everything o. s. v." Most of you fellows in the different lodges sure live up to that vow. With so many new officers in different chairs all over the Eastern part of our Brotherhood, I was sure to be swamped with mail — a new broom always sweeps clean — to be frank with you, I can sell my desk, all I need is a small corner of the dining room table. Well, I am sure as time goes by that I'll hear from all the lodges. I do have a couple of letters and have also been busy visiting this month, so here goes.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N. J. Installation of officers for 1960 took place Wednesday, January 13, it being a bad night only a small group of members were present, however, Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen, assisted by yours truly, did the installation, a new member was also initiated into the lodge. The entertainment committee reported for the year. I would like to know the secret, not once during the year had there been any charge for sandwiches, smorgasbord, coffee, or cake, only a donation for drinks and with \$165 to start with, the committee spent only \$24 all year, no need saying it, they kept the same chairman for next year. A Pre-Lenten Breakfast has been planned and will be held Sunday, February 28, 1960, at 1 p. m. in "Dana Hall," 288 Market Street, Perth Amboy. Tickets will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25

for children under 12 years. Tickets must be reserved in advance by contacting Peter Christensen, 2621 Linden Ave., So. Plainfield or Charles Christensen, 190 Cooper Ave., Iselin.

Lodge No. 50, Byram, Conn. The annual Dinner Dance and joint installation of officers of D.S. "Valkyric" Lodge No. 27 and D.B. "Dannevirke" Lodge No. 50 of Byram, Conn., was held Saturday evening, January 16, 1960. A crowd of 135, Brothers, Sisters and guests witnessed the very impressive installation ceremony that took place. The installing officer for Lodge No. 50 was Chris Madsen, Chairman of the Supreme Trustees. He was superbly assisted by Paul Petersen of Lodge No. 164, also chairman of the GCEL Promotional Committee.

A 50-year pin was presented to Brother Chris Christiansen by Chris Madsen. Celebrating his 90th birthday was Brother Charles Løbger. Three door prizes were given away, Chris Madsen won one of them. A very good time was had by all and another dance is already being talked about for Easter time. Sorry Brother Secretary, space does not allow me to list all officers.

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N. J. With only 17 active members this lodge manages to have a full slate of officers. Installation took place Saturday, January 2, and was performed by yours truly, assisted by Paul Ifversen, Lodge No. 116. For the benefit of other small lodges, the members of Lodge No. 90 take turn and bring sandwiches to every meeting and a 50-50 drawing takes care of the refreshments. Our Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen was present at this meeting together with several other visiting Brothers.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. Installation of officers and initiation of a new member (welcome Brother James Peck) took place Saturday, January 9. A good number of Brothers were present, among

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Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

them visiting Brothers from Philadelphia, Port Reading and Perth Amboy. It was truly a good meeting, and the installation was superb with Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen doing his own Lodge the honors, he was assisted by yours truly. An officers' meeting will be held Friday, February 5, the plans for the entire year will be made.

Lodge No. 164, New York, N. Y. Joint installation with Sisterhood Lodge No. 79 was held Friday, January 8. A splendid evening with a delicious spread of sandwiches served after the installation. The installing officer for the Sisterhood was President for the GCEL Sister Lillian Larsen, shame on me, my apology, I forgot who served as conductor. For the Brotherhood yours truly, assisted by Brother Paul Ifversen of Lodge No. 116 installed the officers of Lodge No. 164 for the ensuing year.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. A gala installation took place in that lodge Saturday, January 16. The affair started with a dinner at Beck's on the Boulevard; several invited guests were present, the dinner was enjoyed by all and a public installation followed. I had the honor of installing the officers, assisted by my Lodge Brother Carl Ingeholm. The outgoing Financial Secretary-Treasurer Brother Harold Boldsen, who has served in this office for 36 years, retired as Financial Secretary and is now Treasurer. Brother Boldsen was honored by being made Honorary President, and was presented an Ex-President pin, a well earned honor. This lodge will for the next six months meet the second Friday each month.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Installation in that lodge will take place Friday, January 22, the installing officer will be the Secretary of the GCEL, Brother Edward Jonassen. A party will follow. Their annual Torskegilde will be held sometime in February. Also after the installation a farewell party will be held for Brother Frits Lange, a member for 48 years, who is retiring to Florida. The Lodge lost two brothers in the new year, Brother Dorr Wells passed away January 7, and Brother Martin Christensen passed away January 14. A new member Brother John Seiersen was initiated into the lodge January 8.

Lodge No. 257, New York, N. Y. At the installation in this Lodge Friday, January 15, I asked for the news for the Brotherhood Magazine, (not old news), the Toastmaster for the evening, Brother Elmer Jensen, informed me right away that the news from the entertainment committee or as they call it "the Fourth degree" would be "Forloren Skildpade" after their February meeting. For those of you who do not know what that dish is, you better attend that meeting and stay afterwards so you can find out. So it is "Cimbria" Friday, February 19. The initiation was done by Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen, I was serving as his conductor. It was strictly a meeting and party for Brothers, several Brothers from other lodges were present and all enjoyed the serving of "Sylte og Rødbeder," cheese and snaps.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. The installation

in that lodge will be a joint installation, which will take place Saturday, January 23. The President for the Sisterhood GCEL, Sister Lillian Larsen, will install the sisters and I have the honor of installing the Brothers with the assistance of Past President of the GCEL, Brother Erik Garde. Our Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen and his wife, Joan, are invited guests.

Resolution

WALTER ANDERSEN, Austin, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Walter Andersen, who passed away December 21, 1959, the following resolution was adopted by Als Lodge No. 111:

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

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

Fred Godfredsen, Pres.
Otto M. Andersen, Sec.

Ludington, Michigan

William Neil, who was re-elected president of Lodge No. 51 and all the rest of the officers were installed in their respective offices by Past President J. M. Jeppesen at our January meeting. After the installation pinochle was played and lunch served by Lawrence Cabot and William Neil.

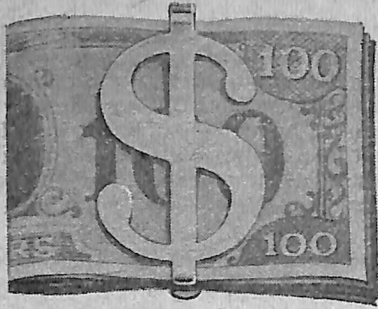
A special meeting was held December 10 in the Danish Hall in honor of Brother Stanley Williamson, who was presented with his 50-year membership emblem — he joined November 18, 1909.

Ludington Lodge has eleven 50-year members; two of them, N. C. Rasmussen and Andrew P. Nelson, were at the above meeting. Two other members were supposed to receive their emblems, namely Albert Nielsen from Georgetown, Ontario, Canada and Holger Hansen, who is in Florida. Another event at this meeting was the initiation of two new members, Eugene R. Cater and Dick Hansen. Following the meeting lunch was served by William Hansen and Robert Andersen.

EARL JENSEN, Sec.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the Eleventh Annual Pacific Northwest Convention of Danish Lodges on May 20 through the 22 in Spokane, Washington. If you want to eat, sleep and dream the Danish Brotherhood for three days; if you think well of our insurance fraternity; if you want to be sparked into more enthusiasm; if you have an idea you would like discussed; and if you would like to renew those old acquaintances and meet new associates, then by all means make reservations now in the Inland Empire City. For ten years, the Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia have gathered annually to promote the general welfare of the Danes. These gatherings are an indispensable ally of progressive friendship, a broad-gauged plan of coordination, a never-failing source of new ideas, an unexcelled instrument for cementing fraternal bonds, and an inexhaustible program of furthering our growth. Just a year ago, we were promoting attendance to our tenth conclave in Portland and the response was terrific. Spokanians are striving to top the registrations in the City of Roses. Please act promptly. District Trustee and Convention

Committeeman John M. Bech urges early hotel reservations.

Amidst the proverbial "wine, women and song" atmosphere of Danish Brotherhood No. 29 at Washington Hall in Seattle, visiting brothers and sisters from Oregon, Washington and Canada joined the local lodge for their annual joint installation of new officers. On Wednesday, January 13, Bartender John Ottesen greeted yours truly and Sonia with a pink champagne as we joined the festivities. Retiring Lodge President Jens Nielsen was the master of ceremonies and sought for the right adjectives in expressing the united efforts of District President Soren Fredriksen and his co-workers for the delicious roast beef dinner served to 150 guests. Applause was generous for Sam and the "kitchen help, potato peelers and carrot scrapers;" and for Brother Martin Hansen and his decoration committee. The Vancouver, B. C. lodge was represented by three Canadians including District Trustee Thorval Larsen and Jack Jensen; Portland's six included their president, Hans Jensen, and District Inner Guard Henry Barreth; Past President Dan Meng came from Enumclaw, and Norbert Grove brought greetings

In Memoriam

Members who have passed away since the last report

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Nov. 5	John P. Ericksen	87	Hundtofte, Fyn	206	Blair, Nebr.	1903	Coronary occlusion	\$ 423.54
Nov. 6	Chr. L. Christensen	83	Udesundby Sogn	49	San Francisco, Calif	1912	C. V. A.	477.15
Dec. 5	Andrew Christensen	82	Haderslev, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Heart disease	802.12
Nov. 28	Christian Jensen	83	Nørre-Sneede, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1910	Coronary occlusion	235.56
Dec. 2	Jen Peter Hansen	85	Gjødstrup Sogn, Den.	65	Duluth, Minn.	1903	Carcinoma of pancreas	874.35
Dec. 5	Niels Chr. Andersen	79	Gravlev Aalborg, Den.	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1905	Myocardial infarction	926.23
Nov. 3	William Hansen	63	Sorø, Den.	257	New York, N. Y.	1940	Metastatic carcinoma	500.00
Dec. 1	Marius Hansen	78	Egtred	46	Berth Amboy, N. J.	1902	Heart disease	919.85
Nov. 26	Jens Christoffersen	78	Manistee, Mich.	20	Manistee, Mich.	1902	Arterio. vasc. disease	1,000.00
Nov. 22	Claus Elnjef	76	Faaborg, Den.	164	New York, N. Y.	1922	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Nov. 15	Bende Petersen	94	Tønder, Den.	167	Portland, Ore.	1903	Broncho-pneumonia	777.23
Nov. 18	Jens C. Mortensen	89	Eliselund, Den.	167	Portland, Ore.	1904	Myocardial infarction	841.07
Dec. 2	Carl Birnbaum	57	Aalborg, Den.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1942	Coronary occlusion	125.00
Dec. 4	David Christensen	66	Kolding, Den.	306	San Diego, Calif.	1941	Broncho-pneumonia	500.00
Dec. 9	Thomas Petersen	62	Aalborg, Den.	50	Byram, Conn.	1927	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
Dec. 8	Barbaras Madsen	81	Kolding, Den.	154	Withee, Wis.	1907	Stroke	1,000.00
Aug. 10	Niels Mogensen	66	Nørbling Sogn, Den.	206	Blair, Nebr.	1920	Not given	250.00
Dec. 25	Hans Mouritsen	78	Copenhagen, Den.	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1906	Cerebral hemorrhage	473.49
Nov. 20	William H. Meyer	41	Chicago, Ill.	184	Hayward, Calif.	1958	Pulmonary edema	125.00
Dec. 11	Thomas Jensen	80	Aarhus, Den.	288	Cotesfield, Nebr.	1904	C. V. A.	461.21
Dec. 22	Johannes P. M. Hjort	82	Kolding, Den.	67	Fresno, Calif.	1908	Broncho-pneumonia	1,000.00
Dec. 21	Waldemar Andersen	71	Torsager, Den.	111	Austin, Minn.	1908	Myocardial infarction	500.00
Dec. 17	William L. Christiansen	63	New Orleans, La.	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1943	Myocardial infarction	1,000.00
Dec. 24	Eric Johnsen	66	Copenhagen, Den.	116	Newark, N. J.	1935	Broncho-pneumonia	250.00
Dec. 12	Hagbard Laursen	67	Tvingstrup, Den.	230	Arcata, Calif.	1920	Myocardial infarction	250.00
Dec. 22	Albanus Busk	89	Søndervinge, Viborg	17	Chicago, Ill.	1899	Coronary sclerosis	808.64
Dec. 18	Iver J. Jorgensen	71	Orby, Samsø, Den.	114	Lake Benton, Minn.	1912	Not reported	500.00
Dec. 14	Carl E. T. Jensen	80	Lynby, Den.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1942	Carcinoma of pancreas	250.00
Dec. 28	Charles Fagerlin	60	Montcalm, Mich.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1902	Coronary occlusion	450.52
Dec. 29	Hans P. Hansen	89	Assens, Den.	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1901	Cardio-renal disease	811.50
Jan. 2	Christian O. Caspersen	82	Draby, Den.	211	Grand Island, Nebr.	1914	Adenocarcinoma	978.58
Dec. 18	Christian Gramstrup	78	Thisted, Den.	65	Duluth, Minn.	1911	Metastatic carcinoma	973.78
Jan. 3	Carl S. Kirk	83	Thisted, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1909	Hemorrhage	928.54
Dec. 30	Laurits C. Astrup	64	Tyler, Minn.	121	Tyler, Minn.	1924	Metastatic carcinoma	500.00
Jan. 4	Peter H. J. Graah	86	Skanderborg, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1904	Arteriosclerosis	862.51
Dec. 25	Thorvald M. Nielsen	61	Copenhagen, Den.	325	Nassau Co., N. Y.	1942	Pending	125.00
Jan. 3	Jens C. Kjar	94	Katrup, Sk'borg, Den.	53	Atlantic, Iowa	1903	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Dec. 7	Niels F. Laursen	90	Østbeck Horsens, Den.	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1903	Coronary acute	206.39
Sept. 25	Christ N. Petersen	78	Hjørring, Den.	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1946	Not given	Social
Dec. 15	Chris Rasmussen	97	Rudkøbing, Den.	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1901	Not given	Social

from Tacoma. Several Danish songs were sung, a number of extemporaneous remarks were made by visiting brothers, and "words of wisdom" came from Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen and Supreme Trustee Kris Jorgensen. Appreciation was given Past President Ed Olsen for his wine donation; Brother Sophus Norby for the ice cream; and to a brother of Otto, Jack Nielsen, for certain financial and moral help. The writer sat across the table from Brother Chris and John Anderson of Monroe, the latter "Farmer of the Month" in his area. Conspicuously absent was our old friend, Past Secretary Immanuel Jensen, reported to be convalescing at the Danish Home. After response by incoming President Otto Hansen, we adjourned to our respective lodge meetings preceding the installing of 1960 officers.

Past District President Carl N. Grove was a busy brother in January — first he came to Tacoma in order to install the new lodge officers there with the assistance of Past Lodge President Ingvald Nelsen, also of Enumclaw — then in conjunction with District Sisterhood President Abelona Jorgensen, he administered the oath and obligation to the brothers who will conduct the affairs of D. B. No. 113 this year.

On the back of a letterhead from the Economy Window Cleaners, 5225 North Yale in Portland, which is evidently the business of DB No. 167's president, Hans P. Jensen, I am able to bring you the roster of the 1960 officers for the Rose City Danes. In a hurry and between "gulps of wine," Hans jotted down these names as his associates: Past President Henry Barreth, Vice President Arlan Barreth, Secretary Gus Haraldsen, Treasurer Emil Svendsen, Financial Secretary Kai Persson, Conductor Poul Persson, Chairman of Trustees Carl Holm, Trustee Pete Pihl, Trustee Arne Hendriksen, Inner Guard Peter Danielsen and Outer Guard Willy Nielsen. Installation was on January 23.

Spokane's Past President Ernie Wales and wife, Ellen, are recovering from a serious train accident on their way to a Hoo-Hoo Convention in Duluth in which two of the train crew were killed; Brothers of DB No. 42 helped the Sisterhood celebrate their 50th anniversary on January 19 with a dinner party at Knud's Copenhagen Copper Grille; and whenever Brother Benni Andersen, who lives in Lakewood, returns to the Inland Empire to visit his daughter, Elizabeth, married to Dan R. Fiedler, he vacation with friends at Priest Lake.

Seattle's dear Brother Emil Mickelsen has been laid to rest after canceling a long planned trip to Denmark because of his wife, Anna's illness en route in Chicago; Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen made a thorough National Convention report to DB Lodge No. 33 in Tacoma at a recent monthly meeting; Brother Martin Nielsen, who lives in Enumclaw, spent several weeks in a Tacoma hospital following a car accident; Brother Knut Hansen is presently in Denmark; Brothers Leo Mogensberg and Louis Jensen passed away during the holidays; and bowling interests are still high in the Queen City's DB membership.

Wilbur's 36 members had no representation at the tenth annual area convention; good old brother Svend Gommesen is still their faithful secretary; and a group of Spokane Brothers headed by Convention Boosters John Bech and Ingvald Eskeberg and President Lawrence Chernisky visited DB 152

at the regular October meeting, affording the Wilburites a full convention report from Omaha Delegate Chernisky as Wilbur had no one back there this trip.

Astoria's Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Jorgensen reports ten bona fide brothers belonging to DB No. 307; since the May Convention was so close to the Seaboard City, we had expected representation from this little city last year; and they all send their belated greetings to everyone.

Bellingham's membership of sixteen brothers always have a card game following their regular monthly meeting in various private homes; oldest member Brother Hans Hansen is back on his feet after a long illness; and the three top officers in DB 155 last year were President Esben Hansen, Vice President Arnold Grimland and Secretary-Treasurer Hans Richard Hansen, the latter being duly elected as Delegate to Portland.

Junction City's DB 268 usually celebrate their anniversary in January with a cocktail hour, banquet and dance; Brothers Pete Skovbo and Sig. Nielsen had a brief vacation from the daily grind by visiting Las Vegas; and Portland Brothers periodically get together on lodge visits.

Be Alert

Excessive speed was by far the biggest single cause of traffic accidents that caused more than 2,825,000 injuries and 36,700 deaths on U. S. highways during 1958.

It was estimated that SPEED killed and injured nearly 1,000,000 persons in the United States last year, more than 40 per cent of the total.

Cars that did not have the right-of-way were involved in 25.2 per cent of the accidents causing a total of 608,400 injuries during the year. Reckless driving was blamed for 10.4 per cent of the injuries; cutting in for 4.0 per cent and improper signaling for 3.6 per cent.

Crossing at intersections was the chief cause of the 7,700 pedestrians killed and 245,800 injured. A total of 1.1 per cent or 27,040 pedestrians were injured while crossing with the signal as compared with 7.4 per cent injured crossing against the signal.

It was reported that 97.1 per cent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents had more than a year of driving experience; that 87.9 per cent of drivers involved in fatal accidents were men; that 87 per cent of the vehicles involved in non-fatal accidents were passenger cars; and that more than 95 per cent of the cars involved were in apparently good condition at the time of the accident.

Dry roads prevailed in 78.3 per cent of the fatal crashes and 70.1 per cent of the non-fatal accidents. The weather was reported as clear in 84.2 per cent of the fatal pileups and 79.5 per cent of the non-fatal mishaps.

Slow up a bit, and you may live longer.

A woman waiting at the door ready to go to the store had her arms full of coats and four little children at her side. Her husband, coming down the stairs, asked why she was standing there. She replied, handing him the coats, "This time you put the children's coats on and I'll go honk the horn."

The Past Decade

However future historians may characterize the 1950's, it is at least certain the decade just ended was a restless and prosperous time that brought many innovations into American life.

Between 1950 and 1960, Americans were on the move, with one out of five changing their homes every year. The populations of several states — including California, Florida, Arizona and Nevada — increased more than 30 per cent, the National Geographic Society says.

City-dwellers flocked to the suburbs, and, having more leisure time and money, Americans visited beaches and national parks in growing numbers. The motel came into its own. Everyday travel by plane lost its novelty, and holidays abroad became commonplace.

The 1950's were a noisy decade. When they were not glued to TV screens, Americans listened and danced — along with music from previous years — to calypso, bebop, rock 'n' roll, and progressive jazz. They bought millions of long-playing disks recorded, of course, in stereo and hi-fi.

It was an age of gadgets and wondrous mechanical aids. Disposal units. Powered lawn mowers. Electric can openers. Deepfreezers, with an endless variety of frozen foods. Transistor pocket radios. Cars with air conditioning and automatic transmission. Promising more living comforts for future decades, scientists made enormous strides in the development of electronics and the peacetime uses of atomic power.

The 1950's brought many new expressions into common usage. A sampling suggests some of the hopes, fears and foibles of the decade: Salk vaccine; fallout; juvenile delinquent; supersonic; tranquilizer; drip-dry; smog; beatnik; sputnik; payola; population explosion.

At home and abroad, writers and photographers gave unprecedented coverage in newspapers, radio, and TV to events of lasting significance. The decade had hardly begun when the Korean War broke out. Atomic spy Klaus Fuchs was tried and convicted. Elizabeth II was crowned Queen of England, and General Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected President of the United States, with the largest popular vote in the Nation's history.

Hydrogen bombs were exploded. The first man-made satellite went into orbit. A Soviet space vehicle photographed the hidden side of the moon. The first nuclear submarines circumnavigated the frozen Arctic Sea. Mount Everest was scaled, and a Briton ran the first four-minute mile.

Stalin died. Communist China emerged as a world power. Dictators of Argentina, Venezuela, and Cuba were deposed. Egypt seized the Suez Canal. Hungary revolted. In Africa and Asia, many colonial lands gained their independence. Khrushchev and Eisenhower took unprecedented journeys.

The United States added two new states to the Union. The United States Supreme Court outlawed segregation in schools. In the field of religion, the 1950's were highlighted by the death of Pope Pius XII and the succession of John XXIII. In that of literature, the decade's hero was Boris Pasternak.

Above all, the Fifties were a fast-moving decade.

In May, 1952, the world's first jet passenger service was inaugurated between London and Johannesburg. By the end of 1959, passenger jets, satellites, and guided missiles filled the skies.

What happened within the Danish Brotherhood within the decade?

A large number of brothers came to the end of their 20-year pay policies and are now enjoying full insurance coverage without any further payment of assessments; and they even get in on the so-called dividends at the end of the year and get theirs in cash.

For the first time in our history a 25 per cent dividend on insurance assessments was declared by the Supreme Board, and in spite of that our solvency remains the same. Thousands upon thousands of dollars were paid to members on account of personal illness.

Thousands upon thousands of dollars were given to members from our Fraternal Fund to help them overcome their financial distress due to illness or injury; and this was in addition to the help they received from their local lodge.

Juvenile insurance for boys was adopted at the beginning of the decade and is now rolling along nicely after a slow start; and nearly every one of them become adult members at the age of 16 years; and at the Omaha convention last year, it was decided to admit girls as well as boys. (It will take some time to get the necessary form prepared to get this program under way.)

In several other ways the membership field has been greatly extended and many lodges have taken advantage of this and are actually increasing their membership.

Bowling has become a great sport and many lodges have teams entered in the DB special contest.

Our financial resources have been increased by about a half million dollars. We are a rich organization.

If your lodge has failed to increase its membership, it is due to the lack of local leadership. Get some young fellows into the lodge; elect them as officers of your lodge; let them take over the leadership. Maybe you think they can't do it — well, just put them in the driver's seat and you will find out what they can do. They may surprise you. The old timers should sit on the side lines and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

SVEND PETERSEN.

The shapely gal had just stepped from her bath and was reaching for a towel when she spied a window washer on the ledge outside her apartment. She was so startled she couldn't move or talk. The man finally said, "Hey lady, what are you looking at? Haven't you ever seen a window washer before?"

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St. Lawrence Seaway: The Fourth Coast

Sixty years ago, the St. Lawrence Seaway project, as we know it, was conceived. For decades it was planned and argued about; the enormous complications involved threatened it with failure time and again. But five years ago the debate ended and the intensive work began. By 1959, the seaway was open, with ships moving through the great water-road since April 25.

The engineering feats required to complete the seaway were tremendous. The seaway called for the construction of locks and dams and bridges, for the creation of an artificial lake 46 miles long, for the digging of two canals, and the relocation of railways, roads and whole communities.

But the St. Lawrence Seaway — mighty achievement that it is — is accompanied by its share of the problems and worries that inevitably accompany man's mighty achievements. Some economists claim that the project will never be able to pay for itself. Others point out that the seaway will be ice-bound four months of the year.

Ports on the eastern Atlantic coast are concerned lest the new seaway tempt foreign shipping to by-pass them completely and head directly for the lake ports of the Midwest — Chicago and Duluth, for example. Ironically, Duluth has already been singled out as an example of another problem — the inadequate receiving facilities of the Great Lakes ports.

Moreover, shippers are complaining that the seaway rates are too high; while the railroads have complained that they are too low, and consequently tend to bias shippers against rail transportation along the East Coast-Midwest route. Finally, when the seaway was opened to traffic on April 25, ship masters guiding their ocean-going vessels through the locks complained that they were not wide enough.

But the general opinion is that the seaway's assets far outweigh its drawbacks. Running more

than 2,000 miles from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes, it makes the inland ports of North America accessible to all but the largest ocean-going vessels. The economic results — in large outline if not in exact detail — are predictable. The most productive hinterland of the United States — and the area with the greatest population — will be directly open to both domestic and foreign water shipping.

The great grain output of the Midwest will move up to the seaway to foreign ports. The iron ore from the new and barely-tapped ranges of Quebec and Labrador will move down the seaway to get to the great steelmaking centers of the Great Lakes region. Finished products from the factories of inner America — from cities like Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland and Buffalo — will be delivered up the seaway at lower costs to the countries which need them.

As one industrialist remarked, these products include practically everything: "from ingots to finished products, from nuts and bolts to giant overhead cranes." And the products of foreign countries will similarly move directly into the markets of the expanding Midwest via the seaway.

But in the end perhaps the most significant results of the St. Lawrence Seaway will not be economic but social and political. For the rest of the world will now be linked with the American Midwest — and the Midwest American has always tended to be more cautious than his Eastern counterpart in his contacts with foreign peoples. The St. Lawrence Seaway may very well bring about a greater understanding: by America of the rest of the world, and by the rest of the world of America.

A gentleman purchased a canary at a bird store and was very particular to get the owner's assurance the bird would sing. Upon arriving home he discovered the canary was crippled, and next day called this to the attention of the store owner, whose retort was: "Yes, I knew the bird was crippled, but I understood you wanted a singer — not a dancer."



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