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Supreme President in Action



We gave you the complete story last month about the 78th anniversary celebration in Racine the 9th of January, but the pictures did not arrive in time, so here you see Hans M. Andersen, Supreme President, addressing the audience.

“Members With Ambition”

Throughout the Danish Brotherhood there are many ambitious members who are doing more than their share to advance the cause of the Brotherhood. Some lodges are fortunate with quite a few members in the prime of their lives willing to work hard, accept the responsibility of lodge office and committee assignments. In far too many lodges the situation is not so good. Election of officers is no longer a contest but a job trying to find someone who will accept, many times reluctantly. Appointing the committees necessary to make a lodge function successfully is even more difficult.

In my travels and visits to many different lodges I find in many cases that this deplorable situation has been brought about by cautious members putting the “brakes” on supposedly over-ambitious members to the extent that the ambition is all too soon spent. Lack of appreciation, lack of support and even indifferent attitudes toward the hard working members has been for many years and still is a serious handicap to success in the individual lodge, both socially and financially. As an example, we have lodges in the Midwest who used to own their own building which were prominent landmarks in their respective communities, but now they have been sold. No new buildings were purchased to replace the old. In each case, years of hard work brought about the grand and glorious feeling of owning a lodge home.

Some of these homes are now but a memory in the history of the Danish Brotherhood.

Still in the Midwest, South Bend, Indiana, has recently purchased a lodge home which they are dedicating on March 19, 1960. We congratulate and salute the ambitious members of South Bend and their supporters. Racine, Wisconsin, Lodge No. 4 owns a majestic structure in the heart of Racine, yet, with the great ambition of the lodge members, they are planning to spend a small fortune remodeling this building so that it will become the very latest in ultra-modern lodge facilities. Examples like these brighten some of the darker spots in our organization.

To get more out of your Danish Brotherhood membership, become an ambitious member or at least a supporter of the ones who are ambitious and you will be amazed at what can be accomplished for the benefit of yourself and those about you.

Progress is the most important issue today and we must keep pace with the world by modernizing. The recent convention in Omaha adopted drastic new measures which will be put into effect as soon as humanly possible. These measures have brightened the horizon of the Brotherhood and with the united effort of all members we cannot fail. The brightest days of the Danish Brotherhood are immediately ahead.

EINAR DANIELSEN, Supreme Second Vice-Pres.

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April, 1960

A Decade of Denmark on Fifth Avenue

The busy Danish National Travel Office on Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., is busier than ever these days and the Dannebrog, the oldest flag in the world, which waves high above the Avenue every day looks more dignified than ever: Denmark's official travel information office celebrated its 10th anniversary on January 12th.

It has been 10 years with a development that sounds like a Fairy Tale of Hans Christian Andersen.

From 1949 to 1959 the number of American tourists visiting Denmark each year has jumped from 23,000 to 123,000. The amount the Americans spent in the shopping paradise of Europe has jumped from 2 to 20 million dollars a year.

No wonder therefore, that the telephones are buzzing throughout the day and visitors come and go and letters are pouring into the office at a speed of over 1200 a week from people all over the United States who want information about wonderful Copenhagen and the Fairy Tale Country.

Here, a staff of four and a half persons — one for each million of population in Denmark has the task of keeping America's 170 million informed about Denmark's tourist attractions. Since this is quite a job for such a small staff, they very cleverly divide the work.

First, to dispel the mystery of the "half" person, she is the receptionist and switchboard operator that the Danish National Travel Office shares with the Danish Information Office, another official agency of the Danish Government.

Next, there is Miss Ilma Brumme, the boss's

secretary, who, despite a French-sounding name, is of Danish descent and is the only American on the staff. To the thousands who telephone the Danish office, she is "the voice of Denmark," friendly and efficient. To the boss, she is the "voice of America," keeping him alert to the American point of view about tourism, and ever since the office opened ten years ago, she has probably had to listen to his complaints about the weather, commuter trains, TV commercials and the unrequested pickle that was sent up with his sandwich.

Next comes Mrs. Eva Jordan, who, despite an American-sounding name, is a Dane, blonde, friendly and "queen of the files." Without benefit of Geiger counter, she can locate any photo of Denmark requested by the many writers, editors and travel agents who usually need them in a hurry. She is also an expert on Denmark's tourist attractions, as the thousands of visitors to the office soon find out.

And then comes the latest member of our staff, Kresten Hvass, just imported from the King's Guard in Copenhagen, to help in the fast growing service of the agents and the public.

Then there is Henning Wille, master of the Danish National Travel Office's one-man assembly line for sending out travel literature in response to the 1200 inquiries a week that pour in from all over the United States. In addition he masterminds the bulk mailing to 3,000 travel agents and 1,000 newspapers and magazines. He is the one who puts himself to sleep at night by counting slips that read "with the compliments of the Danish National Travel Office" that go into each envelope.

Finally, there is the biggest thing in the Danish National Travel Office, the boss himself 6'6" tall, Axel Dessau. In tribute to his position, the more delicate members of the staff let him open all the giant wooden crates of literature from Denmark. He also has other duties. He lectures before various groups and is an occasional guest on radio and television programs. He lunches with travel editors and travel agents, sometimes decorating the table himself in Danish style and always specifies "Danish beer, please" in restaurants, all in the noble cause of advancing Danish tourism. He also writes the office's press releases (this one too?) always making sure that they reflect Denmark's warm sense of humor and contain references to Hans Christian Andersen, Fairy-tale Land and Wonderful Copenhagen.

In its ten years in New York, the Danish National Travel Office, in the absence of tremendous promotional budgets, has chosen as its chief role "inspiration as well as information." The formula seems to have worked, and the Danes look forward to a second decade of showing millions more Americans their land of "fun, food and Fairy-tale charm."

Spring Meeting of the Supreme Board

The regular spring meeting (semi-annual) of the Supreme Board will start Monday morning, April 4th, and run through Thursday, April 7.

Any matter you may wish to bring before the Board should be in the home office by April 4.

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Sec.-Treas.

ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with statutory provisions we are here-with printing the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1959.

Income	
Balance from previous year	\$4,518,511.58
Assessments on adult insurance	121,597.78
Assessments on juvenile insurance	4,679.09
Assessments to Fraternal fund	4,489.50
Membership fees	328.00
Dues and per capita tax	14,432.50
Taxes to Promotional fund	4,982.00
Changes of certificate fee	71.00
Interest on investments	156,455.57
Sale of lodge supplies	405.33
Advertising in Magazine	2,391.00
Profit on investments	7,809.94
	\$4,836,153.29

Disbursements	
Actuarial fees	\$ 1,051.35
Advertising, printing and stationery	759.75
Cash paid on surrendered certificates	9,380.74
Interest collection expense	81.50
Death claims	184,585.93
States' insurance department, license and fees	1,715.28
Salaries to officers and employes, including salaries charged to investments	19,784.44
Lodge supplies bought	339.73
Printing and mailing official publication	5,091.35
Fraternal fund payments	7,126.10
Rent of home office quarters, and light	2,388.84
Insurance and surety bonding	405.95
Costs of furniture and equipment	256.70
Sundry general expense	1,114.05
Premium on bonds purchased	15.63
Postage, express, telephone and telegraph	928.28
Rent of safe deposit boxes	181.50
Traveling expenses, including expenses charged to investments	4,679.52
Promotional fund expenses	5,867.93
Social security, state unemployment and federal excise taxes	447.97
Supreme lodge, national convention, expenses	27,697.26
Dividends, on benefit certificates, to members	27,399.94
Balance on hand December 31, 1959	4,534,853.55
	\$4,836,153.29

Assets	
Book value of bonds	\$4,349,000.00
Book value of preferred stocks	75,000.00
Certificate loans	7,346.25
Bank deposits	103,507.30
Interest accrued in bonds owned	40,769.12
Amortized value of bonds over book value....	20,180.42
Assessments accrued	21,934.70
	\$4,617,737.79

Liabilities	
Death claims reported, under adjustment ...\$	7,750.00
Death claims, incurred in 1959, reported in 1960	6,375.00
Dividends apportioned for payment in 1960....	17,904.54
General expenses accrued	200.00
Mandatory security valuation reserve (all funds)	93,039.55
Reserves on C. S. O. 1941 mortality table and 2½ per cent	3,009,945.00

Fraternal and expense funds reserves	330,563.00
Special and contingency reserve	654,296.81
Balance unassigned	497,663.89
	\$4,617,737.79

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA,
by Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Sec.-Treas.

VALUATION EXHIBIT

In conformity with statutory requirements, we are publishing herewith a valuation made by our consulting actuary, Mr. C. D. Spangler, of the certificates in good standing on December 31, 1959. This valuation is not to be regarded as a test of the financial solvency of the Danish Brotherhood but is made to determine the amount the society should have on hand in order to pay its future death losses as they mature, without change in the number or amount of assessments. The valuation was made on the C. S. O. Tables of Mortality with 2½ per cent interest assumption respectively.

Assets — Actual and Contingent

1. Admitted assets (net)	\$4,617,737.79
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Liabilities — Actual and Contingent

2. Present value of benefits promised	\$3,009,945.00
3. Additional reserve to protect benefit certificates	984,859.81*
4. Mandatory security valuation reserve	93,039.55
5. Death claims reported but settlement not effected	14,125.00
6. Dividends payable to members	17,904.54
7. Other liabilities	200.00
8. Total	\$4,120,073.90

* Includes \$330,563.00 balance of General and Fraternal funds, and \$654,296.81 unassigned Contingency Reserves.

Ratio of Line 8 to line 1 is 112.07 per cent.

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Resolution

PAUL JENSEN, Enumclaw, Washington

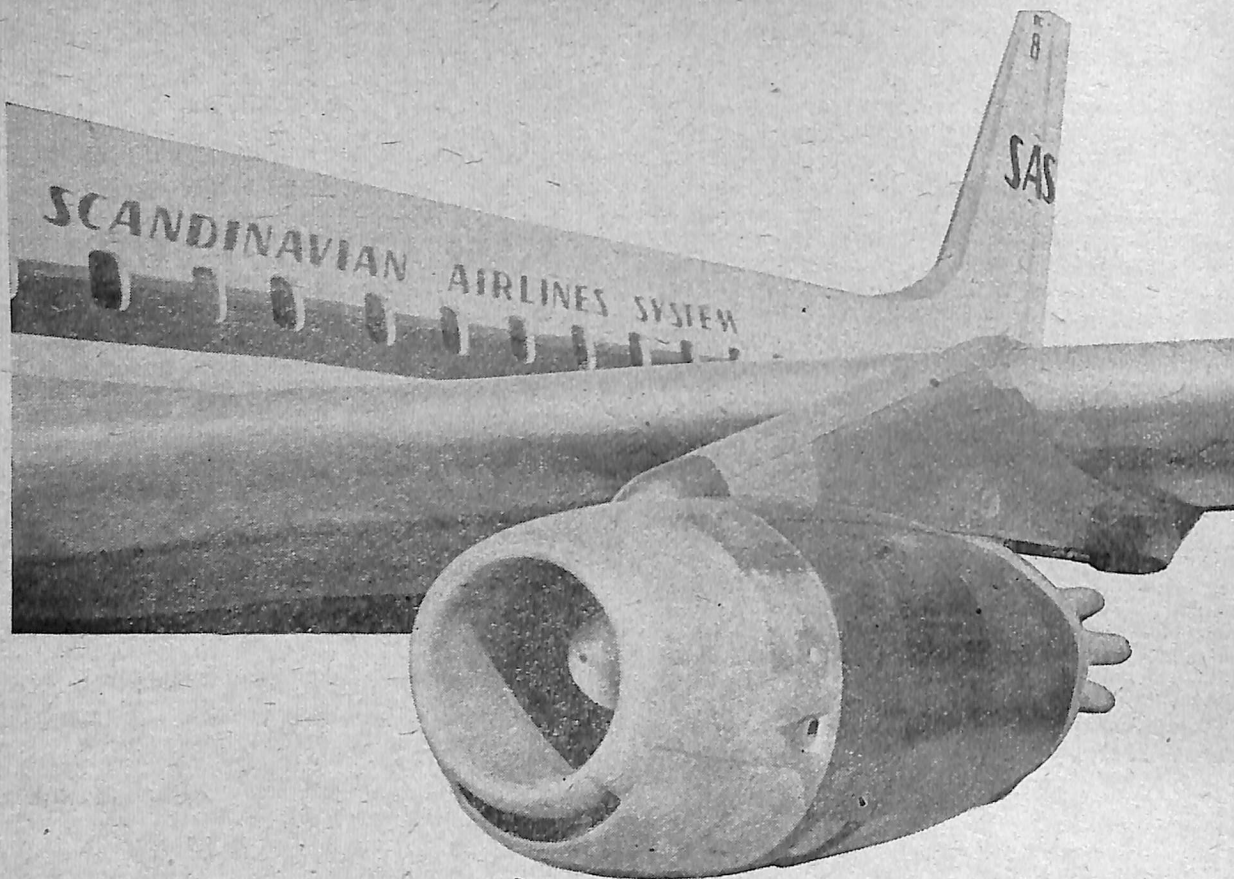
In memory of our dear departed brother, Paul Jensen, who passed away February 9, 1960, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Wash.

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

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

Hans Weston, Pres.
Ingvald Nelsen, Sec.

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Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis.

We're off to a flying start again this year, having initiated 102 members during 1959, our Booster Committee is hard at work once again trying to beat that record during 1960. Our Booster Committee, under the capable direction of Brother Ken Janssen, is doing a tremendous job for Lodge No. 4. On March 2, 1960, the Booster Committee held the first Prospect Dinner of the New Year, that being a "Torsk" Dinner with all the trimmings, melted butter, mustard gravy, potatoes, tossed salad, pumpernickel, butter, blue cheese, kringle, coffee and not to forget Akvavit and beer. We will have to extend thanks to our cooks for the most delicious dinner. A little cocktail party preceded the dinner and when it was time to dig in on the Torsk, there were 70 members and their prospects present. Paul Strand acted as MC after the dinner and reviewed events of the past year such as the Midwest Bowling Tournament, the Annual Picnic, the Harvest Moon Ball, the Children's Christmas Party, the Members' Christmas Party, the New Year's Eve Dance, Salute to the Class of '59, Mardi Gras Prospect Dinner, etc. Paul as you know was the No. 1 Booster of the Danish Brotherhood in 1959, having sponsored 18 new members into the Danish Brotherhood. In our presence was State Senator Lynn Stalbaum, who spoke briefly on "Civic Responsibility." Brother Ken Janssen did a recommendable job on selling the Brotherhood to the prospects and from all the reports they have 18 prospects to be initiated on March 23, 1960. A good night of fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

One of the most faithful sick committee members, Brother Poul Nielsen, and his wife celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary March 18, 1960, with a party for their relatives, friends and neighbors. Congratulations Poul on your Golden Wedding.

So Lodge No. 245 of South Bend, Indiana, is going to have open house March 19 and 20 to dedicate their new quarters. Our President, Jens Engholt, Vice President Niels Jensen and yours truly with our wives will be there to help make this occasion a great success. Congratulations No. 245, we will be looking forward to being there. In the next issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine we will cover this gala affair.

Back to Lodge No. 4 and our local lodge paper. We are again sending a boy and girl to camp for one week this summer. Our Boosters of Lodge No. 4 are sending one and a member who wishes to remain anonymous is sending one. All in all, two boys and two girls will be going to camp this summer with their camping fees paid for by members of the Danish Brotherhood. It is being set up as a little contest among the boys and girls and they will be picked from the letters they write on "Why I would like to go to camp." Letters will be judged on originality and sincerity of thought. Last year the Danish Brotherhood News sent a boy and a girl to the YMCA Camp at Plymouth, Wisconsin.

On April 6th the Boosters are holding their second Prospect Dinner with hopes of surpassing the last one. This time I understand they will be serving Flounder instead of Torsk. If any of you members from our nearby lodges would like to join us please feel free to do so. Just let our No. 1 Booster Ken Janssen know in advance so they won't run short of Flounder.

All in all 1960 looks like a banner year for Lodge No. 4 and quoting our President: "It is my sincerest hope that 1960 will bring more prosperity to Lodge No. 4, and we can with your help. No one man can do it alone, let's all work together for the betterment of the Danish Brotherhood in America."

See you next month.

JOHN MOLLERSKOV.

Nobody can get as mad over nothing as a waiter who was expecting a good tip.

The agent who led his company with persistency in life insurance sales made up his mind he was going to marry the company vice president's daughter. She didn't like the guy at all, but he knew how to be persistent.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

As the Spokane Brothers and Sisters proudly host its Eleventh Annual District Convention, starting May 20, I am delighted to extend on behalf of Past District President Ingevard Eskeberg and the Inland Empire Danes warm greetings and invitations to all. Many months of unselfish and spirited service have gone into the planning of this big event and we know it will be a huge success. May I suggest that if you haven't already made reservations, you do so at once and perhaps combine that week-end with your family vacation. Go and take in this great gathering of friendly peoples. See the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood in action at the district level and participate in a program of cementing fraternal ties of friendship. We are looking forward to good representation from all the lodges in Washington, from the Oregon chapters and from British Columbia. All members of our Danish Society and their families and friends throughout the entire country are invited to attend this conclave. The fellowship, entertainment, fun and knowledge gained at a district conference is "tops." Convention headquarters are being set up in Hotel Spokane and the many highlights have long since been mentioned. Prominent features, so far as the general public is concerned, will be the Portland, Seattle and Vancouver drill team performances. Coupled with the Lilac Festival parade through downtown on Saturday, the week end promises to be an interesting one. Contributing to the pomp and color of this May pageant will be certain other activities from the Knights of Columbus. A special recess on Saturday forenoon has been requested of District President Sam Fredriksen and he has granted the favor so that we may all witness the gigantic and stupendous annual lilac procession.

Supplementing our last month's notation to all secretaries and our personal note mailed to all lodges in February is this additional announcement: Please send me the names of your elected delegates, at once, kindly remit 12c per member as of January 1st records, prepare an activities report for one of your representatives, and have your delegate ready with attendance percentage figures. The President Fredriksen Trophy will be awarded the lodge whose average retinue from May to May is the highest per cent of their membership. Candidates for membership should be in Spokane for the Friday afternoon session. All arrangements are well along covering details, program and other features of the convention commencing with registration in the forenoon of the 20th. Concluding breakfast gatherings will be held on Sunday, the 22nd.

That anything is only as strong as its weakest link is a frightening thought — especially when it comes to

our beloved fraternity and more particularly our district. And because districts are playing an increasingly important role in our individual lodge life as well as in our supreme office thinking, each of us has the responsibility to ourselves and to our home lodge, to become as familiar with the workings of the Danish Brotherhood scene as possible. It is with this in mind that Past Supreme President N. B. Nelson of Spokane urged the formation of the Pacific Northwest DB lodges 11 years ago. These annual conventions are designed to help you become more effective in carrying out your fraternal obligations in the realm of your own lodge as well as for the Brotherhood as a whole. It is with a sense of personal pride that I predict each year "the coming conclave will be bigger and better than ever before." I am taking this liberty of asking you to join us in the Inland Empire City next month for a session of "intelligentsia" to improve your lodge and for an enjoyable visit with your Brothers and Sisters. Spokane is very pleased to be your host for this annual affair and the DB and DS Committee, assisted by an enthusiastic Chamber of Commerce, has planned three days of especially good weather for the event. I think Spokane is one of the prettiest cities in the West and I feel certain you will not want to miss this opportunity of seeing it for yourself.

A few members of every lodge and a great many people outside of it feel that the Danish Brotherhood is merely an organization of Danes who gather at the hall on a certain night each month to seclude themselves from the world and there conduct their business meeting after which they are completely disbanded until next session. If this were really true, the DBS surely would not have endured these many many years of existence. We need, however, to be reminded of our oath and obligation on occasion so that we may continue to practice our beliefs outside the lodge room. Every lodge needs to take in new members, to get new blood into the life-line, and to get out of the proverbial "rut." I attended lodge in Enumclaw the other evening and I liked the spirit of a new member, Gene DeWitt, who has been installed as Conductor for this year — I only hope that some of the old "fuddy duddies" don't throw cold water on his enthusiasm. I also liked the forward look of their new president, Hans Weston, who appointed an entertainment committee already having announced the year's program. Installation was the feature for January, and February sponsored a "hard time party and dance." Sonia and I dropped in unexpectedly and there was certainly an air of festivity and joviality in the midst. Brother Emery Tedrick and his cohorts furnished the accordion music and were dressed for a masquerade.

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Past Presidents Jens Holm and Elmer Boysen were the judges of the costumes and were themselves dressed like old times. Brothers Kai Rasmussen and Ossie Pedersen were the committeemen in charge of arrangements. Brothers of DB 113 use the modern songbook of rituals and sing the words in English as prepared by Past Supreme Vice President Hilmar W. Hansen of Salt Lake City. Juvenile Brother Johnny Rieck, Enumclaw's first child member, in earning his public speaking award for Boy Scouts, spoke on the value of the Scout Movement as the oldsters listened intently. Supreme Trustee Kris Jorgensen made his official visitation to the "little city with the big attractions" at the regular March meeting at which time the entertainment was made up of a choir from Hope Lutheran, some Irish songs and jigging by Trustee John Rieck and Sister Dorothy Tedrick (Secretary Ingvald Nelson's daughter), and music by J. C. Rieck. With Ex-President Dan Meng and Outer Guard Nis Hansen in jurisdiction of the April meeting's entertainment, a film showing the Weyerhouser Timber Company's operation, will be presented.

Happy surprises are in store for the balance of the year according to Past District Sisterhood President Myrna M. Rieck, at whose home, next door to the Danish hall, the newly appointed committee held their first "bull" session. A special Mother's Day program in May; a program dedicated for Father in June; "pirate bingo" with Brothers Henry Hergert, Hans Holm and Ed Slott in charge during July; "community singing and an old fashioned basket social" in August under the supervision of Brothers Jack Thim, Carl Grove and Gene DeWitt; and a tribute to honor past presidents and old-timers in September, all figure in five happy events for members and their friends. Brother Hans Sands and Jens Holm will share duties at the latter event. The last three months of 1960 will stage a guest night featuring a potluck lunch and dance with Brothers Hans Weston, Karl Koch and Russell Grove on the committee; a "Could This Be You" presentation by Brothers Inkie Nelsen, Emery Tedrick and John Rieck; and a turkey shoot,

presented by Brothers Godan Meng, Jens A. Christensen and Martin Petersen, respectively.

President Otto Hansen of Seattle's DB 29 has also laid out his lodge plans for the balance of the year following Ex-President's Night in February, a Bowling Party in March, and the Brotherhood's Anniversary event and the Drill Team dance in April. Sometimes in July, Queen City Danes will picnic at the home of Past President Soren Frederiksen; brothers will help the sisters celebrate their anniversary in September; Veteran's Night with a bingo and turkey raffle will be in November; and a committee of Brothers Jens Nielsen, Sam Fredriksen and Otto Nielsen are already making plans for the annual Christmas party. Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen will be the chairman for the 1961 Installation ceremony assisted by Brother John Ottesen.

Important Notice

TO ALL MEMBERS

Have you recently inspected your membership certificate to see that the proper beneficiary is named therein?

If a change is required you should forward the certificate to your local lodge secretary properly filled out and signed in the space provided for this purpose.

Many members overlook the grave importance of this suggestion, resulting in much delay and often a great expense before the insurance can be paid.

At present we have several cases pending over a period of many years which we can not settle because of legal difficulties arising from a member's failure to make a change of beneficiary designation when this becomes necessary.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Sec.-Treas.

Blondie, that fifth floor flashy flame, says that if Old Man Moola ever proposes to her she'll accept him quick as a mink.

+ In Loving Memory +

Members who have passed away since the last report

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	BIRTH-PLACE	LODGE NO.	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
Sept. 10, 59	Kr. K. Bjerregaard	72	Omaha, Nebr.	1916	Karby, Mors, Den.	600	Not reported	\$ 250.00
Feb. 5	Henry Willers	78	Omaha, Nebr.	1910	Brunemose, Den.	600	Lobar pneumonia	1,000.00
Feb. 2	Walter Larson	68	Racine, Wis.	1923	Mors Jylland, Den.	4	Coronary infarction	500.00
Dec. 15, 59	Louis Jensen	81	Seattle, Wash.	1918	Worsaa, Hjørring, Den.	29	Coronary occlusion	500.00
Feb. 14	Svend Andersen	53	Askov, Minn.	1945	Copenhagen, Den.	263	Not reported	1,000.00
Jan. 14	Jens Jensen Hojgard	75	Rock Springs, Wyo.	1912	Aalborg, Denmark	48	Myocardial infarction	997.90
Feb. 11	Peter J. Sorensen	77	Chicago, Ill.	1908	Husby Sogn, Den.	17	Bronchogenic carc.	963.07
Jan. 10	Oskar Ehrhorn	57	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1921	Denmark	10	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Jan. 25	Laust Damgaard	59	Fowler, Colo.	1920	Daugbjerg, Den.	261	Lymphosarcoma	250.00
Feb. 17	Carl W. Andersen, Jr.	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1946	Muskegon, Mich.	30	Meningitis, acute	1,000.00
Feb. 22	Peter J. Hjorth	83	Chicago, Ill.	1913	Ringkøbing, Den.	17	Bronchopneumonia	483.69
Feb. 17	Christian Ostergaard	94	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1905	Viborg, Den.	46	Bronchopneumonia	780.70
Feb. 9	Christian Jensen	77	Duluth, Minn.	1907	Thisted, Den.	65	Coronary occlusion	949.61
Feb. 19	Julius M. Petersen	90	Clinton, Iowa	1891	Aalborg, Den.	11	Heart disease	773.02
Feb. 15	Peter Peterson	85	Canton, Ohio	1905	Barrit, Vejle, Den.	225	Myocarditis, chronic	500.00
Feb. 17	Alfred M. Andersen	76	Denmark, Wis.	1909	Denmark, Wis.	12	Pneumonia	974.49
Feb. 9	Paul Jensen	94	Enumclaw, Wash.	1900	Naur Ringkøbing, Den.	113	Arteriosclerosis	387.05
Feb. 26	Lawrence M. Jensen	65	Sidney, Mich.	1934	Fairplains Twp. Mich.	181	Pulmonary embolism	500.00
Mar. 7	Soren Robert Sorensen	83	Omaha, Nebr.	1908	Shodstrup, Den.	600	Pneumonia	458.46
Apr. 4, 59	Corien Harter	74	Canton, Ohio	1953	East Canton, Ohio	225	Not reported	Social
Jan. 14	Hans Peter L. Beck	78	San Diego, Calif.	1928	Brahertrolleborg, Fyn	306	Not reported	Social
Jan. 4	Peter C. O. Larsen	79	Racine, Wis.	1948	Jylland, Denmark	4	Not reported	Social
May 11, 58	Frank L. Jordan	72	Troy, N. Y.	1946	Waterford, N. Y.	183	Not reported	Social
Feb. 28	John M. Johnson	75	Detroit, Mich.	1955	Denmark	227	Not reported	Social
Feb. 11	Max O. Hansen	72	Portland, Ore.	1951	Odense, Denmark	167	Not reported	Social
Feb. 25	Walter Frederiksen	77	San Francisco, Calif.	1946	Salling, Denmark	49	Not reported	Social
Jan. 19	George Petersen	74	Petaluma, Calif.	1919	Hells pr. Kolding	143	Not reported	Social

ANNUAL REPORT

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Danish Brotherhood in America January 1 to December 31, 1959

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance	Sick Benefit Paid	Extra Help Paid	Total Assets
1	Omaha	207	\$241.20	\$159,375	\$1,848.05	\$	\$ 16,788.57
2	Neenah	31	30.27	25,750	265.00		3,003.53
3	Davenport	21	24.52	17,250	78.00		1,442.51
4	Racine	592	638.20	310,750	2,117.00	230.00	177,881.11
5	Moline	10	6.23	5,250			20.33
7	Cedar Falls	19	16.93	14,500	149.13		3,124.08
9	Oshkosh	18	12.62	12,500	100.00		2,448.42
10	Council Bluffs	90	89.55	64,125	271.64		61,269.55
11	Clinton	31	31.13	21,375	125.00		5,900.00
12	Green Bay	21	11.69	14,375	78.00		1,669.23
14	Kenosha	185	187.09	110,250	1,163.25		60,724.51
15	Des Moines	47	42.81	32,125	426.40	50.00	8,004.38
16	Minden	39	68.53	32,375			588.36
17	Chicago	185	177.70	124,750			1,127.00
20	Manistee	20	2.16	13,250			3,297.04
26	Fremont	25	20.93	18,250	70.00		691.35
28	Badger	11	10.34	8,500			370.07
29	Seattle	312	354.10	193,375	1,009.00		50,310.45
30	Muskegon	49	56.14	34,375	115.00		3,543.11
32	New Haven	64	52.90	37,125	467.42	365.00	7,380.14
33*	Tacoma	33	30.94	21,500			
34	Dwight	79	80.07	53,000			1,855.32
35	Chicago	81	61.07	42,375	427.17	200.00	20,781.36
36	Milwaukee	80	52.70	39,250	98.00		5,602.67
37	Bridgeport	58	57.25	39,750	180.00	100.00	4,351.19
38	Laramie	18	20.40	13,250			2,746.36
39	Oakland	161	159.01	106,500	975.69		47,979.70
41	Derby	50	43.72	27,375	348.00		4,721.08
42	Spokane	59	73.31	36,500			1,383.61
43	Denver	96	85.11	60,375	357.00	300.00	11,088.16
45	Minneapolis	194	190.41	111,250	675.00		8,818.18
46	Per. Amboy	102	122.39	76,375	302.00	200.00	9,533.40
48*	Rock Springs	10	19.24	7,250			
49	S. Francisco	322	275.77	156,125	2,230.70		19,930.16
50	Byram	45	58.30	30,500	610.00		3,004.64
51	Ludington	87	67.25	42,250			10,537.62
53	Atlantic	10	9.37	6,500			26.72
54	Dannebrog	16	15.70	12,750			500.00
56	Kansas City	60	59.86	46,750	295.00		2,457.47
57	Lexington	7	6.23	6,000			
59	Menominee	68	68.65	57,375	45.00		3,350.00
62	Sioux City	34	42.14	27,500			3,135.42
64	Rockford	41	38.84	28,750	40.00		2,074.12
65	Duluth	29	22.19	21,750	320.00		2,756.24
67	Fresno	73	50.90	30,375	220.00		13,946.43
69	Cleveland	41	28.35	23,125	362.10		3,421.01
70	Greenville	88	87.04	47,250			14,187.22
71	Penn Yan	94	126.99	67,375			12,049.70
73	Alden	21	13.14	19,250	39.00		1,524.67
75	Albert Lea	79	83.40	56,250	117.67		7,143.94
77	Turin	10	7.17	9,000			98.38
78	Salt Lk. City	33	38.37	20,500	198.00		1,786.66
84	Lincoln	42	104.12	44,875			1,655.42
85	Rochester	12	8.35	5,250		17.50	490.00
88	Elba	5	5.36	4,500			15.61
89	Superior	21	8.88	7,250	40.00		799.50
90	Port Reading	22	17.22	13,250	20.00		949.22
91	St. Paul	56	46.23	34,000	174.00		1,264.60
92	St. Charles	77	76.26	39,000		303.00	4,173.17
95	Ferndale	42	31.03	23,000			
96	Jackson	30	24.72	16,000	114.00		816.91
102*	Providence	23	23.32	12,000			
103	Waterbury	31	75.46	34,875	250.00		845.22
106	Trufant	48	50.57	34,500			2,206.10
107	Chicago	49	54.71	30,125	189.00	25.00	1,087.76
109	White	6	4.66	4,500	24.00		197.02
110	Winside	26	34.61	18,500			897.15
111	Austin	53	32.99	26,250	35.00		2,869.22
112	Portland	37	32.08	22,875	212.50	240.00	4,437.30
113	Enumclaw	63	56.70	29,625			
114	Lake Benton	12	10.32	8,750			10.00
116	Newark	159	181.74	89,375	1,161.91	70.00	6,294.57
117	Plainview	60	86.33	45,500			265.19
121	Tyler	28	24.13	20,000	65.00		883.59
125	Weep. Water	29	21.70	16,750	96.00		1,454.17
126	Los Angeles	278	369.00	189,000	1,185.85	218.00	24,831.87
127	Reinbeck	14	15.25	7,750			121.56
128	Avoca	15	6.34	8,000			878.30
134	Ringsted	42	38.74	34,875			360.00
139	Viborg	66	43.41	30,000			10,890.00
141	Irene	10	8.22	7,250			123.08
143	Petaluma	95	93.28	55,375	628.79		8,728.94
144	Dike	12	12.72	9,250		175.00	1,709.95
147	Newell	47	52.82	30,625			724.01
148*	Cheyenne	17	40.92	22,000			
149	Luverne	51	38.85	25,500			490.00
150*	Rorbeck	12	6.87	6,000			
152	Wilbur	34	36.37	22,625			1,704.26
153	Dannevirke	14	17.47	13,000			99.61
154	Withee	26	38.51	25,625			277.92
155	Bellingham	18	24.39	12,250			262.83
157*	Audubon	8	6.17	5,000			
160	Underwood	9	6.18	5,750			1,451.58
161	Ruskin	13	10.02	8,625			1,081.23
163	Edmore	21	20.01	13,750			1,384.02
164*	New York	119	127.87	70,125			
167	Portland	141	139.73	74,000	496.15		6,764.47
169*	Hubbard	12	6.27	5,250			
170	Rocky River	47	87.24	39,250	509.78		2,743.53
171	Jamestown	33	26.75	18,125	173.70		1,777.19
172	Philadelphia	80	110.65	51,250	320.00	171.00	2,932.45
173	Kansas City	35	37.79	27,625	144.00	15.00	718.68
175*	Jacksonville	9	8.58	7,000			
177	Cordova	28	28.75	21,000			769.40
181	Sidney	46	49.08	29,250			2,454.23
182	Waukegan	89	101.35	61,000	150.00	175.00	31,017.99
183	Troy	64	69.79	39,250			8,207.90
184	Hayward	54	64.11	31,125			4,284.41
185	Madison	13	10.19	5,500			118.36
186	Luck	48	45.42	26,000			5,327.41
188	Del Rey	29	16.80	9,375	90.00		6,334.93
190	Schenectady	137	207.32	104,375	442.00	425.25	67,225.00
191	St. Louis	17	20.43	11,750			1,283.81
194	McMinnville	26	24.82	15,875			1,645.37
195	Omaha	45	64.45	38,375	231.00		1,374.48
198	Kenmare	8	6.61	5,250			26.21
202	Warren	38	26.91	19,750	78.00		1,680.42
205	Brooklyn	39	37.31	21,500		190.00	2,920.04
206	Blair	11	8.34	10,000			125.38
207*	Grayling	7	6.03	5,500			
210*	Grand Rapids	17	9.57	8,500			
211	Grand Island	22	22.26	15,625			65.00
212	Waterloo	35	27.15	19,125	238.50		1,727.22
213	Ord	13	10.80	9,750			1,140.50
214	West Point	8	8.45	4,500		9.00	62.65
215	Battle Creek	14	9.79	6,750			
217	Humboldt	19	15.41	8,750			479.35
219	Clear Lake	58	58.75	35,875	107.00		2,589.40
221	Latimer	12	8.74	6,000			
225	Canton	33	49.99	21,375	90.00	12.00	1,665.52
227	Detroit	315	313.78	177,750	3,687.50		294,822.19
228	Indianapolis	12	12.69	9,750	50.00		143.97
230	Arcata	25	16.68	10,625	100.00		21,678.73
233	Toledo	22	22.53	12,750	112.00		2,381.78
234	Woodstock	8	8.93	6,375	54.00		594.57
238	Juhl	22	17.29	14,875			94.72
239	Lake Forest	23	16.07	12,500		55.00	2,081.24
240	Rochester	24	10.29	6,625			1,026.69
241	Sayreville	59	45.81	28,000	454.25		822.99
242	Erie	150	168.35	77,250	632.00		62,802.27
245	South Bend	29	34.71	17,500	84.00		939.13
248	New York	18	12.03	11,250	90.00	35.00	1,250.00
249	Pierre	7	5.44	5,000			62.63
251	Devils Lake	9	5.99	6,000			830.68
254*	Brush	19	10.80	11,250			
255	Selma	58	63.58	31,125	359.23		6,634.02
257	New York	61	46.57	30,000			1,112.60
259*	Colman	10	6.77	6,500			
260*	Williston	11	18.40	8,500			
261	Fowler	60	53.72	26,750	75.00		2,930.05

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance	Sick Benefit Paid	Extra Help Paid	Total Assets
262	Cozad	14	7.74	5,875			85.00
263	Askov	119	162.75	87,250	100.00		3,429.51
264	Pocatello	33	52.03	22,750			1,031.22
267	Brigham City	6	6.66	4,500			119.49
268	Junction City	56	37.40	23,750	50.00	9.50	5,902.65
269	Oregon	5	5.21	3,750			15.00
273	Dillon	39	37.41	23,750	200.00		1,570.33
278	Salt Lk. City	24	24.67	12,000		127.00	393.78
279	Hunter	10	9.16	7,625			324.23
281	Cincinnati	20	18.50	14,000		60.00	860.22
283	Dagmar	126	75.84	54,750	1,075.00		6,185.28
288	Cotesfield	11	12.99	9,000			115.63
294	Barre	34	57.31	32,250	109.00		1,509.51
296	Galveston	5	3.20	3,500	125.00	50.00	98.71
298	Chicago	41	39.13	27,750		440.00	2,525.64
299	Solvang	61	81.17	36,875	100.00		3,312.89
300	Oneonta	36	32.88	17,125			4,225.00
301	Akron	38	56.30	29,250	43.50		1,580.64
306	San Diego	58	56.60	24,250		50.00	3,002.01
307	Astoria	9	1.60	1,250			59.45
308	McCabe	15	11.42	8,750			351.94
311*	Sidney	6	5.40	4,000			
314	Hartford	186	218.37	98,125	654.00	161.50	24,969.42
315	Buffalo	7	22.09	9,250			160.76
317	Spencer	5	2.99	2,750			167.75
318	Copenhagen	133					
319	Bakersfield	23	22.93	11,000			1,256.60
321	W. P. Beach	16	17.58	10,000	168.00		1,308.87
322	S. Barbara	82	128.74	57,000	310.01		5,550.14
323	Alhambra	20	25.67	12,500	40.00	10.00	596.19
325	Nassau Co.	93	98.48	52,000	1,730.00	345.00	8,455.80
326	West Branch	17	9.93	5,875			
327	Harlan	9	13.59	8,000			130.42
328	Vancouver	158					
329	Long Beach	11	10.43	4,875	70.00	35.13	668.35
332	Ripon	50	79.67	33,250			2,560.16

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance	Sick Benefit Paid	Extra Help Paid	Total Assets
334	Geneva	40	105.11	35,000			1,874.54
600	Omaha	201	177.55	145,625			

* The report for 1959 is not yet received from the lodges or has been received too late to be included. The figures used are taken from our records. Secretaries who find an asterisk (*) after their lodge number are requested to mail their 1959 reports to the undersigned as soon as possible.

At the close of the year we find 188 adult lodges with a membership of 10,242. The total monthly assessment for all lodges amounts to \$10,270.87, with a combined amount of insurance of \$6,135,500, excluding insurance carried on an extended insurance basis.

The average age of all members with insurance as of December 31, 1959, is 53.81.

All lodges have in 1959 paid:

In Sick benefit to members	\$ 33,876.89
In Extra help to members	4,868.88
Cash and other assets of all lodges as reported amounting to	\$1,370,098.42

Fraternally yours,

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Sec.-Treas.

That petulant peroxide pearl on five says the boy friend she was out with the other night wasn't very grammatical ...he ended every sentence with a proposition.

DANISH BROTHERHOOD

National Bowling Tournament

THE 1960 BOWLING PRIZE LIST WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, AND IT IS AS FOLLOWS:

TEAM: 1st prize, \$75 and a trophy; 2nd prize, \$60; 3rd prize, \$50; 4th prize, \$45; 5th prize, \$40; 6th prize, \$35; 7th prize, \$30; 8th prize, \$27.50; 9th prize, \$25; 10th prize, \$22.50; 11th prize, \$20; 12th prize, \$17.50; 13th prize, \$15; 14th prize, \$12.50; and 15th prize, \$10.

INDIVIDUAL: High series: Prizes are as follows, 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$7.50; and 3rd, \$5.

HIGH GAME: Prizes are as follows: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$7.50; and 3rd, \$5. All scores with handicap.

EINAR DANIELSEN, St. Charles, Ill.
Bowling Tournament Chairman.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN

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I am sure that Brother Hans M. Andersen, our Supreme President, has many days which are outstanding in his memory, but there is one day I am sure he will always remember and that is March 5, 1960.

On this day his own lodge No. 255 in Selma, California, had invited to a dinner, at Bruce's Lodge near Selma. The invitation had gone out to all the lodges and I suppose the intention was to have it as a surprise for Hans, and I think it was pretty well kept in the dark most of the time, but I feel certain that he did have some notion that something was "cooking" as the saying goes.

The response to the invitation was, I believe, above all expectations, because when the dinner was called to order about 175 members of our two organizations were present. The surprise, I think, was the number of guests from outside of Selma. The guests came from Arcata in the far north of the state and as far south as Los Angeles. Brothers Curtis Larsen from Arcata and Guy Bjerre from Ferndale had driven two days in order to make it. Petaluma had about half a dozen people as did San Francisco. Oakland did a bit better, and the Olsen clan and their friends came from Ripon and Modesto came to the tune of about 35. Fresno was represented with about 30 people. Del Rey had a good representation. Bakersfield was represented with Alfred and Marna Nielsen and a number of others. Niels and Anna Christensen and others from Santa Barbara. From Los Angeles we had Fred Holm and his good wife, as well as Carl and Minnie Hansen, and many others.

Sister Margaret Sundby, the Supreme President of the Danish Sisterhood, came from Hayward together with Sister and Brother A. B. Christensen and others. The two Presidents of the General Committee, Sister Doris Christensen from Santa Barbara came with several of her officers and Brother Robert Jensen, the President of the General Committee, showed up with all but two of his officers. Not to mention all the Ex-Presidents of both General Committees who had made a bee-line for Selma that day. It was really hard to realize it was not a convention dinner because there were so many familiar faces, and it was truly a gathering of the clan; that peculiar clan of members of our two organizations which gets together once a year to perpetuate its ideals and to plan for the growth of the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood in California.

I believe that Hans was really surprised when after all were seated he and his Clara came into the hall to see three of their children present. That was one thing he had not found out. One daughter, Mrs. Miller, and her husband came from San Francisco, where she is studying law and will graduate this summer. Their son and his wife came from Berkeley where he is attending the University, and another daughter, Mrs. Johnson, and her husband from Fresno. The third daughter could not come as she is a teacher in Alaska and perhaps was snowbound. But it was a joy to see the face of Hans when he saw the large gathering with his children at the head table.

Brother Robert Jensen was toastmaster and a good one. Many speeches were made of course, and stories told. But when it came to Hans to say a couple of words, we could see he was very much moved by the occasion. Many letters and telegrams were read, in-

cluding one from Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, from Otto Nielsen in Seattle, and others.

It was late when the last "Han skal leve" was sung and the dance started. And it was still later when some of the guests got to their cottages. At 3 o'clock a gang stood outside the cottage of George Hansen and wanted George to come out. But George was sound asleep by that time or pretended to be. I understand some from Ripon and Petaluma, undoubtedly Vernon Olsen and Johnny Jensen, wanted to take a plunge in the pool, but I think colder heads persuaded them not to.

The next morning a good number of the out-of-town guests were invited out to the Andersen Ranch in Parlier for ham and eggs and another gathering of the clan. All in all, I think it was an honor that Hans appreciated and I think he will always remember.

Another Brother who was honored recently was Brother Louis Jorgensen, who recently retired as financial secretary of Lodge No. 49, after having held the position for 38 years. About 165 old friends gathered in the banquet hall of Druid's for a fine "Torskemiddag med tilbehør." And the Tilbehør consisted of Aalborg Akvavit and good beer. At this affair we found a new toastmaster in Brother Dick Clausen and a good one too, we have had Dick with us for many years without knowing of his talent. Your scribe was given the honor of speaking for our guest of honor, who by the way, had just celebrated his 80th birthday. Many spoke to Louis about his many years of faithful service, not only to the Brotherhood but also to Dania and "Norden," one of the oldest Danish organizations in San Francisco. When Louis had a chance to say a couple of words he said that he knew he had friends but did not realize he had as many as had showed up.

The fine dinner was a joint affair of the two lodges and prepared by Brother Ernst Meyer at cost. The result was that the committee was able to give the surplus to the Convention committee, a neat little sum of \$260. All in all a wonderful evening for all concerned.

A very popular couple in San Francisco for many years, Brother and Sister Jack Hansen, were able to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 20. We wish them many more years of joy and contentment.

Another very popular couple, Brother and Sister Carl Rønberg, celebrated their silver anniversary on March 19.

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Both have taken an active part in the Danish colony and Sister Rønberg is now treasurer in the Sisterhood Lodge. May we wish them many happy returns of the day.

Golden Gate Lodge No. 49 has a new secretary. The writer has served in this capacity during the past year, but due to increased activity in his business, found it impossible to continue. The new secretary is Brother Ernst Meyer, a past president of No. 49, and one of the very active younger members in the lodge. His address is: c/o Francisco Delicatessen, 2233 Market Street, San Francisco 14. Telephone UN 1-1694. We wish him luck and from personal experience I can say it is not an easy task to be secretary of a lodge the size of No. 49. So give him your cooperation, and be sure to tell him if you change your address. Change in your certificate is very important, be sure it is right. If not, tell Ernst about it.

It is frequently pointed out that people rushing to the scene of an accident right after it happens just get in the way. Even more troublesome are the people who are rushing to the scene of an accident just before it happens.

Mother: "Now, Junior, be a good boy and say 'Ah-h' so the doctor can get his finger out of your mouth."

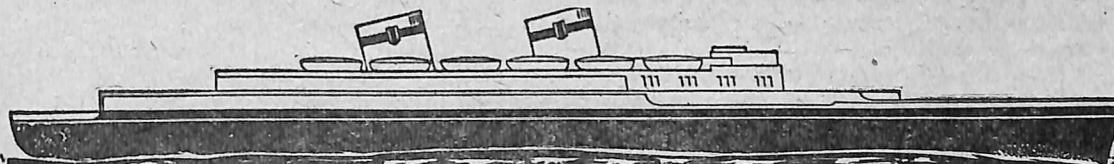
They tell the story of the Texas oilman who asked Stanley Marcus of Nieman-Marcus, the Dallas department store, what sort of net profit margin his stores work on. Somewhere between 1.5 and 3 per cent, Marcus replied. The oil executive shrugged, "In our business," he said, "we spill that much."

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Roger Sorensen	14	Kenosha	Kenneth R. Sorensen
Viggo Nielsen	14	Kenosha	Brian D. Skowronski
Viggo Nielsen	14	Kenosha	Randal S. Skowronski
Carl Olsen	14	Kenosha	Dale Chris Rohling
Borge Jensen	43	Denver	Valdemar Mark
Chris W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	Adolph A. Synnes
Chris W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	Arvid N. Pederson
Chris W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	Conrad Pedersen
Chris W. Pedersen	45	Minneapolis	Richard B. Buck
Nels Andersen	45	Minneapolis	H. Kristiansen
Peter Overbeck	49	San Francisco	Knud E. Lau
Frederik Andersen	67	Fresno	David J. DeLaurant
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Poul Larsen
Andrew Nielsen	126	Los Angeles	Hans E. Hansen
Peter R. Hansen	126	Los Angeles	Hans Brodersen
Gerald Johnson	242	Erie	John M. Brown
Chris Bay	273	Dillon	Neil Walter Benson
Andrew H. Andersen	273	Dillon	Homer L. Simpson
Einar M. Nielsen	314	Hartford	John Stoddard Nielsen
Walter Brinkman	325	Nassau Co.	Jorgen Trøjmer
Vernon Olsen	332	Ripon	Niels Juul-Larsen

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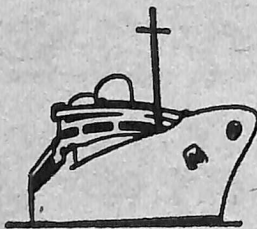
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By

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General Committee Eastern Lodges. The GCEL officers in conjunction with the GCEL Promotional Committee will meet at the Stratfield Hotel, Bridgeport, Conn., on Saturday, April 30, at 3 p. m. A meeting of that group will be held, Brotherhood members are welcome. The Sisterhood GCEL is having their convention in Bridgeport at that time, a banquet to be held Saturday evening, April 30, in the Hotel Stratfield; reservations for the banquet should be sent to Agnes Christensen, 106 Parkview Drive, Stratford, Conn.

I have been visiting a number of lodges here in the East in the past few months and I have had the pleasure of meeting several Brothers who visited Florida lately. As we all know, many of our Brothers retire to Florida, and although far away, they are still interested in what goes on up here, in particular in their own local lodge which they still belong to. The first question asked when a visitor meets them is "How are things up north, isn't my lodge doing anything at all, we never read much of anything although we have our Brotherhood Magazine with a column called "News From the Eastern Lodges?" Think about it Brothers, let the Brothers who once did their share in making the Brotherhood what it is today, and whose heart still is with you, know what's happening in your lodge, and do it by sending me a few words.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. The New Haven Lodge, our oldest lodge in the east, celebrated its 71st anniversary at their meeting March 9, 1960. Brother Ernest Thomsen made all arrangements and a good platter of pot roast with all its trimmings was served. A good crowd was on hand, with visitors from Lodge No. 103, Waterbury and Lodge No. 314, Hartford. Two 50-year pins will be presented to deserving Brothers at their meeting April 13, namely Brother Hans Nielsen and Esper Baumbach. Brother and Mrs. Mads Ullerup are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary March 26. Congratulations, a get-together party will be held at their home.

Lodge No. 37, Bridgeport, Conn. Together with Brother Paul Petersen, New York, I had the pleasure of attending a meeting in this lodge March 8, although this lodge at present is among our most quiet lodges, it must be mentioned that the few faithful have the right Brotherhood spirit and we hope that before long this lodge again will come to life and be on top where it belongs. I may mention that Lodge No. 37 has had more officers serving on the GCEL than any other lodge in the East.

Lodge No. 50, Byram, Conn. BROTHERS, here is some real news! This lodge is really going to town, thanks a whole lot to the always spoken about "New Blood," under the guidance of some of the "old-timers." An open installation, combined with a Dinner and Dance, was held January 16. It was a success, not too much financially speaking, but a number of Brotherhood applications were circulating, and it paid off. Advertise your product and you are bound to sell your merchandise. Six new members will enter the lodge and here is the NEWS. Another affair has been planned. Details will be in our May issue of the Brotherhood Magazine, just in time for you to make your reservations. Here is a

few highlights of WHAT, WHERE and WHEN. Playland in Rye Beach opens Saturday, May 21, Byram lodge has reserved Playland Casino, which has a capacity of up to 800 persons. The lodge will be celebrating its 69th anniversary with a Dinner and Dance. A dance contest will be held, there will be prizes for waltz, foxtrot and rock'n-roll. Officers from both the Supreme Board and the GCEL are expected to attend and it is hoped that they will act as judges in the dance contest. I know the judges have a little knowledge of Brotherhood and it is hoped that they know a little about dancing. Tell me, what do Brothers Chris Madsen, Paul Petersen and Viggo Nielsen know about "rock 'n roll?" In addition to the Dance contest \$25 will be given to the visiting lodge with the biggest amount of Brothers represented. A number of lodges are located not too far from Playland, Rye, N. Y. Get a gang together, let us meet in Playland Casino, Rye Beach, N. Y., on Saturday, May 21. For reservations contact Brother Ronald Ptasinski, 329 Willett Ave., Port Chester, N. Y., who is the secretary of Lodge No. 50. Details and price of tickets will be announced next month, just cross off May 21 on your calendar.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. This lodge was a little late in sending in the list of officers for 1960, too late for us to get them in the GCEL yearbook, however, a letter from the secretary of the GCEL stated that the officers for 1960 are as follows: President Adolf Nielsen, 57 Central Ave., Mansfield, Mass.; Secretary George M. Petersen, 58 Larkspur Road, Warwick, R. I.; Treasurer Henrik Nelson, Pine Street, Providence, R. I. Meeting place is 8 Greene St., Providence, R. I., and the time, second Friday each month. Membership is 21 active and 2 passive members.

Lodge No. 103, Waterbury, Conn. I can see a mistake in the yearbook being made one year, but twice, The secretary of the GCEL who handled the yearbook for 1960 apologizes and is very sorry that the listing of this lodge has appeared in the yearbook with the town of their meeting place wrong. If you have a 1960 yearbook on hand, please make the following correction: Meeting place of this lodge is: Royal Neighborhood American Hall, 100 Grand Street, Waterbury, Conn.

I had the pleasure of visiting Lodge No. 103 together with Brother Albert Christensen, President of Perth Amboy lodge, at their meeting night, Saturday, March 12. Six Brothers from Hartford Lodge No. 314 and two Brothers from New Haven Lodge No. 32 were present. It is a real joy when visiting a lodge, representing the GCEL, that you find Brothers from neighboring lodges present, a very nice meeting was held. Due to a social gathering it was cut a little short as the questions to be

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answered were many, but to me it was a very inspiring and beneficial meeting. Brother and Mrs. Erik Wedseltoft celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and many good wishes were sent their way as we all gathered around the tables for a delicious spread of sandwiches, a piece of wedding cake and some delicious homemade cake. Truly a nice evening enjoyed by all.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. Ladies' night was held following their March meeting, visiting Waterbury, I was told I missed a grand night, the meeting was well attended and the social affair with dancing to a 3-piece band was all anyone could ask for, not forgetting the coffee served with the homemade "Fastelavns boller" and Danish pastry. The entertainment committee is planning on having sandwiches, beer and the showing of a film at their next meeting night, April 9.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. When attending the meeting of this lodge, together with Brother Albert Christensen, it was a great shock for us to hear about the passing away of Mrs. Gunnar Froelich, wife of the secretary of that lodge. Sister Mimi, as she was known to all her friends far and near, died of a heart attack only a few hours before she was to be released from the hospital after a fight against pneumonia. A devoted couple who always were busy doing things for others as well as keeping their doors open for gatherings of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. We all understand what a great loss it is to Brother Gunnar. Our heartfelt and sincere sympathy goes to Brother Gunnar and his two daughters.

It was a most enjoyable meeting I attended, the spirit of Danish Brotherhood always prevails in this lodge, who at all times carry out proceedings and live up to the rituals as a lodge should. Their Ex-President Niels Malmquist promised the members present that he, at their April meeting, will show a film.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, New York. This lodge celebrated its 56th Anniversary Saturday, March 5. A delicious roast pork and red cabbage dinner was served. The attendance was perhaps not as large as expected. I do believe we have a right to blame the weather, however those who didn't attend missed a good meal and a very enjoyable evening. Several lodges were represented and heard from. Brother Andrew (Andy) Thomsen and his wife, Bessie, from Troy, represented the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges of Troy. They had just gotten back from Florida the night before, two months of sunshine and warm weather while the rest of us slave and freeze is just wonderful. Brother and Mrs. Chris Lønstrup represented Hartford Lodge. A few nice words were heard from Brother Chris, but what impressed me most was that he knew that he expected to leave for a trip to Denmark in 3 months, 3 days and 12 hours, (how technical can you get) — well this is Chris. Also heard from were our Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen, yours truly and Brother Paul Petersen of New York, representing the GCEL Promotional committee. The president of Lodge No. 190, Brother Robert Wilkie, presented several members with their 25-year pin. One fellow was missing in that party, he is usually the toastmaster, Brother Carl Christensen, we were all sorry to hear that Brother Carl was in the hospital. We managed to see Brother Carl in the hospital next morning before we started for home. All we can say is: Best

wishes for a speedy recovery. Brother Henry Bukke was toastmaster for the evening and did a fine job.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. This lodge will celebrate its 54th Anniversary Sunday, May 29. It will be a dinner party and it is hoped that officers from both the Supreme Board as well as the GCEL will attend this affair. "Lyngblomsten," the publication of the lodge, was published this month. It contains small articles from the president, the secretary, and all chairmen of different committees, a full account of what goes on in the lodge is given. The bowlers have been bowling for the National Bowling Tournament under the chairmanship of Walter Larsen. A team is being sent to the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Racine, Wis. Brother Ole Beck will be the captain and these Brothers will participate: Brother Søren Melgaard, Gerald Johnson, Walter Larsen and Henry Jensen.

Lodge No. 334, Geneva, New York. An Anniversary banquet, (9 years to be exact) will be held Friday, April 8, 1960, at 7 p. m. in the Hotel Seneca, Geneva, New York. I know about the affairs as I have an invitation to attend the banquet. I have, however, no details, but I'm sure that Secretary Brother Andrew Christensen, 78 Cherry St., Geneva, will tell you all about it.

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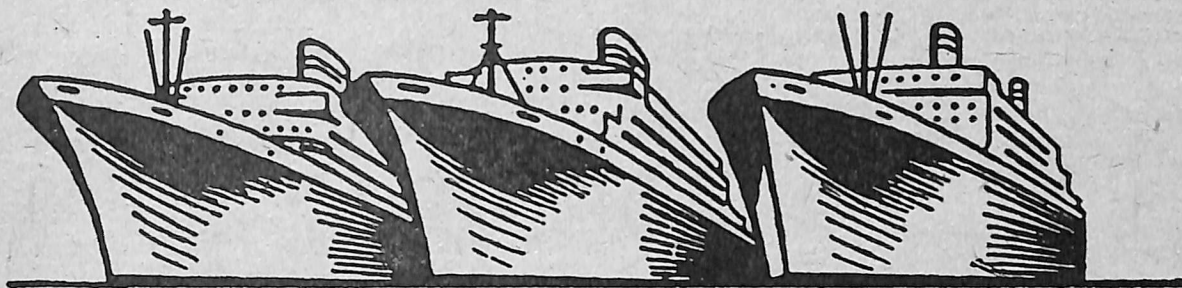
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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME BOARD:

At our regular lodge meeting on Wednesday, March 2, I had the pleasure of receiving from President Jens Engholt, your check in the amount of \$150 as first prize for our membership contest for 1959. President Engholt made the presentation as the closing feature of our meeting and on behalf of our Supreme Officers, commended all the members of Lodge No. 4 and myself for our record of 101 new members signed up in 1959.

This then is my "Thank You" to the members of our Supreme Board for this award and for the recognition of a job well done — not just by me personally but all the members of Lodge No. 4 who helped to roll up that amazing total of 101 new members in a single calendar year.

You may be very sure that this award has made all our No. 4 BOOSTERS very proud, so proud that we are going to make every effort possible to bring the award back to Racine in 1960.

My personal thanks to all of you for this honor.

PAUL E. STRAND.

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