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Put Some Life in Your Lodge Affairs



Above you see Second Supreme Vice President Einar Danielsen addressing a banquet audience in Racine, Wisconsin. Hans M. Andersen, Supreme President, is seated next to the rostrum. You can readily see that Hans is thinking about what he is going to say when he gets the floor.

We have seven Supreme Officers and each and every one of them are anxious and willing to come to your "celebrations" and help you put some life in the party.

To get a Supreme Officer to your party you must write to the Supreme President and give him the invitation; he will likely assign the officer nearest to you; or you can ask for a certain person, and the president may or may not be able to assign that person.

By the way, our Supreme President and his good wife, Clara, have left the fruit ranch at Parlier and purchased a home in Selma. The new address is: Hans M. Andersen, 1444 Oak Street, Selma, California.

Minneapolis Lodge Repeats as National Bowling Champions

Team No. 1 from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Lodge No. 45 consisting of the same five bowlers as the 1959 championship team proved themselves real champions by winning our National Bowling Tournament for the second year in succession. This year's winning score was 3154, just 40 pins less than last year's remarkable effort.

Lodge No. 45's Number 2 team captured second place which proves that the Minneapolis bowlers really bowl when it counts. Others lodges in the money are: No. 283, No. 49, No. 4, No. 116, No. 4, No. 242, No. 242, No. 242, No. 273, No. 322, No. 183, No. 283, No. 167, No. 4 and No. 84. All the scores will be published at a later date.

Each year more bowlers are participating in the Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament which proves the popularity of the tournament and that it is serving its purpose. Three hundred and seventy-five bowlers or 75 teams entered this year's tournament and 67 teams submitted their scores in accordance with the rules of

the tournament established by the Supreme Board. Because of the increase in entries in the 1960 tournament, the bowling budget was reviewed at the April Board meeting in Omaha and two more team and individual prizes were added to the prize list published in the April issue of our Magazine. I have already had inquiries about next year's tournament which indicates even greater participation in 1961.

In conclusion, I congratulate all the winners in this year's tournament and thank every participating bowler for his efforts and a special thanks to the team captains for observing the rules when sending entries and bowling scores. Only one entry was received too late to qualify. Your bowling prize check will be in the mail soon and when you receive it, enjoy the fruits of your efforts.

With a wish for good bowling in 1961, I remain

EINAR DANIELSEN,
National Bowling Chairman.

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Come In

"Come in, the door is open" is actually what the delegates in the 1959 National Convention in Omaha meant to say when they, by an overwhelming vote, amended the laws to permit us to invite our women, our girls and our relatives to become members of our great and respected Society — The Danish Brotherhood in America.

Since then, a very large number of comments have reached us at the home office, and individually, with expressions of opinions on this new and all-out change in our operations. A few feel that it was "too much" in one sitting. But, pleasingly enough, by far the greatest number favors the "forward look" the delegates took on this important question. Some go so far as to say that it was 50 years late in coming.

Regardless of how the individual feels about it, this new order has enlarged our field of prospective members and permits the Board of Supreme Officers to set up, with some chance of success, the new department which will be charged with the job of exploring, and utilizing in the fullest measure, the new and added opportunities to establish a growing membership; the new and added opportunities for our Society to become a family organization and a fraternal service organization, in the truest essence of the word. Now it is up to us, the members, disregarding rank and position, to put the shoulder to the wheel and together push — push with efforts that mean something — so that the action taken by the 1959 National Convention can be fully realized and can become one of the most monumental decisions ever taken by any one group of delegates.

There are, of course, many problems facing the Board in connection with this new order, and thousandfold details, which all must be worked out with caution and great care. It was estimated that it would take two years,

perhaps, before all this could be resolved and we could be resolved and we could reach the point where we can announce that we are now fully prepared to use the new limits for membership. Although such matters admittedly move slowly we shall be ready much sooner than that — much sooner.

The Supreme Board gave the Executive Committee the task of preparing the rules and regulations under which women over the age of 16 years shall be admitted to adult membership, and girls under 16 years of age to juvenile membership, in our Society in conformity with the new laws.

The Committee was much encouraged by the immense interest shown in this phase of our operations, pro and con. All comments received were reviewed and studied carefully. We believe that we have resolved most of the questions raised in a manner that will receive deserved cooperation from all sources of support. The Supreme Board in regular sessions has sanctioned the rules as resolved by the committee and they will thus be the governing factor until further amended.

Most of the rules have to do with the handling of this new business under normal office procedure, such as for actuarial, medical and statistical purposes, etc. To publish them here would only confuse our readers and serve no public purpose at all.

We do feel, however, that the following points are of great general interest and should be published at this time for the information of, and the guidance for, our members and prospective applicants of the female sex.

For the time being, women and girls shall be admitted to membership and assigned to Home Office Lodge No. 600 only, regardless of where they live. (In other words, prospective women applicants can not, for the time being, become members of a now functioning lodge of male members. This will give the lodges time and an opportunity to act in accordance with the "home rule" provision in the laws.)

Women will be permitted insurance in amounts, and on the same basis in all respects as male members. Non-medical and medical applications in states where permitted shall be used on the same basis as applies to men, without discrimination. Insurance on the lives of women will be written on the basis of the same standard rates as applies to men. Applications will also be accepted for social membership by women applicants who are past the insurable age or who can not furnish satisfactory evidence of insurability.

In one respect will an exception be made regarding the application form to be used. It will differ from that being used by male applicants in that it will be printed on paper stock of a different color; one which we hope will be an expression of compliments to our women prospects.

In a general way, these same rules will govern applications in behalf of girls under age 16 for juvenile membership.

In due time popular distribution will be made of application forms and instructions for filing, payment of assessments, dues, etc. Until that happens I shall be very happy to answer any inquiries that you may have, to the best of my ability.

If you write me, indicating an interest in getting an application form, I shall be most pleased to register you on a preference list to whom application forms will be mailed the moment they are approved by the proper authorities and available for distribution.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

American Independence Day Celebration

IN DENMARK — ON JULY FOURTH

Every Fourth of July the great rush is on to celebrate American Independence Day among the ancient heather-clad hills in the Rebild National Park in Jutland, Denmark. The largest such gathering outside the United States!

Here, every year since 1912, Americans and Danes, at times as many as 40,000 are seated on hills that form a natural amphitheatre around the festive platform from which amplifiers carry the program of speeches and entertainment to all the four corners of the park, easily accessible from all parts of Denmark and the Continent. The Danish State Radio and Television carry the program throughout Denmark and by shortwave to the world.

It's an impressive ceremony when picked American soldiers, up from the Continent and Danish army cadets hoist "The Star Spangled Banner" and Denmark's "Dannebrog" to the aires of the American and the Danish National Anthems. The road to the balustrade leads through an Avenue of Flags of all the States of the Union, many of them donated by Governors of States and American institutions.

A shrine to international understanding and friendship is this annual American Independence Day Festival. It was so conceived in 1909 when Americans of Danish birth or descent bought this 450-acre tract of land as a token of the gratitude which immigrants felt they owed to the United States. Now a National Park, taking its name from its location at Rebild (pronounced Raybill) adjacent to Rold Forest, it was deeded to the Danish Government to be reserved for a Festival on July Fourth, and to be preserved forever in its beautiful natural state. The Park was dedicated in 1912 by the late King Christian X of Denmark.

THE PROGRAM

The King and Queen frequently attend this Festival, along with the American Ambassador and high American officials. Traditional also is the attendance of the Danish Prime Minister and other official representatives of Denmark.

During the years, the Festival has been addressed by the King, the Prime Minister and American and Danish Ambassadors. In more recent years the American speakers have included Chief Justice Warren, Paul G. Hoffman, Jean Hersholt, Dr. Lee DuBridge, the Secretary of Agriculture, Hon. Ezra Taft Benson and numerous other prominent Americans.

Band music and the singing of American and Danish songs are traditionally part of the program. Soloists from the Royal Danish Opera, ensembles of the Royal Danish Ballet, Soloists from U. S. A., and visiting choirs or bands, folk dancers, etc., frequently round out the festivities. American university bands have also taken part.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

"It is a pleasure to send greetings to all attending the Fourth of July Festival at Rebild, and to express again on behalf of myself and the American people our thanks to the citizens of Denmark for celebrating with us our national day of independence. It is a special honor to our country that their Majesties the King, Queen and Heir to the Throne are able to be present.

This traditional observance is a splendid testimonial to the profound and unflinching friendship between Denmark

and the United States. Standing for the historic bonds which unite our two peoples, Rebild also symbolizes our dedication to the principles of individual liberty. It is our heartfelt desire that one day all mankind will share with us the blessings of liberty we so deeply prize.

In this spirit, it is a privilege to send best wishes for a memorable celebration."

(Signed) DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

Cash All Checks Promptly

Holders of Brotherhood checks which they have not yet cashed are requested to do so without delay. This request is respectfully made especially with reference to the dividend payments made to members in 1958 and 1959 on paid-up Benefit Certificates. We appreciate the confidence you have in us, but we would rather that the checks be redeemed quickly when received. It becomes a terrific, and unnecessary, workload for our understaffed office to handle several hundred outstanding checks every month and will in time force us to cancel and stop payment on all checks not cashed promptly and within 180 days after issue.

Many checks drawn on various funds are kept for several years before finally presented for payment, and after signatures have become obsolete, thus risking non-payment.

We appeal to whoever holds an unpaid check to present it for payment promptly. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Brev fra loge 318

Søndag den 8. maj 1960 fejrede 318 sit 35 års jubilæum som loge af Dansk Brodersamfund i Amerika og Kanada. Et selskab på ca. 80 deltagere, damer some brødre og enkelte gæster kørte i Sight-seeing buses til Nordsjælland; stoppede ved en mere end 250 årig gammel kro hvor der forud var bestilt lunch. Efter en broderlig velkomst af komiteen som var 3 vakse brødre ved navn Schack Erikson, Sv. Svensson og A. Bardram havde stemningen den rette temperatur.

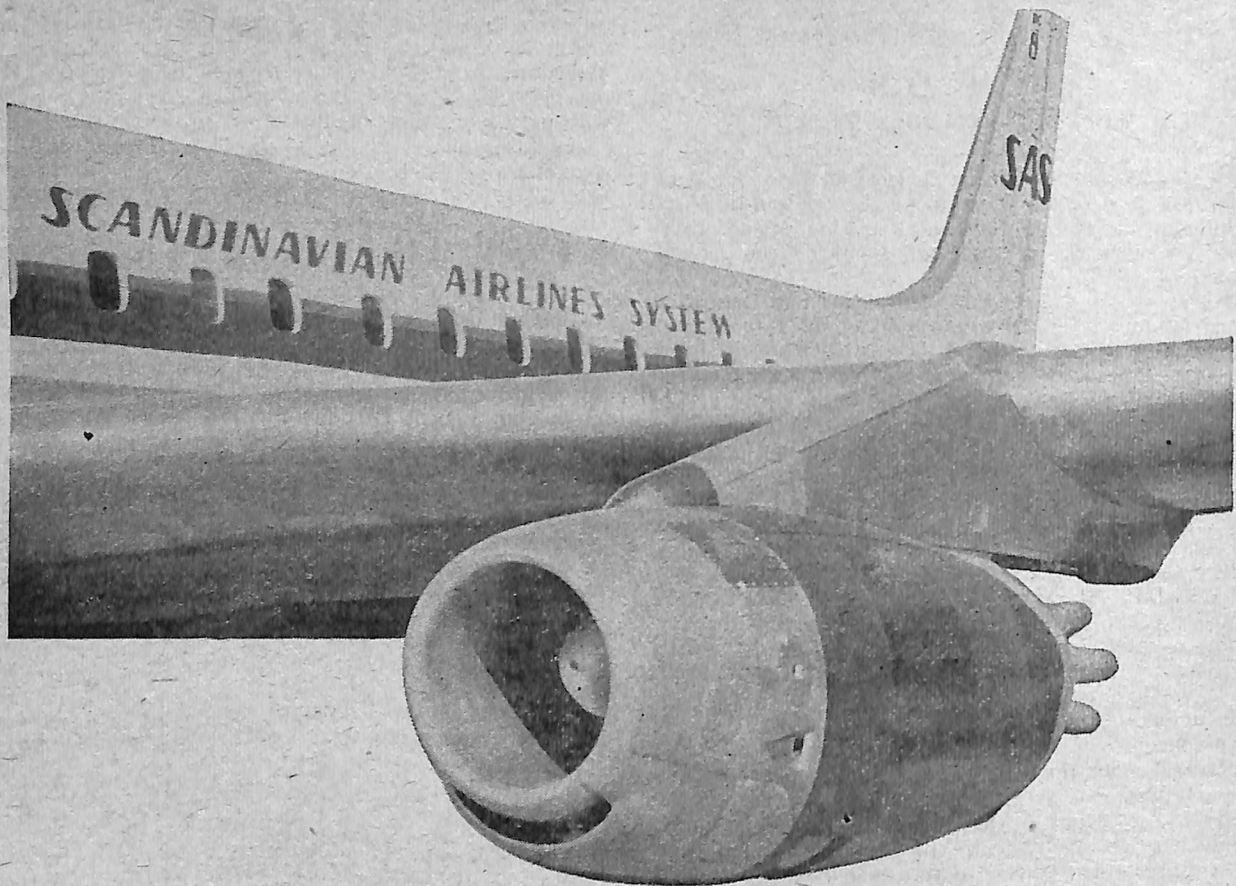
Da spisningen var vel overstaet paa bedste og nobel facon, kom et mere højtidelig præget intermezzo, idet forhen medlem (altsa aktiv) af loge 239 i Lake Forest, Ill., og siden 1925 af vor loge, Br. Alfred Clemmensen, blev udnævnt til æresmedlem som skyldig tribut for sin dybtgaaende interesse for vor loge og ikke mindst med henblik paa vort mangeaarige byggefond der dog paa grund mærkbare konjunkturændringer har ændret signaler og kurs med andet gode formal for øje.

Logens pr. br. Schiøler Linck holdt en formfuld tale for br. Clemmensen og udtrykke sin glæde over anledningen der gav denne fødselsdag et særlig islæt. Br. Clemmensen takkede for æren og den udviste tillid han nød i vor loge. Det er nu atter hverdag saavel logemæssig som i daglig virke. Nu ser vi frem til 40 års dagen, men forinden samler vi kræfter og midler til etablering af en fællesrejse for vore brødre med parrørende i sommeren 1962, der som vidt bekendt er 50 års jubilæum for den minderige Rebild Park ved Alborg. Vi, saavel som mange, mange andre nær og fjærn ser hen til dette med stor glæde og forventning.


Med denne majhilsen sender vi de broderligste hilsner til alle i Brodersamfundet.

På loge 318, vegne

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Sam Frederiksen ..	29	Seattle..	Mogens Egholm Larsen
Miller Jensen	29	Seattle..	Jens Christian Briggs
H. M. Rasmussen..	29	Seattle.....	Robert L. Duval
Robert C. Bruch	32	New Haven..	John Robert Bruch
T. Eskeberg	42	Spokane..	Bruce Wm. Eskeberg
T. Eskeberg	42	Spokane..	Jack Walter Eskeberg
Orla J. Dal	43	Denver.....	Harold E. Jensen
Louis Petersen	64	Rockford....	Bertel T. Laursen
Harold L. Andersen	71	Penn Yan..	H. L. Andersen, Jr.
Otto A. Thompson ..	71	Albert Lea....	John W. Larsen
Chris Sorensen	75	Albert Lea..	Niels M. Andersen
George R. Hansen ..	90	Port Reading..	Ralph P. Hansen
H. Brodersen	126	Los Angeles..	Henning Brodersen
H. Brodersen	126	Los Angeles..	E. V. Zangenberg
Chas. M. Petersen..	126	Los Angeles..	P. M. Germansen
Chas. M. Petersen..	126	Los Angeles..	P. R. Germansen
Niels C. Jespersen..	139	Viborg.....	William M. Hjelm
Gustav G. Haraldsen	167	Portland..	David Wm. Jacobsen
Edward Hansen	181	Sidney.....	Robert E. Beard
Donald L. Petersen	181	Sidney..	Robert Victor Petersen
Fred Jensen	195	Omaha.....	Soren Sorensen
Soren Melgaard	242	Erie.....	Richard C. Brown
Hjal. Bergenhausen..	245	South Bend..	Richard R. Nelson
Willis F. Koenke ..	273	Dillon.....	Lyle Bruce Eliason
Willis F. Koenke ..	273	Dillon.....	Alan Eliason
Holger Carlson	273	Dillon.....	Ronald W. Eliason
Olaf Christensen ...	323	Alhambra....	Frank E. Jepsen
B. Klitz	328	Vancouver.....	Erik Aarup
Aage Lindquist	328	Vancouver..	H. E. Christiansen
Paul Eriksen	328	Vancouver.....	Bruno Pedersen

Correction: In the April and May issues list of sponsors, Viggo Nielsen was inadvertently given credit for new members, Brian David Skowronski and Randall Scott Skowronski. Carl Olsen was credited with new member Frank Owen Skowronski. Credit should probably have been given to Jens Haugaard for these three new members, who are the grandsons and son-in-law of Brother Haugaard.

The Common Cold

The common cold is as common as ever. Surveys conducted during the past few years indicate that this condition brings more patients to the doctor than any other disease, and that the average adult has about two or three colds a year. (The average among children of pre-school age is more than twice this figure.)

Medical investigators have learned a great deal during the past generation or so. They are learning more and more about causes, although they have not yet managed to develop methods of cure and prevention. But the time is rapidly coming when this situation will alter for the better, when physicians will be able to control one of man's most stubborn ailments.

One of the leading investigators in the field, Dr. Harry F. Dowling of the University of Illinois' Department of Medicine in Chicago, recently completed a review of current progress and problems. In the first place, there are no diagnostic tests or objective signs, such as characteristic changes in the nose and throat, which could only be the result of a cold. A cold is something defined by its symptoms only.

We have come a long way in understanding why people

catch colds. Most beliefs of the past are of little help, as Dr. Dowling indicates in his report:

"More old wives' tales are probably associated with the cause of the common cold than with that of any other disease. The night air, sitting in a draft, lack of sleep, nervous tension, fatigue, overwork, improper diet, exposure to sudden changes in weather, too cold winds, or too warm winds — colds have been blamed on all of these and many other things."

Some of the above factors may play a role in bringing on attacks; after all, anything that weakens us, lowers our resistance to infections of all sorts. But they are secondary at best, however. For example, the Chicago investigator has found through experiments that chilling may increase coughing and sneezing and thereby promote the spreading of colds. But it does not cause colds in the first place.

Colds are more common in the winter — not primarily because of chilling but because it is during the winter that we live and meet indoors, with doors and windows shut tight, and pass on our colds. We send our children to schools where similar conditions prevail and there they can acquire the infections of other children. Other tests indicate that fatigue, brought about by keeping volunteers awake for one to three nights, does not increase the frequency of colds appreciably.

Viruses are the basic causes of colds. Dr. Dowling and his associates, as well as scientists in England, have produced colds in volunteers simply by using injections of either one of two viruses, known as the "JH" and "2060" varieties. But this is only part of the story. A number of different types of viruses probably are involved, most of them still unidentified.

Furthermore, a temporary immunity against one type has no effect on other types, which is one reason why colds keep recurring. The best treatment at present is to take standard medicines which reduce coughing and sneezing, and to stay at home during the coughing-sneezing period, mainly so as not to infect others.

Meanwhile, according to Dr. Dowling, the future is bright. "I believe," he writes, "that within a few years a vaccine composed of many if not most of the viruses that cause the common cold will be available....Although booster injections every year or two will probably be necessary, many people will consider this a small price to pay in order to remain free from the world's greatest nuisance, the common cold."

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Membership	
		Members	1/1/60
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	9	185
273	Dillon, Montana	8	39
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	6	194
50	Byram, Connecticut	6	44
126	Los Angeles, California	6	278
67	Fresno, California	5	73

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
45	Chris W. Pedersen,	Minneapolis, Minn.	5
67	Frederik Andersen,	Fresno, Calif.	5
14	Jens Haugaard,	Kenosha, Wis.	3
50	Charles H. Christensen,	Byram, Conn.	3

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

The vanguard of more than 500 Danes and their friends from every section of the Pacific Northwest began to converge on Spokane, Friday, May 20, for the 11th annual district convention of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges of Canada, Washington and Oregon. Hosted by DB Vind's Lodge No. 42 and the Princess Marie DS, the event has grown from a small beginning in Portland, 1950, to become the premier gathering of Scandinavian groups. Registration began early and conventionaires were still arriving late into the night of the first day. Saturday was a busy day and the Sunday schedule included the traditional farewell breakfast. Highlights of the three-day affair were the famous performances of the Seattle ladies' military drill team of Evergreen DS 40 and the Portland floral degree team of Mt. Hood DS 81, coupled with the lilac festival parade. Convention Chairmen Ingvard Eskeberg and John Bech and their committees are to be congratulated on a very fine conclave centered around a program concerned with the fraternal climate of our organization and with issues of concern to all Brothers and Sisters. One of the finest hotels in the country, the Spokane, featured fine foods and provided excellent meeting facilities. Humbly, we say "Mange Tak."

Setting a new high in district conventions with down-to-earth western hospitality, we felt the extension of a warm welcome upon arriving in the Inland Empire City. Amidst the merry ring of glasses, laughter and conversation, we enjoyed every fun-filled moment from the first "skaal" to the farewell toast on Sunday as we lifted our glass to the gracious Spokaneans. If the overwhelming attendance is an indication of future gatherings, we feel that something very constructive has been accomplished by the Spokane Danes in better planning and closer contact with the various lodges. The most beautiful brochure with a welcome from the City of Lilacs was outstanding and complete with both wisdom and humor, thrown in here and there. The 1952 convention committee had experienced a transportation problem in transporting delegates between the Pythias Temple and conclave headquarters but this year, all undertakings were under one roof. I well remember Brother Anker Christensen, who now lives at Santa Cruz, California, made dozens of trips to and from during the third annual regatta.

Said Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen, "We, the members of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, can take pride in the number of schools, churches, old people's homes and childrens' homes that we have founded in the past and continue to support today. We can be proud of the imprint that the Danes have left upon this great continent. The rolls of history carry the names of many of our people, both great and small, who have contributed

in some measure to the culture and life of this nation." And that my friends is all I can decipher from my many convention notes — the balance will need to wait for next month's issue as we have a deadline to meet or Danish Brotherhood Editor Svend Petersen gets impatient.

Under rules adopted by the Promotional Program Committee, a cash reward of \$250 for membership gains has been presented to the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood because of extra efforts in the lodges of Seattle, Tacoma, Enumclaw, Bellingham, Portland and Vancouver, B. C., during the fiscal year of 1959. Through Supreme Officer Kris Jorgensen, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck accompanied the check with expressions of thanks and appreciation to all those brothers who promoted the new business. In behalf of the district, I hereby return thanks and appreciation to the Supreme Board for the monetary award. Following is Kristian's comment on the above: "It is my hope that these funds will be put to good use. Since this money was awarded as prizes for gaining new members, I would like to suggest the setting up of a promotional fund which could assist the lodges with their promotional expenses or also in compensating district officers in their travels which surely also contribute to the promotional efforts."

Now that we are "rambling" again, I should like to quote some casual observations of that "character" Past District Trustee Chairman Svend A. Johansen, Vancouver, B. C., who all conventionaires know as he is the first to arise and the very, very last to retire. So writes Svend: "I have often wondered why some of you Brothers who have so much criticising to do after the meetings don't bring your thoughts to the floor and at least take advantage of expressing your opinions to a larger group. Would it not be an idea to get a forum started on some subject or other — such as Why Join the DBS, or Why I am Still a Member and Intend to Stay One for Many Years. It has always been my opinion that one of the reasons we are not able to hold our new and in some cases old members is that when you get down to brass tacks, the organization as we know it actually has no object or purpose outside of meeting some of our fellow countrymen once a month. Many strong and lasting friendships have been made in this way but it takes more than that to keep things moving forward. If your lodge does not wish to support as an example a folk dance group or drill team — they could for instance sponsor a Boy Scout or Cub Pack — why don't we take it upon ourselves for one Sunday a month to drive the older people to church — surely there are enough of us with cars that it would not be more than once or twice a year that each of us would have to do it — these are merely a few thoughts which come

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to my mind as ways and means to promote our local lodge and put it in a good light, in the eyes of the rest of the Danish community. When we attend the monthly meetings, let us criticize — but first let us pay attention to what is being said so that we may criticize constructively. By the same token, let us remember that we have a constitution and a set of by-laws and we must go by the book — and if we feel that these should be changed, then by all means let us change them — but let us do it in the proper manner — and when the change or changes come into effect, let us see to it that we abide by them.”

A fine brother has passed away and will be mourned by scores of people who were fortunate enough to count him as a friend. On March 15, Vice President of DB 33, Chris Petersen of 3705 South Eight, Tacoma, passed away in an easy chair, following a series of heart attacks. Laid to rest by Tuell’s funeral parlor on Saturday, Brother Chris leaves his good wife, Inga, at the home. A member of BPOE No. 174, he was a former caretaker of the Allenmore golf course. The Tacoma Lodge of Danes have lost an old-timer each month for the first four of this new year — Brother Morten Andersen in January at the age of 94; Brother Carl C. Petersen in February at the age of 91; Veep Chris at 69 in March; and now our beloved Conductor for many years, Brother Niels Tegen who had been bedridden for months, succumbed last month at the ripe old age of 89.

Brother Niels Malmquist, the editor of Philadelphia’s DB Lurblad, says: “It’s that time again, summer is here and many of us are getting ready to get on the move. Wherever you go, we would like to hear from you so that we can report your whereabouts to your friends. Send us a postcard.” To that we say “Amen and God bless you.”

Scandinavian Fraternity members, comprising many of our own brothers and sisters, celebrated their 34th annual anniversary on April 30, with a banquet and grand ball at Fellowship hall in Tacoma. On the program were good

speakers, an exhibition drill or pageant by the Harmony team of Lodge No. 244 who meet the first and third Tuesdays at Normanna hall, scene of our 9th annual DB and DS district convention; and a special attraction of Brother Villy Rasmussen’s daughters appearance in authentic Danish costume.

Resolutions

MAGNUS K. KRISTOFFERSEN, Hartford, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Magnus K. Kristoffersen who died April 21, 1960, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our good and loyal brother and hereby extend our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be entered in our minutes an inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent his family.

In behalf of Hartford Lodge No. 314.

Godtfred Lauridsen, President.
Einar W. Nielsen, Secretary.

Nearly 1,000,000 American men, women and children were injured or killed last year because an automobile driver exceeded the speed limit.

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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
Apr. 7	Lauritz Nielsen	92	Binslev, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	1896	Renal uremia	\$ 377.91
Apr. 6	Evald R. Germansen	33	Lindknud, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1956	Pulmonary edema	1,000.00
Mar. 31	Anders C. Andersen	91	Venkel, Denmark	194	McMinnville, Ore.	1901	Bronchopneumonia	394.94
Apr. 13	Hans N. Hott	88	Sønder Stenderup	54	Dannebrog, Nebr.	1901	Cerebral thrombosis	415.57
Apr. 9	George Petersen	70	Hyllested, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1924	P. O. peritonitis	250.00
Feb. 18	Gustav J. P. Neuberg	75	Viborg, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1907	Heart disease	962.79
Apr. 25	Jens Peter Jensen	77	Lem Sogn, Denmark	241	Sayreville, N. J.	1907	Cerebral thrombosis	237.40
Apr. 15	Andrew J. Swingholm	74	LeMars, Iowa	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1904	Coronary sclerosis	1,000.00
May 2	Andrew E. Nelson	82	Fremont, Nebr.	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1901	Coronary sclerosis	889.13
Apr. 23	Victor N. Nielsen	78	Trufant, Mich.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1907	Cerebral thrombosis	484.71
Feb. 15	Niels Lindholm	77	Viborg, Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1907	Cancer	500.00
Apr. 17	Christian E. Moldrup	85	Aarhus, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1919	Myocardial failure	1,000.00
Apr. 30	Peter D. Thomsen	83	Hjørring, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1904	Heart disease	898.15
Apr. 30	Peter N. J. Hjort	83	Ribe Amt, Denmark	112	Portland, Maine	1910	C. V. A.	942.26
Apr. 30	Alfred C. Andersen	79	Herslev, Jylland	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1913	Bronchopneumonia	490.72
Apr. 17	Carl A. Sorensen	75	Horsens, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1907	Arteriosclerosis	964.96
Apr. 15	Sofus Jorgensen	76	Kolding, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1907	Adenocarcinoma	962.79
Apr. 26	Jens Peter Olsen	79	Viborg, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1910	Coronary thrombosis	480.82
Apr. 21	Magnus K. Kristoffersen	62	Holstebro, Denmark	314	Hartford, Conn.	1940	Adenocarcinoma	1,000.00
May 6	Lars Peter Hansen	92	Nykøbing F. Denmark	2	Neenah, Wis.	1906	Senility	793.15
Apr. 28	Andrew Christensen	89	Praestø, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1914	Pneumonia	238.40
Apr. 27	Hans Jewel	83	Ribe, Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1922	Coronary artery dis.	1,000.00
May 10	Oswald Petersen	70	Grand Island, Nebr.	211	Grand Island, Nebr.	1909	C. V. A.	1,000.00
May 12	Niels P. Nielsen	73	Helnaes, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1929	Carcinoma	500.00
May 4	Herman A. Storch	53	Erie, Pa.	242	Erie, Pa.	1955	Myocardial infarct.	500.00
Apr. 30	Nels Johnson	27	Hune Sogn, Jylland	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1899	Uremia	408.59
Feb. 26	Jens K. Renborg	78	Hjørring Amt, Den.	251	Devils Lake, N. D.	1906	Arteriosclerosis	468.72
May 3	Emil Toildbod	84	Nibe, Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1905	Not reported	448.04
Feb. 21	Roy W. Johnson	47	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1954	Not given	Social
Apr. 4	Soren Olsen	85	Vejle, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1925	Not given	Social
Apr. 4	L. L. Jessen	70	Esbjerg, Denmark	328	Vancouver, B. C.	1947	Not given	Social

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Dateline Detroit

Lodge No. 227 is facing a year of decision. Our building is no longer paying its own way. We do, of course, have some money to make up the deficit, but every dollar we put into the building reduces the amount we have for sick benefit, help to needy brothers, or a new building. We must decide how best to use the money from the sale of the land at the Old People's Home. This is of vital interest to all members. Only by attending meetings can you make your wishes known to your officers.

Our social affairs last year were not well attended. We have good committees who put in a lot of work, but if their efforts are not rewarded by good attendance, they lose interest and the lodge loses money. The Old People's Board has already decided to forego the annual picnic since it has made no money for several years. Our annual meeting at the Old People's Home dropped from a normal attendance of 65 to 30 in 1959. Do you want one this year? Come down and let us know.

On the bright side, our new promotion committee sponsored an "Æbleskiver" supper with the Sisterhood Wednesday evening, May 11, which was attended by 115 Brothers and Sisters. Some very interesting movies of lodge and church affairs during the '30s and '40s were shown. Some had a hard time recognizing themselves from 20 to 30 years ago. The men especially were somewhat slimmer than the sisters, of course, stay beautiful. The evening was made complete by the presence of our old friend the Rev. Svend Jorgensen, his wife and daughter. It is always a pleasure to have the Jorgensens with us.

For years, we have had refreshments with the Sisters after the first meeting of the month. This year we are having sandwiches, coffee and snaps after the second meeting — sometimes free and sometimes with entertainment.

Also new this year is a party every other month with the entertainment being planned by two different Brothers each time appointed by the President to work with the regular entertainment committee. That way we should have something new and different each time.

We are still operating our jackpot every meeting, with some Brother winning \$10 every fifth meeting if no one has been present when his number was drawn at the intervening meetings.

The moral to all this is that you are the one who is losing out if you don't attend meetings and other lodge affairs. If enough members get really interested in our lodge functions, we will again get new members and exhibit all the other characteristics of real live wire organizations. See you at the next meeting.

A. E. LARSEN.

What you are doing is really not work unless you would rather be doing something else.

Health Insurance for the Aged?

There are relatively few families in the United States who have not known how quickly and remorselessly the costs of a catastrophic illness can drain away their savings. This condition strikes even harder at older retired people, who have more and longer illnesses. The need for medical care for the aged, consequently, is widely judged to be one of the most serious social problems American families will face in the 1960's.

At the turn of the century there were only three million Americans aged 65 or older. This age group has grown to 16 million by 1960, including five million who are over 75, and 10 years from now will number almost 20 million. According to figures recently published in the New York Times, 74 per cent of the aged have annual incomes of less than \$1,000, 11 per cent have incomes of \$1,000 to \$2,000 and 15 per cent have incomes of \$2,000 or more.

Since retired men and women have both meager income and two to three times as much chronic illness as the rest of the population, what medical insurance do they carry as protection against long periods of illness and hospitalization? A study prepared at the University of Michigan indicates that only 35 per cent of people over 65 have hospital insurance, most of it with inadequate coverage. Only 20 per cent of the aged with incomes below \$1,200 carry any insurance, and two-thirds of these have individual insurance policies with merely token benefits.

It is against this background that the intense concern over the Forand bill becomes meaningful. Introduced in the House of Representatives by Aime J. Forand, Democrat from Rhode Island, the bill (H.R. 4700) would expand the Social Security program to add hospitalization, medical and surgical fees and home nursing care for the aged — all this to be financed through an increase in Social Security taxes paid by both the employe and his employer. The government would thus underwrite the cost of medical care, but there would still be freedom to select one's doctor.

A huge volume of Congressional mail and heavy pressure from lobbying groups have made the medical insurance question the No. 1 social issue before Congress in an election year.

The Forand bill is supported by the AFL-CIO and is opposed by the American Medical Association. These two powerful groups are the chief antagonists in the lobbying battle in Congress. Aligned on the side of labor are the major associations of social workers, liberal groups such as Americans for Democratic Action and the National Farmers Union, and countless "Golden Age Clubs" and similar organizations of the elderly.

Major allies of the American Medical Association fighting the measure include the insurance companies, business associations and farm organizations.

The administration has come out against the Forand bill but it is under increasing pressure to offer an alternate plan. As of now, while two possibilities — private health insurance programs with some government support — have been seriously discussed within the administration, no such plan has been unveiled.

Meanwhile, early in April, eight Republican Senators joined to sponsor a voluntary health insurance plan entirely outside the Social Security system, for which anyone over 65 would be eligible. The Senate bill would provide the same medical coverage as the Forand bill. Premiums would be based on ability to pay by older people.

The difference between the premiums and the cost of the insurance would be shared by the federal and state governments. The insurance would be sold by private companies and non-profit groups.

Linden Trees From West Berlin

PLANTING SITE IS HISTORIC INDIAN CAMPGROUND

The 24 linden trees received by Dana College in Blair as an expression of international friendship and good will from the city of West Berlin, Germany, were planted during a special ceremony May 22, on the campus in Blair along a new avenue leading from Old Main to Mickelsen hall and will be appropriately named, Unter den Linden. It is of historic significance that this avenue will be located on the land where the last battle of the Indian nations was fought. In addition, the Omaha Indians used this particular area as a campground during the late 1800's — shortly before the college was founded.

The story is told of an old Indian chief who once stood on the spot where Old Main now stands and prophesied that some day a great light would appear from the hill. Today this land is a part of Dana College where the planting of the Linden trees will be a further symbol of the hope we have for continued international understanding.

A representative of the Omaha Indian tribal council, Alfred Wayne Gilpin of Macey, Nebr., was present at the ceremony to add his greetings to those of other visiting dignitaries.

Representatives from the United States Air Force, Strategic Air Command, the Department of Agriculture, the German Embassy and the Department of State were present. Senators Hruska and Curtis from Nebraska were special guests for the ceremony with Senator Curtis delivering the main address. Special greetings were delivered by Senator Hruska; Carl VonMutius of the West German Embassy in Washington; Frederik Bahr of the U. S. Department of State; Brig. Gen. James B. Knapp of Strategic Air Command and Donald Schettler, Mayor of Blair. A special cablegram from West Berlin Mayor, Willy Brandt, also was received which reads as follows:

"The city of Berlin sends greetings on the occasion of the planting of 24 linden trees at the Avenue Unter den Linden at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska. May the linden trees which we have the pleasure of sending you with the U. S. Air Force be a permanent symbol of friendship between the people in Nebraska, Kansas and Berlin.

"The people in Berlin are deeply convinced that close relations and cultural streams between our two nations will be a guarantee of mutual understanding, appreciation and collaboration.

"The Berliners will always be grateful for the tremendous help and protection which in the last 15 years the American people have granted to the city with a view to secure our freedom. We are sure that Berlin, under this roof, will maintain its freedom."

In addition to the local coverage, a broadcasting team from the Voice of America was present to record the afternoon's ceremony for rebroadcast in Europe.

Diner: I notice you have chicken salad on this menu. Is it all chicken?

Waiter: Well, not exactly. It has a bit of veal in it.

Diner: How much veal?

Waiter: Oh, about fifty-fifty; one chicken and one calf.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN

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Our Editor put it very mildly when he stated that my article for May did not arrive in time, as a matter of fact I did not have time to write it, as I was too busy getting Sister Margaret Sundby, the Supreme President of the Sisterhood and her party ticketed for her trip to Denmark.

I have just returned from New York where I saw Sister Sundby and her party of 39 sailing in the beautiful Bergensfjord.

In the party was a honeymoon couple, Brother and Mrs. Hans Petersen from Oakland. Brother Petersen left his homeland in 1889 — 71 years ago — and this is his first trip back to Denmark. He left in order not to be taken by the Germany army, and so he now feels he can safely go back to Sønderjylland, which was then part of Germany, and see his "Barndomshjem." Brother Petersen recently took unto himself a young bride so the trip is a happy one. He is the only living brother who was a charter member of Lodge 49, where he had No. 9 on the membership list. While in Denmark he will celebrate his 90th birthday on July 8. He will of course, participate in the Rebild festivities of which he has read so much during the years. We wish he and his good wife a very happy stay in the old homeland.

Another couple, Brother and Sister Bert Laursen from Rockford, Illinois, are on a second honeymoon trip in that they will celebrate their silver anniversary while on the tour. It is their first trip abroad in that they were both born here. Sister Laursen is active in the General Committee.

Brother Helgor Vinum from Eureka, California, is making his first trip back since 1908, he too wishes to see Sønderjylland since it is now part of Denmark. Others like Mr. and Mrs. John Nebeling of Sequoia, California; Mrs. Walter Hansen and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Kaffka, are regular commuters to Denmark. Mrs. Julia Bramsen, the Vice President in Margrethe Lodge No. 49, is making a trip back to see her people behind the Iron Curtain — in Czechoslovakia, whom she had not seen for many years.

Sister Margaret Sundby, who will be attending Rebild festivities for the first time, will also be one of the speakers on that day. It will be the first time in its history that the Sisterhood will have a Supreme President giving a greeting at Rebild.

Just as I am writing this I have received a letter signed by all the passengers of the group that they are really enjoying the trip. Sister Sundby tells me that she called a meeting of all the Sisterhood members on the ship, so I am sure they all had a really good time.

One evening when in the dining car of the California Zephyr I noticed the following right on top of the menu card:

"As you travel over this bountiful land of ours, may you be ever reminded of the grace Almighty God has bestowed upon us. Let us acknowledge our debt to Him with prayers of thanksgiving."

How true. And I never stop wondering about this great and glorious country of ours and really how few people see it and get to know it. Early May is perhaps the best time to see our country as everything in nature comes forth after its winter slumber. Everywhere the scenery was beautiful, and looking at it from the vantage

point of a Vista-Dome one really gets a "feel" of it. The beautiful Feather River Canyon, the majestic Rockies in Utah and Colorado and overnight the scenery changes to rolling farms in Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois and further on through Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. On this trip I passed through 21 states and enjoyed everyone of them.

How many of those who read this article have ever made a trip to Washington? Most in the party had never been there before, and although coming from San Francisco, I dare say that, Washington is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Not to say interesting as well, as here is truly the center of the world today. The White House, the Capitol and all the various government buildings, the beautiful residences and homes. We took a trip down through the old city of Alexandria where a good deal of our early history was written and many of the original homes and places are still standing, including old Trinity Church where the early fathers of our country worshipped. We were shown the pew in which the Washington family worshipped, there is a silver plate on it with Washington's signature engraved in it. Then on to Mount Vernon, the 500-acre estate that belonged to Washington and his family.

The estate itself was founded in 1674 by Washington's grandfather when he came from England. Washington was born here in 1732 and passed away in 1799 and is buried here. Everything is preserved here as when Washington occupied the place, and it is kept in a wonderful preservation. Thousands visit this place every day of the year, but at springtime it is perhaps most beautiful, built as it is on the slopes of the Potomac river. Gorgeous gardens surround the place, just as Washington had it. Of course, you get the impression that Washington was a very wealthy man or he could not have kept up such an establishment. You leave the place with a feeling of reverence, for here truly lived a great man, a great patriot of our country.

New York is always interesting to visit, but personally I am always happy to get away. Too big, too impersonal and too much in a hurry. But spent a couple of very busy days after the ship sailed visiting some of my old friends, such as H. A. Hjortholm, of the Norwegian American Line and Charles Faendrick of SAS, two old friends I have known since way back when we all worked for the old Scandinavian American Line. I had the occasion to visit the Danish Consulate General and visiting Brother

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Paul Ryder, the Consul General, whose first inquiry was: "How is 49?". It is truly remarkable how many of the Danes in California he still remembers and inquired about. Also visited Mr. Ove Sehested the Danish Consul who spent many years in San Francisco.

The evening before departure from New York three ladies came to bid bon voyage to Sister Sundby, they were Sister Marguerite Christensen, Past Supreme President of the Sisterhood of Newark, N. J.; Sister Mildred Sorensen, Supreme Trustee, also of Newark and Sister Lillian Larsen, Acting Supreme Trustee from New Haven, Conn. The four ladies had a farewell dinner in the Grill Room of the Wellington hotel.

Afterward the writer had the honor of being invited to chat with them over an after dinner drink, and of course, we had a regular talkfest about what — why the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood — what else is there really to talk about when such old timers get together. And we had a swell time of it too. It was a delight to meet these charming ladies.

Coming back to the more mundane things, may I ask the good secretaries to be sure to let me have the names of the delegates and alternates to our convention in San Francisco, by July 1. Also I shall need to know the status of the membership in each lodge as of July 1, breaking the membership down into active, social and juvenile members.

The convention committee in San Francisco is working very hard to make it the best ever, so come and have a few days of enjoyment with your fellow members of our two organizations.

As for next year's convention place! Well, the good people in Hayward lodge have decided to invite us, so I think they should have the pleasure of our company. Hay-

ward was the cradle of our General Committee as it was founded here on September 10, 1921, and we have never been back. So 1961 will be 40 years after and I think there would be no better place to celebrate this event than in Hayward.

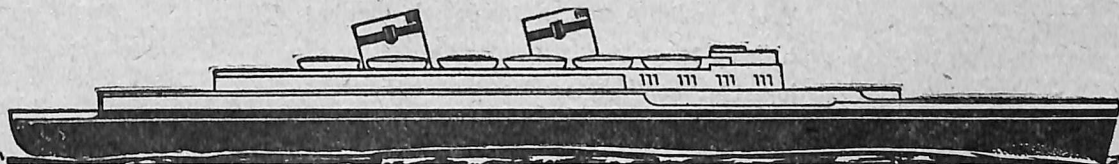
I have just learned that Brother John Jorgensen has been honored by the Danish King who bestowed upon him the order of "Ridder af Dannebrog." And we send our very best wishes and congratulations to Brother Jorgensen.

To Denmark in 1962

The Denmark Tour in 1962 is in the planning stage. It is, of course, at this time too early to go into details, but not too early to make your plans to come along. Many encouraging letters come to us from participants in former tours, especially the 75th Jubilee Tour in 1957, telling us how wonderful it was in all respects. We will celebrate our 80th anniversary in 1962 and the Rebild National Committee will celebrate its 50th anniversary the same year. You may write us of your intention to go along in 1962 and we will register you for full details as soon as we have them. Write to: AXEL SKELBECK, 908 W.O.W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

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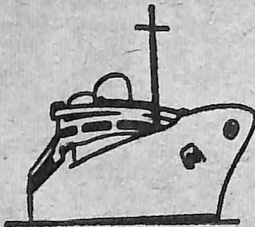
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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

General Committee Eastern Lodges. A board meeting was held Saturday, April 30, at the Stratford hotel in Bridgeport, Conn. All board members except our Trustee, Lauritz Pedersen, were present, also present were Brothers Andrew Thomsen, Troy; Viggo V. Nielsen, Bridgeport; Andrew Christensen, Hartford; Jack Iversen, Byram; and Albert Christensen, Perth Amboy. According to the report from the different board members 17 lodges here in the East had been visited either on a meeting night, at a dinner party or at the installation of officers, it was also quite clear that except for one or two lodges, all lodges in the East would be visited during the next few months. A few lodges have a hard time getting enough members out to meetings to even fill the officers chairs, however, those present still have a lot of Brotherhood spirit left and are hoping that they can continue for many years to come. Some lodges are doing a splendid job, their attendance is good and their social gatherings something many members look forward to. It is a pleasure to tell you that all lodges within the GCEL have paid their dues for 1960, all we need now is to get the names of the delegates and alternate delegates for our convention to be held September 3, 4 and 5 in Penn Yan, N. Y., also let us have your suggestions, new proposals or change of by-laws for a better Brotherhood, better GCEL or better lodges. It was a very likely meeting, lasting two and one-half hours with pros and cons. The Danish Sisterhood Lodge in Bridgeport was host lodge to the Danish Sisterhood GCEL convention and a banquet was held that evening, a very nice and well attended affair enjoyed by all of us.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. Since my visit to that lodge in February their secretary, Brother Norman Edmonds has been kind enough to send me a few lines after their monthly meeting. A few lines like that are very inspiring to me, it helps me in putting our Eastern Lodges column together telling you all about what's happening here in the East without it being a column where my viewpoints are aired. Visitors from Lodge No. 50, Byram, three to be exact, and seven Brothers from Lodge No. 41, Shelton, attended their meeting May 11, also present was Brother Martin Hansen from Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colo. The 50-year members were honored that evening and it was a free night, hot roast beef sandwiches were served by Brother Ernst Thomsen. The sandwiches were delicious and easily digested with the assistance of a few drinks. Brother Henry Josty from Lodge No. 50 had brought his motion picture projector along and showed pictures from the last two conventions held in the GCEL. All agreed that it was a wonderful evening and many more good meetings and socials are promised by the officers and entertainment committee.

Lodge No. 41, Shelton, Conn. Much effort and interest was created when they found out that Brother Chris Madsen our Supreme Trustee and I intended to pay them a visit at their May 9 meeting. Twenty-five members and visitors were present, four Brothers from Lodge No. 32, New Haven; and three Brothers from Lodge No. 50, Byram, constituted the visitors. All officers were present and a nice meeting was held. I can't help but say that it has been a great joy for me to visit a number of lodges during my term as president for the GCEL and always find a number of visitors from neighboring lodges, visitation helps every lodge and creates much more interest because with visiting Brothers in our midst, we all try

to do just a little better. Brother and Mrs. Magnus L. Petersen of Lodge No. 41 are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, Saturday, June 18. Congratulations and best wishes for the future. Invitations have been sent out and many are expected to join the happy couple in celebrating this event. A buffet supper and dance will be held Saturday, June 18, from 7 p. m., to 1 a. m., at the Hejas Grotto hall, 612 Howard Ave., New Haven, Conn.

The lodge will celebrate its 70th anniversary with a dinner and dance, Saturday, July 2, at 7 p. m., at the Rapps Paradise Inn, 557 Wakelee Terrace, Ansonia, Conn. A roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including a cocktail and beer, will be served, Dargons Orchestra will play for your dancing pleasure. Tickets are \$5 per person. Brother Henry Andersen is chairman for the committee and tickets may be secured or reservations made by contacting Brother Andersen who lives at 15 Anna St., Shelton, Conn. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, June 27. This occasion means a lot to all Brothers of Lodge No. 41, let us all get behind them and help them celebrate their 70th anniversary as a Brotherhood Lodge. How many lodges will be represented? I do know Lodge No. 41 always has representation to neighboring affairs. Sandwiches, snaps and beer were served following the meeting, and those wishing enjoyed a game of poker (or did they?) Truly a very nice evening. Thanks a lot Lodge No. 41, we'll be back.

Lodge No. 50, Byram, Conn. This lodge held its much published 69th anniversary at Playland Casino, Rye Beach May 21. A number of people thought that this little lodge who has less than 50 active members had overtaken more than it was humanly possible to handle, but those of us who were a little skeptic take our hats off and apologize. Lodge No. 50 deserves a lot of credit for a successful party, they really showed us what a hard working committee can do, good will and created interest is what counts, not the size of the lodge. A dance contest was held and no less than five prizes were given away, one each for foxtrot, waltz, rock 'n roll, cha-cha-cha and polka. The prizes were all imported from Denmark and represented close to \$200 in merchandise. An attendance prize of \$25 was also given to the visiting Brotherhood Lodge with the biggest representation. Shelton Lodge No. 41 with a representation of 11 won this prize, with New Haven Lodge No. 32 running a close second with 10 persons present. A new record was established. With a head table consisting of 15 persons and a number of past presidents of the GCEL present, no speeches were made. Introduced were Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen; GCEL President Viggo Nielsen, GCEL Chairman of Promotional Committee Paul Petersen, Past Supreme President of the Sisterhood Marguerite Christensen, Supreme Trustee of the Sisterhood Mildred Sorensen and GCEL Sisterhood President Betty Bates. Several ex-presidents and ex-officers of the GCEL who have formed their own little

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club called GCEL Ex-Officers Club had met in the afternoon and under the leadership of their secretary, Andrew Thomsen from Troy, a meeting had been held, but all agreed that their president, George Petersen, residing in Florida, was missed and should have been present. Three cheers for Byram Lodge for a very successful party. This lodge has been the springboard in the East the past year and we all sincerely hope that your effort will bring you at least 10 new candidates for membership. Never before have I seen such a crowd of young people. Good luck.

Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y. Our 1960 convention lodge. A letter on my desk tells me that this lodge is working with full speed on all details in connections with the forthcoming GCEL convention. Several meetings have been held and they are firm believers that this convention will be the best ever, so make your plans for Labor day weekend now and make it Penn Yan, N. Y. In spite of the pressure of all the work ahead of them their 66th anniversary was held April 22 with a banquet which was well attended. Attendance at their meetings is also very good and it is a happy lodge anxious to have a big crowd on hand for September 3, 4 and 5. The secretaries in the East are reminded to send the names of their delegate representing their lodge at the convention to the secretary of Lodge No. 71, Brother Niels C. Olesen, RD 5, Indian Pines, Penn Yan.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. Two new members were initiated into the lodge at their May meeting and one of the Juvenile members, Richard Nyborg, was elevated to active membership. We welcome all of you and hope you'll enjoy your membership. It will be Father and Son night at their June meeting and the entertainment committee has promised it will be worth your while to attend bringing your son if he is old enough to take part. One of our younger brothers in the lodges, George Nyborg, Jr., has set his wedding date for Saturday, June 18, and we wish Brother George many happy years. Congratulations.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. The Promotional Committee of this lodge met in Brother and Mrs. Mogens Hempels home April 13. The group found several new methods which may be employed to obtain new members and set up plans for further work on the project. The lodge will celebrate its 57th anniversary June 5 and a picnic at Wenonah Lake has been planned for that day which happens to be a Sunday.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. This lodge is celebrating its 54th anniversary Sunday, May 29, a dinner party has been planned and several invited guests are expected. Too late now, but the secretary caught (you know what)

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at their last meeting for not writing more about it in our May issue. The bowling team who participated in the Midwestern Tournament in Racine, Wis., are back home. Their captain, Brother Ole Beck, announced that the competition was keen, however they managed to take sixth place out of 17 teams. Their annual picnic will be held in August, the exact date has however not been decided upon, but will be announced later. Our most sincere sympathy is extended to the widow and family of Brother Herman Storch, former treasurer in Lodge No. 242, who passed away May 4.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. This lodge celebrated its 43rd anniversary May 21, with a dinner and dance in their club rooms. Sorry we couldn't be with you as this is an event we seldom miss. I do believe the GCEL was represented by the vice president, Arthur Christensen, Geneva. In all events I'm sure they, as always, had a very wonderful affair.

Remember the turtle — he never makes any progress until he sticks his neck out.



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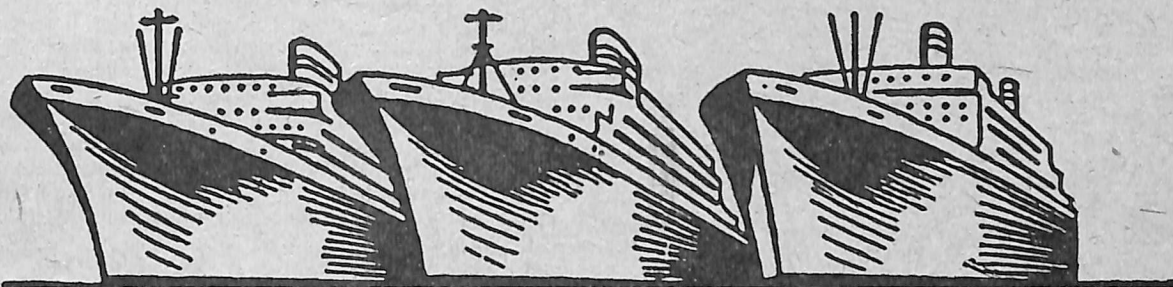
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Intermountain Tid-Bits

There is, and have been a lot of activities going on here in the Intermountain West, but lack of cooperation from the different secretaries, make it impossible to report the occasions in full. Let me in a sad case of hurt selfrighteousness call this to our lodge secretaries attention, that yours is the duty to give reports of special lodge activities both to your members and to your correspondent. I don't know how my colleagues in other General Committees do it, maybe they go to all such occasions, and I can assure you that yours truly is not at all allergic to an expense account, but realize that a little cooperation and a 4-cent stamp will do the job just as well.

Birthday parties: Lodge No. 278 held its 51st birthday with a big "home-cooked" dinner, that is, cooked by the Brothers, and according to those who attended, had a wonderful time with Brother Hjalmar Nielsen's entertainment of poems and prose by Danish authors. Brother Secretary, why didn't we know about it, so that we could have enjoyed the company of your Brothers?

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Lodge No. 78 will have a little extra on its regular meeting night, May 10, in celebration of its 61st anniversary, but to keep the bank account intact, the Brothers are not going to any special extremes, but will keep the occasion amongst themselves.

The General Committee of Utah and Idaho Lodges had its spring meeting on May 1 in Brother Chris Pedersen's home in Holladay. Due to an interim inventory, a couple of the Brothers were quite late before the secretary Brother Hilmer W. Hansen was given the floor for the minutes by the president Brother Einar Jensen, Pocatello, and from then on everything went smooth in strict business fashion until the sweet end and Mrs. Louise's absolutely non-business Smorgasbord. I bet that the only, or at least the main reason we go to these meetings, is the epicurean efforts of our ladies, we always have to sample before we leave, and heaven knows that they are always worth traveling a long way for. The next event will be the annual convention here in Salt Lake City with Lodge No. 78 as host, so until then — over and out.

BORGE KRAGH.

This highway adage, I have found,

Has much wisdom in it —

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