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Dansk Udsendelse



Under 49.s møde i aftes—fortalte Rudolf Olsen os, at "deadline" for stof etc. til vort udmærkede medlemsblad er den 23. saa jeg skynder mig at sende dig vedlagte cliche du maaske kan bruge i det kommende nummer. Det er et billed fra den nylig afsluttede kongres indenfor D.B. og D.S.S. her i Cal. og det viser byens borgmester George Christopher — som fornylig kom tilbage fra sin meget omtalte rejse til Ruslands Khrushchev og Danmark — byder kongressens deltagere velkommen til San Francisco.

Som du sikkert ved — er brodersamfundet sponsor af det populære "VIKING PROGRAM" over stationen KOFY, hvis programredaktører OVE BAUER og HENNING JENSEN her ses optage borgmesterens tale, der næste dag — udsendes til Nord — og centralcaliforniens tusinder af dansk-amerikanske lyttere. I samme udsendelse hørtes ogsaa generalkonsul Frode Schøn og D. B.s overpræsident Hans M. Andersen.

Bedste hilsener, din hengivne,

HENNING JENSEN.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	Member New
Willy Christensen	49	San Francisco	Finn S. Reinath
Earl G. Jensen	51	Ludington	Benny A. Bentz
Carl Jeppesen	51	Ludington	Greger Christensen
Carl Jeppesen	51	Ludington	Carl M. Nielsen
Arthur C. Clausen	51	Ludington	Hans C. Rasmussen
Berthel C. Lund	62	Sioux City	Svend Aage Jensen
Fred Mortensen	102	Providence	Carl W. Sorensen
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Erik Wolthers Wendt
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Donald B. Giegerich
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Paul Sterup Kristensen
Mogens Hempel	172	Philadelphia	Aksel Rasmussen
Fritz Lange	242	Erie	Tyco Vernon Swick
Edward Jonassen	242	Erie	Edward E. Jonassen
Christ. Frederiksen	261	Fowler	Quinten Leroy Swope
Thorwald J. Hansen	306	San Diego	Asker Norgaard
Jens Sondergaard	328	Vancouver	Svend Aage Bratner
Ronald Munkeskov	328	Vancouver	Svend B. Andersen

Inter-Mountain Tidbits

Due to vacation, although well spent, your correspondent missed out on one of the highlights of this year's lodge activities in Utah, namely the annual convention of Utah and Idaho Lodges General Committee, but thanks to our very able secretary, Hilmar Hansen, it is possible to report the main issues of the day.

While all the visiting ladies were entertained by Brother Mart Jorgensen's wife in their beautiful "country estate," the Brothers, under the gavel of vice president, Brother Edgar Hansen, (President Einar Jensen is in Denmark) took care of the business without any delay. The only storm signal was a suggestion to cut down on the meetings, but nobody wanted to miss any opportunity to get together as often as possible and the meeting schedule remains the way it has been for 41 years, thank goodness.

The financial support to the host lodge was changed however, so that the participants must take a deeper dip in their pockets, which met with everybody's approval, rather than miss this yearly spiritual injection. For despite whatever business our conventions have to decide upon, it is the spirit of togetherness and I guess I can say love, that is the main value of our meetings, and so also this time. Just that to meet brothers from other lodges is a thrill, and when on top of that both business and later on program goes like clockwork. We experience that feeling that was created by the founding fathers of the Danish Brotherhood and is manifest in our slogan: Brotherly love and mutual help.

In the evening, after a cocktail hour at Brother Edgar Hansens' home, a banquet was held at Hotel Newhouse with a new dish from the world famous Danish restaurant "Wivex" (the former Wivel) as main attraction. The chief if a former chef from "Wivex," and after the residing president had bid welcome, Brother Hilmar Hansen took over as master of ceremonies. He read a letter from the traveling president and introduced the new officers: President Edgar Hansen, Vice President John Pedersen, Secretary Hilmar Hansen, Treasurer Soren Jespersen, together with the representatives from the different lodges, Brothers Mart Jorgensen, Peter Nordgaard and Egon Fano. The main speech was delivered by Brother Soren Jespersen who with many years experience held the audience in the hollow of his hand with his words about our fraternity, old and still new.

While this much-praised convention was going on in Salt Lake I had the great pleasure of meeting with the Brothers from the California General Committee for a few hours at their convention at Hotel Whitcomb. To me it was a special thrill to meet our Supreme President, Brother Hans M. Andersen, one of the "big-wigs," who turned out to be a very nice and congenial fellow, understand it who can, and later on in Seattle I met Brother Otto Nielsen, the former president, and he too looked like a nice fellow. Too bad only it was not a regular meeting night, but I got greetings back to the Brothers here in Utah from both, which I hereby bring forth.

BORGE KRAGH.

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October 1960

Reminiscence

Seventy-eight years ago a group of men in Omaha formed a club for the sole purpose of aiding their countrymen coming over to a new world; helping them to get a new start in the land of opportunity.

As years went by the organization grew bigger and bigger. Men all over the country came and asked to be a part of it because they realized the purpose of this club was to do good, to help and to create fine fellowship.

During all these seventy-eight years, the purpose of this group has not changed. The Danish Brotherhood of today is more so dedicated to help its fellowmen in need than ever before and because of wise investments of money paid in premiums by our members over all these years, we now are able to give a helping hand financially whenever circumstances have created a need for such help.

It has been my privilege during my thirty-nine years as a member of the Danish Brotherhood, to attend several national conventions of the organization and never have I seen such a group of delegates assembled anywhere with the avowed purpose of modernizing and making changes in our by-laws as in Omaha last year, so that the Danish Brotherhood could wake up from a slumber of several years and go forward once again, and we on your board of officers have high hopes that by the time another national convention rolls around that we will see a rejuvenated Danish Brotherhood with a large gain in membership. Towards that end we now have with us here in Omaha a man who has recently shown in his own lodge that he has the know-how to promote, and Paul Strand is hard at work setting up a program that we are sure will work just fine. But of course, he is only one man; he needs cooperation from all the members, so please when he comes to you and asks, do give him all the help he needs in your locality. You will feel better

for being a booster instead of a knocker and no one can be anything but proud of being a part of the best fraternal organization operating anywhere and to be a cog in the wheels that make it run.

Now we can not only bring our men relatives into our order but we can also insure our women or take them into the lodge by local option. No doubt our dear ladies have had a big hand in matters behind the scenes in making the Brotherhood the grand organization it is today and now we can offer them some of the benefits, so come along girls, we want you to belong.

I have enjoyed very much serving on the Danish Brotherhood board for the past five years and I wish to extend to all the members my most sincere greetings and best wishes for a wonderful future as a member of our Brotherhood.

Fraternally,

FRED JENSEN,
Supreme Trustee.

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Membership Members	1/1/60
4	Racine, Wisconsin	24	592
126	Los Angeles, California	12	278
49	San Francisco, California	10	322
51	Ludington, Michigan	10	87
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	9	185
42	Spokane, Washington	8	59
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	8	194
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	8	150
273	Dillon, Montana	8	39
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	8	158
50	Byram, Connecticut	7	44
67	Fresno, California	7	73
116	Newark, New Jersey	7	159
29	Seattle, Washington	6	312
300	Oneonta, New York	5	36
325	Nassau County, New York	5	93

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
45	Chris W. Pedersen	Minneapolis, Minn.	7
67	Frederik Andersen	Fresno, Calif.	7
116	Alf Svantemann	Newark, N. J.	7
51	Earl G. Jensen	Ludington, Mich.	5
126	Charles M. Petersen	Los Angeles, Calif.	5
4	Axel O. Nielsen	Racine, Wis.	4
49	Egon Svangren	San Francisco, Calif.	4
14	Jens Haugaard	Kenosha, Wis.	3
42	T. Eskeberg	Spokane, Wash.	3
42	John M. Beck	Spokane, Wash.	3
49	Svend Aage Rasmussen	San Francisco, Calif.	3
50	Charles H. Christensen	Byram, Conn.	3
126	Hans Brodersen	Los Angeles, Calif.	3
225	John Christensen	Canton, Ohio	3
300	Marinus Christensen	Oneonta, N. Y.	3

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Dansk Nytaar

DANSK NYTAAR 1961, the popular Danish annual, will be out soon. Editor Paul C. Nyholm has this year an assistant editor in the distinguished Danish-American newspaperman Georg Strandvold, and the new edition has many new ideas and new contributors. Of the 35 writers, nearly all Danish-Americans, 16 have written books. Original drawings and striking pictures add to the value of the book.

Among the contributors are such well known writers as Carlo Christensen, Dr. Thomas Christensen, Caspar Hasselriis, Boy Jessen, Enok Mortensen, Mrs. Ellen Nielsen, Anton Kvist, Peter Manniche and Ambassador Knuth Winterfeldt. The topic: "How is Denmark?" is discussed by Axel Dessau, Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Professor Merville Larsen, Pastor A. Vang, Vancouver, and Axel Lober, father of the well known sculptor.

The subject: "What is our National Heritage?" is analyzed by the editors and by the well known author of novels dealing with life in Nebraska, Spobus Winther, Professor Waldemar Westergaard, three congressmen, Carl Andersen, Ben Jensen and Ancher Nelson and two pastors, M. Predstrup, Edmonton, and C. M. Videbeck, Atlantic, Iowa. Dr. Nyholm has two interviews, one taken in Denmark with a "Danish-American" sculptor Gunnar Hansen and a 20-page story about the poet Anton Kvist. Entertaining short stories have been written by Peter Guldbrandsen, Hans B. Kromann, Ebba Launsby, Agnes Ringsborg and V. R. Staby.

And there is much more! You may be one of the first ones to see DANSK NYTAAR 1961, by sending one dollar to Dansk Nytaar, Blair, Nebraska. Then this annual will come to you postpaid as soon as it is off the press.

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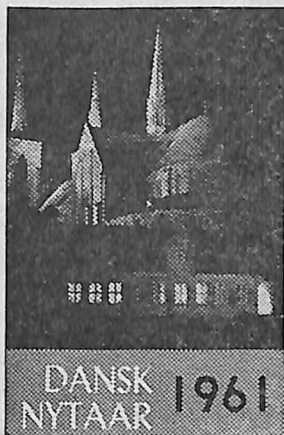
Letters

Hartford, Connecticut
August 26, 1960

Dear Brother Skelbeck:

Mrs. Ellen Petersen wishes me to say Thank You for your quick and considerate service in the payment of her insurance. It also is a pleasure for me to hear these remarks, when I present the payments due the widows. It gives our Danish Brotherhood a good name.

Fraternally yours,
ANTON MOSE,
Treasurer Lodge No. 314.



Colorado-Wyoming Convention

The lodges of the Danish Brotherhood of the Colorado-Wyoming District held its annual convention at Laramie, Wyoming on August 26-27, 1960, at the Knights of Pythias hall. A social gathering was held on Friday evening. Cocktails, dancing and a Danish Smorgasbord was enjoyed by all. Music for the dance was furnished by Orla Dal and his accordion. Orla is president of Columbine Lodge No. 43 of Denver, Colo. The business meeting was opened at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. The meeting was honored by the attendance of Supreme Trustee Fred Jensen from Omaha. He addressed all the members and installed the newly elected officers who are as follows:

Ex-President M. C. Justesen, Laramie, Wyo.; President Svend Sonderup, 4225 East 7th Ave., Denver, Colo.; Vice-President Ed Matson, Fowler, Colo.; Secretary-Treasurer John Sorensen, 170 South Madison, Denver 9, Colo.; and Trustees Albert Hansen, Brush, Colo, Miller Jacobsen, Denver, Colo., and Ejner Johansen, Laramie, Wyo.

The visiting ladies were entertained at the Wyoming University lounge by the Laramie ladies at playing cards, after which Danish layer cake, cookies and coffee were served.

A cocktail party, banquet and dance followed in the evening. Danish sandwiches and coffee were served at midnight. A good time was had by all and the dance was well attended.

Columbine Lodge No. 43 of Denver, Colo., will be host to the next district convention in 1961.

JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.-Treas.

Section 19, Paragraph 3(b)

Payments authorized in the laws of the society, as applicable under one or more of the laws following sections:

Sec. 17, par. 4 (and/or) sec. 18, par. 1; sec. 18, par. 2; sec. 19, par. 10; sec. 26, par. 1; sec. 26, par. 2; sec. 27, par. 9; sec. 27, par. 12 (b); sec. 32, were made as hereafter indicated and are hereby published under the provision of sec. 19, par. 3(b) as special information for whom it may concern:

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It is a pleasure to report that the supreme board, through its scholarship committee, has made the following scholarship awards:

Hans M. Rasmussen, Jr., 8801 South 124th Street, Renton, Washington. Brother Rasmussen is a member of Lodge 29, Seattle, Wash. He will be entering Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., this fall.

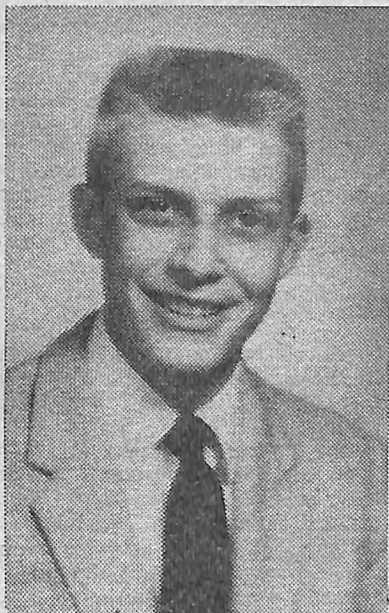
James R. Rovn, P. O. Box 145, Armstrong, Iowa. Brother Rovn is a member of Lodge 134, Ringsted, Iowa. He will be a second-year student at Mankato State College, Mankato, Minn.

Harold C. Andersen, 1427 Graber Drive, Lakewood, Ohio. Brother Andersen is a member of Lodge 170, Rocky River, Ohio. He will be a second-year student at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

Gordon O. Larsen, 10115 Murray Hill, Detroit, Michigan. Brother Larsen is a member of Lodge 227, Detroit, Mich. He will be a second-year student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Editor's Note: We requested a picture and short story from each of the recipients; so far two have arrived and they are presented herewith. We hope the others will follow.

JAMES R. ROVN



James R. Rovn was born on the first day of December, 1940 in Armstrong, Iowa. He obtained both his elementary and his secondary education at the Armstrong Community school. During his high school career he was active in football, basketball, track, boys chorus and several other activities such as class plays.

Upon graduation from Armstrong Community school he decided to attend Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa. At Iowa State he was enrolled in general science. After completing two years of school at Iowa State he decided to become a teacher in secondary mathematics and he then transferred to Mankato State College which is primarily a teachers college.

In 1955 he joined Lodge No. 134 at Ringsted, Iowa. His father has been a member of the Ringsted Lodge for 35

years. His Grandfather Jensen is a 50-year member of the Ringsted Lodge and his late Grandfather Rovn was also a 50-year member. His grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Rovn, is a member of our Sister organization, the Danish Sisterhood.

During his two years of college he has been very active. He was a member of the freshman track team at Iowa State and helped set a freshman mile relay record at Iowa State. His second year of college he was president of Sage House which is part of the Men's Residence Association at Iowa State.

His father and mother live in Armstrong, Iowa, and his father farms one mile north of Ringsted, Iowa. He has two sisters, Mrs. Melvin Cronk and Kathryn Rovn.

Besides his school work at Mankato State College he is also employed part time at the Hotel Ben Pay in Mankato, Minn.

HANS M. RASMUSSEN



My name is Hans Martin Rasmussen, Jr. Parent's name: Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin Rasmussen. I was born in Seattle, Washington, November 1, 1942. I have a sister, Karen, and a brother, Mark. I was graduated from Renton high school in June, 1960, after attending also Federal Way and Hoquiam high schools.

In high school I was a letterman on the Renton high baseball team. I was junior editor of Renton high school year book. Last year I was a representative from Renton at Boys State.

I am now attending Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. I am registered in political science and have pledged the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

HANS RASMUSSEN.

A man in Alaska was arrested for bigamy. He had a wife in Nome, another in Fairbanks and still another in Juneau. The judge looked at the culprit and sternly said, "How could you do such a thing?"

"Fast dog team."

GROVE'S DBS NOTEBOOK

BY THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST DANISH BROTHERHOOD
12424 Rebecca Drive Southwest, Tacoma 99, Washington

Let's go to Seattle, Wash. May 4, 5 and 6, 1961, are the official dates of the 12th annual district convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges. Plan now to attend this yearly gathering of Danish men and women from Canada, Washington and Oregon in the metropolitan area whose rate of population growth in the 1950-to-1960 period exceeded the national average by a considerable margin. The Queen City Danes, as you know, are hosting next year's conference and everybody is already working like crazy to make it a good one. The conclave committee, under the leadership of Brother Martin Rasmussen, has a big job to do but if we assure them that we will all turn out, their tasks become much lighter. Enjoy a leisurely and restful vacation next summer in conjunction with this gigantic event. An outstanding curriculum is scheduled with several new ideas thrown in for a well-rounded assembly and Seattle couldn't be more inviting than in the colorful month of May.

Just one more paragraph about Spokane and our 11th blow-out. We most certainly want to thank each and every person in the Inland Empire City who had even the slightest part of making our stay so enjoyable. Even though the skies were a bit murky and the breezes a trifle cool, the host city never looked more wonderful all decorated with lilacs and the people never more welcoming and friendly. The Spokane hotel was truly a fine center for living, for fellowship—and for our meetings. C. Fred Christensen, Tacoma's DB secretary-treasurer, who always attends the sessions, informs me that he and his party enjoyed some side trip attractions on Sunday before returning to the City of Destiny. In the spirit of the "old west," we sincerely enjoyed the three days as prepared by Brothers Eskeberg and Bech and their many, many assistants.

In memory of Brother Marinus Laursen, a president of Tacoma's Danish Brotherhood for many years, we write these few words in behalf of those old timers who remember a hard worker in all Scandinavian circles. Born in Denmark on December 30, 1881, Brother Laursen passed away on July 27, 1960 after a long illness. Following the cabinet-making trade which he had learned in Europe, Marinus was well known in this area as well as up and down the West Coast, having worked in San Francisco during the famous fire. A member of the Scandinavian Fraternity and the Elks, Laursen was a regular soldier in Denmark before departing for America. Although one of his five children who are left to mourn is Rev. Elmer Laursen, another preacher by the same name, Rev. Carl Laursen, officiated at the last rites. Active pallbearers included Brothers Frank Swayne, Peter Thompsen, Fred Christensen and Norbert Grove. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife, Anna.

Although the weatherman predicted "showers and light rains" for the Pacific Northwest on Sunday, August 21, date of the first Canadian-Washington-Oregonian district picnic, Sonia labeled the downpour "a full bath with all the trimmings." Despite the liquid sunshine, there were exactly 127 men, women and children in attendance at the beautiful Lewis and Clark state park south of Chehalis, Wash. The reason I can be so specific in the count, intoxicating liquors were not allowed on the premises and Helen, wife of Past District President C. Ed Hirsch, Portland, tabulated same for me. Nearly half of the picknickers came from the Rose City and they actually arrived in time to have breakfast in the sheltered quarters reserved for the Danes. Junction City's Skovbos were present; Spokane's Hugo Dall who has demitted to DB 29 was there; Enumclaw arrived in a caravan; Seattle had a good delegation; Tacoma was represented; and Vancouver, B. C.'s Treasurer Valdemar Hansen, his wife and niece, Valle, drove all the way from Canada to be with us. With no interference as to a contemplated ocean voyage to Denmark in 1962 sponsored by the Supreme Board, Brother Valdemar proposed that the Vancouver Lodge spearhead a charter plane to Copenhagen in 1961 in cooperation with the Pacific Northwest District. Interested ears listened to a plan of 100 participants at the approximate rate of \$400 round trip for a six weeks stay. Time is of the essence and if you would like your name on the list or desire more information, do drop a line to 4624 Commercial Drive, Vancouver 12. Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen brought apologies from Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen presently stationed at Fort Ord, California, with the National Guard; Astrid, wife of Picnic Chairman Hans Jensen, Portland, passed around a huge tray of Danish cookies and "kleiner," and it was generally agreed that our first attempt at this sort of excursion was highly successful and that it would be repeated each summer.

You may well ask what accounts for the solid foundation of the Danish Brotherhood. The answer is contained in one word, simplicity. The Danes are simple and their Brotherhood fraternity brings to us the most cherished of simple human desires — desires for fellowship and friendship — the desires for understanding and good will. Such simplicity but with overwhelming hospitality and companionship was prevalent on September 10 when the Enumclaw DB and DSS jointly celebrated the birthdays of their 80-year olds, their members who proudly wear a 50-year membership honor pin, and all past president in conjunction with the golden wedding anniversaries of Brothers John F. Hansen and Jens A. Christensen. Past President Jens P. Holm was chairman of the business

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meeting which preceded the social hour and also master of ceremonies for the evening's activities — he did an outstanding job of both undertakings. Assisting Brother Jens at the other stations and also in extemporaneous remarks on the program were Past Presidents Oswald Pedersen, Norbert E. Grove, Soren Eriksen, Ingvald Nielsen, Godan Meng, Carl N. Grove, John Hansen and Soren Pedersen — the latter a past leader of Wilbur's Brotherhood. Special tribute was made to old timers Chris Sand and Henry Bruhn who were that week passing another milestone. Lodge officer for many years, Nis Hansen, sang a solo; Brother Soren Eriksen reminisced his fraternal experiences in Wyoming and in Enumclaw over the many years; Brother Jens C. Jespersen, a retired missionary who joined DB 113 in 1902 but who had not been at lodge for 30 years, came down from Seattle to help the celebrants; Past President Fred Weston, now 88, sent his apologies for not being present; and Brother Peder Livingston compared his initial DB membership thrill with that of becoming a citizen of the United States. All in all, it was a heart warming gathering and one that won't be forgotten for some time.

Married in Seattle on September 6, 1910, Past President John Hansen of the Enumclaw Brotherhood, in celebrating his and Mrs. Hansen's golden wedding anniversary, remarked that "the last 25 years had passed away very quickly." Former residents of Pocatello, Idaho, and Astoria, Ore., Mrs. Hansen's parents were pioneer founders of "the little city with the big attractions." Brother John was born in Maribo, Denmark, and came to Alberta, Canada and America in 1908. Previously studying architecture and cabinet building in Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, Holland and Belgium, Hansen was an employee of the White River Lumber company for 18 years before becoming a contractor. Always active in the DBS, he served six years on the city council and 10 years on the school board. A member of the Woodmen of the World, the Masonic lodge and the Carpenters union, the celebrants have six children — Mrs. Orval Banks, Mrs. George W. Dahl and Mrs. Raymond Myrick of Anchorage, Alaska; George F. Hansen of Alderwood Manor, Rolf B. Hansen and Mrs. David W. Asplund of Seattle. The family circle also includes 15 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

"We're approaching a tunnel!" said the young man to his comely seat companion in the day coach — "aren't you afraid?"

"Not if you take that cigar out of your month," the girl replied.

Resolution

LOUIS JOHNSEN, Pierre, S. D.

Brother Louis Johnsen of Pierre Lodge No. 249, passed away August 29, 1960. We deeply feel the loss of a true Brother.

Therefore be it resolved, that we drape our charter for 30 days in memoriam, that this resolution be spread on our minutes, and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, also a copy sent to the widow, Mrs. Etta Johnsen, in behalf of Solskin Lodge No. 249, Pierre, S. D.

Andrew Kjar, President.
Jens C. Stevens, Sec-Treas.

St. Louis, Missouri

St. Louis welcomes Brother Paul E. Strand to headquarters, and the purpose for which he has been engaged.

If you will take a good look at the map of the United States you will find that St. Louis is where the heart ought to be.

There is not many of us left, so maybe if you can see your way clear, it may be a good idea to pay us an official visit for revival purposes. Incidentally, after the first of the year, we will have a couple of Brothers who have paid dues without fail for 50 years; so maybe we could put on a little show on the occasion and once again be reminded of the good old days. It is later than you think.

OLUF LARSEN.

A duck is a bird that walks as though it had been riding a horse all day.

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Aug. 11	Christian Petersen	59	Sommersted, Denmark	314	Hartford, Conn.	1939	Carcinoma bladder	\$ 625.00
Aug. 8	John M. Johnson	51	Haugasund, Norway	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1948	Diabetes mellitus	625.00
Aug. 17	Louis Hansen	76	Fremont, Nebr.	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1914	Cere. thrombosis	500.00
Aug. 2	Magnus M. Pedersen	66	Aalborg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1915	Pneumonia	1,000.00
Aug. 20	Peter R. Jensen	83	Sidney, Mich.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1903	Pneumonitis	890.73
Aug. 25	Karl M. Mouritsen	66	Skjoldborg, Jylland	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1923	Heart disease	1,000.00
Aug. 22	Arnold I. B. Rasmussen	64	Clear Lake, Iowa	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1915	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
Aug. 23	Lars K. Larsen	86	Bindslev, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	1912	Arteriosclerosis	948.00
Sept. 5	C. D. Petersen	90	Ølgod, Denmark	175	Jacksonville, Iowa	1910	Thrombosis	910.11
Aug. 22	Anton Larsen	81	Lederup Sogn, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1908	Uremia	967.37
Aug. 30	Alfred Laursen	58	Sejth, Vejle Amt. Den.	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1928	Not given	250.00
Aug. 29	Louis F. Johnsen	80	Nakskov Sogn, Lolland	249	Pierre, S. D.	1905	Arteriosclerosis	926.23
Sept. 5	Oluf V. Thestrup	83	Thestrup	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1916	Bronchopneumonia	1,000.00
Sept. 6	John Madsen	69	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B. C.	1931	Not given	Socia ¹

Lodge No. 4, 1960 Denmark Tour

The date was April 18, 1959. The place was Spencers Elmwood Plaza Lanes. The occasion was the 1959 Midwest District Invitational Bowling Tournament. And — as so frequently happens in a bowling alley, a few of the bowlers adjourned to the tap room after finishing bowling and had a visit over a friendly glass of beer.

Spring was in the air — thoughts of Denmark came to most — and out of that came Lodge No. 4's 1960 Denmark Tour! Svend A. Nyboe of Racine was so enthused with the idea of a charter flight for members of the Danish Brotherhood that he broached the idea at Lodge No. 4's next meeting — the membership liked the idea and immediately appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities of such a trip, the cost and all other details, with instructions to report back to the lodge. The committee, spearheaded by Svend A. Nyboe and consisting of Jens Engholt, Roy D. Stewart, Ivan A. Evensson and Paul E. Strand immediately proceeded to meet with travel agents and airline representatives — discussing in detail all the requirements that must be fulfilled to arrange a charter flight, getting costs, possible dates, seating capacity, civil aeronautics requirements and all the other maze of information required.

This was reported back to Lodge No. 4 in June, authorization to investigate in more detail was granted, and in August the committee began the arduous job of accepting reservations and deposits for the trip. By November 12, 1959, every single seat on two giant Scandinavian Airlines System DC-7 planes were sold out and paid for!

Then began the job of qualifying the eligibility for the trip of every single member and dependent. Red tape galore was encountered but by patient effort and persuasion the final charter was finally cleared and approved by civil aeronautics board and our travellers were ready to return to their homeland for their long awaited visit.

Sunday, May 29, 1960 and Friday, June 3, 1960, were mighty important days in the lives of the 166 passengers

on the 1960 Denmark Tour. Into General Billy Mitchell Field at Milwaukee, for the first time in history, flew a giant SAS DC-7 airliner on each day—passenger manifests were checked by the competent ground crew sent out from New York by SAS; baggage was checked in and loaded; committee members scurried back and forth answering last minute questions and helping; photographers, both amateur and professional, snapped pictures with wild abandon; and finally the gates were opened and our passengers filed into their plane for their trip to Denmark.

They were eventful days that those who took part in will not forget for a long time to come. The eight-week group which left on May 29 is pictured in photo number 1, the four-week group which left on June 3 is pictured in photo number 2. Smiles were evident everywhere as was an occasional tear — of happiness.

The flights from Milwaukee to Copenhagen were as near perfect as a flight can be — calm weather — wonderful food (solid and liquid) — perfect hospitality and service — and a welcome at Kastrup Lufthavn that said and meant "VELKOMMEN HJEM!"

Upon arrival in Copenhagen, each traveller was free to go where he or she pleased, to do as he and she pleased — so long as they were ready at Kastrup airport, to embark on the return flight on schedule. Postcards and letters received by committee members and friends prove that every traveller had a wonderful time enjoying every minute of their stay.

On July 4 and again on July 24, travellers embarked from Kastrup airport for the return trips and, once again, enjoyed the same wonderful trip, perfect service and good fellowship that prevailed on the first leg of the flights, albeit more tired and, perhaps, ready to get back home and rest up. Each of the returning planes was met at the Milwaukee airport by members of their families and by committee members and assisted in every way possible through customs and the other formalities which needed to be attended to. Then, a caravan of cars pro-





ceeded to the Danish Brotherhood Hall No. 4 in Racine where a sumptuous breakfast awaited all. There followed several hours of "VELKOMMEN HJEM, GAMLE!", disposing of the delicious breakfast provided by Manager Serrano Sorenson and his staff, properly disposing of several green bottles of some unidentified liquid, visiting with friends and family. It was a fitting climax to a wonderful trip.

From every viewpoint — the travellers, their families, the committee, Lodge No. 4, the Danish Brotherhood in America, — the 1960 Denmark Tour must be adjudged an unqualified success. Never before has Lodge No. 4, or the Danish Brotherhood in America gained so much

good will and free publicity.

The closing paragraph of the report on the trip published in the June issue of D. B. News, the official publication of Lodge No. 4, is perhaps a fitting finale to this report — it reads:

"The staff of D. B. News hereby extends a special thanks and congratulations to Chairman Svend A. Nyboe for originating the idea for these trips and for so ably and competently directing the efforts of the committee and their advisors through all the long months of planning. The success of the Lodge No. 4 1960 Denmark Tour adds another star to the crown of achievement which has marked the rich history of our lodge."

Why do we go to Conventions?

This question has been asked me several times, especially since I moved to Florida two years ago; but after attending 34 of the 36 conventions here in the east, it is rather hard to think that you could not attend. After you have read this little article, you will perhaps understand why it is I think it is not alone fun; but rather you learn to know more about our Brotherhood and how it works.

Of course, many of you know as much, or perhaps more about our Brotherhood than I do; but for those who have not attended a convention in the east it would be of benefit for you to go next year.

The Brotherhood gives us a certain feeling of brotherhood and friendship that you will not find anywhere else and I have certainly had a lot of reasons to say so. Let me tell you that when I and my wife went on our trip north last month, we attended several gatherings and certainly the best was in Penn Yan at the convention.

May I here tell you that we attended a meeting in Providence, our former home, also the 63rd anniversary of Rosenborg Lodge and the 39th anniversary of the Sisters in Providence. It was a small but very nice affair and a nice dinner. Brother Fred Verdich was presented his 50-year emblem, by Fred Mortenson, past president of the lodge.

Leaving Providence for the convention in Penn Yan, we attended the meeting in Geneva the night before the convention. There they had a dinner party first and it

was lovely, the degree team of the Sisters in Geneva had their rehearsal that evening and my wife had the great honor to take the part of one of the Sisters who was unable to be present, she also helped out at the parade in Penn Yan and she was very proud that she could step in and help such a wonderful group.

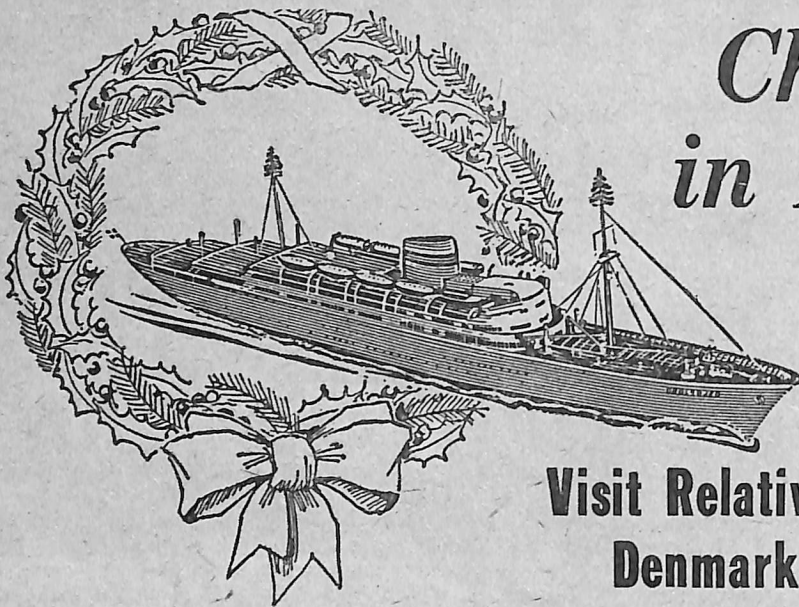
We want to thank Arthur and Trudy for their wonderful hospitality during that weekend. The convention was wonderfully conducted by President Viggo Nielsen and the whole affair in Penn Yan was great. Of course, you will hear and read the full report from some other source.

Leaving Penn Yan we went to Warren, Pa., and attended a meeting there, both Sisters and Brothers meet at the same place and same time. A nice meeting and a nice game of cards and coffee and cake was served. We thank all in Warren for a nice evening.

From there to Erie where there is always something going on. Laurits and Evelyn were our hosts and they were real nice and we thank them sincerely for their hospitality. On Friday evening a dinner party in their lovely hall and meeting after, a meeting in Erie is always well attended and most informative; about 35 were present and after the meeting a lot of social matters were discussed and a fine time certainly was had by all. Saturday evening was a most informal and lovely little affair at Ole Beck's home, we say many thanks to Ole.

About the convention, I would like to say that we are getting quite a lot of information from our Supreme Vice President, Viggo Mikkelsen and also Trustee Chris Madsen, it certainly is a pleasure to have them at these conventions

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

Back again for another year, hoping to serve you well and sincerely wishing that our little column in the Brotherhood Magazine will serve its purpose, keeping us all informed about things going on in the Eastern District, draw us closer together and unite all lodges making them stronger and better. Thanks to all of you who in the past year supported me with all your newsletters, without them I would have been lost. I'm sure you will help me in the coming year, let me know how your lodge is doing, what your social functions are going to be; advertising coming events is bound to help your lodge, why not take advantage of our Brotherhood Magazine by using our column. Remember: "News to be published in the Magazine the following month, must be in my hands no later than the 18th of the month."

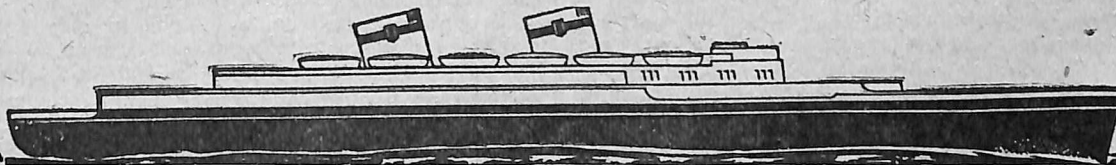
General Committee Eastern Lodges. A board meeting will be held in the club room of Erie Lodge No. 242 Saturday afternoon, October 15, all Brothers are welcome to attend the GCEL meeting which I believe will convene at about 3 p. m.

The 36th annual convention of the GCEL was held over Labor day weekend, with Wendia Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y., as host lodge. Your delegate has already reported back to your lodge and the GCEL secretary has mailed out detailed reports to the delegates and your lodge secretary, so I will only give you a few highlights of the convention.

The chairman for the committee, Brother Laurids Pedersen, opened the convention at 3 p. m., Saturday, September 3. Introduced were the president of Lodge No. 71, Brother Paul Christiansen also the honorable mayor of Penn Yan, John Buckley, who welcomed us to Penn Yan, wishing us a successful convention, both constructive and enjoyable. Supreme First Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen and Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen were also introduced to the assembly. The convention was then turned over to the GCEL President Brother Viggo Nielsen who introduced the officers of the GCEL. After a few words and thanks to Penn Yan Lodge No. 71 for inviting us to hold our 36th annual meeting in their town, all visitors not belonging to the Brotherhood were asked to leave the hall so the business meeting could get started.

Ex-President Erik Garde was absent due to illness. Twenty-four delegates and the rest of the officers were present, as were several guests and several ex-officers of the GCEL. The Saturday afternoon meeting was mostly taken up with the reading of the minutes from our 1959 convention as well as meetings held by the committee during the year. All committee members were appointed. A minute of silence for our departed Brothers. Reports from the officers and remarks from our supreme officers, Supreme First Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen and Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen.

Sunday, September 4 — Meeting was called to order



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at 9:10 a. m. All officers and 24 delegates answered the roll call. The different committees reported. New motions and proposals were acted upon. Invitations for next year's convention were read and acted upon. Three invitations had been received, one from Byram Lodge No. 50, one from Philadelphia Lodge No. 172, and one from Hartford Lodge No. 314. After reading of the invitations the Philadelphia Lodge delegate asked for the floor, with other invitations pending he asked in behalf of his lodge to have their invitation withdrawn and laid over to next year, the request was granted. The two delegates from Lodge No. 50 and 314 then presented their viewpoint as to why the next year's convention ought to be with their lodge as host lodge. In voting on the issue Byram Lodge came out first and will be our host lodge for the 1961 convention.

After a 10 minute recess election of officers took place with the following result: Ex-President Viggo Nielsen; President Arthur Christensen, No. 334; Vice-President Lawrence Knudsen, No. 172; Secretary Edward Jonassen, No. 242; Treasurer Laurids S. Pedersen, No. 71; Trustee Andrew Christensen, No. 314; Alternate Secretary Niels A. Nielsen, No. 37; Alternate Treasurer Carl Pedersen, No. 112 and Alternate Trustee Norman Edmonds, No. 32; Correspondent Viggo Nielsen, No. 116, who also was appointed chairman for promotional work within the Eastern Lodges as secretary for the promotion committee; Paul Ifversen, No. 116 was appointed and accepted, another committee member and deputies throughout the Eastern District will be appointed at a later date.

Monday, September 5 — Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a. m. The committee on resolutions reported and their report was accepted. Under good and welfare it was decided to print the yearbook as in previous years but to add the by-laws of the GCEL so it would be on hand at all times, the extra cost will be only slightly more than having separate by-laws printed which has been customary. Before closing the meeting all delegates and visitors were given a chance to talk about their lodges, their problems and their activities. Summing it all up the lodges who were most active and happiest about things in general were the ones who are busiest in creating social events following their meetings. The meeting declared closed, public installation of officers took place. Installing officer was Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen assisted by past GCEL President George V. Petersen. It was a well performed installation and a lot of color was added by having the Geneva Sisterhood Drill Team perform, indeed a very impressive installation, the drill team did a superb job for which they are to be congratulated. The social part of the convention is not to be forgotten, the various committees did a splendid job and Penn Yan Lodge No. 71 can well be proud of being host lodge, I'm sure it will not be the last time.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. Wishes to thank Penn Yan Lodge for a very wonderful weekend. The lodge is again getting into swing after the summer months, a fall dance is in the planning for November, the date and details to be announced at a later date. They also hope to have a bowling team in full swing before long. Brother Marinus Bjarno had the pleasure of initiating his own son into the lodge at their September meeting, the new Brother's name is Arne Bjarno. Brother Esper Baumbach is still on the sick list, a get-well card or a visit would be appreciated.

Lodge No. 50, Byram, Conn. Our next convention city. In speaking about conventions, in addressing the delegates at our last convention, their delegate Brother Ronald Ptasienski claimed that Lodge No. 50 was well known for putting on good affairs, it was however stated that if

Lodge No. 50 got the 1961 convention, whatever they had done in the past would be microscopic compared to what they will do come next Labor day weekend.

The entertainment committee has decided to sponsor a Halloween masquerade dance to be held Saturday, October 29, at 8 o'clock in the Polish United club, Port Chester, N. Y. A four-piece band will furnish the music, also there will be prizes given for the most original costume in the female as well as the male category. Various other contests will be held in which prizes will be given away. Food and drinks will be on hand and to top it all, the price per person is only \$1.50. An invitation to join in this affair is extended to all Brothers from near and far, their wives, families and friends. A good time is promised all and remember, the tickets are only \$1.50 per person.

Lodge No. 103, Waterbury, Conn. Brother Erik Wedseltoft, secretary of Lodge No. 103 attended the convention in Penn Yan together with his wife and he wrote to me, had I known that place 20 years ago I would have built my home there. Good attendance was had at their September meeting, a potluck supper was enjoyed by all before the meeting. It was decided to have an anniversary party at a later date, following the meeting refreshments were served and a good game of poker was had.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. A short, but very well conducted meeting was held in September, hopes have been high in the past few months, that we someday would be able to purchase our own little building, our Danish Lutheran church was to merge with another church and a committee was set up to look into the matter, it was however only a dream, as we after hearing the report were convinced that we were in no position to become owners of our own lodge hall. A good try and with continued effort and the same spirit which is prevailing within the lodge, we may someday succeed. Saturday, October 8, is our next meeting night, following the meeting ladies' night has been planned, there will be music and dancing, coffee and cake will be served. Brother Andrew Jespersen is to receive his 50-year pin, so let us all come out, attend our meeting and have an enjoyable evening afterward.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. A Halloween masquerade sent to all members. The officers have been busy even during the summer months, new ideas have been brought on the floor, proposed changes in their local by-laws are in the making, giving benefit to those who otherwise already have used up their allotted shares. Their bowling team under instructor and bowling chairman Axel Rasmussen is making remarkable progress and their hopes are to enter a league tournament next fall. Four new members were initiated into the lodge at their September meeting, Brother Axel Rasmussen joined in August, congratulations and a hearty welcome to all of you. Seventeen Brothers and friends enjoyed the fishing trip sponsored by the lodge August 27. Brother George Olesen won the boat prize of \$10. All agreed to make another trip next year.

Lodge No. 790, Schenectady, N. Y. A Halloween masquerade dance has been planned for Saturday, October 15, from 9 to 12 p. m. It is to be a combination American Halloween party and "Dansk Fastelavnsfest," with barrel and bats so all can "slaa katten af tønden." This dance is to be held jointly with the Sisterhood, all expenses and profits to be shared equally, so come out and give them your support. Keep November 19 open, details about that date in November issue.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Fifteen Brothers and Sisters attended the convention in Penn Yan, the delegate, Brother Richard Tansey gave his report at their September meet-

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By **RUDOLPH OLSEN**

Suite 137, 166 Geary St., San Francisco 9, California

The gathering of the clan is over. By that I mean the big get-together of the California lodges of our two organizations is now "en Saga blot," it is past history. But I dare say, that most of the participants went home from San Francisco well satisfied that they came, if for no other reason, then to renew old friendships and make new ones.

The convention started on Thursday afternoon, September 1, with registration of delegates and visitors. Then from five to seven in the afternoon, Brother and Sister Nick Daphne had invited everyone to a cocktail party at the Four Seas restaurant in China town. This is a beautiful new place and I must say the Daphnes certainly were generous in inviting us. We were deeply grateful for this fine gesture on their part. It also gave the visitors a chance to see our famous China town, the biggest outside of China.

In the evening there was a reception in the Sky Room of the Whitcomb hotel, where the Danish Consul General, the Hon. Frode Schön, welcomed the delegates to San Francisco in a very fine speech. We also had the pleasure of hearing from our two Supreme Presidents, Sister Margaret Sundby and Brother Hans M. Andersen.

Friday started out by meetings of the two General Committees. What took place with the Sisters I cannot say, but as far as the Brothers were concerned, the morning was taken up primarily by reports of the president and secretary-treasurer, both were well received. We had 40 delegates and all the officers were present. During the afternoon various things were taken up, such as bowling. Brother Hans M. Andersen, our Supreme President, had donated \$50 last year and to this amount the delegates added \$75 of the prize money we had received from the supreme board so we had \$125 to give to the good bowlers this year. It was also decided to continue our weekly advertisement in "Bien," as well as giving \$25 in prize money for next year, that is, a first prize of \$12.50, second prize \$7.50, and a third prize of \$5.

Our supreme president donated another \$50 for bowling prizes for next year as well. So here is something to work for during the coming year.

Of course, our discussions were not limited to just the affairs of the California lodges as such, but also to the affairs of the Brotherhood as a whole.

For instance, considerable discussion arose relative to Section 27, paragraph 12, which was adopted at the last convention, relative to office help at the Home Office in Omaha, and particularly relative to the authorization of hiring a full time competent assistant to the supreme secretary-treasurer. Many felt that a year had almost passed since the adoption of this provision was made in Omaha, but that nothing had been done about it so far. Many of the delegates were disturbed about this matter and it was felt that, an organization like ours should have sufficient help and also someone to be able to step into the work should anything happen to our supreme secretary-treasurer. After all we are all mortals and such a thing as illness might take place whereby the supreme secretary might have to be away from his office for a while, and also to be able to take over when he is on vacation. Our supreme president was somewhat on the spot under this discussion, which ended when it was de-

ecided to call this matter to the attention of the board at the next board meeting.

It was also felt by many that an organization like ours should have a president who would devote his entire time to the interest of our society. In other words, a president fully paid by the Brotherhood with headquarters in Omaha. A committee was appointed to look into this change at the next national convention as well as working for other necessary changes in our by-laws. This committee will consist of Al Tunsen from Stockton, Robert A. Jensen from the Oakland Lodge and this writer.

As it will be recalled a number of prizes were promised and the winners were: Fred Andersen from Fresno Lodge No. 67, first prize of \$50 for taking in 11 insured members. Chas. M. Petersen from Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 won second prize of \$30 for seven insured members. For the third prize of \$20 we had two who were qualified, Brothers Egon Svangren and Svend Aage Rasmussen both from 49 in San Francisco, and it was decided to give them each a third prize of \$20.

Friday evening we had very fine entertainment provided by the committee. We had two fine dancers of the hula, Mrs. Peter Nielsen and her sister, both ladies were born in Hawaii and are professionals, and they danced beautifully. We then had a group of seven young boy singers, dressed in knee pants. They were all members of 49, under the direction of Brother Ove Bauer, our president, who by the way gave a impersonation of a young lady from "Bakken" in Copenhagen and he was as usual excellent.

Saturday morning we had the pleasure of having Brother Kristen Jorgensen, Seattle, our supreme trustee, with us. Few of us had met this genial new member of the board and he made an excellent impression upon us. We hope to see him often at our meetings. We did miss our honorary member, Brother Otto Nielsen, who sent a greeting to us.

The election of new officers took place Saturday morning, and the new president was, of course, a foregone conclusion, in that the vice president, Brother George Hansen from Lodge 49 was elected. Brother Hansen has always been a very enthusiastic member of our society, and has served twice as president of 49. Last winter he traveled extensively with our president, Brother Robert Jensen when he installed the officers of our lodges. And I am sure Brother Hansen will visit every lodge in California before his term is over and he is already planning

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his itinerary for installations. He is even planning to go to Denmark next year with a tour and will give a greeting at Rebild Fourth of July on behalf of the General Committee.

We have two other new officers. Brothers A. B. Christensen from Lodge 184 in Hayward started as outer guard, ABC as he is usually called, has been active within the General Committee for many years and has now come to the point in life where he can take a little more time off and so in a few years when he reaches the top can really travel and enjoy it. The other new officer is Brother Aage Heidman from Lodge 126 in Los Angeles, a young, up and coming brother who will undoubtedly set his mark within the Brotherhood in due time.

As our General Committee was started in Hayward in 1921 and we have never been back there since, due to lack of hotel facilities; now however, this has been overcome and not only Hayward Lodge invited but the lodge was backed up by the Hayward Chamber of Commerce as well as the mayor of Hayward. This invitation was accepted and we will celebrate our 40th anniversary where we started. We had an invitation from Santa Barbara as well as from Ferndale. It is nice to know that we are wanted.

The installation of officers was on Saturday afternoon and was joint with the sisters. The installation officers were Supreme President Margaret Sundby for the sisters and Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen for the brothers, assisted by Sister Mary Jensen from Petaluma and Brother E. P. Saaby from Santa Barbara as conductors, as well as a fine drill team of sisters from Margrethe Lodge No. 24 of San Francisco, with Sister Else Ronberg at the piano.

The closing of the convention was a banquet and dance in the Crystal Room of the Whitcomb hotel with about 300 participating. There had been a couple of cocktail parties during the afternoon and evening so it was a hilarious affair, and your scribe had a tough job as toastmaster.

A beautiful painting, donated by Brother and Sister

George Hansen, was raffled off during the evening and won by Fred Bakke of 49.

During the convention we had a very short visit from Brother Borge Kragh from Salt Lake City, sorry he could only stay a very short while as he and his good wife were en route to Seattle. We were glad to have you Borge — come again.

Brother K. V. (Kære Ven) Hansen, a member of many year's standing of Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen and Denmark's unofficial Ambassador of Good Will, arrived in San Francisco on September 8 and is staying with Brother Walter Christensen. By the time this is read he will be on the East Coast, visiting cities like Los Angeles, New Orleans, Miami and Washington en route. It is always a joy to see Brother Hansen's smiling face and feel the clasp of his friendly hands. For many years it has been his mission in life to make visitors from this side of the Atlantic at ease upon arrival in Copenhagen, and he usually greets old friends with not only a smile but with flowers. Welcome to U. S. "Kære Ven" and have a safe return in the Gripsholm sailing in November.

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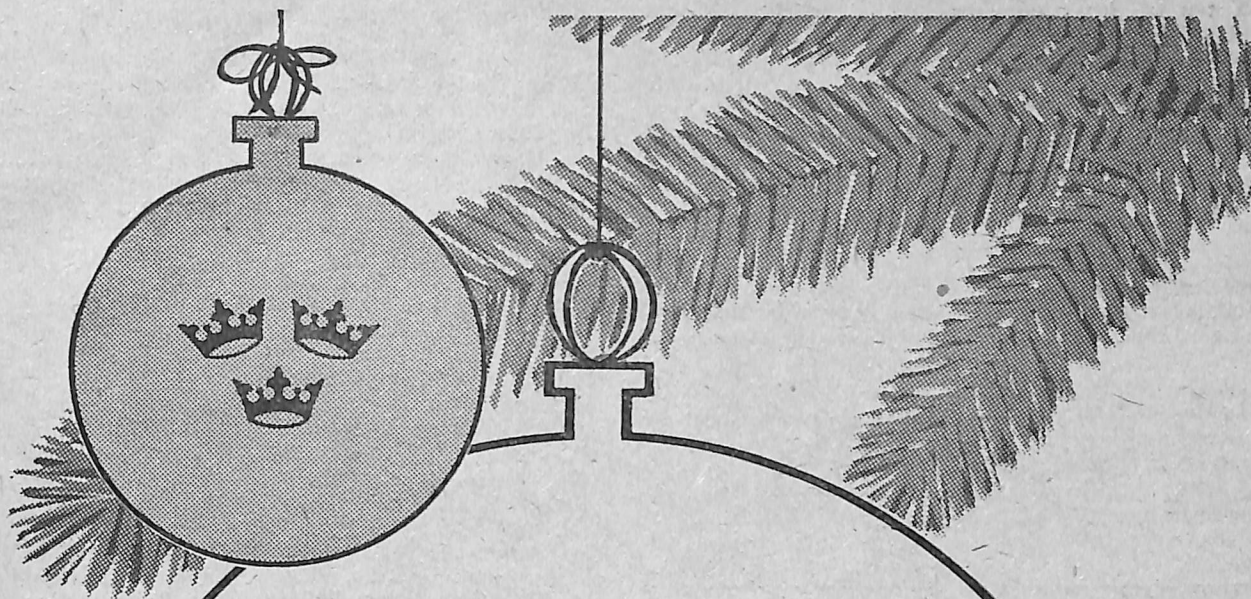
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Why do we go to Conventions ?

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here in the east. We also have, what we call the Ex-Officers club, we always have a meeting and you would be surprised how many of the ex-officers usually attend every year. We did miss our C. B. Christensen, I think it is only the second convention he has missed, we hope that you had a good reason Bysted for not being present, we hope you and Johanne had a good trip to Denmark and hope to see you here next winter. We are all looking forward to hearing from Paul Strand and hope that he also will come to Florida and give us some good advice.

The reason we go to conventions, is that we meet good friends and hear only good things regarding our Brotherhood and a chance to see our wonderful country. You should someday go through the mountains of West Virginia, it is a winding road and many hills; but a beautiful country and a worthwhile trip.

"Tak for sidst til alle."

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

ing, all had a wonderful time. Fall dinner and dance will be held Saturday, October 15. Brother and Mrs. Laurits Henriksen and Brother and Mrs. Richard Brown will celebrate their silver anniversary that evening, also all GCEL's officers are expected to attend the party as they are having a meeting in the afternoon. Brother Tyco Vernon Swick, grandson of Brother Fritz Lange, was initiated in the lodge at their last meeting. Remember — Saturday, October 15, fall dinner party.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. At their meeting September 17, the delegate to the GCEL convention and newly elected Trustee Brother Andrew Christensen gave his report. Brother George Keller, Jr., now working for "Uncle Sam" in Washington, D. C., attended as a delegate, the International Congress of Geology, held in Copenhagen August 15 to 25. Nice to get a free trip like that, besides visiting relatives and friends. Hope you had a good time, George. Past President Brother and Mrs. Marius Frost will celebrate their silver anniversary October 11. Congratulations Brother and Mrs. Frost. Brothers Chris Lonstrup and John Christiansen with their wives attended the GCEL convention in Penn Yan. Brother Chris was called upon during the meeting and told the delegates about his recent trip to Denmark where he had the honor of presenting Lodge No. 318, Copenhagen, with a 50-star American flag from his own lodge No. 314.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. A new member was taken into the lodge at their September meeting, Brother Jan K. N. Schonberg. All Brothers receive a monthly bulletin about their next meeting and its activities, and you can always be sure to have a good time whenever attending meetings or any functions of this lodge.

The Wall Street Journal tells about the two men who were discussing the rate of taxes and government waste on money. Just then a school bus passed them.

"See what I mean?" exclaimed one. "When I was a boy we walked three miles to school and three miles back home each day. Now we spend \$5,000 for a bus to pick up the children so they don't have to walk. Then we spend \$50,000 for a gymnasium so they can get exercise."

Increase Your Attendance!

Have better meetings and increase your attendance! In this issue you will find from our lodge reporters, many good ideas. Try them in your lodge. Enjoy your meetings!