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Again, it Is Christmas

Another Holiday Season now approaches and our thoughts go fondly winging to friends and dear ones, near and far.

Families will be, happily, gathered around, and rejoicing in the warmth of "Home" on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood Lodges will, during the Holiday Season, welcome members and friends, young and old, to Christmas tree parties or dinners.

Wishing everyone the Season's best and a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

HANS M. ANDERSEN,
Supreme President.

Resolution

JENS PETER SORENSEN, Cimbria, New York

In memory of Brother Jens Peter Sorensen of Lodge No. 257, Cimbria, New York City, who passed away September 27, 1960:

We deeply feel the loss of a true Brother, therefore be it resolved that we drape our charter for thirty 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. Anna Sorensen, in behalf of Lodge Cimbria, New York City.

Rutger Kaaling, President.

George Hansen, Rec. Sec.

New Members

(Omitted Last Month for Lack of Space)

| Booster | Lodge No. | Location | New Member |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------|
| Felix Jensen | 1 | Omaha | Richard Niel Bohls |
| Felix Jensen | 1 | Omaha | Martin Jensen |
| Henry Larsen | 17 | Chicago | Peder Marinus Larsen |
| Carval Westerlund | 36 | Milwaukee | Jorgen S. Plesner |
| Sigval Nielsen | 36 | Milwaukee | Henry L. Jorgensen |
| Viggo Rasmussen | 36 | Milwaukee | Paul R. Rasmussen |
| Svend A. Sonderup | 43 | Denver | Alfred Schmidt |
| Karl Kanstrup | 92 | St. Charles | Alfred J. Zackman |
| Axel Benson | 164 | New York | Robert N. Jorgensen |
| Mogens Hempel | 172 | Philadelphia | Hans J. Schmidt |

John Klit217—Humboldt.....Jens Sund Jensen
 Albert M. Thomsen..263—Askov.....H. W. Hansen
 Marinus Christensen.300—Oneonta.....Erling J. Pedersen
 Alfred Vestergaard..306—San Diego.....Peder Norby
 Hans Pedersen325—Nassau Co...J. K. N. Schonberg

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

| Lodge No. | Location | New Members | 1/1/60 |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 4 | Racine, Wisconsin | 24 | 592 |
| 49 | San Francisco, California | 18 | 322 |
| 51 | Ludington, Michigan | 12 | 87 |
| 126 | Los Angeles, California | 12 | 278 |
| 328 | Vancouver, B. C., Canada | 11 | 158 |
| 14 | Kenosha, Wisconsin | 9 | 185 |
| 242 | Erie, Pennsylvania | 9 | 150 |
| 273 | Dillon, Montana | 9 | 39 |
| 42 | Spokane, Washington | 8 | 59 |
| 45 | Minneapolis, Minnesota | 8 | 194 |
| 300 | Oneonta, New York | 8 | 36 |
| 50 | Byram, Connecticut | 7 | 44 |
| 67 | Fresno, California | 7 | 73 |
| 116 | Newark, New Jersey | 7 | 159 |
| 17 | Chicago, Illinois | 6 | 185 |
| 29 | Seattle, Washington | 6 | 312 |
| 325 | Nassau County, New York | 6 | 93 |
| 172 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 5 | 80 |

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. | 6 |
| 300 | Marinus Christensen | Oneonta, N. Y. | 6 |
| 49 | Egon Svangren | San Francisco, Calif. | 5 |
| 126 | Charles M. Petersen | Los Angeles, Calif. | 5 |
| 172 | Mogens Hempel | Philadelphia, Penn. | 5 |
| 4 | Axel O. Nielsen | Racine, Wis. | 4 |
| 30 | Andrew Nielsen | Muskegon, Mich. | 4 |
| 49 | Svend Aage Rasmussen | San Francisco, Calif. | 4 |
| 4 | Paul E. Strand | Racine, Wis. | 3 |
| 14 | Jens Haugaard | Kenosha, Wisconsin | 3 |
| 42 | John M. Beck | Spokane, Wash. | 3 |
| 42 | T. Eskeberg | Spokane, Wash. | 3 |
| 49 | Ernst Meyer | San Francisco, Calif. | 3 |
| 50 | Charles H. Christensen | Byram, Conn. | 3 |
| 51 | Carl Jeppesen | Ludington, Mich. | 3 |
| 92 | Karl Kanstrup | St. Charles, Ill. | 3 |
| 126 | Hans Brodersen | Los Angeles, Calif. | 3 |
| 225 | John Christensen | Canton, Ohio | 3 |
| 328 | Jens Sondergaard | Vancouver, B. C., Canada | 3 |
| 328 | Paul Eriksen | Vancouver, B. C., Canada | 3 |

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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Obligations and Responsibilities

OBLIGATION and RESPONSIBILITY — Two words that have taken on much significance to our Society since the last convention. The actions taken at that convention imposed obligations and responsibilities not only on the Supreme Board but also upon every lodge and every individual lodge member. It was apparent that the delegates came to Omaha with a determination to do the things that were necessary to insure the continued life of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

One of the major actions of the convention was the authorization given the Supreme Board to transfer up to \$50,000 a year to the Promotional Fund and to hire a promotional director to plan and direct a promotional campaign designed to expand our membership. Brother Paul Strand of Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wisconsin, has been appointed to this position. Brother Strand has presented a program to the Board and received its approval. The details of this program are presented elsewhere in the Magazine. I feel that the program is one that is well thought-out and should have every opportunity to succeed, particularly in view of the expanded field of potential members that we now have to work in. Consistent with the actions of the convention the Supreme Board has expanded the insurance coverage available to our membership. At the beginning of this article I mentioned the words obligation and responsibility. I feel it is necessary, if the Danish Brotherhood is to have a successful promotional campaign, that every lodge and every individual lodge member must assume the responsibility of assisting in the carrying out of the promotional efforts. If it were possible for one man, or even the seven men who compose the Supreme Board, to expand our membership as we hope to do, the job would have been done long ago. It is not that simple, however. Compare our task with the one that faced General Eisenhower in 1944. General Eisenhower was given the task of "entering the Continent of Europe and destroying the enemy!" To accomplish this task General Eisenhower and his staff made many detailed plans. When the orders were given and the plans put into execution the job was up to the individual small units and the soldiers who made up that unit. The task had passed out of the hands of the planners and they could only sit and wait. So it is with the present problem that faces us. We have received the task of increasing our membership. The plans have been made and the task is now up to us as individuals to carry out the plans, for it is out of the hands of the planners to a large extent. What must we do? We must get out and work to sign up that new member. Convince him that our insurance is the best obtainable in its field. Having signed up that new member does not finish the job, however. We must work to make our meetings attractive and interesting. We must have activities for that new member to take part in and enjoy so that he comes back for each and every meeting of his lodge. All this takes work but the results are worth it. Use the promotional material prepared by the Promotional Director. It is designed to help you accomplish the task.

The Danish Brotherhood has assumed an obligation and responsibility in a new field, the field of education. At the Omaha convention authority was given to use some of the resources of the Fraternal Fund for the purposes of financing scholarships. I believe that the money used for this purpose will return itself over and

over again. By assisting young members to obtain an education we are providing the future leaders of our Country and of our Society. What better way can we use the more than adequate resources of the Fraternal Fund? In these trying times the need for educated young people is very great and we can be proud that we are helping to provide them. During this past year it has been my privilege to serve as chairman of the scholarship committee of the Supreme Board. With the able assistance of my colleagues we have been able to set the scholarship program into motion and have awarded four scholarships this year. As a result of the publicity received from these awards I have had a number of inquiries concerning the program that I would like to answer. The scholarship program is authorized by paragraph 9, Section 78 of the by-laws and provides that four scholarships of \$125 per semester may be awarded to members of the Society. The funds are provided from the resources of the Fraternal Fund. Under the rules adopted by the Board each applicant must accompany his application with the satisfactory evidence of scholarship. The student is free to choose any accredited college and may pursue any course of study he may prefer. He must maintain himself as member of the Society in good standing during the life of the scholarship or it will be withdrawn. The Society has accepted the responsibility of assisting in the student's education. The student must accept the obligation to maintain his scholastic record at a high level throughout his course of study and make something of his career as a result of it. In the spring of the year the scholarship committee will accept new applications for scholarships. The committee will judge the applications received on the basis of scholastic record, financial need, scholarship honors won, and the amount of outside work done by the student, all weighed equally. In this manner the deserving student who has a good scholastic record and who is helping himself as best he can has the best opportunity. I am certain that the young people we help in this way will be worthy of the obligation and responsibility the Society has imposed upon them — the obligation and responsibility to become the leaders of tomorrow in every facet of our life.

As we approach the end of the old year and the beginning of the new let us give thought to our responsibilities. Assume the obligations we have been given. We must work in all phases of our life to carry out these duties. Let us all get behind the programs outlined by the Promotional Director. Support all the activities that are necessary to the forward progress of our Society. If we all do this then nothing can prevent us from reaching our goal — a greater, more active lodge, which has recognized its obligations and responsibilities toward all and is willing and capable of carrying them out.

KRISTEN JORGENSEN,
Supreme Trustee.

Financial Statement

Editor Danish Brotherhood Magazine
Askov, Minnesota
Dear Mr. Petersen:

The members of our lodge voted unanimously in favor of a resolution requesting that the monthly publication include the financial statement. They feel that this information is vital to the well being of the lodge and that publication of it should not have been discontinued.

Fraternally yours,

M. L. AMBERS, Secretary,
Lodge No. 263, Askov, Minn.

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PROMOTION PAGES

Booster Committees Are Being Organized

In the November 1960 issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, we suggested that every Lodge within the Danish Brotherhood immediately organize their own BOOSTER COMMITTEE. The formation of such a committee is important to your Lodge and to you because the Boosters on it will serve as the "spark plugs" who will help every member — and your Lodge — to do the things that will win points in our contests for 1961.

Many of our Lodges have not held meetings since their members received their copy of our November issue. Many more have met but have not yet had time to organize their own BOOSTER COMMITTEE. And yet, reports are already trickling in of BOOSTER COMMITTEES formed. Here is the list to date:

| Lodge No. | Location | Booster Committee Chairman |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Omaha, Nebraska | Chris Larsen |
| 4 | Racine, Wisconsin | Ken Janssen |
| 10 | Council Bluffs, Iowa | Art Andersen |
| 36 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin | Carval Westerlund |
| 45 | Minneapolis, Minnesota | Harold Chrysler |
| 75 | Albert Lea, Minnesota | C. O. Eastlund |
| 92 | St. Charles, Illinois | Einar Danielsen |
| 195 | Omaha, Nebraska | Fred Jensen |
| 219 | Clear Lake, Iowa | Keith Holt |
| 245 | South Bend, Indiana | Louis A. Kasa |

If you have not yet organized your BOOSTER COMMITTEE, we urge that you do so immediately. If you find, as did one Lodge reporting, that not enough of your younger members come to your regular meeting so that they can be put to work on your BOOSTER COMMITTEE, have your secretary compile a list of all of your members under the age of 40. Screen this list for the 10 men who would make good Boosters. Have two officers call on each of these 10 men personally, explain your BOOSTER COMMITTEE program and ask them to serve. Then, when five have agreed to serve, call a special meeting with your lodge officers, have the members of the committee select a chairman and a secretary, have their secretary report the names and addresses of the members to this office and we'll forward them the materials they need to get your program started. This will not only provide you with the manpower you need for your BOOSTER COMMITTEE, it will act as a powerful incentive to reawaken interest in your lodge with those members who have not been active and have not been attending your meetings. It works!

HINT NO. 2. WHAT IS A PROSPECT? A prospect is ANY person who is eligible for membership in the Danish Brotherhood.

WHO IS A PROSPECT? Any person:

1. Who is of Danish descent.
2. Who has obtained Danish citizenship.
3. Who is married to a person of Danish descent.
4. Who is related to a present member.

HOW DO I FIND PROSPECTS? You ask! Suppose you are talking to a man by the name of McPherson or Steinbach or Moore. None of those are Danish names. Yet, those men may have a Danish mother or be married

to a woman of Danish descent. Or they may be related to a member of the Danish Brotherhood. You'll never know unless you ask, will you? How do you ask? One way is to repeat the man's name and ask "McPherson, that's Scotch isn't it? Pure Scotch all the way back?" The man will tell you his family ancestry, he will be flattered that you asked — he's no different than you and I. And, you'll be surprised how often you'll find the man has some Danish in his ancestry and is therefore eligible for membership. And interested. And you know or will meet, in your daily life, many more men with Danish names — men who ought to belong to the Danish Brotherhood — men who will join if only somebody will ask them. I myself had an experience of that here about a year ago. I was attending a joint service club luncheon of Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist and Rotary clubs. I happened to be seated next to a prominent businessman, very active in community and civic work, whom I have known for perhaps 25 years. His name is distinctively Danish. During our conversation I asked him how it happened that he isn't a member of the Danish Brotherhood. He looked at me rather curiously and said, "No one has ever asked me to join." He was initiated later that month. The point is that I've known the man for all these years, yet had never thought to ask him to join. **HOW MANY MEN LIKE THAT DO YOU KNOW?**

From time to time, we'll give you more ideas on how and where to find prospects! In the meantime, keep adding to your list of prospects which we suggested you start last month. Your own family is, of course, your first source. Then, your business associates, your co-workers, your fellow members in other organizations, the people you do business with. Build up that list so that when your BOOSTER COMMITTEE is ready to help you sign them up, you'll have prospects to work on.

We'd like to hear from you about how and where you find prospects. You might help a Brother in some other lodge find a prospect that he might not otherwise have thought of!

Why Should I Get New Members?

Since the announcement of our Promotion Program for 1961 was published in our last issue, many of you have probably asked yourselves why YOU should get new members. How will YOU benefit? And that's a fair and a logical question.

The first answer that comes to mind is that in your oath of initiation, you agreed, by implication, to help perpetuate the Danish Brotherhood in America. This can mean only that to get new members is YOUR obligation to your lodge and to the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Aren't there reasons that are more important to YOU? Yes, there are! The benefits that are available to YOU as an insured member, can and will be available to YOU only as long as there is a Danish Brotherhood in America! Therefore, it is of the utmost importance to YOU that you help make certain the Danish Brotherhood in America continues to exist and to grow.

Let's take a look at the benefits that are available

to YOU as an insured member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

1. LIFE INSURANCE. Our Life Insurance program is a sound, well managed, completely solvent program, supervised by the insurance commissions of the various States. Our assets total \$133.24 for each \$100 of liabilities! And that compares with an average of \$107.34 per \$100 of liabilities for the 25 largest commercial life insurance companies in the country — as of January 1, 1960! We have **more** than sufficient assets to meet ALL of our obligations as they come due.

What about our assessment (or premium) rates? Of the eighteen companies listed below, you will note that their premium rates per \$1,000 for a man age 35, Ordinary Life plan, are uniformly higher than ours. Our assessment rate, per month, is \$1.93.

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Company A—\$2.08 | Company G—\$2.66 | Company M—\$2.54 |
| Company B—\$2.23 | Company H—\$2.30 | Company N—\$2.32 |
| Company C—\$2.34 | Company I—\$2.63 | Company O—\$2.17 |
| Company D—\$2.20 | Company J—\$2.11 | Company P—\$2.35 |
| Company E—\$2.26 | Company K—\$2.20 | Company Q—\$2.66 |
| Company F—\$2.23 | Company L—\$2.29 | Company R—\$2.26 |

YOU simply cannot invest in sounder or lower cost life insurance than that available to YOU in the Danish Brotherhood in America.

2. GENERAL AID. This aid is available to all insured members who are in needy circumstances. Through our Fraternal Fund, each such needy member may receive an amount, annually, to equal his monthly insurance assessment, annual per capita tax, annual promotional fund tax, and annual fraternal fund tax. This will then pay such member's obligations to his Lodge and keep him in good standing for as long as needed.

This has been a tremendous help to many of our members and could be a great help, one day, to YOU.

3. SPECIAL AID.

a. Up to \$600.00 per year or \$50.00 per month is available to insured members who are in such needy circumstances as to need such Special Aid. Just visualize what this help MIGHT mean to YOU in your later years if illness strikes, medical and hospital bills eat up your savings and your income, other than perhaps a minimum of Social Security, disappears. It COULD be a life saver for YOU, couldn't it? And, it has been for others — and is now!

b. Up to \$25.00 per month, to supplement state and county grants, is available to insured members who need such help in order to enter and maintain themselves in a licensed old people's home. It COULD happen to YOU, couldn't it?

c. Up to \$125.00 per semester, is available to insured members, toward their college education, provided the college of YOUR choice is approved by the National Federation of Colleges and Universities. So, YOUR membership in the Danish Brotherhood COULD mean the difference between YOUR having a college education and not having one, couldn't it?

These are the economic benefits available to YOU as a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America. These are perhaps not the most important benefits — the others will be discussed in later issues — but they are important enough to justify YOUR inviting every person you know who is eligible, to join the Danish Brotherhood in America. They are pretty compelling reasons!

Just think about it for a moment or two. Then ask YOURSELF this one question: "Where else can I have all this for \$2.50 per year plus the actual insurance assessments?"

The answer is, of course, "Nowhere."

Idea Corner

Here are two ideas that have come to us as a result of our suggestion in last month's issue that we all trade ideas. You might find them valuable for use in your Lodge.

Idea No. 1. Comes to you via DSS Lodge No. 99 of South Bend, Indiana.

The ladies of DSS Lodge No. 99 held their fall bazaar on November 12, 1960. Each member of the Lodge wrote to friends and/or relatives living in states other than Indiana, asking that they send a gift valued at \$1.00, addressed to DSS Lodge No. 99, South Bend, Indiana. All of the packages thus received, were kept intact in their mail wrappings. A cardboard cutout of each state thus represented was made and the package or packages from that state were displayed by it. Each package was then raffled off, with the purchaser knowing only where it came from — not what was in it. A tidy sum was raised in this manner — clear profit because the gifts were donated. It had an appeal that was a little unusual and it is passed on to you as an idea that your Lodge might well use. Thanks for the idea, Sisters of No. 99!

Idea No. 2. Comes to you from Lodge No. 4 of Racine, Wisconsin.

This is an old idea but a good one nonetheless. Sponsor a card party and white elephant sale. Ask each of your members to bring down any and all the items from their attics or cellars for which they no longer have any use. Not items that ought to go to the junk pile but items that are usable. Sell tickets for the event. Arrange for tables for card games. Interrupt the card games about once each hour and auction off the white elephant items which have been donated. You'll be surprised at the items that will be donated and at the prices they will bring at auction. It gives your members an excuse for cleaning out their attics, it makes for an interesting and sociable evening and it's an ideal and an easy way to raise money for your Lodge — perhaps for some special use such as your building fund or membership drive.

There are the first two ideas. Now let's see how many more we can get for next month's issue. By sending in YOUR idea, you may just inspire another member to send in HIS idea which may be just exactly the idea your Lodge has been looking for. Any and all ideas can and will help us all — whether they are ideas for raising funds for your Lodge, for providing a social event or for making your meeting more interesting and lively. Send 'em ALL in, we'll print them!

Lodge No. 1 Stages Booster Kickoff Meeting

On Tuesday, November 1st, the BOOSTER COMMITTEE of Lodge No. 1, under the able and enthusiastic leadership of Chairman Chris Larsen, staged their very first Booster Kickoff Meeting. Chris and his gang, recognizing that only 13 members had attended the previous meeting on October 19th, had worked and planned long and hard to make their November 1st meeting a success. EVERY member of Lodge No. 1 living in the immediate Omaha area had received a postcard notifying them of the Booster Kickoff Meeting and the reasons for it. And, every one of those same members had been contacted, by phone or in person, by a member of the BOOSTER COMMITTEE, again asking them to be present at that meeting. The result — 38 members were present from Lodge No. 1!

Plus some very interested members from Lodge No. 10 of Council Bluffs and No. 195 of Omaha.

The regular Lodge business was attended to in short order and the meeting then turned over to the BOOSTER COMMITTEE. Chairman Chris then explained the purpose of the meeting—to stimulate interest in our Booster Campaign for new members and to secure names of Prospects for membership. Your Promotional Director then took over, explained our eligibility requirements for membership and how to go about finding Prospects. "Prospect Lists" were then handed out to the members who were all seated at tables and each member was given help, by a member of the BOOSTER COMMITTEE, in filling out his Prospect List. The result? 105 names of Prospects eligible for membership — 82 by members of Lodge No. 1, 23 by members of No. 10 and No. 195. And, here's the age breakdown of the 82 names submitted by Lodge No. 1 members:

Eleven names of Prospects age 25 or under.

Ten names of Prospects from age 26 through 30.

Seventeen names of Prospects from age 31 through 35.

Seven names of Prospects from age 36 through 40.

Two names of Prospects from age 41 through 45.

One name of Prospect from age 46 through 50.

Three names of Prospects from age 51 through 55.

Five names of Prospects from age 56 through 60.

Eight names of Prospects age over 60.

Eighteen names of Prospects with no approximate age specified.

Those members who were present at the Kickoff meeting were elated at the results obtained. They know now that Lodge No. 1 can grow in size and they are determined that it will.

The Prospect Lists submitted are now being screened for duplications. After such are eliminated, the lists will be returned to the member they belong to and plans for our Prospect Dinner in January will be completed. Friday, January 13, has been tentatively set aside as the evening for our Prospect Dinner and "Kennys" Restaurant has been selected as the site for it. They have a very lovely private dining room downstairs which will comfortably accommodate 75 people in complete privacy. On this basis, it will be necessary to ask for reservations from our members and limit those reservations to a total of 75 people. So — we suggest to you members — build up those Prospect Lists and — as soon as the date, time and place for our Prospect Dinner is definitely announced, invite your Prospects to go with you as your guest and make your reservations. We suggest you make your reservations as your guests accept your invitation — don't wait until you have covered your list — you might find that all the space is reserved by then.

You will be advised of further details by your BOOSTER COMMITTEE.

Convention Calendar

The following General Committees and Districts have reported their convention plans for 1961, as requested in our November issue:

| General Committee or District | Convention Dates | Host Convention City | Lodge |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Pacific Northwest | May 4, 5, 6 | Seattle, Wash. | No. 29 |
| Midwest District | Sept. 9, 10 | South Bend, Ind. | No. 245 |
| G. C. E. L. | Sept. 2, 3, 4 | Byram, Conn. | No. 50 |

As soon as we hear from the remaining General Committees and Districts, a complete Convention Calendar will be published, showing the dates and locations of the convention schedule for 1961. NOTE TO ALL GENERAL

COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES: Will you please forward this information to your Promotion Department in time to be published in the next issue — deadline date December 20th?

Report on Lodge Visits

Our report on Lodge visits this month will necessarily have to be condensed because there just isn't space available to print a full report as we would like. I have just returned to the office after an 1800 mile trip which included visits to Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin; Lodge No. 4 in Racine, Wisconsin; Lodge No. 245 in South Bend, Indiana; Lodge No. 182 in Waukegan, Illinois; Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, Illinois and Lodge No. 3 in Davenport, Iowa. I had hoped and planned to visit with Lodge No. 15 in Des Moines, Iowa, but ran so far behind planned schedule that it just wasn't possible to get to Des Moines in time for their meeting — and for that I apologize No. 15 — you may be sure I shall make it a special point to visit with you very soon. All in all, it must be considered a very successful trip. I was cordially received by the members of each Lodge I visited; there is no lack of interest in our **Promotion Program** in any Lodge — just about every member I talked to recognizes that we MUST build up our membership. I found a willingness to help wherever I went.

LODGE No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Unfortunately, my meeting with the members of this Lodge occurred on one of their "informal meeting" nights, so that the attendance was rather small. However, we did talk over our Promotion plans and Vice President Gil Thomsen, who presided, did assure me that No. 14 will organize a Booster Committee at their next regular meeting and will get going on a Promotion program of their own. (I'll be looking for the names and addresses of the members of your BOOSTER COMMITTEE, Gil!)

LODGE No. 4, Racine, Wisconsin. The BOOSTERS had arranged a get-together for dinner (roast duck with all the trimmings) which gave us all a chance to visit and talk about their plans. And such plans! Then, their regular Lodge convened at 7:30 p. m. with the meeting room packed — the best attended and the most interesting meeting I've seen in a long, long time. The regular order of business was transacted. Their Building Committee reported on their plans for remodeling which had been approved at their previous meeting, the first step of their program has already been started and \$12,500 appropriated for its completion. They plan completion of the first step by December 1st and a start on the second step shortly after the first of the year. The Nominating Committee then reported out their slate of candidates which was accepted with only two contests — No. 4 will have a really young set of officers for 1961 — you'll see some real activity in Racine. After that we had a real lively discussion of our Promotion Plans for 1961 and you can bet No. 4 is going to use all the ideas and materials we can furnish them.

LODGE No. 245, South Bend, Indiana. Here again, the red carpet was rolled out — ALL officers of the Lodge met for dinner and a really constructive session on Promotion plans and how we can help them to grow. With a roster of only 29 members, in conjunction with DSS Lodge No. 99, they last year purchased their own building and it is a building of which they should be and are justly proud! The names and addresses of 38 eligibles for membership were turned in by the members present and they are going out to sign all of them up. And I'll bet they do it — the enthusiasm of the members of No.

245 is contagious — keep an eye on No. 245 and watch their membership total grow!

LODGE No. 182, Waukegan, Illinois. Here again my visit was ill-timed in that it occurred on a night when they normally have a very small meeting. It was obvious, however, that the members are interested in increasing their membership and in creating more activity in their Lodge. They do own their own building and they want to build a bigger and a better Lodge. Plans are now under way for the formation of their own BOOSTER COMMITTEE at their December 10th meeting — you'll be hearing more from No. 182!

LODGE No. 35, Chicago, Illinois. On Saturday, November 12th, the officers of Lodge No. 35 met with me at Nielsen's Restaurant on the South Side of Chicago. Special guests were Herb Hansen and Thorvald K. Hansen from Lodge No. 107. The afternoon was spent in a very spirited discussion of Lodge problems and a search for ideas as to how to overcome them. We didn't manage to find solutions to all of their problems but we did develop some suggested solutions. Lodge No. 35 has some problems that are peculiar to it alone — it is going to take more study and discussion for us to find the answers. On Sunday evening, we met again at Nielsen's Restaurant to celebrate the 71st Anniversary of the Lodge. They may have problems in No. 35 but they know how to plan a banquet and how to enjoy it! I was privileged to pin 50-year emblems on Brothers Charles P. Christiansen, Peder P. Haa and Wallace Chr. Hoffman. My sincere congratulations to these fine old Brothers for their faithfulness and my thanks to Lodge No. 35 for the honor of presenting their pins to them.

LODGE No. 3, Davenport, Iowa. This was not a regular Lodge meeting but I did spend a very profitable few hours with Past Supreme President John Hansen who completely ignored the fact that he and his Marie were getting ready to fly to Denmark on Friday in order to spend those hours discussing our Brotherhood with me. Thank you, John, may you have a happy time in little old Denmark. I hope we'll be able to get together for another visit soon after your return to Davenport.

This then concludes my report on Lodge visits for this issue. More in our next issue.

A baby rabbit had been pestering his mother all day to tell him about the birds and the bees. Finally, completely exasperated, she said, "Bunny, you were pulled out of a magician's hat — now stop asking questions."

Attention Editors

So that I may be kept posted on all activities within our organization, I will appreciate it very much if you will place my name on your mailing list. I'd like to receive copies of all Lodge, District or General Committee publications regularly. Will you please send copies to: Paul E. Strand, 1026 W. O. W. Building, Omaha, 2, Nebraska?

New Members

| Booster | Lodge No. | Location | New Member |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Robert Forup | 17 | Chicago | Louis Koller |
| Andrew Nielsen | 30 | Muskegon | Ronald Ed. Burkall |
| Andrew Nielsen | 30 | Muskegon | Delmont E. Wayman |
| Carval Westerland | 36 | Milwaukee | Carl Koch |
| Ernst Meyer | 49 | San Francisco | Ole Christensen |
| Ernst Meyer | 49 | San Francisco | G. J. Bramskov |
| Ernst Meyer | 49 | San Francisco | C. E. Sorensen |
| Egon Svangren | 49 | San Francisco | Erik Frantsen |
| Egon Svangren | 49 | San Francisco | Carl Clausen |
| Svend A. Rasmussen | 49 | San Francisco | K. W. Sorensen |
| Henning Jensen | 49 | San Francisco | K. G. Petersen |
| Frank H. Hansen | 49 | San Francisco | Jack Brandel |
| Carl Jeppesen | 51 | Ludington | Howard V. Barber |
| Earl G. Jensen | 51 | Ludington | H. T. Harrington |
| O. F. Sorensen | 75 | Albert Lea | Chris Dueholm |
| Karl Pedersen | 112 | Portland | David L. Pedersen |
| Albert Matson | 155 | Bellingham | Steven M. Matson |
| Mogens Hempel | 172 | Philadelphia | H. N. Knudsen |
| Mogens Hempel | 172 | Philadelphia | Francis Larsen |
| Mogens Hempel | 172 | Philadelphia | F. W. Christiansen |
| Otto Jonassen | 242 | Erie | John S. Malm |
| Holger Carlson | 273 | Dillon | James Walter Kimball |
| Marinus Christensen | 300 | Oneonta | Harald A. Sandorff |
| Marinus Christensen | 300 | Oneonta | Eugene R. Pinuel |
| O. W. Eliassen | 321 | West Palm Beach | John Schuldt |
| O. W. Eliassen | 321 | West Palm Beach | Jens Bruun |
| Ronald Munkeskov | 328 | Vancouver | Richard T. Hansen |
| Paul Eriksen | 328 | Vancouver | Axel Rytter |
| Jens Sondergard | 328 | Vancouver | Otto Brandt |
| Oluf Christensen | 323 | Alhambra | Curt W. Sorensen |
| And. P. Rasmussen | 332 | Ripon | James J. MacLellan |



In Loving Memory

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 |
|---------------|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Oct. 5 | William A. Petersen | 63 | Blooming Prairie | 111 | Austin, Minn. | 1918 | Myocardial infarction | \$ 250.00 |
| Oct. 6 | Laurits M. Rasmussen | 87 | Kustrup Fyn, Den. | 39 | Oakland, Calif. | 1910 | Shock | 459.99 |
| Oct. 3 | Paul M. Madsen | 74 | Copenhagen, Den. | 283 | Dagmar, Mont. | 1912 | Carcinoma | 1,000.00 |
| Oct. 10 | Marinus P. Munkholm | 82 | Vejle, Denmark | 91 | St. Paul, Minn. | 1904 | Bronchopneumonia | 456.26 |
| Oct. 18 | Felix C. Jensen | 66 | Middelfart, Den. | 1 | Omaha, Nebr. | 1931 | Myocardial infarction | 250.00 |
| Oct. 12 | Soren H. Arenkill | 90 | Kolding, Denmark | 92 | St. Charles, Ill. | 1901 | Bronchopneumonia | 811.50 |
| Aug. 22 | Carl J. Petersen | 72 | Herløse | 56 | Kansas City, Mo. | 1922 | Arteriosclerosis | 500.00 |
| Oct. 17 | Jens P. Hemmingsen | 76 | Frederiksberg, Den. | 227 | Detroit, Mich. | 1914 | Coronary occlusion | 250.00 |
| Oct. 12 | Max H. Sorensen | 65 | Hillerød, Denmark | 172 | Philadelphia, Pa. | 1930 | Heart disease | 250.00 |
| Oct. 17 | Knud Larsen | 80 | Thorslund, Denmark | 29 | Seattle, Wash. | 1918 | Coronary occlusion | 250.00 |
| Nov. 2 | Carl P. Poulsen | 92 | Arbejder | 41 | Derby, Conn. | 1897 | Arteriosclerosis | 383.74 |
| Nov. 12 | Jens C. Andersen | 70 | Ringsted, Denmark | 46 | Perth Amboy, N. J. | 1911 | Pulmonary edema | 500.00 |
| Aug. 18 | Louis J. Gregersen | 86 | Horsens, Denmark | 1 | Omaha, Nebr. | 1951 | Not given | Social |
| Nov. 5 | Albert C. Petersen | 61 | Hartford, Conn. | 314 | Hartford, Conn. | 1945 | Not given | Social |
| Nov. 2 | Peter Bodholdt | 82 | Horsens, Denmark | 39 | Oakland, Calif. | 1948 | Not given | Social |
| Oct. 4 | Andrew P. Hoyer | 80 | Hjorring, Denmark | 4 | Racine, Wis. | 1945 | Not given | Social |

NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

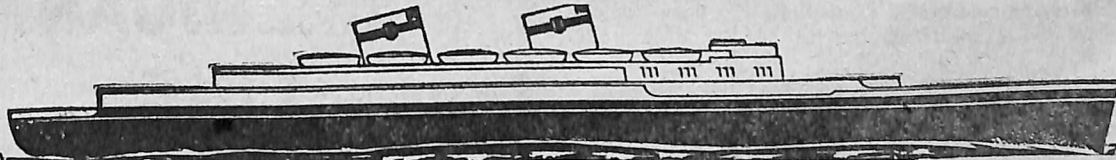
Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. At the writing of the notice to me, the lodge was busy working, getting ready for their harvest dance, November 12, we sincerely hope it was a success. Brother Esper Baumbach of Lodge No. 32 who was sick for some time, passed away last month. Brother G. Stolzenback has been reported sick, he is to have an operation on his eyes, Brother Stolzenback is wished a speedy recovery.

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Lodge No. 112, Portland, Maine. I was indeed glad to hear from Brother Karl Pedersen of that lodge, due to limited space I can not type his letter in full, but will pick out the highlights, however it is encouraging to hear news from our lodge located so far north.

The November meeting was very well attended and as it was put, there was a special reason. A new member was initiated and we all welcome our new member, Brother David L. Pedersen, son of Brother Karl Pedersen, who is a past president of Lodge No. 112 and was delegate to the last two conventions held by the GCEL. A young man of 21, his father is proud to say that no pressure was needed to make this young man join our beloved Brotherhood, in fact he has already started to work for his lodge by trying to get a couple of his friends to join also. Good luck Brother David and may you enjoy your membership for many years to come. Brother and Mrs. Iver Iversen celebrated their golden anniversary in Octo-

ber. The lodge presented the couple with a check, the president of Lodge No. 112 who presented the gift on behalf of the lodge caught Brother and Mrs. Iversen just in time as they were starting to drive out of their yard, bound for Florida, where they intend to spend the winter. It was a great but very pleasing surprise for the couple to be remembered on this occasion. Election of officers will take place at their meeting December 8, it is hoped that enough members will be present, so the different chairs can be filled. The president, Brother Albert Lorenzen has been untiring in his effort to make members attend meetings and a lot of credit is due him for his hard work and sincere Brotherhood love which is making the lodge a link in our chain. Brother L. P. Mortensen will celebrate his 90th birthday Friday, December 16, happy birthday Brother, it is hoped that some of the brothers will remember the date. Brother Mortensen has been a member of the lodge for 62 years and although not a charter member (he joined six months later) it still makes him older in membership than any other member of Lodge No. 112. Brother Mortensen is also a full fledged member in the Danish Sisterhood Lodge in Portland, having obtained that honor years ago when he was one of the founders of the Sisterhood lodge. Being member in both the Sister- and the Brotherhood, Brother Mortensen has often been emissary for the Brotherhood when things were planned jointly.



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Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. At the meeting in November which is called Ex-President Night, 17 ex-presidents were present and honored. At our meeting in December we will have our Christmas party following the meeting, do not forget to bring an inexpensive gift (50c). The entertainment committee has promised us "Smorgasbord."

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Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. At the November 16 meeting 11 Brothers from Troy Lodge No. 183 were present. It is customary for those two lodges to exchange visits a couple of times a year, a thing which could and should be exercised by other lodges. A good time was had by all, and Troy Lodge No. 183 President Brother Bob Nielsen invited lodge members of No. 190 for a special get together on Thursday, December 15, to celebrate the completion of a remodeling job being done to their hall. The Christmas tree party for the children of Schenectady lodge will be held Sunday, December 18, at 4 p. m. There will be a tree, candy and gifts, and Santa will dance around the tree with the children and also give out the presents. A New Year's Eve party will be held. Bob Wilkie is chairman of this affair, aided by Ed. Kniskern. Tickets at \$4 per person can be obtained from either of those two brothers. Hats, noisemakers, dancing to Donnie James and his orchestra. "Smorgasbord" served at midnight. Remember: Christmas tree party, Sunday, December 18 at 4 p. m. New Year's Eve party, Saturday, December 31.

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Lodge No. 241, South River, N. J. A card party was held Thursday, November 11, under the auspices of the entertainment committee. It was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the open-faced sandwiches and homemade coffee cake provided by the ladies. Players and non-players prizes were awarded. The proceeds will be used to defray the cost of the Christmas tree party which will be held Saturday, December 17, at the PNA hall, Grochowiak St., South River.

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Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Five Brothers and two Sisters from Erie attended the affair held in the merging of Lodge No. 69 and Lodge No. 170 of Cleveland, Ohio. Seven members were awarded their 50-year pins and a young brother was awarded the Danish Brotherhood Scholarship, presented by First Supreme Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen.

sen. Brother John Sigurd Malm has joined Lodge No. 242 and is bid welcome by all brothers. Brother Chris Jacobsen, who was badly burned in a gas explosion, is still in the hospital, we all wish him a speedy recovery. The Christmas tree party for the children will be held Sunday, December 18.

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Lodge No. 257, New York, N. Y. Remember the cod fish party Friday, January 6, 1961.

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Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. Christmas party for children and grandchildren of the members will be held Tuesday, December 27, at 6:30 p. m. The party is held together with the Sisters of "Frihed" Lodge No. 153. Each child under 12 years of age will receive a gift. Chocolate milk and ice cream will be served. The party is free for both old and young, this is made possible by donations from Sisters and Brothers, also from profit made from the "Andespil." Brother Albert C. Petersen passed away November 5, at the age of 60, operating his own insurance business for many years. He leaves his wife and a daughter.

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Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Christmas tree party will be held Sunday, December 18, at 4 p. m. Make sure Harry Rasmussen knows the names of the children under 12 attending this party. Admission for adults will be \$1.50.

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| Bergensfjord | January 3 | January 4 | January 4 | — | — | — | January 12 |
| Stavangerfjord | January 21 | January 22 | — | January 23 | January 23 | — | January 31 |
| Stavangerfjord | February 18 | February 19 | February 19 | — | — | February 26 | February 28 |
| Stavangerfjord | March 18 | March 19 | — | March 20 | March 20 | March 27 | March 29 |
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GROVE'S DBS NOTEBOOK

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

Convention Chairman Martin Rasmussen, a past president of DB Lodge No. 29 and a past district officer of the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood, reports that initial planning is well under way for the Twelfth Annual Conclave with Seattle as host. A real estate, mortgage and insurance salesman for Wallin-Edwards in Renton, Brother Martin assures the Danish Colony that the gathering next May will "top all the others." As President of the District, I proudly and cordially invite you to make note of the fifth, sixth and seventh, 1961. Although the first international exposition world fair to be held in the United States since 1939 is not scheduled for the Queen City until 1962, spectacular developments are already rising on the seventy-four acre site just a mile from down town and DB-DS conventionnaires next year will be able to preview the gigantic undertaking. The New Washington Hotel, Second Avenue and Steward Street, as in 1953, will again be headquarters for the Danes in 1961.

Enumclaw's roster now includes sixty-five members; Brother Jens P. Thim is great-grandfather again as a little girl, Diane Kristine Olive, joined her brothers, John Hilding and Jeffrey Karl, both juvenile members of DB 113; Janet, daughter of Past President Oswald Pedersen, is an employe of the First National Bank of Enumclaw and wife, Laura, is on the payroll of Gunderson's Home Furnishings; we will again be stopping for gas at Brother Andy Petersen's Associated Gas Station on December 24, as that is also his birthday; Brother Ellery Einess is now a Fuller Brush Man; the celebrated Danish Gymnasts, a team of 28 young Danes, appeared last in Enumclaw under the arrangements of the Lion's Club of which newly initiated Brother Jack Thim is a leader. This is the same exhibition twice before sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood.

Ed Hoiland is another recent link in the fraternal chain of our Brotherhood; it's nearly a year ago now since Brother Jens C. Nielsen, bed-ridden for many years, passed away quietly in his sleep; Brother Emery Tedrick occasionally furnishes accordion music for dancing and Brother Nis Hansen is the square dance caller; Brother George Nelson and wife Erma spent their vacation in South Dakota last summer; Past President Fred Weston, although confined to a Renton Rest Home, looks forward each year to the annual family reunions held in June and August; three Past Presidents, Ingvald Nelson, Elmer Boysen and Oswald Pedersen, serve as members of the Board of Directors for the Pacific NW Danish Home; Past President John Hansen's son-in-law, Harry Woodhull, was killed at Hansen Dam as the construction job experienced their first fatality; "the little city with the big attractions" this season are planning to stage both a Christmas Party and a New Year's Eve Dance for the Danes; celebrating combination wedding anniversaries and birthdays in January at Steve's Smorgasbord in Tacoma will be Treasurer Henry Hergert and Trustee John L. Rieck with their active sisterhood wives; the affairs of the lodge this year are being administered by Ex-President Godan Meng, President Hans Weston, Vice President Karl Koch, Secretary Ingie Nelsen, Treasurer Heinie Hergert, Conductor Gene De Witt, Outer Guard Nis Hansen, Inner Guard Ed Hoiland, Trustee Chairman Nels Johnson, and Trustee John Rieck and

Kai Rasmussen; Brother Herman Pedersen has been installed as Marshall for Crescent Masonic Lodge; Brother Hans Holm, a vocalist in his own right, motored into Seattle to hear the great singer, Tetrizzini, just forty years ago this month.

First daughter of President Hans Weston to be wed was Marjorie who took the vows with Julius Mardy on February sixth; Past President Jens P. Holm and Brother Ellery Einess were among eight candidates for the City Council; Past President Johnnie Rieck has been elected President of the local Adult Scouters Organization; we all wish Past President Bent Espersen a speedy recovery from a long session of illness and convey our thanks to him for the many years he has spent on Danish Home matters and as an active brother in DB No. 113; Enumclaw is usually the very first lodge to pay the year's district dues which become due right after the first of the new year; Colin, son of Brother Henry Hergert, plays trumpet in the cornet trio of the High School Band; General Chairman of a recent Northwest Folk Dancers Festival was Brother Emery Bremer; Head Trustee Nels Johnson and Past District President Carl N. Grove and their wives were guests of Brother Harold S. Holm in Des Moines; the Dan Meng family in Normandy Park have been confined with influenza; Past Trustee Chairman Andrew Drost now lives in La Habra, California; Hilding Smiterlof, son-in-law of Brother J. P. Thim, Westfir, Oregon, was buried in Enumclaw, the foothills of eternal snow, on March 11, following a sudden passing; Supreme Trustee Kris Jorgensen made an official visit to Enumclaw on May 14; Brother and Mrs. Graves Graversen are back from a long waited vacation in Denmark; Brother Jack Thim recently underwent minor surgery in the Enumclaw hospital; a caravan of Brothers and Sisters motored to the Canadian line on June 5 to attend an annual picnic sponsored by the Vancouver Danes at which event 1,000 attended including 35 from Seattle; Brothers Rasmus Christianson, John Hansen, John Rieck, Dan Meng, Soren Eriksen and Hans Holm have all been in the hospital but all are on the mend; and Harold Busch, son of a Seattle Danish Brotherhood Past President, is the latest new member of DB 113.

Thank You!

Escanaba, Michigan
November 1, 1960

Mr. Axel Skelbeck,
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Skelbeck:

Just to say that we received payment in full on my brother, Viggo Johnson's Danish Brotherhood policy through Lodge Group No. 600.

We were then able to pay the burial expenses before the month was up and received a discount on the funeral.

Thanks for sending the money so promptly and also for refunding \$7.00, the unused portion of the prepaid premium.

My brother had a gangrenous leg removed in June of this year. This healed up nicely but the infection had already entered the blood stream.

Thanks again and greetings.

MRS. GEORGE (CORNELIA) M. JENSEN,

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN

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

The next big event will take place in the California Lodges when, the presidents of our two General Committees, Sister Alice Dobis and Brother George Hansen will make their official visits and install the officers elected for the ensuing year. The tentative dates are as follows:

Friday, January 6, Lodge No. 184, Hayward.
 Wednesday, January 11, Lodge No. 306, San Diego.
 Thursday, January 12, Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles.
 Friday, January 13, Lodge No. 323, Alhambra.
 Saturday, January 14, Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield.
 Tuesday, January 17, Lodge No. 230, Arcata and Lodge No. 95, Ferndale.
 Wednesday, January 18, Lodge No. 188, Del Rey and Lodge No. 255, Selma.
 Friday, January 20, Lodge No. 332, Ripon.
 Wednesday, January 25, Lodge No. 49, San Francisco.
 Thursday, January 26, Lodge No. 67, Fresno.
 Friday, January 27, Lodge No. 322, Santa Barbara.
 Friday, February 3, Lodge No. 39, Oakland.
 Saturday, February 4, Lodge No. 143, Petaluma.
 Wednesday, February 8, Lodge No. 299, Solvang.
 Saturday, February 11, Lodge No. 329, Long Beach.

The Lodges have already been notified of the above dates by letter direct from Brother George Hansen. It is hoped that the lodges will do everything possible in order that above dates might be accepted. It is not an easy matter for our presidents to make above arrangements, hence please do your part and cooperate.

May I at this time urge as many of our members as possible to try to attend these meetings. Try to get away from the TV these evenings and come to lodge. The officers of the General Committee will be happy to see you and so will your own officers. Besides, the lodges usually have a bit extra that evening, so do yourself a favor and come.

I recently sent a letter to the lodges relative to appointing a promotion committee and send me such names and addresses. As mentioned in my letter the request came from our new Promotion Manager, Brother Paul Strand in Omaha, some of the lodges have complied, but some have not. May I ask the lodges who have not already done so to get busy and appoint such a committee.

It was interesting to note from a letter sent me by Brother Pedersen, secretary of Lodge 126 in Los Angeles that their committee is already at work. The committee arranged for a stag dinner during the month of November to which all prospective candidates were invited. A very good beginning. Further the lodge has acquired an addressograph, and letters will be sent to all the members monthly. I hope some of the larger lodges will go and do likewise.

Of course, in Lodge No. 49, they have had these stag evenings for the past couple of years, in that every third Wednesday is set aside for special programs, and they certainly have paid off, very well indeed.

At this time of the year, most lodges are planning the annual Christmas gatherings. It is a time to get together with families and friends and of course, the children and — for some of us — grandchildren. It is remarkable how these gatherings linger in the memory of people. I recently talked to an old friend of mine, now an official of my bank, whose parents were Danish and he wanted to know if the Danes still got together at

Christmas time. He said that every year when Christmas came around he got to think of the good times he had as a child, attending these lodge festivities in San Francisco.

In Oakland the "Big Four" lodges will have a Christmas party, Friday evening, December 16, in the Danish auditorium, beginning at 7 p. m., with Santa Claus and everything that a child can desire. Children between two and 90 that is.

All the lodges in San Francisco will likewise have a joint Christmas tree festival in Druid's Temple, Saturday evening, December 17. Come along with your children and grandchildren and have a good time with them.

As is customary the Sisters from Lodge 24 and the Brothers of Lodge 49, will have a little Christmas party after their meetings Wednesday evening, December 14. Brother Dick Clausen will be at the Baldwin and Brother Carl Fællessanger Sørensen will lead us in singing the old familiar Christmas carols, so you members from 24 and 49 show up that evening and see if you can remember the old songs.

On October 24 Brother Werner Cornelius Albers passed away in Vallejo, of a heart attack. He had been a member of 49 since 1916, a period of 44 years. We extend to his family our sincerest sympathy.

And just as I am writing this, I have learned that Brother Adolf Laine, for many years manager of Aldersly, our Danish Home in San Rafael, passed away also from a heart attack, although he had been in ill health for a long time. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ester Laine and his family.

On November 6, the Danish Luncheon club arranged for a dinner at the Red Chimney, honoring the three good people who had been honored by the Danish King with decorations, that is, Brother Christ Pedersen and Jørgen Mørgensen, Danish Vice Consul, both of whom had received "Ridder af Dannebrog" and Sister Ester Laine, who received "Belønningsmedaljen i Guld med Krone."

Far being from me to criticize any arrangement except to say that, apparently the Red Chimney failed the committee badly, in that when the first guests arrived the tables were not even set. The dinner was called for 5:30 p. m., and they finally started to serve about 7 p. m., a mighty long time to wait.

At this Christmas season, Brother George Hansen our president and his corps of officers of the General Committee extends to each member and his family, sincere wishes for "en rigtig Glædelig Jul."

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Brev fra Loge 318 København, Danmark

Nu da aaret 1960 er ved at rinde ud er det som man føler for at holde revue over det passeret, med andre ord gøre op med sig selv pro et contra, lad os frasigte det eventuelle mindre gode der er håndt os og som fortidens hærdede Klondyke mændene beholde guld-kornene i vaskepanden og glæde os over det værdifulde. Loge 318, bestyrelse og samtlige brødre sender herved sin tak og hilsner. En tak til aarets gæster hos os i hulen paa Emiliegade 7. Det er nu ikke som navnet kunne antyde en gade, tværtimod er det en særdeles hyggelig villavej, dog ikke længere borte fra alfarvej end man ser byens taarne og fornemmer storbyens puls. Vi ligger paa grænsen mellem gammel idyl og nutidens moderne bebyggelse som med rette bringer den afdøde kabaret-kunstner Carl Brissons kønne lille vise i erindring "København du blir stor du har alt" det var vesterbrodrengens hyldest til sin fødeby, der trods han naaede toppen som entertainer blev ydmyg naar han imellem sine rejser gensaa sit kære København, hvor han nu hviler for steds.

Det forløbne aar er gaaet pænt for loge 318 naar alt taget i betragtning, ganske vist har der været det uundgaaelige frafald som mennesket ikke raader over men vore møder har været velbesatte, ikke mindst af den gamle garde, vi har ogsaa haft nogle gode sammenkomster ind imellem, nu senest en aarlig manneaften hvor vi mønstrede mere end 50 deltagere, den forløb paa fornøjeligste maade, saa vor president Br. Schiøler Linck kunne med gyldig grund notere denne under begrebet

succes, det samme kunne de daadrige arrangører og deltagere, lad mig uden at forklejn nogen blot nævne br. Peter Nordtoft, vi har lært ham at kende fra den allerbedste side, og jeg tør tro at mange af hans venner across har ham i venlig erindring nu da vi har adopteret ham.

Blandt andre af deltagere denne aften kan ligeledes nævnes br. Oluf Larsen fra loge 248 samt br. Kristen Nielsen Kristensen fra loge 29, jeg undlader ikke at nævne en af vore egne pionerer br. Anton Christensen der naar dette læses er gæst hos en datter gift og bosiddende i Philadelphia, br. Christensen bringer personlig vore hilsner paa de steder han maatte besøge under sit Juleophold.

Jeg infletter en tak til vore venner i loge 314 der ærede os med gaven det smukke Stjernebanner, ligeledes en tak til Brodersamfundets primusmotor oversekretær Axel Skelbeck som vi, ja jeg vil sige heldigvis har været i stand til at gøre ekstra ulejlighed i aarets løb, idet vi kan notere flere tilfælde blandt vore medlemmer der har haft brug for vor assistance ved ændringer i deres Assurance Certificates, derfor nødvendigvis maa finde vejen over br. Skelbeck's skrivebord før transaktionen bliver lovmæssig. Vi bringer ligeledes en tak til Editor & Manager br. Svend Petersen som ikke svigter os naar vi har noget bladmæssig paa ønskeseddelen, en tak til saavel sete som usete venner inden for D. B.

Men dette brev har ikke fuldendt sin tiltænkte mission for jeg har tilføjet de bedste ønsker for en glædelig Jul og et fredfyldt Nytaar for alle brødrene, inflettet deres familie og paarørende, hvor end de maatte befinde sig, fra Florida til Kanada, fra øst til vest.

Med broderlig hilsen i loge 318, navn.

ALB. PETERSEN, Sekr.

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