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Seventy

Our good friend, Past Supreme President John Hansen, 710 River Drive, Bettendorf, Iowa, celebrates his 70th birthday on October 9, 1961. He was born in Nykøbing, Falster, October 9, 1891, and came to the United States on February 10, 1911. He joined DB Lodge No. 3, Davenport, Iowa, March 6, 1920.

In addition to serving in many official capacities in his Lodge, John has an enviable record of service in our Brotherhood. Actually he began his career within our Brotherhood in 1927 when he served as a delegate to the convention of the United Iowa Lodges. He served as a delegate, and was elected Supreme Trustee, at the National Convention in Detroit, 1931. At Denver, 1935, he advanced to Vice President and was promoted to the high office of President in Chicago, 1939. He served in this office for eight years until he retired in 1947 at Seattle.

The decade, 1937-1947, was crammed with important events for John in connection with the Brotherhood. Supreme President John Christensen and Supreme Vice President N. B. Nelson sailed in 1937 to attend the crowning of King Edward of England. John Christensen's death during the eastbound voyage left John acting Supreme President. There can be no doubt, however, that the crowning event in his Brotherhood career was his election to the office of Supreme President, but with the occupation of Denmark on April 9, 1940, a very hectic period of several years began for him. From the moment this sad news reached us, John was in constant telephone contact with the Danish Embassy, Washington, D. C., for hour to hour developments in Denmark's sad plight. John is a resolute person and as the ruling head of the largest Danish organization of its kind outside Denmark he immediately called all Supreme Officers together for a meeting in Omaha on April 16 to discuss the situation.

Subsequently a delegation, headed by John Hansen and accompanied by C. Bysted-Christensen and Axel Skelbeck, was selected to visit the Danish Embassy to offer the support of the Brotherhood. The idea of a National America-Denmark Association was born and was later organized at a meeting held in Chicago on May 4, 1940, wherein a large number of Danish-American groups took part. John was elected president and served in this difficult capacity until he resigned for urgent business reasons on June 18, 1943, but was drafted for continued service as an officer of the NADA.

Shortly after the liberation of Denmark in May of 1945 John was selected by President Roosevelt to travel to Denmark for a first hand observation of the conditions there for a report to the President. On this trip he was accompanied by the beloved actor, Jean Hersholt.



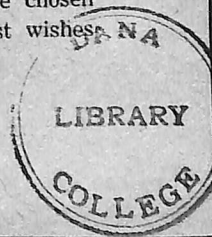
John Hansen

Outside of the Brotherhood John has also held a number of positions of trust, such as: Member of the Bettendorf (Iowa) School Board from 1927 to 1935. He served as the School Board President from 1930 to 1935; was mayor of the city of Bettendorf from 1930 to 1934. He has also served in many jobs in numerous civic organizations.

In private life John Hansen is a successful business man. He founded his own company, the Hansaloy Manufacturing Company in Davenport, August 1, 1933, with annual sales today of well over half million dollars (if John will admit to the truth).

For his humanitarian services to Denmark over the years it pleased his Majesty, King Christian X, to appoint him a Knight of the Royal Order of Dannebrog in 1946 and to award him with the King Christian X Liberty medal in 1947.

For the Supreme Officers and the entire membership of The Danish Brotherhood in America we have chosen this manner of saying: Congratulations and best wishes on your birthday, dear John.



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"Who Reads the Magazine?"

DEAR BROTHERS:

In the September issue of our magazine you had a chance to read an article titled, "Who Reads the Magazine?"

There is a call for ideas from you and me, also for comments and sound criticism, without going into personalities. I trust you will do your part to make our magazine more interesting. In the coming months more members will read it just to find out if anything has been accomplished by this idea.

It is my opinion that our magazine should carry more information about what the members think of our Brotherhood. I would suggest that we have an Editorial each month by our Supreme Officers. I am sure that once each seven months a Board member could give some interesting information and something to think about. I also suggest that more individual members let us know what you have in mind. It would be of great benefit to our beloved Brotherhood as a whole.

Our Magazine lately has been filled with 3-4 pages every month with promotional news. I believe it is fine and a wonderful job is being done. I have also heard lots of comments on this, for and against, but mostly for the best; but then we also see reports from lodges where a lot of members are lapsed for non-payment of dues.

Why is that? Well, they mostly blame themselves for that by not having enough going on at the meetings to keep them interested, that certainly should be stopped; but how?

Then we hear about lodges where they have a great attendance at meetings and lots to talk about. Why not give your opinion about this to all of us, many can learn a lot just by reading what other people and lodges do. Let us hear from you in the magazine, send in your ideas. I am sure that in the months to come you may see or hear some interesting news.

By reading the Comparative report on page 4 of the

September issue, we should all be proud to be members of our Danish Brotherhood.

Here in Florida we have only one Lodge, No. 321 in West Palm Beach. We are not large, but we have a good lodge; but we do not have too many to work among for new members. A lot of Danish people live in Florida, but the distances are long and are these people eligible for membership and would they be interested?

Let us hope that next year's trip to Denmark will develop something of interest for us all.

Please write your opinions and suggestions to the magazine. It makes interesting reading.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN,
Winter Park, Florida.

Colorado-Wyoming Convention

The Colorado and Wyoming General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood held its 32nd annual meeting on August 25 and 26, 1961, in Denver at the American Legion hall. This convention was honored by the attendance of Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck from Omaha.

In the afternoon of August 25 a tour through the Denver Mint Building was enjoyed. A social gathering was held in the evening at our meeting hall. A film, "The Danish Royal Tour of U. S. A.," was shown. Cocktails and Danish Smorgasbord was served, thereafter a dance, and everyone had a wonderful time.

On August 26 the meeting opened at 10 a.m. Attending the meeting was the organizer of the Colorado-Wyoming convention, Brother Niels C. Nielsen of Denver, who also has done a great work for our Lodge. He made a speech about the past and future of our organization. New By-Laws were approved by the members.

Brother Skelbeck addressed the members and installed the newly elected officers who are as follows: Ex-President, Svend A. Sonderup, Denver, Colo.; president, Ed Matson, Fowler, Colo.; vice president, Martin Ferguson, Cheyenne, Wyo.; secretary-treasurer, Svend A. Sonderup, 4225 East 7th Ave. Denver 20, Colo.; trustees, Albert Hansen, Brush, Colo.; Ejner Johansen, Laramie, Wyo.; Niels Christensen, Cheyenne, Wyo.; conductor, Harold Fredricksen, Denver, Colo.

The ladies enjoyed a sightseeing bus tour of the city of Denver. In the evening a splendid banquet was served and several speeches were made. Following the banquet there was dancing to the music of the Scandinavian Trio.

Fowler Lodge No. 261 of Colorado will be host to the next convention in 1962.

SVEND A. SONDERUP, Sec.-Treas.

OCTOBER ASSESSMENT 748

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October 1, 1961

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November 1, 1961

Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

GROVE'S DBS NOTEBOOK

By NORBERT E. GROVE OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST DANISH BROTHERHOOD
12424 Refecca Drive Southwest, Tacoma 99, Washington

Seattle's Past President Paul Hansen presented Jim Akutsa and his colored slide lecture of Japan at a recent lodge meeting; "As age or general health is of little importance, anyone may will their eyes," says Marie, wife of Brother Mads Mauritsen, 21703 Eighty-fourth St., Kent, Wash.; Brother Carl Jorgensen celebrated his golden wedding anniversary July 9 and Vice President Emil Lindholdt will celebrate 50 years of wedded life November 11; Brother George Christopher died June 8, Brother Hans Christian Jacobsen succumbed June 16 and Brother Albert O. Rytter passed away June 17; and on a recent evening excursion to Bellevue in the company of some Puyallup businessmen, I came across Brother Tage Fredriksen, looking his best and celebrating one of his lovely daughter's birthdays.

Portland Brothers and Sisters were a bit disappointed with the dates of our 1960 district convention in Spokane as many of them served on the election board for Oregon state that weekend but this year they showed up with flying colors at Seattle; Secretary Gustav G. Haraldsen is the official correspondent for DB 167; Past District President Peter Pihl sponsored the first candidate last year in the name of his grandson, Erik Christian, making two juvenile members in the Pihl family and seven Brothers in all; Treasurer Emil Svendsen was a bachelor during the fall as wife Kirsten was in southern California getting acquainted with a new granddaughter; a builder of fine homes, is Contractor Henry Barreth, a past president of the Rose City Danes and always an active member of the district family; first District President Pete Pihl with his son, Melvin, own and operate the Northwestern Transfer company; Brother Oscar and Edna Ostlund spent the holidays in California with their son, Robert, and his family; Past District President C. Ed Hirsch and wife, Helen, took yours truly on a Cook's Tour of the fabulous Lloyd Center, Seraton hotel and Kon-Tiki restaurant on his recent visit to Portland; Portlanders celebrated their 58th anniversary April 5; lodge affairs are this year in the hands of Ex-President Hans P. Jensen, President Magnus Esrom, Vice President Poul Persson, Secretary Gus Haraldsen, Treasurer E. Svendsen, Conductor Henry Barreth, Inner Guard Henry Harkson, Outer Guard Sherman Harkson and Trustees P. Pihl, Arne Henriksen and Harry Jensen; and Linda, eldest daughter of Past District Chairman C. Ed Hirsch has been in the hospital since March.

Vancouver B. C. Brothers celebrate their 30th anniversary with a Hotel Georgia banquet Saturday, April 22, at which gala event Supreme President Hans M. Andersen and Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen were the guest speakers; it was just a year ago that the Canadian Brothers helped "Dana," the Danish Benefit Association, stage a successful "Andespil" and dance in Lions Gate hall; at the now famous lodge visitation to Bellingham, Secretary Hugo Busch and Past President Einar Plambeck spoke in behalf of the British Columbians; latest new members welcomed into DB 328 includes the names of Otto Brandt, Richard Hansen, Axel Rytter, Svend Andersen, Svend Bratner, Niels Christiansen, Helmer Christiansen, Bruno Petersen, Niels Larsen, Villy Jensen, Allan Birlie, Ed Petersen, Benny Svenson, Soren P. Sorensen, H. Sorensen, Ole Kristensen, A. Elmbjerg, L. O. Larsen and Kurt Holm; Martha, wife of Brother Louis Larsen, has recovered from another operation; even though the renowned Danish Canadian folk dance group

are no longer sponsored by the DB, Past District Trustee Chairman Svend A. Johansen is still one of the active boosters in the folklore performance just celebrating their eighth anniversary; Past District Officer Thorval Larsen called on the writer while he was touring Canada and the United States just prior to his Omaha trip all of which he has thoroughly reported to his lodge brothers and through "Maanedstidning," the monthly edition inaugurated by Promotion Director Jack Jensen; on the recent hospital list have been Brothers Carl Petersen, John Nielsen, Ferd Christensen, Jorgen Marthinus, Bruno Pedersen, Theodor V. Pedersen, William Krag, Axel Wiedeman, Hans Christofersen, L. Mathiesen, E. Plambeck, H. Busch, Marts J. Zederkopff, Richard Jeppesen, N. Larsen, Capt. Louis Larson, John Zederkopff, Carl Nielsen, Anton Holm and Chris Andersen; regular meetings have been established at their former headquarters for many years and are now again at the Hastings auditorium; Brothers from Portland, Seattle and Bellingham attended this summer's Peace Arch park picnic; 120 members now constitute our only really active Canadian Lodge; Brother J. Jensen was presented a \$25 reward for securing the most social members just prior to his leaving for Denmark; Brother Svend Aage Johansen often takes pen in hand and writes an article for the lodge's monthly publication, Brother Svend and his family vacationed at Soap lake in August and also visited with Wilbur's long-time Secretary Svend Gommesen, returning in time to dance with the group who entertained the Old People's Home in Burnaby; Denmark travelers last year included Brothers Jens Jensen and Ed Anderberg; 1961 officers are President Anker Sorensen, Vice President John H. Nielsen, Secretary Hugo Busch, Treasurer Valdemar Hansen, Conductor Aage Lundquist, Inner Guard Jens Sondergaard, Outer Guard Paul Eriksen and Trustees Ejner Egeberg, Thorval Larsen and Borge Klitz.

Resolution

In memory of our dear Brother and president, J. Holger Jensen, who passed away August 19, 1961, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa.

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

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

Earl Mikkelsen, Vice President.
A. B. Thode, Sec.-Treas.

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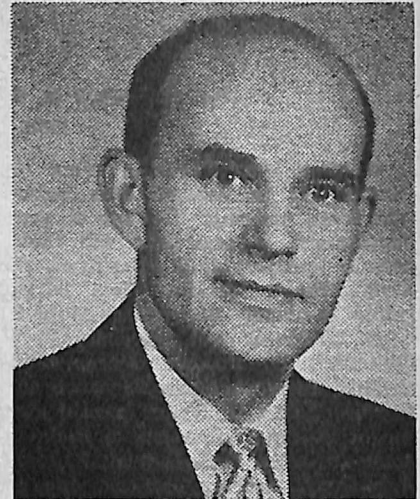
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Danish Brotherhood Excursion to Denmark in 1962 Promises to Become Gala Event of the Year

Great interest shown among U.S. Danes – Bookings on famous liner Kungsholm indicate successful 80th Anniversary tour to Denmark.



Palle Juul-Larsen

The Danish Brotherhood Excursion to Denmark in May-June 1962 will be a successful repetition of the great tour in 1957. This time Swedish American Line's MS Kungsholm will be the official carrier, and bookings and preliminary arrangements are already indicating a great interest in the 80th Anniversary Tour and the 50th anniversary of the Rebild Festival. The Kungsholm will leave from New York on May 23, 1962, and Swedish American Line has made special efforts to make this Brotherhood Tour a memorable one. Our well-known friend, Mr. Palle Juul-Larsen, 5245 North Clark Street, Chicago 40, Illinois, a member our Society in Chicago is appointed as Tour Manager by the Supreme Officers. Danish specialties, food as well as beverages, will be served on board, and many other "touches" of good, old Denmark will highlight the trans-Atlantic trip from New York to Copenhagen. Reservations should be made through the Tour Manager at the earliest possible date since the demand for accommodations on this particular sailing is heavy. It is also advisable to make reservations for the return trip to the United States on the Kungsholm sailing July 28, or on other earlier or later sailings. Reservations may be made in First Class or Tourist Class with minimum fares at \$375.00 and \$255.00 respectively for one-way ticket and round-trip tickets at \$750.00 and \$510.00 minimum.

In addition to attending the Rebild Festival, members of the Danish Brotherhood Tour will participate in the celebration of Constitution Day (Grundlovsdagen) on June 5th in Denmark, and there will also be an opportunity to join special tours to famous scenic and historical places in Denmark.

RESERVATION FORM

Forward to Mr. Palle Juul-Larsen, 5245 No. Clark Street, Chicago 40, Illinois

Please reserve accommodation for me on the Danish Brotherhood 80th Jubilee Tour on M. S. KUNGSHOLM sailing from New York, May 23, 1962.

Name _____ I am a member of Lodge No. _____

Address _____ If not a DB member check here _____

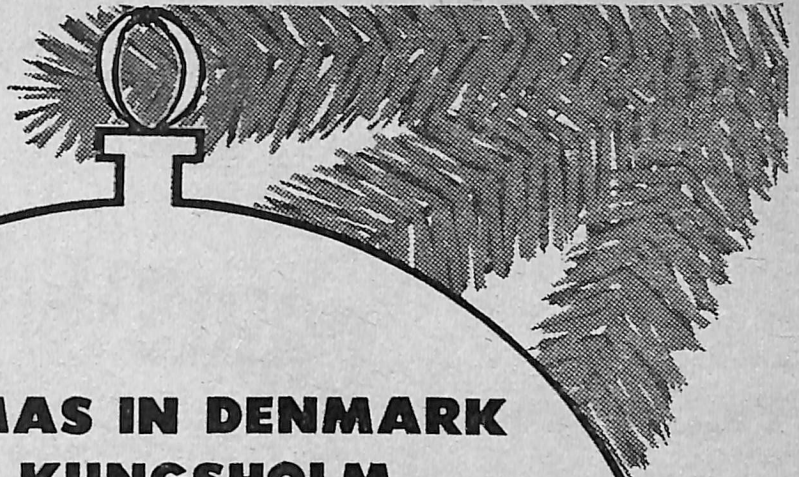
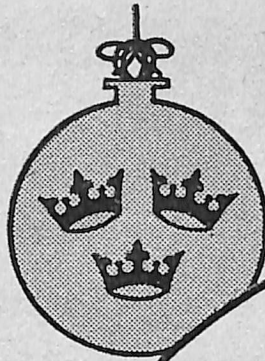
Address _____ Type of room wanted _____

First Class _____, or Tourist Class _____ (Please show age of all persons)

Names of people in my party: _____ Age: _____

Return reservation wanted on: M. S. KUNGSHOLM from Copenhagen July 28th _____
answer yes or no

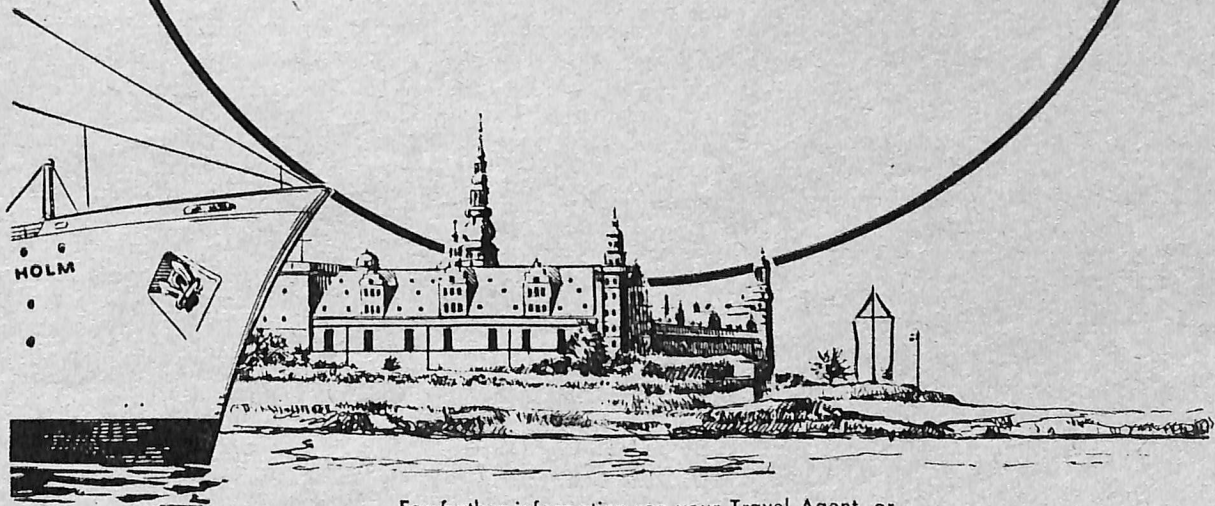
If other return sailing preferred, state approximate date of sailing _____
For your protection this information is very important because of the heavy demand for return sailing from Denmark. Additional reservation forms may be obtained by writing Mr. Palle Juul-Larsen.



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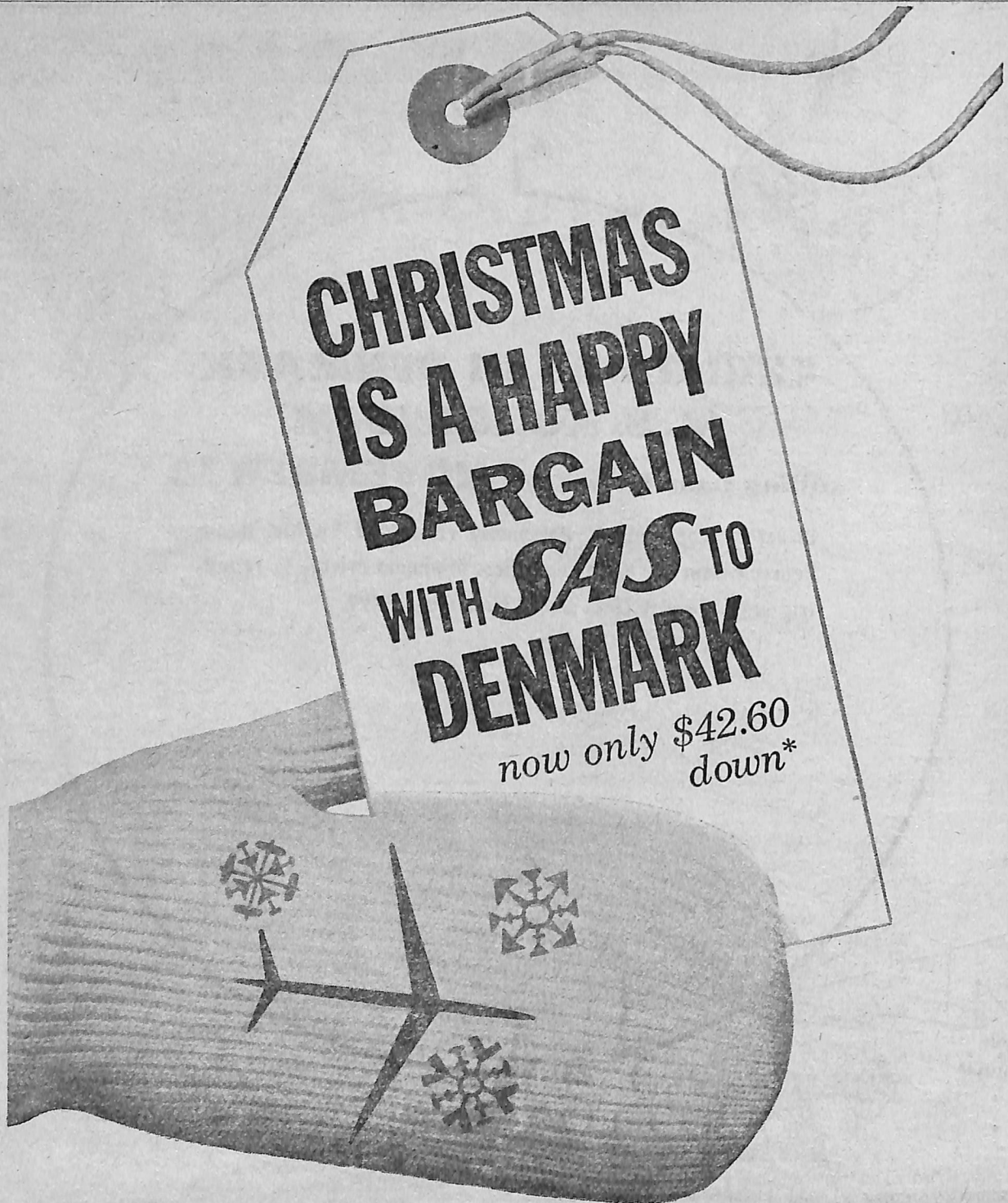
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PROMOTION PAGES

Our Fall Membership Drive has Started

Vacations are over. Summer is over. Fall Conventions are over. BUT our Fall Membership Drive is just starting to get under way! We herewith report thirty new adult members admitted into our Lodges in the period August 20, 1961, through September 20, 1961—the tag end of all summer activities—and this is just the start. Watch us grow from here on out!

To you thirty new members—a sincere and hearty WELCOME! We are glad to have you with us. We hope you will thoroughly enjoy your membership. THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA is now your organization—help us make it the kind of fraternal order you feel it should be. Attend your Lodge meetings—give us your ideas—listen to the ideas of others—then help work out plans and programs that will interest and benefit all our members!

September New Members

ADULTS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	New Member
1	Omaha	V. H. Thomsen	Kenneth I. Nielsen
10	Council Bluffs	Gustav Axelsen	Clarence Hansen
15	Des Moines	F. Christiansen	B. K. Christiansen
16	Minden	B. O. Aabel	Leonard Anderson
16	Minden	Pete Nielsen	William H. Meier
17	Chicago	Kristian Paulsen	Richard Nielsen
42	Spokane	F. L. Holm	George H. Clayton, Jr.
70	Greenville	Wesley Kraft	Irving Lohr
71	Penn Yan	C. Henry Jensen	James E. Betts
107	Chicago	Thorvald Hansen	Ray E. Miller
110	Winside	Nels Skovsende	Ed Andersen
110	Winside	Thorvald Jacobsen	Eddie Nielson
111	Austin	Jens I. Larsen	Kenneth D. Block
111	Austin	Jens I. Larsen	Clifford F. Diggins
111	Austin	Jens I. Larsen	Phillip M. Block
116	Newark	Viggo Nielsen	Preben Johansson
126	Los Angeles	Nis Christiansen	Chr. J. Walsted
126	Los Angeles	Axel H. Lindvang	Evald Sorensen
126	Los Angeles	Knud V. Miller	Frede E. Olsen
144	Dike	Jens Nielsen	George T. Tonnesen
144	Dike	A. B. Thode	Donald P. Schaefer
144	Dike	A. B. Thode	Poul Ø. Giehm
155	Bellingham	Hans F. Hansen	Burton F. Fedde
182	Waukegan	Poul A. Hansen	Eric P. Hansen
299	Solvang	And. Nielsen	Jorgen F. Hansen
299	Solvang	And. Nielsen	George H. Hansen
299	Solvang	And. Nielsen	Willy Richard
319	Bakersfield	Alf. C. Nielsen	Chris Chroman
323	Alhambra	O. Christensen	Aage H. Tonnesen
328	Vancouver	John Nielsen	Niels Christiansen
Total new adult memberships previously reported this year			
Total new adult members reported this month			
Total new adult members initiated this year to date..			

JUVENILES

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	New Member
16	Minden	Tony Madsen	Ann Marie Madsen
42	Spokane	Swan Larsen	Dawn Elaine Israel
42	Spokane	Swan Larsen	Steven Carl Israel
67	Fresno	F. Andersen	Elizabeth A. Mygind
67	Fresno	F. Andersen	Susan M. Mygind
126	Los Angeles	Carl Hansen	Clifford A. Scarsten
143	Petaluma	H. Rasmussen	Joan G. Rasmussen
143	Petaluma	H. Rasmussen	Gwen Rasmussen
314	Hartford	Norman Petersen	Cheryl A. Lane
Total new juvenile members previously reported this year			
Total new juvenile members reported this month			
Total new juvenile members this year to date			

1961 Versus 1960

Adult applications received and approved as of September 20, 1961, are equal to 217.45% of the applications received and approved as of September 20, 1960. We are 117.45% ahead in adult applications.

Juvenile applications received and approved as of September 20, 1961, are equal to 428.57% of the applications received and approved as of September 20, 1960. We are 328.57% ahead in juvenile applications.

Through September 20, 1961, we have received and approved 55.51% MORE adult applications than we received and approved during ALL of 1960! During the same period, we received and approved 252.94% MORE juvenile applications than we received and approved during ALL of 1960!

Thus, in total, we received and approved 74.47% MORE applications through September 20, 1961, than we received and approved during ALL of 1960.

October Booster Members

MEMBERS WHO HAVE SPONSORED THREE OR MORE NEW MEMBERS SINCE JANUARY 1, 1961

Lodge No.	Location	Booster Member	New Members Sponsored
16	Minden, Nebraska	Peter C. Nielsen	32
67	Fresno, California	Frederik Andersen	13
111	Austin, Minnesota	Jens I. Larsen	13
16	Minden, Nebraska	Bart Aabel	12
26	Fremont, Nebraska	Thorvald M. Jensen	12
126	Los Angeles, California	Carl Hansen	8
15	Des Moines, Iowa	August Rasmussen	8
17	Chicago, Illinois	Kristian Poulsen	7
255	Selma, California	Hans M. Andersen	7
328	Vancouver, British Columbia	Aage Bang	6
16	Minden, Nebraska	Tony Madsen	5
36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Alfred Hansen	5
126	Los Angeles, California	Andrew Nielsen	5
1	Omaha, Nebraska	Axel Skelbeck	4
1	Omaha, Nebraska	Emil Kellman	4
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Peter H. Jergensen	4
51	Ludington, Michigan	Earl Jensen	4
78	Salt Lake City, Utah	Hilmer Hansen	4
126	Los Angeles, California	Hans Broderson	4

144	Dike, Iowa, A. B. Thode	4	26	Fremont, Nebr.	19,698	23	14	60.87%	
144	Dike, Iowa, Miller Mikkelsen, Jr.	4	51	Ludington, Mich.	9,421	97	14	14.43%	
155	Bellingham, Washington, Hans C. D. Bruun	4	328	Vancouver, B. C.	365,844	142	13	9.85%	
170	Rocky River, Ohio, Peder Rasmussen	4	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	54,361	86	12	13.95%	
184	Hayward, California, A. B. Christiansen	4	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	17,018	79	12	15.19%	
195	Omaha, Nebraska, Fred Jensen	4	170	Rocky River, Ohio	18,097	80	12	15.00%	
263	Askov, Minnesota, Maurice L. Ambers	4	195	Omaha, Nebr.	301,598	42	10	23.80%	
298	Chicago, Illinois, Christ Christiansen	4	245	South Bend, Ind.	132,445	30	10	33.33%	
1	Omaha, Nebraska, Chris Olsen	3	17	Chicago, Ill.	3,550,404	182	9	4.94%	
1	Omaha, Nebraska, Alfred Pedersen	3	71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	5,770	91	9	9.89%	
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa, Norman Thomas	3	299	Solvang, Calif.	1,325	63	9	14.28%	
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa, Gustav Axelsen	3	116	Newark, N. J.	405,220	162	8	4.93%	
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin, Jens Hugaard	3	263	Askov, Minn.	331	116	8	6.89%	
43	Denver, Colorado, Svend Sonderup	3	110	Winside, Nebr.	416	26	7	26.92%	
67	Fresno, California, Julius Hansen	3	155	Bellingham, Wash.	34,688	18	7	38.88%	
70	Greenville, Michigan, Wesley Kraft	3	255	Selma, Calif.	6,934	58	7	12.07%	
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota, Charles Eastlund	3	283	Dagmar, Mont.	61	120	7	5.83%	
84	Lincoln, Nebraska, N. P. Hanson	3	84	Lincoln, Nebr.	128,521	42	6	14.28%	
110	Winside, Nebraska, Thorvald Jacobsen	3	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	2,002,512	82	6	7.32%	
126	Los Angeles, California, Fred Holm	3	183	Troy, N. Y.	67,492	66	6	9.09%	
144	Dike, Iowa, Erhart Andersen	3	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	741,324	79	5	6.33%	
167	Portland, Oregon, Hans P. Jensen	3	39	Oakland, Calif.	367,548	155	5	3.23%	
170	Rocky River, Ohio, E. W. Nitschke	3	70	Greenville, Mich.	7,440	85	5	5.88%	
195	Omaha, Nebraska, Chris Jensen	3	92	St. Charles, Ill.	9,269	78	5	6.41%	
227	Detroit, Michigan, John Ermanuelsen	3	167	Portland, Ore.	372,676	137	5	3.65%	
227	Detroit, Michigan, Christian Larsen	3	184	Hayward, Calif.	72,700	51	5	9.80%	
245	South Bend, Indiana, Louis A. Kasa	3	323	Alhambra, Calif.	54,807	22	5	22.72%	
245	South Bend, Indiana, August Bauer	3	Total Honor Roll Lodges previously reported						34
263	Askov, Minnesota, Svend Petersen	3	Total new Honor Roll Lodges this month						2
183	Dagmar, Montana, Alvin K. Petersen	3	Total Honor Roll Lodges this year to date						36
328	Vancouver, British Columbia, Jens Sondergaard	3	Two more Lodges join our select HONOR ROLL this month, bringing the total to 36. Just one short year ago, in our October 1960 issue, we were able to list only 12 Lodges on our HONOR ROLL, more than double that number have achieved that distinction thus far this year. Our 12 HONOR ROLL Lodges listed in our October 1960 issue were credited with a total of 142 new members through September 20, 1960. Our 36 HONOR ROLL Lodges herein listed are credited with 427 new members! Minden No. 16 and Omaha No. 1 are hanging tenaciously on to their first and second place but No. 126 edged No. 4 out of third place. No. 111 jumped from eleventh to sixth place; No. 10 moved up from fifteenth to thirteenth; No. 299 went to twentieth from thirty-fourth place; No. 110 from thirtieth to twenty-third. The standing of YOUR Lodge from here on to the end of the year is going to depend on YOU! If your Lodge has not yet earned HONOR ROLL listing, YOU can help achieve that distinction by sponsoring a new member now — INSURED MALE — INSURED FEMALE — SOCIAL MALE — SOCIAL FEMALE — JUVENILE MALE — JUVENILE FEMALE.						

Total BOOSTERS previously reported 45
 Total new BOOSTERS reported this month 5

Total BOOSTERS reported this year to date 50
 Total new members sponsored by BOOSTERS previously reported 230
 Total new members sponsored by BOOSTERS this month 17

Total new members sponsored by BOOSTERS this year to date 247

This month we add the names of Gustav Axelsen (No. 10), Wesley Kraft (No. 70), Thorvald Jacobsen (No. 110), Art Thode (No. 144) and Andrew Nielsen (No. 126) to our BOOSTER list. Welcome to the Elite Corps of our membership salesmen! You fifty BOOSTERS now account for 247 of our new members or 61.29% of all the new members initiated this year.

Keep up the good work, BOOSTERS. We are all proud of you!

Honor Roll for 1961

Lodges who have admitted five or more new members since January 1, 1961:

Lodge No	Location	Population	Membership 1-1-61	New Members	Increase
16	Minden, Nebr.	2,383	38	52	136.84%
1	Omaha, Nebr.	301,598	196	25	12.75%
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,479,015	283	24	8.48%
4	Racine, Wis.	89,144	575	21	3.65%
144	Dike, Iowa	630	25	21	84.00%
111	Austin, Minn.	27,908	50	18	36.00%
227	Detroit, Mich.	1,670,144	303	17	5.61%
67	Fresno, Calif.	133,929	72	16	22.22%
15	Des Moines, Iowa	208,982	44	14	31.81%

Inter-Lodge Contest

Standings as of June 30, 1961

GROUP I: 1. Racine, Wisconsin, Lodge No. 4; 2. Omaha, Nebraska, Lodge No. 1; 3. Los Angeles, California, Lodge No. 126.

GROUP II: 1. Albert Lea, Minnesota, Lodge No. 75; 2. Hayward, California, Lodge No. 184; 3. Ludington, Michigan Lodge No. 51; 4. Fresno, California, Lodge No. 67; 5. Rocky River, Ohio, Lodge No. 170.

Group III: 1. Minden, Nebraska, Lodge No. 16; 2. Dike, Iowa, Lodge No. 144; 3. South Bend, Indiana, Lodge No. 245; 4. Omaha, Nebraska, Lodge No. 195; 5. Fremont, Nebraska, Lodge No. 26; 6. Geneva, New York, Lodge No. 334; 7. Cordova, Nebraska, Lodge No. 177; 8. Akron, Ohio, Lodge No. 301; 9. West Palm Beach, Florida, Lodge

No. 321. (Points awarded for new members only if they have paid six months' assessments.)

Note that in the above listing, we show the three Lodges who have scored and reported the highest number of points in GROUP I to date. As of September 20, 1961, Lodge No. 4 leads in their GROUP for first prize of \$200; Lodge No. 1 leads for second prize of \$125; and Lodge No. 126 leads for third prize of \$75.

In GROUP II, Lodge No. 75 leads for first prize of \$200; Lodge No. 184 is in the lead for second prize of \$150; Lodge No. 51 has third prize secured of \$100; Lodge No. 67 leads for fourth prize of \$75; and Lodge No. 170 is sitting on fifth prize of \$50.

In GROUP III, Lodge No. 16 lays claim to the \$125 first prize; Lodge No. 144 says the \$112.50 second prize is theirs; Lodge No. 245 has staked claim on third prize of \$100; Lodge No. 195 is getting ready to spend the \$87.50 fourth prize; Lodge No. 26 will fight any Lodge that tries to take fifth prize of \$75 from them; Lodge No. 334 says they need and intend to have the \$62.50 sixth prize; Lodge No. 177 dares any other Lodge to move in on the seventh prize of \$50; Lodge No. 103 has a bank deposit slip all made out for the \$37.50 eighth prize; and Lodge No. 321 says the ninth prize of \$25 is going South!

There are still four months to go before the winners in this INTER-LODGE CONTEST are finally decided and announced. The difference in points between the competing Lodges is so small that no Lodge can yet be sure they are a cinch for the prize they lay claim to at the moment—or any prize for that matter! There are a few "dark horses" that are determined to be "in the money" when the race is over!

The cash prizes offered in this INTER-LODGE CONTEST are substantial and well worth working for. However, the greatest good that you and your Brother members will gain from winning one of these prizes will be the increased activity and interest that active participation in this contest will create within your Lodge. New members are important to your Lodge. Your Lodge needs them to continue to exist. But activities are important, too. It is activities that will keep your members interested—and interested members just naturally sponsor new members.

Here's one example of how activities bring new members. One of our Lodges staged a highly successful BOOSTER RALLY a short time ago. We now learn that shortly after that BOOSTER RALLY, a prominent business man approached a member of the Lodge and asked why HE hadn't been invited to join their Lodge. No member had happened to think of asking him. He signed an application blank the same day and took with him applications for each of his three children! Bet he will sign up his wife, too!

Another Lodge staged a dance not long ago. As the direct result of that dance, they received and approved three new adult membership applications!

We suggest that each of you attend your next Lodge meeting. Discuss the standings in this contest. Find out how many points your Lodge has earned and claimed to date. Discuss how YOUR Lodge can most easily earn and claim the highest number of points between now and the end of the year. Then work out a plan for earning those points.

YOU will benefit because sponsoring new members earns points for YOU in the BOOSTER CONTEST; your Lodge will benefit; your General Committee or District will benefit. We will all benefit!

Let's see those Point Claim Blanks come rolling in for plenty of points!

District Contest

District	Total New Members	Paid New Members	Insurance
1. Nebraska	117	75½	\$86,750 Add. Ins. 4,000
2. California	82	36½	21,125 Add. Ins. 5,000
3. Mid-West	68	44	40,500
4. Michigan-Ohio	57	37	25,750
5. Iowa	52	32	45,625
6. Eastern	50	22	25,250 Add. Ins. 3,750
7. Minnesota	41	22	19,875 Add. Ins. 500
8. Pacific-Northwest	31	11½	19,500 Add. Ins. 3,000
9. Utah-Idaho	5	4	2,750
10. Colorado-Wyoming	3	2	1,000
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For the first time this year, we are publishing above the standings in our DB 1961 DISTRICT CONTEST through September 20, 1961. This report is published so that each of you can see exactly how many new members have been admitted into Lodges belonging to your General Committee, District or State organization to date this year.

Keep in mind that under the terms of this contest, the Supreme Lodge will pay to your General Committee, District or State Organization, \$125.00 for each 25 new members admitted during 1961, PROVIDED those new members have paid at least six months of their obligations (dues, assessments, taxes) by the end of 1961. Remember also that in this contest, Social members are counted as one-half new member; all others as one new member.

Thus, as of September 20, 1961, the Nebraska General Committee has earned \$375.00 for the 75½ new members admitted who have paid six months or more of their obligations. IF the remaining 41½ new members already admitted pay six months or more of their obligations by the end of the year, another \$125.00 will be paid the Nebraska General Committee.

IF the remaining 33 candidates who have been approved for membership are initiated and pay six months or more of their obligations by the end of the year, and the remaining 16½ admitted members pay six months or more of their obligations by the end of the year, Nebraska will be paid an additional \$250.00.

THUS, as a reward for the new members admitted and approved through September 20 of this year, the Nebraska General Committee stands to earn a total of \$750.00 in prize money in our DISTRICT CONTEST.

DON'T think for one minute that our Nebraska Brothers are going to settle for that! Those Nebraska Lodges who now know that our program does produce new members (No. 1 Omaha, No. 16 Minden, No. 26 Fremont, No. 84 Lincoln, No. 110 Winside, No. 117 Plainview, No. 177 Cordova and No. 195 Omaha) are enjoying their Lodges more because of their new members and re-awakened interest and are going to continue and increase their drive for more new members, and other Nebraska Lodges, now that they KNOW our program works, are planning BOOSTER RALLIES of their own. They KNOW they can increase their membership. They KNOW increased membership means increased activity and interest. They want "in" on the fun, too!

We have cited our Nebraska Lodges as an example merely because they have admitted MORE new members

to date this year than any other General Committee or District. Our Mid-West District isn't doing badly either, thank you. By the time all the 68 new members they have admitted to date are paid up, they will have earned themselves \$250.00 — just seven more and they will earn another \$125.00! Be careful though! They have big plans in the Mid-West — they want to be the leaders in 1961 and they are out to be just that.

Michigan-Ohio District has \$250.00 in the bag by the time their 59 new members are initiated and paid up.

And second place runner-up to date is California with 102 new members approved for membership! A nice fresh \$500.00 as soon as they are admitted and paid up!

Iowa is quite happy about the whole thing — their 64 new members approved to date plus another 11 will earn them a big, fat \$375.00 and that's money — not hay or even corn.

Wanna bet that Minnesota comes up with one more application to make their total approved 50 for \$250.00 and then a flock more? (We know of one adult female application in process right now!) Twenty-five more will get you another \$125.00, Minnesota!

And just six more will bring \$250.00 into the GCEL treasury — you have 44 approved right now. We'll be glad to send you more than that — if you'll send us more applications.

Pacific-Northwest has 31 approved to date for \$125.00! Supreme Trustee Kris says not to worry — Pacific-Northwest will earn at least \$250.00.

Colorado-Wyoming and Utah-Idaho are out of the money at this moment, but Hilmar, Borge, Svend, Orla and Miller want "IN" and claim they will be there when the checks are made out.

PAY DAY will be here before you know it. You can earn valuable prizes for your family and yourself; you can help your Lodge win a substantial cash prize; you can help your General Committee or District earn cash for promotional work; all by sponsoring at least one new member this year!

Make **PAY DAY** bigger and better all the way around. Sponsor a new member **NOW!**

Why Insure Our Ladies

On the front page of our September issue, we proudly announced that we are now able to admit ladies to membership in our organization. We are now prepared to write life insurance on our ladies from birth to age 16 as juvenile members, from age 16 to 60 as adult members.

Many of our members are now asking, "Should I insure my wife (or sister, or sister-in-law, or daughter, or daughter-in-law)? If so, why? And for how much?"

The basic answers are easy. We should all insure our wives. We should insure them because just as cash is needed upon our own death, so will cash be needed upon their death. Life insurance is the only means available to us whereby, upon depositing the first monthly assessment, we can create an immediate cash fund, payable immediately upon the death of the insured. We know that death, in addition to loneliness and sorrow, brings expenses that **must** be paid. Doctor bills, hospital bills, funeral costs and so on. If these costs are to be paid out of savings and daily income, they are a vexing and serious problem. Life insurance eliminates that problem, the cash is there when it is needed the most.

How much should you insure your wife for? Very rarely for as much as your life is insured. In most cases, you bring home the pay check and should be insured for enough to offset the loss of the income you provide. Generally speaking, your wife does not bring home the pay

check so no insurance is needed to offset that loss of income. Again, generally speaking, you should have enough insurance on your wife to guarantee that you (or your children, if you pre-decease) will have the cash to pay the expenses involved.

Each of us must decide for ourselves the proper amount.

Is insurance on our wives costly? Decidedly not. Here are a few comparative figures—the rates quoted are those of a top ranking commercial company and the Danish Brotherhood. The rates quoted are for \$2,000 only because almost all good commercial companies write a minimum policy of \$2,000 and base their rates accordingly. For age 35, our monthly rate will be \$3.46 as compared to \$5.04. For age 40, our monthly rate will be \$4.16 as compared to \$5.56. For age 45, our monthly rate will be \$5.04 as compared to \$6.38.

Rates for other ages—all female—all for \$2,000 are comparable.

If you need insurance on your wife, you **CANNOT** buy better than ours!

Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge No. 36

On Tuesday, September 5, 1961, Lodge No. 36 had a Booster Committee meeting with 11 committee members attending. It was held in Secretary Carval Westerlund's home, as we only have the meeting hall twice a month. Promotional Director Paul E. Strand being in this area attended the meeting and gave the committee many good tips and instructions as to how to go about getting a prospect to come to our Booster Rally September 26. We have a good speaker in our Booster committee, our toastmaster, Brother John Jacobsen, to explain to the non-members the advantage of being insured in the Danish Brotherhood.

All members have received a letter and Booster list urging them to get prospects for September 26 and we hope we will come up with a good result.

CARVAL WESTERLUND, Sec.

Two Are Knighted

The 23rd of July, 1961, His Majesty the King of Denmark has graciously appointed Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, President of Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, and Dr. Charles Clifford Madsen, president of Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, Knights of the Order of Dannebrog in recognition of their valuable contribution to the strengthening of Danish-American cultural relations.

Really, there's very little difference between keeping your chin up and sticking your neck out, but that little difference means a lot sometimes.

Get That
New Member
Now!

Intermountain Tid-Bits

The Labor day weekend when most people go fishing, camping or indulge in some other form of recreation, is a time for hard work for the Brothers in this area in that this is the time for their annual convention, which this year was held in Pocatello, Idaho, with Lodge No. 264 as host. Delegates from Utah and Idaho met at the Labor Temple at 1 o'clock for a sustaining lunch before the deliberations while their ladies and guests were taken to an elaborate smorgaasbord given and served by Mrs. Martha Thomas.

President Edgar W. Hansen opened the meeting with a roll call of officers and delegates after which the president of the host lodge, Brother Max Call, bid everyone welcome and outlined the day's program. The business showed no earthshaking developments or problems although plenty of business was taken care of.

During a short recess Brother Carl Nielsen was busy with his movie camera to somebodies joy and others embarrassment. Election of officers was probably the most emotional on the agenda with the compromising result that the present officers agreed to remain at the helm for one more year. The only change in the directors staff was Brother Hjalmar Nielsen who became director for Lodge No. 278 in Salt Lake City, and the installation was performed by Brother Carl Nielsen with Brother Andersen as conductor, in strict and reverent business manner.

After a chance to change shoes and remove the 5 o'clock shadow everybody gathered at "The Green Triangle" for a banquet. Quality and quantity were triple A and the price two bits cheaper than usual, so everybody was happy with the exception of the treasurer, we presume.

The toastmaster was Brother Ejner K. Jensen, who is an old hand at this. He called upon Brothers and Sisters at random to say the well known "few words." Among the many "few-words-entertainers" were Mrs. Call, president of the Pocatello Sisterhood and Martha (this must be a trademark, for that is all she was known as) the hostess for the ladies, and a score of Brothers too numerous to mention separately, but the one we have to remember was 90-year old Brother Hans Sorensen, the only re-

maining charter member of Lodge No. 264. Although he did not want to speak, his presence alone is an incentive for all in our lodge-life, a stout and devoted Brother.

While most of us speak "with our brains" the first principal speaker speaks "with his heart." Soren Jespersen, one of the instigators of this the first General Committee in the nation, talked about Denmark in such a loving and poetic manner that even the Brothers born in this country felt the beauty of this little spot far away and a storming applause thanked Soren for one of his oratorical masterpieces.

The other mainspeaker was the former Supreme Vice President Hilmar W. Hansen who spoke about the Brotherhood and our responsibilities to our small "grand Lodges." His words carried deep devotion and fervent love for our fraternity, and were delivered with the usual flair of an old pro, and he too, received a thunderous ovation.

With the singing of "God Bless America," the official part of the convention was over, but long afterwards there was visiting old friends and reminiscing other conventions, a fine finish of a fine convention.

BORGE KRAGH.

A modern wife informed her husband when he returned home that she couldn't fix dinner because the electricity was off.

"But we have a gas range," answered the husband.

"Yes, I know," answered the wife, "but ours is an electric can opener."

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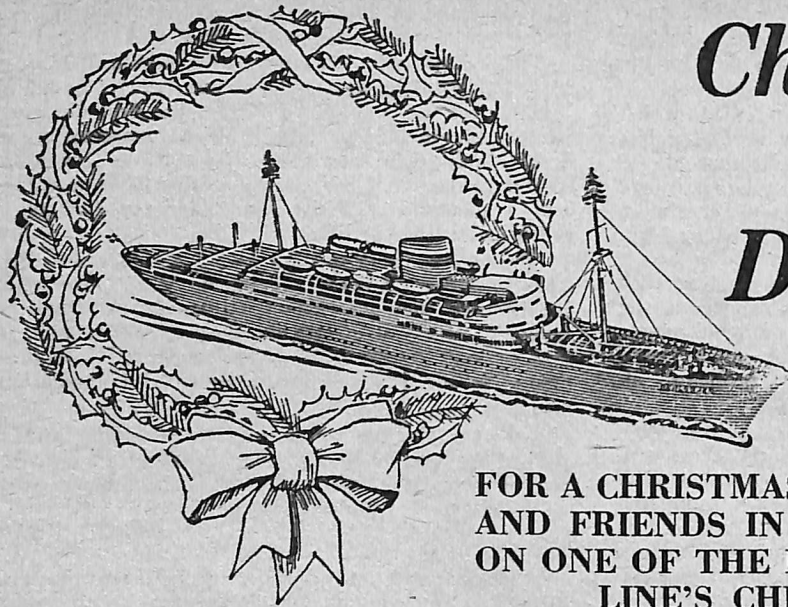


In Loving Memory



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
May 21	Carl W. Hansen	60	Russell, Minn.	281	Cincinnati, Ohio	1952	Carcinomatosis	\$ 500.00
Aug. 4	Svend Aage Larsen	59	Odense, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1924	Uremia	250.00
Aug. 15	Henning Nielsen	58	Varde	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1923	Infarction myocardium	1,000.00
Aug. 5	Jens L. Jensen	68	Fredericia, Den.	116	Newark, N. J.	1912	Heart failure	250.00
Aug. 18	Chris Pallesen	74	Logster, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1924	Hepatic failure	500.00
Aug. 7	Jorgen M. Madsen	73	Vrensted, Den.	109	White, S. D.	1916	Myocardial infarction	1,000.00
Aug. 5	Andreas J. Frandsen	69	Dannevirke, Nebr.	288	Cotesfield, Nebr.	1911	Cerebral thrombosis	500.00
July 23	John J. Eibye	83	Lundeborg, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1911	Uremia	477.92
May 22	Axel Nissen	72	Vejle, Den.	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1936	Not given	125.00
Apr. 10	Samuel Rohe	75	Fredericksborg, Den.	198	Kenmare, N. D.	1912	Pulmonary edema	1,000.00
Aug. 20	Gilbert Ringheim	79	Chicago, Ill.	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1906	Heart disease	1,000.00
Aug. 21	Alfred Andersen	61	Odense, Den.	35	Chicago, Ill.	1923	Broncho pneumonia	500.00
July 14	Hans M. Petersen	75	Roerslev, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1922	Thrombosis	1,000.00
Aug. 14	Henry Engen	80	Albert Lea, Minn.	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1900	Uremia	926.43
July 12	Hans Peter Petersen	83	Slagelse, Den.	43	Denver, Colo.	1922	Heart failure	250.00
Aug. 24	Jens M. Hansen	81	Skive Holme, Den.	88	Elba, Nebr.	1908	Pulmonary insufficiency	944.24
Aug. 14	Aage Wadd	71	Galstrup, Mors, Den.	107	Chicago, Ill.	1940	Heart disease	500.00
Aug. 14	Thomas N. Thomsen	92	Kvie By, Andsager	263	Askov, Minn.	1914	Not given	487.89
May 14	Niels M. Nielsen	76	Drammelstrup, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1912	Cerebral hemorrhage	999.48
Aug. 19	J. Holger Jensen	60	Grundy County, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1951	Rupt. aortic aneurism	500.00
Aug. 30	Walter C. Rehder	90	Haurup Sjælland, Den.	12	Green Bay, Wis.	1908	Senility	224.40
Aug. 28	Marius Clausen	91	Manistee, Mich.	20	Manistee, Mich.	1903	Heart disease	412.79
Aug. 24	Lauge J. Laugesen	87	Gramby, Den.	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1904	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
Aug. 30	Svend Eigel Brinkmann	62	Copenhagen, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1955	Subarachnoid hemorrhage	1,000.00
Sept. 5	Axel Meier	80	Copenhagen, Den.	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1922	Pulmonary embolus	1,000.00
Apr. 12	L. Mathiesen	86	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B. C.	1950	Not given	Social
Aug. 4	Viggo Chr. Dahl	86	St. Croix	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1921	Not given	Social
Aug. 18	Lars Sorensen	85	Vanthore, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1936	Not given	Social
May 5	Carl Wald-Rotzow	59	Copenhagen, Den.	318	Copenhagen, Den.	1958	Not given	Social



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DECEMBER 8

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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General Committee Eastern Lodges. The 37th annual convention of the GCEL was held over Labor day weekend, with Dannevirke Lodge No. 50, Byram, Conn., as host. All meetings and social activities were held in "Playland Casino," Rye, N. Y. The president of No. 50, Brother Jack Iversen opened the convention at 3:15 p. m., Saturday, September 2. After welcoming all present and with wishes for a successful convention, he introduced Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen, Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen and Promotional Director Paul E. Strand; also introduced were the officers of the GCEL. After hearing a few words from our Supreme Officers, our Promotional Director and the president of GCEL, Brother Arthur Christensen, the convention was turned over to the GCEL president.

After the opening ceremony the officers of the GCEL and the delegates retired to a meeting room set aside for this purpose. Roll call was taken, all officers were present and 19 delegates. The afternoon was mostly taken up with routine matters. The treasurer's report, which usually is in printed form, was, due to a misunderstanding with the printer, not on hand, but motion was made, seconded and passed that a copy of the report be mailed to all lodges and delegates together with the minutes from our convention. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

Sunday, September 3—Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a. m. All officers and 20 delegates answered the roll call. The different committees reported. Two new proposals were recommended by the new motion committee and brought on the floor, both proposals were passed. One referred to our convention prior to a National Convention at which time as much time as possible must be applied to National Convention matters. The second proposal referred to traveling expenses for officers of the GCEL, preventing them from collecting for traveling both as officers and delegate, if representing their lodge. This proposal was however deleted next day by a proposal duly presented to the convention and passed by which, no member serving as officer on the GCEL can represent his lodge as delegate. An invitation from Philadelphia Lodge No. 172 for our 1962 convention had been read the previous day, it was presented to the delegates, acted upon and was unanimously voted to have our 1962 convention with No. 172 being host lodge. Election of officers for the coming year then took place with the following result:

Ex-President Arthur Christensen; President Lawrence Knudsen, No. 172; Vice President Edward Jonasen, No. 242; Secretary Ronald Ptasienski, No. 50; Treasurer Andrew Christensen, No. 314; Trustee Kristian Larsen, Jr., No. 32; Alternate Secretary Neils Neilsen, No. 37; Alternate Treasurer George Godthaab, No. 116; and Alternate Trustee John K. Lysen, No. 164. Correspondent Viggo Nielsen, No. 116. A recess was called and it was decided that we hold an afternoon session giving our Promotional Director Paul E. Strand the entire afternoon to present his promotional program and viewpoints, a question and answer period followed.

Monday, September 4—Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a. m. The committee on resolutions reported and their report was accepted by the delegates. Under good and welfare it was decided to print the yearbook as the year before, including our GCEL by-laws. Many a good word was spoken, praising our Brotherhood and it was

stressed that we never should allow ourselves to lose our dignity or respect. The committees discharged and the meeting declared closed, public installation of officers took place. Installing officer was Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen, assisted by Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen.

The attendance cup was won by Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn., and as an added attraction this year our host lodge presented No. 32 with a beautiful inlaid Danish platter, also as an attendance prize, this platter will be raffled off at their Fall dance November 4. The social events of the convention were superb, only someone had turned on the heat that Labor day weekend and being comfortable was just not possible, but that didn't stop too many from attending the dinner and dance Saturday evening and the banquet Sunday.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. The lodge is mighty proud of their delegate, Brother Kristian B. Larsen, Jr., who was elected trustee of the GCEL. Brother Larsen's mother served as president for the Sisterhood GCEL in 1959-60. Have you got your ticket yet, or set aside Saturday, November 4? The Fall dance sponsored by the Lodge will be held in the Apollo hall, 717 Sherman Parkway, November 4, donation is \$1.25 per person, coffee, cake and refreshments will be served. Samuelsen's Orchestra will play.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N. J. Several 50-year pins will be presented to Brothers at an anniversary dinner to be held by Lodge No. 241, November 4, at 7:30 p. m., in Dana hall, Perth Amboy, it is hoped that a number of Brothers and their families from Lodge 46 will attend this dinner and dance. Help Lodge 241 celebrate its 55th anniversary and pay tribute to the 50-year members.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. Seven members were present at the September meeting, a fair average when only 13 members live within a 25-mile radius of Providence. Brother Henry Nelson, treasurer, who has just returned from a trip to Denmark, was welcomed back. Brother Fred Mortensen is on the recovery list. An invitation has been extended to us to attend the Sisterhood Lodge 40th anniversary dinner, to be held at the Colony Motor hotel in Cranston, R. I., October 1. Special birthday greetings on October 31 to Brother Fred Frederiksen of Chicago, Ill., the oldest member of Lodge 102.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. We welcome Brother Preben Johansen, who was initiated at our September meeting; our October meeting will see our President Willy Hansen's son, John, joining our lodge, we hope both you new Brothers will enjoy your membership.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. Our 1962 GCEL convention place. "Lurbladet" the lodge publication, is again on my desk after a couple of month's vacation, it is being published for the 10th year and is a great link among the Brothers in No. 172. Being a very aggressive lodge who number a lot of fine members, hopes are high for the coming season.

Lodge No. 241, South River, N. J. This lodge will celebrate its 55th anniversary with a dinner and dance in Dana hall, 288 Market St., Perth Amboy, Saturday, November 4, at 7:30 p. m. A roast beef dinner will be served family style, Ferdock's Orchestra will play for your dancing pleasure and the affair promises to be a sellout, so reserve your tickets early, only \$5 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting the committee chairman, Brother Andrew Nielsen, 61 Devoe St., South River; the president, Charles Andreasen, RFD 1, Lee St., South

Minnesota Lodges Meet

The United Brotherhood Lodges of Minnesota met in convention September 16 in Albert Lea with 43 members and representatives of five lodges present. The meeting was called to order by the state president, Charles Eastlund, at the VFW hall. After the roll call of officers and delegates reports, the business session authorized the executive board to spend up to \$100 to promote an informal meeting with the lodges of the midwest to dis-

Amboy; or the secretary, Iver Oasen, 24 Colfax St., South River. Reservations must be made before October 28.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. With the warm weather and vacation behind, this lodge will once more be buzzing with activities, the bowling balls will be rolling and the different committees will be busy planning, not alone for this season but with the thought in mind that 1963 and our National Convention soon will be at their doorstep. October 7 at 6:30 p. m., a full course chicken dinner will be served. Brother and Mrs. John Freeburgs will be honored that evening in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, tickets are \$1.75 per person. A Booster Rally has been planned for Sunday, October 22, at 5 p. m., all prospective members and their sponsors will be treated to a halibut steak dinner.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. A very fine report from the GCEL convention was given by the delegate, Brother John Sivertsen at the September 6 meeting. Brother George Keller gave a very interesting talk about his recent trip to Denmark, he had also visited England, France and Germany. Brother Anton Mose told us about his trip to Omaha and the wild West. After the pep talk given in Byram by Promotional Director Paul Strand, Hartford Lodge hopes to have a few new candidates soon.

cuss our problems and ideas with them before the national convention in Erie, Pa. We were honored to have our Supreme President Hans Andersen and Promotional Director Paul Strand with us at the meeting and they were given an opportunity to speak. Mr. Strand stressed the great success of the various Booster Rallies he has helped get under way and told of the determination of the lodges, both Supreme and local, to get more new members.

Officers elected at the meeting were Byron W. Petersen, Askov, president; Pete Godfredsen, Austin, vice president; Robert E. Thomsen, Askov, secretary; Charles Eastlund, Albert Lea, treasurer; S. Ove Hermansen, Askov, Chris Lund, Rochester, and Lauritz Jensen, Minneapolis as trustees.

An invitation from the Askov lodge to have the next annual convention in Askov was accepted.

About 100 guests gathered at the Moose hall Saturday evening to attend the banquet with Brother Richard Sorensen as toastmaster. The theme of the banquet was "An Evening in Tivoli" and the food and talks were enjoyed by all. Following the banquet Supreme President Hans Andersen presided at the initiation of two new members into the Albert Lea lodge and at the close of the initiation ceremony there was dancing until a late hour.

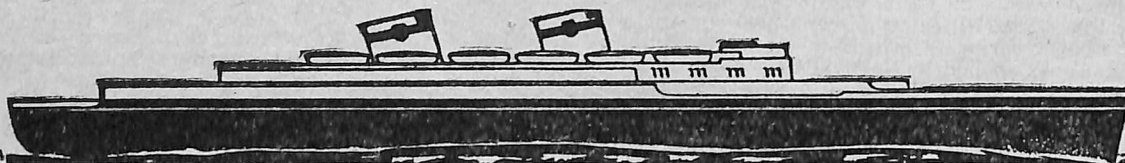
A picnic at the Chris Hvolbol home on Sunday concluded the convention. A good and profitable meeting resulted and old and new friendships were made and renewed.

ROBERT THOMSEN, State Sec.

Change of Officers

New Secretary: Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa. Ralf Højfeldt, 6015 Meredith Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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Let me start out by saying that our 40th convention in Hayward was a great success both as far as the business meetings and the social side were concerned. We owe a lot of thanks to the wonderful convention committee for the fine work it did for us. And please do not wait another 40 years before you invite us again, to the birthplace of our General Committee.

As far as the business meetings were concerned they were well attended, 40 delegates besides the officers were present, and many visitors.

We had the honor of having with us our Supreme President Hans M. Andersen and our First Supreme Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen of Detroit, as well as our Promotional Director Paul E. Strand from the Home Office in Omaha. It was a delight to have these brethren with us and we listened with attention to the words of wisdom they imparted to us.

The one thing that caused some discussion was a proposal brought to the convention by the committee appointed at our convention in San Francisco, relative to the duties of the Supreme President and perhaps it would not be amiss if I give this to you here. Not only for the benefit of the membership in California but elsewhere, who by chance may read these musings of mine. Here it is:

"It shall be the duty of the Supreme President to devote his whole time to the interest of the Danish Brotherhood in America. He shall preside at all sessions of the Supreme Lodge and shall perform its executive duties when the same is not in session and shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Brotherhood.

"He shall have authority to call a special session of the Supreme Lodge at any time or upon request of a majority of all lodges as provided under the By-Laws.

"He shall interpret all laws pertaining to the Brotherhood and shall decide all controversies and appeals referred to him by subordinate lodges or members thereof. Such decision shall be final unless reversed by the Board of Officers at their first meeting after such decisions have been rendered, it shall be the duty of the president to use all the authority and power vested in him to have the decision placed in effect.

"He shall grant and sign all charters and dispensations emanating from the Brotherhood and shall be jointly responsible with the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer for the disbursements of all funds from the treasury of the Brotherhood.

"He shall be bonded in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), subject to the approval of the Supreme Board of Officers and insurance, payable to the Danish Brotherhood in America and/or the Danish Brotherhood in America insurance department.

"He shall supervise the official publication; he shall establish all pass words and communicate the same to the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer; he shall organize or cause to be organized all subordinate lodges, and shall have power to call meetings and convene subordinate lodges of the Brotherhood and may preside at any regular or special meeting of a subordinate lodge.

"He may issue dispensations not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws to facilitate business of the Brotherhood involving a subordinate lodge or its members; he may appoint other officers or members to act in his behalf on matters important to the Danish Brotherhood or its members."

The above proposal was adopted in toto but with the

proviso that, the committee (which was reappointed) work out the matter of salary for the Supreme President, as well as other proposals for the benefit of the Brotherhood to be submitted to the next convention in Santa Barbara, and prepare same for submittal to our next National Convention.

I am sure the Supreme Officers present felt there was a lively interest in the Home Office and the question of why an assistant to the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer has not been appointed as yet, in spite of the fact that two years have passed since our last National Convention, was under discussion. It was pointed out by many of those present that, it sometimes took months before an answer to a letter to Omaha was forthcoming. If sufficient office help was at the Home Office this would not occur.

As was expected, Brother Fred K. Holm of Lodge No. 126 in Los Angeles was elected president. Brother Holm immediately gave us his proposed itinerary for visiting the lodges and installing officers for 1962, and here it is:

January 11, Los Angeles, No. 126; January 12, Santa Barbara, No. 322; January 13; San Diego, No. 306; January 19, Hayward, No. 184; January 20, Petaluma, No. 143; January 23, Ferndale, No. 95, and it is hoped this will be a joint installation with No. 230 in Arcata; January 24, San Francisco, No. 49; January 25, Fresno, No. 67; January 26, Selma, No. 255, and it is hoped it can be joint with No. 188 in Del Rey; January 27, Ripon, No. 332; January 5, Oakland, No. 39, or if this date is not acceptable then February 2; February 10, Bakersfield, No. 319; January 12 or February 14, whichever date most suitable for No. 299 in Solvang. The dates for Lodges 323 in Alhambra and 329 in Long Beach to be decided upon later.

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Brother Fred Andersen of Lodge No. 67 in Fresno, presented a very beautiful trophy to the General Committee to be given to the lodge that takes in the most juvenile members each year. It was accepted with thanks by George Hansen the president, and the first lodge to receive the trophy was No. 67 in Fresno.

The two bowling trophies we have were given as follows: The Norman Dan Andker trophy was won by Hayward Lodge 184 and the George Hansen-Willie Christensen trophy was won by Brother Wayne Johnson a member of No. 184 in Hayward for individual high score.

Our Supreme President, Brother Hans M. Andersen, donated the sum of \$60 to the bowlers for 1962, a gesture much appreciated. This is the third year Brother Andersen has given money for the bowlers. Tak Hans.

We had a joint installation with the Sisters before a group of over 400 people. The installations were by Supreme President Margaret Sundby and First Supreme Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen. Brother George Hansen was presented with a beautiful ring from the General Committee for his fine work during the year.

There is of course much more that could be written about the convention but I fear the above will suffice, at least for now, perhaps I shall later come back to it in another article. I may say that two new officers were elected, Brother Ed Aasted of Santa Barbara was elected

trustee and Brother Melvin Oredsen was elected outer guard. I may say in passing that, I had the honor of being elected secretary of the General Committee for the 30th year, an honor I deeply appreciate.

For the people living in the San Francisco Bay area please note that Lodge No. 49 will celebrate its 70th anniversary with a banquet and dance at the Fairmont hotel Saturday evening, November 11. Contact Brother Fred Bakke or one of the committee members for tickets and reservations.

Perhaps the big surprise at the convention was the announcement at the banquet of the engagement of Supreme President Margaret Sundby to Brother Chris Larsen of Omaha. Brother Larsen was attending the convention and we all liked him. By the time this is read, it will be Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larsen. The wedding will take place in Omaha September 25. We wish these fine people all the happiness in the world.

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