

# Danish Brotherhood



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### *Danish Brotherhood 80th Jubilee Tour Sails*



Members of the 80th Jubilee Tour are pictured on board Kungsholm before sailing. Included in the photo are Viggo Mikkelsen, Chris Madsen, Fred Jensen, Palle Juul Larsen and Kristion Heisterberg. Also John Hansen, Axel Skelbeck, Steen Boggild, Jr., and Earnest Bearnarth, who were on hand to give the Group a fine sendoff.

ON ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DAYS OF THE SEASON IN NEW YORK THE EIGHTIETH JUBILEE TOUR SAILED ON SWEDISH AMERICAN LINES MOTORLINER KUNGS HOLM MAY 23RD, WITH MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED PARTICIPANTS FROM OVER 102 CITIES AND TOWNS IN 26 STATES.

ON BEHALF OF THE SUPREME LODGE AND THE MEMBERSHIP I HAD THE PLEASURE OF TURNING OVER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE TOUR TO VIGGO

MIKKELSEN AND TO CONDUCTORS CHRIS MADSEN AND FRED JENSEN.

OFFICIALS OF THE SWEDISH AMERICAN LINE INCLUDING G. HILMER LUNDBECK, RESIDENT DIRECTOR; EARNEST BEARNARTH, VICE PRESIDENT; STEEN BOGGILD, JR., HEAD OF THE LINES DANISH DEPARTMENT AND KRISTIAN HEISTERBERG OF SAL'S COPENHAGEN OFFICE PARTICIPATED IN THE FAREWELL CEREMONIES.

AXEL SKELBECK.

### Minnesota State DB Convention

**VELKOMMEN — Velkommen til Askov!** Big things are in store for the Brothers of the United Lodges of Minnesota when they gather at Askov July 21 and 22 for the state convention. The Sisterhood members will also have a meeting the same time. Bring your wife and friends. There will be something for everyone.

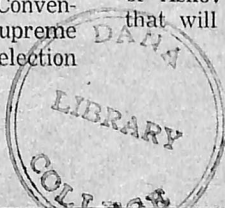
The convention will convene at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. A pep talk by Promotional Director Paul Strand, resolutions to be brought before the National Convention in Erie, Pa., in 1963 will be discussed, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck will be here, election

and installation of officers, and other pertinent business is on the agenda.

A cocktail hour will precede the banquet Saturday evening and Sunday has been set aside for a picnic at Sturgeon lake. The grounds have been reserved, there will be boating and fishing, two kegs of beer, lots of good food — be sure to bring your bathing suit and fishing gear and plan to enjoy yourselves.

The Brothers of Lodge 263 and Sisters of Lodge 154 of Askov are going all out to make this weekend one that will not be forgotten for a long time.

BYRON W. PETERSEN, State Pres.



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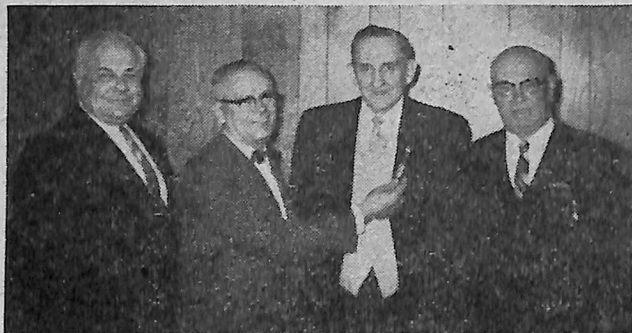
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## Fifty-Year Pin Presented



Pictured above from left to right: John H. Peterson, President No. 190; Chris Madsen, Chairman Supreme Trustees; Ole Hansen, 50-year member; Chris B. Christensen, Ex-Supreme President and Toastmaster.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, New York, had a gala night recently when a 50-year pin was presented to Brother Ole Hansen by Chris Madsen, Chairman of the Supreme Trustees, on the occasion of the Lodge's 58th anniversary. Ex-Supreme President C. B. Christensen was toastmaster of the affair.

Brother Ole Hansen has fulfilled two separate terms as president of this lodge, first in 1919 and again in 1941 and was presented an Ex-President's pin by Lodge President John H. Peterson.

## Change of Meeting

Lodge No. 14 Kenosha, Wis., has changed its meeting dates to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month.

CARL OLSEN, Secretary.

## Nebraska Lodges

By BOY JESSEN

Nebraska Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges will hold its picnic June 17 at Pawnee Park, southwest of the city of Columbus. The west end of the park has been reserved for the Danish Brotherhood Lodges and their families for this date.

The Nebraska General Committee will furnish free coffee for all present. We hope to arrange for a soft drink stand on the grounds too. We will have a speaker and later maybe some games can be arranged. Brothers and Sisters and their families are urged to attend, so we may have a fine and joyful social meeting — one that we will remember.

The Nebraska Lodges will hold its annual convention October 6. Lodge No. 16 in Minden will be host at this year's convention and they are preparing a nice welcome for us the evening before, October 5. All who have visited Minden know that here is a place where we all feel at home. Let this spirit also influence our convention.

To the many Nebraskan Brothers and Sisters who joined the Danish Brotherhood 80th Jubilee Tour on the "Kungsholm" to Denmark we say: Have a good, safe and joyful trip. Hils fra us der hjemme!

## Official Notice

### REDEMPTION OF PRIZE POINT CERTIFICATES

Members holding prize point certificates, earned by acquiring new members during the 1961 contest year, may redeem them in a manner similar to points acquired in the 1962 contest year. They may have the option of redeeming for merchandise or for cash. If their choice is for cash, the points earned for obtaining new members in 1961 must be redeemed not later than July 31, 1962.

The above notice is based on a recent decision by the Supreme Board and is hereby published by order of the Board.

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.-Treas.

Your lodge is like your bank account—it will never be any larger unless you make it so.

## DIARIES FOR DANA

Dana College of Blair, Nebraska, has just established its Danish-American Studies Center. The Center's aim is to collect and preserve documents bearing on the Danish pioneers in the New World. If you have old dairies, letters, business records, photographs or other materials which deserve a place in this collection for America's Danish heritage, won't you donate them to the Center where they can be preserved for posterity? If you have any materials of this sort, please write to:

### Danish-American Studies Center

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## Ninety-six Years of Age



The above picture was received on the occasion of Brother Peter Rasmussen's 96th birthday. Shown in the picture with Mr. Rasmussen is Peter A. Hansen, Treasurer of Lodge No. 12, Green Bay, Wisconsin, of which Brother Rasmussen is a member, and Mr. Alfred Damgaard, at whose home the party was held.

Brother Rasmussen elected to receive payment of the proceeds of his benefit certificate on his birthday which was March 3, 1962. A nice party was held for Brother Rasmussen Sunday, March 4, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Damgaard of Denmark, Wisconsin, attended by more than 25 friends. An enjoyable time was had visiting with old friends and singing favorite songs. A delicious supper was served in the evening.

Brother Rasmussen was born March 3, 1866, and became a member of our Brotherhood on May 29, 1908, at Lodge No. 12, Green Bay, Wisconsin. A fifty-year pin was presented to him on May 23, 1958 upon the completion of fifty years of membership.

Brother Rasmussen is in good health and lives all alone in a small home in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

## The Danish Brotherhood Emblem

Is now available as a pin with a "clutch back" type of attachment. The men wear it in the coat lapel or as a tie tack, the women as a pin. Obtain it from your lodge secretary or from the home office: 908 W.O.W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska, at 50 cents each. When ordered by mail add 50 cents for postage and handling on orders of one to three pins.

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## JUNE ASSESSMENT

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AXEL SKELBECK,  
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

## 80th Anniversary Celebrated



On the April 11 meeting night Lodge 107 celebrated a memorable event, the eightieth birthyear of our Danish Brotherhood. A most tasty roast beef dinner was prepared by one of our newest members, Ray E. Miller. This was one of the most delicious meals ever served at our monthly gatherings. It so prompted the members to give Brother Miller a standing ovation, for it was a treat that any chef could be proud of.

To top the evening off, Holger Morch entertained with a beautiful song.

The picture shown of Brother Miller and President Walter Bollman was taken by Brother Wilbur Jensen of Jensen Movers. Wilbur recently was awarded first prize (\$100) in a photographic contest by the Pullman Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago.

A number of pictures were on exhibit at the bank which is located at South Park and 111th Street. It was a truly inspiring setting for an art gallery.

We thank our Brotherhood Magazine for accepting this picture so that it can be passed on to our members and friends far and near.

ROBERT BRINKMAN, Sec.

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

By NORBERT E. GROVE, 12424 Rebecca Drive Southwest, Tacoma 99, Washington

May is always a delightful time of the year for a convention and especially so when it's held at the foot of Mount Rainier as the Enumclaw conventionaires learned last month. It was again a pleasure to greet old friends from near and far. Just as the Statue of Liberty welcomes you into New York city, the Danish Mermaid in to Copenhagen, and "Skjoldmoen" to the fields of Denmark, a certain Danish atmosphere of "Southern Hospitality" bid one and all "Velkommen" as we drove into Enumclaw on May 11 for the opening session of the Pacific Northwest Thirteenth annual conclave. Famous for dairying, lumbering and recreation facilities, we found the thriving little metropolis ever anxious to provide more and more of the good things in life. Here the skills, the character and the culture of Denmark in a worthy mosaic pattern of America brought by our forefathers reminds us that they were a sturdy race with Viking blood flowing in their veins as it does today. The automobile, radio and television have radically changed our mode of living and the need of fraternal and social groups may not seem so apparent. Nevertheless, the inherited desire, of men and women alike, to rub elbows with their fellow men and to seek congenial companionship can not and will not be denied.

The fellowship of this gathering proved once again that yearly conferences are necessary to assimilate the overall program. It is the fond hope of every DB and DSS member that our organizations, founded by a handful of Danish pioneers, may be carried on by the present and coming generations of Danish extraction so that the Danes and their activities, truly a part and parcel of every community, may remain as a lasting monument and a living tribute to our ancestors—those splendid men and women of a day gone by.

District President Jens Nielsen, Seattle; Ex-President Norbert Grove, Tacoma; Vice President John Bech, Spokane; Secretary-Treasurer Martin Rasmussen, Seattle; Conductor Jack Jensen, Vancouver, B. C.; Inner Guard Henry Hergert, Enumclaw; Outer Guard Hans Jensen, Portland; and Trustees, Henry Barreth, Portland and Fred Hansen, McMinnville; were all on hand with a most hearty welcome. Even the police department in the heart of the Northwest's Evergreen Wonderland issued courtesy parking tabs as the Danes entered Enumclaw from all four directions.

Individual lodge reports this year were brief. Seattle's Emil Lindholt made the usual "glowing" resume from DB 29; Spokane's John Bech came forth with "outspoken" observations from DB 42; Wilbur's Hans Christensen, father-in-law of Enumclaw's President Gene DeWitt, brought greetings from his lodge; Junction City's Winther Bodtker represented their sixty members; Portland's Carl Thorp asked Past District President Peter Pihl to relate "what's new" from DB 167; Bellingham's Arnold Grimland, son-in-law of Hans F. Hanson, spoke from DB 155; and Vancouver's John Nielsen, Tacoma's Frank Swayne and Enumclaw's Hans Weston all had words of encouragement. Gerda Grimland, wife of Bellingham's President, was the only lady present in all the Brotherhood sessions.

"From the breathtaking displays of space-age wonders to the spectacular Gayway, from the exotic shops and restaurants of many lands to the sparkling parade of world-famous entertainers, there's fun and fascination for the whole family"—what more can be said of the Seat-

tle World's Fair which started April 21 and will run through October 21. "Where the most vivid imagination leaves off, Century 21 takes over"—so said the Danes who coupled their vacation with the Enumclaw convention and the Seattle Exposition.

"Denmark Days" were officially celebrated with a Seattle Danish Lodge sponsored banquet in the Windsor Room of the New Washington Hotel on May 16. Attorney Joseph Matsen gave the welcome address and Danish Home President Edmund S. Olsen was the toastmaster. Invocation came from Pastor Richard H. Sorensen of St. John's Lutheran church and we were given vocal selections by Gloria Steberl and Paul Christiansen. Speeches were enjoyed from Danish Consul Paul Nielsen, Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen, Consul General Frode Schøn of San Francisco. His Excellency Count K. Knuth-Winterfeldt, Ambassador of Denmark, and Minister of Fisheries A. C. Normann. Participants sang "I Danmark er jeg født," "Der er et yndigt Land" and "God Bless America" while the Vernon Jackson String Trio provided dinner music. We were privileged with an added attraction as ballet dancers depicting Tivoli presented a musical play. It was an outstanding evening and tribute was made to the Danes in Denmark and to the Danish peoples in America and Canada. Urged that the following three days be well attended by supporters of the Danish colony, many outstanding community leaders were introduced. Directly connected with the Danish Exhibition are Press Attache Arne Christiansen of the Royal Danish Embassy in the United States, Official Trade Representative Preben Esmann Jensen, commissioned by the Danish Ministry of Commerce and Consulate Secretary Martin Metzon of the Royal Danish Consulate in Seattle. On the local World's Fair Danish Committee, under the chairmanship of Brother Paul Nielsen, are Resident Commissioner Henning Kristiansen, Secretary of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs; J. Vibe Christiansen, Danish Consul of Vancouver, B. C., Canada; Hellan Goodhope, wife of Brother C. H. Goodhope, M. D.; Ben Hansen, Plumrose District Manager; Leif Hauge, SAS District Manager; Berne S. Jacobsen, Assistant Managing Editor of the Seattle Post Intelligencer; Per Sten Jessen, Importer; Otto N. Larsen, University of Washington Professor; George H. Boldt, U. S. District Judge; and Norbert E. Grove, Banker.

In honor of the Governor of the State of Washington and Mrs. Albert D. Rosellini, the Government of Denmark "rolled out the proverbial red carpet" on Thursday, May 17, in the bowl of the Hotel Olympic, Seattle. His Excellency, the Minister of Fisheries of Denmark, A. C. Normann, was the main speaker and we also heard from members of the ambassadorship and consulate—Count Winterfeldt, General Schøn and Consul Nielsen. A cocktail hour began at eight as the Danes proposed a toast to the President of the United States and then a delicious menu starting out with Danish trout in aspic unfolded as if by magic. What is the old saying—Americans eat to live—the Danish folks live to eat.

If you are interested in a \$400 return charter flight to Denmark on June 10, make arrangements at once with either Sister Wilhelmina Parker, 3057 Thirty-sixth, southwest, Seattle, or with Sister Irene Steffensen, 9237 Northeast 191, Bothel, Washington. They are both hard workers for Seattle's Danish Sisterhood and the Pacific Northwest District of Danish Lodges and are determined that this

Danish Charter flight will be a success. Hurry—it's later than you think. Called the Canadian Pacific Charter Flight, Northwest Danes will depart on June 10 and return August 1. The group will be welcomed in Copenhagen by the Denmark Tourist Association.

The Second Annual Mid-Willamette Valley Scandinavian festival will again be held in Junction City, Ore., this summer—August 9-12. This grand little city, in which we have conventioned, has a large Scandinavian population and are proud of their heritage and their organized tributes. Revival of many of the old world customs will be part of the program as the city is renamed "Forbindelsested" for four days. Authentic folk costumes will be worn, dance groups will perform, as will horsemen and their fine steeds. Decorated with flowers and flags, the entire downtown area will become a pedestrian mall lined with booths featuring Scandinavian imports, handiwork, food and art work. Danish Day will be observed on Sunday, August 12, starting with a 6:30 breakfast; a dinner at eleven consisting of "okse steg, rød kaal, og Brun Kartoffler; tales of Hans Christian Andersen; tug-of-war by the Vikings; and the Scandinavian folk dancers.

### Iowa Lodges Convention

Iowa United Lodges annual convention for 1962 will be held in Des Moines over Labor day weekend. We have been able to get accommodations at the Hotel Kirkwood, with banquet hall, meeting hall, committee meeting room, meeting room for the Sisterhood. There will also be guest rooms at reasonable cost. More detailed information next month. We hope to see many of you in Des Moines in September.

RALF HOIFELDT, Sec. No. 15.

### In Memoriam

Haabet Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut, mourns the passing of its oldest Brother, Jens S. Nielsen, in his 92nd year. One of four brothers joining the Brotherhood, he was most active, serving in all the chairs of his Lodge, on numerous committees, and as delegate to National and District conventions on several occasions, always with the interest of the Brotherhood at heart.

From a modest beginning in 1891, when he joined the Brotherhood, he managed to build a prosperous business and retired a few years ago, as president of the Jens S. Nielsen Electric Company, to spend his remaining years in retirement. Lodge No. 32 extends to the family its deepest sympathy — "Æret være hans minde."

WALTER KEER, Pres. No. 32.

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# PROMOTION PAGES

## Welcome - All of You!

Once again we are happy to be able to bid another six ladies, forty-seven men, nine girls, and four boys WELCOME to membership in The Danish Brotherhood in America. We sincerely hope you will take an active part in your Lodge activities - that by accepting committee assignments and giving your Lodge the benefit of your ideas - you will help our fraternity become a better and more interesting organization for all of us.

We hope, also, you will help continue our growth by sponsoring for membership, those of your families and friends who are eligible. A growing organization is a vital and interesting organization for all of us. You can help by sponsoring at least one new member during your first month of membership!

## New Adult Members Admitted Last Month

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	New Member
16.....	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen.....	Rosa Nielsen
16.....	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen.....	Joe E. Bayer
16.....	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen.....	Lewis Carlin
16.....	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen.....	Robert D. Madsen
16.....	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen.....	John G. Oder
16.....	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen.....	Homer D. Macklin
16.....	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen.....	W. S. Gammill
16.....	Minden	Tony V. Madsen.....	W. F. Schnoor
16.....	Minden	Bart Aabel.....	Carrie C. Olson
16.....	Minden	Bart Aabel.....	Henry W. Hansen
16.....	Minden	Bart Aabel.....	Clara Hansen
16.....	Minden	Bart Aabel.....	Nora A. Jameson
16.....	Minden	Bart Aabel.....	Clarence C. Jameson
17.....	Chicago	Kristian Paulsen.....	R. H. Henningsen
30.....	Muskegon	Holger Thuesen.....	G. W. Williamsen
30.....	Muskegon	Andrew Nielsen.....	T. W. Stafford, Jr.
35.....	Chicago	Jens M. Jensen.....	Christ Willadsen
35.....	Chicago	Roger Larson.....	Thorvald Thomsen
49....	San Francisco	Rudolph Olsen.....	Valdemar Hempel
49....	San Francisco	S. A. Rasmussen.....	E. B. Mikkelsen
70.....	Greenville	Oluf Feldt.....	Andrew M. Pedersen
70.....	Greenville	L. W. Jensen.....	Darryl G. Gladding
84.....	Lincoln	Paul E. Hansen.....	Dave Roy Krogh
84.....	Lincoln	Pete Hanson.....	Albert S. Pedersen
96.....	Jackson	Walter Nielsen.....	Cornelius Faber
117.....	Plainview	Harold Johnson.....	Harold G. Larson
117.....	Plainview	Harold Johnson.....	Myron B. Kuhl
117.....	Plainview	Harold Johnson.....	Gordon H. Kuhl
125..	Weeping Water	R. Lauritzen, Jr.....	R. L. Harmon
125..	Weeping Water	R. Lauritzen, Jr.....	L. H. Thomassen
125..	Weeping Water	R. Lauritzen, Jr.....	Lyle Thomassen
125..	Weeping Water	R. Lauritzen, Jr.....	F. E. Pedersen
139.....	Viborg	Niels C. Jespersen.....	E. C. Erickson
139.....	Viborg	Adolph Tronbak.....	Anton Starcke
144.....	Dike	Erhart Andersen.....	C. P. Thuesen
144.....	Dike	Erhart Andersen.....	R. E. Mommer
144.....	Dike	Erhart Andersen.....	H. K. Campbell
144.....	Dike	George B. Olsen.....	R. E. Pedersen
144.....	Dike	Earl Mikkelsen.....	Thomas Dietrick

144.....	Dike	Earl Mikkelsen.....	E. T. Sherwood
144.....	Dike	Willy Danielsen.....	Louis C. Nielsen
184.....	Hayward	C. W. Young.....	John P. Runion
225.....	Canton	William Dews.....	Garry C. Galligher
227.....	Detroit	Fred K. Jensen.....	C. Ib. Fabricius
227.....	Detroit	Viggo Mikkelsen.....	Erik L. Hansen
245.....	South Bend	Louis A. Kasa.....	Glenn A. Robinson
263.....	Askov	K. W. Bresin.....	Kenneth V. Bresin
299.....	Solvang	Levi Persson.....	Charles D. Evans
306.....	San Diego	Hans Jensen.....	Richard J. Suda
306.....	San Diego	Peder Norby.....	Aksel Jensen
306.....	San Diego	Hans Jensen.....	Willy Harloff
332.....	Ripon	N. Davis, Jr.....	Arthur Clements, Jr.
600.....	Omaha	Julius Hansen.....	Evelyn G. Hansen

## New Juvenile Members Admitted Last Month

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	New Member
14.....	Kenosha	Jens Haugaard.....	Eric J. Haugaard
155.....	Bellingham	Hans Hansen.....	Cindy L. Grimlund
155.....	Bellingham	Hans Hansen.....	Peter A. Fedde
167.....	Portland	Max Madsen.....	Timothy McCarthy
167.....	Portland	S. Harkson.....	Mary Jane Bingman
170.....	Rocky River	Harold Anderson.....	June K. Hyldahl
172.....	Philadelphia	Mogens Hempel.....	Grete W. Hempel
306.....	San Diego	Axel Pedersen.....	Kirsten M. Norby
306.....	San Diego	Axel Pedersen.....	Axel W. Probst
323.....	Alhambra	Frank Jepsen.....	Linda Ann Jepsen
323.....	Alhambra	Frank Jepsen.....	Susan M. Jepsen
323.....	Alhambra	Frank Jepsen.....	Julie Jean Jepsen
323.....	Alhambra	Frank Jepsen.....	Valerie L. Jepsen

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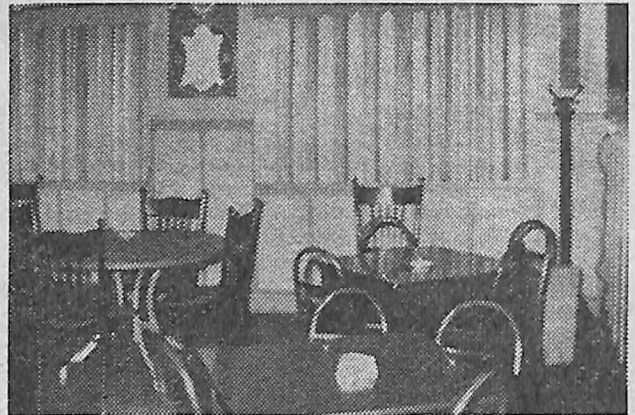
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## Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin



Pictured above, you see the beautiful home of Kenosha Lodge No. 14. At the left is the entrance to their hall which is located at the busy intersection of 22nd Avenue and 63rd Street. The front main floor is leased out, the balance is used by No. 14's members. To the right you see "KRONBORG STUEN," their comfortable club room, where delicious food and drinks are served by Frieda

and Axel Thompsen. The main floor contains kitchen and reading rooms; the second floor meeting rooms, the larger of which has been the scene of many gay parties and banquet for many years.

Congratulations No. 14 on your fine home — it is a credit to your members and to the Danish Brotherhood in America.

### Honor Roll for 1962

Lodge No.	Location	Population	Member-ship 1-1-62	New Mem-bers	% of In-crease
16	Minden, Nebraska	2,383	93	24	25.80
167	Portland, Oregon	72,566	132	22	16.66
144	Dike, Iowa	630	53	19	35.84
1	Omaha, Nebraska	301,598	209	14	6.69

As we warned you last month, we welcome Minden No. 16 back to first place in our HONOR ROLL listing this month — seems we can't keep a good Lodge down! Five new ladies and eight new men swelled their total for 1962 to 24 — and more to come. Are you going to beat your 1961 total of 59 this year, Minden?

Portland No. 167's two new Juveniles brings their total for the year to 22 as compared to a total of 5 new members in all of 1961! That's real growth, sparked by stalwarts Henry Barreth with five and Magnus Esrom with four new members each! You show a 16.66 per cent increase so far this year in the City of Roses; another 11 new members will make it an even 25 per cent.

Seven new members into Dike No. 144 gives them a total of 19 so far in 1962. Looks like you are a cinch to beat your 1961 total of 30 — 28 more this year will give you a total membership of 100 — can you do it?

Omaha's No. 1 had to settle for fourth place this month but not for long says Prexy Chris Larsen! The 30 new members we admitted in 1961 were just a starter, SAYS CHRIS, we'll have 50 this year or else! And we believe him!

Look for South Bend No. 245, Albert Lea No. 75, Chicago No. 17, Chicago No. 35, Lincoln No. 84, Alhambra No. 323, Fresno No. 67, and Los Angeles No. 126 in our HONOR ROLL soon — all are within shooting distance of the required 10 new members. Shall we include all of you next month?

### Why Should I Help Increase Our Membership?

Each of us should sponsor new members and thus increase our total membership FOR OUR OWN SAKES! The greater our membership, the stronger we become financially and in every other way. Our financial structure today is more sound than most, BUT to keep it that way, to guarantee that we will be able to help our Brothers as we want to help them, to guarantee that we will be able to pay all claims in full as they fall due, we MUST maintain a constant flow of new members into all our Lodges. Each of us must do OUR share. Each of us will benefit.

#### HOW CAN I HELP INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP?

By inviting to membership every single person you know or meet who is eligible for membership. First, let's refresh our minds as to who are eligible:

- PERSONS who are of Danish origin or extraction.
- PERSONS who have obtained Danish citizenship.
- PERSONS who are married to persons of Danish origin or extraction.
- PERSONS who are relatives of members of the Society.

(The same above rules apply to Juveniles under the age of 16 except that one parent must qualify under the above rules.)

Second, ask your Lodge Officers or your Booster Committee Chairman to explain our insurance program; who may apply on Non-Medical and on Medical applications; who may apply for Social membership; what our minimum insurance requirements are; what our rates are; what our dividend schedule has been; how our NET COST compares with others. You will learn that life insurance cannot be purchased at more reasonable rates or at a lesser net cost than we offer.

Third, write out a list of every person you know who

is eligible for membership. You will logically begin with your brothers, brothers-in-law, cousins, nephews, sons, sons-in-law, grandsons, etc. Then on to business associates, co-workers, customers, suppliers, fellow members of other organizations, bowling teammates, etc. The length of your list will surprise you!

Fourth, make it a point to invite a specific number of your Prospects EACH MONTH to join your Lodge. We suggest not less than one per week. Explain the advantages of membership — stressing the friendships and sociability to be enjoyed in YOUR Lodge AND the economic benefits available to members of all Lodges.

Try this plan for the next four months. Stay with it regularly. Never miss a chance to meet new people who may be eligible. Invite a specific number of people, each week, each month, to join your Lodge. You will get many new members for your Lodge; you will earn prize points worth prizes or cash; and you will appreciate and enjoy your own membership more than ever before!

## Here's A Brand New Way To Find New Members

Since we have no wish to cause any embarrassment, we are omitting the number and the location of the Lodge where this happened. We give you these facts because they do point up what we have so frequently said: "EVERY LODGE CAN FIND AND ADMIT NEW MEMBERS."

The members of this Lodge decided to stage a Booster Rally several months ago. Two weeks prior to the date set, they called it off because "No one has found any prospects." After further discussion at regular Lodge meetings, a date was set for another Booster Rally. Again, it was cancelled, for the same reason.

One of their members, age 60, wasn't satisfied with this answer. He was unwilling to agree that there were no Prospects available. He set about to talk to younger men in the area with whom he is personally acquainted. He invited four of them to his home for coffee one evening so that they might talk about the Danish Brotherhood in America. He asked us for application blanks and some information on what to say to these men. We sent him what he asked for. Three of the men invited did come to his home on the night set. The fourth telephoned to say that he had to go back to work BUT that if the others applied for membership, he too would sign an application. Our member and his Prospects discussed what membership in our organization requires, what is expected of our members and what we have to offer to members. All three of them; one age 31; one age 30; and one age 28; signed applications for membership that very evening. The fourth signed his application the following morning.

Thus, this Lodge which has not admitted a new member since 1947 gained four new, young members all because one present member refused to believe that young men will not join us! And, perhaps more important, the four new candidates, not yet initiated made up a list of seventeen names of other young men of their acquaintance, all of whom are eligible for membership and all of whom they are going to invite to join!

We felt you would be interested in this incident because it does prove that there just isn't one Lodge that can't

bring in new members PROVIDED each of us makes a sincere attempt to help. We suggest that each of us try this same idea. A cup of coffee or, perhaps, a cold drink isn't a big price to pay for securing new members that will make your Lodge a more interesting and a better Lodge for you and for all of your members. Try it. It works.

## Art Thode Is Ready for Fishing!



Meet the genial secretary-treasurer of Dike Lodge No. 144 and the prizes he won in our 1961 Booster Contest. Art is not only the hard-working secretary-treasurer of No. 144, he is also one of their really good salesmen. He sponsored six new members in 1961 and with his Prize Points received the fishing and camping equipment with which he is shown above.

In addition to the self-satisfaction that stems from helping your Lodge grow, it does pay to sponsor new members, doesn't it, Art? Now if you can find a spot to fish in Iowa — and catch some — invite us out to help eat 'em!

## Leaders Club

As of the moment this is written, no member has yet qualified for our new Leaders Club. You will remember, we announced this new club in our last issue; that to qualify you must sponsor 10 new members during the year (counting Social and Term to Age 16 Juveniles as one-half member each); that Leaders Club members will receive and be eligible to wear our specially designed cuff link and tie bar set.

To date, South Bend's Louis A. Kasa leads with 8½ new members and "Little Pete" Nielsen (Minden No. 16) holds second place with 7½ new members.

WHO will be the first to qualify for Leaders Club? It could be you, you know!

Children aren't happy with nothing to ignore, and that's what parents were created for.

## New Ideas for Booster Rallies

### COFFEE HOUR

This is an idea that is working well for us, especially in smaller towns and in farming communities. Our Boosters are inviting small groups of Prospects to a Coffee Hour at their homes. Usually two Boosters go together. The group then talks about The Danish Brotherhood in America; the Boosters explain membership requirements, dues, insurance requirements and rates. The Prospect seem more willing to ask questions and to enter into discussions on this informal basis and, generally when one Prospect signs an application, the others follow.

### ENDLESS CHAIN

Your best source of new members are new members! At the completion of the initiation ceremony, one Lodge presents each new member with a kit containing:

1. Supreme Constitution and By-Laws
2. Lodge By-Laws
3. Decalcomania
4. Lapel Emblem
5. Danish Brotherhood Magazine
6. Lodge Publication
7. Prospect List
8. Independent Comparative Report.

Each new member is asked to wear his lapel emblem, to display his decalcomania on his car (right-hand side of rear window), to read all material AND to list the names of all eligible persons he knows on his Prospect List. He is then asked to:

A. Invite each person on his list to membership in the Lodge

or

B. Invite each person on his list to the next Scheduled Booster Rally.

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C. Turn the Prospect List over to the Booster Committee for follow up.

It is amazing how many new Prospects are obtained in this manner — each new member, thus far, has given this Lodge an average of five names. Try it and then invite those Prospects to join your Lodge!

### AFTER-MEETING SOCIAL

We thank Lodge No. 17 of Chicago for this idea. Each meeting (first Friday each month) is followed by a lunch and coffee table. Prospects are invited to this lunch; to meet the members and to learn about The Danish Brotherhood in America. After lunch, each Prospect, individually, is invited to join No. 17 and his questions as to dues, etc., are answered. Lodge No. 17 has achieved a high percentage of applications this way. Three Prospects attended their lunch after their May 4 meeting. Three applications resulted!

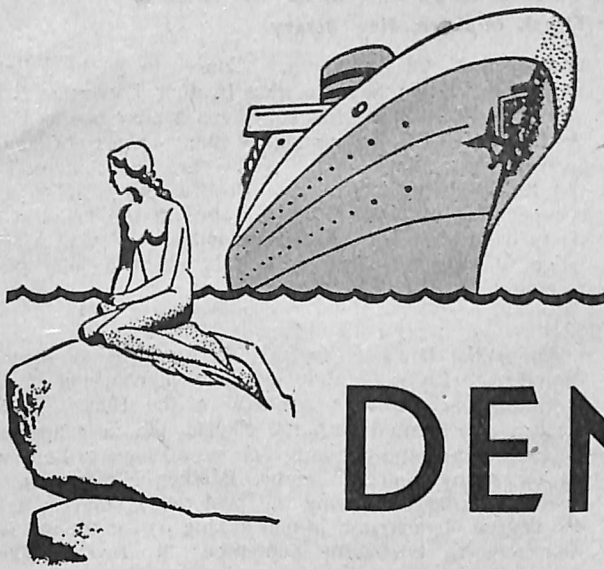
We suggest you try one or all of these ideas — they will produce new members for you no matter where your Lodge is located!

If YOUR Lodge is using an idea that works for YOU, please tell us about it so we can pass YOUR idea on to others.

## 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
Apr. 3	H. C. Andrew Didriksen	92	Copenhagen, Den.	248	New York, N. Y.	1906	Myocardial Inf.	\$1,000.00
Mar. 14	Jens A. Petersen	80	Tønder, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1912	CVA	982.68
Apr. 6	Peter Chr. Pedersen	71	Copenhagen, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1916	Not known	250.00
Apr. 2	Jens L. Rasmussen	78	Lyngaa, Den.	167	Portland, Ore.	1915	Pneumonia	250.00
Apr. 16	Nels P. Paulson	86	Saltun Sogn Jylland	136	Story City, Iowa	1900	Carcinoma	855.26
Mar. 18	Hans F. Chr. Hansen	93	Odense, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1912	Myocardial Failure	941.37
Apr. 1	Carl A. Sorensen	89	Osbirk, Den.	152	Wilbur, Wash.	1910	Heart Failure	919.98
Apr. 5	Peter M. Thomasen	89	Aalborg, Den.	3	Davenport, Iowa	1905	Arteriosclerosis	433.43
Apr. 20	Vern Lamb	52	Michigan	181	Sidney, Mich.	1946	Coronary Thrombosis	1,000.00
Apr. 19	Henry V. Petersen	84	Aalborg, Den.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1913	General Toxemia	250.00
Mar. 23	Albert Fred V. Lutz	81	Nørre Sundby, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1909	CVA	500.00
Apr. 21	Borge F. Thommesen	85	Fellerup, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1907	Not given	1,000.00
Apr. 15	Jens Nielsen	57	Morborg, Den.	314	Hartford, Conn.	1929	Myocardial Inf.	250.00
Apr. 10	A. Chr. Paulsen	78	Hallind Aalborg, Den.	139	Viborg, S. D.	1906	Carcinoma	239.09
Apr. 25	Robert M. F. Quelle	96	Hanved Se, Flensborg	177	Cordova, Nebr.	1903	Heart Disease	388.62
Apr. 28	Rasmus A. Petersen	81	Gulmsø, Den.	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1914	Heart Disease	495.44
Apr. 30	Henry Jonasson	54	Vordingborg, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1930	Coronary Thrombosis	250.00
Apr. 27	Earle C. McMunn	56	Lincoln, Nebr.	84	Lincoln, Nebr.	1948	Heart Disease	1,000.00
May 1	Lars C. T. Larsen	88	Bjirgby	144	Dike, Iowa	1897	Heart Disease	822.16
Apr. 16	Carl C. V. Johansen	83	Rode Dalby, Den.	112	Portland, Maine	1922	Heart Disease	1,000.00
Apr. 19	Hans Z. Hansen	78	Bogense	112	Portland, Maine	1906	Coronary Hemorrhage	500.00
May 4	R. J. Rasmussen	93	Bøvring Fyen	9	Oshkosh, Wis.	1890	Heart Disease	381.34
May 8	Henry R. Hansen	74	Brush, Colo.	254	Brush, Colo.	1916	Pneumonia	500.00
Apr. 18	Jens J. Riber	88	Denmark	154	Withee, Wis.	1904	Pneumonia	436.20
Mar. 13	John Nissen, Sen.	82	Aalborg, Den.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1955	Not given	Social
Mar. 6	Wilhelm M. Aabel	69	Minden, Nebr.	16	Minden, Nebr.	1949	Not given	Social
Apr. 10	Martin Sorensen	72	Aastkup Sogn	29	Seattle, Wash.	1941	Not given	Social
Apr. 2	James Sorensen	88	Hjørring, Den.	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1933	Not given	Social



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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By VIGGO NIELSEN, 29 Church Street, Millburn, New Jersey

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.**, Secretary Carl W. Sorensen, and President Adolf H. Nielsen were unanimously elected to represent this lodge as delegate and alternate respectively at the GCEL convention in Philadelphia on September 1, 2 and 3, 1962. An invitation from Hartford Lodge No. 314 inviting us to attend their 45th anniversary celebration Saturday, May 19, was received, and from all indications, Lodge 102 will be well represented. Brother George Petersen was a welcome guest at our May meeting and spoke about the pleasant activities that take place in Lodge 321, Florida, of which he now is a member. Thanks for stopping in, George, and do come again. Following the meeting, we were invited by the Sisters to attend a "Bon Voyage" party for three of their members, Sisters Jensen, Madsen and Petersen, each of whom was presented a gift from their lodge. We also sang "Happy Birthday" to Sister Petersen who was . . . . years young this month. Aside from the good table that was set with open sandwiches, Danish pastry, etc., the several speeches and just good conversation, a fine time was enjoyed by all. Regards to all Brothers that live out of state.

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**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** We welcome our newest addition, Brother Erik Bodholt, who was initiated into the lodge at our May meeting, we sincerely hope Brother Erik will enjoy his membership in the Danish Brotherhood for many years. Father and Son night will be held at our June meeting, following the meeting the treat will be Danish applecake, cookies and coffee. The May meeting was really a busy evening for Lodge 116, regular meeting, initiation of a new member, presentation of a 50-year pin to Brother Carl Jacobsen, election of delegates and alternate to the GCEL convention, sandwiches, schnapps and beer was served and a film of the Royal tour of the King and Queen of Denmark to the United States was shown, no wonder it was past midnight before we called it quits.

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**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Our 1962 GCEL Convention City. This lodge is once more looking for new meeting quarters as the owner of the Road Side Inn, where the Brothers met, has sold out. We hope that after the convention you will be able to build your own little meeting place. . . . . The annual picnic of the lodge will be held at Brother and Mrs. Heinrich Knudsen's country home, Knowlton Road, Media, on Saturday, June 23, those who attended last year had a wonderful time, keep this date in mind, Saturday, June 23. The convention committee met at Brother and Mrs. Heinrich Knudsen's home in May, several sub-committees were formed, much was accomplished and things are really taking shape, next meeting will be held June 1 at the home of Brother Gunnar Froelich, chairman of the convention committee.

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**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** Sixteen members promised to participate in the yearly visit and joint meeting with Troy Lodge No. 183, the meeting is to be held May 17. We need not say that the Gold carpet will be laid out and when the boys in Troy entertain, nothing is spared.

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**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** Second Supreme Vice President Einar Danielsen and GCEL President Lawrence Knudsen have promised to be present at the joint Sister

and Brotherhood Anniversary dinner, to be held Saturday, May 26. We have to give Brother Lawrence Knudsen a lot of credit, he has sure been a busy bee as President of the GCEL, he has visited many lodges and has attended many affairs in the past year. The chairman for the 1963 National Convention, Brother Jerry Johnson, is recuperating at home after his stay in the hospital. A party from Erie and Jamestown lodges will visit Warren lodge, Wednesday, June 6, to talk about a joint picnic to be held during the summer.

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**Lodge No. 257, New York, N. Y.** A number of Brothers went to the Home in Metuchen May 6, honoring Brother Karl Hartnack, now a resident at the Home. Brother Karl was presented with the 50-year pin, a grand celebration for a grand person whom we all hope to have with us for many years to come. Brother Elmer who has done a terrific job during the past years, that is in the 4th degree department, is now taking a rest for the summer months, but come September 21, Brother Elmer will be back again. We all owe Brother Elmer a vote of thanks for his fine treatment. Lodge 257 wishes all Brothers, their wives and families, an enjoyable summer.

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**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.** A pre-anniversary party was held May 16, following a short meeting, sandwiches and akvavit was served and no need saying, enjoyed by all present. Brother Marius Frost will serve as delegate to the GCEL convention in Philadelphia, with Brother Carl Sorensen as alternate. Brother Jens Nielsen (57) passed away last month, he was well known in Hartford, having been in the restaurant business for many years, he leaves his wife, two sons and a daughter.

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mittee, came to New York for a series of meetings with the secretary of the board, Mr. Borge Rosing of Huntington, West Virginia, Danish officials and others.

Our picture shows from left Press Attache Johannes Laursen, Holger Bladt, C. H. W. Hasselriis of the Danish Information Office, Charles L. Hansen and Borge Rosing.

### Questions and Answers

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#### Can I Change Our Family Name When I Am Naturalized

**Question:** I am going to apply for citizenship in the near future. My husband, who is not yet eligible for citizenship, tells me that I will be permitted to change our name when I am naturalized. Is this correct?

**Answer:** No. Although the law generally permits aliens to change their names when they are naturalized, if a wife is naturalized before her husband, the naturalization court will not grant the change of name to the wife. It might be advisable to defer your own naturalization until your husband becomes eligible, if that will be within a short time, so that you both can be naturalized together and obtain a change of name at the same time.

It should be noted that if the husband changes his name first, either when he is naturalized or by court order, then the wife can petition for naturalization using the changed name. The names of minor children, of parents who change their names when naturalized, are also changed if the law of the state in which the family resides so provides. Such minor children, who derived citizenship through their parent's naturalization, may apply for a certificate of derivative citizenship under the changed name.

#### Can I Keep My Place on the Immigration Quota List

**Question:** I am an engineer and want to immigrate to the United States. Several years ago an engineering firm in the United States filed an application on my behalf for a first preference visa, which was approved. I have been waiting on the quota list for some time, but my number has not been reached. The firm which petitioned for me was finally compelled to fill the job they had been keeping for me. I can, however, obtain a petition from another firm. Will I be able to keep my place on the quota list?

**Answer:** Unfortunately, no. The first preference status acquired by the approval of a petition depends upon the petitioner. If the petition lapses, the alien loses his place on the quota list and will have to be newly entered, even though a new petitioner applies on his behalf. It is therefore recommended that persons in countries with greatly oversubscribed quotas, for whom first preference petitions are approved, also register on the nonpreference list, or on a lower preference quota list if they are entitled to such status, at the same time, so that they do not depend entirely upon the petitioner.

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# These Boys Are Recent Scholarship Winners



**Robert Petersen**



**J. David Larsen**



**Kermit DeLaurant**



**Jerry Ravnsborg**

The following items are brief sketches of some of the recent scholarship award winners:

## **ROBERT H. PETERSEN**

My name is Robert H. Petersen. I was born in Warren, Pa., December 19, 1943, the son of Henry S. and Violet E. Petersen. I have one sister three years my junior. My entire life, until my entrance into college last September, was spent at the family residence in Pinegrove Township about six miles north of Warren.

After graduating from Russell elementary school I attended the Dwight D. Eisenhower high school until graduation in 1961. In high school I participated and lettered in football and basketball. I was also in the high school band, the class plays, and various other activities.

I was a juvenile member of Peter Willimos Lodge No. 202 and have been a regular member since the age of 16. My father has been an active member of the same lodge for the past 36 years and his father a very active charter member of the same lodge until his death nine years ago.

I am enrolled at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. This is a very fine liberal arts school. I enjoy college very much and am grateful for the scholarship help the Danish Brotherhood has awarded to me. Though at this time my major field is undecided, my main interest lies in business administration and economics.

## **KERMIT DeLAURANT**

Any introduction to Danish readers should include an explanation of my rather un-Danish name. My father tells me that this question was investigated some 30 years ago. Unlike many genealogical searches, no money was wasted concealing the findings. Great-grandfather DeLaurant (that is how the name is spelled in Denmark) simply abandoned the project when he found among family records in his Fredericia church, that entries made 200 or 300 years ago were written in German. The poor old man still had bitter recollections of the German hostilities in 1864. But since my Danish ancestors have proudly worn this name for centuries, I cannot do less.

This little peculiarity did not hamper any of us in participating in the activities of the Danish Brotherhood. Grandfather Jacob DeLaurant of Wolbach, Nebr., has been a member of our order over half of the eighty years of its existence; and Dad, L. S. DeLaurant, has been a member for over 20 years. My association began in 1954 when Brother Julius Hansen persuaded my parents that I could be insured under the D. B. Juvenile Insurance program. In 1958 at age 16, I was formally initiated into

adult membership in Lodge 67. My maternal grandfather, James Beck, is a past president of Lodge 35 in Chicago.

I was born in Chicago on April 30, 1942, but lived my first five years in Wolbach, Nebr., mostly in the home of my grandparents. In 1947 my parents brought me to Fresno, Calif., where we established our home. My education has been entirely within the Fresno city schools system. I am now in my second year at Fresno City college, but within a year I expect to enter Fresno State college. A career in the teaching profession is what I have in mind, and foremost among the subjects I expect to teach is United States history.

You may be assured that I am most grateful to the Scholarship Committee and the Supreme Board, as well as the entire membership of our order. This award is important, not only for the financial assistance but the realization that such a great organization stands behind my scholastic endeavor.

## **J. DAVID LARSEN**

My name is J. David Larsen. I was born June 4, 1943, in Albert Lea, Minn. I attended school in the Albert Lea public school system, graduating in the class of 1961 in which there were 320 students. During my three years of senior high I participated in numerous extra-curricular activities including athletics, dramatics and student publications. I was a football letter winner and head photographer for the school paper and yearbook.

I am presently enrolled in Chemical Engineering at the Institute of Technology of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. I am presently active in dormitory government as vice president of the house. I am also the representative to (MSA) Minnesota Student Association.

I am a member of Lodge 75 in Albert Lea. It was recommended that I join the Lodge by my parents who are both members. My grandparents, the late Henry C. Engen and his wife, Mattie Engen, are members of over 50 years.

## **Et Hjerteligt Velkommen Hjem**

A welcome home greeting to the participants of the Danish Brotherhood's 80th Anniversary Tour was received too late to get into print last month. We hope that many of the Tour members will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit Lodge No. 318 while they are in Denmark.

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## Does "Secrecy" Hurt Us ?

Not long ago this writer learned about a prospective member, who reluctantly gave up to become a member of The Danish Brotherhood, because the pastor of the church to which he belonged, denied him the right to join an organization that held "secret" meetings.

Now, I do not know whether this is an outstanding case, or it might be a common occurrence, anyway, we lost one man from our roster on account of this so-called "secrecy."

As every Brother knows, our secrets consists predominantly of a password and of the plain human decency not to go blabbering out every help we might bestow upon an unfortunate Brother, being it sick benefit or some other financial help in need, doing only what any Christian should do.

Is this secrecy, secrecy that should prevent anyone, church or no church from being a member of our fraternity? Emphatically not, but nevertheless there are ministers as well as lay people who enjoy the idea that The Danish Brotherhood ranks together with the Free

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Masons and other like organizations, and it is impossible to convince these men of the true nature of DBS.

Many times in my dealings with church people or organizations have I encountered the blank expression of "you-poor-stupid-fool-look" when I have mentioned my affiliation with the Brotherhood, as a matter of fact to the extent that I make it a point to carry my lapel pin at every such gathering.

A short time ago I was elected to an office in my church, and the pastor had an "interview" with me about DBS. This man, whose father by the way was Danish, although he never did belong to the Brotherhood, was satisfied with my explanations of our secrets (I tried to make him join, but —) so there was no question, but I know very well about other pastors, even within the same denomination, who are viciously opposed to any outside activity apart from the church. This attitude is very unfortunate and unhealthy and evidently it can cost us prospective members.

I can surely see the wonderful blessing in any man's worship in the church of his choice, but in my humble opinion, a membership in DBS would help, rather than hinder any Christian towards his heavenly goals, in that the basic foundation of the Brotherhood is that self same "Golden Rule" any Christian is supposed to live by.

As there is not much hope that we can change the opinion of the clerical and theological colleges, maybe it would be worthwhile for our next convention to ponder the question to abolish our "secrecy."

What are the Brothers actions?

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