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President Extends Greetings

The joyous holidays are here again. I wish every member and Lodge a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN,
Supreme President.

Resolutions

ANDERS RODBRO, Waukegan, Illinois

In memory of Anders Rodbro, who passed away September 26:

Be it resolved that we regret the loss of a dear Brother and extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved that our charter be draped for thirty days and this resolution be inserted in the minutes of Dannevang Lodge 182 and a copy be sent to his family and the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

P. N. Nielsen, President.

Thorvald Mauritsen, Secretary.

GRÅVES GRAVESEN — Enumclaw, Washington

In memory of our dear departed Brother Gravesen who passed away November 3, 1962:

The following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Washington.

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

Be it further resolved that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days and this resolution be entered into our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and that a memorial card be sent to the family.

Jean De Witt, President.

Ingvald Nelsen, Secretary.

Als Lodge No. 111, Austin, Minn.

The year 1962 will soon be at an end and perhaps it would be in order to give a report of what has taken place in DB Als Lodge 111.

May 12 we had the pleasure of helping Mr. and Mrs. Axel Nelsen and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Madsen celebrate their golden wedding anniversaries in the hall and each was presented with a gift which is customary for all Als Lodge members.

May 19 we had joint anniversary party together with DB Lodge 75 of Albert Lea which this year was held in Albert Lea. June 23 our Danish Sisterhood celebrated its anniversary with a fine dinner at the hall, and all Brothers were invited.

July 29 we had our annual picnic at Jens Block's farm 10 miles south of Austin with a real good turnout and everybody had a good time. There are plenty of shade trees on the farm.

August 18 a big wedding took place and a lot of the Danes were invited both for the wedding and reception. It was Pete Godfredsen who took a bride, indeed a very fine lady.

October 13 the Lodge had a Booster Rally with a supper in the hall for invited prospects and at the same time the lodge had a party for Mr. and Mrs. Pete Godfredsen and presented them with a gift. Paul Strand, Promotional Director, gave some good ideas of how to go about getting new members. Time will tell what results it will bring.

It has been impossible to find a new place this year for our annual fish supper so there will not be any, as the place we used to have cannot be had this year.

OTTO M. ANDERSEN.

Section 19, Paragraph 3(b)

Payment authorized in the laws of the Society, as applicable under one or more of the laws following sections:

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DANISH CHRISTMAS SONGS

We have learned that the Norwegian American Line will also this year issue the fine little song book containing the best known Christmas songs in Danish and English.

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New Plan for Distribution of Refunds (Dividends)

We are pleased to announce that the calculations have now been completed for a new basis of distributing the refunds (more commonly understood as dividends) to the insured members, which has been adopted by the Board of Supreme Officers. The new basis of refunds takes account of the age of the member and of the length of time his benefit certificate has been in force.

All benefit certificates which have been in force for a full three years, or more, except benefit certificates on extended insurance and Juvenile Term to Age 16 certificates, will share in these refunds, under one of the options mentioned below:

1. They may be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. This means that there will be no monthly assessments to be paid on this additional insurance which the dividend will buy. This additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original Certificate. This additional "paid-up" insurance is allowed regardless of the age, occupation and state of health of the member and, as mentioned, no additional payments of assessments on account of this additional insurance are required of the member, OR
2. They may be left on deposit with the Brotherhood, to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the Board, but guaranteed to be not less than 2½ per cent per year.

Due to the cost of handling in the Home Office, certificates on which the refund, or dividend, will be less than \$1.00 will not participate in a distribution of refunds.

Each member is permitted to choose either of the mentioned optional uses of his refund. **If a member exercises no choice his dividend will automatically be used to buy the additional "paid-up" insurance** to which he will be entitled. In all such choices the member need not do anything at all. The insurance will automatically be added to his present amount of insurance on the records at the Home Office. However, any member who wishes to do so can surrender his paid-up additions, or his refunds on deposit, for their cash value whenever he wishes to do so by making a written request for their cash surrender value. This request is to be sent to the Home Office of our Society.

The time and labor which has been required to develop this plan and to calculate the refunds has been so great that it is only now that we can release the details. For this reason no refunds were made or allowed for 1962. The 1963 refund will be allowed, or paid, on the anniversary date of each certificate in 1963, but because no refund was paid, or allowed, in 1962, the amount which will be allowed in 1963 will be the regular 1963 refund PLUS what the 1962 refund would otherwise have been. Thereafter, the refund allowed for each year will be for that year only.

Your officers believe that the members will welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability and regardless of age and state of health and without the payment of monthly assessments on the additional paid-up portion. In the interest of the member, this is the use of the dividend which your Officers recommends. While the amount of insurance thus purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the dividends are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

Your officers also believe that those members who prefer to leave their dividends with the Brotherhood to accumulate at interest will appreciate the opportunity to build up a savings fund by this means.

In behalf of the Supreme Board of Officers

AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary-Treasurer.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

By NORBERT E. GROVE, Box 350, Puyallup, Washington

It is the custom to greet the new year with music and noise and kisses for our loved ones. Many of us, as the clock's hands join at midnight, will say a little prayer of thanks for the past year, of hope for the coming year. This is a good time to live — despite the headlines, despite the threat that hangs over us. We are blessed with freedom, with a civilization based on the dignity of man. We are blessed with many material comforts, so many that they sometimes blind the rest of the world to the strength and resourcefulness that made those comforts possible.

All this has little to do with the Danish Brotherhood, you may reflect — except that our Danish heritage and our Danish lodges bring us closer together, helps us unite as a nation of individuals, individuals who are confident that they will make future years, too, a good time to live. Merry Christmas to you and yours and "thanks" to you whose friendliness and courtesies to Sonia and myself have made pleasant the year just ending. May the good cheer and fellowship of this holiday time remain with you throughout each day of a Prosperous and Happy New Year. This column sends its very best wishes for a bright and happy future.

News from the Danish Information office reveals that Frode Schon, Danish Consul General at San Francisco, has been appointed Ambassador to Portugal. Pacific Northwest conventionaires at the Enumclaw conclave will recall that Mr. and Mrs. Schon were with us at that time. Prime Minister Viggo Kampmann is still confined in New York city following several heart attacks. Foreign Minister Jens Otto Krag is Acting Premier. Congratulations to our own Consul Paul O. Nielsen who has joined Brothers Joseph Matson and Otto Nielsen, also of Seattle, in being awarded the coveted honor of "Ridder af Dannebrog."

Seattle and the state of Washington was visited by many, many people from all over the world during the past six months as their citizens realized a successful civic effort almost to the point of improbability. I speak of the World's Fair and Century 21 Exposition which seemed only to be a "pipe dream" a year or so ago when skeptics in this area could not bring themselves to believe the possibilities. We, of the Pacific Northwest, radiate with a new sense of pride from the dynamics of this tremendous undertaking; and we of Danish ancestry, are equally proud of the part played by Denmark and their associate ambassadors of good will.

Opportunity only knocks once? Nope, the opportunity has been there for a long time to "Ask your best friend to join the Danish Brotherhood" or to "Give your son, son-in-law or relative a membership in the DB." Most of us treasure our DB affiliation and wouldn't endanger it for anything — yet we fail to bring in new blood into our fraternal organization. What is your obligation to your lodge? Pay dues, read this magazine, gripe and find fault with what the others are doing? Hardly! Years ago, we enjoyed a good healthy growth in every lodge — today, we are taking a nose dive in a lot of them. Most of us are lazy and complacent and should be ashamed of ourselves.

"Weather or Whether" that is the question. Here in the Pacific Northwest, we are fortunate in having four distinct seasons — the winter rainy season, the spring rainy season, summer rainy season and fall rainy season. When I was overseas and revealed that I hailed from

Washington, they wanted me to remove my shoes to see if I really did have webbed feet. Now the important thing about the weather is that we can be, in season or out, just "all wet."

Let's talk about "women." This time let's look at the ladies in their role of wife, homemaker and mother — the folks who may not really wear the pants, though they tactfully tell the boss which pair to put on. "Woman" — she is the girl next door, your mother, your sister or the girl you married — no matter what her relationship to you — no matter where she may be found — in the home, on the dance floor, at the typewriter or on the golf course — a "woman" is now a prospect for the Danish Brotherhood. She may carry 24 items in her handbag, love perfume, most often taken for granted, she is a prospect nevertheless. There are over 22 million of them in the United States and in any man's language, that's a lot of prospects! Today, women may be cabinet officers, ambassadors, treasurers, federal judges, state representatives, editors, physicians, engineers, teachers, housewives and members of the Danish Brotherhood. Why not start with your wife. And by the way, Sonia, why don't you join?

James Wallace Bech (nephew of our District President John) and friend, Arthur Nielsen Hugo, have just completed a trip of 45,000 miles through Dark Africa, East Berlin, France, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Italy, Morocco, Greece, Tunis, Belgium, England, the Scandinavian countries and points en route. They left Spokane in January and were back home in August. Perhaps Brother Bech can talk these two young lads into attending next year's convention in Vancouver, B. C., so that we may hear a first hand report of the exciting sojourn.

Vancouver, Canada, has everything under the sun. The first weekend in May, 1963, it will have still more — another great meeting of the Danes. Discover for yourself May 3, 4 and 5 when the Pacific Northwest Brotherhood and Sisterhood stage their fourteenth annual convention in British Columbia. Our Canadian Brothers are getting ready for this gathering — your gathering — in a big way. Plans for your comfort, enjoyment and inspiration are utmost in their thinking as we prepare to say goodbye to 1962. Vancouver offers a wide range of sights and tastes and innovations peculiar to a special way of living known only in the country to the north. On the one hand, soaring mountains, the blue Pacific, fabulous parks and luxurious gardens. On the other, sophisticated but elegant cafes, fine shops, art festivals and brilliant architecture. Make next May a memorable event long to be cherished.

Brother Graves Gravesen, Enumclaw, passed away November 3, in the Community Memorial hospital following an extended illness. Gravesen was born in Streller, Denmark, October 2, 1892, and had resided in this area 50 years. Retired from the Weyerhaeuser Co., Graves was a farmer and belonged to DB 33. Surviving are wife, Vita; brothers, Anders, Ole, Kristian, Peder and Magnus; and sisters, Marie Christensen and Maren Jensen. The Rev. Ted Thuesen officiated at the last rites.

Enumclaw's treasurer, Henry Hergert's brother passed away in Walla Walla; Past President Karl Koch's daughter, Ingrid, an outstanding high school graduate last spring was awarded an academic achievement scholarship; and John Carl Rieck (J. C.) is the first juvenile participant to become a full-fledged member of Danish Brotherhood No. 113.



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TWO FORMER Supreme Presidents of the Danish Brotherhood sailed on the Swedish American Line's luxury cruise liner KUNGS-HOLM recently for a nine-day cruise to the West Indies. C. Bysted Christensen (left) Schenectady, New York, and John B. Hansen (right) Bettendorf, Iowa, together with their wives seated in front of them along with Mr. and Mrs. Aage Mikkelsen, also of Schenectady. They visited San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Croix and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Party Enjoyed by Lodge No. 1

The Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 1 held a "Torske-Gilde," Saturday evening, November 3, at the Legion hall at Millard, Nebr.

Over 100 of our members, their wives, their families and friends attended. The guests began to arrive shortly after 6 p. m. The delicious meal was served promptly at 7 p. m.

There was plenty of "Torske" and all the trimmings for everyone. That all enjoyed the meal was apparent from the speed with which the platters were emptied and returned to the kitchen for second helpings.

After a brief pause dancing began to the music of Digger O'Dells Demons.

Our sincere thanks goes to committee members who worked so hard and so long to make this a wonderful fun-filled evening.

JAMES M. RASMUSSEN, Secretary.

We Are Back Home

When you read my little article about "A New Denmark," I trust you did not get the impression that I was finding faults with our beloved "Old Country." It was just an impression I got and perhaps many others who were home this year found it different.

However, we are back home in the United States. We had a wonderful trip.

The trip back on the "Kungsholm" from Copenhagen was not as pleasant as the trip over in May. The reason we feel is perhaps we were not on the official trip, but we did have about 30 members of the Jubilee Tour and the captain and officers were most courteous and generous to us. We had two special evenings and informal DB meetings. We owe the "Kungsholm" staff a great deal of thanks for their hospitality. I had several short visits with Kristian Husterberg also before sailing. After arriving in New York we took part in the Eastern General Committee convention in Philadelphia.

After the convention we left for Schenectady to attend a meeting where we used to be regular guests for over 25 years. I enjoyed it very much.

On the way home we stopped for a visit with family

members and friends in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and attended a meeting in my home lodge. I am most sorry we could not attend your 65th anniversary.

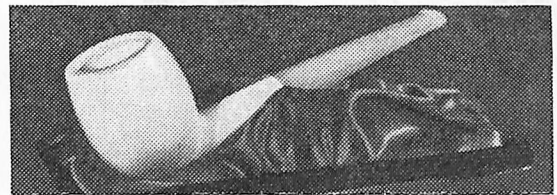
While in Copenhagen we had a chance to visit Aksel Sorensen from Lexington, Mass., who was in the hospital for an operation right after we landed May 31. He was there until the first part of August.

We had a few wonderful meetings with Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen. Our good old friend, Peter Nortoft, formerly of Boston, is the secretary and he certainly does a fine job. Thanks, Peter, for the good times we had together and for our little trip to Sandskrona, and greetings to all in No. 318.

I hope the Danish Brotherhood may have another Tour. See you in Erie next year.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

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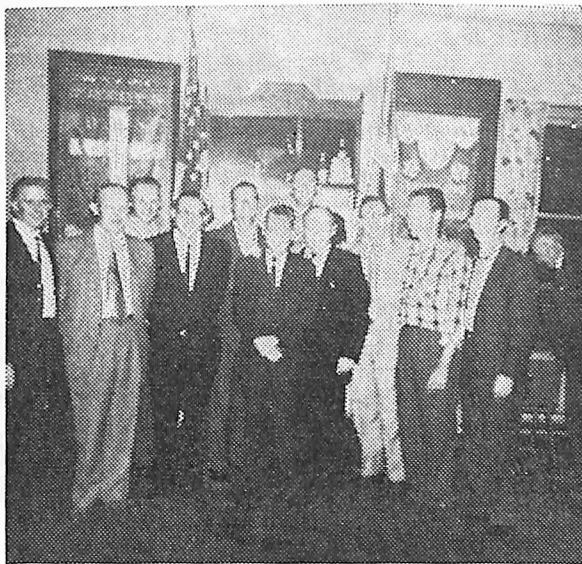
Special Note

"HONOR ROLL FOR 1962" and "LEADERS CLUB FOR 1962" listings are omitted this month because your Promotional Director is "on the road." I will be back in the office in time to compile and publish those listings in our January issue.

Correction

In our November new member listing, we incorrectly showed No. 126's new member, Jorgen Roug, as being sponsored by Peder Pedersen. Erik Roug sponsored Jorgen Roug. We hereby apologize for the error — we believe in giving credit where credit is due.

Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 Initiates Nine Candidates



October 4 was a big night in Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 when Prexy Harold Mathiasen had the pleasure of initiating nine new members pictured above. Our new members, flanked by Prexy Harold and Vice Prexy Upton Hansen are: Thomas R. Berg, Birger Christensen, Holger Christensen, Jens E. Nielsen, Kaj G. Olsen, Eli Rasmussen, Eric Kofod, Jorgen H. Roug and Fulton Archibald.

The evening started off with a fish supper as a welcome to the candidates who were the guests of the Lodge. The initiation ceremony was performed shortly after the formal opening of the meeting with eight of the candidates present — one was delayed. This was done so that our new members might have the pleasure (and somewhat unusual experience) of taking part in balloting on the appli-

cation of another candidate. By the time balloting had been completed, candidate number nine had appeared on the scene. Our eight new Brothers thus also had the pleasure of witnessing the initiation of another candidate. Quite an evening for old and new members alike!

Our sincere CONGRATULATIONS to you members of No. 126 for the fine job you are doing of building up your Lodge. As good friend "Rudy" Olsen pointed out in his column last month, you have now passed San Francisco's No. 49 in membership but you are going to have to keep working at it to stay in front. During 1961, No. 126 admitted a total of 40 new members while No. 49 admitted a total of seven. To date this year, No. 126 has admitted a total of 21 new members as compared to No. 49's 11 new members this year. Thus, for the period January 1, 1961, to October 20, 1962, No. 126 has admitted a total of 47 new members — No. 49 has admitted a total of 32 new members. Both Lodges made HONOR ROLL last year and again this year.

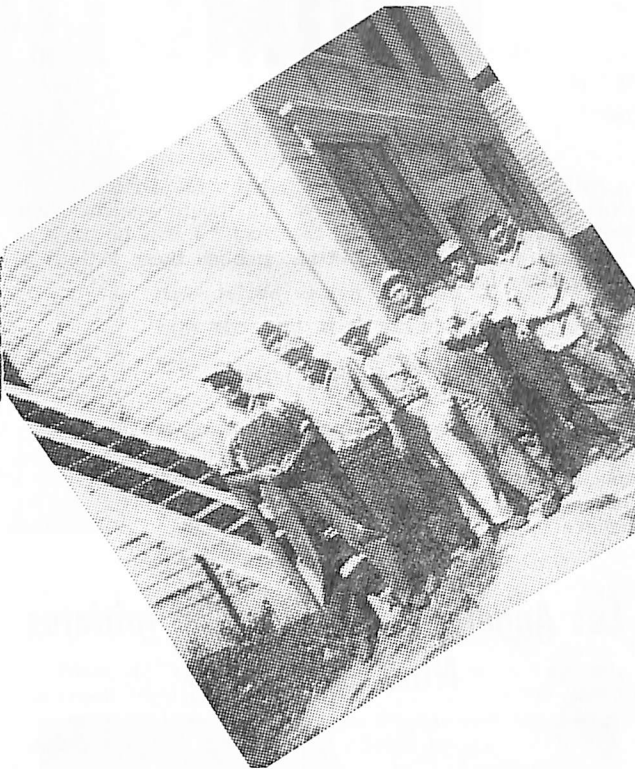
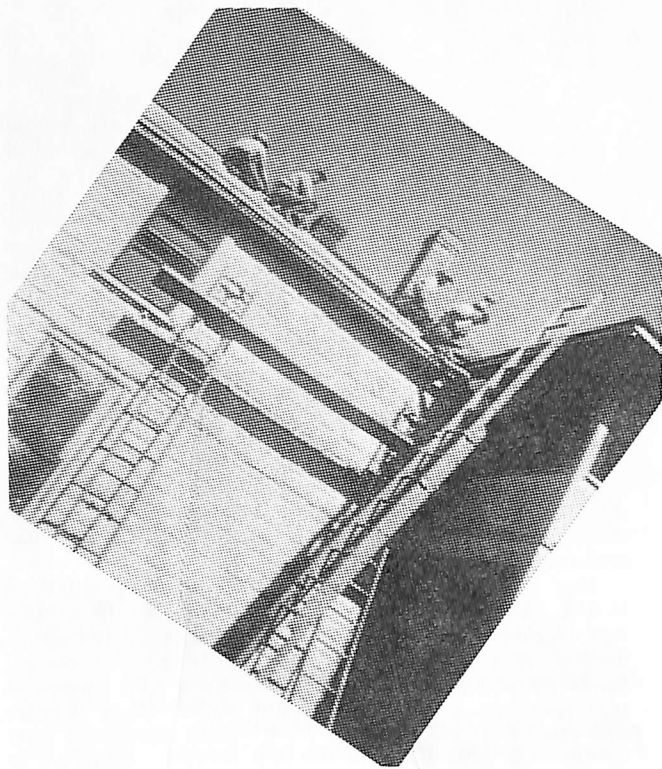
How does No. 126 do it? As the late Al Smith used to say, "Let's take a look at the record." No. 126's forty new members last year were sponsored by 15 members. Their 21 new members this year, to date, were sponsored by 14 members. Three of their members who sponsored new members during 1961 (Knud Miller, Hans Brodersen and Thorvald Jensen) have again sponsored new members in 1962. FIVE of the new members admitted in 1961 and 1962 (John R. Hansen, Hans Hansen, Iver M. Lauritzsen, Christian J. Walsted and Carl O. Erickson) have already, in turn, sponsored one or more new members! TEAMWORK is the answer. The members of No. 126 never seem to stop looking for prospective members and inviting them to join. Then, the moment the prospective member actually becomes a member, he is encouraged to invite his family and friends to join. Sort of an endless chain affair which is paying dividends for Lodge No. 126.

We suggest that we all take a leaf from No. 126's book. Get all of your members into the act. ALWAYS ask for new member applications at every single Lodge meeting. If and when none are presented, remind your members of our eligibility rules and ask them to present one new member application each at your next Lodge meeting. ALWAYS have a Booster Committee or a Membership Committee working for your Lodge. Have them contact every one of your members regularly. Ask each of your members to present at least one new member application each year. Explain our eligibility rules to your new members on the night they are initiated — explain to them again, the advantages of membership in THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA. Ask them to make note of the people they know who are eligible — then ask them to invite each of those people to join your Lodge. You'll get results — and soon!

Once again, congratulations to you members of No. 126 for a job well done. Keep up the good work and let's see your Lodge really grow and prosper!

During his sermon the parson saw to his horror, his small son in the balcony blowing peas through a shooter at the people below. He frowned reprovingly, but the irrepressible youngster called, "You go on preaching, Daddy, I'll keep 'em awake."

Dike Lodge No. 144 Goes to Work



The above two pictures are interesting because they are pretty strong evidence of WHY Dike Lodge No. 144 has grown from a membership of 11 as of December 31, 1960, to 68 as of October 20, 1962 — an increase of more than 600 per cent. No. 144's members enjoy their membership and they work at it!

Dike Lodge owns the building pictured above. It consists of a lower and an upper apartment. The rental income maintains the building and helps support some of the various activities of Lodge No. 144. Early this fall, the building stood empty and could not be rented because of needed repairs, principally a new roof. The members disliked paying out the money to make the repairs SO the group pictured above, being fairly well caught up on their farm work, made the repairs themselves! All it cost the Lodge was the materials — shingles, nails, paint, etc. The building now has a good, watertight roof. It is spic and span with new, fresh paint. It is rented!

Handsome looking bunch, aren't they? Especially the long and lanky one at the left, their Prexy Earl Mikkelsen who is also the new President of United Iowa Lodges.

Now you know at least a part of the secret of the success of the members of Lodge No. 144. They work as a team and they play as a team. Each member does his share to whatever extent he is able. And when the Lodge has a party (and what parties they are!) the members all take part. It was interesting to learn from Prexy Earl when he visited Omaha recently, that they are sponsoring their second annual New Year's Eve party this year and that they are rationing the tickets — so many to each member and no more!

Lodge No. 144 intends to be a 100-member Lodge. With the kind of spirit they have shown — with their kind of teamwork — with their enthusiasm for their Lodge — they will be a 100 member Lodge and before long, too!

Could This Have Been You?

At a recent meeting of one of our smaller Lodges, an incident occurred that I'm sure you'll be interested in reading about. This was a special meeting, called so that I might attend because I happened to be working in the immediate vicinity. My purpose in requesting the meeting was, of course, to explain and discuss our Promotional Program and to try to get the Lodge members to stage a membership campaign. The Lodge really needed it! Their membership had dwindled to twelve. The ages of these twelve members added up to exactly 850 years for and average of 74 years plus. The Lodge had not admitted one single new member since 1945. The Lodge meets only occasionally, at the homes of the members, and they transact business only when there is something special to be handled.

After I had met each of the nine members present and had discussed the past history of the Lodge, I explained our Promotional program and told them I hoped they would work with me on a program for getting new members into their Lodge. I then explained how we have been helping other Lodges and what results we have been able to get. They all seemed interested. They all seemed to **wish** they could get some new members. But, when I asked point-blank if they would work with me on a membership campaign, the first answer I got was, "What's the use, Paul, nobody wants to join!" my answer was, "How do you know nobody wants to join, how long since you've asked anyone?" Their answer was, "Oh gosh, we haven't asked anybody to join in many years." Their next question was, "Who could we ask to join?"

I explained that under our present By-Laws, eligible for membership are all persons, male and female,

1. Who are of Danish origin or extraction.

2. Who have obtained Danish citizenship.
3. Who are married to persons of Danish origin or extraction.
4. Who are relatives of members of the Society.

The first comment then was "You mean our wives and daughters can join our Lodge?" My answer was, of course, "Yes" but I explained that before their wives, daughters and other eligible women could be admitted, the present members would have to amend their own Lodge By-Laws to admit the ladies to membership. We then discussed the proper procedure for amending their By-Laws with the result that they decided to notify their members, by mail, that at their next meeting they would consider amending their By-Laws to read, "ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS LODGE SHALL BE ALL PERSONS, MALE AND FEMALE, WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY AS A WHOLE, UNDER THE LAWS OF THE SOCIETY." (This amendment was subsequently passed and has now been approved by the Supreme Board.)

Their next question was, "What is a Booster Rally and can we have one here?" I explained that a Booster Rally is nothing more than a dinner or supper to which the members invite every single person they can find who is eligible for membership. That they invite these people to be the guests of their Lodge. That they explain to the invited guests that The Danish Brotherhood in America and membership in it will be explained to them and that they will be invited to join. That those who are interested in joining will receive help in completing application blanks. That those who are not interested will be thanked for coming and that no pressure will be applied. They liked the idea and talked over ways and means of holding a Booster Rally. They agreed they could do it and agreed to do it if I would come back and talk to their guests. This, of course, I agreed to do.

Now we come to the point of this whole story. They didn't seem to know how or where to start looking for prospective members to invite to their Booster Rally. So, to start the ball rolling, I asked one of the older members this question, "Now that you have decided to amend your By-Laws to admit the ladies to membership and we have discussed our eligibility rules, how many people can you think of that **could** become members if they were asked and wanted to join?" This fine old member thought for a moment or two and then very slowly proceeded to count off on his fingers, "Well, I got a wife. I got four sons. I got a daughter. I got four daughter-in-laws. I got one son-in-law. AND I GOT 14 GRANDCHILDREN!" Twenty-five members in his immediate family and every last one of them eligible for membership!

The pay-off is that of these 25 eligible prospects, this member's wife, three of his sons and three of his daughters-in-law are members of the Lodge today.

The moral of this story is obvious. We've failed to grow as we should because we've neglected our best market. We've forgotten to invite the members of our own families to become a part of this Danish Brotherhood of ours! Let's correct that shortcoming right now. For the sake of your Lodge and for the sake of The Danish Brotherhood in America, please make it a definite point to invite every single member of your family to join us NOW! You'll be proud of the results.

Old lady: Which platform for the Boston train?

Porter: Turn left and you'll be right.

Old lady: Don't be impertinent.

Porter: Oh, very well, then, turn right and be left.

Looking Ahead to 1963

As we approach the final month of this year 1962, it seems timely to look ahead and to plan for 1963 — the year that might easily be the most important and crucial in our long history. The 26th National Convention will open in Erie, Pennsylvania on Monday morning, September 16, with Lyngblomsten Lodge No. 242 the host Lodge. Delegates to that Convention will be asked to debate, consider and to vote on matters of the greatest importance to all of us; their decisions will have far reaching effects on each of us; on each of our Lodges; on each of our General Committees or Districts and on The Danish Brotherhood in America.

The decisions reached by the delegates accredited to the National Convention in 1963 will be colored and, to some extent influenced by their own faith in the future of The Danish Brotherhood in America. Their faith in our future will, in turn, be weakened or be strengthened by what we have accomplished or what we have not accomplished since our last National Convention in 1959.

You and I, every single member of every single Lodge, can transmit OUR faith in The Danish Brotherhood in America to the delegates to our National Convention by helping OUR Lodge admit a record number of new members between January 1, 1963, and September 16, 1963. It will be a big job. It will take the help of every single member of our organization. It will take the cooperation of every single one of our lodges. It will require the help and the encouragement of every General Committee and District organization. **BUT IT CAN BE DONE!** Such a demonstration of faith in the future of The Danish Brotherhood in America will not only strengthen and help every single Lodge — it will be proof positive to our Delegates that we will support active and forward looking legislation enacted at the 1963 Convention.

We are asking YOUR help. We have set ourselves a goal of 2,700 new members (men, women, boys, girls) between January 1, 1963, and September 16, 1963! To achieve that goal, approximately one out of every four of our present members needs to sponsor ONE NEW MEMBER during that period. The goal of 2,700 new members represents an overall increase of 26.09 per cent — not nearly as great as it would appear when we recognize that in 1961, fourteen of our Lodges with an average starting membership of 40 plus, registered membership increases as follows:

No.	Lodge	% Increase	No.	Lodge	% Increase
16	Minden	155.26	111	Austin	36.00
144	Dike	120.00	117	Plainview	35.00
26	Fremont	95.65	194	McMinnville	31.82
245	South Bend	43.33	195	Omaha	30.95
67	Fresno	40.27	10	Council Bluffs	30.23
155	Bellingham	38.88	177	Cordova	28.57
15	Des Moines	36.36	110	Winside	26.92

Not nearly as big a job as it seems at first when we know that, to October 20, 1962, eight of our Lodges with an average membership of 42 on January 1, 1962, have registered membership increases as follows:

No.	Lodge	% Increase	No.	Lodge	% Increase
288	Cotesfield	225.00	144	Dike*	41.51
161	Ruskin	166.67	16	Minden*	38.71
155	Bellingham*	52.63	245	South Bend*	30.77
177	Cordova*	43.75	299	Solvang	26.35

Not nearly as big as it seems when we note that ALL the Lodges shown in the above listings have shown increases greater than the 26.09 per cent increase we are asking for in 1963 AND when we also note that 155, Bel-

lingham*, 144, Dike*; 16, Minden*; 177, Cordova*; and 245, South Bend* showed **more than** a 26.09 per cent increase in 1961 and have come right back with more than a 26.09 per cent increase already in 1962 — with a good two months to go in this year!

In an effort to ask, from each Lodge, only a fair share of this 2,700 new members that we have set as our goal, we have computed the average percentage increase achieved from January 1, 1962, to October 20, 1963, for Lodges in each of eight membership groups. We have adjusted this percentage figure downward in a few cases to compensate for special problems. This then gives us what we believe is an attainable percentage increase for Lodges in each membership group.

Membership 12-31-61	% Increase Goal	Membership 12-31-61	% Increase Goal
Up to 11	100	100 to 199	20
12 to 24	50	200 to 299	15
25 to 49	30	300 to 399	12½
50 to 99	25	500 and over	10

Thus, a Lodge with 12 members is being asked for six new members. A Lodge with 25 members is being asked for eight. A Lodge with 50 members is being asked for 13. A Lodge with 100 members is being asked for 20. A Lodge with 200 members is being asked for 30. A Lodge with 300 members is being asked for 38. A Lodge with 500 members is being asked for 50.

Between January 1, 1961, and October 20, 1962, one Lodge with less than 11 members showed an increase of more than 100 per cent. Five Lodges with 12 to 24 members showed increases of more than 50 per cent. Nine Lodges with 25 to 49 members showed increases of more than 30 per cent. Fourteen Lodges with 50 to 99 members showed increases of more than 25 per cent. Two Lodges with 100 to 199 members showed increases of more than 20 per cent and one Lodge with 200 to 299 members showed an increase of more than 15 per cent.

The job we are asking you to do is a BIG job. But it is a job that we can do — 32 of our Lodges have proven already that they can do as BIG a job or better. If each of us will do OUR fair share, we'll get the job done and we will all gain. Our Lodges will be bigger. They will be more active. They will be more interesting. Our General Committees or our Districts will gain members, dues and prize awards. And we, as individuals will reap cash prizes and, more important, will enjoy the pride and the satisfaction that stems from a job well done.

WE are asking YOU to help us make a success of this membership drive before our 1963 National Convention.

Please begin right now to list the names of the people you know who are eligible for membership. Then, ask each of them to join YOUR Lodge or Lodge No. 600 if they are not eligible for membership in your lodge. Your best prospects are the members of your immediate family, your wife, your sons, your daughters, your sons-in-law, your daughters-in-law, your grandchildren, your nieces, your nephews, your brothers, your sisters, your cousins and many more.

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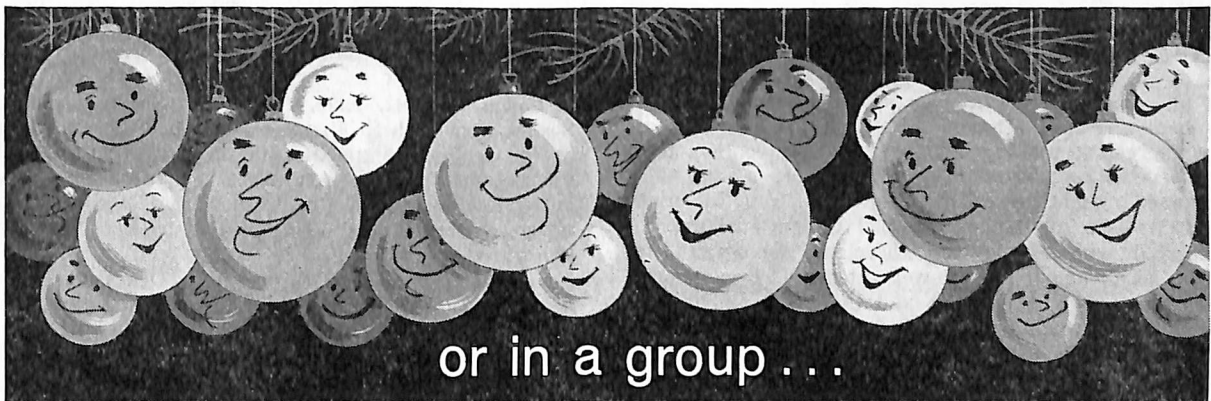
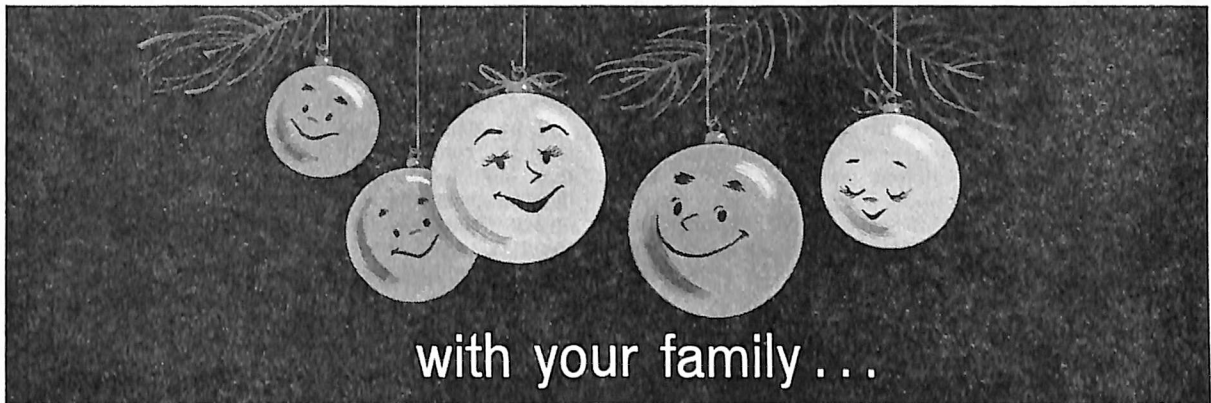
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Sep. 3	Fred Hansen	69	Frederikssund, Den.	4	1928	Racine, Wis.	Myocardial infarction	\$ 250.00
Oct. 3	Sigred G. Rasmussen	70	Horsens, Den.	600	1916	Omaha, Nebr.	Bronchopneumonia	1,000.00
Oct. 7	Knud P. Høgh	77	Lindknud Ribe Amt.	90	1919	Port Reading, N. J.	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
Oct. 14	Soren S. Nielsen	82	Skovby Aarhus, Den.	78	1912	Salt Lake City, Utah	Cerebral thrombosis	1,000.00
Oct. 14	Emil C. Olsen	82	Denmark	164	1916	New York, N. Y.	Heart disease	1,000.00
Oct. 12	Holger R. Buck	78	Marquette, Nebr.	263	1919	Askov, Minn.	Bronchopneumonia	1,000.00
Sep. 30	Niels C. Petersen	85	Denmark	10	1905	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Hemorrhage	500.00
Oct. 17	Andrew L. Andersen	80	Denmark	134	1916	Ringsted, Iowa	Uremia	250.00
Oct. 10	Jens B. Steffensen	80	Flade Morso, Den.	298	1903	Chicago, Ill.	Chronic pyelonephritis	500.00
Oct. 9	Jens B. Nielsen	77	Lim-Randers, Den.	4	1903	Racine, Wis.	Myocarditis	936.45
Nov. 3	Jens Jensen	82	Randers, Den.	600	1907	Omaha, Nebr.	Carcinoma	1,000.00
Nov. 5	Einar P. Christensen	66	Omaha, Nebr.	1	1921	Omaha, Nebr.	Metastatic carcinoma	750.00
Nov. 5	Ralph P. Nissen	50	Owen, Wis.	300	1946	Omaha, Nebr.	Not given	250.00
Sep. 17	Laurits Nielsen	90	Aarhus, Den.	49	1904	Oneonta, N. Y.	Arteriosclerosis	426.02
Nov. 6	Jens A. Andersen	81	Holbaek, Den.	172	1904	San Francisco, Calif.	Acute coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Nov. 3	Graves Gravesen	70	Jylland, Den.	113	1948	Philadelphia, Pa.	Not given	Social
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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

General Committee Eastern Lodges. A committee meeting was held November 10, at the Hotel Seneca, Geneva, N. Y. Except for Brother Lawrence Knudsen, who is kept busy attending his wife who was injured at our last convention, all committee members were present. President Ed Jonasen called the meeting to order at 2:45 p. m. Sitting in at the meeting were Brothers Richard Tansey, Ole Beck, Gerald Johnson and Lauris Henriksen of Lodge 242, also Andrew Thomsen, 183; Arthur Christensen and Vincent Bootes, 334 and yours truly. Reading of the minutes from our last convention and reports from all the GCEL officers were on the agenda. All officers had made two or more visits to different lodges in the vicinity where they live and several lodge anniversaries and banquets had been attended by board members, representing the GCEL. The promotional chairman, appointed by the president, Brother William Svendsen of Lodge 205, was not able to be present, he had however submitted a report which was read, it contained several ideas. A long discussion followed and it seemed to boil down to one fact, that the best way to get new members in the East is to try to get present members to submit names of eligible prospects and then have a committee willing to make personal contacts. The letter with its report and new ideas was approved by the board and the secretary was ordered to write Brother Svendsen giving him free hands to proceed with contests and communications. The president gave a status of the standing of membership in the East and urged all to do their utmost to interest new prospects so that we may replace all losses.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. Brother Mortensen gave a final report for the 65th anniversary committee and all agreed it had been a splendid affair. (Note to members who don't attend meetings.) Most meetings are very interesting and the last one was no exception, there were several communications to be discussed, and these of course, brought remarks, pro and con, from the members. We are all looking forward to our meeting November 29 with Promotional Director Paul Strand and it looks as though it will be well attended. December 14 is our next regular meeting and the order of business will include nomination of officers for the coming year, also nomination of a law committee who in turn will elect a delegate to the 1963 National Convention. It is hoped that all will attend this important meeting. We take this opportunity to wish all Brothers, far and near, a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. At the December 7 meeting Promotional Director Paul Strand will be present, it will be his last meeting here in the East before going back to Omaha, we sincerely hope his trip East has been successful and that it will gain in the future. Following our meeting our Lodge Christmas party will be held, the ladies have promised us "smorgasbord," we hope a big crowd will show up, if you do come, bring a 50c gift. Christmas tree party for the children will be held at the Elm Hall, 172 Midland Ave., Kearny, Sunday, December 16, at 4 p. m. Sisterhood Lodge No. 84 and Brotherhood Lodge No. 116 will have joint installation of officers for 1963, Friday, January 4, 1963, at 8 p. m., in the Brotherhood meeting hall, 180 Main St., West Orange, N. J. The installation will take place at 8:30 p. m. There will be dancing after the installation, Furdock's Orchestra will furnish the music from nine to midnight. Coffee and cake will be served.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. A Christmas dinner and dance will be held December 8, at Beck's on the Boulevard. Tickets are \$4 per person and reservations must be made in advance. Kellenbenz Orchestra will play for your dancing pleasure.

Lodge No. 183, Troy, N. Y. Brother James Christianen, one of our area archers, bagged a deer on opening day, it looks like a venison dinner at a later date. (A picture taken from a newspaper was enclosed, sorry, such clipping cannot be used as a picture in the Magazine.) The Lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary October 27, Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen and Past Supreme President Bysted Christensen were present. Dinner cooked by Sisters Laura Mazanti and Mary Nelson, was served by the Sisterhood, after hearing several speakers, dancing was enjoyed by all. The building committee is still busy, checking plans and bids. We hope the turnout will be good for Brother Paul Strand's visit as we are sure his remarks will be of benefit to all of us. President Bob Nelson is a busy man these days, the civil defense program is a must. We have a new member on our electrical staff, Brother Alex Gailey, only one thing is wrong, he should get a new book, because the 35c one he has doesn't explain the wire colors. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. Promotional Director Paul Strand is expected to visit this Lodge Wednesday, December 5. Brother Carl Christensen has promised us a fine dinner, so be sure you are there at 6:30 sharp. The joint Sister and Brotherhood annual Christmas tree party will be held Friday, December 28. We wish our sick Brothers Niels Sorensen and Kay Nielsen a speedy recovery.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Four Brothers and three Sisters went with Brother Ed Jonasen to the GCEL meeting in Geneva. A meeting has been held with the chairman of our national committee program, the executive committee for the National Convention and the printer, a very constructive meeting and many details regarding the souvenir program were worked out. Brother Soren Melgaard is back from his visit to Denmark. Election of officers for 1963 will take place at our meeting December 14. Christmas tree party for the children will take place Sunday afternoon, December 16. A New Year party will be held Monday, December 31.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. A new member, Axel Randlov, was initiated into the Lodge October 17 and we all bid him welcome, hoping he will enjoy his membership in No. 314 for many years. The annual Christ-

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mas party for the children will be held Thursday, December 27 at 6:30 p. m. The party is held together with the Sisterhood Lodge No. 153 and is for children and grandchildren of members only.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. The big question in this Lodge is, are we going to take ladies in as members in Lodge 325? You, the Brothers of the Lodge can answer this by coming to the meetings, discuss the matter and vote on it. We welcome a new Brother into the Lodge, the first new member responding to our published article in the press: "Do you have any Danish ancestors?", Brother Charles Rogers. We also hope our effort will get us a few more new members.

Lodge No. 334, Geneva, N. Y. The GCEL held its meeting in this town Saturday, November 10. This Lodge was host to the GCEL officers in the evening and a delicious turkey dinner was served at 7 p. m. Following the dinner both Sister and Brotherhood meetings were held. President Joseph Gillotte presided at the meeting for the Brothers and did a fine job. President of the GCEL, Brother Ed Jonassen had the pleasure of initiating a new member (I had his name, but lost it), into the Lodge; following the meeting the Sisters and Brothers once more got together and dancing took place until midnight, the never tiring Sisters served coffee and cake before the party broke up. A great number of Sisters and Brothers from Penn Yan were present and helped make this affair one long to be remembered.

From the Nebraska Lodges

The Nebraska General Committee held its convention in Minden October 5-6. Minden Lodge No. 16 and the ladies had done a lot of planning and work to make this meeting a success, and so it was. Although there were not so many as we had expected on this fine Indian summer day, all those who attended really were happy to be there.

A get-together party was held the evening before. The convention day registration started at 9 a. m. and the convention was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by our president. Roll call of delegates was taken. Fifteen lodges answered the call and more in the afternoon. The president and secretary-treasurer submitted their reports for the year. We had taken in 142 new members. The board had held three meetings and a picnic in the the Pawnee Park at Columbus turned out to be a good start, and it will be continued next year.

During the noon recess Minden ladies served a delicious "Dansk Smørrebrød." This lunch was very much enjoyed by all. A splendid spirit of friendliness prevailed from start to finish over our convention here in Minden.

A joint meeting of the state Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges was then called to order. Brother Hans Madsen, president of Minden Lodge No. 16, introduced county attorney W. Maier, who bade us all welcome to Minden. Then Brother Madsen introduced the Supreme Officers of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Nearly all were present, also the state officers from both Lodges were introduced. All responded with a few words. Brother Mikkelsen from the Iowa United Lodges was also made welcome.

Thereafter each organization took up their business meetings again. At the Brotherhood meeting several good proposals were submitted. The members of the board were increased to nine members and one of their jobs should be to write the new by-laws.

Thirteen new members were initiated into the Danish Brotherhood.

Promotional Director Paul Strand spoke of getting a

still better organization and more new members all over the state.

Election of officers went by acclamation. The present three state officers were re-elected and six more added. Elected were President, Rasmus Lauritzen, Weeping Water; Vice President, Leo Jensen, Carroll; Secretary-Treasurer, Boy Jessen, Lexington; Trustees, Andrew Madsen, Lincoln, chairman; Paul Hansen, Lincoln; and Chris Larsen, Omaha; Conductor, Axel Skelbeck, Omaha; Inside Guardian, Carl Thomsen, Cordova; Outside Guardian, J. P. Jensen, Superior.

Next year's convention will be in Lincoln.

The main speaker at the banquet in the evening was Dr. C. C. Madsen, President of Dana College in Blair. After his thoughtful and timely talk Axel Skelbeck of Omaha presented him with a \$100 check in behalf of the Danish Brotherhood in Nebraska for the promotional fund at Dana college.

A former ambassador to Denmark, Brother Val Petersen, also spoke briefly.

Installation of officers was presided over by Supreme President Brother Hans Andersen and Sister Margaret Sundby Larsen. The members then enjoyed themselves in dancing.

We hope this convention has accomplished some good for the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood in Nebraska. Brotherly fellowship was enjoyed by all, and we are looking forward to an even greater future to come.

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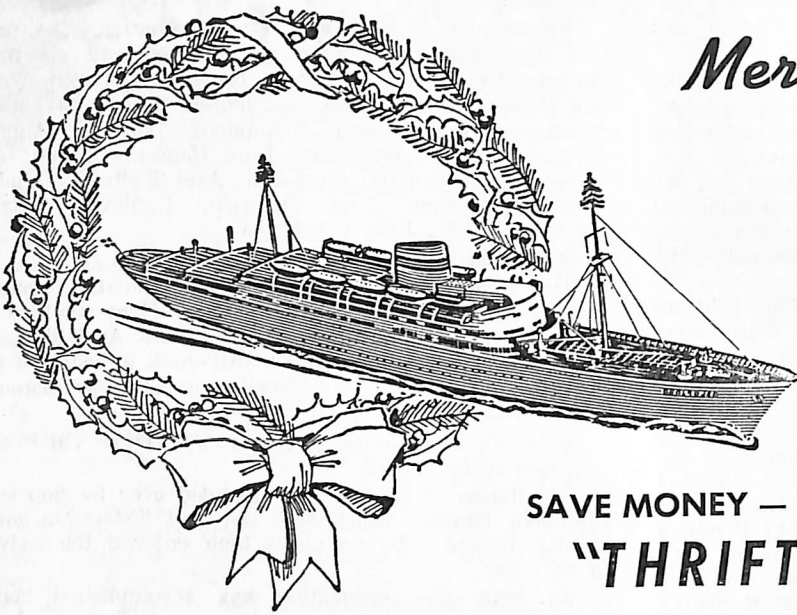
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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN

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You can now safely plan your vacation next year in that the dates for our next convention have now been set. As you know, Ripon Lodge 332 will be the host lodge and it will be the first convention arranged by that lodge, but as Ripon is a small town and not equipped to handle a convention, it will be held in Stockton and the place will be the new Ambassador Hotel. The dates will be August 22, 23 and 24. As this will be just prior to the National Convention in Erie, Pa., and many of the proposals placed before the delegates to the convention will be reviewed, it is important that as many of our members be present as possible in order to get the views of the California lodges to the proposals our delegates will have to deal with in Erie.

I have just heard from our President, Brother Alvin Olsen and he informs me that several changes have been made in his itinerary, here are the dates as of this date:

- January 9—Solvang, Lodge No. 299.
- January 10—Los Angeles, Lodge No. 126.
- January 11—Santa Barbara, Lodge No. 322.
- January 12—San Diego, Lodge No. 306.
- January 16—Selma, No. 255 and Del Rey, No. 188.
- January 17—Fresno, Lodge No. 67.
- January 18—Hayward, Lodge No. 184.
- January 22—Ferndale, No. 95 and Arcata, No. 230.
- January 26—Petaluma, Lodge No. 143.
- February 1—Oakland, Lodge No. 39.
- February 9—Ripon, Lodge No. 332.
- February 13—San Francisco, Lodge No. 49.
- February 19—Bakersfield, Lodge No. 319.

The dates for Alhambra Lodge 323 and Long Beach 329 are yet to be worked out. Should there be any change in the above such change will appear in the January issue as well as in *Bien*.

It is indeed refreshing to know that the old-time marriage is still here and once in a while we have the joy of celebrating a golden wedding. It was our pleasure to attend such a celebration November 9, when one of the nicest couples we know of could celebrate their golden wedding, namely Brother Niels and Sister Mary Tved, a couple that have done so much for their respective lodges, Golden Gate No. 49 and Margrethe Lodge No. 24.

During the formative years of our General Committee Brother Tved was most active and in looking through the old minute books of the General Committee we find Niels as a delegate from 49 right from the beginning as a regular delegate for many years. His good wife was active in forming the Sisterhood General Committee and was elected president of the General Committee in 1926. But these organizations have not been the only ones in which they were active, as nearly every Danish movement in San Francisco had their support. For instance Sister Tved was at one time secretary for the Danish Ladies Relief Society, at a time when all meetings were held in Danish and while Sister Tved was born here in San Francisco her parents had the good sense of teaching her Danish and I suppose Niels helped along as well, after they got married. At any rate, when they visited Denmark with the California Brotherhood excursion in 1930 several of the Danish newspapers had interviews with Mary and marvelled at her wonderful command of the Danish language.

The celebration was held in the beautiful home with about 30 of their old time friends and what a celebration

it was. Many of the organizations as well as friends had sent beautiful flowers and gifts. And I am sure, that when they got married 50 years ago Niels did not have a more radiant bride than his Mary 50 years later. And at midnight on the 9th we celebrated Mary's birthday as well. Many were the good wishes expressed by the friends of this wonderful couple and I know these wishes came from the heart of everyone. For my part it was one of the loveliest celebrations I have ever attended. For the future we wish these good people continued good health for many, many years to come.

Another couple in California will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, namely Brother and Mrs. Charles Petersen of Los Angeles. Brother Petersen has been treasurer of No. 126 as far back as I can remember and has for years been a delegate to our conventions. Charles has also been a delegate to our National Conventions several times. We wish this fine couple many happy years together.

Another couple well known in the Danish colony celebrated a special date, namely Brother and Mrs. Sven Stribolt, editor of *Bien*, in that they celebrated their silver wedding, and of all places, in the romantic Hawaiian Islands. Best wishes to both of you and we hope to be with you at your golden wedding.

The popular Danish Consul General in San Francisco, Frode Schön, has just been appointed as Ambassador to Portugal, a post he will assume December 4. Several fine affairs were held for Mr. and Mrs. Schön as so many wanted to say farewell to them. The last affair was held November 21, when the Consul General and Mrs. Schön hosted a farewell cocktail party at the Palace of Legion of Honor. We saw many of the Danes and most of the city and military officials of San Francisco. Of those present we noticed Supreme President and Mrs. Hans M. Andersen, Sister Tove Bollerup Madsen, president of the Sisterhood General Committee. Several officers of the two General Committees; Grand President of Dania and Mrs. Knud Weaver and many others. As this is written these good people are winging their way for a quick visit to the foreign office before Mr. Schön assumes his post in Lisbon. May we take this opportunity to wish Ambassador and Mrs. Schön all the best with his new responsibility; as Consul General he represented his country well here in California and I am sure Denmark chose an excellent representative in Portugal. We shall miss this wonderful couple here in San Francisco, and I have an idea that after eight years in his post here, they too, will miss the Danes here as well as San Francisco.

I have just had a nice check from Omaha in that I cashed my point certificate for taking in new members. What about you? Have you received a point certificate? If you haven't you are missing a bet for adding to your income. So go out and get a new member and sign him up for a nice insurance policy. You will do him as well as yourself a good turn. Better get him now.

Our President, Brother Alvin N. Olsen and all the officers of the General Committee extends to all our members and their families our very best wishes for a blessed Christmas. The General Committee of the Danish Sisterhood Lodges in California also extend best wishes for the holiday season.

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Forty Years for Lodge No. 321

To begin this little news from Florida, I just want to let you know that the slow season here in Florida is over and that Lodge 321 is again in full swing. Many go north in the summer and very many were in Denmark this summer, but nearly all are back again.

We had a meeting in November and 24 were present. We think it is good and after the meeting we were over 60 at the coffee table. We had election of a law committee and at the meeting in December election of officers will take place. Three new members were initiated and an application was received for a social member. It was decided that a New Year's party will be held in January. More details about that a little later.

The Fortieth Anniversary Party

This wonderful affair was held at the Holiday Inn at Palm Beach and we were about 100 present. We think it was fine and all present certainly enjoyed the affair. We started off with a cocktail party at 6 p. m., and dinner was served at seven. President Ejnar Henrickson bid all welcome and introduced as toastmaster Brother H. Andersen, "God Bless America" and "Der er et yndigt Land" were sung. The invocation was by Hannah Andersen.

Speakers called upon in order were Secretary Karlberg, History of Lodge 321; and George V. Petersen, Danish Brotherhood. Then there was a song written by Mrs. Marie Jensen, then Marius Krogh, "For the ladies," John Hansen, "Future," Danish songs, Gunnar Paulson. Mr. Paulsen is from Iceland and sings beautifully. Paul Theffner gave us a little talk and we are sure he will be a member in Lodge 321 before long. Aksel Muller and Mrs. Ericksen from Miami furnished the music in between and for the dancing.

There was magic and fun, performed by Johnny Eggert from West Palm Beach. We had the pleasure of meeting him on the "Kungsholm" coming home from Denmark and we hope to see him again. His performance was enjoyed very much by all.

After that, dancing took place and the ladies and a few men took part in the musical chair performance.

Several won prizes; among them was my own wife, Viola, who got the first prize and was she happy!

All in all it was a real nice affair and we are all looking forward to our New Year's party of which you will be notified in the January issue.



Left to right, Adolph Jordahn, A. V. Hansen, Charter Members; O. W. Eliassen, Theodore Hansen, Charter Members.

The most important part of the 40th anniversary party was, of course, the presentation of the four charter members who are still with us.

They are Adolph Jordahn, Walter Eliassen, Viggo Hansen and Theodore Hansen. Each has held office in the lodge. Theodore has been treasurer since the start and Eliassen secretary until last year.

All of them were called upon and all gave short speeches.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

The nice neighbor lady agreed to take the youngsters of her block to the swimming pool for the afternoon. Aiming to be extremely cautious in guarding the safety of her charges she failed to note a red traffic signal and was whistled to a stop by John Law.

As the policeman came alongside her car he asked, "Don't you know when to stop?"

"See here," she protested, "these aren't all my children."

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.