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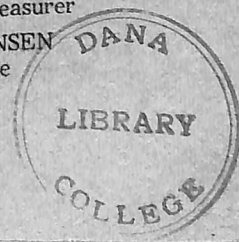
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January, 1963

Supreme Officers Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Supreme Officers was held at the Home Office in Omaha, Nebraska, October 8-12, 1962. All Officers were present. President Hans M. Andersen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a. m. with words of warm welcome to everyone.

A telegram, from Ex-President Otto Nielsen and Mrs. Nielsen, and several letters were read, wishing the Supreme Officers a successful meeting.

Beginning with First Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen, concluding with the President, each Board member in turn made his report covering activities of his respective office, and on observations in his area since the last meeting of the Board.

At this time, Axel Skelbeck, chairman, reported for the INVESTMENT COMMITTEE on transactions in the securities portfolio since the last meeting of the Board. On discussion, the report was accepted to become a part of the minutes of the meeting, and the committee commended for its services, on motion duly made and seconded.

Next, Kristen Jorgensen, chairman, reported for the Scholarship Committee. An informative discussion developed around the desirability of expanding the field of this educational function of the Fraternal Fund. This resulted in a decision to explore these possibilities under the leadership of Kristen Jorgensen with a later report to the Board. The ultimate purpose is to present the matter to the National Convention in Erie, Pa., next year. This report to be inserted in these minutes.

Einar Danielsen, chairman, reported on the Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournaments. It contained many interesting facts and resulted in several recommendations by Danielsen for continuing and broadening these tournaments. The report was accepted and is a part of the minutes of the meeting.

On the subject of a thorough-going revision of the mailing list of the Danish Brotherhood Monthly Magazine, Axel Skelbeck, made a detailed report on procedures and on accomplishments to date. There is a long way to go

yet, but with the help being received from the lodge secretaries, we should be able to finish the project early in 1963. The final results will be worth the cost and effort, he said.

The secretary reported that inquiries are received from members from time to time for permission to convert their insurance benefit certificates from the straight life plan to one of a limited payment plan, or to a "paid-up" form of Certificate, whichever is applicable. Heretofore, this has not been permissible. A plan was worked out over the past several months with the cooperation of the President and the Actuary, he said which he would now present for the Board's consideration.

After discussion, the Board voted favorably, on motion by Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded, on the adoption of the proposed plan. The form of procedure was likewise agreed upon, also by motion duly made by Skelbeck, and seconded.

New proposals for making refunds to members (payment of dividend) was presented by the secretary. By previous authority of the Board, this new plan is now ready for the Board's attention, at this meeting he said. The secretary then introduced the dividend table which had been built by the Actuary and upon which the plan of making refunds would be based. A further practical question was as to the method of distributing the refunds to members. If refunds were paid in cash, a heavy burden of office work would result and the expense in connection therewith would be extremely heavy, considering the amount to be distributed. In view of the large number of certificates in amounts less than \$1,000, many individual refunds would be so small that the refund would not equal the cost of writing and mailing the check. Even with the larger certificates, in view of the large number of members, the cost of writing checks for all dividends would be considerable. The work of keeping track of a large monthly outstanding check list would also add greatly to the expenses of making refunds by way of cash payments. Alternate methods for making the refunds were recommended and were properly adopted by the Board, as published in a special release on page 3 of the December, 1962, issue of the Monthly Magazine.

The many details related to placing into operation, the method of making refunds to the members were all in turn recorded by motions duly made, seconded and adopted.

It was likewise decided to make the plan effective with the 1962 distribution and remain in effect until modified, or changed, at a future date. For 1962 the amount to be distributed was set at 100 per cent of the amount of dividends the formula in the dividend table, just adopted, will produce. Where the formula in a single case produces a dividend of less than \$1.00, no dividend will apply. The anniversary date of the Benefit Certificate is the effective date the dividend will be credited to the member's account.

New Form of Benefit Certificate. On the basis of previous authority by the Board, the secretary now reported on the further progress made with respect to completion of a new Benefit Certificate under a "Life Paid-up at Age 65" plan, to be added to our present group of insurance certificates. This additional form of Benefit Certificate, earlier adopted by the Board, is yet awaiting full formal approval by governing authorities. It is expected that an early 1963 announcement can be made.

The "Term to Age 16" Juvenile Benefit Certificate came up for discussion. This type of Certificate, once very popular, is no longer in sufficient demand to warrant its continuance. On careful review it was decided to discontinue this particular juvenile form of Benefit Certificate in the future. All presently outstanding cer-

tificates, previously issued on this plan, will be serviced until they expire.

The 26th National Convention in September, 1963, at Erie, Pennsylvania, with "Lyngblomsten" Lodge No. 242 as the host lodge, was discussed. In cooperation with Lodge No. 242 the opening day of the convention was previously set, under official file No. 564, for September 16, 1963, the third Monday in September. By motion of Axel Skelbeck, duly made and seconded, this date was at this time written into the minutes of this meeting. To prepare for the convention, under the provisions of the laws of the Brotherhood, many related matters were reviewed and decisions rendered.

BY-LAWS. A number of conflicting and, or, confusing sections in the by-laws were reviewed by the Executive Committee during the summer. The Committee's recommendations were placed before the Board for official consideration. Under the authority vested in the Supreme Officers in section 174 of the General Provisions in the laws of the Society these actions were recorded, each upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted.

Section 85, par. 1 and sec 116 shall be interpreted to mean that the word "men" wheresoever it appears in the mentioned paragraphs, shall read "persons."

That section 89 shall be interpreted so as to provide that a subordinate Lodge may determine the amount of the initiation fee of new members, with the fee to be at least \$4.00 for insured and not less than \$1.00 for social members, to accompany the application for membership.

It was decided that revision of the mailing list of the Monthly Magazine shall also exclude social members in households where one copy, and perhaps more, is being received by insured members. The rule of charging an annual subscription fee of \$.50 for the magazine to non-members, shall also remain in force.

In compliance with section 26, paragraph 1 of the by-laws of the Society, the trustees met in the vaults of the Bank where the securities are deposited. A complete inventory of the securities in which the funds of the Society are invested, was made. The interest coupons maturing during the period from November 1, 1962, to, and including the month of April, 1963, were detached and segregated in order of due date. All other members of the Board assisted in this function.

The book balances in the Secretary-Treasurer's office were audited and verified. Subsequently, the Trustees submitted a written report to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer of their audit of the investments and the book balances, which they found to be correct and in full agreement with the official records. The report was accepted, and placed on the records, by motion duly made and seconded. Each of the remaining officers and trustees were allowed a copy of the report for his files.

The present surety bond covering officers and key employes is about to expire. On motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the bond was renewed to be in force on a three-year basis on terms in full compliance with the laws of the Society.

On a review of the application forms now in use, it was learned that the non-medical form is highly advantageous and our experience in the use of the non-medical form is high, far above a normal average, and moved the Board to adopt a plan for an extended use of this form. The secretary was authorized, by motion duly made, to complete the details and to put the plan into effect as soon as it was practical and permissible.

80th Jubilee Tour. Final reports were given by Viggo Mikkelsen, Tour leader, and Axel Skelbeck, Tour committee chairman. Many comments, expressing pleasure over the success of the tour, and the fine publicity it

reflected on the Society in general, were made. Mikkelsen's report was supplemented with comments by Chris Madsen and Fred Jensen as tour conductors. The President, in behalf of the general membership, thanked everyone for their efforts in making the tour the success it became and relieved the committee members from further duties; then declared the 80th Jubilee Tour Committee dissolved.

The President who, at the last meeting of the Board, graciously assumed the job of reviewing the present rituals for the purpose of updating, made his tentative report, with a full report for the Board's consideration to follow. Brother Andersen mentioned that the subject matter is inexhaustible and requires immensely more time than at first anticipated.

A pen holder (an antique steel pen), the wood of which came from the timbers of the former Danish Man-of-War "Niels Juel," the same as the wood in the Supreme President's gavel used at National Conventions, was presented to the Supreme President by Brother Hans C. Hansen, a member of Los Angeles Lodge No. 126. In his letter of presentation, Brother Hansen informs us that the pen holder was made at Orlogsvaerftet, Copenhagen, while his father, Lt. Chr. Hansen was in charge there. The pen holder was accepted with much pleasure and it is now assigned the task of prestige of use for affixing the signatures of the Supreme President and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer to all charters issued to new lodges.

The functions of the Promotional Department since the last meeting of the Board came up for review and subjected to a prolonged discussion, including conferences with Paul E. Strand, Promotional Director. With a cost saving purpose in mind, certain important changes in the operation of the Department were made and placed into effect as of November 1, 1962. In view of these changes, action on Mr. Strand's proposed program for 1963 was deferred and referred back to him for re-consideration.

A voluminous file of miscellaneous matters to come before the Board for official action was taken under consideration at appropriate times during the meeting. All business was transacted under lawful procedure.

The next full meeting of the Board became scheduled to begin on Monday, April 8, 1963.

The President presided at, and all members of the Board attended, all sessions of the meeting.

AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary-Treasurer.

JANUARY ASSESSMENT

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January 1, 1963

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February 1, 1963

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

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

Fresno Fifty Club Honored



Pictured above are the DB and DSS members of the Fresno Fifty club. Reading left to right the couples are: Mr. and Mrs. Ingvard Andersen; Mr. and Mrs. Christian Mathiesen; Mr. and Mrs. Peder C. Pedersen; Mr. and Mrs. Jens Bisgaard; Mr. and Mrs. Mads Danielsen; Mr. and Mrs. Elias Nielsen; Mr. and Mrs. Louie H. Hansen.

The four Danish lodges of Fresno, Danish Brotherhood No. 67, Danish Sisterhood No. 149, Dania Thor No. 5 of Dania of California and Nevada, and Thora No. 11 of Dannebrog, recently combined efforts and presented a golden wedding celebration to Mr. and Mrs. Jens Bisgaard.

Although the party was in honor of the Bisgaard's, also honored were nine other couples. The total combined number of married years for the group exceeding 500 years. The following are the couples honored:

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Bisgaard, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Christian Mathiesen, 53 years; Mr. and Mrs. Louie H. Hansen, 57 years; Mr. and Mrs. Mads Danielsen, 54

years; Mr. and Mrs. Elias Nielsen, 59 years; Mr. and Mrs. Peder C. Pedersen, 51 years; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jensen, 54 years (Dania member only); Mr. and Mrs. Ingvaard Andersen, 52 years; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bonnesen, 54 years; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clarey, 56 years (wife DSS member). Three of the couples were unable to attend.

New Year's Party in the Southland

Lodge No. 321 in West Palm Beach, Fla., will hold its annual party of the New Year on Saturday, January 19, beginning at 6 p. m., at the VFW Hall, 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach, Fla.

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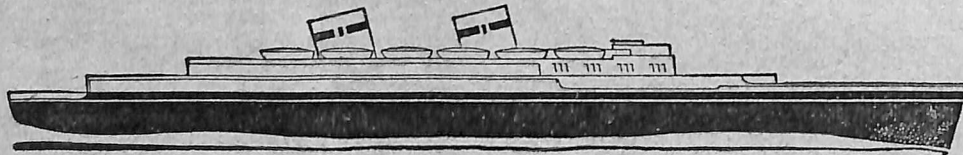
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

Appoint your lodge "Meet Me in Vancouver" chairman early to assure enthusiasm for a good representation at the Fourteenth Annual District Convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish lodges on May 3, 4 and 5. It takes a lot of "work behind the scenes" to promote these yearly gatherings and it is time to start right now. To mention that the Canadians will make the event an outstanding success goes without saying. Stimulate interest and then attend with determination to contribute your views, your ideas, your praise and your criticism, if you please. Talk about the conclave at each of your monthly meetings until May. Attendance at a district conference is a wonderful experience in fellowship which will long be remembered by those present. This year, particularly, it offers an unusual opportunity to meet your fellow Brothers in another country and that's what we call "international understanding."

AN INVITATION TO THE LADIES

From Canadian Brother wives, to you across the border, May we extend to you this very warm order.

It's not a formal notice, just a friendly greeting:

We hope that you'll be coming to the District Annual meeting.

We've had our heads together and are making plans galore;

We know that you'll enjoy the many things we have in store.

We'll put you in a setting that will surely please your eye; A lush green-treed area with snow-tipped mountains standing by.

You'll lose that "vacation fever" that summer seems to bring

When you smell the fresh sweet air of Vancouver in the spring.

You'll be surrounded by beauty and have water by your side;

We call it fabulous and stupendous with not a little pride. Or if you hanker for the sea, we have it at our door. We're just next to the blue Pacific Shore.

Then, too, another beauty, we feel that we should mention. The world famous international airport should draw your attention.

But back now to our program—just let us say, We've plans to keep you busy all throughout the day. We'd like to entertain you and show you lots of fun. At the Annual District Meeting, while the men get their work done.

We'll be waiting for your reservations during the entire spring

For we know you will want to get in the swing. Just say that you are coming and we'll get into action; We'll make our ladies' program a major attraction.

Ambassador of Denmark to the United States, Count K. C. Knuth-Winterfeldt, who recently visited the Pacific Northwest Danes on several occasions, is credited for having said this: "Before the Second World War, the United States was only one of our smaller customers. Today, the US is the third largest export market for Danish merchandise. Processed animal food is the largest item in our exports to America—canned ham, cheese and fish fillets being the principal commodities—hides, furs, furniture, silver and china follow in that order. We buy from you—grain, tobacco, oil seeds, cotton, machine tools, electrical equipment, aircraft, automobile spare parts and fuel. It is worth mentioning that we sell not only to consumers in the United States but also to

your GI's in Western Germany—Danish food and beverages are understandable attractions." The Danish Exhibit at the Seattle World's Fair, which accommodated 1,700,000 visitors, was spectacular to say the least and the structure in which the products of Denmark were shown is one of the many left to form a magnificent civic center for the Queen City.

Niels Bohr, born October 7, 1885, passed away suddenly and peacefully in Copenhagen on November 18, 1962. Expressions of sorrow and sympathy came from every part of the world and included a letter to Mrs. Margrethe Bohr from President Kennedy. With the passing of Niels Bohr, the universe has lost not only one of the greatest scientists of this century but also one of the intellectual giants of all time. It was Niels Bohr who, together with Albert Einstein, laid the foundations of the Quantum Theory, the key to our understanding of the fundamental forces operating within the nuclei of atoms and the interior of stars. Since the death of Einstein in 1955, Bohr was universally recognized as the world's greatest scientist, respected not only for his contributions to science, but also a beloved teacher of the younger generations of physicists and as a great humanitarian.

Princess Margrethe, heir to the Throne of Denmark, is an ardent archaeologist, the same as her maternal grandfather, King Gustaf of Sweden. After a week of visits and festivities in Egypt as guest of President Nasser, she has now joined the Scandinavian Archaeological Expedition in Nubia. For three weeks, the Princess will don working clothes as a member of the scientific team and live in a small village at Debeira.

After several very successful tours in former years, the last tour 1961-62, Erik Flensted-Jensen is planning to bring his gymnastic team to the United States again in the fall of 1963 after vacation. The address in Denmark is Kongevejen 147 B, Virum, and in America, the mailing address is in care of the Danish Information Office, 588 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, New York.

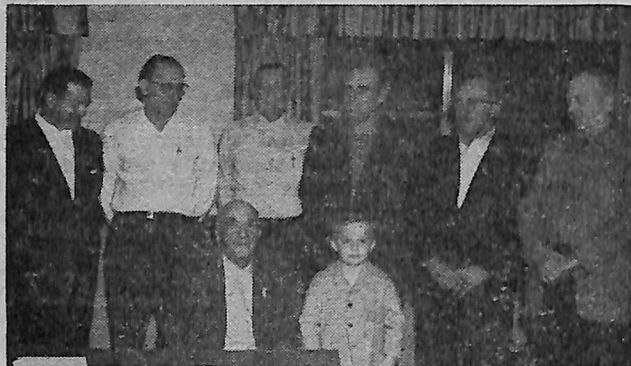
Another fine Dane pioneer has gone to his reward. Brother Niels C. Christensen, long time honorary member of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home, died at his waterfront mansion on December 3. Reaching for his 85th birthday, Brother Christensen of 12416 Nyanza Road SW., in Tacoma, had been president of DB No. 33 for a number of years. Born in Denmark and coming to the Puget Sound country from Minnesota in 1907, Brother Niels was a retired cement contractor, a member of the Danish Lutheran church and the Fraternity of Eagles. Surviving are his wife, Lena; a son, George; and two granddaughters. Last rites were performed by the Mountain View Funeral Home.

Tacoma's Trustee Chairman Chris Fredericksen's brother, Pete, died in Black Diamond on October 23; at a special meeting called at DB 33's President Frank Swayne's home, a law committee was elected to include Brothers Harry W. Larson, C. Fred Christensen, Norbert Grove, Bendix Chris Fredericksen, Willie Rasmussen and Ed Sorensen; and officers for 1963 are President Frank Swayne; Ex-President Norbert Grove; Vice President Emil Paulsen; Secretary-Treasurer Fred Christensen; Trustees Chris Fredericksen, Willie Rasmussen and Martin Rasmussen; Inner Guard Henning Lindberg and Outer Guard Emil Noyce.

The bigger the mouth the better it looks shut.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois

Lodge No. 34 held a party in honor of Andrew P. Nielsen who recently received his 50-year membership pin. Brother Nielsen is also the treasurer of Lodge No. 34. He is very active in lodge affairs and his three son-in-laws and four sons and three grandsons are members of the lodge.



The above picture presents Brother Nielsen and his clansmen. Seated: A. P. Nielsen with his grandson who is a Juvenile member. Standing, left to right: Steve S. Ruialo, son-in-law, Arthur L. Nielsen, son; Donald Madsen, son-in-law; Irvin Nielsen, son; Arnold Nielsen, son; Oscar Jensen, son-in-law.

Attention! Lodge Secretaries

Based on our register of new membership application approved many are yet to be returned to the home office, after applicants initiation. At this time of the year it is especially important that all such applications be returned to my office as soon as possible after the initiation in order to be properly processed in 1962. For this purpose the books will be held open until January 7, 1963.

Forms for your 1962 annual report were mailed from here about December 13 and should be in your hands shortly thereafter. May I ask your cooperation to the end that I can have your report for audit at the very earliest time possible; even at the risk that you may later have to

amend the financial statistics on page 4 of the report, when the treasurer's records have been audited. On receipt after January 15 we risk a delay in the audit of your report. The 1963 annual password will be awaiting receipt of your report.

The deadline for electing your Law Committee, preparatory to the election of a delegate and alternate for the 1963 National Convention expired at mid-night December 15, 1962. (After that hour the election is invalid and not in compliance with section 43 in the laws of the society.) Many reports are missing so, if you have not yet mailed yours, please do so at the very earliest.

For election of delegate, and alternate, to the 1963 National Convention in Erie, Pa., the absolute deadline is March 15, 1963, at midnight. Because of inclement weather in many areas of our local lodges, do not delay the election until the very last minute. Forms on which to report the election of delegate will be sent to you in the first part of the month of March, 1963.

The entire staff at the office uses this occasion to say Thanks for the many Christmas Greetings we have received up until press time. It will not be possible to write you our individual appreciation, so kindly accept these expressions in the same spirit. We wish that good fortune may attend all of you in 1963 and the years to follow.

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

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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
Sep. 15	Mads Steffensen	93	Oslov, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1898	Uremia	\$1,000.00
Jun. 22	Andrew Chr. Jensen	83	Hals, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1917	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
Nov. 13	Charles J. Madsen	73	Marinette, Wis.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1930	Cardiac failure	750.00
Oct. 20	Viggo Jepsen	69	Sennels Thisted, Den.	16	Minden, Nebr.	1921	Myocardial infarction	1,000.00
Sep. 4	Walter C. Nelson	85	Denmark	240	Rochester, N. Y.	1910	Cancer	471.13
Nov. 15	Hans J. Madsen	88	Lyo, Denmark	51	Ludington, Mich.	1907	Myocardial infarction	898.94
Nov. 20	H. Lowell Christensen	38	Minneapolis, Minn.	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1950	Not given	500.00
Nov. 22	Jorgen C. V. Larsen	75	Copenhagen, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1928	Cerebral thrombosis	250.00
Nov. 8	Niels Olesen	70	Marion, Iowa	255	Selma, Calif.	1921	Accident	1,000.00
Nov. 21	Knud Jensen	60	Lynby, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1952	Coronary thrombosis	2,000.00
Oct. 11	Vivian R. Krag	61	St. Paul, Minn.	184	Hayward, Calif.	1943	Glioblastoma right frontal	500.00
Oct. 31	Soren P. Pedersen	76	Orting, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1915	Not given	1,000.00
Dec. 2	Jorgen H. Jorgensen	91	Humble-Langoland	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1906	Heart failure	422.59
Nov. 7	George J. Petersen	71	Tacoma, Wash.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1920	Heart disease	250.00
Sep. 13	Christian T. Jacobsen	68	Ferndale, Calif.	95	Ferndale, Calif.	1914	Uremia	250.00
Nov. 24	Einar W. Lohse	79	Copenhagen, Den.	167	Portland, Ore.	1907	Myocardial infarction	970.13
Nov. 19	Johan C. W. Weber	91	Copenhagen, Den.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1914	Heart failure	241.50
Nov. 21	Niels Nielsen	80	Rubjerg, Denmark	150	Rorbeck, Iowa	1903	Heart failure	234.11
Nov. 26	David F. Latimer	52	Kansas City, Kan.	173	Kansas City, Kan.	1947	Coronary occlusion	2,000.00
Dec. 1	Charles W. Olsen	71	Ironville, Pa.	35	Chicago, Ill.	1924	Cerebral thrombosis	1,000.00
Oct. 26	Louis Nielsen	74	Holbaek, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1953	Not given	Social
Nov. 20	Hans C. Sorensen	83	Opsund, Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1941	Not given	Social
Oct. 21	August V. Jensen	72	Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	1940	Not given	Social
July	William Williamsen	80	Denmark	314	Hartford, Conn.	1949	Not given	Social

PROMOTION PAGES

We Welcome Our 103 New Members

What can we say to you eighty-eight new Adult members and you fifteen new Juvenile members that will convey our thoughts any better than, "Welcome to membership in THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA"? We are glad to have you as members of this organization of ours; we will do our utmost to make you feel truly welcome and to help make your membership interesting, enjoyable and rewarding. In turn, we ask that you take an active part in the work of your Lodge; that you suggest and help sponsor ideas that will make your Lodge more active and more interesting; that you accept and fulfill committee assignments; that you invite to membership the members of your own family and those of your friends who are eligible. With your ideas; your enthusiasm; your help; your Lodge will be a more active and interesting Lodge for all and it will grow in stature and in membership.

New Adult Members Admitted Last Month

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	New Member
4	Racine	B. Engstad	Henning Christensen
4	Racine	A. Hermansen	Ib Anton Madsen
4	Racine	M. Nelson	Hans Peter Andersen
4	Racine	M. Nelson	Christ Frandsen Olsen
4	Racine	W. Petersen	Paul John Bahnson
4	Racine	J. J. Simonsen	Vincent A. Carlin
10	Council Bluffs	Jens Eriksen	Richard C. Pedersen
10	Council Bluffs	E. Grunberg	Charles E. Sweetman
10	Council Bluffs	E. Grunberg	Charles L. Sweetman
10	Council Bluffs	E. Grunberg	Donald E. Sweetman
14	Kenosha	John Gellert	Aage Gram
16	Minden	Ras Lauritzen, Jr.	Roger Richards
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	James Titus Bang
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Harold F. Christ
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Harry J. Hoffman
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Lucille M. Johnson
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	E. Max Liebers
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Jean K. Liebers
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Julius R. McBride
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Andrew A. Paulsen
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Victor N. Schere
16	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen	Alvia Cover
16	Minden	P. C. Nielsen	Elizabeth M. Cover
16	Minden	P. C. Nielsen	Archie Johnson
16	Minden	P. C. Nielsen	Dale W. Johnson
16	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen	Wilbur Nelson
16	Minden	P. C. Nielsen	Willard H. Talbert
30	Muskegon	C. Jensen, Sr.	C. W. Jensen, Jr.
30	Muskegon	L. J. Ritter	Raymond G. Sweet
36	Milwaukee	A. O. Hansen	Donald L. Pedersen
43	Denver	O. J. Dal.	David Henrik Pedersen
70	Greenville	Oluf Feldt	Donald Sage
75	Albert Lea	R. H. Sorensen	Irwin L. Wayne
78	Salt Lake City	H. W. Hansen	Arnold Andersen
125	Weeping Water	Ras Lauritzen, Jr.	Harry Critser
126	Los Angeles	Eric Roug	Jorgen H. Roug
126	Los Angeles	H. Brodersen	Jens E. Nielsen
126	Los Angeles	Kai Due	Kai Gerner Olsen
126	Los Angeles	C. O. Ericson	Fulton A. Archibald
126	Los Angeles	C. O. Ericson	Thomas R. Berg

126	Los Angeles	C. O. Ericson	Holger Christensen
126	Los Angeles	C. O. Ericson	Per Vagn Glarborg
126	Los Angeles	C. O. Ericson	Erik Georg Nielsen
126	Los Angeles	Kai Gottschalk	Niels Nielsen
126	Los Angeles	I. M. Lauritsen	Erik M. Kofed
126	Los Angeles	I. M. Lauritsen	Eli I. Rasmussen
126	Los Angeles	C. E. Petersen	Birger Christensen
126	Los Angeles	O. Sandau	Wilhelm A. O. Bentzen
126	Los Angeles	T. Vindvad	Kai Aage Rasmussen
144	Dike	Wayne Paige	Harry H. Timmer
144	Dike	Wayne Paige	Harold Madsen
155	Bellingham	Hugo Busch	Ines Mine Busch
161	Ruskin	O. L. Schultz	Lawrence J. Jensby
161	Ruskin	O. L. Schultz	Teresa A. Jensby
161	Ruskin	O. L. Schultz	Hilda J. Jensen
161	Ruskin	O. L. Schultz	Julius R. Jensen
172	Philadelphia	Mogen Hempel	Carl Otto Poulsen
177	Cordova	Henry Petersen	Hanna Petersen
177	Cordova	O. Petersen	Doris Marie Thomsen
177	Cordova	C. Thompsen	Dean R. Beecher
177	Cordova	Carl Thompsen	Levi P. Hansen
182	Waukegan	P. N. Nielsen	Karl Ives Berning
211	Grand Island	Ernest Harder	Ernie Laursen
227	Detroit	V. Mikkelsen	Verner F. Andersen
245	South Bend	Louis Kasa	LaVerne O. Chapman
263	Askov	John Meier	Hans J. Lunde
263	Askov	Ed. Sorensen	Myron E. Hagen
263	Askov	A. M. Thomsen	Duane E. Clausen
288	Cotesfield	C. Boilesen	Ida Coufal (Larsen)
288	Cotesfield	Chris Boilesen	Mariane Tuma
300	Oneonta	Carl Michelsen	Harold Nelson
306	San Diego	F. Aase	Charles W. Fitzgerald, Jr.
306	San Diego	Lehman Cook	Lee R. D. Cook
306	San Diego	Peter Jensen	Leo V. Kruse
306	San Diego	Peder Norby	Oluf Lindeboe
314	Hartford	Alfred P. Stark	Axel Randlov
321	W. Palm Beach	E. C. Hinrichsen	Juel A. Sorensen
321	W. Palm Beach	T. Meulengracht	A. P. Zupriski
321	W. Palm Beach	Henning Ryfoss	Ole Nissen
323	Alhambra	Olaf Christensen	Constance V. Bell
323	Alhambra	Olaf Christensen	Ellen C. Lehman
323	Alhambra	F. E. Jepsen	Beatrice A. Jepsen
323	Alhambra	Frank E. Jepsen	Mary Jessen
323	Alhambra	Otto Kiertzner	Evald Larsen
323	Alhambra	Otto Kiertzner	Nanny Larsen
332	Ripon	N. Davis, Jr.	Richard H. Murray
334	Geneva	Joseph Gillotte	Richard A. Rogers
600	Omaha	K. Markussen	Carol S. Markusen

New Juvenile Members Admitted Last Month

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	New Member
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Ronald Albert Allen
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Ruth Ann Allen
16	Minden	T. V. Madsen	Mark C. Johnson
30	Muskegon	G. Williamsen	Craig Williamsen
30	Muskegon	G. Williamsen	Scott Williamsen
42	Spokane	John M. Beck	Douglas Hahn
92	St. Charles	E. Danielsen	Robert A. Hansen
144	Dike	E. Andersen	Diane C. Andersen
144	Dike	E. Andersen	Kenneth W. Andersen
225	Canton	David Jacobsen	Bret I. Jacobsen

225..... Canton—J. Christensen..Scott F. Southwood
 263..... Askov—John Meier.....Jane Marie Lunde
 263..... Askov—John Meier.....Janet Joan Lunde
 263..... Askov—John Meier.....Julie Ann Lunde
 306..... San Diego—Axel Pedersen..Peder Hans Norby

49 San Francisco, Calif. 740,316 296 11 3.71
 306 San Diego, Calif. 588,400 62 11 17.74
 30 Muskegon, Mich. 46,485 52 10 19.23
 67 Fresno, Calif. 133,929 84 10 11.90
 155 Bellingham, Wash. 34,688 19 10 52.63
 321 West Palm Beach, Fla. ... 56,208 23 10 43.47

Here are some interesting and revealing facts about this month's new member listings.

Of our one hundred and three new members admitted, twenty-one or virtually 20 per cent were female. The ladies are adding immeasurably to the strength of and interest in those Lodges that have amended their By-Laws to admit them to membership. If your Lodge has not yet so amended their By-Laws, we earnestly suggest that you consider doing so.

With this issue we will have published ten new member listings so far this year. Minden No. 16 and Los Angeles No. 126 have appeared in eight of those listings. Solvang No. 299 has appeared in seven. Dike No. 144, Detroit No. 227, South Bend No. 245, and Askov No. 263 have appeared in six. Chicago No. 17, Albert Lea No. 75, Portland No. 167, Cordova No. 177 and Alhambra No. 323 have appeared in five. Together these twelve Lodges have admitted a total of two hundred and fifty-one new members thus far this year for an overall average of twenty-one new members each. And these two hundred fifty-one new members were sponsored by a total of eighty-two members of these Lodges for an overall average of slightly more than three new members each. Consistent effort by many members does pay off!

Eighty-six of our 180 Lodges appeared in our new member listings at least once during the year. These 86 Lodges added a total of 478 Adult members and 111 Juvenile members to our Roster. This is an average of 6.85 new members per lodge. Two hundred sixty-seven members of these 68 lodges sponsored these 589 members for an average of a little more than two new members each. Consistent effort by many members does pay off!

We earnestly suggest that you make it a point to discuss these facts at your very next Lodge meeting. Compare the record of your own members and your own Lodge with the record of other members and other Lodges. Then, if the comparison is unfavorable to your Lodge, plan a membership drive for 1963; organize a membership committee or a Booster committee; set a target or goal of however many new members you want your Lodge to admit during 1963; ask all of your members to help and then set out to get those new members. There is no better way to make your Lodge more interesting and more active.

This month we proudly welcome to HONOR ROLL Alhambra No. 323 with 16 new members; Askov Lodge No. 263 with 15; San Diego No. 306 with 11; Muskegon No. 30 with 10 and West Palm Beach No. 321 with 10. We are proud of your record, each of you and we are sure that interest in your Lodge has increased in direct proportion to the number of new members you have admitted this year. Keep up the good work!

Does the population of the city or town in which a Lodge is located have any effect on the new member potential? It doesn't seem to if you take a look at the populations shown in this listing. Los Angeles and Chicago have more than a million population. San Diego and San Francisco have more than half a million. Portland, Omaha, South Bend and Fresno have populations ranging from 132,445 to 372,676. Alhambra and West Palm Beach have populations of 54,807 and 56,208 respectively. Muskegon and Bellingham have populations of 46,485 and 34,688 respectively. Albert Lea boasts 17,108. Minden claims 2,383. Solvang is home to 1,325. Dike, Ruskin, Cotesfield, Cordova and Askov all are credited with populations of less than 1,000—down to 81 for Cotesfield. Obviously, it isn't the population that makes the difference between a growing Lodge and one that stands still.

Does the membership of a Lodge at the turn of the year make any difference in whether that Lodge grows or not? Obviously not. Included in our HONOR ROLL to date, we find six Lodges in Group I with membership of more than 100 as of 12-31-61. We find seven in Group II with from 50 to 99 members as of 12-31-61. We find three in Group III with from 25 to 49 members as of 12-31-61. We find four in Group IV with up to 24 members as of 12-31-61. Small Lodge, big Lodge; it isn't the size of the membership that counts—it is the willingness of the members to work for something interesting and worthwhile that makes the difference.

Does past performance—whether or not a Lodge has done a good job of finding and admitting new members in previous years—have any effect? YOU BET IT DOES! Of the twenty Lodges on this year's HONOR ROLL, fourteen of them appeared in HONOR ROLL last year! They have gotten into the habit of constantly looking for and admitting new members—they know it makes for a much more interesting Lodge—so they keep right on finding and admitting new members. Conversely, a lack of activity in the past does not rule out the possibility of admitting new members. Look at Ruskin No. 161, not one single new member since 1945—then 24 this year. Or Cotesfield No. 288, not one single new member since 1948—then 20 this year. It apparently doesn't make one single bit of difference whether your Lodge has been active in admitting new members or not—if you members want an active and growing Lodge, you can have it, by inviting the next eligible person you meet to join your Lodge! And then keep it up.

Will your Lodge achieve the distinction of achieving HONOR ROLL yet this year? Or next year? It will if you decide that you WANT it to be an HONOR ROLL Lodge and then, together with your fellow members, help your Officers to plan and carry out a membership campaign during the next months. And, we'll be proud and glad to list your Lodge in the distinguished company of our other HONOR ROLL Lodges.

Honor Roll for 1962

Lodge No.	Location	Population	Members 1-1-62	New Members	% of Increase
16	Minden, Nebr.	2,383	93	54	58.06
167	Portland, Oregon	372,676	132	30	22.72
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,535,700	305	27	8.85
144	Dike, Iowa	630	53	25	47.16
161	Ruskin, Nebr.	203	12	24	200.00
288	Cotesfield, Nebr.	81	8	20	250.00
299	Solvang, Calif.	1,325	72	19	26.38
177	Cordova, Nebr.	152	32	18	56.25
323	Alhambra, Calif.	54,807	25	16	64.00
17	Chicago, Ill.	3,550,404	174	15	8.62
263	Askov, Minn.	331	114	15	13.15
1	Omaha, Nebr.	301,589	209	13	6.22
75	Albert Lea, Minn.	17,108	84	13	15.47
245	South Bend, Ind.	132,445	39	12	30.76

We Salute

Carl B. Nielsen
Lodge No. 106
Trufant, Mich.



We proudly salute Brother Carl B. (Boots) Nielsen of Trufant, Mich. Lodge No. 106 for planning, organizing and staging a BOOSTER RALLY on Saturday, December 8th. As the result of his hard work and interest, Boots, that very same evening sponsored the applications of sixteen new candidates for membership in Lodge No. 106! You did a tremendous job, Boots, and we are proud of you for it!

Trufant Lodge No. 106 was chartered on December 27, 1897, with a charter membership of 27. Their registered membership today is 46, more than half of whom are over the age of 60. They have not admitted one single new member since 1953 when they admitted two. Prior to that they admitted one new member in 1949 and two in 1948. They have not been able to muster a quorum for a regular meeting in more than two years. Lodge No. 106 does own their own building although it is old and badly in need of repairs. Boots, now age 42, was admitted to membership in February of 1946 and has served as Secretary for some years past.

On August 6th, 1962, L. C. Winters, member of No. 106 now living in Lansing, Mich., some 65 miles from Trufant, wrote asking for one of our DB decals. We sent the decal to him and a copy of our letter of conveyance to Boots, as Secretary of No. 106.

Boots acknowledged our letter on September 17th. He had obviously given the subject a lot of thought. He asked our help in mounting a membership campaign for No. 106—with the idea in mind that if a sufficient number of candidates could be secured for membership, No. 106 could take an active part in Trufant affairs and become the focal point of worthwhile civic activities and social life in Trufant.

We enlisted the help of Supreme First Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen, Michigan/Ohio District President Eric Dane and Secretary Armand Larsen. Letters and phone calls went forth regularly between Trufant, Detroit and Omaha. We explained our eligibility requirements; our insurance program; our Fraternal Aid program; our Scholarship program; how to find and identify Prospects; how to plan and stage a BOOSTER RALLY and how to help interested Prospects complete application blanks. Working with Viggo, Eric and Armand, Boots then arranged to stage a BOOSTER RALLY in their own Hall on Saturday, December 8th. Viggo Mikkelsen contacted me in Schenectady, New York, and I arranged to fly to Detroit the morning of the 8th and drive the 160 miles to Trufant (thru a snowstorm most of the way) with Viggo, Eric and Armand. Talk about hospitality! When we arrived in Trufant, Boots' lovely wife, Jeanette, had a

delicious roast beef dinner all ready for us and we ate it, too! Then we made plans for conducting the BOOSTER RALLY and left so we could be at the Hall by eight o'clock.

By 8:30 p. m. we had an audience of 34 people, members and Prospects. Boots had spent the day cleaning up the Hall and firing the three pot-bellied stoves, one of which turned tempermental and decided to do more smoking than heating. The meeting had just barely gotten started when someone in the building yelled "FIRE" and three-fourths of our audience left us to man the two truck Volunteer Fire Department. They returned to the Hall in three minutes flat—only to discover there was no fire (Thank goodness) but plenty of smoke from our tempermental pot-bellied stove. The fire boys took care of the stove in jig time, returned the fire rigs to the garage and returned to the meeting—with two more Prospects in tow! Then Eric Dane asked them all to relax, he announced the next fire would be at ten o'clock and we resumed our BOOSTER RALLY with the help of Boots and local insurance man G. N. (Ozzie) Nielsen, a member since 1944, and other members present.

It took very little talking to get most of the Prospects present to sign applications for membership, Boots had pretty much convinced all of them that membership is more than worthwhile. We did explain what this Danish Brotherhood of ours is all about; why our insurance program is a really good one (and Ozzie Nielsen seconded that enthusiastically); how we help our members through our Fraternal Fund; how our College Scholarship Program works and WHY No. 106 intends to grow—in membership and in importance to Trufant. We explained how No. 106 intends to stage a Fund Raising Drive so that money will be available for repairing and modernizing their own building. Once repaired and modernized the Hall will be made available, without cost, to such Trufant organizations as need a meeting place, such as the Boy Scouts who have been using the Hall for some time now and for Teen-Agers who, properly chaperoned, have also been having their weekly dances in the main Hall. After that it was easy. Your Promotional Director finished completing the sixteenth and last application at 12:45 a. m. Armand Larsen helped Boots complete the Secretary's part of the applications and Boots had a wonderful time collecting the minimum required initiation fee of each of the applicants.

In the meantime, hot coffee and a barrel of beer had mysteriously appeared in the kitchen; card games got started and everybody proceeded to have a wonderful time. When we left for our motel in Greenville some time after one o'clock, the party was still going strong.

As soon as Lodge No. 106 can properly amend their By-Laws, they intend to admit the ladies to membership. Then they plan a full scale drive to sign up the children of all members and create a Juvenile Lodge for them. In the meantime, we have sent a plentiful supply of application blanks to Boots so that when they initiate this first class of candidates at a special Gala meeting on December 29th, they can invite to membership the sixteen brothers, twenty-one sisters and all other relatives of those who have now applied for membership. By the time they have approached cousins, in-laws, parents, children and all other eligible Prospects in and around Trufant (population 250) they expect to have 125 or more members and we're willing to bet they'll get them and before long too!

What is Trufant Lodge No. 106 getting out of this? To start with, sixteen new, young members (average age 29 years, 8 months) who will pay Lodge dues and enthusiastically support their program to make their Lodge THE MOST IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION IN

TRUFANT. Moreover, their Lodge will receive a reward from the Michigan/Ohio District at the rate of \$2.00 per new member admitted.

What is Carl Nielsen getting out of this? The tremendous pride and satisfaction of knowing he has done a wonderful job for his Lodge; for the Danish Brotherhood in America; for Trufant as a community. Boots, as a schoolteacher and vice principal has earned the respect of the people in his community and has utilized that respect to rebuild the membership and the interest in Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 106. Moreover, as sponsor of sixteen new members, he has earned himself a total of 19,050 points which have a cash value of \$95.25. And, as soon as this class of candidates has been properly initiated, Boots will have earned HONOR LODGE rating for No. 106 and LEADERS CLUB for himself.

All of us have gained by this wonderful performance within No. 106. We are gaining sixteen new, young members with many more to come. We have strengthened our entire organization and, if we look at it right, we will all gain renewed faith in The Danish Brotherhood in America and in our own ability to bring new members into our own Lodges.

Thank you, Boots, and thank you Trufant Lodge No. 106 for a job well done.

Leaders Club for 1962

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	New Members	
			Actual	Credited
16.....	Minden	Peter C. Nielsen	20	18½
161.....	Ruskin	Ova L. Schultz	17	16½
16.....	Minden	Tony V. Madsen	19	16
299.....	Solvang	Levi Persson	13	12½
245.....	South Bend	Louis A. Kasa	12	11
288.....	Cotesfield	Chris Boilesen	14	11

Welcome to our exclusive LEADERS CLUB, Tony Madsen of Minden! We are proud to add you to this list. We knew all the time you would make it but we think you were waiting with some of those applications until we began to worry a bit about it. As soon as our new supply of LEADERS CLUB cuff link sets arrive, you'll be receiving yours and we know you will wear it proudly!

Note that for the first time this month, we show two listings of new members, one actual and one credited. This is so that we will all know exactly how many new members each member of LEADERS CLUB has sponsored this year. You will remember when we announced LEADERS CLUB in the April issue of this magazine we told you that Social and Juvenile Term to Age 16 members would be credited as half a member each. Therefore the difference in the two figures.

We hope that initiations of all 1962 candidates will be completed by all of our Lodges so that we will be able to complete our 1962 list of those who earned LEADERS CLUB in the February issue of the magazine. Some of our other hard working members are close to the required ten new members (on the above crediting basis) and we are hoping you will make this honored and distinctive club before we close our figures for the year 1962.

We think you will all agree that special mention is due Peter C. (Little Pete) Nielsen of Minden No. 16 who (under present rules) has now earned LEADERS CLUB rating for two years in a row. During 1961 Little Pete sponsored 34 new members. During 1962, to date, 20 new members. We qualified this years figures by the (to date) designation because you never know about Little Pete.

He will have more members to his credit before the year is out but there's not any way of knowing how many—it all depends on how busy wife Rosa and his various other activities keep him but you may be sure nothing is important enough to keep him from signing up a new member for this Danish Brotherhood of ours. More power to you, Pete, in which month do you intend to earn LEADERS CLUB next year?

Season's Greetings

My absence from the office during the month of November made it impossible to extend SEASON'S GREETINGS to each of you in the December issue of this magazine. Therefore, this will be my belated MERRY CHRISTMAS to every single one of you. It will also be my HAPPY NEW YEAR wish to you with a great big hearty Thank You for helping us build up our membership total during 1962.

Who Can Top This One?

Our 83 year old Brother Hans F. Hansen (born October 26, 1879) has established what we believe may well be a record with The Danish Brotherhood in America.

Brother Hans was admitted to membership in Bellingham Lodge No. 155 on August 17, 1912, and has thus rounded out a full fifty years of faithful membership. He was involved in a serious automobile accident in March of 1956 with the result that he has been a shut-in ever since. Moreover, at the ripe age of 82, he underwent major surgery in July of 1961.

In spite of Brother Hans' physical condition and handicap, he has regularly sponsored the members of his family for membership in Lodge No. 155 until today the family membership roster looks like this:

Great-Grandfather: Hans F. Hansen.

Daughter: Gerda Grimlund.

Son-in-Law: Arnold J. Grimlund.

Grandsons: Hans F. Hansen, Albert Hansen, John Hansen, Craig F. Hansen, Peter Hans Grimlund, Burton F. Fedde.

Granddaughters: Antoinette Fedde, Ann Hansen, Jane Hansen, Debbie M. Hansen.

Great Grandsons: Hans Burton Fedde, Peder Arnold Fedde.

Great Granddaughters: Cindy Lin Grimlund.

Congratulations, Brother Hans, on the wonderful representation of your family in Lodge No. 155. Thank you, from all of us, for your loyalty and dedication to The Danish Brotherhood in America and to Bellingham Lodge No. 155. We sincerely hope you will enjoy many more happy years of membership with us.

So far as we know, no other member of our Order has surpassed or equalled Brother Hans' record of sponsoring members of his own family into The Danish Brotherhood in America. We would, however, like very much to hear from any other Brother who has done as well or better.

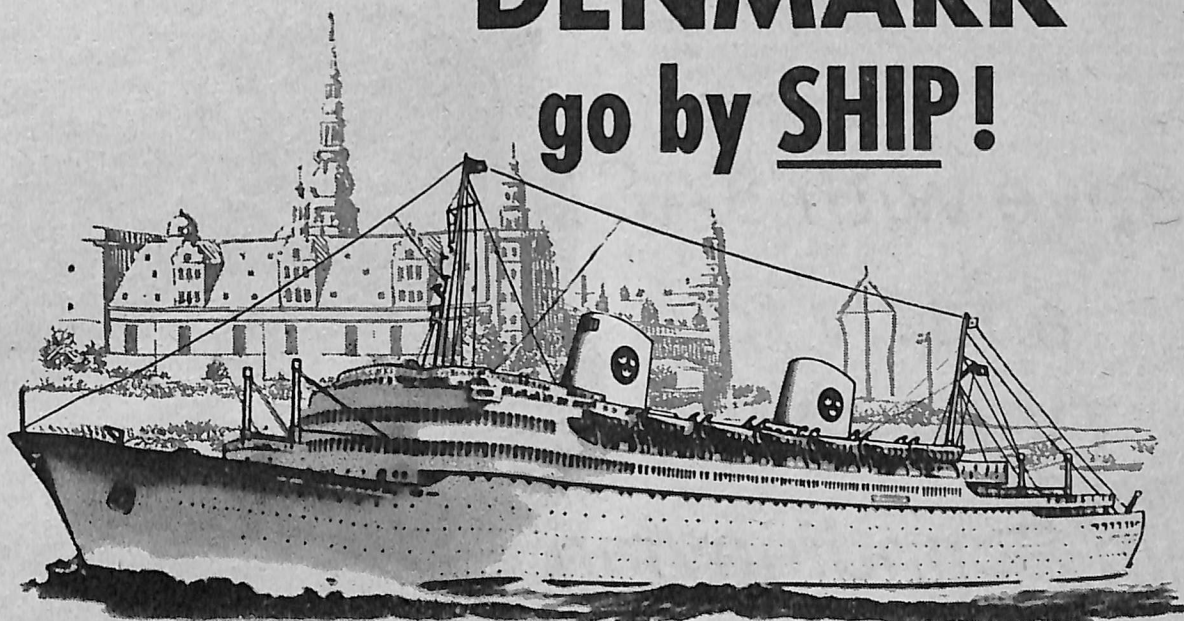
WHO CAN TOP THIS ONE?

Thank You, Eastern Lodges!

There has not yet been time, since my return to the office from my visit with many of our Eastern Lodges, to write to each of you and to thank you for the manner in which you received me.

I hope that every member of every Lodge I visited will accept this as my personal and sincere "THANK YOU" for your kindnesses toward me and for the attentiveness with which you listened to what I had to say to you. It was a long hard trip but one that I think we will all feel was worthwhile.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN

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In the December issue you found a list of the various installations with the exception of Alhambra Lodge No. 323 and Long Beach Lodge No. 329. I am now informed by our President, Brother Alvin Olsen, that the installation of these two lodges will take place on January 12, but as Brother Olsen had already accepted an invitation from the San Diego lodge for that evening, Brother C. W. Hansen, an Ex-President of the General Committee will do the installing of officers.

As you know, this coming year will be an important one for the Danish Brotherhood in that, we will have our National Convention. This Convention is held only every fourth year so whatever takes place will be binding for another four year term. May I call your attention to the necessity of starting thinking about new proposals to be submitted from the lodges in California, in that all such proposals must be in the hands of the Supreme Secretary by Mid-May 1963.

Our President has appointed a committee to go over such proposals, namely Brothers Robert Jensen, 18872 Center Street, Castro Valley, chairman, John Hansen, 17 Myrtle Court, Petaluma and Jim Jørgensen, Route 5, Box 143, Stockton. My suggestion would be for the law committee of your lodge to go over the Constitution and By-Laws of the Brotherhood to see if they think changes ought to be made. Submit such changes to your own lodge for discussion and if you have a proposal to send it to Brother Robert Jensen. I hope many constructive proposals will be, as usual, coming from the California Lodges.

During January and February we will have a visitor in California in the person of Brother Paul Strand, our Promotional Manager. Treat him well and listen to what he has to say, as I am sure he will have many good suggestions to give us for the betterment of our lodges and especially how to get new members.

In last month's column I wrote about the former Danish Consul General Frode Schön having been promoted to Ambassador to Portugal. Since then the new Consul General has arrived and the first official function was to attend the Christmas party of The Danish Club where we met Mr. Preben van der Hude and his very charming wife. I believe they took the party by storm by their charm. And the Consul General's first official action was to decorate Brother Christ Pedersen of Oakland with the decoration "Belønningsmedaljen i Guld med Krone" bestowed on Brother Pedersen by the Danish King for his work in the Danish colony. He has been active for many years both in Dania and the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 39 where he is an officer at the present time, but undoubtedly his greatest work has been in "Den Danske Soldaterforening" which he helped to organize and has been secretary for the past 20 years for the Oakland-Petaluma branch. May we at this time extend our best wishes to Brother Pedersen with the hope he will be able to wear his decoration for many years. Brother Pedersen is flying to Denmark with the Sisterhood General Committee's charter flight in May in order to celebrate his 80th birthday on June 11th with his brothers and sisters in Denmark.

And speaking of the above charter flight I am informed by Sister Tove Bollerup Madsen, President and in charge of the flight that over 100 have already paid deposits, so if you wish to go along better hurry and sign up.

Two honors have come to this writer during the month. The first one was to be elected delegate from Lodge No. 49 to our National Convention in Erie next September an honor which I appreciate very much. Brother George Hansen was elected as substitute delegate. The other honor was to be informed by SAS that I had won the coveted "Viking Award" which means that I rank with the top 100 of the 3,000 agents in the US and Canada.

As I am writing this I am listening to the beautiful Christmas program sent out every year by station KLOK in San Jose, under the direction of Scott Lee. To those of you in northern California who do not listen to the Scandinavian Hour at 12:15 p. m., every Saturday you are really missing a good deal as this station gives the very best in Scandinavian music.

Brother Henning Jensen is back on the air with his Viking Program, but this time it is on FM radio station KBCO wave length 105.3 every Saturday at 2 p. m.

The two lodges in San Francisco that is, Sisterhood Lodge No. 24 and Brotherhood Lodge No. 49 have had a custom for many years which, I think, is one of the nicest. On the second Wednesday in December we get together after our meetings and have a Christmas celebration and this year was no exception, as a matter of fact I think this year's was one of the nicest we have had.

We were about 125 when we gathered in the large hall which, during the afternoon had been decorated by the Sisters who at the same time had been busy making Danish sandwiches, and boy were they good. The Danish songbooks had been furnished by the Norwegian American Line and believe me that is one time when we really sing. Your scribe had been asked to be toastmaster but really on an occasion like this, one is not in the mood for a lot of speeches and hence there were just a few instructions, after which the evening was turned over to Brother Carl "Fællessanger" Sørensen and with Sister Elsie Rønberg at the piano and Brother Edmund Nielsen with his violin we had a songfest of the old Danish carols. Of course, those of us who were born in Denmark knew the old songs by heart. Sister Rønberg sang "White Christmas" for us and we all appreciated her beautiful singing and Carl was in fine voice too when he sang "Jeg kan aldrig glemme den Stue derhjemme." I hope this get-together will last for many years to come.

We are by the time this is read in a New Year, a time to make resolutions and I suppose you have made some. And I do hope you have made the resolution that you will bring in a new member in 1963. Just think what that would mean to the Danish Brotherhood if we were able to double our membership—and the point is that, it could very well be done. Do your share and help along. Brother Alvin Olsen, our president, and all the officers of the General Committee extends best wishes for a very happy New Year.

Axel M. Petersen

Formerly of Lodge No. 39, Oakland, California. Last known address: 5828 Santa Cruz Ave., Richmond Annex, California. If you see this, or anyone who knows Mr. Petersen's whereabouts, please contact The Danish Brotherhood in America, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska, referring to this announcement. Important information awaits your response.



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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Christmas time is a busy time and little news has arrived. I have waited as long as I dare, hoping that I still will be in time.

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N. J. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge together with our GCEL Trustee Brother George Godthaab, at their December meeting. We enjoyed being present in a lodge with less than 20 active members and yet with an attendance of 11 members; election of officers for 1963 was a cinch. The social following the meeting is also worth mentioning in as much that the members take turns and bring sandwiches from home, a beer or a snapps is also always on hand. Thanks for a nice evening, we'll be back.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. We were happy to welcome Promotional Director Paul Strand to our small group November 29. He gave us an inspiring talk on membership and some valuable suggestions which should prove an asset to our lodge. Thanks for visiting with us Paul. At our regular meeting a law committee was elected as per instructions of the Supreme Secretary. Officers for 1963 were also elected. We note with regret the passing of Brother Frederiksen of Chicago, Ill., December 2. On November 19 Brother Nordling entered R. I. hospital for treatment of a back injury, several brothers visited him there, he is however at home now and on the mend and we look forward to him participating at our meetings real soon. We miss you Walt. A nice letter was received from Brother George V. Petersen, it is a joy to know that somebody reads my mail. I also had regards from Brother C. A. Petersen, in Texas. Following our December meeting, the ladies had set a beautifully decorated coffee table and they had brought home baked cookies and cakes. We sang Happy Birthday to Sister Cora Mortensen and then sang all the Christmas songs in Danish. Everybody had a good time and it was a real joyous occasion. Many, many thanks to the ladies for their generous effort.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. At our December 7 meeting, Promotional Director Paul Strand was present, it was a joy to see about 40 members present, among them visiting Brothers from Lodges No. 90 and 46. We all hope Brother Paul's inspiring talk will bear fruit, and that 116 will get busy and show the east that we still can bring new members into the Brotherhood. A delicious smorgasbord was served following the meeting, later Santa was good to those who had brought a package, Christmas carols were sung and all had an enjoyable evening. The children's Christmas tree was held December 16, about 50 children were present and also about 50 grown-ups, carols were sung, games played, a film was shown and Santa Claus came and remembered both children and grown-ups, all had a good time, coffee and cake was served and imagine, the Christmas committee had the real Christmas spirit, everything was on the Brotherhood — wait until they report at the next meeting. Joint installation will be held January 4, following the installation there'll be dancing until midnight.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. The first juvenile member in this lodge has been elevated to adult membership and we welcome Brother Henrik Poulsen hoping he'll enjoy being a Brotherhood member for many years. Installation of officers will take place January 18 in the meeting hall, 1810 Ludlow Street, at 8 o'clock. Installing officer will be yours truly with GCEL Trustee

George Godthaab as conductor. Promotional Director Paul Strand visited the lodge at the regular November business meeting, Brother Strand was indeed a very interesting speaker to listen to and Brothers, for those of you who don't know it, Brother Strand mentioned that our meeting hall was among the nicest and coziest halls he had visited, so if you haven't seen our new meeting hall yet, make it your business to be present at our next meeting.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Election of officers for 1963 took place at the meeting December 14. Several Brothers are on the sicklist, we wish them all a speedy recovery. Brother Ralph McGavern mised the jackpot for \$20 at the November 23 meeting. A little food for thought was inserted in "Lyngblomsten" in their December issue, I'm sure they don't mind having it publishing in our Magazine:

Are You ?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the crowd?
Or you do stay at home and crab both long and loud?
Do you take an active part to help your lodge along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind to "just belong"?
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick?
Or leave the work for just a few and talk about the clique?
There is quite a program scheduled that means success, if done,

And it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.
So attend lodge meetings regularly and help with hand and heart;

Don't be just a member but take an active part.

Think this over, dear member, are we right or are we wrong?

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. Brother Andrew Christensen, vice president in the GCEL was elected president of Lodge No. 314 for 1963. Joint installation will take place January 26 at 8 p. m., in the Brotherhood hall, 302 White Street. Installing officer, weather permitting, will be yours truly with Brother Godthaab as conductor.

Letters

Dear Mr. Skelbeck:

I would like to express my thanks for your thoughtfulness in writing me after I joined the Brotherhood. I would have written sooner but for the tornado which passed through this area. It changed our pattern of living and we are just now getting back to normal.

When I went to Europe this summer I was fortunate to be on the same ship that carried the Danish Brotherhood members to their meeting in Denmark. I enjoyed the association with them greatly.

They are such a friendly group here that I feel quite at home at their meetings. In fact several of them are friends of long standing.

Wishing you and the Brotherhood success through the coming years, I am

CARL STREED,
Portland, Oregon.

Thank you, Brother Streed, for writing me your fine sentiments. Without question, our members participating in the 80th Jubilee Tour last summer were as happy to have your company as you were in theirs.

AXEL SKELBECK.

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Axel Lohman will continue to head the committee to build a new lodge hall, which he assures us will be ready for a real Danish Christmas in 1963.

It looks as if we will have to start out in our new home with a mortgage. Those who sat on the building board during the thirties know well the worry and grey hair which mortgage payments and taxes bring. When we first began talking about building a new lodge hall we were assured that many young men were anxiously waiting for this to make their application to the lodge. In 1962 we welcomed eight new members in our lodge, but due to death and suspensions our membership dropped from 309 to 306. Very obviously, we have failed to sell our lodge either to prospects or to our new members.

How do you get new members? This question has been discussed at every state convention for years. Newspaper advertisement, spot announcements on radio, pens with lodge names on them, direct mail advertising—all these have been suggested and tried by various lodges with very little success. Of course we all know the real way to get new members, but since it involves personal effort, we seldom do it. The only method which works every time is simply to sell yourself on our Brotherhood, and then go out and sell your friends. Those few good Brothers who have used this method have had spectacular results, which have been reported in Paul Strand's inspiring promotional pages in our monthly magazine.

The latest example was right here in Michigan. Brother Carl B. Nielsen of Lodge No. 106 in Trufant became convinced that the Danish Brotherhood had a future there. He talked to all his friends and on December 8 Supreme Vice President Viggo Mikkelsen drove Promotional Director Paul Strand, District President Eric Dane and District Secretary Armand Larsen through snow-

drifts to Trufant to attend a booster rally. You will find a complete account in the Promotional pages of this magazine. Sixteen new members were signed up that night and Carl has 40 more names on his prospect list. Any Brother who will stop worrying about what the lodge can do for him and begin to think up ways in which he can help the lodge can get such results. Nor is the reward entirely that happy glow you get for a job well done. Wonderful prizes or cold cash will also come to him who does his friends the great favor of membership in Lodge No. 227. It has been shown that one dedicated member can add 10 to 20 new members to his lodge. 303 just average members should easily be able to double our membership in 1963. Let this be our motto "each one get one."

ARMAND LARSEN.

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