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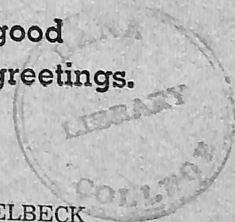
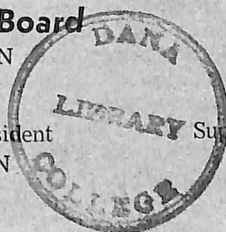
**In the true spirit of the season, we wish you all the "old-fashioned" joys of the holidays . . . the ever-new delights of good friends around you, good times and good cheer, and the gladness of exchanging gifts and greetings.**

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## Responsible Positions Open

The Supreme Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America invite applications by qualified and energetic young persons for two (2) positions now open in the Home Office.

1. One position is that of Assistant to the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, and management training. The application for this position must include a biographical sketch and state name, address, sex, date, place of birth and marital status; include complete information concerning education, special training or years of practical experience, if any, in the fields of accounting, business correspondence and business administration. Typing will be helpful. Applicant with knowledge of Danish language will receive preference. Residents of Denmark who qualify must be prepared to accept this position immediately, if selected.

2. For a man for promotional and public relations work. For this position emphasis will be placed on the ability to promote interesting activities throughout our entire organization in the way that it will stimulate our present membership to become enthusiastic boosters for securing new members and to acquire new insurance business. Applicants must furnish a complete biographical sketch and include name, address, date, place of birth, marital status, education, experience and special training in the insurance field, and such other information as the applicants may believe will aid the Supreme Officers in judging the applicant's qualifications. For this position, knowledge of the Danish language very helpful, but not essential.

For both these positions, applications from recent college graduates are encouraged. References will be required, but do not send these before requested to do so. A recent snap shot and a specimen of applicant's handwriting will be appreciated. Membership or eligibility for membership is required. The positions are permanent to the right person. Starting salaries will be commensurate with the qualifications of the persons selected, and in

both positions the opportunities for advancement are excellent. Additional benefits, such as may be contained in the pension system now under consideration by the Supreme Officers for adoption, will include the applicants selected.

Applications must be addressed to The Danish Brotherhood in America, 908 W.O.W. Building, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, to the personal attention of Mr. Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer, not later than January 6, 1964.

## The Children's Christmas

Over a period of a great many years it has been a pleasant custom for us to make a special appeal to our membership for a gift at Christmas time for the Danish Childrens Homes supported by the two former Danish Church Synods, with your cash gifts coming to the Home Office for distribution.

Many of our Lodges and Members have asked for an exemption to the custom of sending the gifts to the Home Office and expressed the preference of giving according to their own choice. In keeping with these expressed wishes we wholeheartedly go along with the fine idea of direct giving and have discontinued the custom of having the money sent to the Home Office.

We do, however, repeat our annual appeal for your generous remembrance of the Children in an Orphanage of your choice, in time for them to enjoy your gift at Christmas time. We further suggest that you also remember your favorite charities in your area.

For the Supreme Officers

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.-Treas.

## In Memoriam

The entire membership of The Danish Brotherhood in America joins in expressing its profound grief in the tragedy of November 22, the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Our deep sympathy also is extended to the President's widow and children and to the other members of the bereaved family.

While we mourn the passing of a great man, we also trust that if from the untimely death of the Chief Executive peoples and nations of the world should attain a greater degree of tolerance and respect towards one another, increased understanding of mutual problems, and a higher valuation of all that is true and kind and good, then the sacrifice that he made will not have been in vain.

— THE SUPREME BOARD.

## DECEMBER ASSESSMENT 774

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE  
LODGE TREASURER

December 1, 1963

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

January 1, 1964

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

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

# Twenty-Sixth National Convention

## ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

September 16 through September 20, 1963

For the information of our members we herewith report such changes only as were made in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws of our Society as a result of legislation enacted at the twenty-sixth national convention, held in Erie, Pennsylvania, September 16 through September 20.

All matters acted upon came before the assembled accredited delegates lawfully and in a manner approved by the convention.

This report shall also serve as a notification to the membership that the new laws, amended as recorded herein below, are in force and effect on January 1, 1964. Please mark your law books accordingly. New books will be issued in early 1964.

**Words and text in parenthesis ( ) identify the parts deleted. Words and text in bold face type identify the new additions.**

The report follows:

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARTICLE VI

The supreme legislative or governing body of the society shall be the convention comprising of delegates representing individual lodges, (or groups of lodges, and such others) as provided for by the by-laws of this society, in accordance with the statutes of the state of Nebraska.

#### BY-LAWS

##### ARTICLE II

##### Duties of Supreme Officers

SECTION 17, paragraph 4 He shall perform such other duties as the laws of the society enjoin on him. He shall furnish a surety bond for \$5,000.00, **the cost of same to be paid by the society**, and as compensation for his work he shall receive (\$2,500.00) **a yearly salary of thirty cents per member, drawn from the General Fund.**

SECTION 18, paragraph 1 The supreme first vice-president shall, in case of absence of the supreme president, his resignation, death, or other circumstances, perform the duties of the supreme president, and otherwise perform such duties as are prescribed in the constitution, by-laws and statutes. As a compensation for his work he is allowed a yearly salary of (two) **three cents** for each member in the society. He shall furnish a surety bond for \$5,000.00 **the cost of same to be paid by the society.**

SECTION 18, paragraph 2 The supreme second vice-president shall in case of absence of the supreme president and supreme first vice-president, their resignation, death, or other circumstances, perform the duties of the supreme president or supreme first vice-president and otherwise perform such duties as are prescribed in the constitution, by-laws and statutes. As a compensation for his work he is allowed a yearly salary of (two) **three cents** for each member in the society. He shall furnish a surety bond for \$5,000.00 **the cost of same to be paid by the society.**

SECTION 19, paragraph 3b All payments made to the supreme officers from the mortuary fund, and all other funds, must be published in the first issue of the monthly magazine after the payment has been made. The name of the board member, the amount paid to him **and the reason for the payment**, must be published.

SECTION 19, paragraph 6 Before he enters upon his dual duty as secretary and treasurer he shall furnish a surety bond of \$25,000.00 as surety for the property in his possession, **the cost of said bond to be paid by the society.**

An all new paragraph added: SECTION 19, paragraph 11 **The secretary-treasurer shall attend all board meetings in their entirety and within a reasonable time furnish to each supreme officer a certified copy of the minutes of said board meeting. He shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the society.**

SECTION 20, paragraph 2 It shall be the duty of the supreme secretary-treasurer to give the supreme board of the society all the information (that) they might incidentally wish, **pertaining to the affairs of the society.** (In the case of the secretary of the lodge neglecting to do his duty, the supreme secretary-treasurer shall communicate with the president of said lodge who shall read the communication to the lodge).

Section 20, paragraph 2 in the by-laws, as amended at the 1959 convention was divided into two parts. The first part remains as paragraph 2 and is amended as shown above to become effective January 1, 1964. The second part as shown deleted, was amended, to become a new paragraph 3, to read:

SECTION 20, paragraph 3 **In the case of the lodge secretary neglecting his duties in such a manner that it comes to the attention of the supreme board, the supreme secretary-treasurer shall, after notifying the members of the supreme board, communicate with the president of the lodge, who shall read the communication to the lodge. Upon receipt of such communication the lodge may at its discretion act upon the communication according to the provisions of Article X, Section 155.**

SECTION 21, paragraph 1 It was found that this paragraph was improperly placed and in its entirety, without being amended, was moved to Section 30 as paragraph 3 where it is re-stated — See Section 30, paragraph 3 in this report. (In case of complaints against the supreme board or its individual members, the accused shall be entitled to a written defense against same. Both complaint and the answer shall be mailed to all the lodges by the supreme secretary-treasurer, for a vote. The lodge secretaries shall inform the supreme secretary-treasurer of the result of the vote taken in their lodges. The supreme secretary-treasurer shall then publish the final results in the official organ, specifying the vote of each lodge.)

SECTION 22, paragraph 1 The bank or banks in which (money) **the monies** belonging to the (order is) **society are** deposited shall every month submit to the supreme secretary-treasurer a report **or bank statement** (which states how much money the society has on deposit, and how large a deposit has been made since the last report) **which shall show the amount of money on deposit as well as the amounts of money deposited during the month.** (The report must be signed by one of the officials in the bank.)

SECTION 24, paragraph 1 The supreme secretary-treasurer shall (issue) **publish** a list containing the names and addresses of the delegates **in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine** not later than 30 days before the convention is to take place.

SECTION 25 It shall be the duty of the supreme secretary-treasurer through the official organ to give notice

of all assessments, extra assessments, etc., and in the death report show the deceased brothers' lodge number, location of the lodge they were members of, name, birthplace, and age of deceased brethren, and also year of their initiation into the society (as well as cause of death and insurance carried) said report to be printed in systematic form (with total sum of insurance shown.)

SECTION 26, paragraph 2 The supreme trustees shall receive a salary of (two) **three cents** per year for each member in the society.

SECTION 27, paragraph 3 To (revise) **review** the laws of local lodges and approve or veto same.

SECTION 27 paragraph 4 To manage and distribute the funds, according to the laws governing such funds, and at each semi-annual meeting of the supreme officers, they shall determine the amount of (payment) **monies** that must be transferred from each fund, to the general fund, as reimbursement for expenses incurred, by each fund, respectively during the preceding six months.

SECTION 27, paragraph 12 (The supreme board is hereby granted power to: a—Engage help necessary for the proper functioning of the home office. b—Establish and regulate the rate of pay of the secretary-treasurer and all of its employees in the home office. c—Authorized to engage a full time competent assistant to the supreme secretary-treasurer.)

a—It shall be **mandatory for the supreme board to engage all the help necessary for the proper functioning of the home office including a competent full time assistant to the supreme secretary-treasurer who shall also have a good understanding of the functions of a life insurance company.**

b—The supreme board shall establish and regulate the rate of compensation for the supreme secretary-treasurer and all home office employees.

c—The supreme board shall establish an adequate pension or retirement fund for the benefit of the supreme secretary-treasurer and such employees as the supreme board may determine provided however that they are members of the society and have been employed for at least three years before being eligible for benefits. The pension to be not more than 60% of his salary at the time of his retirement less whatever is drawn from social security.

d—If sufficient funds have not been accumulated to provide an adequate pension for the incumbent supreme secretary-treasurer upon his retirement the supreme board is authorized to draw upon the funds of the society to provide such pension.

SECTION 27 paragraph 16 A member of the supreme board shall forward his decision in every case to the supreme president within (five) **ten days** after his receipt thereof from the supreme secretary-treasurer.

SECTION 30 paragraph 2 Removal of a member of the supreme board (shall be authorized by the supreme board) **must first be authorized by at least five-sevenths (5/7) majority of the members of the board.**

SECTION 30, paragraph 3 In case of complaints against the supreme board or its individual members the accused shall be entitled to a written defense against same. Both complaint and the answer shall be mailed to all the lodges, by the supreme secretary-treasurer, for a vote. The lodge secretaries shall inform the supreme secretary-treasurer of the result of the vote taken in their lodges. The supreme secretary-treasurer shall then publish the final results in the official organ, specifying the vote of each lodge.

SECTION 36, paragraph 2 While functioning as the convention law committee, each member delegate shall receive (\$10.00) **\$25.00** per day (in addition to the

delegates regular compensation) **for Wednesday through Sunday prior to a convention.**

SECTION 37, paragraph 3 The supreme officers shall be permitted to address the convention (when proposals submitted by the supreme board are being discussed) **on all matters before it in the same manner as lawfully elected and seated delegates.**

SECTION 37, paragraph 4 New paragraph — **A rising roll call shall be held at each session of the national convention.**

SECTION 41 Delegates as well as members of the supreme board of officers shall receive as compensation \$15.00 per diem for the duration of the convention, as well as for the time consumed in traveling to and from the convention city, plus mileage based on round trip, first class railroad fare from home town to convention city by the shortest route, plus (lower berth) **roomette rate for one person** or seat charge, where applicable. Such expenses are to be paid from the general fund and these rules are to be applicable to the 1959 convention and thereafter. **No delegate to a national convention shall be paid the per diem pay unless he answers roll call each morning and afternoon of each day of the national convention, except for legitimate cause.**

SECTION 43, paragraph 1 For the election of a delegate to a national convention the following rules shall prevail in all cases. A lodge must elect a law committee not later than nine -9- months before the convention convenes. The law committee shall consist of at least five -5- insured members, in good standing in the lodge and society, all of whom have been members of the lodge at least one -1- year at the time of election. At least one -1- member of the law committee must be a former delegate, excepting in newly instituted lodges **also excepting cases where a lodge because of resignation, suspension, transfer or death of former delegate or delegates should be unable to meet such a requirement.** A delegate to the national convention and an alternate must be elected by the members of the lodge from the membership of the law committee at least six -6- months prior to a national convention.

SECTION 43, paragraph 5 New paragraph — **All delegates and alternates to the national convention shall be certified on the opening day of the convention so that in case of emergency the alternate may be seated by an explanation from the chair.**

SECTION 52, paragraph 2 The lodge secretary shall furnish the member who has been appointed by the president to (accompany the applicant to the examining physician) **escort the applicant to the doctor's office** with information in regard to the previous condition of the applicant's health. (and how much sick benefit he has received from the lodge) This information shall be for the benefit of the physician in conducting an examination.

SECTION 66, paragraph 3 In cases where a lodge, upon a member's written request, has held him in good standing, the supreme secretary-treasurer shall, in the event of such member's death (deduct from his insurance and pay to the lodge whatever amounts it may have remitted to cover assessments and taxes to the home office levied in these by-laws for such member) **or withdrawal, or suspension, deduct from his insurance, if there is any money available in his insurance benefit certificate, any amounts advanced by and due the local lodge, and shall pay to that lodge whatever amount it may have remitted to cover assessments and taxes to the home office levied in accordance to the by-laws for such member.** The local lodge secretary shall notify the supreme secretary when they are thus holding a member in good standing. The supreme secretary-treasurer

shall then notify the local secretary if that member makes an application for a loan against his benefit certificate or attempt to surrender his benefit certificate for its cash value.

SECTION 66, paragraph 4 If a member finds himself in such circumstances, that he of necessity must ask his lodge to pay his assessments for him, such amounts of assessments laid out by the local lodge can be deducted from the amount of life insurance upon his death, or withdrawal or suspension by the supreme board issuing checks for the laid out assessments, made payable to the local lodge, and for the balance of the insurance, made payable to the beneficiary according to the policy.

SECTION 67 The supreme secretary-treasurer shall levy twelve assessments each year and may make quarterly billing to the lodges.

SECTION 68, paragraph 3 A member who becomes suspended for nonpayment of dues and assessments can be reinstated under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the supreme board. Due notification of the conditions for reinstatement shall be given the local lodges by letter, and amendments thereto, if, and when, they may occur.

SECTION 74, paragraph 2 The supreme board shall levy a "convention tax" on all insured members of \$1.00 per year for the next four years to be payable at the same time as the per capita and promotional fund tax.

**ARTICLE V  
Promotional Fund**

SECTION 75 as quoted herein below was repealed in its entirety:

SECTION 75, paragraph 1 (A promotional department shall be maintained in the home office, Omaha, Nebraska, under the direct supervision of a promotional director appointed by the supreme board.)

Paragraph 2 (It shall be the duty of the director to plan and coordinate membership drives on a national scale and make available promotional literature and other means of advertising the brotherhood. He shall instruct and assist the regional promotional committees in ways to promote the brotherhood locally for the purpose of securing new members. He shall be responsible to, and report on activities to the supreme board at the regular board meetings.)

Paragraph 3 (The supreme board shall determine the yearly compensation for the director.)

Paragraph 4 (Funds for the operation of the promotional department shall be provided as follows:)

a. (An annual tax of 50c per member shall be levied and remitted to the home office before September 1st each year.)

b. (Additional funds shall be provided from such other sources and in such amounts as may become available.)

c. (The convention shall appropriate funds from surpluses made available from the adult insurance fund.)

d. (No monies can be transferred from the promotional fund to any other fund.)

e. (No supreme officer of the society can be paid any monies from this fund except in the capacity of promotional director.)

f. (The supreme board is hereby authorized to transfer a sum, not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year, from the surplus in the insurance fund, or any other fund under the jurisdiction of the supreme board, to the promotional fund. Under no circumstances can monies be transferred from the insurance fund if such transfer will reduce the solvency ratio below 110 per cent.)

The following new Section 75 to take its place was adopted:

1. A ..... department shall be maintained in the

home office, Omaha, Nebraska, under direct supervision of the supreme board.

2. The supreme board shall employ a full time director.

3. It shall be the duty of the director to plan and coordinate membership drives on a national scale and make available literature and other means of advertising the brotherhood. He shall instruct and assist the regional promotional committees in ways to promote the brotherhood locally for the purpose of securing new members, and such other duties incidental to his office.

4. The supreme board shall determine the yearly compensation for the director.

5. Funds for the operation of the department shall be provided as follows:

a. An annual tax of 50c per member shall be levied and remitted to the home office before September 1st each year.

b. Additional funds shall be provided from such other sources and in such amounts as become available.

c. No monies can be transferred from the ..... fund to any other fund.

d. No supreme officer of the society can be paid any monies from this fund except in the capacity of director.

e. The supreme board is hereby authorized to transfer a sum, not to exceed \$35,000.00 per year, from the surplus in the insurance fund, or any other fund under the jurisdiction of the supreme board, to the ..... fund. Under no circumstances can monies be transferred from the insurance fund if such transfer will reduce the solvency ratio below 110 per cent.

6. The supreme board shall conduct a contest among the brotherhood members and their immediate families to choose a suitable name for this fund under rules established by the supreme board.

Under paragraph 6 of the new Section 75, is was, upon motion duly made and seconded, decided to retain the name "promotional department" until another suitable name is adopted.

SECTION 76, paragraph 3 All (assessments) fraternal fund taxes collected (to the fraternal fund) in any one year, together with the interest from its reserve fund (see par. 2 this section) and interest (received) on investments and bank deposits (can) may be appropriated for payments the following year.

SECTION 78, paragraph 8 A member who wishes to enter a licensed old people's home may be granted a sum not to exceed \$25.00 per month to supplement state and county grants (if) should such grants together with any pensions received (are not sufficient) be insufficient to enable him to enter (said) such home.

SECTION 78, paragraph 9 College scholarships. (The scholarship fund established within the society shall operate in the following manner:) The society may grant scholarships from the resources of the fraternal fund according to rules adopted by the supreme board of officers and subject to the following limitations:

a. Scholarships shall be available to members of the society only.

b. (No more than four -4- scholarships may be given each year) Up to four -4- scholarships may be granted each year. Each scholarship shall be in the amount of \$125.00 per semester.

c. (The amount of the scholarship shall not exceed \$125.00 for each semester, for not more than four -4- years, depending upon the length of the college course.) Each scholarship shall be granted for a period not to exceed four -4- years. The supreme board of officers shall, however, have the authority to terminate a scholarship at any time, if the scholarship rules are violated or if, in

the judgment of the scholarship committee, a satisfactory scholastic standing is not maintained.

d. (The money for the scholarship program to come from voluntary contributions and from resources of the fraternal fund.) Scholarships may be awarded only for attendance at colleges or universities accredited by one of the six United States regional accrediting associations except that scholarships may be applied to attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark upon approval by the supreme board of officers.

e. (The scholarship board shall consist of the supreme board of officers of the society.) Scholarships shall be paid from the resources of the fraternal fund. The supreme secretary-treasurer may accept voluntary contributions to be used for defraying scholarship payments.

f. (An application shall be accepted only for schools approved by the National Federation of Colleges and Universities.) The scholarship program shall be administered by a scholarship committee consisting of at least four -4- members of the supreme board.

SECTION 80 Any lodge which (without its own fault) due to circumstances beyond their control is in financial circumstances threatening the existence of the lodge, may petition the supreme board for aid from the (general) fraternal fund. (and) If the (majority of said) supreme board finds it is (for) in the best interest of the society to render such aid, the lodge may be kept in good standing as long as (it is deemed necessary) the supreme board deems necessary.

SECTION 83, paragraph 1 Social members are not entitled to any benefits from any fund administered by the supreme board of officers.

Paragraph 2 Social members shall pay to the funds of the society, through the local lodge and with due dates the same as for insured members, the following: Ref. Section 97.

a. Initiation fee of \$1.00 to the general fund.

b. Annual per capita tax of \$1.00 to the general fund.

c. Annual tax of 50c to the promotional fund, **except that female social members shall be exempted from the payment of the promotional fund tax.**

Upon failure to pay the prescribed fee and/or taxes, a social member is subject to suspension on the same basis as an insured member.

## ARTICLE VI

### By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges

SECTION 85, paragraph 1 This society shall have the right to admit lodges according to its constitution and by-laws anywhere in the United States of America, where 11 (men of Danish descent) persons who are eligible for membership wish to organize such lodge; provided, however, that 11 (men of Danish descent) persons who are eligible for membership can establish a lodge outside the borders of the U. S. A. under the business regulations of this society, provided they shall be governed by the regulations that the society prescribes for this purpose. Social lodges shall have no claim whatsoever upon any of the funds of the society.

2. A member in good standing in lodges outside the U. S. A. is entitled to admission to the society in U. S. A. without paying the usual (fee for the degree) initiation fee. He must show his admission card and produce satisfactory certificate of health.

SECTION 87 (If one or more lodges should withdraw from the society they have no claim whatever upon the funds of the society.) If a lodge should withdraw from the society neither the lodge nor any of its members shall have any claims whatsoever upon the funds of the society except such as may be legally provided for in the benefit certificates.

SECTION 89 (A fee of four dollars must accompany

each application for membership in the society, and one dollar of this amount shall be payable by the lodge, to the general fund of the society.) A subordinate lodge may determine the amount of initiation fee for members, for which at least \$4.00 for insured and \$1.00 for social members must accompany the application for membership in the society, and \$1.00 of this amount shall be paid into the general fund of the society by the lodge.

SECTION 90, paragraph 1a. Eligible for membership, in all lodges, are honorable and respectable persons over 16 years of age who are of Danish origin or extraction or who have obtained Danish citizenship or who are married to persons of Danish origin or extraction, or who are relatives of members of the society. Ref. Section 50.

b. Anyone who wishes to become a member shall fill out and sign one of the society's printed application blanks and same must be signed and recommended by a member of the society.

c. (A simplified form, or card may be used, however)

The society's approved application blank for membership must be completed and signed by the applicant and submitted to the home office for approval before he can be admitted.

Paragraph 2 Upon receipt of the application in the lodge an investigation committee consisting of three members is appointed by the ex-president, president and vice-president. One member shall (be present at) accompany the candidate to the doctor's office for the physical examination, whenever such examination is required. (In such cases the medical fee for the examination is to be paid) In cases where the supreme lodge requires a physical examination the examination fee, not exceeding \$10.00, shall be paid from the promotional fund.

SECTION 92 If any lodge doubts the trustworthiness of a physician's certificate it shall be the duty of the lodge to bring the applicant to another physician for examination, the lodge in such case to pay the last named physician, and, in case of both physicians declaring him in good state of health, both certificates are sent to the home office. The lodge shall at the same time give the reasons for doubt. The supreme secretary-treasurer shall then consult another physician to decide the matter, and this physician is paid from the promotional fund of the society. The certificates must be returned to the lodge before the applicant can be admitted to (the degree,) membership, but he must be admitted by ballot before he is sent to the examining physician. If it can be proven that a physician has failed to give an applicant a thorough examination or has been holding back evidence which might have prevented the applicant from joining the lodge, these facts shall immediately be reported to the supreme secretary-treasurer, and the society must not in the future approve any certificate of examination issued by said physician, and if he is a member of the society, he shall be expelled immediately.

SECTION 93, paragraph 1 Admission shall be by ballot. If (one or more black balls) three or more black ballots are cast, it shall be the duty of the president to announce the meaning of same and order a new ballot taken. In the event (that) there, again, is cast (black balls) three or more black ballots (the members so doing must within five days notify the president in writing of the reason.) the applicant is rejected. (Upon receipt of same the president must submit this to the investigation committee, who individually shall investigate the charges and report in writing not later than the second following meeting.) (After the charges have been read in open meeting and a favorable report submitted the applicant can be admitted

with two-thirds of the votes cast.) **The applicant may apply again after a period of one year.**

SECTION 93, paragraph 2 When an applicant has presented his application to a lodge and ballot is taken for him, any lodge shall then have the right to initiate the applicant (in the degree) by request from the lodge which received the application. The application is sent to the lodge where the applicant is initiated to be filled out and then returned to be posted on the membership list of the lodge to which application was first made and then sent to the supreme secretary-treasurer.

SECTION 98, paragraph 1 (Every lodge upon organizing into the society shall appoint a skillful physician, whose duty it shall be to examine each applicant, who is subject to a medical examination, and determine if his state of health is such that he can recommend him to be admitted to the society according to indicated forms provided by the supreme board of officers.)

(2. No one is qualified for election to the office of examining physician, except he is in possession of the following qualifications:)

(3. He must be a respectable physician and a graduate of a regular medical institute or college and with a license to practice in the state in which he is located.)

(4. He must have been practicing medicine for at least three years. This rule is void in settlements where no physician of three years' practice is to be found.)

SECTION 98 **Every lodge upon its organization into a society-member of the Danish Brotherhood in America shall appoint a regularly licensed physician who is a graduate of a grade A medical school with a license to practice medicine in the state in which he is located. It shall be the duty of this physician to examine each applicant who is subject to a medical examination and to determine if state of health is such that he can recommend him to be admitted to the society according to the forms provided by the supreme board of officers of the Danish Brotherhood in America.**

SECTION 99 This is a new section. **Any individual lodge may accept as a social member any insured member of any other lodge of the Danish Brotherhood where he will retain full membership with all its rights and privileges and also enjoy the benefits and privileges of a social member in accordance with the by-laws of the lodge where he becomes a social member.**

SECTION 101 When a member wishes to be admitted to membership in another lodge by presenting his transfer card, the lodge shall take a ballot before he can be admitted. It shall require two-thirds of the votes cast to (elect) admit the applicant.

SECTION 104, paragraph 1 (The lodge shall be governed by the following officers:) **The slate of officers in a lodge shall preferably be as follows:**

One (Ex-) past-president, one president, one vice president, one secretary, one treasurer, three trustees, one conductor, one inside guard, one outside guard. **However the number of officers may be reduced whenever the number of members in a lodge make it necessary.**

SECTION 105 (If a member of a lodge for one reason or another should be expelled from the lodge, or stricken from the roll, or an applicant is rejected by black balls with approved reasons, the secretary shall immediately notify the home office of the fact.) **If a member of a lodge should be expelled, or voluntarily withdraw, from the lodge, or if an applicant is rejected by ballotation, the secretary shall immediately notify the home office of the fact.**

SECTION 106. The instituting officer shall, at the institution of a new lodge order a ballot taken, if three (black balls) or more black ballots appear it shall shut out the person concerned. He can renew his application,

however, after a period of six months after the institution.

SECTION 107 It is required of the lodges at the end of each year to send to the home office a complete report of what the lodge during the year has paid out for (sick benefit) assessments, extra help, and what changes have appeared on the membership list.

SECTION 111 The emblem of the society is in the future the symbols of the (degree) order and (may) shall be made in the shape of a button, pin or medallion. (which shall be alike and consist of gold emblem with shield, tools and palm branch.)

SECTION 112 (The emblem of the society is for the future a sun with D. B. The silk ribbon in the form of a Danish flag with the cross woven in the ribbon. It shall not be necessary for members except officers to wear badges at meetings.) **The official badge of the society shall consist of a three inch in diameter shield, or circular type badge, with the symbols imprinted thereon within a circle containing the name of the society thus: The Danish Brotherhood in America. The wearing of the lodge badge by individual members at lodge meetings shall be optional with the lodge, except the officers. The officers must wear the badge at the lodge meetings. On the badge intended for the use of the officers the title of office shall be suitably superimposed across the face of the badge. The badge shall be available through the home office at cost. Lodges having a supply of present type badges are allowed to use them as long as they are presentable.**

SECTION 115 Members are not allowed to enter or leave the lodge room during initiation (in the degree.) ceremonies.

SECTION 116 In cities where one or more lodges of the society already are established, a new lodge can only be established by not less than (11 men, who do not already belong to the society.) **eleven eligible persons and it shall be the duty of the supreme secretary-treasurer to make inquiry from the existing lodge, if there is any reason why a new lodge should not be established.**

SECTION 117, paragraph 2 Each division shall be authorized to organize a central organization consisting of delegates from each lodge, who is a member of such central organization. One or more delegates shall be elected from each lodge and in accordance with such rules and regulation adopted by each central organization at their yearly meetings. All laws to be approved by the supreme board before they take effect.

SECTION 117, paragraph 4 (The central organization shall have the right at their yearly meeting, to propose, debate and pass amendments to the society's constitution and by-laws, but such laws shall not take effect until forwarded to the supreme board and after having been enacted at a regular convention of the society.) **A central organization shall have the right at its yearly conventions to adopt proposals for amendment of the D. B. constitution and by-laws and to submit same for consideration by a national convention of the society.**

SECTION 117, paragraph 5 (Each central organization can hold one annual meeting according to such rules as its by-laws prescribe. Each lodge, legally belonging to such central organization, shall have the right to send one legally elected delegate to such meetings.) **Each central organization may hold annual meetings according to the rules specified by its by-laws. Each lodge, legally belonging to such central organization, shall elect delegates to the annual meeting in the number and manner specified in the by-laws of the central organization.**

SECTION 117, paragraph 9 This is a new paragraph. **Lodges, or groups of lodges organized into central orga-**

nizations according to these by-laws, may sponsor tours to Denmark for their members provided they first secure permission for such tours from the supreme board of the society. Permission shall be granted by the supreme board unless the board finds the tour in competition with tours sponsored by the supreme lodge or organized in such a manner as to reflect discredit upon the Danish Brotherhood in America. Permission to sponsor such tours shall in no way financially obligate the supreme lodge.

SECTION 120, paragraph 1 The home office shall secure and have on hand suitable emblems for members having belonged to the society for 25 and 50 years. (The lodges can purchase same through the home office. Members having belonged to the society for more than 50 years shall receive such emblem without cost.) These emblems shall be furnished to qualified members without cost.

SECTION 120, paragraph 2 The supreme secretary-treasurer shall keep up to date records of all members and shall notify the lodges in January if they have any members who should receive a 50-year pin during the coming year. The pin should also be forwarded at that time.

SECTION 123 The secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the lodge and conduct all correspondence; he shall issue and sign all orders for payment where payment is made by cash; and draw up all documents and resolutions as decided by the lodge and attach the seal of the lodge, and at each annual election he shall in his report to the supreme secretary-treasurer give a complete account of the financial standing of the lodge, including receipts and expenses in the past year, (sick benefit paid,) assessments paid, extra benefit paid and change in membership and also the result of the election in accordance with the blank provided for this purpose by the supreme secretary.

SECTION 125 (If a member is in debt for dues to his lodge, the financial secretary or treasurer shall not be allowed to receive his assessment before his dues to the local lodge have been paid, for as many months as his assessment covers.) **The financial secretary or treasurer shall not be permitted to receive a member's assessments before the dues to the local lodge have been paid for the same time period.**

SECTION 126 The treasurer shall have care of the money of the lodge, and give his bond to the lodge for money that comes into his possession; he shall keep a correct account in such a manner that at any time it can be seen, if such is demanded by one or more members. He shall at each regular meeting report the receipts by funds -dues, assessments, etc.- since the previous meeting (and including receipts at the current meeting.) He shall not pay out money belonging to the lodge except on an order signed by the president and attested by the secretary. (with the seal of the lodge impressed.)

#### ARTICLE VIII Duties of Members

SECTION 135 It is the duty of every member to work for the growth and existence of the lodge, to stand by each other with word and deed, and as brothers, in harmony and love join together and hold the national memories in esteem and honor. Members should act toward each other (as brothers) **with kindness** never speak ill of each other but ever be ready to help one another in every way.

SECTION 142 A member who pay his dues and assessments shall receive a receipt for same from the treasurer or the financial secretary. By presenting this receipt to the president of any other lodge, he shall be entitled to

attend the meeting. (and receive the annual password.)

SECTION 143 (When a member is admitted to membership in a lodge by a transfer card, he is entitled to sick benefit from the day the same expires in the lodge he formerly belong to, provided he has been a member of the society for six months.)

SECTION 145 (When a member has resided in a country for 12 months where no active Danish Brotherhood lodge is located, he can then secure his transfer card from his lodge and still be entitled to all the society's privileges by sending his assessment and taxes direct to the supreme secretary-treasurer. All payments must be made in advance March 1st and September 1st each year.) **If a member has resided for a period of at least 12 months in a locality which is more than 500 miles removed from a Danish Brotherhood lodge with insured membership, he may secure a transfer card from his lodge and still be entitled to all the society's privileges by sending his assessments and taxes direct to the supreme secretary-treasurer. All payments must be made in advance for one year on, or about, October 1 each year.**

SECTION 146 When a member is on a journey, he (should) must be in possession of a receipt, showing when payments of dues and assessments have been made, **if he wishes to visit another lodge.**

SECTION 173 These laws thus adopted at the convention of the society held in (Omaha, Nebraska, September 28 through October 2, 1959) **Erie, Pennsylvania, September 16 through September 20, 1963**, shall be in force and take effect from January 1, (1960) **1964** and shall remain in full force until amended by a vote of simply majority of the votes cast at another convention.

HOME OFFICE BUILDING: After having given much time to a discussion of details in connection therewith, a proposal, as submitted in the Book of Proposals, was adopted upon motion duly made and seconded, giving the supreme officers authority to make such changes in the by-laws as would be required, if any, and to do all things necessary to acquire a Danish Brotherhood home office building in Omaha, Nebraska.

RITUAL: The supreme board's text of a new, updated, form of ritual was submitted to the convention committee on laws. The committee reported that, after careful consideration, it found this a far too comprehensive matter to process in the usual way at a national convention. The law committee unanimously moved that the study of the ritual be assigned to a special rituals committee selected by the supreme board, who should have the authority to re-write or correct, add or subtract from this proposed ritual and present it to the lodges as soon as possible and in order that it might be done properly. Seconded, this motion carried.

METHOD OF ELECTING SUPREME OFFICERS: The convention committee on laws announced that a recommendation for a change in our present system of electing supreme officers to that of electing a "board of directors" was submitted to the committee for study and recommendation. The committee reported that this is again a very important subject and one on which the committee could not reach a conclusion for a recommendation at this convention. The law committee moved that this document be assigned to a special committee appointed by the new supreme officers for study and presentation at the next national convention. The motion was adopted.

This concluded the reporting by the convention committee on laws.

A summary of other transactions:

Seven supreme officers and 113 accredited delegates attended all sessions of the national convention.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: To this committee was re-

ferred reports of audits made by the Department of Insurance for the state of Nebraska, of the financial affairs of the society for the period since June 30, 1959 to December 31, 1962, including reports on the inspection and the examination of business transactions and procedures of the society. To this committee was also referred a report of the examination by H. F. Festersen, CPA of the financial records of the society covering the period from January 1st through June 30, 1963.

The committee certified to the convention that the audit and examination reports were available and presented them before the convention in agreement with Section 17, paragraph 3 of the by-laws of the society.

**CLAIMS COMMITTEE:** To this committee was referred two unsettled death claims which would require special consideration by the convention. In both cases the committee recommended that settlement be made to the lawful beneficiaries and recommended that the supreme officers be given authority to do so. The committee's report was adopted.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:** To the credential committee were referred five contested elections of delegates. The committee reported that in each case extenuating circumstances prevailed at the time of election and recommended that the delegates be seated. The committee's report was adopted and the delegates seated.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:** The report by the resolution committee and the proposed courtesy resolutions were adopted as published in the November issue of the monthly magazine.

**PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT:** The supreme officers gave a detailed financial report of the operations of the promotional department. The report was accepted by the convention, and by decision of the convention ordered published in the monthly magazine.

Paul E. Strand, promotional director, rendered an interesting report giving detailed comparative statistics of new business acquired. The report was well received by the convention.

**EIGHTIETH JUBILEE TOUR TO DENMARK 1962:** In behalf of the supreme officers, Axel Skelbeck, who had functioned as chairman of the tour committee and Viggo Mikkelsen, who acted for Supreme President Hans M. Andersen as tour leader, gave a detailed report. It was accepted by the convention on motion duly made and seconded.

A resolution that the supreme lodge of the Danish Brotherhood should sponsor yet another official Danish Brotherhood excursion to Denmark before the 1967 national convention was adopted, upon motion by Delegate No. 205, with authority to the new supreme officers to make the necessary arrangements.

**1967 NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Invitations for the 1967 national convention were given by Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California; and Lodge No. 245, South Bend, Indiana. Before balloting for selecting the 1967 convention city started, Delegate No. 245 withdrew his invitation explaining that South Bend would not be ready yet for a national convention in 1967.

By roll call vote Minneapolis received 65 votes and Los Angeles received 48 votes. The president then declared Minneapolis, Minnesota the 1967 national convention city.

**CONVENTION FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Because of insufficient funds in the general fund to pay the cost of the 1963 national convention, the president had appointed delegates 205, 78 and 49 as the convention finance committee. On the committee's recommendation and after much discussion it was decided to temporarily borrow the money from the fraternal fund and then levy a "con-

vention tax" on all insured members of \$1.00 per year for each of the next four years to be payable at the same time as the per capita and promotional fund tax. This was adopted to become paragraph 2 of Section 74.

**ELECTION OF SUPREME OFFICERS** started at 2 p. m., on Thursday. Supreme President Hans M. Andersen was nominated for re-election but declined the nomination with thanks. He retired after 12 years of outstanding service in the official family of the supreme lodge.

At the duly held election of supreme officers those mentioned below were elected for a term of four years:

Viggo Mikkelsen, Supreme President,  
From Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan.  
Einar Danielsen, Supreme First Vice-President,  
From Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Illinois.  
Chris Madsen, Supreme Second Vice-President,  
From Lodge No. 116, Newark, New Jersey.  
Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer,  
From Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.  
Fred Jensen, Chairman, Supreme Trustees,  
From Lodge No. 195, Omaha, Nebraska.  
Kristen Jorgensen, Supreme Trustee,  
From Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington.  
\*James C. Nordine, Supreme Trustee,  
From Lodge No. 202, Warren, Pennsylvania.

\* James C. Nordine is the new member on the supreme board.

As alternates for supreme officers the following were elected:

Al Tunsen from Lodge No. 332, Ripon, California.  
Edward Jonasen from Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.

The new supreme officers were installed by impressive public ceremonies at 2:30 p. m., by Ex-Supreme President, C. Bysted Christensen, assisted by Host Lodge Delegate Edward Jonasen, No. 242, as the conductor.

As an introduction to the installation ceremonies Brother Bysted asked the conductor to bring the retiring supreme president to his station, where he, in well chosen words bid Hans M. Andersen welcome into the Ex-Supreme Presidents' Club. At this point the new ex-supreme president was visibly moved by the turn of events. He was accorded a thunderous ovation of applause by the assembly; a sign of affection, popularity and appreciation.

At the conclusion of the installation the new supreme officers briefly addressed the large gathering.

After having ascertained that there was no further business to be transacted by this convention, the new supreme president, Viggo Mikkelsen adjourned the 26th national convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America at 4:15 o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, September 20, 1963.

For the Supreme Officers,  
AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary-Treasurer.

**SECTION 19, PARAGRAPH 3(b).** Payment authorized in the laws of the Society, as applicable under one or more of the laws following sections: Sec. 17, par. 4 (and/or) sec. 18, par. 1; sec. 18, par. 1; sec. 19, par. 10; sec. 16, par. 1; sec. 16, par. 1; sec. 19, par. 3(b) as special information for whom it may concern: OCTOBER — Viggo Mikkelsen, \$357.66; Einar Danielsen, \$175.00; Chris Madsen, \$200.00; Axel Skelbeck, \$906.53; Fred Jensen, \$125.00; Kristen Jorgensen, \$175.00; James C. Nordine, \$175.00.

My neighbor says he can't afford to buy a new car because he is still paying installments on the car he swapped for the car he traded in as a down payment on the car he is now driving.

## Christmas Greetings

My very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to members of the Danish Brotherhood.

May each and everyone enjoy good health and happiness this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

May our Brotherhood be blessed with the real spirit of brotherhood and good will towards all.

Fraternally yours,

VIGGO MIKKELSEN,  
Supreme President.

## Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt.

November 16 was a red letter day in Barre Lodge when 21 new members were initiated into the Danish Brotherhood. After the Lodge had decided to take the ladies in with them, it only took a short time for a few of the active members to get a large class signed up for initiation.

Supreme Vice President Chris Madsen, with his wife, Joan as conductor, had the privilege of doing the initiation. It was surprising to note the interest of the new members at the meeting after being initiated. If it had not been for the fact that this is the hunting season in Vermont, there would have been more members present at the meeting and for initiation.

All our good Brothers in Barre believe in putting meat on the table for Thanksgiving, and without mentioning any names, one of the older Brothers, who has been hunting for 35 years, swears that one of these years he is going to get him a deer. However, his friends tell us that the deer come right up to him and he does not have the heart to shoot.

May I take this opportunity to greet the new members and extend my congratulations to the Lodge also. I know it will not be long before you have another class to be initiated. Your new hall is beautiful, and well suited for the kind of meetings you will be having from now on. We were very sorry to hear about Brother Chris Mikkelsen's accident, and wish him a complete recovery, even if it is going to take some time.

We express a great big thank you for the wonderful hospitality shown us once again in Barre, and wish all the Brothers and Sisters and their families a very happy holiday season.

CHRIS MADSEN, Sup. Vice Pres.

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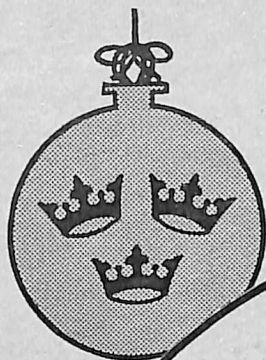
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Members who have passed away since the last report

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Aug. 17	Otto Jensen	84	Sjerring, Den.	314	Hartford, Conn.	1918	Heart Disease	\$ 250.00
Sep. 12	Alfred M. Jensen	80	Magleby, Den.	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1905	Arteriosclerosis	855.97
Oct. 3	Carl Jensen	85	Borglund, Den.	308	McCabe, Mont.	1916	Acute Cardiac Failure	250.00
Sep. 6	Carlo Jorgensen	63	Denmark	325	Nassau Co., N. Y.	1927	Acute Heart Failure	1,250.00
Oct. 10	Fred Frederiksen	73	Middlefart, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1914	Myocardial Infarction	500.00
Sep. 13	Christian H. Smith	61	Cleveland, Ohio	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1924	Bronchopneumonia	1,000.00
Sep. 28	Verner J. Olsen	79	Holbeck Amt., Den.	202	Warren, Pa.	1913	Cardiac Arrest	499.95
Oct. 11	Nicolaj H. Petersen	87	Herning, Den.	35	Chicago, Illinois	1912	Acute Coronary Occlusion	475.42
Oct. 18	Edgar W. Erickson	66	Holsterbro, Den.	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1941	Bronchopneumonia	125.00
Oct. 19	Niels P. Nielsen	81	Veile Amt., Den.	263	Askov, Minn.	1903	Heart Disease	1,000.00
Oct. 15	Mats Jorgensen	89	Mellerup, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1903	Toxemia	216.60
Nov. 1	Walter Madsen	68	Kilbourn, Wis.	154	Withee, Wis.	1937	Not Given	125.00
Nov. 3	Lars A. Petersen	93	Hjorring, Den.	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1902	Cardiac Decompensation	409.14
Nov. 6	M. Anders Skov	78	Clinton, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1914	Coronary Occlusion	250.00
Sep. 2	Norbert Iversen	81	Velslev Ribe, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1912	Coronary Occlusion	974.36
Oct. 20	Alfred Kems	71	Hobro, Den.	116	Newark, N. J.	1947		Social
Oct. 21	Nels C. Nelson	68	Esbjerg, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1961		Social
Oct. 26	J. J. Chamberlain	75	Fontenary, Wis.	42	Spokane, Wash.	1942		Social
		69	San Bernadino, Calif.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1946		Social



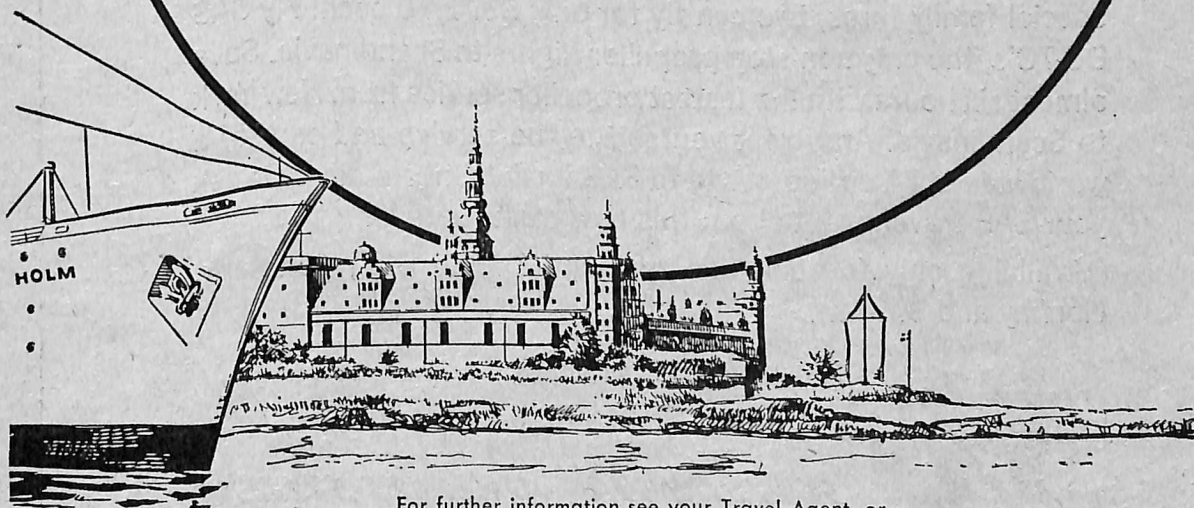
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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By VIGGO NIELSEN, 29 Church Street, Millburn, N. J.

**General Committee Eastern Lodges.** A meeting of the GCEL officers was held October 26 in the Club House of Troy, N. Y. Lodge No. 183. Ex-President Edward Jonassen had been unable to make the long trip, but all other officers were present, also present was the chairman of the promotional committee. Routine matters were taken care of; another meeting of the officers was scheduled for March 14, 1964 in New Haven, Conn., when Lodge No. 32 will celebrate its 75th anniversary. An invitation from Lodge No. 314 to hold the GCEL 1964 convention in Hartford, Conn., was accepted. A proposal was adopted to inaugurate a program, which would make it possible for the general committees to become more useful and to contact other general committees about it. The promotional chairman and his deputies will stress the importance of not only securing new members but of keeping them by making lodge meetings as interesting as possible. In the evening the officers and their wives participated in a most enjoyable celebration of Lodge No. 183's 60th anniversary. Visitors from Lodge No. 32, 190, 242 and 300 were present as well as many lodge members and their friends. Many brief speeches of congratulations and good wishes were made. Second generation Danish-Americans aided as waiters and waitresses, which bodes well for the future of Lodge No. 183.

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.** Plans for the 75th anniversary banquet and dance to be held March 14, are in full swing. It is hoped that many brothers from neighboring lodges will attend. The affair is to be held at the Heja Grotto hall in New Haven, Morris Watstein's famous orchestra will supply the music, including our Danish numbers. Look next month for further details. A joint installation of officers will take place January 15. A happy holiday season is wished all brothers near and far from brothers of Lodge No. 32.

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** We, the officers and members of "102" extend season's greetings and a Merry Christmas to the members of the Supreme Board, members of the General Committee Eastern Lodges, and to our own members in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Florida, Texas and Denmark.

Despite the rainy weather, the attendance at our November meeting was better than expected and many interesting subjects were discussed.

It was nice of Brother Jonassen of "242" to remember our conversation at the recent convention and send a copy of "Lyngblomsten." I enjoyed reading it and so did the members. Thanks very much. Incidentally, belated congratulations for a fine convention, in a fine hall amongst fine people. One regret, not much chance to visit the other interesting parts of your fair city.

We are happy to see Sister Mortensen back with us, looking fine, after a successful eye operation.

Birthday greetings this month go to Brothers Aage Christensen (13th) and Peter Rasmussen (8th).

CARL W. SORENSEN, Sec.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** The annual Christmas tree party, held jointly with the Sisterhood, will take place December 15 in Elm hall, 172 Midland Ave., Kearny, Santa Claus will be there at 4 p. m.

Joint installation will be held Friday, January 3 at 8 p. m., in the Brotherhood meeting hall, 180 Main St., West Orange, N. J. Sisterhood Lodge No. 84 and Brotherhood Lodge No. 116 invite all members to take part in this yearly event, following the installation coffee and cake will be served, and there will be ample time for dancing.

Season's Greetings and best wishes for the new year are extended to members and their families.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Supreme Vice President Chris Madsen, treasurer of the GCEL George Godthaab, president of the Danish Old People's Home in Metuchen, Peter Christensen also member of Lodge No. 46, and three brothers from Lodge No. 116, Erik Bodholt, William Waldron and yours truly attended the meeting in this lodge November 8, it was as always a lively meeting well attended and with a spirit that always prevail in this lodge, two new candidates were initiated into the lodge and we welcome Brothers Kaj Christensen and Flemming Henrichsen, hoping they will enjoy many years of good fellowship among the members of 172. Following the meeting a beautiful spread of open faced sandwiches were served together with coffee and cake and to top the evening some of us had a game of cards, lots of fun, but behold, getting home at 4 a. m., from a Brotherhood meeting is something which can't happen too often, however we'll be back in January for your installation.

The Christmas party sponsored jointly by the Sisters and the Brothers will be held December 7 at Beck's on the Boulevard, it is hoped that the party will be a big success, the cost will be at as low a level as possible.

The annual Christmas tree party for the children will be held at the Norwegian Seamen's church, 22 South 3rd St., on December 15, from 1 to 5 p. m. Santa will be there in person with presents for all children. Refreshments will be served to the children while the grown-ups may enjoy coffee and cake.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** A speedy recovery is wished Brothers Eiler Werge and Peter C. Sorensen.

Two new brothers are welcomed into the lodge, Police Lt. Kay Sorensen from Albany and William Petersen a sales manager, also of Albany.

The annual Christmas tree party for the children will be held December 21, at 7 p. m.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** Sorry Brother Otto Jonassen, your name should have been removed two months ago, at the time you were taken off the "payroll," however a slight printing error occurred and I'm sure Askov, Minn., is sorry for the inconvenience this little error has caused you, all claims must go direct to Askov.

The annual Christmas tree party for the children will be held December 15, check the time with your secretary. Santa will be there for sure, coffee and cake will be served the grownups.

A New Year's party will be held New Year's evening as in former years.

Election of officers will take place at the first meeting in December, Friday, December 13.

Initiated into the lodge were Brothers John Petersen and Newman Haise, we welcome both Brothers hoping your stay will be enjoyable and of long standing.

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.** Not much news from this corner this month. The annual Christmas tree party will be held 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.** This lodge held its annual anniversary dinner and dance November 15, unable to attend I'm sure I missed out on a very good affair.

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge is held the second Friday each month at the Franklin Square hall, be sure to be there for the December 13 meeting.



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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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The Danes in Denmark celebrate Christmas Eve as a children's and families' festival, dancing around the candlelit Christmas tree and giving gifts to all the family members. This season as we revive old traditions in true holiday spirit, let us express thanks for the bounty which is ours.

Despite winter weather, a nice turnout enjoyed the special meeting in Washington hall November 23, when 50-year members were honored. Present to receive tribute to their faithfulness were Brothers Frank A. Nielsen, Carl J. Larsen, Damon Petersen, Einar Bengtsen, Viggo Petersen, Christian Lauritsen and Viggo Bottker. Seattle's popular "Happy Hour" was first enjoyed and then a delicious dinner followed. The usual "turkey raffle" preceding Thanksgiving was held and visiting Brothers came from neighboring Lodges.

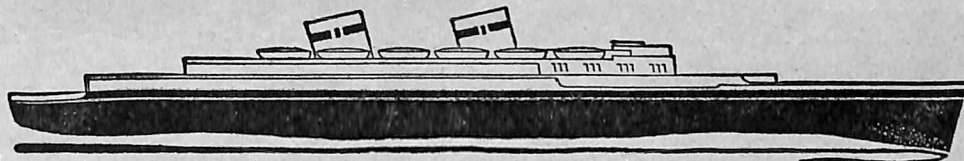
Spokane's Brother Nels C. Nelson, a member of DB 42 for many years, passed away October 20; Ebbe Nielsen, an exchange student from Copenhagen attending Gonzaga University, attended one of the Inland Empire Danish social meetings and was a Thanksgiving guest in one of our Seattle Danish homes. Brother Rasch Paulsen spent some days in the hospital a few weeks ago as did former Secretary Laurids Mortensen (Portland).

Seattle's DB 29 bid farewell to three good members last month as Brothers Tage Frederiksen, Joe Chamberlain and Anders Skov (Yakima) breathed their last. Rex Hanson was guest speaker at a regular November lodge meeting to inform the Danes about a gigantic radar warning system in Canada and Alaska as installed by

Pacific Northwest Bell. January 25 will be joint installation night following a dinner cooked and served by the Brothers. Past District President Sam Fredriksen will head the Christmas committee this year for its party December 21.

Enumclaw's Brother Jens J. Pedersen celebrated his 92nd birthday November 19. Past President Oswald Pedersen fell out of a tree and is in unfavorable condition at the Community Memorial hospital at this writing. Past President Hans F. Weston is recovering from a recent operation.

Portland's Brother Marius Hansen and wife Helen, now living in Spokane, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last month with their grandchildren in Denver. About 100 Brothers and Sisters enjoyed a potluck dinner October 26, according to DB 167 President Henry Barreth. Supreme Trustee Kris Jorgensen visited the Rose City in November. At one of their booster meetings, Brothers Magnus Esrom, Pete Pihl, Melvin Pihl and Sister Ruth Miller spoke in behalf of "why second and third generation Danes should join our great fraternity" On the sick list are Brothers Carl Hansen, John Borsting, Sherman Harkson and Chris Nelsen (Seattle). A DB funeral paid respects and last rites to Brother Henry Svensen November 2. Brother Nelson Esrom was named chairman for the Pythian hall DB dance November 30. Portlanders will stage their annual Christmas party December 21. January 4 will see the installation of new officers for 1964.



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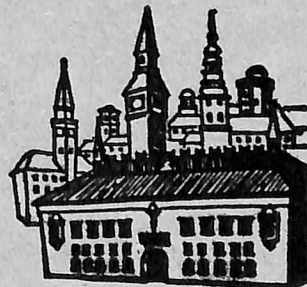
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51	Ludington	9,421	113	50	44.25	40
126	Los Angeles	2,479,015	345	43	12.17	33½
56	Kansas City	475,539	50	38	76.00	31
181	Sidney	100	46	38	82.61	34
106	Trufant	250	61	25	40.98	22
242	Erie	138,440	157	20	12.74	18
16	Minden	2,383	144	19	13.19	15½
84	Lincoln	128,521	56	18	32.14	15½
29	Seattle	557,087	301	17	5.64	15½
323	Alhambra	5,807	39	17	43.59	15½
139	Viborg	669	63	17	26.98	15
299	Solvang	1,325	91	15	16.48	13
227	Detroit	1,670,144	327	14	4.28	13
219	Clear Lake	6,158	50	13	26.00	12
1	Omaha	301,598	217	12	5.52	12
263	Askov	331	142	12	7.04	11
45	Minneapolis	482,872	182	12	6.59	10½

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Of our seventeen HONOR ROLL Lodges, Sidney No. 181 leads the field with a percentage increase of 82.61 per cent—some performance for a 46-member Lodge in a town of 100 population! Kansas City's No. 56 is comfortably ensconced in second place with a nice, round 76 per cent increase. We are just as proud of you as we can be No. 56. You have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that a medium-sized Lodge (50 members) in an above

average size city (population 475,539) can grow in membership. Next in line is Michigan's own No. 51 in Ludington. Fifty members, population 9,421.

Fifty new members sponsored by 18 working members. Need more proof that any Lodge can and will grow if you members want it to grow? California's Alhambra No. 323 ranks fourth with 17 new members for a 43.59% increase in a 39-member Lodge and a city of 54,807 proving once and again that neither location, nor climate, nor population, nor opening membership determines whether your Lodge can grow or not — you the members determine that yourselves! Lincoln's No. 84 represents our home state of Nebraska in the top five for the year to date, with 18 new members for a percentage increase of 32.14% in this 56-member Lodge in our state capital with a population of 128,521.

Our thanks and our congratulations to all you HONOR ROLL Lodges for a job well done. You have each justly earned the title HONOR ROLL by proving over and over again that it is we members ourselves who determine whether or not our Lodge is going to grow and, if so, how much. Not location. Not climate. Not membership. Not location or ownership of your meeting place. Not finances. We ourselves determine that — and we decide that our Lodge can grow, that we want it to grow, that we are willing to work at making it grow, it grows. It's that simple!

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