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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.

Lodge Honor Roll for 1963

Lodge No.	Location	Population	Mem-ber-ship 12/31/62	Per New Mem-bers	Cent of In-crease	New Mem-bers	Credit
51	Ludington	9,421	113	60	53.10	49½	
106	Trufant	250	61	57	93.44	51½	
126	Los Angeles	2,479,015	345	43	12.46	33½	
56	Kansas City	475,539	50	41	82.00	33	
181	Sidney	100	46	38	82.61	35	
16	Minden	2,383	144	25	17.36	20	
29	Seattle	557,087	301	23	7.64	21	
242	Errie	138,440	157	21	13.38	19	
294	Barre	10,387	36	21	58.33	20	
84	Lincoln	128,521	56	20	35.71	17½	
139	Viborg	669	63	17	26.98	15	
227	Detroit	1,670,144	327	17	5.20	15½	
323	Alhambra	5,807	39	17	43.59	15½	
299	Solvang	1,325	91	15	16.48	13	
263	Askov	331	142	14	9.86	12½	
219	Clear Lake	6,158	50	13	26.00	12	
1	Omaha	301,598	217	12	5.53	12	
45	Minneapolis	482,872	182	12	6.59	10½	
172	Philadelphia	2,002,512	86	12	13.95	11½	
225	Canton	113,631	34	12	35.29	11	

To our ever growing HONOR ROLL, we this month proudly add three new member Lodges; 294 Barre, Vermont; 172 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and 225 Canton, Ohio. Welcome to the select circle, all three of you, we are proud of your performance.

In total new members admitted, Ludington's No. 51 leads with a nice, neat total of 60; Trufant's No. 106 is second with 57 and Los Angeles' No. 126 with 43. These three Lodges alone added 160 new members to our growing roster for a combined increase of 30.82% for the year.

In per cent of increase, Trufant's No. 106 scored top honors with a 93.44% increase; Sidney's No. 181 was second with an increase of 82.61% and Kansas City's No. 56 rates third with an 82% increase. Quite a performance for Lodges that started the year 1963 with 57, 46 and 50 members respectively.

Thus, in total, our twenty HONOR ROLL lodges accounted for 490 or 63.39% of the 773 new members admitted to date this year. Their 490 new members admitted are equal to a 19.29% increase of the 2,540 members they reported at the end of 1962.

Pretty solid proof, isn't it, that any Lodge whose members want it to grow, can grow. Whether your Lodge grows in membership is not determined by your location; whether or not you own your own Lodge home; your present membership; whether you have admitted new members regularly or irregularly — the growth of your Lodge is determined by your wanting it to grow and being willing to work for that growth.

Decide now that your Lodge is going to earn HONOR ROLL listing in 1964—set your sights on how many new members you want and then sign them up. You'll find you can do it—and enjoy it!

Leaders Club for 1963

Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor	New Members	
			Total	Credit
106	Trufant	Robert V. Jensen	30	27
16	Minden	Andrew E. Madsen	15	13
299	Solvang	Levi Persson	15	13
106	Trufant	Carl B. Nielsen	13	11
294	Barre	Harry Mikkelsen	13	11½
84	Lincoln	Chris Block	11	10½

A thirty gun salute to our new LEADERS CLUB President, Bob Jensen of Trufant, Michigan. You have accounted for more than one half of all the new members admitted into No. 106 this year, Bob, and we are all just as proud of your performance as we can be.

It looks as though we'll have two Vice Presidents of LEADERS CLUB since Minden's Andrew Madsen and Solvang's Levi Persson share the honors with 15 new members each for a credit total of 13 each. Care to break the tie at this late date, either of you?

Trufant's Carl B. (Boots) Nielsen is no newcomer to LEADERS CLUB, he made it last year also by sponsoring 16 new members who signed up at No. 106's very first Booster Rally on December 8, 1962 and were admitted to membership on December 29, 1962. Well done, Boots!

Barre's Harry Mikkelsen joins LEADERS CLUB for the very first time by sponsoring 13 of the new members initiated into No. 294 by Supreme Second Vice President Chris Madsen on November 16th. Harry has now sponsored this year, as many new members as were admitted by his Lodge in all the years from November 6, 1937, and No. 294 has admitted as many new members this year as were admitted from February 2, 1929 through 1962!

Lincoln's Chris Block has had a gleam in his eye for the past few months—now he is content—he made LEADERS CLUB this month. Welcome, Chris.

We salute you LEADERS CLUB members. You deserve

the special recognition that attaches to LEADERS CLUB. At the same time, we also want to recognize the work done by the other ninety-six members who sponsored one or more new members this year to help build that record of 773 new members admitted this year to date—the greatest number of new members admitted in any one calendar year since 1929! Thank you, all of you, for your help and your loyalty to The Danish Brotherhood in America.

60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer C. Nelson of 905 30th Avenue E., Bradentown, Fla., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary September 1. A party was held in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tilton, South Toms River, N. J.



Brother Nelson is a member of Dan Lodge No. 90, Danish Brotherhood, Port Reading, N. J., and has been for the past 51 years. He joined October 5, 1912.

A smorgasbord was served and all guests were entertained by students from Mrs.

Tilton's Hawaiian Dance school and with songs by her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson started life together with a dairy farm in Port Reading, later moving to Woodbridge, N. J., where Meyer went into business as a salt hay dealer. As years progressed Meyer and Marie retired to living in Manahowkin, N. J., and traveling to Florida for the winter months.

We again wish them continued years of health and happiness.

C. A. NIELSEN, Port Reading, N. J.

In Loving Memory

Members who have passed away since the last report

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Jun 27	Niels Ejner Mikkelsen	69	Ribe, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1914	Carcinoma of stomach	\$ 500.00
Sep 2	Martin N. Larsen	89	Slesvig	50	Byram, Conn.	1906	Cardiac failure	439.65
Nov 2	Soren P. E. Jensen	73	Bronden, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1912	Auto accident	250.00
Nov 7	Arthur Petersen	72	Koge, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1919	Heart disease	250.00
Nov 2	Henry M. Swensen	78	Hjorring, Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1926	Heart failure	250.00
Oct 28	Niels C. Thogersen	70	Denmark	215	Battle Creek, Iowa	1914	Myocardial infarction	500.00
Nov 6	Carl G. Nielsen	77	Hjorring, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1917	Heart disease	500.00
Nov 6	Jorgen P. Petersen	79	Dakota Co., Minn.	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1907	Heart failure	1,000.00
Oct 30	George Feddersen	81	Denmark	34	Dwight, Ill.	1907	Bronchopneumonia	949.61
Nov 10	Chris F. Markussen	85	Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1914	C. V. A.	491.75
Nov 4	Jens M. Olsen	83	Esbjerg, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1904	Carcinoma	466.13
Nov 4	Jens Peter Jacobsen	81	Løgstør	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1907	C. V. A.	1,000.00
Nov 17	Lars Peter Larsen	82	Haderslev, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1902	Not given	938.83
Nov 20	William Pedersen	71	Joliet, Ill.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1916	Pulmonary edema	500.00
Nov 18	George J. Jacobsen	66	Worcester, Mass.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1918	Cerebral thrombosis	500.00
Nov 13	Carl Petersen	89	Nyborg, Denmark	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1908	Heart disease	500.00
Nov 29	Edwin Jacobsen	64	Council Bluffs, Ia.	10	Council Bluffs, Ia.	1917	Cardio-Vasc. disease	1,000.00
Nov 12	Hans A. Munch	64	Nexø Bornholm, Den.	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1921	Not given	500.00
Dec 4	Nicholai Louis Winkel	74	Ansonia, Conn.	41	Derby, Conn.	1910	Carcinoma	250.00
Nov 26	William Iversen	74	Ringkobing, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1917	Carcinomatosis	1,000.00
Dec 9	Hans P. Hansen	98	Koberholm Slesvig	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1906	Bronchopneumonia	382.57
Dec 4	Charles Olsen	82	Milwaukee, Wis.	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1903	Carcinoma	927.45
Jul 27	Harold W. C. Larsen	55	Maple Park, Ill.	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1941	Adenocarcinoma	625.00
Apr 12	John Robert Hansen	68	Odense, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1961	Not given	Social
Aug 19	Aage Fronland	66	Aalborg, Denmark	164	New York, N. Y.	1948	Not given	Social
Nov 22	Holger K. Jensen	61	Denmark	182	Waukegan, Ill.	1954	Not given	Social
Nov 26	Martin Holmgard	75	Hetland, S. D.	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1934	Not given	Social
Dec 4	Anders Madsen	79	Billum pr. Varde	67	Fresno, Calif.	1935	Not given	Social
Dec 9	Kristian Jakobsen	70	Julland, Denmark	242	Erie, Pa.	1943	Not given	Social

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

May the bonds of friendship and brotherly love continue to bind us into one sacred band and may we each find happiness in the year ahead laced with unity, peace and plenty. Sonia joins me in sending sincere greetings to everyone.

Junction City wants you — come next May — for the 15th annual Pacific Northwest convention. We can't say that this will be the most colossal, stupendous conference yet — this is your decision to make. However, we hope your decision will be greatly influenced by the fact that the Junction City Danes are busy making great plans for a streamlined, snappy three-day program that should meet your approval. This yearly conclave gives you the opportunity to gather and exchange ideas, formally and informally — gives you the chance to meet and mingle with others with the same Danish background. Let us have a big delegation from your Lodge. Frankly, it will be a colossal, stupendous and terrific gathering.

We note in a Danish paper that Past Supreme President of the Danish Brotherhood, John Hansen, from Davenport, Iowa, has made another visit to Denmark together with his wife and two daughters. Brother Hansen came to the United States in 1913 and has for many years been the manufacturer of fine precision machines. In use all over America is the famous Hansen Bread Slicer. Brother John has been a good representative for Denmark these many years and has served on the Rebild Board for the last 24 years.

Florence Edelstein, Seattle, wife of a Fulbright Foundation Doctor now in Copenhagen, is learning to live and eat like the Danes and enjoying it to the fullest. "Danish food is good but it takes some doing to shop" writes Mrs. Edelstein who marvels at the many interesting shops — "bageri, kaffehus, ost-hus, slagter, købmand and smørbrød." Denmark truly is a nation of small shopkeepers. Driving through "Dyrehaven" en route to "Lyngby" and "Charlottelund" where most of the purchases are made, the Edelsteins buy unsliced bread, delicious butter scooped from a large barrel, and mayonnaise in a tube much like toothpaste. What do they miss most? Green salad, thick steak and turkey. A turkey, like an American, is a strange bird in Denmark.

Included in the attendance of a regular Lodge meeting of Lyngblomsten DB 242, Erie, Pa., on September 13, were Supreme President Hans Andersen, California; Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, Omaha; Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen, Seattle; and Delegate Arnold Grimlund, Bellingham. The famous "travel gravel" was used in conducting the meeting. Fifteen new members were initiated and a 50-year pin was presented to Brother Michael Miller.

After two very successful Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood charter flights to Denmark, plans are under way for another this summer. This year, the plane will be a Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-8 Jet, making the flight in approximately 12 hours between Vancouver, B. C., and Copenhagen. Departing around the middle of June and returning seven weeks later, the fare will be about \$390, round trip. Deposit checks in the amount of \$100 should be made out immediately and if further information is required, please contact the host, Carl Grove, 1409 Jefferson Avenue, Enumclaw, Wash., phone Taylor 5-3446.

Eligible to participate in this flight is any member of the District affiliated Danish Lodges who has been so at least six months prior to commencement. Also eligible are

such member's spouse, dependent children and parents living in the household. Overflow reservation will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received. In case any confirmed reservations should be cancelled, such available seats will be released according to priority on a waiting list.

Pacific Northwest District President Jack Jensen, Vancouver, B. C., and Supreme Trustee Kris Jorgensen officially presented the fifty-year emblem pins to Seattle Brothers Frank Nelsen, Karl Larsen, Damon Pedersen, Viggo Bottker, Ejnar Bengsten, Viggo Pedersen, Mads Madsen, Christian Lauritsen and Peter M. Hansen on November 23. Approximately 125 participants enjoyed the festive occasion.

The regular lodge meeting following the cocktail hour and banquet was conducted by Honorary Brothers Fred Carlsen, Immanuel Jensen, John Ottosen, Henry Clausen, William Jorgensen, John Hill, Charles Olesen, Ejnar Bengsten and Carles Jorgensen. Portland President Henry Barreth brought greetings from the City of Roses and Past District President Carl N. Grove represented the contingent from Enumclaw. Past District President Sam Fredriksen was in charge of arrangements.

Junction City's DB No. 268 staged another successful potluck in November. Brother Andy Bodtke (Justice of Peace) celebrated his fortieth wedding anniversary November 29. Brothers Chris Christoffersen and Winther Bodtke vacationed in California this winter. Members celebrated Christmas in Scandia Hall on December 17. Officers for 1964 include Past President William Jensen, President Brockner Mikkelsen, Vice President Fred Petersen, Secretary Sigurd Nielsen, Treasurer Arthur Jager, Conductor Kristian Sand, Inner Guard Ben Jensen, Outer Guard Soren Andersen, Trustees Joen Bodtke, Walter Jensen and Anton Kocks. Past District President Fred Petersen will be chairman of the lodge's anniversary party on January 4.

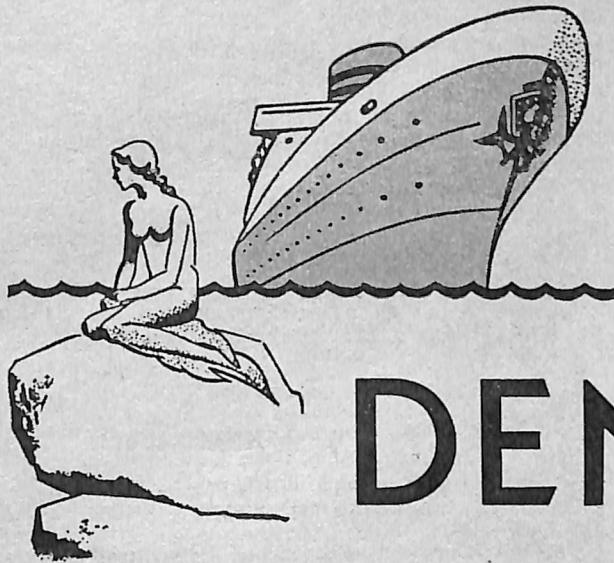
Seattle's DB No. 29 lost two members by death in November through the passing of Brothers Tage Mortensen and Louis Tagholm. New Brothers initiated last month include E. Henriksen, C. Jensen, N. Sorensen, P. M. Jensen, T. Lund and R. Middleton, making a total of 19 for 1963. Newly elected officers to be installed include Past President Robert Wight, President Einar Hansen, Vice President Otto Brask, Secretary Paul Hansen, Treasurer Chris Hansen, Conductor Fleming Sorensen, Inner Guard Gert Jacobsen, Outer Guard Holger Andersen, Trustees Pete Alstead, Hugo Dall and Einar Bengtsen.

A Farewell

TO A GRAND OLD LADY

The retirement of the S/S Stavangerfjord after 45 years of Norwegian America Line service is an event of historical significance. Hers was the longest span under a single flag of any passenger ship in trans-atlantic history. She will have made 770 crossings, traveling 2,800,000 nautical miles between the Old World and the New. Few ships have been better loved. Nearly half a million passengers have enjoyed her hospitality and relied on her dependability.

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THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE HOPE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP CAN BE OF SERVICE:

Farmer Hans Chr. Hansen, born July 19, 1881, of Janderup per. Varde, Denmark, has died on August 9, 1963, unmarried and leaving no children. His heirs are thus his brothers and sisters or their children.

In the probate court it was stated that the late Mr. Hansen had three sisters, viz:

Karen Hvid nee Hansen, Hyllerslev pr. Varde, Denmark

Eline Mathiasen or Madison nee Hansen, who lived in the U. S. probably Los Angeles, and Odschild Hansen nee Hansen, who lived in the U. S. probably Santa Rosa or San Francisco.

The mentioned sisters have all died, leaving children.

It has been stated that Karen Hvid left three children, the eldest of which is Mrs. Anna Marie Jensine Olesen nee Hvid, of Janderup pr. Varde.

According to the information of Mrs. Anna Olesen, Odschild Hansen has a son, supposedly by the name of Valdemar Hansen, who in the spring of 1963 visited the late Hans Chr. Hansen. Valdemar Hansen's address is unknown. It has not been possible to get further information regarding the names and addresses of Eline Mathiasen's (Madison's) or Odschild Hansen's children.

If any of Eline Mathiasen's or Odschild Hansen's children should read this or if any readers of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine have any information regarding the mentioned families, please contact undersigned counsel of the probate court in the handling of the estate.

ADVOKAT N. L. ROSENLUND,
Varde, Denmark.

In Appreciation

So many of you, members and lodges alike, have been so kind in remembering us in the home office, with Christmas greetings that it just isn't possible for us to express our appreciation and our own good wishes for a truly Happy Holiday Season. Therefore, we would like to express to all of you, through the pages of our Magazine, our sincere thanks for remembering us. We are hopeful that you had a real Merry Christmas and to all of you, from all of us, Happy New Year!

AXEL SKELBECK PAUL E. STRAND
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My friend in the next office said, "It sure is tough growing old alone. My wife hasn't had a birthday in six years."

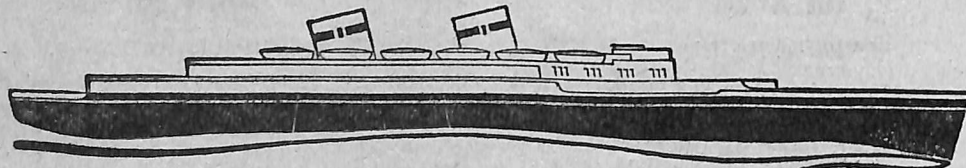
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James C. Nordine New Supreme Trustee

A picture of the Supreme Board of Officers elected at the National Convention may not be available for publication for some time yet. On the retirement of Hans M. Andersen from the office of president a vacancy occurred. So that our members may know the one who was selected to fill this vacancy we are in this issue introducing James C. Nordine whose home lodge is No. 202, Warren, Pa.



Supreme Trustee Nordine

Brother Nordine was born at Ludlow, Pa., August 20, 1916 and joined No. 202 on March 15, 1944. He served as delegate to the Omaha Convention in 1959 and Erie last September.

Of profession Brother Nordine is chief draftsman at the Struther Well Company, Warren, Pa. The Nordines have one son, who started his membership career at the age of 9 and graduated to regular membership August 1, 1958.

Jim and Gladys Nordine live at 101 Redwood Street, Warren, Pa.

A Fine Evening for Lodge No. 29

Lodge No. 29 would like to boast a little of the grand evening we enjoyed on November 23. The evening started with 125 members and guests attending a cocktail and dinner party in our own Washington Hall. At the dinner we were pleased to have the following members present to receive their 50-year pins: Frank Nelsen, Karl Larsen, Damon Pedersen, Viggo Pedersen, Einar Bengtsen, Viggo Bottker, Mads Madsen, Christian Lauritsen and Peter Hansen. These nine members were presented their pins by Supreme Trustee Kris Jorgensen and assisted by District President Jack Jensen of Vancouver Lodge 328.

Later in the evening at a meeting attended by 54 members and guests, including Brothers Barret and Jensen of Portland Lodge 167, Carl Grove of Enumclaw Lodge No. 113 and Brother Filback of Bellingham Lodge No. 155, six new members were initiated. The new members are Niels Sorensen, Robin Middletown, Teis Lund,

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Einar Henriksen, Paul M. Jensen and Clifford Jensen. The meeting was very ably conducted by the following fifty-year members of Lodge 29: Fred Carlsen, president; Immanuel Jensen, ex-president, John Ottesen, vice president; Henry Clausen, Conductor; Walter Jorgensen, chairman of trustees; John Hill and Chas. Olesen, trustees; Carl Jorgensen, Inner guard; and Einar Bengtsen, outer guard.

A very memorable evening was had by all, one which will not soon be forgotten.

Fraternally,

PAUL HANSEN, Secretary.

District Contest Standings

AS OF DECEMBER 20, 1963

District or General Committee	Social	Insured	Total	Credit Total
Pacific-Northwest	26	35	61	48
California	43	83	126	104½
Idaho-Utah	0	6	6	6
Colorado-Wyoming	1	4	5	4½
Nebraska	29	67	96	81½
Iowa	10	26	36	31
Minnesota	9	27	36	31½
Mid-West	17	17	34	25½
Michigan-Ohio	48	145	193	169
G C E L	20	73	93	83
No Affiliation	28	59	87	73
GRAND TOTALS	231	542	773	657½

Final figures cannot, of course, be ready and published until our next issue but we should all be tremendously proud of this record as of December 20, 1963. By the time all records are completed for 1963, we are confident we will have admitted 800 new members this year—even the 773 new members recorded this year to date set a record that hasn't been surpassed since 1929.

There'll be some plump DISTRICT CONTEST checks going out one of these days. Remember, rewards are paid at the rate of \$100 for each unit of 25 new member credit totals. Can't you just see California's Rudy Olsen; Michigan-Ohio's Earl Jensen and Nebraska's Boy Jessen mentally rubbing their hands and gloating over the prospect of depositing sizeable reward checks?

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New Adult Members Admitted the Last Two Months

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	New Member
1	Omaha	A. Skelbeck	H. F. Pedersen Jr.
16	Minden	A. Madsen	Marno Jane Jensen
16	Minden	A. Madsen	Ralph Sullivan
16	Minden	H. Nielsen	Shirley Maie Nielsen
16	Minden	P. C. Nielsen	Herman Bjorklun
16	Minden	P. C. Nielsen	Charles Walker
29	Seattle	P. C. Hansen	Teis Lund
29	Seattle	C. Jorgensen	Niels T. Sorensen
29	Seattle	Ed. S. Olsen	Einar Henricksen
29	Seattle	A. Sorensen	Cliff. H. E. Jensen
29	Seattle	A. Sorensen	Paul M. B. Jensen
29	Seattle	Flem. Sorensen	Robin Middleton
30	Muskegon	Arthur Sweet	Ronald Sweet*
35	Chicago	C. B. Meyer	Carl C. Andersen
39	Oakland	O. R. Andker	John H. Nielsen
39	Oakland	R. N. Kerr	Peter J. Nielsen
39	Oakland	John Mottoros	Aage Lundquist
43	Denver	S. A. Sonderup	John Salyards
45	Minneapolis	Jens B. Høj	Iris Kolacek
45	Minneapolis	Jens B. Høj	Nelly Ramberg
49	San Francisco	R. Clausen	Richard P. Clausen
49	San Francisco	Bent Roi	Peter Sorensen
51	Ludington	H. Bentz	Wallace W. Bentz
51	Ludington	H. Bentz	Wilbur R. Bentz
51	Ludington	Earl Jensen	Wesley Hackert
51	Ludington	J. M. Jeppesen	Earl E. Larson
51	Ludington	Al. A. Larsen	Arthur H. Ebner
51	Ludington	E. R. Larsen	Keith D. Forrest
51	Ludington	Don. Wilbur	Michael F. Eckley
51	Ludington	Don. Wilbur	Fred A. Petersen
56	Kansas City	Carolyn Baker	Ken. A. Hiltabidel
56	Kansas City	Carolyn Baker	Marie Hiltabidel
56	Kansas City	Ruth Larsen	Marie K. Kimes
56	Kansas City	Jacob Sorensen	Karen Corbin
56	Kansas City	Laura Sorensen	Lee Corbin
62	Sioux City	Axel Andersen	Rudolph Hansen
64	Rockford	S. T. Sorensen	Frank Fisher
75	Albert Lea	C. O. Eastlund	Alvin Goldman
75	Albert Lea	C. O. Eastlund	Malfred Hamberg
75	Albert Lea	C. J. Nelson	Marius Nielsen
75	Albert Lea	R. H. Sorensen	Alton Neve
75	Albert Lea	O. M. Thompson	Fred Jorgensen
78	Salt Lake City	Egon Fanø	Bjarne Holm
78	Salt Lake City	Egon Fanø	Henning M. Jensen
78	Salt Lake City	Egon Fanø	Al. P. H. Sorensen
78	Salt Lake City	A. Andersen	Knud T. F. Olsen
84	Lincoln	C. Block	A. Byron Jacobsen
84	Lincoln	Ingrid Hansen	Hal Hasselbalch
92	St. Charles	George Nyborg	Harry Andersen*
92	St. Charles	G. Rasmussen	Svend B. Jensen*
92	St. Charles	G. Rasmussen	John L. Thompson*
106	Trufant	Bruce Hansen	Arlene Hansen
106	Trufant	Jack Jensen	Gilbert Nielsen*
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Marjorie Branch
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Alice Edison
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Eleanor G. Edison
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Freida D. Feutz
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Marie K. Gleason
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Marian Gould
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Geraldine Jensen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Zada B. Jensen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Margaret M. Krebs
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Joyce A. Leonard
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Virginia E. Medler
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Irene M. Nielsen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Stena M. Nielsen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Mary L. Nielsen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Patricia Norton
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Doris Olmstead
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Christal Petersen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Doris Petersen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Pauline Petersen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Arvilla Simmons
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Evelyn Sorensen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Laura H. Sorensen
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Carolyn Stimer
106	Trufant	R. V. Jensen	Beverly M. Stout
106	Trufant	L. D. Krebs	Donald Medler
106	Trufant	L. D. Krebs	S. Maurice Newell
106	Trufant	C. B. Nielsen	Nancy L. A. Arnett
106	Trufant	C. B. Nielsen	Jefferson Branch*
106	Trufant	C. B. Nielsen	Eugene Gleason Sr.
106	Trufant	C. B. Nielsen	Dean Jensen
106	Trufant	C. B. Nielsen	Marvin P. Jensen
106	Trufant	C. B. Nielsen	Jeanette Nielsen
106	Trufant	C. B. Nielsen	Louise Rasmussen
106	Trufant	C. B. Nielsen	Belva Stout
106	Trufant	F. W. Olmsted	Robt. L. Simmons
116	Newark	Louis Larsen	Norman Jensen
116	Newark	Louis Larsen	Leif Larsen
143	Petaluma	W. Miller	Chris Christiansen
143	Petaluma	Sam Sorensen	Hans J. Therp
144	Dike	E. Mikkelsen	Dennis Mikkelsen
144	Dike	Lloyd Plaehn	Louis Ballard
144	Dike	Lloyd Plaehn	Burge Larsen
144	Dike	Lloyd Plaehn	Elvin W. Juhl
167	Portland	Magnus Esrom	Margaret Esrom
167	Portland	A. Henriksen	Kenneth Hoppe
170	Rocky River	J. Gormsen	Terman Christensen
170	Rocky River	J. Gormsen	John O. Johansson
170	Rocky River	John Poulsen	Robert P. Madsen
172	Philadelphia	G. C. Froelich	C. L. Christensen
172	Philadelphia	M. Hempel	Kaj. F. Christensen
172	Philadelphia	Mogens Hempel	Bent Ericksen
172	Philadelphia	M. Hempel	Flem. T. Hinrichsen
172	Philadelphia	L. T. Knudsen	B. N. Rasmussen*
181	Sidney	Wm. Bekke	Martha Bekke*
181	Sidney	L. Christensen	A. M. Christensen*
181	Sidney	A. Christensen	Jane Christensen*
181	Sidney	A. Christensen	N. L. Christensen*
181	Sidney	A. Christensen	Susan Christensen*
181	Sidney	F. J. Petersen	Lee Frisbie*
181	Sidney	F. J. Petersen	Ruby Frisbie*
181	Sidney	F. J. Petersen	Mildred Hansen*
181	Sidney	S. Jensen	Esther Jensen*
181	Sidney	S. Jensen	Gerald Petersen*
184	Hayward	A. B. Christensen	Jay Mahler
184	Hayward	A. B. Christensen	Knud Nielsen*
184	Hayward	C. W. Young Jr.	Donald Kandler*
190	Schenectady	Ted. Mikkelsen	Wm. J. Pedersen
190	Schenectady	Ted. Mikkelsen	Kaye Sorensen
225	Canton	J. Christensen	Gladys Caskey
225	Canton	J. Christensen	Reginald Caskey
225	Canton	J. Christensen	Beatrice Gruber
227	Canton	William Dews	Carol L. Pedersen
227	Detroit	J. Emanuelsen	Viggo Blegvad
227	Detroit	Al. Halse	Kaj C. B. Lenander
227	Detroit	Al. Halse	Jorgen Madsen
227	Detroit	Al. Halse	Rudolph Madsen
242	Erie	Ole Beck	Burdean D. Gubi
242	Erie	G. S. Johnson	Karl Eckberg
242	Erie	F. E. Lange	Norman Haise
242	Erie	Christ Petersen	John Petersen
245	South Bend	L. A. Kasa	Chris Damgaard
245	South Bend	L. A. Kasa	Michael Harman
263	Askov	C. Molgaard	Thorvald Jacobsen
263	Askov	E. M. Sorensen	John O'Brien

294	Barre—J. J. Burke, Jr.	Prudence Taft
294	Barre—P. C. Matson	Albinice Matson
294	Barre—H. Mikkelsen	Marie E. Burke
294	Barre—H. Mikkelsen	Carolyn Cameron
294	Barre—H. Mikkelsen	Robert Cameron
294	Barre—H. Mikkelsen	John Christensen
294	Barre—H. Mikkelsen	Joyce Christiansen
294	Barre—Mikkelsen	Kristen Christiansen
294	Barre—Mikkelsen	Stanley Christiansen
294	Barre—H. Mikkelsen	Edith Mikkelsen
294	Barre—H. Mikkelsen	Gertrude Mikkelsen
294	Barre—H. Mikkelsen	Anna Osterberg
294	Barre—H. Mikkelsen	Leah Rose Taft
294	Barre—T. C. Mikkelsen	Rita Mikkelsen
299	Solvang—L. Persson	Robt. G. Kristoffersen
299	Solvang—L. Persson	Johannes Kuhnunch
318	Copenhagen—	Georg Hansen*
319	Bakersfield—A. C. Nielsen	Michael Pedersen
319	Bakersfield—A. A. Petersen	Hans Pedersen
321	W. Palm Beach—E. Hinrichsen	Chr. P. Jorgensen*
322	Santa Barbara—Bjarne Larsen	Kristen Jensen
322	Santa Barbara—Arne Johansen	John Laueritzen
322	Santa Barbara—Arne Johansen	Esper Petersen
325	Nassau Co.—W. B. Steffensen	John Asmus
600	Omaha—Chris Larsen	Ardes S. Weedman
600	Omaha—C. L. Petersen	Lodeen Petersen

TOTAL NEW ADULT MEMBERS:

Previously reported this year	507
Reported this month	163
(*admitted prior to last month not previously listed)	
Admitted this year to date	670
Admitted last year to date	478

GAIN TO DATE, 1963 over 1962 192
 PER CENT OF GAIN TO DATE, 1963 over 1962....40.17%

New Juvenile Members Admitted the Last Two Months

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	New Member
1	Omaha	K. I. Nielsen	Chris Allen Nielsen
16	Minden	H. Nielsen	Valerie Sue Nielsen
39	Oakland	Robt. Langeberg	Leslie McCary
39	Oakland	Melvin Oredsen	Lynn Oredsen
42	Spokane	J. W. Eskeberg	Karen Eskeberg
42	Spokane	J. W. Eskeberg	Linda Eskeberg
43	Denver	S. A. Sonderup	Brian Salyard
43	Denver	S. A. Sonderup	Sanford Salyard
75	Albert Lea	R. Springborg	James Springborg
90	Port Reading	G. R. Hansen	Carol Hansen
106	Trufant	Manus Norton	Mindy Gay Norton
167	Portland	C. Ed Hirsch	Carol Hershey
167	Portland	C. Ed Hirsch	Lisa Hershey
181	Sidney	A. Christensen	Carl Christensen
213	Ord	C. M. Hansen	David Hansen*
213	Ord	C. M. Hansen	James Hansen*
225	Canton	J. Christensen	Barry Boring
225	Canton	F. L. Gruber	Hazel I. Caskey
294	Barre	J. J. Burke, Jr.	Doris Burke
294	Barre	J. J. Burke, Jr.	Karen Burke
294	Barre	P. Matson	Charles Thygesen, Jr.
294	Barre	Mikkelsen	Andrew Christiansen
294	Barre	H. Mikkelsen	R. L. LaFaille
294	Barre	T. Mekkelsen	Bonnie Mekkelsen
294	Barre	T. Mekkelsen	Michele Mekkelsen
332	Ripon	Herman Janzen	Carol Janzen*
332	Ripon	Ed Stevens	Eugene Stevens*

TOTAL NEW JUVENILE MEMBERS:

Previously reported this year	76
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Reported this month	27
(*admitted prior to last month not previously listed)	
Admitted this year to date	103
Admitted last year to date	111

DEFICIT TO DATE, 1963 under 1962 8

Due to lack of space in last month's issue, we this month publish the longest New Member listing within memory, by combining the listing for the period Nov. 20, 1963, with that for the period ending Dec. 20, 1963. We are proud and happy to bid a hearty Welcome to you, our new members—104 Male Adult, 59 Female Adult, 12 Male Juvenile and 15 Female Juvenile for a grand total of 190 new members! Help make your membership in this eighty-two year old Fraternal organization interesting and worth-while by taking an active part in the meetings of your Lodge—serve on committees when you are asked to do so—suggest your ideas for making your own Lodge more active and more interesting—help guide the affairs of your Lodge by accepting election to office—attend the meetings and social activities of your Lodge—and you'll find your membership both interesting and rewarding.

A study of our New Member listing this month brings out some very interesting facts. Fact number one. Membership in The Danish Brotherhood in America is interesting and worthwhile to all people—this past month to 104 men, 59 ladies, 12 boys and 15 girls! Fact number two. Eligible people will join our order, no matter where they live—this past month you joined 43 of our Lodges in such widely scattered points as Vancouver, B. C., to West Palm Beach, Fla., to Barre, Vt., to Alhambra, Calif. Fact number three. Our members recognize the value and importance of membership in our order and gladly invite their family and friends to join—102 of you members sponsored 190 new members this past month.

This Danish Brotherhood of ours will be as strong, as important and as big as we make it and keep it. We can and we will continue to grow — will you do YOUR share right now by sponsoring at least one new member during the very first month of the new year 1964?

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Under the provisions of section 76, paragraph 1, all insured members are assessed a yearly tax of 50 cents for the Fraternal Fund. This tax shall be payable by the member February 1st each year. This is due notice for the payment of the Fraternal Fund Tax.

FOR THE SUPREME BOARD,
 Axel Skelbeck, Sec.-Treas.

JANUARY ASSESSMENT 775

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 AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE
February 1, 1964

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

AXEL SKELBECK,
 Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

Questions and Answers

(AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR
NATIONALITIES SERVICE)

Wilkie Memorial Building — 20 West 40th Street.
New York 18, New York

WILL MY MARRIAGE TO A FOREIGN NATIONAL AND RESIDENCE ABROAD ENDANGER MY CITIZENSHIP ?

Question: I am a native-born American citizen and am engaged to a young man of a different nationality, who for the time being at least desires to remain in his native country. Will my marrying him and living there endanger my American citizenship?

Answer: Since you were born in the United States, your citizenship status is not affected by your residence or by your marrying an alien. If you go to live in another country, however, you should register with the American Consulate at once upon arrival and should be careful not to commit any of the expatriating acts, as for instance, voting in foreign elections, accepting a job with a foreign government which requires an oath of allegiance, being naturalized abroad. If you had not been born in the United States but were a naturalized citizen and had not lived here for a 15 year period, your situation would be different. In that case you might well lose your citizenship by residence abroad. If you want to study the question more thoroughly you may be interested in a booklet published by the American Council for Nationalities Service (20 West 40 Street, New York 18, N. Y.) and entitled "How to Become a Citizen of the United States" which is available for \$1. The booklet not only explains how to become a citizen but also how to prevent loss of American citizenship.

CAN MY AUNT TAKE A LITERACY TEST IN HER OWN LANGUAGE ?

Question: My aunt has been granted a visa to come to the United States as a permanent resident. She is an elderly woman and does not read English. I understand she will be given a literacy test when she comes here. Can she take this test in her own language or must it be in English?

Answer: When your aunt arrives at the port of entry she will be given a literacy test in the language of her choice. Immigrants are not expected to read English upon their arrival here. Often the immigrant does not read the principal language of his or her own country, but one of its dialects. The tests will be given in any language or dialect which the immigrant can read. If your aunt can read any language or dialect, she has nothing to worry about.

AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT, MUST I RETURN TO MY OWN COUNTRY BEFORE COMING HERE TO STAY ?

Question: I came to the United States under the exchange of persons program and like it so well that I would like to stay here permanently. I understand that before I am eligible to immigrate here for permanent residence, I will have to spend two years in the country of my nationality or last residence. It so happens that neither of these two countries is particularly suitable for the exercise of the skills which I have acquired in the United States and I wonder whether it would be possible for me to spend the two years in another foreign country?

Answer: Generally speaking this would be possible. However, whether such two years' residence will be

recognized as meeting the requirements of the law is entirely within the judgment of the State Department. Since such determination will not be made until the time has arrived for your visa application, your two years spent in the other country is spent at your own risk. If the State Department decides that it was not in conformity with the statute, you will have to go back to the country of your former nationality and remain an additional two years. Among the factors considered are the purpose of the exchange program and the reasons which caused you to choose another country.

CAN I CHANGE OUR NAME WHEN I AM NATURALIZED ?

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

Answer: No. It is true that the law generally permits aliens to change their names when they are naturalized, but if a wife is naturalized before her husband, the naturalization court will not grant a change of name to the wife. If your husband changes his name after you are naturalized, the change will legally apply to you. If you then wish to have your new name appear on your naturalization certificate, you may make an application for a new certificate on Form N-565, accompanied by a \$5 fee.

New Year's Greetings

My very best wishes for a Happy New Year to all members of the Danish Brotherhood. May each and everyone enjoy good health and happiness throughout the New Year.

May our Lodges here in Minnesota be blessed with the real spirit of Brotherhood and good will towards all.

Fraternally yours,

JENS I. LARSEN,
President, Lodge No. 111, Austin, and
President of United Lodges of Minnesota.

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: NOVEMBER — Viggo Mikkelsen, \$217.66; Axel Skelbeck, \$781.53; Chris Madson, \$25.00.

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(From Den Danske Pioneer)

A common bond of brotherhood has called you here today,
No other thought but doing good to those along the way:
To strengthen brotherhood of man, your aim each day:
To help each other when in need. To cheer each weary soul.

From Denmark's shores has sprung our life: she is mother in our hearts
But we forsook that little land: our life was torn apart.
Oft traitors try to conquer her, demolish and lay bare
Her cities, forests, farms and homes and steal her treasures rare.

Yet firm it stands, yon little land: while tyrants raze and kill
And toward home we reach our hand. More firmly joints the will
And may this bond be knit secure, till man shall be no more:
And may we always proudly say we hailed from Denmark's shore.

Within this Danish brotherhood, thus spanning sea to sea
The shining circled anchor: an emblem, heart and key
Will tell you that secure you'll stand mid friends wher'er you are
It shines over city homes and farms: it's rays a guiding star.

To Lincoln you have come today: you've come from far and near
To sing a song, to laugh or play: to sup mid friendly cheer:
Your daily cares have taken flight: forgotten while you play
And if tomorrow's tasks be hard: there is still another day.

Let old acquaintances meet again: let each in turn unfold
His life or hers, it's ever thus men's conquest must unfold.
And life thereby gets colorful: we ever forward strive
Let never days be drab or dull: Take all that life can give.

For those who made this day a joy: whose willing heart and hands
Have strived to make these pleasant hours glad memories for old friends:
That when at this convention's close, reluctantly you part
Tell them good-bye with handclasp firm and thank them from your heart.

This poem, written by Elizabeth Anker, Lincoln, was dedicated to the DB. She read it at the get-acquainted party on August 23rd in the Lincoln Hotel. Mrs. Theodore Anker, 2054 E. Street, Lincoln, is the daughter-in-law of the late Rev. Christian Anker who was one of the founders of Dana College. He also helped to build the Elkhorn College in Elkhorn, Iowa. He served as minister of Our Saviors Danish Lutheran Church in Lincoln for ten years.

HOW TO BECOME A CITIZEN

Are you or members of your family preparing for citizenship? If so, the new and revised handbook, **How to Become a Citizen of the United States**, should be very helpful. The 128-page guide — available in English only — explains the requirements for citizenship, describes each step in the naturalization process and tells the applicant exactly what he must do to become a citizen. It also contains 130 questions and answers on American history and government as a study aid for the naturalization examination. Copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States are also included. Copies of **How to Become a Citizen of the United States** can be obtained at \$1 each by writing to ACNS, 20 West 40 Street, New York 18, N. Y.

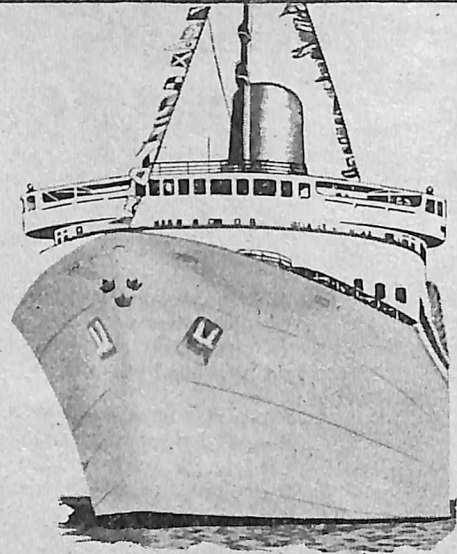
Alien Registration Due This Month

The Immigration and Naturalization Service states that all aliens are required to report their addresses in January under the Federal Alien Address Report program.

All non-citizens, except those in diplomatic status, foreign representatives of certain international organizations and those admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers, are required to file the address report.

In addition, aliens who are not in the United States during January must report their addresses to the service within 10 days after their return. Officials said that address report cards will be available at Immigration and Naturalization Service offices and local United States post offices beginning January 1, 1964. Willful failure to do so may lead to serious consequences.

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JUNE 20	KUNGS HOLM
JULY 15	KUNGS HOLM
*AUG. 8	KUNGS HOLM
*AUG. 25	GRIPSHOLM
*SEPT. 2†	KUNGS HOLM
*SEPT. 19	GRIPSHOLM
*OCT. 13	GRIPSHOLM
*DEC. 2	KUNGS HOLM

†via Gothenburg

*THRIFT SEASON

WESTBOUND

*MAY 23	GRIPSHOLM
*JUNE 10	KUNGS HOLM
*JUNE 17†	GRIPSHOLM
JULY 4	KUNGS HOLM
JULY 28	KUNGS HOLM
AUG. 22	KUNGS HOLM
SEPT. 8	GRIPSHOLM
SEPT. 19	KUNGS HOLM
OCT. 3	GRIPSHOLM
*DEC. 9†	GRIPSHOLM
*DEC. 28†	KUNGS HOLM

WEST INDIES CRUISES 1964-1965

KUNGS HOLM	September 30	9 Days
KUNGS HOLM	October 10	13 Days
KUNGS HOLM	October 24	9 Days
KUNGS HOLM	November 4	12 Days
KUNGS HOLM	November 17	13 Days
GRIPSHOLM	December 19	16 Days
GRIPSHOLM	January 6	14 Days
GRIPSHOLM	January 22	15 Days

KUNGS HOLM

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

GCEL Promotional Committee. Brother Erik Garde, past president of the GCEL and member of Lodge No. 37, Bridgeport, Conn., is chairman of the district promotional committee and as such informs all lodges that a contest similar to last year will be conducted.

Figuring the fiscal year of the GCEL which is from August 1 to July 31 all lodges in the East will receive \$2.00 for each insured member taken in during that period and \$1 for each juvenile or social member. A number of Brothers throughout the Eastern district have been appointed as deputies and will work with the chairman, visit neighboring lodges and do their best in creating a fraternal and brotherly feeling.

The chairman stresses that if we are to succeed in getting new members into our lodges, we must first of all strive to have a brotherly and friendly attitude towards each other at all times. It is also important that our meetings be made as interesting and attractive as possible and last but not least make your socials following the meetings something worthwhile coming out for.

It means cooperation and teamwork, but it can be done, so let us see our new year ahead of all years—get that new member, and once you have him make him feel at home and have a desire to attend all meetings. Create the interest needed so at the end of the year filling the chairs with enthusiastic, hard working officers will be an easy task.

Lodge No. 32, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

A joint installation of officers with the Sisterhood lodge will be held Wednesday, January 15, 1964. Neighboring lodges are invited. Brother Andrew Christensen, president of the GCEL, has been asked to do the honor of installing the Brotherhood officers.

The February issue of the Magazine will bring complete details of the 75th anniversary banquet and dance which will be held Saturday, March 14, 1964, at the Hejaz Grotto Hall in New Haven.

Remember, Saturday, March 14, the oldest Brotherhood lodge in the East is celebrating its 75th anniversary. How many lodges in the East will be represented? Can we make it 100 per cent?

Lodge No. 102, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

Due to a misunderstanding the building where this lodge meets together with the Sisterhood lodge was locked up tight, when time came to have our December meeting. None of the emergency numbers listed on the door could be contacted, so there we stood—out in the cold—13 Sisters and Brothers and it was Friday the 13th.

Plans had been made and this, our last meeting and the following social hour, was to have been a special occasion. Several Brothers had informed us that they were unable to attend due to either illness or the bad weather. However seven Brothers showed up. A new member was to be initiated but he was sick, so that was postponed. A Brother from Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 was visiting in this area; he was supposed to be welcomed by our lodge. He didn't show up due, no doubt, to the bad weather. We sincerely hope he can extend his visit to the next meeting.

Brother and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen were kind enough to invite us to their home where an informal meeting was conducted, completing all necessary business, including the re-election of all officers for 1964.

This was the birthday month for Sister Mortensen and Brother Rasmussen, so we sang "Happy Birthday" as we were treated to open-faced sandwiches, coffee, cake and you know what. Evidently 13 was lucky for us as we

spent a very enjoyable evening. We are certainly indebted to the Rasmussens and we all say many, many thanks.

—CARL W. SORENSEN, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

Installation of officers will take place Friday, January 10, 1964. The installing officer will be GCEL treasurer, Brother George Godthaab. The bowling team held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Rasmussen and decided on the coming inter-team tournament for 1964. The annual Christmas party, held Saturday, December 7, was attended by some 60 people and it turned out to be a delightful evening. The food was good, the music excellent and an extra hour of dancing was requested and granted.

Lodge No. 190, SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK.

Brothers Peter C. Sorensen, Eiler Werge, George Christiansen and Chris Nielsen are on the sick list in the lodge and they are wished a speedy recovery.

Lodge No. 257, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

Four Brothers' birthdays were celebrated by this lodge following the November meeting, namely Svend Jensen, Herman Jacobsen, Arthur Schmidt and Elmer Jensen. Brother Herman donated delicious sandwiches. Brothers Arthur, Elmer and Carl Nickelsen donated akavit, whiskey and beer, and a good time was had by all. Hopes are great for many good meetings and socials in 1964.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Does any Brother of Cimbria or any other Brotherhood lodge know the whereabouts of Brother Landberg Rasmussen? If anyone has information about this Brother please notify Brother George Hansen, 1663 2nd Ave., New York 28, N. Y. Phone EN 9-7077 at once.

Lodge No. 242, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.

The new officers for 1964 are Walter Christensen, president; Otto Jonasen, vice president; Edward Jonasen, secretary; John Lampe, treasurer; Gordon Walker, financial secretary; Kaj Hansen, Robert Wollman and Clark Johnson, trustees; Olaf Hansen, conductor; Ole Beck, inner guard; Soren Melgaard, outer guard. Installation of officers will take place Friday, January 10, 1964, and it is hoped that newly elected Supreme Trustee James Nordin of Warren, Pa., will be present to do the installing.

It is with deep regret we announce that our good and faithful Brother, Christ Jacobsen, passed away December 9.

Lodge No. 314, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

Election of officers for 1964 went very smoothly at the December meeting, practically all were re-elected, and to top it all was the re-election of our President, Andrew Christensen. The installation will take place Saturday, January 11, at a joint installation with the Sisterhood, Frihed Lodge No. 153. The president of the GCEL, our own Brother and President, Andrew Christensen will install the Brothers, assisted by the GCEL Vice President Brother Chris Larsen, Jr., from New Haven. How can we miss having a fine installation. Lodge 314 cordially invites all lodges, Brothers and Sisters from far and near to be with them at this affair.

Three Brothers are at present on the sick list in the lodge, namely Brothers Andrew Christensen, Godfred Lauridsen and Egon Lyhne. Godfred and Egon are at home recuperating and we sincerely hope Andrew also soon will be back in harness. We wish all three Brothers a speedy recovery.

Best wishes for a happy 1964 to all from Hartford Lodge No. 314!

Clear Lake, Iowa



It is a pleasure to present a picture of these three couples, from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. John Eliassen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Madsen and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sorensen of Clear Lake, Iowa, Lodge No. 219, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries November 9. These couples and their families were guests of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood after attending the lodge's meeting. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vium, Racine, Wis. A short program was given and lunch was served.

The Madsens held open house at their home October 13. Their children are Lucille and Marvin Wold, Chicago, and Shirley and Wayne Vanderwort, Dows, Iowa. There are six grandchildren. Tom is a social member of No. 219 and Mrs. Madsen of Ingrid Lodge No. 169.

John and Nora Eliassen held open house in the Zion

Lutheran parish hall November 10. John joined the Danish Brotherhood in Racine, Wis., in 1919 and later transferred to No. 219 in Clear Lake, Iowa. He has been a delegate and attended many state and national conventions. Mrs. Eliassen is a social member of Ingrid Lodge No. 169. Their children are Harry and Mary Eliassen, Marion and Keith Holt and Leona and James King, all active members of their respective lodges. There are nine grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sorensen held open at the First Methodist church November 24. Emil is a social member of No. 219. Their children are Ethel and Tom Hartin, and Charles and Virginia Sorensen of Corwith, Iowa, and Marion and Helen Sorensen. There are seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Our sincere congratulations to these fine couples and may they have many more years of wedded life.

EVELYN RASMUSSEN, Lodge 600.

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A Little News From Florida

Do you know that sometimes it is really hard to find some real news here in Florida, but I do have a few real nice experiences to tell about.

When I attended the meeting in Providence, R. I., last September they asked me if I would take time out to go to Largo here in Florida and present a 50-year pin to Brother Clinton Noll. Of course I was happy to do so and did just that last month. To see Brother Noll again after so many years was really a pleasure, because my son, Clinton, is named after him and he and his parents were the first Danes we met in Providence some 47 years ago.

Clinton has now been a member of Lodge No. 102 for 50 years; but has been living outside of Rhode Island for most of that time. Therefore we did not see him at our meetings. He was, however, very glad to receive this wonderful emblem and I trust he will have a chance now and then to wear it.

Another wonderful experience was last Saturday, the 14th of December. When we attended the convention in Erie in September Brother Paul Petersen from Lodge No. 164 asked me if I could take time out to go to Miami and present the 50-year emblem to Brother Henry Juncker of his lodge. Of course I was happy to do so. I asked him by mail if it would be possible for him to attend a meeting in West Palm Beach; we would then do it there. But it is not possible for Brother Juncker to travel at all. After all, he is not a young man any more and had a setback two years ago and does not go out very much, so, we went to Miami and visited at the home of this lovely couple. Brother Juncker came from Copenhagen to the United States in 1900. His wife is from Kallundborg, believe it or not, but they do like to speak Danish and so do I.

We had a most pleasant visit there and a wonderful lunch with Danish akvavit, beer, etc. Certainly my wife

and I enjoyed that visit and we did promise that we would come back. Wouldn't you? I even forgot my jacket there, and when we got home on Sunday evening I missed it. Monday a card came, stating that the jacket was on the way. This is what you get out of being a member of the Danish Brotherhood.

After our visit with the Junckers, for which we thank them so much, we were on the way to West Palm Beach to our meeting. This meeting was well attended and election of officers took place. After the meeting the usual coffee table and music and Christmas songs were enjoyed then there was a little game of cards before going home to sleep.

There will be a New Years party in West Palm Beach some time late in January. If you are interested, contact the secretary, Guno Karlberg, Royal Palm Studio, 321 S. Dixie, West Palm Beach.

We have some real fine news for you. The installation of officers will be held at the meeting in February, which is the second Saturday. Please try to come for it. Our Supreme President, Viggo Mikkelsen, will be here to perform this great work and it certainly would be pleasant if we could have a fine reception for him. The installation will be public and if interested please contact our secretary a little later for the details.

Did you all read the last month's magazine? Quite a lot of interesting news from the convention; oh yes, there should be something to talk about in the future.

Happy New Year to all of you!

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

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