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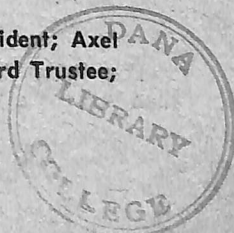
## SUPREME OFFICERS

### Danish Brotherhood in America



The Supreme Officers who will guide the destinies of the Danish Brotherhood in America for the next four years are shown in the photo above. They were named to office at the National Convention held in Erie, Pa., last September and will hold office until the next convention, to be held in the fall of 1967 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Left to right, seated, are Chris Madsen, Second Vice President; Viggo Mikkelsen, President; Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer. Standing: Kristen Jorgensen, Second Trustee; J. C. Nordine, Third Trustee; Fred Jensen, First Trustee; Einar Danielsen, First Vice President.



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## No. 17 Eighty Years Old

Chicago Lodge No. 17's 80th anniversary was celebrated with a very fine banquet in Dania Hall Saturday, March 28. About 175 guests enjoyed an excellent dinner, after being bid welcome by the chairman of the committee, Brother Robert Forup, former Supreme Trustee, Brother Gunnar Jensenius was named toastmaster, a job in which he excells.

First speaker was No. 17's president, Brother Ove Kure, who spoke for the lodge, mentioning that we have taken in a fair number of members in the last half dozen years, or so, and that of the lodges present membership of 170, no less than 48 are members with 50 or more years of membership.

Next Supreme President Brother Viggo Mikkelsen spoke for the Brotherhood very informatively, and he also presented 50-year membership emblems to Brothers Ove Kure, Carroll Nielsen and Christ Taft. First Supreme Vice President Brother Einar Danielsen gave a very interesting speech for America, after which Brother Christ Brix spoke for Denmark, as only he can speak on that subject.

After a number of congratulatory messages were read, the toastmaster introduced a number of officials from other lodges and also out of town visitors, including the president of the Midwest district, Brother Kenneth Jansen and Mrs. Janssen, and also the Secretary of the District, Brother Louis Kasa and Mrs. Kasa. After the banquet was over, there was dancing to Winther's orchestra and everybody had a very enjoyable time.

The committee deserves a lot of praise for a well planned affair.

JOHN P. CHRISTIANSEN, Sec.

Few things help a man to lose weight more quickly than to have a wife on a diet.

## Lodge No. 43 - Denver, Colo.

Columbine Lodge No. 43 celebrates its 73-year anniversary Friday, April 17, with a banquet and dance held in the Wellshire Inn, 3333 South Colorado Blvd.

Supreme Trustee Brother Fred Jensen and wife of Omaha were presented, the former being guest speaker at the party.

Entertainment was by Danish folksinger Axel Schiøtz. It was wonderful to hear him again sing the so "velkendte Danske Sange." I Danmark er jeg fodd. Jeg er Havren. Der er ingen ting der maner som et Flag der gaar til tops." And many more.

Axel Schiøtz is now professor in music with the Colorado State University at Boulder.

I am sure that the 140 people who attended the party had a very nice time and enjoyed themselves.

The chairman for our entertainment, Brother Orla Dal, and his committee, have really been working hard to arrange this party.

In celebrating this very special occasion of our Lodge, our thoughts go back to those old Brothers, who have kept the Lodge going many years, and have been working tohard for it. Some of them are now passed away. It can truly be said of them, that they have served our Lodge and the Danish Brotherhood so honorably and so well. We thank them for it.

Other activities in the Lodge the past winter included a potluck supper February 21. A film from Copenhagen, Denmark, was showed by Brother Jack Hudemann. Sisterhood Ellen Lodge No. 21 invited the Brothers to an "Ebleskiver" party March 20. Both parties were well attended.

Our Law Committee has recommend several changes in our present by-laws. These new changes are now approved by the Lodge and the Supreme Board Committee of Laws to local Lodges.

This change makes our by-laws more in line with the new Constitution and the trend of today.

We are hopeful that this will help our Membership committee get some new members for our Lodge.

SVEND A. SONDERUP, Sec.

Lake Tanganyika (Africa) is often classed as the largest fresh-water lake in the world, 450 miles long and 40 to 50 miles wide, and up to 4,700 feet deep. Lake Superior contains more water, however.

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## An American in Denmark

By VAL PETERSON

Former U. S. Ambassador to Denmark

The following interesting story on Denmark by Val Peterson is taken from a recent issue of *The Danish Brotherhood News*, official publication of Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wisconsin.

Denmark was one of the first foreign lands I learned about as a child. My father, born near Vejle, had joined the stream of emigrants who during the 1890's left Europe to find new homes in America. But while he settled and grew roots in Nebraska, he never forgot his native land. He talked about it often and affectionately, describing to us midwestern children the beauty of the Danish woods, the lakes, the heather, the proud cliffs and sandy beaches, and the towns nestling along the fjords. Not knowing any of this from our own experience, we sometimes suspected Father of exaggerating. We were wrong.

Following these early childhood days in Nebraska, I have visited Denmark many times; and since 1957, I have resided here as Ambassador of the United States. I have toured the country from Gedser to Skagen, from Ronne to Thule, by car, on bicycle, by airplane, ship and helicopter. I have been on most of the inhabited islands, including Bornholm, the Faroes and Greenland. From what I have seen, experienced and learned, I know that my father's description contained no exaggeration. If anything, they were understatements.

Continental Denmark is less than one-fourth the size of my home state of Nebraska, but I have never ceased to marvel at the variety of beauty offered by this country. Riding through the heath and the reclaimed lands, walking in the shady beech forests, standing on a vantage point overlooking Vejle Fjord, or climbing through the ruins of Hammershus castle on Bornholm: Wherever one goes in Denmark, there is a different cast to the land, a different attraction, and it is all appealing.

### Conscious of the Good Things

And what about the people? During my nearly three years as Ambassador, I have met the people of Denmark in much the same manner as I met the people of Nebraska when I was a public official there. I called on them at home and at work, informally, as a keenly interested visitor rather than as the representative of a foreign government. I talked with workmen in plants and with school children in classrooms, attended church services in small villages and chatted with fishermen and housewives. Wherever I went, I met with open-hearted friendliness and gratifying frankness. I was thrilled with the way a Jutland farmer looks one squarely in the eye with all the pride of a free man, the fierce pride in land ownership after centuries during which the small farmer gradually gained his freedom. In fact, the native graciousness and outgoing hospitality of the Danish people reminded me of nothing so much as of the Scandinavian-Americans of my own home town of Oakland, Nebraska.

These are hardworking people, aware of the challenges posed by geographical limitations, and by the numerical odds facing the citizens of a small nation who seek to rise in their society. They are also conscious of the good things in life, and they work with skill and determination to attain them for themselves and their families. There are few other places, indeed, where I have seen so many instances of notable successes achieved by self-made men within a single generation. These men and women who started "from scratch," and who

found their places in business, industry, agriculture, science or the professions through single-minded determination and with the application of native ingenuity which is outstanding and which finds its expression in many of the things for which Denmark is justly famous throughout the world.

Hard work, yes, but not all work. The Dane likes to relax. He enjoys good food, good drink, good theatre and music, a hard-fought sports event, or a tranquil picnic on a Sunday afternoon. Above all, he likes the company of congenial people, the members of his close-knit family, his neighbors and friends. He is gregarious and likes conversation. He likes to sing. And yet, while the good light Danish beer is the country's most popular beverage, intoxication is amazingly low. Laws covering driving "under the influence" are among the toughest in the world. Juvenile delinquency is insignificant.

In order to attain their high standard of living and to evolve their admirable culture, the Danes have developed a social structure which in many ways is different from our own. I have studied it closely and I often sum up my reaction when talking to American visitors who come to my office in Copenhagen: "We may well have some reservations about the Danish social system; I do, but it is difficult to quarrel with many of the end products which I will not enumerate but which are evident to even casual observers."

I spoke earlier of the ingenuity displayed by the Danes. Curious about the world and a seafaring nation since Viking days, Danes have built up close and cordial links with nations the world over. With few raw materials of their own, they must live by ingenuity in meeting the world's competition, and they are doing it with singular success. Danish engineering, Danish craftsmanship, Danish design have earned a rating of "top quality" which keeps the export trade humming. Excellent schools provide trained people. A small nation has found quality to be an effective stock in trade.

### A Western Nation

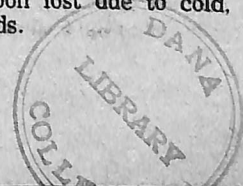
Inevitably, the events of the 20th century have brought with them a political coming-of-age for Denmark. Its long tradition of neutrality was shattered when Hitler's troops marched into the country in 1940. The end of World War II found in Denmark a new recognition of the need for defense and thus the need for allies. In 1949, Denmark became a charter member of NATO.

In my many conversations with Danes of all walks of life, I still find a certain naivete toward the issues determining the fate of mankind. So many of the events are so far away, so remote from the borders of a nation which has only half the population of the City of New York. But this attitude is changing. I firmly believe that in the minds of its citizens, Denmark increasingly is not only a Northern but also a Western nation; and that, regardless of the number of its people, it will continue to grow in importance as an ally, a partner, and a friend.

It's wonderful to be an American in Denmark!

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Hannibal is said to have used 37 elephants in his Italian campaign, all brought over the Alps during the dead of winter. All but one were soon lost due to cold, lack of proper food and battle wounds.



# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

As we go to press, Junction City, Ore., is "buzzing" with excitement as the Danes begin to "swarm" the site of our annual district convention. In the brilliant surroundings of the Grange hall, an elaborate and fast-moving program has been planned for the gala event. Conclave Chairman Sigurd C. Nielsen and his busy committee had but one purpose at hand — to entertain members in suitable fashion and make this gathering the best ever.

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"It rains all the time" — so say many who have visited Washington state. "Don't you believe it" — say we who have been residents of this great Northwest state for a number of years. It only rains on the day you plan your picnic, the day you want to show Mt. Rainier to your visiting relatives, or the day a golf or fishing trip had been long planned. Actually, Seattle's annual rainfall is far less than Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York or Boston. Spokane gets only half as much rain as the Queen City. Anyone want to see if I have web feet?

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This season, see all of Oregon while you are on the West Coast. Holiday fun and scenic beauty beckon you to every corner of the magnificent Northwest. From colorful desert to snow-clad mountains, the unbelievable array of scenic beauties have been proud pleasures of the Danes for years and years.

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It's time to think of your summer activities so that your organization will be strong to enter the fall and winter season. Plan a lodge picnic as does Enumclaw, a fishing trip as do the Seattlites, tours and other affairs. Speak up at your very next meeting and make your suggestions become realities. Then too, don't forget to tell your friends about the Danish Brotherhood. They may be interested and want to join if they knew a little more about us.

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Thinking of vacations and camping, the number of Danes taking off with tent or trailer in their leisure time is increasing at an unprecedented rate, according to compiled statistics. More than 10 million American families will go camping in 1964. Some are veteran campers; for others it will be a new experience in vacation and travel. Do take along your March issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine in which the various lodges and meeting dates are listed and then arrange to visit Danish Brotherhood lodges as you tour the country.

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Seattle's members reported in the sick list include Brothers Alfred Nielsen, Ed Clausen, Jens O. Larsen, Bert Jessen, Hans Nielsen, H. C. Hemmingsen, Jorgen Madsen, Hans C. Hansen, Albert Thorp and John Morrison. Brother John Hill passed away last month. Past Presidents Albert Odegaard and Robert Wight represent DB 29 on the Scandinavian Music Festival committee. Brother Helmuth Nissen is the representative to the Nordic Festival. On April 20, Queen City Danes toured the Renton Transport Division of Boeing. A fine turnout of nearly 150 enjoyed the lodge's 76th anniversary dinner on March 21. The annual bowling party was staged April 24 at Washington hall. Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen attended the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the San Diego DB in February. Treasurer Chris Hansen cele-

brated his 80th birthday on Friday the thirteenth in March. The latest member to join is Brother Peter Aagaard.

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Enumclaw's delegation on the Pacific Northwest charter flight to Denmark includes Brothers Carl Johansen, Nels Johnson, Chris Pederson, Jens Holm, Chris Slott, Perry Hallstrom, Peter Jochimsen and Carl Grove. The Great Danes, official DB bowlers, celebrated their recent victories with a party at Ingham's in Puyallup April 16. Flight Host Carl N. Grove is presently recovering from a major operation in the Providence hospital at Seattle. The Danish Home board transacted their quarterly meeting business at Enumclaw April 25. The only appearance of the Danish gymnasts in this area is May 8 and 9 at the Highline school.

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Tacoma's members Martin Rasmussen and Carl S. Fynboe are among the sojourners to Denmark next month. Danish Home Director C. Fred Christensen tells me that there are seven available rooms at the Des Moines residence. Cora, wife of Secretary Fred Christensen, passed away suddenly April 1, and to the old stationaire, we extend our belated sympathies.

The Sahara is the largest desert in the world, by far; it covers an area as large as all the United States. Contrary to popular opinion, however, most of it is not sand, but mountain and rock.

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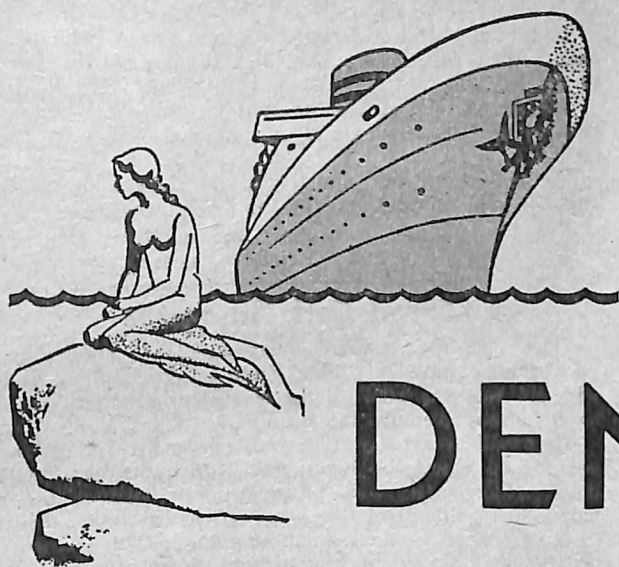
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## Greatness in Man

The following tribute to Past Supreme President Hans M. Andersen of Selma, Calif., is from the pen of Al Tunsen of DB Lodge No. 332, Ripon, Calif. Brother Tunsen wrote the poem recently while hospitalized for surgery.

Greatness, a magnitude above  
A word in all its simplicity,  
As fine and deserving as love  
Unto him we dedicate in all sincerity.

A man, among us as one  
Forever outstanding as a cup of gold,  
Asking no return for what is done  
Allowing thy true self to remain untold.

When great leadership must be had  
Or deeds of favor for thy fellowman,  
There is a ready hand all happy and glad  
To smooth over life's sea of drifting sand.

Friendliness is but a natural way  
To a man of greatness throughout the year,  
From righteousness he does not stray  
As he favors those to him so dear.

To the Danish Brotherhood in America you see  
An outstanding Supreme President he has been,  
Through nineteen hundred fifty-nine and sixty-three  
And conquered the problems without blemish or sin.

To this man we dedicate a heart of gold  
As he continues to enrich the world within,  
Many more great truths are left untold  
As we tribute in greatness, Hans M. Andersen.

## RESOLUTION

### OSCAR JENSEN

In memory of our Brother Oscar Jensen, who passed away April 5th, 1964. This resolution is extended by Lodge No. 212.

We deeply regret the passing of our good and loyal Brother and hereby extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

We will drape our charter for 30 days and make an entry in our minutes and in the DB Magazine.

Stan Jensen, President.  
Kristen Hansen, Secretary.

### Søren Carl Thompsen

Carl Thompsen passed away April 2. Another page "not quite completed" taken from the book of the living, and put into the book of memories, to be cherished and long remembered by his family and friends.

Carl will be greatly missed in Lodge No. 177. A member for 40 years, he loved our little lodge here in Cordova, Nebr. He was promotional chairman for our lodge, has held all of our local offices, and was delegate to the National Convention in Omaha in 1959. At present he was vice president of the Nebraska General Committee. His passing is a great loss to the Danish Brotherhood.

OTTO PETERSEN, Sec. No. 177.

A well-known executive also well-known as a ladies' man, announced at the club that his wife had just hired a new secretary for him.

"That so?" responded a friend. "Blonde or brunette?"  
"Neither," replied the executive sadly, "He's bald."

# + In Loving Memory +

*Members who have passed away since the last report*

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birthplace	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
5-24-63	George P. Petersen	74	Minneapolis, Minn.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1908
Feb. 14	Stanley R. Nielsen	50	Tacoma, Wash.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1935
Mar. 12	Nels P. Andersen	75	Hjorring, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1921
Mar. 14	Svend E. Hansen	63	Tyregod, Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1951
Feb. 28	John Nelson Hill	82	Darum Ribe Amt. Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1909
Mar. 13	Kristian B. Larsen	64	Denmark	32	New Haven, Conn.	1924
Mar. 17	Ingvar Jensen	80	Lyngby, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1907
Mar. 14	Chris P. Thomsen	80	Hadsund, Denmark	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1904
Mar. 17	Niels P. Nielsen	92	Bronderslev Hjorring, Den.	202	Warren, Pa.	1905
Mar. 11	Andrew P. Christensen	62	Tredhede, Denmark	314	Hartford, Conn.	1944
Mar. 16	Niels C. Frederiksen	88	Binslev Sogn, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	1905
Mar. 22	Soren L. Jensen	81	Silkeborg, Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1909
Mar. 19	Christian H. Philipp	84	West Akeby, Germany	239	Lake Forest, Ill.	1915
Mar. 21	Karl Anton Hansen	86	Nysted, Lolland, Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1912
Mar. 27	Niels G. Christiansen	72	Newell, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1926
Mar. 29	Arthur Christian Cordtz	55	South Bend, Ind.	245	South Bend, Ind.	1927
Mar. 31	Olaf Orum	67	Tirslev, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1928
Mar. 5	Soren H. Sorensen	79	Lindkund Sogn, Denmark	43	Denver, Colo.	1906
Apr. 2	Nels P. Christensen	81	Neenah, Wis.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1906
Apr. 2	Louis Markussen	82	Silkeborg, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1914
Mar. 29	Kristen Jepsen	90	Nykobing Mors, Denmark	42	Spokane, Wash.	1905
Mar. 19	Christ A. Christensen	71	Aalborg, Denmark	59	Nemominee, Mich.	1913
Mar. 30	Johannes A. Christensen	86	Starop per Koilding, Den.	215	Battle Creek, Iowa	1905
Mar. 18	Thomas A. Jensen	70	Aalborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1913
Apr. 12	Nels Chris Petersen	81	Jylland, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1908
Apr. 7	Kristian P. O. Voel	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1925

## Loge 318's 4. juli-Stævne ved Mindehøjen i Søndermarken

Det var i 1925, da jeg endnu var en "greenhorn" i Boston, Mass., at et gavebrev paa Mindehøjen i Søndermarken blev skænket den danske stat af en komite med S. J. Heiberg og Sophus F. Neble i spidsen. Iøvrigt bestod komiteen af mere end et halvt hundrede navne, alle af højeste karat indenfor udlands-danskernes tusindtallige skare. Navne som Otto Wadsted, Max Henius, Chr. Bay, supreme president Søren Iversen fra New Haven, Ivar Kirkegaard og Jacob Enemark, for blot at nævne nogle faa.

Ja, Mindehøjen, som dengang blev overdraget til det gamle land, staar der endnu idag, skønnere end nogensinde, under bøgenes kroner, næsten midt i København.

Men hvor er de, hvis navne vi just nævnede? Hvor er alle de tusinder, der ved deres bidrag var med til at skabe Mindehøjen? "Where have all the flowers gone?" Husker du Hans Marker i Boston, eller Luja i Portland, eller alle de andre? Hvor henter vi nu inspiration til at fortsætte lidt af alt det, de gamle begyndte paa? Al deres mod og energi, deres vilje, deres tro, deres haab og deres længsel, hvor er det nu? Vi ved af erfaring, at deres stræben og deres id udsprang af deres kærlighed til og deres længsel efter deres barndomsland. Alle I af anden eller tredie generation har følt det samme, hvis I blot een gang har været udenfor U. S. A.'s grænser. "Hvor vi end færdes i Øst eller Vest, gør vi den erfaring, at hjemme er bedst." Saadan var det ogsaa for pioneren,

for ham der skabte det Brodersamfund, vi nu lever videre paa. Idag er det betydelig nemmere at komme en tur hjem til Danmark, men—der var engang!

Loge 318 i København besluttede i fjor at bringe Mindehøjen i Søndermarken frem i vore medborgeres erindring ved selv at mødes her hvert aar den 4. juli, for paa en værdig maade at mindes vore pionerer, vore stødtropper, dem der gjorde det saa meget lettere for os, men ogsaa gav os opgaver at løse. Skal Mindehøjen derude i Søndermarken have nogen mening, maa det blive som stedet hvor deres drømme hviler, hvor deres lønlige tanker er gravsat. De selv fandt en grav derude, ja, men her under de grønne bøge, hvor vinden sagte hvisker deres navne, her træder vi forsigtigt i ærbødighed for alt det de gav for, at Danmarks navn uden plet og mislyde kunne bringes videre fra slægt til slægt. Her er det, vi idag, henter inspiration og styrke til at fortsætte, og her sænker vi vor fane i tak til alle dem, der dengang drog ud, men som aldrig, aldrig kom tilbage.

Ogsaa iaar vil Loge 318 i København holde sit 4. juli-stævne ved Mindehøjen i Søndermarken. Vi har faaet løfte af Københavns overborgmester hr. Urban Hansen, at han vil tale til os, og inden længe vil andre prominente talere love det samme. Der bliver musik, sang og folkedansere, som vil fylde tiden ud mellem talerne. Saa er Du en af de lykkelige, der iaar besøger dit gamle land, da er Du velkommen til at samles med dine brødre og venner og sammen med os mindes de tusinder af danske, for hvem denne mindehøj blev skabt.

Festen begynder klokken 16 — Du er hjertelig velkommen.  
PETER NORTOFT, sekretær.

**Remember 1966 is the  
year of the next  
DANISH BROTHERHOOD NATIONAL  
TOUR TO DENMARK**

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in these columns**

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by air and sea are  
under consideration**

# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By A. B. CHRISTENSEN, President, General Committee of California, Fremont, California

In the April issue of our Magazine I mentioned that Brother Rudolph M. Olsen, who for the past 33 years has been the California General Committee's Secretary-Treasurer, possibly would be forced to resign as such, due to a recent heart attack.

We in California had hoped that it would not be so but our hopes have been shattered. A short time ago I received the sad news in a letter from Brother Rudolph that he is giving up the job, effective May 15.

As President of the General Committee, it falls on me to find a Brother to fill the shoes of Brother Olsen, something that is not easy to do.

However, no man is indispensable and after consultation with the executive committee of our organization we have found a Brother who is willing and we believe, very capable of handling the responsibilities of this important office.

He is Brother Albert Tunsen of Lodge No. 332, Ripon, Calif., who for many years has been very active in Brotherhood circles, not only in this state but on a national scale. At the convention in Erie, Pa., last fall he was elected one of the alternates to the Supreme Officers. He resides at 2864 Canal Drive, Stockton, Calif., and his charming wife, Ethel, is the current Marshal of the California Sisterhood General Committee.

I have known Brother Tunsen for many years and know of no one who has our Brotherhood more at heart than he.

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I had the honor and pleasure of pinning our 50-year membership pin on Brother Albert Nielsen, who joined Pacific Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., April 7, 1907.

Brother Nielsen told me that he was born in Copenhagen but came here as an infant. Despite this, he spoke Danish only when he started school here and when learning to tell time, he could not convince his teachers that 3:30 should be "half four" (halv fire).

While visiting in No. 39 we were told by the perpetual picnic chairman, Brother Bob Jensen, that the San Francisco Bay area Danish lodges' annual picnic at Little Hills ranch will be held June 28. This affair usually has an attendance of about 1,000 people. It is sponsored by the Brotherhood and Dania lodges in the area.

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Received in today's mail was a circular from the committee that is making the arrangements for the Sisterhood National convention which will be held in San Francisco September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 1964.

In reading it over I see many things that will be of interest to those Brothers who will be fortunate enough to visit there during the convention, such as a tour of famous Chinatown and a visit to "Aldersly" our area's home for senior Danes, situated in the city of San Rafael. It will be a wonderful trip, including crossing the Golden Gate bridge.

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As President of the General Committee it is my privilege to be Honorary Vice President of "Aldersly" and as such, have the pleasure of attending the meetings of the governing board which serves as such without compensation of any kind.

"Aldersly" is in the process of reconstruction as the original buildings must give way to new ones. One new unit is now in use and two others will be ready in the very near future.

"Aldersly" started about 1921 by the Danish Society,

Dania, of California and Nevada, soon after its start became an independent institution.

It is maintained by a board of directors elected by members of "Aldersly, Inc.," and besides the area's Danish Lodges the membership consists almost exclusively of Danish-Americans. The individual membership dues are \$3 per year, now a requirement for admission to residence there.

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Barbara Lodge No. 322, Santa Barbara celebrated its 40th anniversary Saturday, April 18, with a dinner and dance in the Carrillo Hotel and knowing the Danes down there, we know we missed a great time by not being able to attend.

Brother Nels Christensen, a member of long standing of Lodge No. 322, recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

Brother Christensen is a frugal man and so as not to waste good akvavit by overflowing the glasses, he colors it green so that he can tell when your glass is full.

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Hayward Lodge No. 184 (that's my pet) is now after a five year's absence, back in the nice Hill and Valley clubhouse, 1808 "B" Street, Hayward, and it held a "homecoming" meeting there Friday, April 10.

The meetings now will be held on the second Friday of each month and will allow Ripon and Oakland Brothers a chance to visit there as both of these Lodges hold their meetings the first and third Friday of each month. Also it allows us to visit them now and then.

The Hayward Sisters and Brothers will celebrate the "homecoming" with a dance following their Friday, May 8, meeting and they look forward to many visitors from nearby Lodges.

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Lodge No. 299, Solvang, has declared that it will invite the General Committee to hold its 1965 convention in that city.

We have also had word that San Diego Lodge No. 306 is coming to Ferndale, this year's convention host, with an invitation to hold the convention there.

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In the April issue we remarked that the Oakland Sisters drill team will perform at the San Francisco convention.

We now are informed that another equally famous team will perform there, that of the Petaluma Sisterhood Lodge and, having enjoyed their performances at installations for many years, we can promise those who will be fortunate to watch them an enjoyable experience, especially if they perform in their Danish folk costumes.

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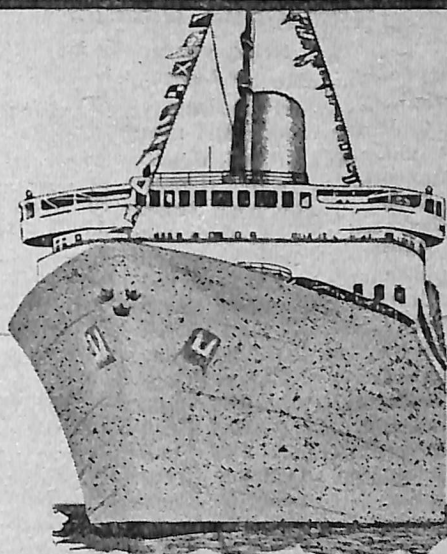
One of Past Supreme President Hans M. Andersen's daughters, living in Anchorage, Alaska, has written an interesting account of her experiences during the terrible earthquake there on Good Friday.

She and her young son were shopping in Anchorage when the disaster struck and her husband, who manages the local Sears, Roebuck store, was on duty in the store.

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That's all for this month. Will be back next month if Brother Rudolph Olsen does not feel up to writing.

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# Lodge No. 1 - Omaha Nebr.

Our Dameaften (Ladies' Night) on April 7 was very well attended by our members and their wives. Lodge No. 600 was well represented and we were happy to have members from Lodge No. 84 at Lincoln and Lodge No. 10 at Council Bluffs, Iowa, attend. The officers of the Supreme board were also present. We are always happy to have them visit our lodge when they are here.

The entertainment committee had done a lot of work to make this meeting a success. Mrs. Axel Skelbeck, Mrs. Chris Larsen and Mrs. Paul Strand had prepared a delicious lunch which was very much enjoyed.

The lodge held its 82nd anniversary dinner dance at the New Tower Motel ballroom April 4, with a large group of members and friends in attendance. President Gerald Petersen bid welcome. Dr. Robert A. Sauter acted as toastmaster. Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church gave the invocation.

Supreme First Vice President Einar Danielsen spoke eloquently for the Danish Brotherhood and brought greetings from his lodge in St. Charles, Ill., and from the Supreme Board. He also extended greetings from Chicago Lodge No. 17 where he recently attended the 80th anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Chris Larsen, Supreme President of the Danish Sisterhood of America, spoke briefly and brought greetings from her colleagues.

Supreme Trustee Fred Jensen lead in the community singing.

The principal speaker of the evening was George Nothhelfer, director of the Omaha Safety Council. He spoke on the topic of "Who are you and what are you

doing?" The main theme of the speech was that of safety. Honored guests introduced were five 50-year members and the "kid," I. O. Nielsen, with 75 years of membership.

Among other distinguished guests introduced were Danish Counsel Earl S. Jensen, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen and Mrs. Christine Linderud, Supreme Treasurer of the Danish Sisterhood of America, along with a number of our local members.

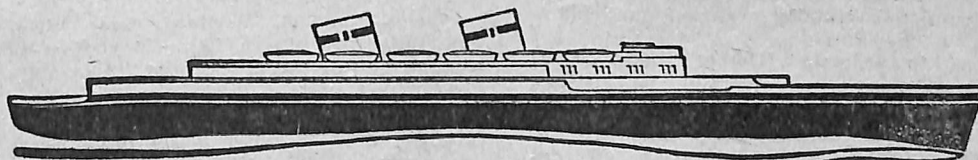
Brother Jasper Jensen has just returned from an automobile trip to California, of a couple months' duration. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Meta Hermansen. This is quite an accomplishment when we take into consideration Brother Jensen was 85 years old on December 10 and did all the driving. The trip included Pike's Peak in Colorado. Accompanied by Miss Hermansen and his daughter, Vita Whisler, of Los Angeles, he is leaving on a trip to Denmark in early July.

Plans for our regular meeting on May 5 are not complete at this time. At our regular meeting May 19 a quarterly birthday party for members of Lodge No. 1 who had a birthday in the past three months is planned.

On Sunday, May 31, a Danish day picnic will be held at Venelyst Park. We hope not only all the members of Lodge No. 1 and the families but also the Danes from other organizations and churches will be able to attend. We are sure a good time will be had.

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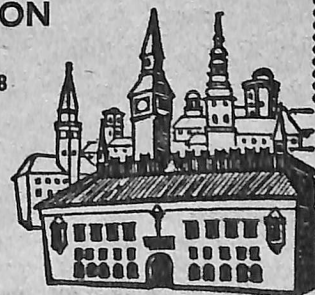
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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By VIGGO NIELSEN, 34 Walnut Street, Summit, N. J.

**Change of Address:** Please take notice that from May 1, my new address will be: Viggo Nielsen, 34 Walnut Street, Summit, N. J. 07901.

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** A promotional dinner, held April 8, was one of the high-lights to open the social season for "102." This was a success in more ways than one. The chairman of the promotional committee for the GCEL, Brother Erik Garde, was the principal speaker, and he spoke in an informative manner and opened the door for the prospects present to enter.

Brother Viggo Nielsen, Bridgeport, brought greetings from Denmark Lodge No. 37. Two 50-year members, Brothers Fred. Verdich and Fred Mortensen, also spoke. Brother Carl Sorensen was master of ceremonies for this affair and introduced the various speakers. There also was a question and answer period which was enjoyed by everyone. The result of this affair will be forthcoming shortly. One thing is sure, everybody had a good time. We give special thanks to Brothers Garde and Nielsen of Lodge No. 37, who traveled all the way from Bridgeport, Conn., to be with us.

The regular meeting was an interesting one, as there were reports from some active committees. Discussions were lively, with several members participating. One of the subjects was the recent dinner given for prospective members. Everyone agreed that it was a successful and enjoyable evening. Secretary Carl W. Sorensen was given a rising vote of thanks for organizing and promoting this affair.

Brothers Carl W. Sorensen and Fred Mortensen were unanimously elected delegate and alternate, respectively to the GCEL convention at Hartford, Conn., on September 5, 6 and 7.

We were happy to welcome Brother Piepgrass of Lodge No. 126, California, to our meeting. We enjoyed his visit and hope he'll come again.

At the coffee table, we sang "Happy Birthday" to Sister Hilda Nelson and Sister Edith Rasmussen. It goes without saying, that we wish them many more. Birthday greetings this month go to Brother Walter D. Nordling (15).  
—Carl W. Sorensen, Sec.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** Do not forget to reserve tickets for the celebration of the 65th anniversary to be held with a banquet and dance Friday, June 12, at 7:30 p. m. Tickets are \$4.50 per person and a family style combination chicken and ham dinner will be served; should you want fish in place of meat specify so when reserving tickets. Reservations should be in no later than June 6 and can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer, Carl Ingeholm, 316 South Union Ave., Cranford, N. J. The banquet will be held in the Robin Hood Inn, Valley Road, Montclair. Jack Withum and his orchestra will be playing for the dancing.

The members of the lodge were honored by having Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen present at the April meeting; our own Brother, Supreme Vice President Chris Madsen was also present. The attendance was good and we all enjoyed hearing a few words from our Supreme Officers.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** Two new members were welcomed into this lodge, Brothers Poul Hansen and Olaf Frandsen. We all hope they may enjoy their membership for many years to come.

Bowling is going very good in the lodge under the

leadership of Brother Aksel Rasmussen. Brother Mogens Hempel is a 4-time champion and with a 269 score and 923 in the series of four games, chances are that the trophy donated by Mrs. Pat Thomsen is almost certain to be his. Others to be mentioned for their nice performance are Brothers Hans J. Schmidt and Geert Pedersen. Added to the team of bowlers are John and Ray Hinrichsen.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** The highlight in this lodge last month was the 60th anniversary of the lodge, about 165 members and friends participated in the celebration. Brother Carl Christensen acted as toastmaster. Three supreme officers were present, namely Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen, Supreme Vice President Chris Madsen and Supreme Trustee James Nordine. Also present was Past Supreme President C. B. Christensen. Many good words were spoken, not alone about lodge No. 190, but of our entire Brotherhood. Supreme President Mikkelsen presented Brother Otto Ramsing of Solway, N. Y., with his 50-year pin. Following the dinner, dancing was enjoyed and Brother Chris Lonstrup, also known as the "fiddler," played old Danish tunes to everybody's delight.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** The annual "Torskegilde" held in March was a success; 116 persons attended.

A speedy recovery is wished all the sick Brothers and best of luck is wished the Brothers who are going to represent the lodge at the Midwest District Bowling contest.

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.** Our next General Committee Eastern Lodges Convention City. This convention will be held over the Labor day weekend, September 5, 6 and 7. We hope you plan to attend; a good time is promised.

The ancients believed that small animals, rodents, insects, snakes, etc., were created spontaneously from mud, stagnant water, decaying substances, without any living parents. Thus: snakes and eels came from horse hair dropped into water, worms from rotten cheese and meat; frogs from mud, mice and rats and flies from any filth. This belief was widespread up to about 300 years ago.

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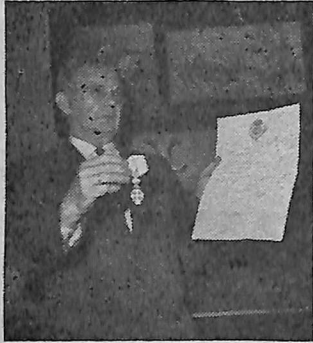
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Danish-American Axel Lindvang was knighted March 10 at a ceremony at the Danish Consul General's home, according to a proclamation issued by King Frederik IX of Denmark.

Axel Lindvang received the Knight's Cross in the Order of Dannebrog for his many activities in the Danish colony of southern California.



A native of Denmark who has lived in Los Angeles since 1925, a retired realtor and insurance broker, Lindvang was singled out for his many civic, religious and humanitarian activities. He is one of the founders of the Solvang Lutheran Home, a home for elderly people; has been on the church board of

the Emanuel Danish Lutheran church in Los Angeles for over 30 years, and is also a member of the Board of Social Ministry for the Pacific Southwest Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. He has also been a member of the Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 of the Danish Brotherhood since 1925.

Axel Lindvang and his wife, Anna, live at 3515 W. 78th Place, Inglewood. They have two daughters, Ellen Sorensen of South Gate and Lilly Rogers of Inglewood, and five grandchildren.

## INSURANCE — A Risky Business

From *TIME*, issue of May 1, 1964.

High-risk insurance was pioneered in the U. S. by Philadelphia's Insurance Co. of North America, which paid off every cent on a \$3,000,000 "catastrophe" policy when the Boy Scouts' 1935 Jamboree was called off because of a polio epidemic. The business of writing policies on highly unlikely contingencies, however, for years remained almost totally dominated by Lloyd's of London. No longer. High-risk insurance is becoming an increasingly important part of the U. S. insurance business, and the dozen or so American firms that now specialize in it already account for fully a third of the \$300 million in high-risk premiums written around the world each year.

The risks of being in high risk are sizable. The death of Tyrone Power while filming "Solomon and Sheba" cost Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. of San Francisco \$1,350,000. U. S. companies that had insured the manufacturers of thalidomide suffered losses when the drug proved harmful to the unborn. Insurance Co. of North America wrote \$7,800,000 in premiums on aviation insurance in 1959, but lost money because of a rash of air crashes that year. Other high-risk insurers paid off nearly \$1,000,000 on the gas explosion under the stands at Indianapolis' State Fair grounds Coliseum, and a host of companies are stuck with as much as \$25 million in claims resulting from the bursting of California's Baldwin Hills dam last December.

The giant of the industry and its current pacemaker is Chicago's Continental Casualty Co., whose high-risk premiums have tripled to \$21 million in five years. Continental got into the business in 1954 by hiring away a Lloyd's expert named Vincent S. McKerrow, who now heads Continental's special-risks department, which has branches in 16 cities. Under McKerrow, Continental has insured a railroad against any harm that might be caused by two Siberian tigers being shipped to a St. Paul zoo,

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The surge in high-risk insurance stems from many factors, nearly all of them connected with the pace of modern living. Faster air travel, more complicated machines and greater mobility have made Americans more conscious of the need for greater protection. In fact, the very technological advances that bring convenience into people's lives also bring added risk—and added business for the insurance men.

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The fellowship is being established through the Henry L. and Grace Doherty Charitable Foundation in the name of its president, Mrs. Emil Lassen. The Foundation and Mrs. Lassen have been instrumental in establishing a large number of international fellowships and scholarships for exchange study between the United States and Denmark, Spain, Chile and other South American countries.

At the same time, it was announced that the first winner of the fellowship is Palle Rasmussen of Kalundborg, Denmark. Rasmussen, 23, is a reporter on the Kalundborg paper, *Sjællands Tidende*. He has been in journalism in Denmark since 1959, except for seven months of last year, when he attended the Ecole Supérieure de Journalism in Paris.

In announcing the new fellowship, Dean Edward W. Barrett of the Graduate School of Journalism said: "This fellowship represents a milestone for this institution. We have many fellowships for American students and a few for students from Asia, Africa and Latin America. This, however, is the first of what we hope will be a number of fellowships for particularly deserving young Europeans. For it we are deeply grateful to Mrs. Lassen and the Doherty Foundation."

Mrs. Lassen maintains a residence in Denmark.

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Applications must be addressed to The Danish Brotherhood in America, 908 W.O.W. Building, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, not later than May 25, 1964.

# The "Traveling Man"

The following article, taken from the Air Force Times, concerns a member of DB Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y., Tech Sgt. Hans S. Terkelsen. Because of its general interest, it is being republished in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

ORLANDO AFB, FLA. — The name "Traveling Man" might well be given to T/Sgt. Hans S. Terkelsen, MATS NCO Academy student. He has served as an able-bodied seaman for Danish Merchant Marine and Navy, Norwegian and Swedish Merchant Marines.

He sailed under the Panamanian flag and was a stow-away on a Finnish ship. As a landlubber he served in the Nazi labor force, Todt.

Terkelsen, a native of Ribe, Denmark, began a sea career with the merchant marine of his homeland. On a run to South America in 1940 he jumped ship at La Platta, Argentina. After working several months as a carpenter he stowed away on a Finnish ship, with the knowledge of its captain, and returned to Denmark.

For most of the war years Terkelsen sailed in the Danish navy. He signed with the Nazi labor organization to get out of occupied Denmark and was sent to Italy. He escaped by literally jumping into the Po river and joining the advancing American armies.

After being released by the allies he joined the Norwegian merchant marine. Later he sailed under the flag of Panama on a ship manned with a Greek crew.

His home in 1946 was with the Swedish liner "Grips-holm." While the liner was in port at New York city he

jumped again and went to South Dakota and worked as a carpenter and electrician.

The army air corps offered him employment in 1947. He jumped again in 1948 — into the air force when it became a separate service.

His air corps and air force career has included assignments as interpreter, truck driver, aircraft and flight mechanic, instructor and now a flight engineer.

Mending your ways seems to be a lot like mending socks — the hardest part is to find the easiest place to start.

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