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An Explanation of Sec. 19, Par. 3(b)

This paragraph was first adopted at the 1955 National Convention and although it was believed to be intended to form a part of the Promotional Fund regulations, it found its way into the general laws under section 19. As then adopted it read: "All payments made to the Supreme Officers must be published in the first issue of the monthly magazine after payment has been made. The name of each Board member and the amount paid to him must be published."

At the National Convention in 1959, it was evidently found desirable to further clarify this section to remain where it was placed in the laws. It was then amended to read: "All payments made to the Supreme Officers **from the Mortuary Fund, and all other Funds,** must be published in the first issue of the monthly magazine after payment has been made. The name of the Board member and the amount paid to him must be published." (The black-faced type part added.)

The paragraph was carefully studied by the Supreme Officers, who then took office, and the Secretary-Treasurer instructed as to the details for conforming with the amended paragraph.

At the 1963 National Convention this paragraph again came up for attention; kept in the same position in the general by-laws it had held up until then, but further amended to read: "All payments made to the Supreme Officers from the Mortuary Fund, and all other Funds, must be published in the first issue of the monthly magazine after payment has been made. The name of the Board members, the amount paid to him **and the reason**

for the payment, must be published." (The black-faced type part added.)

The amended paragraph, the same as all other amendments to the by-laws adopted by this convention, was studied for procedure of conformity. A motion duly made and seconded, was adopted to "...instruct the secretary-treasurer to report as he has been doing in the past." (Column 1, page 3, July issue.)

In recent weeks two lodges have registered an opinion with the Supreme Board of Officers of non-conformity with the current section 19, paragraph 3(b) and expressed criticism, beamed on me in a personal way, for a supposedly failure of doing so. In view of this action, I have taken the liberty to write this memorandum. I believe it to be self-explanatory. Although the Board's motion to "continue to report as...in the past" has not been rescinded, as of this writing, and there has been no chance for a personal contact with my colleagues in this respect, I know from experience and association with them, that everyone is more than anxious to follow a mandate, written into the law by the august body of a national convention delegation, to the point that the intent of such mandate can be correctly interpreted. Accordingly, I have, in this issue of the magazine, tried a different approach to this "molehill made into a mountain" problem, even though neither this may follow the letter of the law, as the law is now written.

When the question of 100% conformity with the provisions of our laws is raised, it is well for members and lodge officers to search their individual conscience. When this is done honestly, he will, unquestionably, be reminded of instance upon instance when non-compliance has occurred on his part.

Notwithstanding of what the membership may have been informed, and although the question has never been asked me, I, as one of seven Supreme Officers, have no objection to have made public any "payment" that I receive as an officer of our Brotherhood.

In our fraternal spirit,

Sincerely yours,

AXEL SKELBECK.

PAYMENTS MADE TO SUPREME OFFICERS JULY 1964

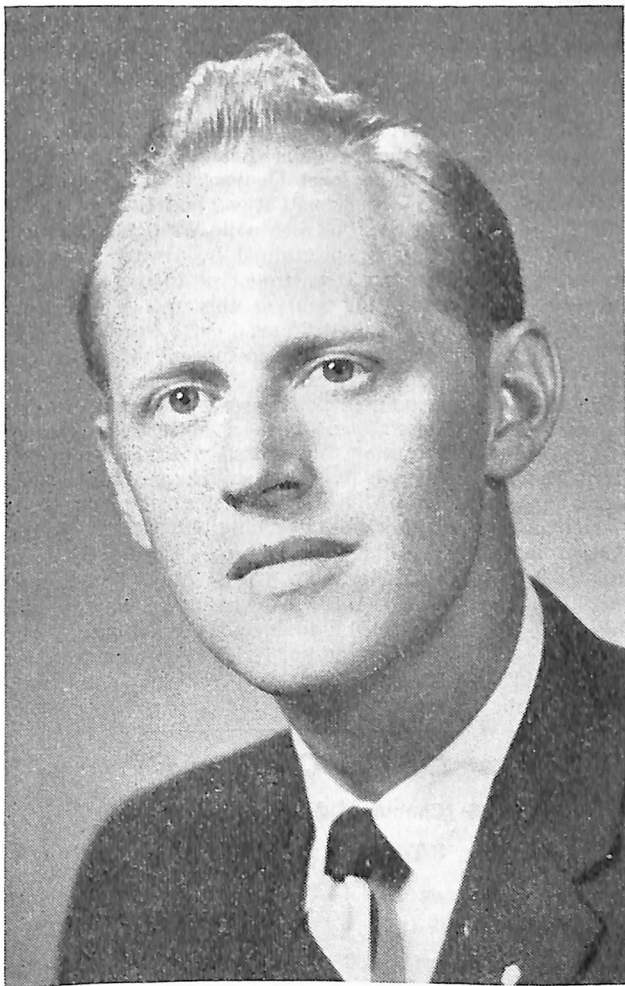
Section 19, paragraph 3(b). Payment authorized in the laws of the Society, as applicable under one or more of the laws following sections: Sec. 17, par. 4 (and/or) Sec. 18, par. 1; Sec. 19, par. 10; Sec. 26, par. 1; Sec. 26, par. 2; Sec. 19, par. 3(b) as special information for whom it may concern:

Viggo Mikkelsen, salary: \$258.00 less federal taxes paid to Internal Revenue Service, \$13.04 — Net \$244.96. Axel Skelbeck, salary: \$1,016.33, less federal taxes paid to Internal Revenue Service, \$149.20 — Net \$867.13; general office expenses, \$50.00.

Travelling expenses incurred for attending memorial service and interment of Second Supreme Vice President Chris Madsen: Viggo Mikkelsen for transportation \$71.02, out of pocket expenses \$12.15 — total \$83.17. Einar Danielsen, transportation \$96.28, out of pocket expenses \$15.00 — total \$111.28. Fred Jensen, transportation, \$157.56, out of pocket expenses \$20.00 — total \$177.56. Axel Skelbeck, transportation \$157.56, out of pocket expenses \$15.65 — total \$173.21. James C. Nordine, transportation, \$52.19, out of pocket expenses \$17.08 — total \$69.27.

Kristen Jorgensen, attending 60th anniversary in McMinnville, Oregon, \$25.00.

Assumes Promotional and Public Relations Duties



We can, in this issue, of our magazine, introduce Kaj Gronborg Hansen to our general membership. Brother Hansen assumed his new duties in the Home Office August 15.

Kaj Gronborg Hansen was born in Aalborg, Denmark, February 3, 1937. He, with his immediate family, came to the United States early in 1951. Since 1955 he has been a member of Lodge No. 242 in Erie, Pennsylvania. In Lodge No. 242 he held several offices and left the office of Chairman of Trustees to assume his duties at the Home Office. Kaj Gronborg Hansen was also his lodge's delegate to the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges Convention at Hartford, Connecticut.

Brother Hansen received his education both in this country and in Denmark. In the years 1957-61 he studied business administration at Gannon College, Erie, Pa., and was associated with a commercial life insurance company. Since then he has been employed as promotional sales representative for a consumer goods manufacturer.

In Omaha he makes his home at 5024 Maple Street with his wife, Beverly, and their three-year-old daughter, Karen Kristine.

To Our Danish Brotherhood Membership:

As I begin my duties as Promotional Director for the Danish Brotherhood in America, I look forward to meeting and working with each one of you.

It certainly is an honor for me to have been selected to work for such a worthwhile and fine organization as ours. I am thankful for the fine associates that I have found here at the Home Office. The entire staff has joined hands in my indoctrination. This has been helpful to me as I start on my new duties in the job as Promotional Director and Public Relations work.

To the Supreme Board members and fraternal Brothers and Sisters everywhere, I give my sincere promise to make every effort and endeavor to build and strengthen our Brotherhood.

KAJ GRONBORG HANSEN.

Plan Excursion to Denmark in 1965

At the Midwest District Officer's meeting in January it was decided to promote an excursion to Denmark in the summer of 1965, under the sponsorship of our Midwest District.

Preliminary arrangements for a four to five-week trip are in the process of being made. Application has been submitted to Scandinavian Airlines System for charter of a jet aircraft direct from O'Hare Field, Chicago to Copenhagen and return to Chicago. It is hoped that our departure from Chicago can be set toward the end of May or early June, and return from Copenhagen early July.

Our 1963 Denmark excursion was eminently successful, and many of the participants have since indicated keen desire to join up for a repeat trip in 1965. It would be very helpful to the committee if members who are interested would now, without any obligation on their part, send in the blank below stating their interests.

As soon as charter arrangements have been completed and flight dates fixed, more detailed information will be published in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, also the Danish Brotherhood News of Lodge No. 4 and sent to the District Lodges.

Yours for a successful 1965 Denmark Trip.

KEN JANSSEN,
Midwest District President.

I am interested in participating in the Denmark trip planned for 1965 by the Midwest District of the Danish Brotherhood.

Name

Address

City..... State.....

Number of people planning to take trip

I am a member of Lodge No.

MAIL TO

Ken Janssen, 909 Perry Avenue, Racine, Wis.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

Congratulations to Supreme Trustee Albert F. Tunsen; to Brother Erik Bodholt, Assistant to Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck; and to Promotional Director Kaj Hansen. All three Brothers have a proven record and we wish them success and expediency in their new responsibilities.

Every now and then we hear some pessimistic Brother say: "No, the Danish Brotherhood Lodge isn't the same as it was in the good old days." Then follows a discourse on how much better the lodge was 10, 20 or 30 years ago. In answering our Brother, can we say that the principles of our fraternity are any different than they were in "the good old days"? Can we say that the members of today aren't as good as they were in bygone days? Is the pride of belonging to the lodge gone from our hearts? Are we less charitable, less patriotic, less loyal or less understanding? The answer is most decidedly that we are not. As the years have gone by, we have bettered our organization.

Our beloved Brotherhood was founded on the perpetuation of Danish memories and traditions in order to render aid and friendliness to our members. These are the qualities that we endorse today with just as much, if not more, animation than our Brothers expressed in the past. It is the unpretentious benefaction of our Brothers that has been the impelling motive of the Danish Brotherhood throughout the history of its existence. These are "the good old days." Let's forget about the mistakes or glories of the past and look toward the future. There is work for every member to do. Let us live and work today, and prepare for tomorrow. Today, we live in "the good old days."

In a fraternity the size of ours, it is always difficult to set up and then maintain adequate lines of communication. If the Danish Brotherhood Magazine fulfills even a part of that need, it has accomplished more than most periodicals. I religiously read every word in our official DB paper and often go back and refer to a particular edition in the many copies chronologically filed. And that reminds me, how long has it been since your lodge sent me a resume of activities, anniversaries and coming events?

"Tough as an old Dane" is an expression you hear now and again. It has more truth than fiction and one good example is Brother Chris Petersen, 81 years of age and a past president of the Portland Danes for three separate terms. DB 167 in the City of Roses has had Brother Petersen on its membership roster for over 40 years and during that time, he has initiated many Brothers into our fraternity — reciting the entire ritual by memory. Presently in the Emanuel hospital recovering from a March 30th stroke, Brother Chris looks forward to more initiation exercises in the Portland Danish Brotherhood. Take time out and drop him a card at 506 North Bryant Street.

According to Secretary Sigrid Jensen of McMinnville's DB 194, their 60th lodge anniversary was a huge success. Supreme Trustee Kris Jorgensen and Seattle President Einar Hansen were among the visiting dignitaries on June 22 at the Oriental Gardens. Pacific Northwest President Henry Barreth led a large contingency from Portland to the gala event. A delicious pork chop dinner was served followed by the usual speech making and singing.

Special pink cookies with red roses and the figure "sixty" served at the K.P. hall card party following the banquet were made by Ellen, wife of Past District President Peter Rasmussen. Ellen also donated a beautiful hand-painted gold-handled cake plate as the door prize won by Martha Pihl of Portland.

Enumclaw's DB 113 is predominantly Democratic and actually postponed their regular monthly meeting when it was learned that the local Democrats had scheduled the same evening for their activities; and Brother Peter and Mrs. Lien vacationed in the Middle West this summer.

Seattle's DB 29 was entertained by Dwayne Day of the state of Washington Department of Fisheries at last month's business meeting and at this month's session, Stanley Olson of the United States Forest Service spoke. The Bellingham visitation was postponed to September 12. Supreme First Vice President Einar Danielsen's National Bowling Tournament prizes were presented to team captains Jerry Jensen, Jens Nielsen and Frode Steffensen. Brother Flemming and Mrs. Sorensen returned from Denmark August 10. Brother Einar Hendricksen sends greetings from the Danish Isles. Brother Jens Larsen celebrated his golden wedding August 22. Brother Jorgen Jorgensen, father of Supreme Trustee Kristen, attended the McMinnville anniversary. About 80 attended the bingo party and potluck dinner at Washington hall July 29. Brothers reported ill include Teis Lund, Christian Nielsen, Jorgensen Madsen, H. C. Hemmingsen, Bert Jessen and Ed Clausen. Brother Egon Bruum has transferred to the Queen City Danish Lodge.

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Mr. Robert Jensen S-39, 479 Crescent Street, Oakland, California 94610.

Mr. Sigurd Nielsen S-268, 5412 Newberg Drive North, Salem, Oregon 97303.

TREASURER (Change of Address)

Mr. Peter Christensen, T-46, 5 Willy Avenue, Fords, New Jersey 08861.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco

In looking through last month's issue of the Magazine it is pleasant to note that, there are still lodges getting new members. Detroit No. 227 certainly got a good share with 16, and perhaps the lodges want to show our Supreme President who is a member of 227 that they appreciate him. And while other lodges do get a member now and then, it is of course, a problem of keeping up the membership over those who pass away and otherwise leave the lodges.

I recently read the following: "I fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm and spring forth with mighty faith to do the things that ought to be done by me." Perhaps you will think this was the saying of a young man but it was not, it was said by Charles Fillmore, the founder of the Unity movement at the time he was 94 years old. Perhaps if we were more filled with enthusiasm our membership would increase mightily. Do you know we could double our membership overnight, if we really were filled with zest for our organization? Think what it would mean if every father would get in his sons and grandsons, but for some unknown reason this is not done. Why? Is it a lack of enthusiasm? If so, our Danish Brotherhood is doomed before many years are gone by.

Recently I found a program of an affair we had in San Francisco in 1929, that is, 35 years ago. Lodge No. 49 had an advertisement in the program in which the lodge stated that it had over 600 members; today the lodge has about 250 members. What became of the 350 members? Certainly they did not all pass away and certainly the lodge did not keep abreast with the natural loss of membership. Why? Was it lack of enthusiasm?

In the same program it is stated that the Danish Brotherhood had a guarantee fund of over \$2,200,000. Today we have twice that amount but our membership is down to about 10,000. Why? Is it lack of enthusiasm? We have lots of money but no members. What are we going to do with all the money eventually? Cut a melon as the saying goes — or donate it to the State of Nebraska?

In the program I also found a two-page advertisement by the General Committee about our great excursion to Denmark in 1930 and having had a lot to do with excursions in my life, I dare say that it was the best planned and executed excursion any organization ever had. When we left San Francisco by special train we were 315 members on the tour. Of the original committee only two of us are left, Brother Fred Bakke and myself.

In San Francisco we recently had the pleasure of seeing a film taken by Brother A. B. Christensen that covered many of our conventions. It was most interesting but also a bit sad, because many of the old friends we saw in the film are no longer with us. Brothers like Jim Andreasen, Harold Sundby, Louis Quist and Viggo Hansen, all Brothers who devoted years of their lives to the cause of the Danish Brotherhood and especially to the General Committee.

For many years we had in San Francisco a singing society called "Lyren" which for years was under the direction of Brother Holger Jacobsen; for the past several years Brother Jacobsen spent his otium at Aldersly where

he passed away recently. Brother Jacobsen was a devoted man to everything Danish and had made the Danish colony richer for his efforts. We extend to his sisters our sincere sympathy.

Last week we had the pleasure of seeing Brother Borge Kragh of Lodge No. 78 in Salt Lake City. He had been at a hospital here for an eye operation. He told me he was better but will have to come down later on for another operation. We hope to see you in 49 next time you come down, Borge. Nice to see you and best of luck with that eye of yours.

Brother Henning Jensen has just returned after a quick trip to Denmark in connection with his radio program "The Viking Hour." For those in northern California who are interested it will pay you to listen in. It is FM station KMPX, dial 106.9. Between 1 and 2 p. m., every Saturday. The program contains not only fine music from Denmark but also the latest news items from Denmark as well as of local activities.

There have been so many activities in the state during the month that it is hard to get everything in on one page allotted to me, but will try.

On August 8, Lodge No. 126 in Los Angeles celebrated its 65th anniversary with a big banquet in the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, which will be remembered from the last convention. Brother Fred Holm was master of ceremonies and did an excellent job. About 275 were present and they enjoyed an excellent dinner. Many visitors were present, headed by our Supreme President Brother Viggo Mikkelsen from Detroit; Past Supreme President Hans M. Andersen and our new Supreme Trustee from California, Brother Albert Tunsen of Stockton. Brother Tunsen, by the way, headed a delegation from that part of our state which had chartered a bus to Los Angeles.

Of other speakers we can mention Brother A. B. Christensen president of the General Committee, and Sister Emma Blank, acting president of the General Committee for the Sisterhood Lodges, and Pastor Lund of the Danish church in Los Angeles. Others from the far north must be mentioned, the junior past president of the Sisterhood General Committee, Sister Tove Bollerup Madsen, who made the long trip from San Francisco to be present.

On July 29 a barbeque was held in Selma in order to present two 50-year emblems to two of their members. The Brothers who were thus honored were Peter Jensen and Fred Hammerich, and I am sure many remember these Brothers from the many conventions they have attended; they were both members of Lodge No. 188 which consolidated with 255 last January 1. The presentation was done by Brother Albert Tunsen, Supreme Trustee, with the assistance of Brother A. B. Christensen, president of the General Committee.

As this is written many of our members will be getting ready for the convention in Ferndale. For years Brother Guy Bjerre has invited the General Committee to hold the convention in his beloved city. I only hope Brother Bjerre is well enough to enjoy the convention, as he has been under the weather for some time. We wish you a speedy recovery, Guy.

JOIN YOUR LODGE BROTHERS IN 1966 ON THE TOUR TO DENMARK

Resolution

CHRIS MADSEN, Newark, N. J.

In memory of Brother Chris Madsen who departed from us on July 11, 1964, Danish Brotherhood "Fremad" Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J., adopted the following resolution at our regular meeting held Friday, August 7, 1964:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a true and loyal Brother. That we extend our sympathy to his bereaved family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped and that this resolution be entered in our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Svend Sorensen, President.

Paul Ifversen, Secretary.

Thank You

To the lodges and individual members of the Danish Brotherhood who have sent cards and letters extending your sympathy, may I say "thank you" most sincerely. It was my intention to personally acknowledge each one, but it would be almost impossible.

Chris was very proud of his membership in the Brotherhood and the honors you have given him through the years, and he would have been especially pleased that so many of you sent me a greeting at this time.

JOAN MADSEN.

Active Lodge Member Dies

Mrs. Nels Jensen passed away Friday, August 14, at the Mercy hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, at the age of 45. Mrs. Jensen is survived by her husband and one daughter, Penny.

Millicent was very active in the lodge, attending most all meetings with Nels. They attended the national convention last year and both have attended state conventions. We here in Lodge No. 217 feel a great loss.

She was always so cheerful and even when she was beginning to feel her illness coming on, she always "felt fine." We know Millicent would have been a great asset to us in getting our state convention under way if she could have stayed with us.

WALTER PEDERSEN, Pres. Lodge 217.

Gives Name to Mountain

William B. Steffensen, secretary of Long Island Lodge No. 325, sends in the following bit of news concerning one of their Lodge members:

One of our youngest members, Brother Ernest Christoffersen, Jr., is a lieutenant in the U. S. navy and intends to make it his career.

About two years ago he was flying over the Antarctic with two men from the National Geographical Society who were making charts over this region. One of the mountains spotted was named Christoffersen Ridge.

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ADULTS			
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John Thoennes	Carval Westerland	36	Milwaukee
Alfred J. Seguin	Arnold G. Hansen	51	Ludington
Melba L. Nicolaisen	N. Nicolaisen	56	Kansas City
Daniel A. Nicolaisen	N. Nicolaisen	56	Kansas City
Lillian J. Nicolaisen	N. Nicolaisen	56	Kansas City
Neils C. Nicolaisen	N. Nicolaisen	56	Kansas City
Winstrup Olesen	Harold Mathiasen	126	Los Angeles
Paul L. Fausnaught	M. Hempel		Philadelphia
Kjeld F. Christensen	M. Hempel		Philadelphia
Jan Friis Christensen	M. Hempel		Philadelphia
Michael Pedersen	Walter Pedersen	217	Humboldt
James R. Lynch	Paul Nielsen	306	San Diego
Clarence P. Jahn	Walter Nielsen	227	Detroit
Harry Jorganson	Sigfred Jorgensen	227	Detroit
Albert Nelson, Jr.	Walter Nielsen	227	Detroit
George Petersen	Viggo Mikkelsen	227	Detroit
Niels O. Nielsen	Karl Kristensen	328	Vancouver
Theodor Staark	John B. Sorensen	328	Vancouver
JUVENILES			
Kristopher K. Pihl	Marcus P. Pihl	167	Portland
Alan F. Christensen	M. Hempel		Philadelphia
Kore F. Christensen	M. Hempel		Philadelphia
Susan Marie Bull	M. Hempel		Philadelphia
Lauri Susan Keller	George Keller	314	Hartford

HONOR ROLL

List of Individual Members

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
227	Axel Lohman	Detroit, Mich.	11
106	LeMoyne D. Krebs	Trufant, Mich.	8
227	Viggo Mikkelsen	Detroit, Mich.	8
278	Svend B. Emmer	Salt Lake City, Utah	7
227	Armand E. Larsen	Detroit, Mich.	6
45	Jens B. Hoj	Minneapolis, Minn.	5
227	Fred Sorensen	Detroit, Mich.	5
227	Norman Mikkelsen	Detroit, Mich.	5
278	Erik B. Christensen	Salt Lake City, Utah	5
56	Niels Nicolaisen	Kansas City, Mo.	4
227	Fred K. Jensen	Detroit, Mich.	4
227	Albert Halse	Detroit, Mich.	4
227	Eric Dane	Detroit, Mich.	4
227	Carl R. Sylvester	Detroit, Mich.	4
278	Kjeld E. Jorgensen	Salt Lake City, Utah	4
294	Thomas Jensen	Barre, Vt.	4
322	Arne Johansen	Santa Barbara, Calif.	4
29	Soren K. Frederiksen	Seattle, Wash.	3
29	Flemming Sorensen	Seattle, Wash.	3
29	Paul Hansen	Seattle, Wash.	3
113	Carl W. Grove	Enumclaw, Wash.	3
183	James Sloan	Troy, N. Y.	3
219	Lawrence E. Halsne	Clear Lake, Iowa	3
227	Walter Nielsen	Detroit, Mich.	3
227	John Emanuelsen	Detroit, Mich.	3
227	Chris Fabricius	Detroit, Mich.	3
294	Harry Mikkelsen	Barre, Vt.	3
299	Levi Persson	Solvang, Calif.	3
328	Henning Pedersen	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	3

Golf knickers used to be called plus-fours. Wonder what some of these shorts could be called? Perhaps, minus 36??

HONOR ROLL

List of Lodges

Lodge No.	Location	Membership New	as of 1-1-1964
227	Detroit, Michigan	92	309
278	Salt Lake City, Utah	18	20
106	Trufant, Michigan	14	115
51	Ludington, Michigan	11	182
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	10	83
29	Seattle, Washington	9	291
294	Barre, Vermont	8	58
56	Kansas City, Missouri	7	83
126	Los Angeles, California	7	380
167	Portland, Oregon	7	158
299	Solvang, California	7	103
322	Santa Barbara, California	6	83
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	5	185
183	Troy, New York	5	72
184	Hayward, California	5	66

News Items From the Home Office

AXEL SKELBECK CELEBRATES 60th BIRTHDAY

On Saturday, August 22, a dinner-dance was held at Happy Hollow Club, in Omaha, Nebr., to celebrate Axel Skelbeck's 60th birthday. It was attended by over 50 guests, among whom were Margaert Sundby Larsen, President, and Christine Linderud, Treasurer, of the Danish Sisterhood of America; Fred Jensen, Supreme Second Vice President of the Danish Brotherhood in America, and Mrs. Jensen; and Hans Norregaard, former Supreme Trustee of the Danish Brotherhood in America, from Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mrs. Norregaard.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Berg (Ellen) Madison of Moline, Ill., Supreme Trustee of the Danish Sisterhood of America (daughter of former Supreme President of the Danish Brotherhood in America, John Hansen), Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen of Schenectady, New York (Carl is the son of former Supreme President C. Bysted Christensen) also C. D. Spangler from Lincoln, Nebr., consulting actuary for the Danish Brotherhood.

A cocktail hour preceded the delicious dinner, and a large birthday cake especially decorated for the event was served as dessert. Guests paid tribute to the Skelbecks with speeches and songs (most of which were sung in Danish) and wished Axel many happy returns of the day. The festivities continued with an evening of dancing in the spacious ballroom. "Til Lykke!"

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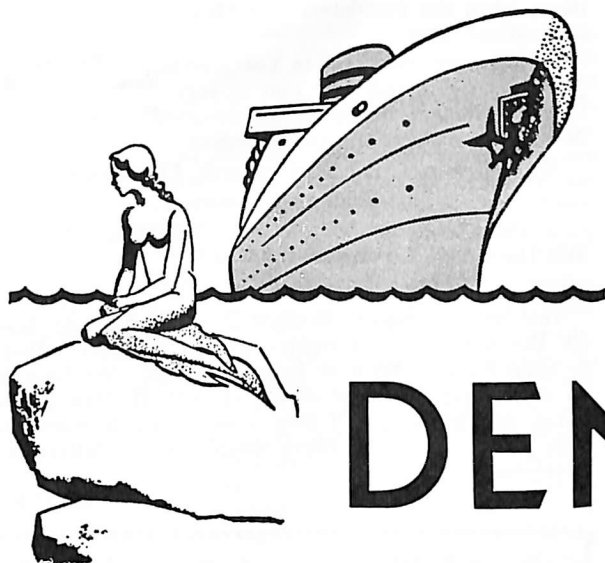
Adeline Nielsen, bookkeeper in the Home Office, spent her vacation at her cottage in Henning, Minn.

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Among recent out-of-town visitors to the Home Office were: J. P. Jensen of Exira, Iowa, a member of Lodge No. 150, and Emil A. Nielsen, formerly associated with the Danish Pioneer. Mr. Nielsen lived in Brooklyn, N. Y., for many years, but has now decided to move back to Omaha. Come and visit us anytime. If you should drop in say around 10 o'clock any morning, we will serve you a delicious cup of coffee.

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All good wishes to our efficient treasurer of Lodge No. 78 for a complete recovery. Brother Borge Kragh has just returned home from San Francisco where he underwent a serious eye operation. "God bedring."



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Discussion Subject

Secretary Axel Skelbeck
The Danish Brotherhood in America
909 WOW Building, Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Skelbeck:

Thank you for the nice letter of June 5th last, it was waiting for me on my return from Scandinavia, where I had too little time to see all the men I had planned to, for it was vacation time and they are strong for such, at least much more than formerly.

Europe has recovered materially since the war, but I sensed a lot of fears and what I even thought worse, far too many have given up the struggle for betterments, their versions of the welfare state is not all it was expected to be. They have more inflation than we and far too expensive administration and do not see the danger. They need to learn from the bees, so they will reward the able and weed out the drones, for these could become too heavy to carry for long.

Will you get all in the Brotherhood to think on this: Are both principles of money and electricity equally lawbound? Principles lasts through all the ages, if they change, they are not true principles. In U. S. we do have all the ingredients for abundance, if we will master distribution, as well as we already have production, then why are we not busy on that job?

Should every lodge give one evening a month studying these problems, some good might come from it, for most of them do want what is best for the whole society and the Danish ought to show their superior abilities by being among the foremost. You know, to lead we must be out in front, even the Eskimo lead-dog knows that much.

Here is hoping you will get them all to dig deep for the right answers. It is probably wise to ban politics, but economics are above politics and they are the very

foundation of what we have of both social and political superstructures. Virginia City shows what happens to these, when the foundation crumbles, the same holds for civilizations also.

If you ever come out to Los Angeles, I hope we can get a chance to talk, for that is very much better than letters. Whether we sin by commission or omission, we do have to harvest the consequences.

With greetings and kind regards I'll remain.

Fraternally yours,

J. NIELSEN-LANGE.

3922 Third Ave., Los Angeles, 8, Calif.

Our good member, Brother J. Nielsen-Lange brings out the above subject matter with a suggestion that it be used for discussion at lodge meetings. We have had an interesting exchange of letters with Brother Nielsen-Lange and know that if they would enjoy to correspond with a pen-pal our members would find his letters most interesting.

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Members who have passed away since the last report



Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Mar. 7—	Andreas Otto Miller	90	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1912
Apr. 8—	Sophus Lund	82	Slesvig	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1904
June 19—	Peter Knudsen	74	Norling, Denmark	329	Long Beach, California	1939
June 25—	Vald A. Carstensen	81	Gedser Maribo, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1907
July 19—	Hans Julius Nielsen	84	Vordingborg, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1910
July 3—	Thorvald Madsen	85	Hjørring Amt, Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1907
June 28—	Andreas P. M. Brink	86	Klampstrup, Slesvig, Denmark.	43	Denver, Colorado	1900
June 22—	Knud Halberg	67	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1940
June 15—	Aksel Nielsen	67	Odense, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1931
July 9—	Carl J. Johnson	78	Derby, Connecticut	41	Derby, Connecticut	1906
July 27—	Carl Chr. Steffensen	90	Odense, Denmark	2	Neenah, Wisconsin	1900
June 27—	Chr. R. Hansen	70	Kjong, Denmark	95	Ferndale, California	1921
July 18—	Samuel Holmes	85	Hundslev Aarhus Amt, Den.	126	Los Angeles, California	1913
July 16—	Soren J. Bertelsen	83	Esbjerg, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1904
July 26—	Jacob M. L. Sorensen	85	Oxbos Aal Sogn Ribe, Den.	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1910
July 25—	Jens O. Larsen	76	Nasby, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1911
Aug. 5—	Max J. Mielow	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1923
Aug. 3—	Hans P. Johnson	95	Aarhus, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1910
July 28—	Elmer R. Larsen	55	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1954
July 15—	Peter Thorwald Larsen	85	Denmark	112	Portland, Maine	1906
Aug. 4—	Poul L. Petersen	82	Thisted, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1913
May 2—	Ione B. Mikkelsen	64	Farmington, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1962

How We Get Our Weather Information

A keen interest in weather has existed in this country for centuries. One of the earliest privately kept diaries on the subject dates back to 1644. Benjamin Franklin, in one of his weather experiments, correctly predicted the path of a storm in 1743. Thomas Jefferson, born in the year of that discovery, and third President of the United States, was another non-professional meteorologist, though considered expert in his day. From carefully recorded observations, he answered many questions about our weather and climate.

The first government collection of weather information in the United States took place in 1812. Reflecting popular American interest in the effects of weather on health, the Army Surgeon-General ordered hospital surgeons to keep records of weather observation. Increasingly, federal, state and private organizations carried on similar activities. One of the most successful pioneers in network weather observation was Cleveland Abbe, Director of Cincinnati, Ohio, Observatory. His work is said to have been largely responsible for creating the demand for a national weather service — which was established by Congress in 1891. Today the U. S. Weather Bureau employs 6,700 people.

The modern weather forecaster still relies on practical experience, though not nearly as much as before. The early forecaster was limited not only in his choice of weather tools — thermometers, barometers, wind vanes and gauges, and special kites — but also in his ability to apply physical laws in governing weather.

Technology and science help the modern weatherman. He is trained in physical laws and theories which he applies with increasing success. A battery of advanced instruments — from the radiosonde and radar to rockets and satellites — give him information at first hand. High speed electronic computers help analyze it.

Today's forecaster is not limited to the weather around him. Radio, telephone and telegraph speedily bring him essential data from a mass network of U. S. weather observation stations. For instance, the Federal Aviation Administration, airports, automatic weather stations, ships at sea, radar stations and upper-air sounding stations send him reports continuously, in many cases hourly. Global coverage is assured by international agreements, through which more than 2,000 foreign weather stations report to the U. S. weatherman regularly.

The general hourly, daily, weekly, or long-range weather forecast is only one type of service given by the U. S. Weather Bureau. It also provides a great variety of special services. Among these are marine forecasts and warnings that affect shipping; river and flood forecasts and warnings on icing conditions and flood stages for principal rivers; agricultural forecasts which affect crops and livestock; fire-weather forecasts, which tell of excessive dryness, thunderstorms and winds; cold waves, blizzards and related warnings; severe local storm warnings, which include general alerts and specific warnings of destructive thunderstorms, gusts, hailstorms and tornadoes; hurricane warnings; aviation forecasts that affect flying in general, and specific information on terminal and route conditions.

The space age has ushered in a new era of weather forecasting. Of the many potential applications of space to man's needs, the weather satellite has developed most quickly. The TIRCS series of experimental weather satellites have given U. S. weathermen the first time a global look at the weather.

Ground operations will, of course, continue, for ground and space activities supplement one another. Hopes for the future are that a number of satellites in simultaneous operation will help the weatherman keep continuous watch on weather around the world.

As weather officials observe, even a small improvement in weather forecasting and warning systems could result in saving untold number of lives and great sums of money each year for farmers, builders, airlines, shipping, the tourist trade and many other enterprises.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

General Committee Eastern Lodges. At this writing the last preparations will take place before the GCEL will hold its 40th annual meeting over the Labor day weekend, with Hartford Lodge No. 314 as host lodge. All meetings and social activities will be held in the DBS building, 302 White Street, Hartford, Conn.

Registration will begin at 1 p. m., Saturday, September 5. Opening of the convention will take place at 2 p. m., and at 7 p. m., a dinner and dance will be held. Tickets for the affair are \$3 per person.

Sunday, September 6: Meeting, 9 a. m.; lunch, 1 p. m. Tickets for the lunch are \$2 per person. There will be afternoon sightseeing, and coffee and cake will be served in the hall through the courtesy of "Frihed" Lodge No. 153, DSS. At 7 p. m., the banquet and ball will be held with tickets set at \$4 per person.

Monday, September 7, at 9 a. m., will see the closing of the convention and installation of officers. At 12 noon will be a Danish breakfast for which tickets are \$3.50 per person. See you in Hartford over the Labor day weekend.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. Thanks to this lodge's secretary, Brother Carl W. Sorensen, last year's writing of "News From the Eastern Lodges" was helped along a great deal by his monthly newsletter. Never has he missed a single month, and his newsletter this month is like a gift from heaven as it is the only letter received. Thanks a lot, Brother Carl.

Our August meeting was an interesting one, although it was not as well attended as expected. Plans were made for a joint celebration of the respective anniversaries of this and "Haab" Lodge No. 158, DSS. The celebration took place August 22.

A picnic will be held at the home of Brother Poul Nielsen, Hebron, Conn., on Sunday, August 30. Final plans are drawn for the reception for the Danish Ambassador Sunday, September 27. Keep this date open.

We shall miss Brother J. P. Piepgras, as we learned of his returning to California. We enjoyed his visits and hope to hear from him now and then. Good luck to Sister Ann Lincoln as she starts on her way to the Sisterhood convention in California. The GCEL convention in Hartford, Conn., is coming up as this is being written and we hope to greet old friends and make new ones there.

We were happy to welcome back Brother J. B. Christensen who recently vacationed with his family in Denmark. While there, he presented a bronze plaque (which he made here) of the late President John F. Kennedy, to the people of Denmark at Rebild Park on July 4th. Two Copenhagen newspapers, the Politiken and Berlingske Tidende gave him front page coverage and we also thank him for such a fine gesture.

It is with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Supreme Second Vice President Chris Madsen. He was a good friend of ours and we shall miss him very much. We take this opportunity to offer belated sympathy to his family.

The July 31 weekend was a historic, memorable and exciting one for the "Danes" in this area as we welcomed the Danish training ship "Danmark" to our fair city and state. On Friday evening, members of Rosenborg Lodge and friends, were guests of Governor Chafee at the reception for Captain Wilhelm Hansen and his officers at

the Squantum Club. It was a delightful evening and we enjoyed meeting and talking with them. During a pause in the activities, Brother Jorgen B. Christensen presented Capt. Hansen a bronze plaque (his own design) of President Kennedy, which was received with many, many thanks. A hot dog and hamburger cookout was given to 25 cadets and several officers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. D'Aloisio (the Mrs. a native of Denmark) in Warwick on Saturday evening followed by a shopping tour. The boys enjoyed themselves very much.

On Sunday afternoon, the officers and cadets, members of Rosenborg Lodge No. 102, Haab Lodge No. 158 and others were guests at a garden party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Post (the Mrs. is also a native of Denmark). Among the notables present were U. S. Senator and Mrs. John O. Pastore, Gov. John H. Chafee and Consul and Mrs. Otto Clausen. Despite the inclement weather, an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Being a small lodge, we were not in a position to do much entertaining for such a big event. For those who did, and allowed us to assist and participate in the welcoming of this ship and its men, we are grateful.

On Monday morning, we bid goodbye and wished "happy sailing" as the square rigger caught a breeze and moved like a picture from the past out of the harbor. We were treated to a sight that perhaps will never be seen again in Providence as the entire crew scrambled up ratlines and yardarms to start unfurling sails. In the meantime and in between time, state and city officials entertained the officers and crew at various events. Capt. Hansen, in a letter to the local newspaper, was at a loss for words, having met "as he says," so much kindness, hospitality, good will and so many friends. He hopes he can visit again and we echo that statement.

We of No. 102 offer congratulations and good luck to Brother Albert F. Tunsen of Lodge 322, Erik Bodholt of Lodge 116 and Brother Kaj G. Hansen of Lodge 242 as they assume their new duties. Birthday greetings for September go to Brothers John Svendsen (1), Albert Fredericksen (11), Fred Hertz (17), Johannes Jespersen (17), Alf Bohngren (26) and Jorgen Christensen (27).

CARL W. SORENSEN, Sec.

Thanks once more Brother Carl for an interesting letter. See you in Hartford.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. "Lyngblomsten" the monthly publication of this lodge is mailed out 12 times a year and it never fails to reach me. With Brother Kaj Hansen busily engaged in his new job as Promotional Director of the Danish Brotherhood, he can't represent the lodge at the GCEL convention to be held in Hartford, Conn. Brother Clark J. Johnson is the new delegate for 242 and I'm sure we all will be pleased to be with Brother Johnson.

Brother Knud Pawlik, a former member of Troy Lodge No. 183, has transferred to this lodge, we all welcome him, hoping he will enjoy his membership with us for many years to come.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. An anniversary party has been talked about; details about same will be announced at a later date. Don't miss the September 11 meeting.

Good luck and best wishes for the future, Brother Albert F. Tunsen and Brother Kaj G. Hansen.



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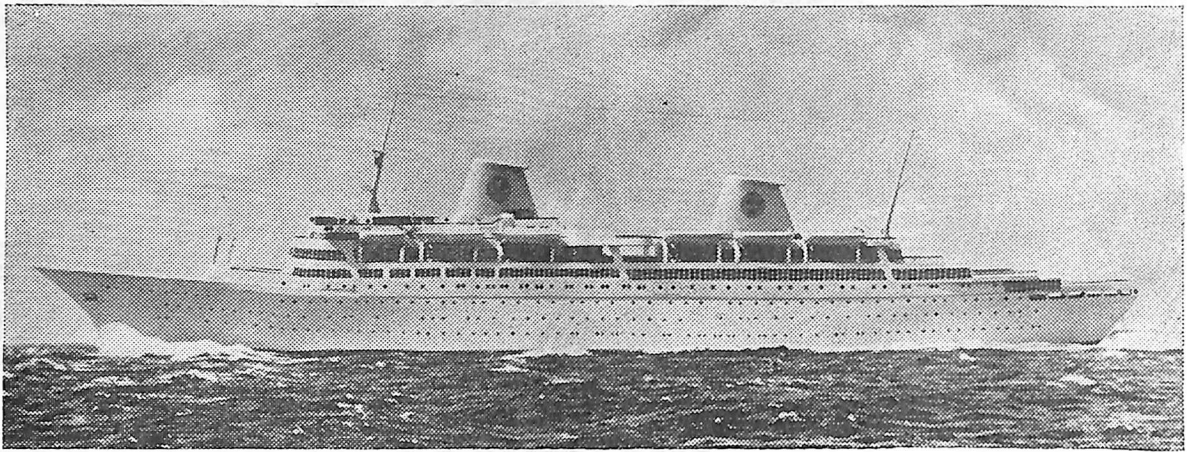
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Date-Line Detroit

With five more months still to go in 1964, Lodge No. 227 has initiated 92 new members and still has 18 approved applications on hand. Our total lodge membership as of August 1 is 418, making us the second largest in the Brotherhood.

There is one area, however, where we are not doing too well — juvenile members. Some of our new members must have children, and both boys and girls can be insured with the Danish Brotherhood, for less than any other company. We have had no new juvenile members in two years, and have no girls at all. Remember, children up to 16 pay no lodge dues. A \$500 policy taken out at age 1 is only 40 cents per month. See the secretary for applications. Get on the ball — if you have children, insure them; if not, get some and then insure them.

Business in our clubroom is very good, in fact on lodge nights we could use more room. Dinner is now served every night except Sunday, and if you haven't yet treated your family to the best eating in town you are really missing something. If you come on Tuesday night, you will be entertained by our sterling soccer team's 20-voice Glee club led by the glorious baritone of Chris Fabricius and Stig Scheiding. After the soccer season is over, the Vikings, as our team is called, will start bowling so the Tuesday night hi-jinks will continue unabated.

Associate membership in our club is fast approaching the 400 mark, so our total club membership is now 1,000. Our parties are very well attended. In August we had 300 on a very rainy Saturday night. Keep this in mind for those occasions where reservations are required, such as the anniversary dinner-dance Saturday, September 26, and the big New Year's eve party.

The parties scheduled by the entertainment committee for the coming year are as follows: November 7, Fall Festival; December 26, Christmas party; December 31, New Year's party; February 28, 1965, Fish and Fun; April 4, House party; May 16, Spring Festival; September 26, Anniversary party; November 7, Fall Festival; De-

cember 26, Christmas party; December 31, New Year's party. That brings us right up to January 1, 1966, when we expect a total membership of over 2,000 with our own party once a month.

When you build a new hall such as ours, there are many things which add to its usefulness, and in fact, are necessities but there just is not enough money to buy them. Fortunately, many good Brothers see the need and donate both time and material. Brother Jacob Petersen donated the two pianos; Franz Jensen the coat rack in the check room; Sisterhood Lodge No. 125, the furniture in the ladies' room; Knud Jensen, pool table; Lars Hendersen, shrubs in front of the building; Fred Sorensen; dedication song; and Carl Jensen, lots of hard work in laying sod. There is much more needed, so look around; and go thou and do likewise.

The Michigan-Ohio District convention in Trufant September 19 and 20 is well worth the trip. You can get there in a few hours on the expressway, and are sure to have a wonderful time. We may not accomplish much at these conventions, but we always have fun, and are bound to learn something by exchanging ideas with members of other lodges.

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Presidency Often Called World's Hardest Job

The heavy responsibilities, hard work and long hours of the American Presidency have caused it to be called the world's most difficult job.

The President is both leader and servant of the American people. As such he must, among other things, handle a vast amount of administrative work. Although he has assistants to help him, there are some tasks which he alone can perform. Former President Harry S. Truman, for instance, said that as President he signed his name an average of 600 times a day to letters and documents.

Former President Herbert Hoover has said he is deeply concerned over "the vast and intolerable labor" a President must shoulder. Mr. Hoover was known for observing an extremely long work day when he was President.

The responsibilities of the office have increased constantly since George Washington became the first President in 1789. The Chief Executive must perform the ceremonial functions of a king, handle the government administrative work of a prime minister; give orders to the armed forces as their commander-in-chief, and act as leader of his party.

The President must see numerous foreign dignitaries and American citizens, confer daily with heads of government agencies and read numerous reports, requests and documents to keep abreast of national and international developments. More than 60 departments and agencies of the government now report to the President.

Political scientists have counted 800 active sections of the U. S. Code which impose on the President one or more duties, powers and functions. He may delegate many of these, but he is still responsible for proper performance. Several proposals have been made to lighten the President's load, but none of them has received Executive or Legislative branch approval.

Even though the President leaves Washington for a vacation he cannot escape the workload. Special telecommunication systems are set up to keep him informed and pouches of mail and documents follow him by plane. Mail cascades into the White House at the rate of about two million telegrams and letters a year. Only a small percentage reaches the Chief Executive, but he must personally see and reply to thousands of pieces of mail.

The decisions he must make in preparing the national budget alone are momentous. He must weigh all the pressures and claims for government funds and he must decide how money may best be expended for peace and the continued defense of the free world. A former director of the U. S. Bureau of the Budget, James Webb, declared that "the magnitude of the problem of preparing the federal budget knows no counterpart in business."

In addition to such duties as appointing key government officials, conferring with party leaders and making speeches to explain his policies to the people, the President has also the vital function of recommending legislation. Under his direction subordinates often write complete drafts of proposed bills for Congress. Furthermore, he must sign countless bills passed by Congress before they can become law.

Commenting on the rigors of the Presidency, one historian has said: "No one can read the descriptions of everyday routines of the White House...without being convinced that the task is one for a superman."

But all this does not deter Americans from seeking the office.

American Students Begin Scandinavian Seminar Year

This month more than 100 American college students are beginning a year of study which will involve them completely in the Scandinavian way of life.

Several weeks ago the students received language study material from Scandinavian Seminars, 62 W. 58 Street, New York city. Their first contact with Scandinavians on their "home ground," will come aboard a Scandinavian Airlines System charter flight.

Dr. Halfdan Gregersen, director of Scandinavian Seminars, explained the necessity of a student's quick grasp of Danish, Norwegian, Finnish or Swedish. Americans must know the tongue when they enroll in a Scandinavian folk high school for a six-month term. The seminarian is usually the only American in the school, which is often in a rural locale.

The language course is the beginning of the year's study, which may be applied to a college degree.

The folk high school is as new to the seminarian as he is to his Scandinavian hosts. Forsaking vocational objectives, examinations and grades, the schools stress history, literature and languages, through lectures, discussions and study circles. This curriculum is enriched by two month-long visits with Scandinavian families.

This experience, plus the schooling, a seminar project paper, language proficiency interviews and a critical evaluation by Scandinavian Seminars, has led 75 American colleges and universities to grant degree credit for the year abroad.

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Leif Erikson Day October 9

A telegram was just received from Senator Hubert Humphrey which brings the good news that the Senate of the United States passed a resolution which establishes October 9 of each year as Leif Erickson day. A similar message from Representative Blatnik indicated that the House of Representatives had passed it a few days ago. There can be no doubt but that President Johnson will sign it.

This is a happy ending for an 18-month long campaign which, in this year of legislative pressure and turmoil, often seemed hopeless. Only great perseverance and faith on the part of many dedicated persons could have brought it about.

There is no doubt that Senator Humphrey, with his keen interest and great influence in both houses of the Congress was the essential key to final passage. But there were no less than four co-sponsors of Leif Erikson day resolutions in the Senate and 10 sponsors of individual resolutions in the House.

Without the nationwide campaign it is certain that the resolution would not have passed. The spark and much of the persistent drive was provided by the Leif Erikson Association of Los Angeles. This organization is small in numbers but has been mighty in purpose and resolve. Its effort was strongly seconded and assisted by a great many persons, publications and organizations.

An outstanding assist was given by making famed archaeologist Helge Ingstad available to go to Washington on March 5 to witness before a House of Representatives sub-committee. He was flown in directly from Oslo, Norway by the Sons of Norway, national fraternal organization, whose headquarters is in Minneapolis, Minn.

It was my privilege to serve as research director for the Leif Erikson Association and to visit numerous Con-

gressmen, both sponsors of resolutions and members of the appropriate committees, on five separate occasions. It made a continuing and tense drama which will not soon be forgotten.

Now that we have our Leif Erikson day, let us be sure that we make full and good use of it to educate the American people in the fascinating first chapter in American history. Especially let us see that the young people in our schools, from kindergarten through high school are fully informed and properly inspired. Leif Erikson is a hero whose glamor will not soon tarnish.

O. G. LANDSVERK, Research Dir.,
The Leif Erikson Association of Los Angeles.

Convention Dates

California General Committee, August 27, 28 and 29, Ferndale, California.

Colorado-Wyoming General Committee, August 28 and 29, Brush, Colorado.

Nebraska Lodges, August 29 and 30, Weeping Water, Nebraska.

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