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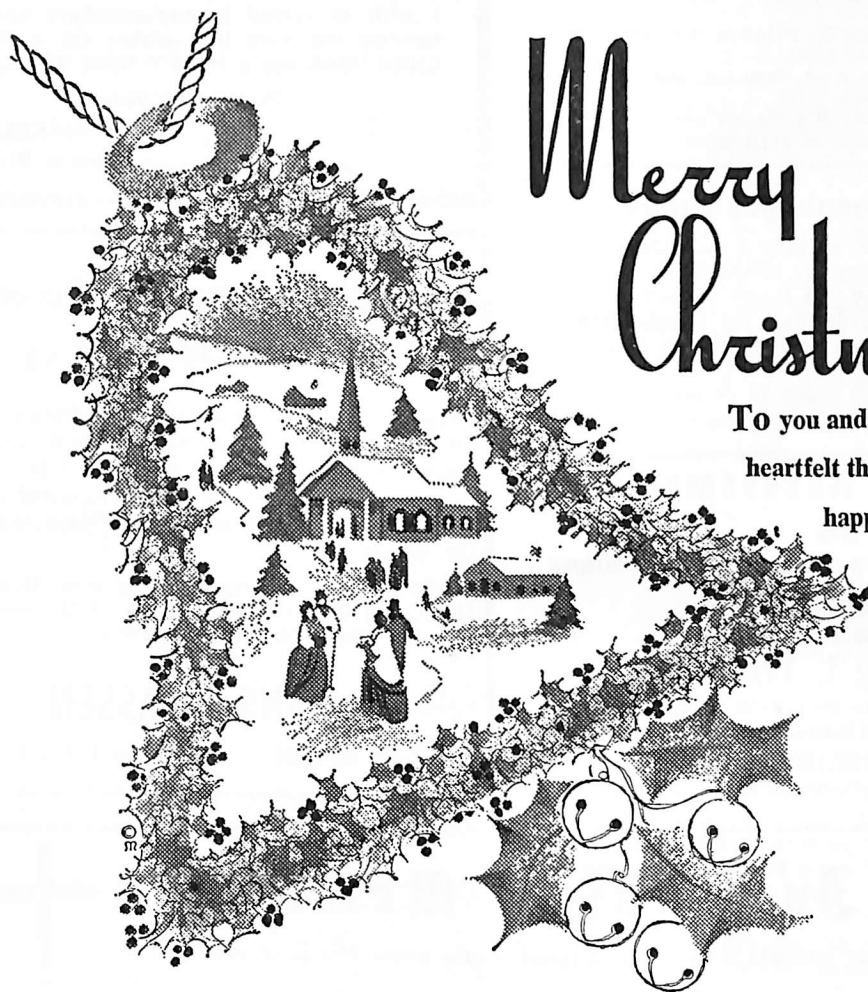


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Merry Christmas

To you and yours, our
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happy holiday!

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

I wish to extend to our members and their families my very best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Fraternally yours,

VIGGO MIKKELSEN,
Supreme President.

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In Loving Memory



Members who have passed away since the last report

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Sep. 17	Elo C. Jorgensen	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1940
Nov. 1	Christ Andersen	72	Randers, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1960
Oct. 22	Jens W. Saurberg	80	Aarhus, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1909
Oct. 30	Rasmus J. Behrens	77	Elsborg Sogn, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1910
Oct. 12	Raymond N. Sorensen	63	Bridgeport, Conn.	37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	1945
Sep. 1	Anders Otto Bonnesen	82	Sorbylille, Sorø Amt., Den.	67	Fresno, California	1902
Oct. 3	Frederick Miller	93	Nyborg, Denmark	91	St. Paul, Minnesota	1908
Oct. 13	Andreas M. Nielsen	77	V. Vandel, Randbol Sogn, Den.	126	Los Angeles, California	1913
Oct. 6	Jens Christian Petersen	89	Nyborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1904
Oct. 16	Minor Nielsen	56	Elba, Nebraska	153	Dannevirke, Nebraska	1944
Oct. 17	Carl A. Olsen	82	Ringsted, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1918
Oct. 20	Martin Smith	83	Jandrup, Ribe, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1915
Oct. 11	Jens K. Kargaard	64	Wester Dragstrup, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1942
Oct. 24	William N. Roberts	57	Tuxedo, New York	227	Detroit, Michigan	1952
Oct. 23	Louis Esmark Hansen	74	Copenhagen, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1913
Oct. 10	John Lassen	81	Lemming, Denmark	288	Cotesfield, Nebraska	1906
Oct. 28	Poul Sorensen	76	Vistrup, Hjørring, Denmark	327	Harlan, Iowa	1907

Letter From DB Lodge No. 3

November 12, 1964

Mr. Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer

Danish Brotherhood
908 W.O.W. Building
Omaha, Nebraska

Brother Secretary-Treasurer:

As a Delegate to our convention held in Erie, Pa., last year, I respectfully request the following addition to the Minutes of the Convention before they are approved:

Before the Delegates voted on this motion (Section 173) the chair announced that in order for this motion to carry it had to receive two-thirds majority.

The motion received more than Simple Majority but the chair announced that it failed to get two-thirds and the motion was consequently lost.

At the convention I tried to get the floor for a point of order but was not recognized.

Fraternally yours,

JACK WOOD, Secretary No. 3.
Delegate No. 3.

DB Pension Fund

TO DB MEMBERS:

We wish to place before you some facts concerning the proposed pension plan as outlined in Sec. 27, Par 12, b and c, on page 22 of our 1963 laws.

While in San Francisco during the Danish Sisterhood convention this fall I met our Supreme President, Brother Mikkelsen, and through him learned that a pension plan would be adopted at a Board meeting in Omaha October 19, 1964. He gave but few details of the plan but enough to indicate that our Supreme Secretary-Treasurer (the only person who presently could benefit by the plan) would be entitled to a sizeable pension, perhaps as much as \$40,000 over a span of years after retirement at age 65, or sooner if disabled.

Upon my return home I reported this to my Lodge No. 3, Davenport, Iowa, with the result that the lodge adopted a resolution of protest and this was sent to the head office in Omaha prior to the board meeting. (Copy enclosed.)

I communicated with Brother Frank Lawson, our former Supreme Secretary at Omaha and arranged to meet him there and we decided to go before the board and seek further information about the plan. We met with the board October 20; also present was Mr. Spangler, an actuary, who had assisted in working out the plan. We learned then that a plan had been prepared and each board member had a copy of same, but when we requested to see the plan we were refused.

We then demanded that we be given some details of the plan and if all officers would be included, (they all draw salaries and are employees) and how much, if any, they would contribute to a pension fund. Or would extra assessments be levied upon the membership for the pension. Also what funds would be drawn upon if there would be insufficient money in a pension fund, a fund which by the way does not exist under our present laws. We were told none of these items had been finally decided upon.

We did find out that the plan provided that pension could begin at age 65, and that benefit thereunder had been estimated to be about one-third of the annual salary at retirement. With these few facts revealed we came to the conclusion that our Secretary-Treasurer, who at pres-

ent is drawing a \$9,400 salary, and expenses of \$600, paid out of the Insurance Fund, and \$2,000 out of the General Fund, a total of \$12,000 annually, at that rate could expect to draw a yearly pension of about \$4,000 for the rest of his life, or 10 years certain, after his retirement. Apparently other board members could benefit under the plan upon retirement, if included in the plan, as they too are employees.

Next we bought up the question of the legality of the Laws enacted at the Convention in Erie.

The Board was not mandated to set up a pension or retirement **PLAN** but to set up **A FUND** only.

We questioned the legality of the Convention giving the board unlimited authority to use all of the resources of the Brotherhood for the purpose of paying 60 per cent of an unspecified salary to an unspecified number of people for an unspecified length of time.

We urged the board to refer the matter to the membership before final action was taken.

We urged the board to open up the columns of our Monthly Magazine for a full discussion before the Board would take final action.

This was not done. We learned that the PLAN had been adopted at a later meeting.

If you share our views, we suggest that you write to the Board for further information and ask specifically where the money for the pension is to come from. Not a single penny has ever been collected for a PENSION or RETIREMENT FUND, nor has any Convention ever levied Assessment for this purpose.

We may decide from time to time to discuss other features concerning the operation and management of our Organization and if we do, you will hear from us.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN HANSEN, Ex-Supreme President.
1533 Rockingham Road, Davenport, Iowa.

Attest:

FRANK V. LAWSON, Ex-Supreme Secretary.
625 Farnam Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

Dated November 1964

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of our lodge that the Board of The Danish Brotherhood in America is negotiating a **contract** with the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer for the payment of a pension which on the basis of present known figures could amount to about \$40,000 (Forty thousand dollars) over a period of 10 years and

WHEREAS, Lodge No. 3 has grave doubts as to the validity of such a contract because of insufficient authority granted the board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Lodge No. 3 request that the board does not enter into this agreement. Be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to the Board of the Danish Brotherhood in America. And be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be published in the first issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine published after this date.

This Resolution was presented, moved, seconded and carried at Lodge No. 3 meeting held October 8, 1964, at Davenport, Iowa.

On behalf of Lodge No. 3.

(Signed) HANS SORENSEN, President.

(Signed) JACK WOOD, Secretary.

P.S. In the above Resolution for the word "Contract" substitute the words "Pension Plan." The subject matter is payment of \$40,000 or perhaps more for a period of ten (10) years to one (1) man or his heirs.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

By NORBERT E. GROVE, Box 279, Puyallup, Washington

Warmest Christmas greetings in the approaching season which symbolizes for me peace and goodwill to men throughout the world. May the Danish Brotherhood help us to play our part in bringing understanding and good fellowship to all. Widely separated as we are, by land and sea, this Christmas wish must take the place of a personal handshake. May the New Year bring joy, health and happiness to you and yours in the New Year.

New Promotional and Public Relations Director Kaj Gronborg Hansen at Omaha sends "best wishes to the entire membership of the Pacific Northwest" and ends his letter to me with "Let's get that new member now." Kaj conveys his season's greetings to the District as we approach 1965.

Past President Ernie Wales of the Spokane Danes is traveling again. He and wife, Ellen, have joined a "People to People" tour to Europe and the Middle East. Washington, D. C., London, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Russia, Istanbul, Tel Aviv, Tiberias, Jerusalem, Aswan, Cairo and Rome are all on the planned itinerary.

Dues are due. Help keep a delinquent member from being dropped. To quote from Brother Ed Jonassen, scribe of the official newsletter of DB 242, "Lyngbloms-ten" (Erie, Pa.), "by not losing a member is like gaining a new one."

Regretfully, we must now report that Brother Chris Peterson of Portland's DB 167 is in the Crestview Convalescent hospital, 6530 Southwest 30th Avenue. Nevertheless, after nearly eight months' illness and now having celebrated his 82nd birthday October 5, Brother Petersen's spirits are still high and he talks faithfully about his Brotherhood fraternal activities. Chris enjoys hearing from his many Pacific Northwest friends.

Quotes from a book on which President John F. Kennedy was working at the time of his assassination: "The Danes, who had an intimate knowledge of animal husbandry, laid the foundations of America's dairy industry and early creamery cooperatives as well as the development of cheese-making. Since the Danes were primarily agriculturists, it is curious that the one who made the most distinctive individual contribution was a city boy, Jacob Riis. As a crusading journalist and documentary photographer, he exposed the conditions under which other immigrants lived and worked in New York and was instrumental in bringing about major social reforms."

Founded by Danish pioneers in 1884, two years after the founding of our beloved Danish Brotherhood, is Dana college in Blair, Nebr. A fully accredited, church-related American institution of learning with emphasis on our Danish background, DB's former Promotional Director Paul E. Strand is now its associate director of development. Dana's library contains the largest collection of Danish literature in English translation of any college in the country and the Dana folk dancers in authentic costumes are well known. Dana choir has toured Denmark three times and there is actually "a little bit of the Danish Isles" right on the campus. The city of Odense, where Hans Christian Andersen was born, donated the large grove of beech trees and the city of Copenhagen made a gift of the old fashioned gas street lamps. Brother Strand informs us that the famous choir will be in Eugene, Ore., during the latter days of January. Paul sends his best wishes to all his west coast friends.

Spokane's oldest member, 92 years of age, Brother Nels Paulsen of the Danish Home "Aldersly" at St. Ra-

fael, Calif., has answered the last call. A 50-year emblem was presented Brother C. P. M. Sorensen of Seattle by a delegation headed up by Brothers Hugo Dall, John Bech and Ingvard Eskeberg. Brother and Mrs. Peter A. Briggs celebrated their golden wedding anniversary August 4. Congratulations to Brother Jack K. Bech, son of DB 42 President John, on his appointment as high school counselor for the state of Oregon with headquarters at Salem. Brothers Iver Hansen and Fred Holm visited former Secretary Laurits Mortensen in Portland. After spending the summer and fall in the Inland Empire, Past President Lawrence Charneski is back in Pullman. Newest initiated members include a second generation Dane, Brother Emil E. Larsen and a juvenile participant, Brother Ronald Miller. Over 150 attended the last lodge card party. The Spokaneans are celebrating Christmas early this year as December 5 is the date of their annual children's party. Brother William Garras attended the Danish Sisterhood national convention in San Francisco. Brother Laurits Mortensen of Portland visited in Spokane during September.

Junction City's DB will join the Scandinavian Festival association in celebrating Christmas this year. The adult Scandinavian folk dancers are polishing up the "old" and learning the "new" dances for repeat performances in 1965. Brothers Sig Nielsen, Ed Gregersen, Eijnar Christiansen, John Bodtker, Brockner Mikkelsen and Andy Bodtker have been active in the Festival park organization. Brother Sigurd Nielsen attended the 60th anniversary celebration of the Portland Danish Sisterhood October 20 at the Cosmopolitan Motor hotel.

Honored By Spain

G. Hilmer Lundbeck, resident director of the Swedish American Line for the United States and Canada, has been decorated by the Spanish government with the Medal of Merit. The honor was bestowed in recognition of Mr. Lundbeck's work in promoting tourism and his efforts to stimulate increased travel to Spain.

Other countries that have given official recognition to Mr. Lundbeck's efforts in promoting international friendship and understanding and in furthering tourism are Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Cuba, Estonia, France, Germany, Haiti and Panama.

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DENMARK IN 1966

The Danish Brotherhood in convention in Erie, Pa., 1963, decided to sponsor a Denmark Tour in 1966, after having successfully sponsored five such tours much to the satisfaction and pleasure of the participants.

This time our tour will include your choice of going one way or both ways by ship or by airplane. We are now awaiting time of sailing dates and air time. We want the two of them to coincide with each other so that we can arrive on the same date in Copenhagen and together enjoy the wonderful reception by the Danish government and the banquet such as was given us upon arrival in the past tours.

We are going to make this tour the best ever. Our experience in handling the 1962 and past tours will be of great help. In 1962 I had the pleasure to be the leader of that tour. This time it will be my privilege and pleasure to again lead the tour and with our Supreme First Vice President Einar Danielsen and Supreme Trustee James Nordine as pilots we can't help but make it a success.

We will do everything in our power so that you enjoy the entire trip and the good fellowship that always prevails when Brothers and their families are together.

We hope our sailing dates will be in the middle of June so that every one will be able to take part in the Fourth of July celebration in the Rebild National park at Aalborg where in the past our Danish Brotherhood has been extended all the courtesy and consideration that could possibly be shown a great organization such as ours. **Make our Tour your Vacation in 1966.**

VIGGO MIKKELSEN, Supreme President.

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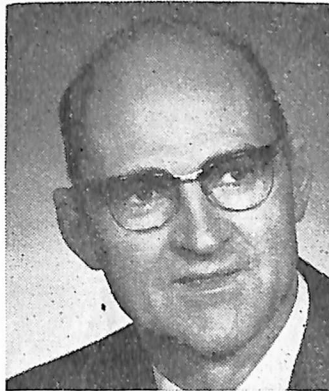


The Pulse of the Brotherhood

News From the Promotional Department by Kaj Gronborg Hansen

NEW LOOK FOR '65

SUPREME BOARD MEMBERS COMMENT ON THE NEW PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM



**Supreme First Vice President
Einar Danielsen**

With the entire membership supporting the 1965 Promotional Program, the pulse of the Brotherhood will become stronger and stronger with new activity, new benefits and new members.



**Supreme President
Viggo Mikkelsen**

As we look at the progress our Promotional Department made in 1964 we should be pleased with the results; however I am sure it could have been better. We now look forward to the "New Look" our Promotional Director Kaj Gronborg Hansen, has named his first Promotional Program. It is new with many interesting features and prizes. We hope you will like it and support it and help make it a success.



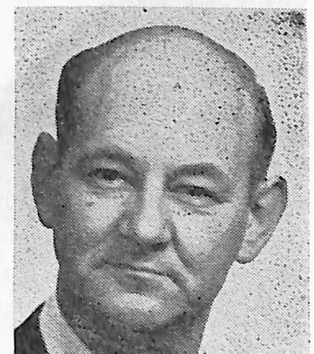
**Supreme Second Vice President
Fred Jensen**

At our recent meeting at the Home Office, our new, young and enthusiastic Promotional Director Kaj Hansen, submitted a Promotional Program for 1965 called the NEW LOOK which was accepted by the entire Board. We feel it is a good workable program and deserves all the assistance the members can possibly give.



**Supreme Secretary-Treasurer
Axel Skelbeck**

In the "New Look" Program I see the promise and realization of a stronger and greater Danish Brotherhood. I look for the creation of many activities and of an active Junior Department. With your participation, 1965 will be a banner year for the Danish Brotherhood in America.



**Supreme Trustee
Kristen Jorgensen**

The new Promotional Program is great! The combination of incentive and assistance on both the local lodge and national level should be of great advantage to us in establishing an effective and successful membership campaign. I encourage all of our lodges and their members to make full use of it.



**Supreme Trustee
James C. Nordine**

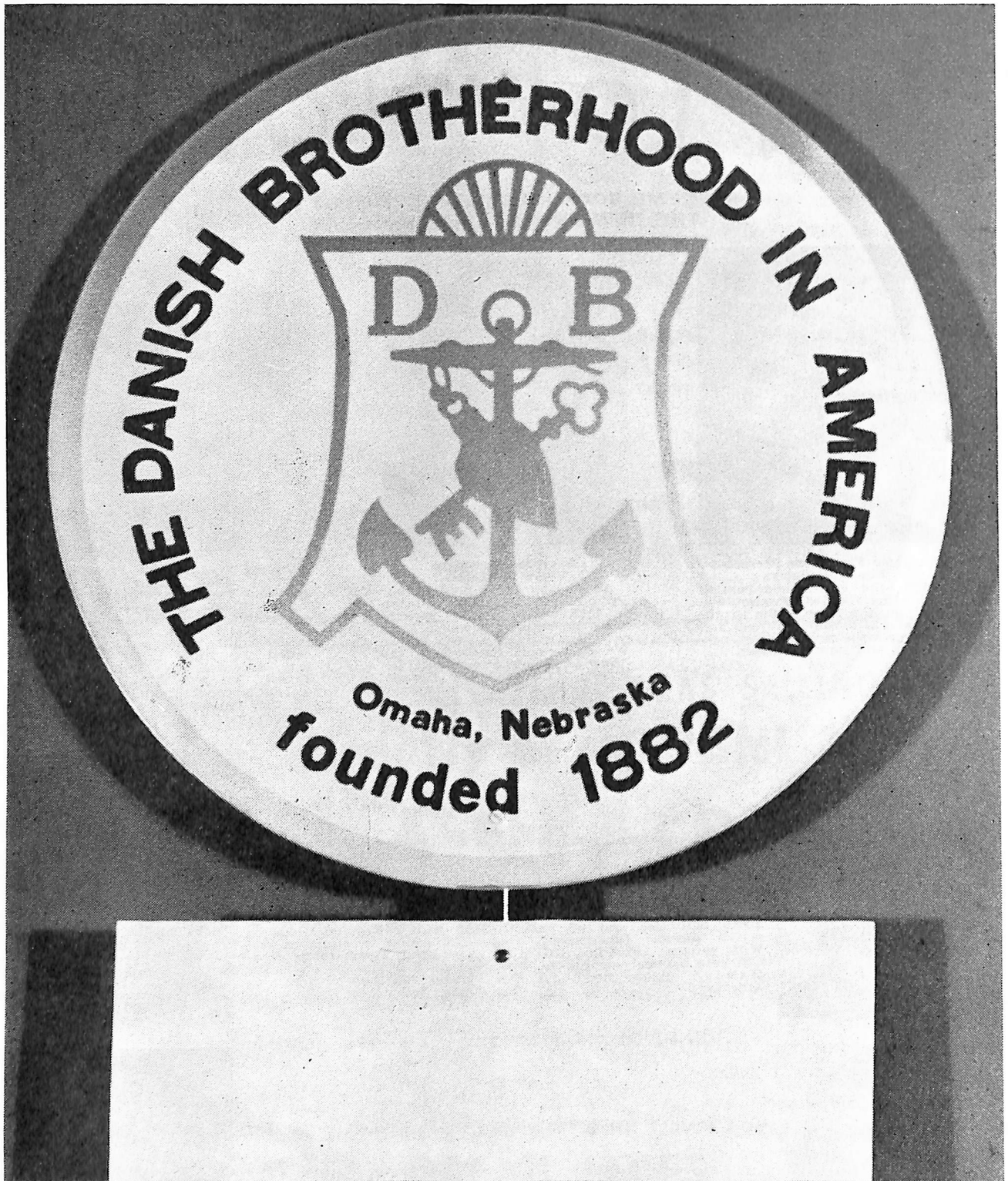
The "New Look" Program is a terrific way to get off to a flying start. However, the program will only work if 10,000 Brothers will accept the challenge of the Program and work with it. Let's all support the ideas!



**Supreme Trustee
Albert F. Tunsen**

The "New Look" feeling's great, Time to start, please don't wait. Let's help the Brotherhood Grow, Grow, Grow. Get behind the Program and GO, GO, GO.

New DB Highway Marker to Be Awarded to 1964 Honor Roll Lodges



ALSO TO BE AVAILABLE AT HALF COST TO ALL DANISH BROTHERHOOD LODGES...The New Danish Brotherhood Roadside Marker pictured above is to be awarded to our 1964 Honor Roll Lodges, in recognition of their fine efforts. The Highway Marker is an all-metal construction, 2-foot diameter, double-faced with provisions for the insertion of Lodge meeting place and time. Mounted on an eight-foot metal post, this attractive roadside sign is a fine way of inviting traveling Brothers and Sisters as well as prospective members. Look for complete details which will be released soon.

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA

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December 1, 1964

Dear Brotherhood Members:

THE SUPREME BOARD HAS DECLARED THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1965 LADIES' MONTHS. Accordingly, a "LADIES FIRST CONTEST" will be conducted during the period of January 1st through April 30th. For this contest our Lodges will be divided into two groups as follows:

Group I — Lodges having up to 50 members as of January 1, 1965

Group II — Lodges having more than 50 members as of January 1, 1965

A first and second PRIZE will be awarded to Lodges in each group whose members sponsor the greatest number of adult FEMALE MEMBERS (insured or uninsured) during the contest period.

PRIZES AWARDED IN EACH GROUP

First Prize — Party, on us, up to \$75.00

Second Prize — Party, on us, up to \$50.00

IN ADDITION !

We will award to every Lodge \$1.00 for every member, male or female, insured or uninsured, initiated into the Danish Brotherhood.

PLUS !

\$1.00 per approved application, insured or uninsured, male or female, secured through an open house activity (any organized effort) provided that more than three applications are secured at any one event.

NOTE: If your Lodge does not yet admit ladies, they can be admitted to Lodge No. 600 or to a Lodge Auxiliary.

PLAN NOW — FOR A LADIES' NIGHT AT YOUR LODGE
HAVE A PARTY ON US — GET THOSE LADY MEMBERS NOW!

Merry Christmas and Good Luck.

The Danish Brotherhood Promotional Department.

HONOR ROLL

The Danish Brotherhood Member Honor Roll is still growing. We have three new Brothers making the Roll this month, Mogens Hempel and Fleming Henrichsen of Philadelphia, Lodge No. 172, and Stig Scheiding of Detroit No. 227. WELCOME ABOARD! — and keep up the fine work for your Brotherhood.

Axel Lohmann is still "The King of the Mountain" with 14 members to his credit, with Armand Larsen running a close second. (Don't give up Armand, show us how.)

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
227	Axel Lohman	Detroit, Mich.	14
227	Armand E. Larsen	Detroit, Mich.	12
106	LeMoyné D. Krebs	Trufant, Mich.	9
227	Viggo Mikkelsen	Detroit, Mich.	9
*172	Mogens Hempel	Philadelphia, Pa.	7
227	Fred Sorensen	Detroit, Mich.	7
278	Svend B. Emmer	Salt Lake City, Utah	7
294	Thomas Jensen	Barre, Vermont	7
211	Nels C. Larsen	Grand Island, Nebr.	6
227	Albert Halse	Detroit, Mich.	6
45	Jens B. Hoj	Minneapolis, Minn.	5
227	Norman Mikkelsen	Detroit, Mich.	5
278	Erik B. Christensen	Salt Lake City, Utah	5
294	Harry Mikkelsen	Barre, Vermont	5
56	Niels Nicolaisen	Kansas City, Mo.	4
227	Eric Dane	Detroit, Mich.	4
227	Fred K. Jensen	Detroit, Mich.	4
227	Carl R. Sylvester	Detroit, Mich.	4
227	Chris Fabricius	Detroit, Mich.	4
227	Carl B. Jensen	Detroit, Mich.	4
278	Kjehl E. Jorgensen	Salt Lake City, Utah	4
322	Arne Johansen	Santa Barbara, Calif.	4
17	John Seiling	Chicago, Ill.	3
17	Peder M. Larsen	Chicago, Ill.	3
29	Soren K. Frederiksen	Seattle, Wash.	3
29	Flemming Sorensen	Seattle, Wash.	3
29	Paul Hansen	Seattle, Wash.	3
39	Robert A. Jensen	Oakland, Calif.	3
51	Arthur C. Clausen	Ludington, Mich.	3
70	Oluf Feldt	Greenville, Mich.	3
113	Carl W. Grove	Enumclaw, Wash.	3
116	George Godthaab	Newark, N. J.	3
126	Olaf Erickson	Los Angeles, Calif.	3
*172	Flemming Hinrichsen	Philadelphia, Pa.	3
183	James Sloan	Troy, N. Y.	3
219	Lawrence E. Halsne	Clear Lake, Iowa	3
225	John Christensen	Canton, Ohio	3
227	Walter Nielsen	Detroit, Mich.	3
227	John Emanuelsen	Detroit, Mich.	3
227	Clemens Bertell	Detroit, Mich.	3
*227	Stig Scheiding	Detroit, Mich.	3
264	Peter Norgaard	Pocatello, Idaho	3
299	Levi Persson	Solvang, Calif.	3
322	Edward Aastad	Santa Barbara, Calif.	3
328	Henning Pedersen	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	3

* New Members of the Honor Roll Listing.

Our list of Honor Roll Lodges is still growing. This month four new Lodges have joined the Danish Brotherhood Honor Roll. We welcome Philadelphia No. 172, Racine No. 4, Kansas City No. 56 and our Denmark Lodge No. 318.

With still another month to go, before we award the Honor Roll Lodges, many Lodges can still distinguish themselves and become members of the Honor Roll. Will your Lodge make it?

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership as of 1-1-64
227	Detroit, Michigan	121	309
278	Salt Lake City, Utah	19	20
126	Los Angeles, California	17	380
51	Ludington, Michigan	15	182
106	Trufant, Michigan	14	115
294	Barre, Vermont	13	58
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	13	83
17	Chicago, Illinois	11	168
299	Solvang, California	11	103
*172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	10	90
29	Seattle, Washington	9	291
211	Grand Island, Nebraska	9	34
322	Santa Barbara, California	9	83
167	Portland, Oregon	9	158
* 4	Racine, Wisconsin	8	462
306	San Diego, California	7	69
* 56	Kansas City, Missouri	7	83
1	Omaha, Nebraska	6	206
39	Oakland, California	5	148
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	5	185
183	Troy, New York	5	72
184	Hayward, California	5	66
264	Pocatello, Idaho	5	29
*318	Denmark	5	118

* New Honor Roll Lodges.

WELCOME TO THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD

Our organization is now yours and we urge you to take full advantage of your membership. Your participation at every level is welcomed and we hope that your membership in our Fraternity will be all that you wish it to be.

Introducing Our New Members

BROTHERS

Lodge No.	Location	New Member	Recommender or Sponsor
4	Racine	Alfred Liebsch	Kenneth Janssen
4	Racine	Poul F. H. Ernst	Niels M. Nielsen
4	Racine	Andrew Feddersen	Peter Jensen
4	Racine	John Johannsen	Sven Nyboe
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- 299 Solvang—Benny H. Jensen.....Asgen Jensen
- 299 Solvang—Holger W. Larsen..B. P. Christensen
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- 318 ... Copenhagen—Kristian A. Hey..A. Schiøler Linck
- 319 Bakersfield—Søren Graversen.....Louis Jacobsen
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- 323 Alhambra—Alice Larsen.....Nanny Larsen

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- 10 ..Council Bluffs—Shaun E. Nielsen...Hans V. Nielsen
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- 202 Warren—Charlotte E. Bigelow....J. Nordine
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- 262 Cozad—Jane Renee Jensen....T. C. Jensen

Ladies' Months Proclaimed

As announced in the published letter to our entire membership, the first four months of 1965 have been proclaimed "Ladies' Months," by our Supreme Board.

During this period the Danish Brotherhood will at every level honor and salute the Sisters of our organization. Since the passing of the Amendment to include ladies, many of our Sisters have become prominent in our organization—these Sisters we pay tribute to. During the "Ladies' Months" we will also invite all eligible women to join our ranks. "The Red Carpet" is rolled out for them!

The "Ladies First Contest" offers all Lodges the opportunity to realize the tremendous growth, that was made possible when our by-laws were amended to include ladies in our Fraternity.

The first and second prizes, "Parties on us," can be used in many ways. One very appropriate way would be a party for the Danish Brotherhood Sisters of the winning Lodges, but that's for them to decide.

In addition, the cash rewards of up to \$2 per member (male or female, insured or uninsured), will certainly be welcomed by every Danish Brotherhood Lodge. This reward will be awarded to every Lodge, it can add up to a sizeable sum.

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Midwest District Denmark Tour

I wish to thank all the Brothers who wrote to me about their interest in our Denmark tour.

I think my article may have been misleading to those Brothers and lodges outside of our District. This tour is only for the Brothers who are member of lodges of the Midwest District. We would, indeed enjoy having each one of you join us on our trip, but we must abide by the rules of the airline charter, which for the information of our District members, has not been signed as yet, but will be very soon.

In the future my articles about the tour may not appear in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine. I may instead pass along all information through our Lodge No. 4 paper.

KEN JANSSEN, Tour Chairman.

DB Honors 50-Year Members

Two Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America recently honored their 50-year members.

Lodge No. 1 Omaha, Nebr., the founding Lodge of the Danish Brotherhood in America, on Tuesday, October 20, honored their 50-year member, Martin C. Svendsen. Presenting the 50-year pin to Brother Svendsen was Viggo Mikkelsen, Detroit, Mich., Supreme President of the Danish Brotherhood.



Martin C. Svendsen, Lodge No. 1, is presented 50-year pin by Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen.

On Tuesday, November 10, the Council Bluffs, Iowa Lodge honored its 50-year members. Three Brothers of Lodge No. 10 were honored by the entire Lodge and Second Supreme Vice President Fred Jensen of Omaha presented 50-year pins to Art Andersen, Julius Andersen and Julius Christensen.



Second Supreme Vice President Fred Jensen congratulates 50-year members of Lodge No. 10.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco

We hear a good deal these days about membership promotion and most of the lodges have a committee appointed to look into the matter—and in some cases that is all it amounts to — looking into the matter.

The thought occurred to me that, perhaps our membership would be interested in knowing where to look for new members. It has been said we do not get enough Danes over from Denmark to maintain the status quo. However, it must be remembered that there are a good many Danes in this country; as a matter of fact, according to the last figures on hand, there should be well over 80,000, and as we have only a bit over 10,000 in the Danish Brotherhood there still must be Danes who are eligible to join.

Where do you find these Danes? Well, 22 per cent can be found in the northeastern states; 38 per cent in the northern part of the midstates; 33 per cent can be found in the western states, and only 7 per cent in the southern states. For instance, in South Carolina you will find only 44 Danes, so there won't be enough to start a movement in that state for a new lodge. In Alaska you will find about 150 and in Hawaii about 80. To be more specific, here are some figures about states that will interest you:

California is tops with 17,500; then comes New York with 9,460; Illinois with 7,090; Iowa, 4,875; Minnesota, 4,710; Wisconsin, 4,400; New Jersey, 3,700; Washington, 3,330; Michigan 3,000; Nebraska, 2,890. These are some of the figures given in a recent number of "Danmarks-posten," a very fine periodical issued by "Dansk Samvirke" in Denmark.

Now if we look at the number of Danes in California, that is 17,500, and the membership of the Lodges in California which is about 1,500 you will notice we have less than 10 per cent of the total number of Danes in this state. Granted that all the 17,000 are not men, but even so, we should have many more members, especially since some of the lodges are now taking into membership women of Danish birth or married to Danes or some other relationship to Danes.

I sincerely hope we are not too late with the promotion department in Omaha. I am afraid it was started 20 years too late, but let us hope there is still time to salvage some of our neglected countrymen, but it is no snap to be appointed to the position of Promotion Manager, so let us give Brother Hansen all the support we possibly can. It is my understanding he will be making a trip to California this coming January and be visiting most of the lodges; give him a friendly hand in his work.

Of course, it should be mentioned in passing that the figures above is given of Danes born in Denmark. But since most of these Danes have been fruitful and have conceived a lot of children, what about these? They should be in our lodges. I know of a lot of members with sons who should be in the lodges and I am always wondering why they are not. Where have we as members failed and where has the Danish Brotherhood failed as an organization? Of course, the fact is that nothing much from the home organization has been done to promote the Danish Brotherhood. All this work, like so much of the work of our society, has been left entirely to the membership itself.

Those of you who know me and have read my articles will agree that it is a question I have harped on for many years. I have time and again called attention of the Supreme Board to certain things that could be done in order to create more interest in our organization. Once

I even won a prize of \$50 for the best suggestions, but I am sorry to say that sometimes I think this prize was given to me in order to shut me up. Certainly, the Supreme Board never did follow up any of my suggestions.

And now I am stepping into something that might get me in hot water with some people, and that is, that eventually the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood will have to combine. I was rather disappointed that nothing was said about this matter at the convention in Erie and I am sure nothing was said about it in San Francisco at the Sisterhood National Convention, but I would not be a bit surprised to see it become the issue six years hence when the Sisterhood meets again. It may be pointed out that both organizations are wealthy now, but I am sure it will also have to be admitted that the more money we get the less members we will have. So what is most important — more money or more members? I will let someone else carry on from here.

To get down to more mundane matters, we have had so many social events here in California during the past few weeks it will be hard to cover them all. Lodge No. 49 celebrated its 73rd anniversary November 7 with a very fine dinner and dance party. Brother Carl Sørensen was chairman of a fine committee that did a fine job and came in with a small surplus. I do hope these parties will continue for many years to come. The next event will be the Christmas party of the members of the two lodges Wednesday evening, December 9. Something special is brewing this year so don't miss this fine get-together with the singing of the fine old Danish Christmas carols.

I suppose as far back as anyone can remember the Danish organizations in San Francisco have had a joint Christmas tree. This year is has been cancelled. Perhaps it is a sign of the times. Too many outsiders were barging in and most of the younger generation bringing its children was not even interested in joining any Danish organization. The same old-timers had to do the work. Too bad.

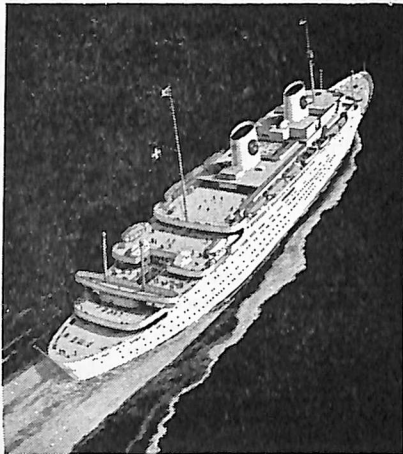
We send best wishes to Brother Aage Holm who recently celebrated his 75th birthday. Brother Holm has been a faithful member of 49 for many years.

Bakersfield Lodge No. 319 had a special event November 21 in that five members were given their 25-year emblems. They were Alfred Nielsen, Past President of the General Committee; Ansgar Petersen, Louis Jacobsen, Douglas Nelson and Elton Nelson. The lodge celebrated with a buffet dinner and dance. We sent best wishes to these good brethren whom we have known for many years; may your good work for Lodge 319 continue for many years to come.

Thirty-two members from Lodge 306 in San Diego recently rented a bus for a trip to Solvang to do battle with the bowlers of Lodge 299. I understand the members of 306 took back the bowling trophy besides having a very good time. I think it would be wonderful if more inter-lodge visitations could be had, especially here in California where there really are so many opportunities. It would certainly lead to more cooperation and fellowship.

On December 4 Lodge No. 39 will decorate Brother H. J. Riis with his 50-year emblem, and we wish to add our best wishes to Brother Riis for his many years in our society.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

General Committee Eastern Lodges. On Saturday, November 14, a meeting of the GCEL officers was held in the meeting hall of the Danish Home for the Aged, Metuchen, N. J. Ex-President Ed. Jonassen was unable to attend and notified the president to that effect; all other members of the board were present. All officers reported on their observations and activities since the convention in September.

The president of the GCEL, Brother Kristian Larsen, together with the vice president and trustee of same, Brothers George Godthaab and Albert Christensen, attended a Brotherhood meeting in Long Island Lodge 325 on Friday evening, November 13.

The president and officers of the GCEL wish our Supreme Officers and Brothers all over a Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Lodge No. 102—Providence, R. I. NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED: On Friday, November 13, we of Rosenberg Lodge No. 102, bid farewell to our meeting hall at 8 Greene Street, Providence, as the building is being torn down. We were given a rather short notice, so temporarily, we are without a permanent meeting place. All concerned will be notified as soon as we can get a new meeting hall. The next meeting of the lodge will be held at the home of Mrs. James (Marion Fredericksen) Zbszewski, 609 Lincoln St., Seekonk, Mass., on Friday, December 11, at 8 p. m. Nomination of officers and election of same for the coming year will take place and plans for "the good of the lodge" will be discussed.

We were happy to have our oldest member, Brother Fred Verdich, back with us and looking fine after a tough session of hay fever. We were also happy to welcome back Sister Anne Lincoln who has been conventioning and visiting in California.

Birthday greetings for December go to Brothers Peter Rasmussen (8) and Aage Christiansen (13).

On behalf of "102," I take this opportunity to wish the Supreme officers, officers of GCEL, members of Haab Lodge 158, DSS and all members and friends, a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

—CARL W. SORENSEN, Secretary.

Lodge No. 116—Newark, N. J. The attendance for our November meeting was above average and we surely hope it will continue that way. Our hall is very nice and it makes you feel important to be seated in arm chairs. Our socials after the meetings will continue, whether it be a game of cards or a film shown, and we'll also have our spread of Danish sandwiches or coffee and cake. The only thing which will be missing are our twice a year "Ladies' Nights," but I'm almost convinced that the officers taking over in the future will find ways and means to provide a few social evenings together with the ladies.

A Christmas tree party for the children will be held Sunday, December 13, from 2 to 6 p. m. in the American Legion hall, Springfield, N. J. The hall is located directly across from the Springfield Municipal building.

The Brotherhood has accepted an invitation to hold joint installation of officers with Danish Sisterhood Lodge "Enighed" No. 84 on Saturday, January 9, 1965, at 8 p. m. in the same American Legion hall. Following the installation there will be dancing, Furdoch's orchestra will play, and coffee and cake will be served. Donation for dancing, coffee and cake will be \$1 per person. No liquor

can be sold on the premises, however, setups of soda and ginger ale will be available. Keep

A Brotherhood meeting will be held Thursday, January 7, due to the fact that our regular meeting night, the first Friday in the month falls on January 1. Remember, the first meeting of the Brotherhood in 1965 will be Thursday, January 7, at 8 p. m., 180 Main Street, West Orange, N. J.

Lodge No. 172—Philadelphia, Pa. According to this lodge's publication "Lurbladet," five applicants were to be initiated into the lodge at its November meeting. It would have been great to be present at that meeting but plans to attend a meeting in Long Island Lodge No. 325 had already been made. We missed the boat this time but will make up for it at a later date.

The annual Christmas dinner party will be held Saturday, December 12, at the Ivystone Inn, Pennsauken, N. J. For details call your president or secretary.

Brothers David Schou and Einar Pedersen both met with accidents. One was badly hurt in an automobile accident while the other was burnt badly when a steampipe burst. We wish both Brothers a complete and speedy recovery.

It is expected that this lodge will reach the 100 mark in membership before we reach 1965; never before has the lodge enjoyed such an increase in membership. Notice that a great number of the newer members are the younger generation and they all seem happy and anxious to be a part of 172.

Lodge No. 190—Schenectady, N. Y. Two new members were initiated into the lodge at its meeting November 4, and Brothers Hans Hansen and Kaye Sorensen, both of Albany, are welcomed into the lodge. We hope they will enjoy their membership for years to come.

A turkey raffle was held November 20 and an election dinner will be held prior to the meeting Wednesday, December 2.

Check with your officers on events coming up in December, or better yet, attend your lodge meetings the first and third Wednesday each month.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. The dinner party held October 24 honoring those who celebrated their golden or silver anniversaries during the year was a great success.

To all sick Brothers, best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The officers and few faithful members of this lodge would like to see a better attendance at the meetings. What is your excuse?

Lodge No. 314—Hartford, Conn. In a letter from the secretary of this lodge, Brother Einar Nielsen, a very successful "frikadelle" supper and bingo party was held in November in conjunction with the Sisterhood Lodge No. 153. The proceeds from this affair helped to pay for the annual Christmas party held for the children. This year the Christmas tree party will be held Saturday, December 26.

A new Brother was initiated into the lodge in September and we all welcome Brother Bjarne Linder. Attendance lately at the meetings has been very pleasing.

Lodge No. 325—Long Island, N. Y. This lodge plans to start its meetings, which are held the second Friday each month, at 8:30 o'clock sharp, thus making the evening longer for social activities, and those who are familiar with Lodge 325 know that a good time will always be provided for.

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JULY—Correction. Axel Skelbeck's salary was overstated. The item should read "Salary, \$966.34, less federal taxes, \$149.20, net \$817.14; general office expense, \$50."

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Concerning Secret Societies

As early as 1904 state legislatures for the first time passed state laws banning secret societies in public high schools and colleges.

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As a result, it is no longer a question of status to belong to such a society, and in states where there are no such laws it is estimated that less than 10 per cent of high school and college students now apply for membership in these organizations.

The reasons given are various. They are undemocratic, as the secret ballot may prevent membership to students otherwise qualified. They tend to set artificial behavior standards.

About the only thing which is offered in defense of these societies, is that they are no more undemocratic than organizations to which adults belong.

It is a most logical argument. The aura of secret symbolism, insignia and jewelry, password and special handshakes, is waning.

If the 10 per cent mentioned is correct, and applies to the group which we would like to see take an interest in our society, we have indeed a formidable task before us.

Of course, I do not imply that our Brotherhood practices all this nonsense; but it is still a secret society. For better or worse.

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