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REETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

From Your Supreme Officers

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Supreme President

EINAR DANIELSEN
Supreme First Vice President

FRED JENSEN
Supreme Second Vice President

AXEL SKELBECK
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer

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Supreme Trustee

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Supreme Trustee

ALBERT F. TUNSEN
Supreme Trustee

DENMARK IN '66

We are pleased to announce that the Swedish American Line has been selected as the official carrier by sea for the Danish Brotherhood Excursion Tour to Denmark in 1966.

Arrangements in regard to air flight is still in the preliminary stage but will be announced shortly.

It is also with pleasure that we announce that Palle Juul-Larsen who managed our 1962 tour so successfully, has again been appointed as tour manager. (Brother Larsen is a member of Lodge No. 17 in Chicago.)

The tour arrangements will in all details be under the direction of the tour committee but all correspondence in connection with inquiries, reservations, booking of participants and other travel details will be handled exclusively by Brother Palle Juul-Larsen, 5245 North Clark St., Chicago 40, Illinois.

TOUR COMMITTEE,
VIGGO MIKKELSEN,
Supreme President.
EINAR DANIELSEN,
Supreme First Vice President.
JAMES NORDINE,
Supreme Trustee.

Thank You

My sincere thanks and appreciation is hereby extended to all my friends who, by one means or another, extended cheerful get well wishes and encouragement during my stay in the hospital.

I returned home December 16 and I expect to be back to a normal state of health in a few weeks.

EINAR DANIELSEN,
Supreme First Vice President.

Excursion Planned for 1966

Preparations are now being made for another Danish Brotherhood Excursion to Denmark in 1966 and it is my pleasure and privilege to accept the appointment as tour manager.

The tentative departure will be about mid June, sailing in one of Swedish American Line's luxury liners, and there will also be flights available for members who cannot travel by ship. Although definite reservations will not be made for some time, all Brotherhood members are invited to contact me for any information desired.

I enjoyed the wonderful cooperation I had with the tour committee in 1962 and I can assure all tour members that we shall again do our utmost to make the 1966 Excursion equally successful as the tour in 1962.

Make plans now — and be sure to join the tour.

May I take this opportunity to wish all Brotherhood members and their families a happy and prosperous New Year!
PALLE JUUL-LARSEN.

Resolution

In memory of our Brother Jeppe J. Jeppesen who departed from us on November 6, 1964, Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Michigan, adopted the following resolution at our regular meeting, Thursday, November 10:

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 in mourning for a period of 30 days and this resolution be entered on our records and published in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Howard Bentz, President.
Earl G. Jensen, Secretary.

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January 1965

Condensed Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Board

The annual meeting of Supreme Officers was held at the Home Office in Omaha, Nebraska, Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 23, 1964. All officers answered roll call: Viggo Mikkelsen, president; Einar Danielsen, first vice president; Fred Jensen, second vice president; Axel Skelbeck, secretary-treasurer; Kristen Jorgensen, J. C. Nordine and Albert F. Tunsen, trustees. Viggo Mikkelsen presided and called the meeting to order at 9 a. m.

In his opening remarks the president paid tribute to Second Vice President Chris Madsen, deceased, who suddenly was taken away from his family, from us and from the things he loved so much. He asked for a few moments of silence in honor of our departed colleague, observed at this time. (Brother Madsen died unexpectedly on July 11, 1964. Refer: August issue of the monthly magazine.)

The president next extended an official welcome to Brother A. F. Tunsen as the new member on the Board. Representing his Lodge No. 332, Ripon, Calif., at the 1963 national convention, Brother Tunsen was elected first alternate supreme trustee and in July appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board, created by the death of Chris Madsen.

First Vice President Einar Danielsen also officially welcomed Brother Tunsen to this Board, concurred in by all Board members.

At this point the president answered a telephone call. He reported it was from Frank V. Lawson, past supreme secretary. Lawson and John Hansen, past supreme president, asked for time to appear before the Board on the subject matter of the proposed pension and retirement plan.

A motion to extend the courtesy to Hansen and Lawson of having them appear before the Board, as per their

request, was duly seconded and adopted. The time of 9 a. m., on Tuesday was agreed upon for this meeting and the president was authorized to notify Mr. Lawson.

Referring to Mrs. Mikkelsen's death a short time ago, Brother Viggo Mikkelsen made a personal expression of thanks. He said: "I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Board members and their families for their kindness at the time of the death of my dear wife, Ione. Thanks to Einar Danielsen for attending the funeral, and Chris Madsen (later deceased) also attended these services."

AGENDA. The president read the agenda for this meeting. Each Board member received a copy. He then called for reports by supreme officers, covering their personal observations, fulfillment of assignments by the president, attendance at lodge meetings and other Brotherhood affairs in his area since the last Board meeting. These reports were given by each Board member in turn, beginning with Einar Danielsen and concluding with Viggo Mikkelsen.

CHRIS MADSEN MEMORIAL. A matter concerning a suitable memorial to the memory of Second Vice President Chris Madsen, received devoted attention and was resolved by a motion duly made, seconded and adopted. It was decided to have an appropriate resolution, commemorating his memory, engraved on a plaque and presented to the wife and family. This resolution to be signed in behalf of the Supreme Lodge by the seven supreme officers now serving in their respective capacities on the Board.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT. In behalf of the Scholarship committee, Kristen Jorgensen, chairman, reported that the following four young members won competitive scholarship awards this year, as announced in the October issue of the monthly magazine: Ruth Ann Hansen, Seattle, Wash.; Jay Herman Mahler, Hayward, Calif.; Jeffrey P. Mortensen, Askov, Minn.; and Donald L. Nelson, Jr., Jamestown, N. Y. (Each scholarship award consists of \$125 per semester for four years, subject to a stringent scholastic achievement being maintained.)

RITUALS COMMITTEE. A final review was given to an adaptation of the rituals of the Brotherhood for present day use, as recommended by a special committee on ritual in conformity with an action taken by the 1963 national convention. It was duly moved that the ritual as amended and corrected be printed and distributed to the lodges. Seconded, the motion carried.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried the secretary-treasurer was instructed to advertise for bids for the printing of the rituals. It was the consensus of opinion that, due to the special nature of this particular job, notice for bids be inserted in the Brotherhood monthly magazine.

During the discussion of the Brotherhood ritual it was concluded that to have a uniform ceremony for use at the installation of district (or general committee) officers would be nice. The absence of such prescribed ceremony in the current ritual makes it necessary for an installing officer to improvise a ceremony on these occasions.

J. C. Nordine and A. F. Tunsen gave assurance that they would check into this matter further and come up with a suggested version for the Board's consideration.

BOWLING. Einar Danielsen who was in charge of the 1964 bowling tournament gave this written report:

"The 1964 national bowling tournament was approximately equal to the 1963 tournament, when we had the greatest number of team entries since 1957. In 1964, we had more lodges participating and more teams actually submitting their scores in accordance with our rules.

So, 1964 was another great year for our bowling tournament.

"I received numerous letters and notes, as well as comments written on entry blanks and score sheets. Without exception, all comments were favorable, and they left no doubt about wanting the tournament continued.

"The cost of the tournament this year was as follows: Twenty-four team prizes totaling \$700 and 10 individual prizes totaling \$72, a first place team trophy, \$32.50; printing of entry blanks \$13, postage \$9.50, grand total, \$827.

"In conclusion, I strongly recommend that the tournament be continued and approved for 1965.

"If approved, I recommend a change in the rules and that the supreme officers participate as per my recommendations; also, that we invite comments in our magazine in regard to the team trophy."

By motion duly made, and seconded, the report was accepted for the record. Appreciation was expressed to Brother Danielsen for giving of his time to manage the tournaments so efficiently.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, it was decided to accept Brother Danielsen's recommendation to again sponsor a national bowling tournament for 1965; to appoint Einar Danielsen in charge of it; to allocate from the promotional fund an amount not to exceed \$900 for prizes and small expenses incidental to the tournament.

Danielsen accepted the appointment to manage the 1965 bowling tournament with the comment that this tournament could probably be handled by the promotional department.

PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM, 1965. Conferring with Promotional Director Kaj G. Hansen, several sessions were held reviewing and discussing his recommendation of a promotional program for the calendar year 1965. Outside of a few changes and amendments suggested by the Board, the program was finalized as recommended by the promotional director. It was cleared for release by Brother Hansen as per his announced plans.

In this connection it was decided, upon motion made and seconded, that when the promotional director finds it necessary to go out into the field that he prepare an itinerary and present it to the supreme president for his (the president's) approval before it is finalized.

PENSION PLAN. At the opening session on Tuesday, John Hansen, past supreme president and Frank V. Lawson, past supreme secretary, appeared before the Board as previously arranged on Monday. The president bid them welcome to the meeting and said: We have granted you time that you have asked for. We will be glad to listen to what you have to say.

Brother Hansen and Brother Lawson then stated, in detail, their views on pension plan being considered under the provisions of section 27, paragraph 12, sub-paragraphs c and d, in the by-laws of the Brotherhood and discussed at length certain points involved in this matter.

C. D. Spangler, the Brotherhood's consulting actuary, with whom a meeting was also previously scheduled for Tuesday, attended the conference.

On the grounds that he is a stated beneficiary to any plan which the Board may consider, under the by-law provisions referred to, the secretary-treasurer has been excused from all sessions when a pension plan is discussed. At his request he was excused from this session also.

Brother John Hansen emphasized that there are serious questions involved in this matter that require profound thinking and analysis and thanked the president for extending the courtesy of letting them appear before the Board to make their views and opinions known.

For several hours a searching and painstaking discus-

sion continued on the subject of a tentative pension plan. During this period all information at hand was again reviewed and thoroughly debated, before a conclusion was reached. Subsequently, the following motion was made: "That we adopt the tentative plan and make it a real plan in its entirety. Establish the date of effectiveness as November 1, 1964, changing the date as set forth under section 6, the same being November 1, 1964." The motion was duly seconded and adopted by a recorded vote of five voting "yes," one voting "no," one abstaining.

Next following, this official action was taken. By motion duly made, seconded, and adopted: "To have the plan submitted to the internal revenue service for approval and that the Board seek additional legal counsel for the purpose of assuring us that we have acted within our rights." A recorded vote was taken: Five voting "yes," two abstaining.

The president said that he would like to be empowered to engage the legal counsel, for the purpose mentioned (in the motion last adopted). A discussion as to domicile and qualifications of such lawyer to be consulted brought about the following motion, duly made, seconded, and adopted: That the president be given authority to engage legal counsel from the State of Nebraska for the purpose of complying with the previous motion...."

BY-LAWS, General Committees and local lodges. In two cases, by-laws were received for review by the Board and referred to a committee of the trustees for study and recommendation.

SECTION 19, PARAGRAPH 3(b). Asked for a report on what had been done with respect to a change in publishing payments to supreme officers, in the monthly magazine, concerning which complaints of inadequate compliance with section 19, paragraph 3(b), during the first six months of 1964 were received, the secretary-treasurer said that the Board had rescinded its former directive. Accordingly, he submitted a report as it would now appear in the Magazine, monthly, covering current payments. It was found to be in compliance and upon motion duly made, and seconded, the report was accepted as written. It was further moved that Lodge No. 10 and all others filing similar complaints be advised of the action taken by the Board, seconded and adopted.

CHECKING OF SECURITIES BY TRUSTEES. On Wednesday most of the day was spent in the safe deposit vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha where the securities of the Brotherhood are in safekeeping. The trustees in compliance with section 26, paragraph 1 of the by-laws, took a complete inventory of the securities in

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which funds of the society are invested and made a detailed listing of all such securities. All other members of the Board assisted the trustees in detaching the interest coupons maturing during the period through April, 1965, and to segregate these coupons in the order of their due date.

The meeting later convened at the Home Office quarters at 4 p. m., where one of the sessions with the promotional director, previously referred to herein, continued.

TRUSTEES REPORT.

To the Supreme President and
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer:

This is to certify that we, the undersigned trustees of the Danish Brotherhood in America, assisted by all officers, have this date checked and audited the securities owned by the society. We found such securities owned to be in agreement with the records of the secretary-treasurer as of September 30, 1964.

Securities:

Bonds	\$3,825,697.23	
Mutual funds	262,764.75	
Preferred stock	141,812.50	
Savings and loan shares	40,000.00	
Certificate loans	11,264.28	
Savings certificates	280,000.00	
Savings account	17,500.00	
Cash in bank September 30, 1964:		
Mortuary fund	\$ 78,302.62	
Juvenile fund	1,288.57	
Fraternal fund	5,503.10	
General fund	25,836.16	
Promotional fund	3,104.21	
		114,034.66

TOTAL\$4,693,073.42

Signed: Kristen Jorgensen, chairman of trustees
James C. Nordine, trustee,
A. F. Tunsen, trustee.

The trustees report was accepted and to be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

LODGE BY-LAWS. Following a discussion on the subject of how the Board can most efficiently expedite the review of the laws of local lodges under section 27, paragraph 3, the following motion was proposed: That local lodge by-laws be reviewed by the supreme trustees with authority to act in behalf of the supreme board with respect to approval (or veto). That this motion be placed on the records of this meeting and, if adopted, published in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT. The investment committee, consisting of Viggo Mikkelsen, Einar Danielsen and Axel Skelbeck, reported that in the period from April 1 to October 1, 1964, the following eleven holdings matured or were called for payment in the total amount of \$153,000.00.

Bertrand, Nebraska, Telephone Co.	\$ 2,000
DeLeon, Texas, Telephone Co., Ser. A	3,000
DeLeon, Texas, Telephone Co., Ser. B	1,000
Aurora, Indiana, Gas System Bonds	5,000
Consolidated Telephone Co., Ser. B	4,000
Sparta, Tennessee, School Bonds	7,000
Blair Telephone Co., (Nebraska)	6,000
Federal Intermediate Credit Banks	100,000*
Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Bonds	10,000
Southwestern Investment Co., Bonds	3,000
Washington Toll Bridge Authority	12,000

TOTAL\$153,000

* Renewed

This amount was re-invested as follows:

4% Savers Certificates,	
First National Bank, Omaha	\$ 50,000.00
*4% Federal Intermediate Credit Bank,	
nine months debentures renewed	100,000.00
One loan on a member's benefit certificate	150.00
TOTAL	\$150,150.00

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the report was accepted to be placed on the records of this Board meeting.

PAST SUPREME OFFICERS PINS. In line with a previous decision bids were now available for the procurement of pins for the past supreme officers, similar to those used by supreme officers. After deliberating the question, it was decided to procure such pins, to be issued to the living past supreme officers.

LODGE BADGES. In conformity with section 111 in the by-laws, bids were also available for the manufacture of the new type badge for use at lodge meetings, as prescribed in section 111, with suggested design.

Upon discussion of all details related to the manufacture, and as to bids received, the secretary-treasurer was, by motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, authorized to have the badges made as illustrated, and purchase 100 sets of officers' badges and 5,000 membership badges.

MAILING SCHEDULE AMONG BOARD MEMBERS. A schedule for mailing items of business, which it is necessary to circulate among the supreme officers to transact was established.

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT. Under the promotional fund, section 75, paragraph 6, a contest is to be conducted among the Brotherhood members and their immediate families to choose a suitable name for this fund under rules established by the supreme board. The specific details for this contest were placed in the hands of Promotional Director Kaj G. Hansen, with a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

PROMOTIONAL REWARDS, 1964. A previous decision of the Board to the effect that recommenders and boosters of new business in 1964 shall be compensated on the same basis as were effective in 1963 was reiterated. The promotional director was accordingly authorized to proceed on this basis for the calculations of 1964 awards.

DENMARK TOUR, 1966. The president referred to the fact that the committee originally appointed consisted of Axel Skelbeck, Einar Danielsen and himself. Due to circumstances not previously anticipated, Brother Skelbeck desired to resign as a member of the committee. Under the circumstances he and Brother Danielsen had proceeded with preliminary details and had held conferences for trans-atlantic carriers in Chicago on the way to this meeting, on which he reported in greater detail. Einar Danielsen stressed the fact that he would like to see Axel continue on the committee, but that he has stated he is serious in his resignation. It is important to have a full committee to proceed. Skelbeck said it was a difficult decision for him to make but assured the Board that the resignation was made in all sincerity and he wished to be relieved of service on the committee. Upon motion the secretary-treasurer's request to withdraw from the committee was accepted with regret. On an exchange of views as to whom of the Board members may be able to participate in the tour, it was moved and seconded that Brother Nordine be appointed to the committee to serve with Mikkelsen and Danielsen. Brother Nordine accepted the responsibilities. It was moved to give the committee full authority to bring this tour to a conclusion and carry out a successful program for 1966.

RESOLUTION. A formal resolution was at hand from Lodge No. 3, Davenport, Iowa. It was adopted by reason of a statement which had come to the members' attention that the Board is negotiating a contract with the secretary-treasurer for the payment of a pension, which on the basis of present known figures, could amount to about \$40,000, over a period of 10 years. This resolution came under careful study. The conclusion was that the lodge members did not have the correct information at the time the resolution was adopted. It was voted that the secretary-treasurer write a letter to explain the actions taken by the Board today.

Letters from Lodge No. 10, Council Bluffs, Iowa; No. 75, Albert Lea, Minnesota; No. 92, St. Charles, Illinois; and No. 245, South Bend, Indiana, received a great amount of consideration. Censure was registered that section 19, paragraph 3(b) in the by-laws was not adequately complied with when the payments made to supreme officers were published in the monthly magazine, covering the period of January 1 through June 20, 1964. A thorough research by a committee of three members of the Board concluded that the past judgment regarding the requirement of the section has been inadequate. The committee recommended the adoption of a special letter of reply over the signature of the supreme president. Also, the adoption of an article of "Special Note" for publication in the November issue of the Magazine with a restatement of payments to supreme officers in the period January 1—July 1, 1964. (Please refer to November issue, page 3.) Upon motion duly made, and seconded, the recommendations were adopted.

FRATERNAL AID APPLICATION FORMS. New forms of application for aid from the fraternal fund were completed and ordered put into use immediately. The secretary-treasurer was instructed to return for correction any application for aid made on an obsolete form, and for additional information where any of the questions were ignored, before submitting the application to the Board for consideration. It was also established that any Board member who desires additional information, or clarification of a certain situation, concerning an application for aid, is entitled to secure such information or clarification before rendering a conclusive opinion.

SUPREME LODGE ADMINISTRATION, NEW FORM OF. A proposal to change the present system of electing supreme officers at a national convention to that of electing a board of directors with authority to elect its own officers was, by the national convention of 1963 referred to the supreme board for study. The president at this time appointed Einar Danielsen, J. C. Nordine and A. F. Tunsen as a committee to make a preliminary study of this matter with a report at the next meeting of the Board.

REBILD NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION. Upon discussion of the question the secretary-treasurer became instructed, on motion made and seconded, to contact the secretary of the Rebuild National Park Association to ascertain the type of membership sponsored by the Association. The purpose is to consider a membership in the Association.

HOME OFFICE BUILDING. This matter received an enormous amount of consideration and debate. One property located at 3624 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska, was offered on a tentative basis. A professional appraisal of this property was obtained for evaluation. No definite action was taken except that a motion was duly made, seconded and adopted that we continue to pursue the matter and that the president appoint a committee to investigate other property in this area (Omaha). To allocate one full day at the next Board meeting to ap-

praisals of this matter. The committee appointed consists of three members: Viggo Mikkelsen, Fred Jensen and Axel Skelbeck.

The following was placed on the record: "...the secretary-treasurer has not submitted his bill for per diem as allowed under section 27, paragraph 9, of the by-laws. He has graciously waived payment of this amount to himself. I wish that we would express our thanks in effect to his donating this money back to the Brotherhood."

REFUND OF SAVINGS TO MEMBERS (DIVIDEND), 1965. Having given the question consideration the following motion was made, duly seconded and adopted: "That we here and now decide to make a refund of savings (dividend) in 1965 on all benefit certificates which have been in force for three full years, and over."

To conclude the question the following resolution was seconded, and adopted: "Resolved, to make the 1965 dividend refund to members 100% of what the formula of the dividend table now in use will produce." This will make it the same as was distributed under the changed dividend system for the years 1962, 1963 and 1964, or in dollars approximately \$36,000 to \$40,000.

AUTOMATED MEMBERSHIP LIST TO LODGE OFFICERS. Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, funds were allocated to provide the local lodge secretaries and treasurers with an automated membership list of their respective membership at the close of the calendar year 1964 for comparison with their records. These lists were found to be of a great service to the local lodges.

RESOLUTION, CONVENTION TAX. Whereas the cost of the 1963 national convention was borrowed from the fraternal fund to be repaid on an annual basis as the tax is collected, and whereas the tax, as collected, was credited to a special account: Be it hereby resolved, that the amount of \$7,965.00 collected to date in 1964, automatically be paid back to the fraternal fund at this time.

EMPLOYEE WAGES REVIEWED. Under established procedure of reviewing employees wages at the annual meeting, this matter was considered at this time.

NEXT BOARD MEETING. The next meeting of the full board was scheduled to begin on Monday, April 5, 1965.

There being no further business to transact the president declared this meeting closed at 4:40 p. m., Friday, October 23, 1964. The president presided at, and all members of the board attended, all sessions, with one exception. The secretary-treasurer was, at his request, excused from the sessions where the pension and retirement plan was discussed on the grounds that he would possibly participate in such plan.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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The Pulse of the Brotherhood

News From the Promotional Department by Kaj Gronborg Hansen

LADIES' MONTH PROCLAIMED

Be it hereby known to all that the Danish Brotherhood in America has declared the first four months of 1965 "Ladies' Months." The designation of Ladies' Months is made to pay tribute to the many Sisters who are already members of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

This declaration is also to invite all eligible women to join the ranks of our fraternity. Prospective Sisters — JOIN NOW! We are asking our entire membership to join with us to honor the Sisters of the Danish Brotherhood and to invite their wives, their daughters, and their friends and acquaintances to participate in our organization.

DANISH BROTHERHOOD

SISTER OF THE MONTH

MARGARET SUNDBY LARSEN JOINS LODGE NO. 1



This month we honor and welcome Margaret Sundby Larsen as a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America. Sister Larsen, the immediate Past President of the Danish Sisterhood, has long been active in Danish fraternal associations and has just joined the Danish Brotherhood so that she can enlarge her participation in Danish societies. One of the many reasons for joining the Danish Brotherhood, she indicates, is our very sound and valuable insurance benefit certificates.

Her family has always been a Danish Brotherhood family. Her first husband, Harold Sundby, was a member of Lodge No. 184 and he and Sister Larsen were instrumental in organizing the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 166. Both of Sister Larsen's children belong to Danish fraternal organizations — her son, Douglas to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 184, and her daughter, Ann Marie to DSS Lodge No. 166. Her six grandchildren are also junior members of the Danish Brotherhood.

Together with her husband, Chris Larsen, who is a prominent member of Lodge No. 1, Margaret Sundby Larsen looks forward to working for the Danish Brotherhood in America as well as continuing her interest in the Danish Sisterhood.

Introducing Our New Members

BROTHERS

Lodge No.	Location	New Member	Recommender or Sponsor
4	Racine	Sophus Summers	N. M. Nielsen
4	Racine	Glen Meldgard	Knud Hoffmeyer
14	Kenosha	Victor Kaleie	Aksel Christensen
29	Seattle	Knud Larsen	Otto Brask
29	Seattle	Borge Meyer	Paul Hansen
29	Seattle	Lawrence Nielsen	Jens Nielsen
29	Seattle	Wm. A. Manning	Paul Hansen
29	Seattle	Anton Holm	Christian Hansen
32	New Haven	R. E. Hansen, Jr.	C. P. Pedersen
39	Oakland	Kaj Christensen	Arne Nielsen
43	Denver	Henning Jensen	S. A. Sonderup
43	Denver	S. B. Rasmussen	S. A. Sonderup
43	Denver	Hans Pedersen	S. A. Sonderup
43	Denver	Gunnar Petersen	S. A. Sonderup
43	Denver	Per H. Jensen	S. A. Sonderup
43	Denver	Kaj A. Moller	Miller Jacobsen
43	Denver	Svend Ronlov	Orla J. Dal
43	Denver	Wm. J. Purse	S. A. Sonderup
43	Denver	Valdemar Jensen	S. A. Sonderup
43	Denver	Jakob Norgaard	S. A. Sonderup
84	Lincoln	Harry Jorgensen	Norman Block
106	Trufant	Lee Olsen, Jr.	Jerry Sorensen
106	Trufant	Kenneth Gregory	R. V. Jensen
106	Trufant	Wm. H. Hateh	R. V. Jensen
113	Enumclaw	Orville Gunderson	Carl N. Grove
126	Los Angeles	Ole Christensen	Poul Ladefoged
126	Los Angeles	Axel Ostergaard	Eric Roug
167	Portland	Ole Hjorth Snoer	Emil Svendsen
172	Philadelphia	John Tegelvad	Mogens Hempel
172	Philadelphia	Erik Christiansen	Mogens Hempel
172	Philadelphia	Bruce Johnson	Mogens Hempel
172	Philadelphia	Jorgen Nielsen	Mogens Hempel
172	Philadelphia	Stanley Cherim	Mogens Hempel
195	Omaha	Alfred Jensen	Fred Jensen
206	Blair	Norman Bansen	Paul E. Strand
206	Blair	Phillip Pagel	Paul E. Strand
217	Humbolt	Jens S. Brusgaard	Walt. Pedersen
227	Detroit	H. Walter Westman	Axel Lohmann
227	Detroit	Edwin Ernst	Armand E. Larsen
227	Detroit	L. R. Hockenberry	A. Lohmann
227	Detroit	Albert Johnsen	A. E. Larsen
227	Detroit	Kenneth Finger	Clemens Bertel
227	Detroit	DeVere Vinnix	Viggo Mikkelsen
227	Detroit	Roy Rasmussen	Eric Dane
263	Askov	Gary P. Pedersen	Ed Leese
299	Solvang	Anton Sorensen	Peter Jacobsen
299	Solvang	Donald Black	Peter Jacobsen
299	Solvang	C. A. Andersen	A. H. Andersen

- 306 San Diego—Villi Jepsen.....Poul Nielsen
- 306 San Diego—Kaj E. Andersen....Axel Petersen
- 328 Vancouver—Frede Mortensen....Ole Sigvandsen
- 328 Vancouver—Arne Jorgensen....Ole Sigvandsen

SISTERS

Lodge No.	New Location Member	Recommender or Sponsor
1	Omaha—Agnes Sonderstrup	C. Sonderup
1	Omaha—Mae J. Johnson	J. M. Rasmussen
1	Omaha—Freda C. Kahn	Fred Jensen
43	Denver—Charlyn Jensen	S. A. Sonderup
84	Lincoln—Mary Jane Block	N. J. Block
84	Lincoln—Marie Jorgensen	Andrea Block
106	Trufant—Betty Wilson	Mary Nielsen
106	Trufant—Carole Olsen	LeMoyno Krebs
106	Trufant—Ruby L. Larsen	Gary Larsen
106	Trufant—Marëan Therkildsen	Gary Larsen
202	Warren—Doris Petersen	J. C. Nordine
202	Warren—Margaret Petersen	J. C. Nordine
202	Warren—Ebba Caldwell	J. C. Nordine
202	Warren—Gladys Nordine	J. C. Nordine
225	Canton—Audrey Pedersen	Gary Galligher
329	Long Beach—Anna S. Sirola	C. W. Hansen

JUVENILES

Lodge No.	New Location Member	Recommender or Sponsor
43	Denver—Pia J. Rasmussen	S. A. Sonderup
227	Detroit—C. A. Hockenberry	A. Lohmann
227	Detroit—Cheryl Hockenberry	A. Lohmann
332	Ripon—Robert L. Janzen	Herman Janzen

HONOR ROLL

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
227	Axel Lohmann	Detroit, Mich.	18
227	Armand E. Larsen	Detroit, Mich.	14
172	Mogens Hempel	Philadelphia, Pa.	12
* 43	Svend A. Sonderup	Denver, Colo.	11
106	LeMoyno D. Krebs	Trufant, Mich.	10
227	Viggo Mikkelsen	Detroit, Mich.	10
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
29	Paul Hansen	Seattle, Wash.	5
45	Jens B. Hoj	Minneapolis, Minn.	5
*202	James C. Nordine	Warren, Pa.	5
227	Eric Dane	Detroit, Mich.	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
113	Carl W. Grove	Enumclaw, Wash.	4
227	Clemens Bertell	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
*299	Peter Jacobsen	Solvang, Calif.	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
39	Robert A. Jensen	Oakland, Calif.	3
51	Arthur C. Clausen	Ludington, Mich.	3

- 70—Oluf Feldt, Greenville, Mich. 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
 - *217—Walter Pedersen, Humboldt, Iowa 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—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.
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LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership as of 1-1-64
227	Detroit, Michigan	130	309
106	Trufant, Michigan	21	115
126	Los Angeles, California	19	380
278	Salt Lake City, Utah	19	20
51	Ludington, Michigan	15	182



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172—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	15	90
328—Vancouver, B. C., Canada	15	83
29—Seattle, Washington	14	291
* 43—Denver, Colorado	14	95
299—Solvang, California	14	103
294—Barre, Vermont	13	58
17—Chicago, Illinois	11	168
4—Racine, Wisconsin	10	462
167—Portland, Oregon	10	158
1—Omaha, Nebraska	9	206
211—Grand Island, Nebraska	9	34
306—San Diego, California	9	69
322—Santa Barbara, California	9	83
56—Kansas City, Missouri	7	83
39—Oakland, California	6	148

45—Minneapolis, Minnesota	5	185
183—Troy, New York	5	72
184—Hayward, California	5	66
*202—Warren, Pennsylvania	5	37
*225—Canton, Ohio	5	37
264—Pocatello, Idaho	5	29
318—Denmark	5	118

* New Honor Roll Lodges.

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February 1, 1965**

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

Thanks to the Denver Danes

COLUMBINE LODGE CELEBRATES BOWLING TEAM VICTORY

On November 20 and 21, it was my pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of Columbine Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colo. The occasion was the victory celebration for the Denver Lodge bowling team which won first place in the Danish Brotherhood national tournament.

The Denver Danes certainly celebrated in a manner befitting the lodge and its outstanding team. Under the chairmanship of Orla Dal, a dinner dance was enjoyed by all participants. It was a delight to meet not only the members of No. 43, but also the many prospective Danish Brotherhood members who had been invited. Also, my many thanks to the president of No. 43, John Sorensen, and to Svend A. Sonderup, secretary of No. 43, and of the Colorado-Wyoming District. Brother Sonderup made my trip possible by inviting me and making the arrangements for my visit to Denver.

K. G. HANSEN.

+ 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
Nov. 12—	Christ Henriksen	86	Hjorring, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1912
Dec. 1—	Oscar Biesendofer	77	Omaha, Nebraska	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1962
Oct. 10—	Hubert F. Shannon	60	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1962
Oct. 23—	Hans P. Hansen	85	Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1906
Nov. 19—	Ludvig Pedersen	73	Denmark	34	Dwight, Illinois	1927
Nov. 9—	Peter J. Nielsen	68	Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1963
Nov. 6—	Jeppe M. Jeppesen	74	Denmark	51	Ludington, Michigan	1920
Nov. 1—	Peter Rosenkilde	79	Denmark	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1930
Oct. 21—	James C. Mason	80	Venslov-Frislov, Denmark	65	Duluth, Minnesota	1905
Oct. 30—	George Nyborg	55	Odense, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1943
Sept. 20—	Wilhelm Carlsen	85	Sundby, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1940
Oct. 8—	Elmer M. Sorensen	53	Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1935
Oct. 5—	Bent Espersen	74	Skals Sogn, Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1921
Oct. 7—	Steffen J. Lunsted	67	Østrup, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1923
Dec. 1—	Hjalmar Andersen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1929
Nov. 6—	Johannes N. Rasmussen	65	Copenhagen, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1934
Nov. 18—	Martin Mikkelsen	78	Fladstrup, Denmark	152	Wilbur, Washington	1919
Oct. 17—	John M. Peterson	65	Colby, Wisconsin	154	Withee, Wisconsin	1935
Oct. 29—	William P. Nielsen	75	Denmark	164	New York, New York	1926
Nov. 7—	Jens A. Hansen	83	Bornholm, Denmark	171	Jamestown, New York	1911
Sept. 30—	Egan Henry Christiansen	57	Antioch, Illinois	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1926
Nov. 4—	C. Arent Nielsen	76	Horsens, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1915
Oct. 14—	Ditlev Schacht	70	Haderslev	239	Lake Forest, Illinois	1929
Nov. 24—	Ross Sonksen	78	Anbaul, Denmark	255	Selma, California	1936
June 13—	Frederick Block	78	Nordby Ribe	257	New York, New York	1923
Oct. 16—	Thomas Sundsted	75	Denmark	283	Dagmar, Montana	1938
Nov. 9—	Frederik Meyer	82	Ribe, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1905
Sept. 24—	Andy Petersen	81	Rockford, Illinois	16	Minden, Nebraska	1910
Nov. 28—	Marius Nielsen	88	Denmark	34	Dwight, Illinois	1909
Nov. 28—	Peter Quist	75	Godtkøb, Aalborg, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1914

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DANISH BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS:

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and your family!

With the arrival of the New Year we have several NEW MEMBERSHIP CONTESTS both for you and your lodge. News of the lodge contests have been mailed to your lodge, so be sure to attend your next local meeting.

The individual membership contests will take two forms this year, a year long contest and two seasonal contests.

The year long CONTEST is: "GALA EXCURSION TRIP CONTEST" with contest period January 1st to December 31st. THAT'S RIGHT! In 1965 The Danish Brotherhood in America will award two such trips to Sponsors of NEW INSURED MEMBERS. Prizes will be awarded as follows to members sponsoring greatest number of new insured members.

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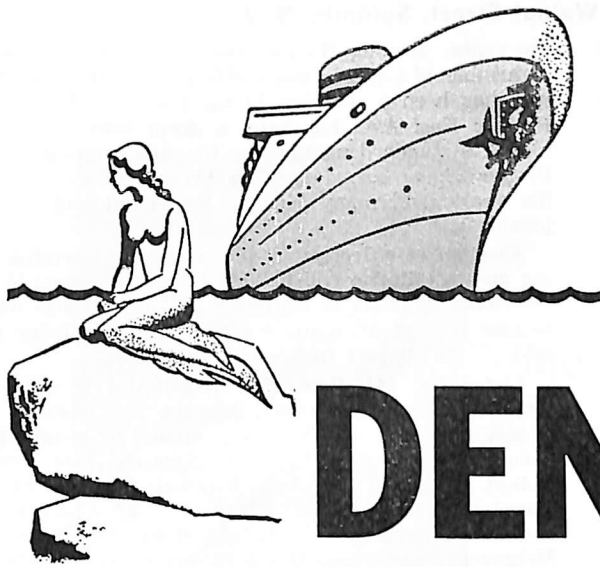
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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. Haabet Lodge will have its installation of officers Wednesday, January 13. Hartford No. 314 will do the installing. This affair is open to the public and you are all invited. The fall dance talked about did not materialize, but plans are in the making for a spring dance, details will follow in a later issue. Officers and members of Lodge No. 32 extend New Year greetings to all!

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. The secretary of this lodge, Brother Carl W. Sorensen, writes as follows: As I look back on 1964, I believe it was a good one for us. There were many happy and interesting events that happened and we were proud to have been part of them. First, we had the visit of the Danish training ship "Denmark," second, the celebration of Denmark week, third, the reception honoring Ambassador Winterfeldt.

We regret President Nelson declined re-nomination due to other commitments, but we wish him luck and success in his new endeavor. Brother Walter Nordling was elected president, other officers retaining the status quo.

Notice to all members and other interested persons: Our next meeting will be held Thursday, January 7, and the first Thursday of every month thereafter, at K of P Hall, 380 Elmwood Ave., Providence, the time as usual, 8 p. m. Take note of the change of day and place.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. A well attended meeting was held in December. Election of officers took place with little change. Following the meeting Santa appeared and Sisters Adele Williams and Elizabeth Kaisen set up a most delicious cold table, that together with a "fuselfri" akvavit gave us a pre-Christmas spirit and all had a good time.

Installation of officers will be a joint affair with the Sisterhood and will be held Saturday, January 9, at 8 p. m., in the American Legion hall, Springfield, N. J. The hall is located directly across from the Springfield Municipal building. Installing officer for the Brotherhood will be Brother George Godthaab, vice president of the GCEL. Following the installation there will be dancing. Furdoch's orchestra will play, coffee and cake will be served and donation for coffee, cake and dancing will be \$1 per person.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. Several affairs were held during the month of December, a Christmas dinner and a Christmas tree party. We hope they both were successful.

The bowling team has received new bowling shirts from Carlsberg Breweries and can now be called "The Carlsberg Vikings." Under the leadership of Brother Aksel Rasmussen both teams are showing improvement.

The board of officers has been increased this year. Most lodges have a hard time getting officers. An assistant secretary and a financial secretary have been added.

Lodge No. 257, New York, N. Y. Brother George Hansen, secretary of this lodge who has been quite ill for some time, is still recuperating, but doing fine.

An invitation to attend its meeting in December was extended to me and I thank the lodge for same. I was however unable to make the meeting and contacted the acting secretary, Brother Arthur Schmidt. No less than three Brothers were to receive their 50-year pin, and while I can extend congratulations to all of them I can only mention two names as the third has been lost by me: Brothers Peter M. Boesen and Karl Axel. Both of these Brothers have been very loyal to the lodge throughout

the years. Brother Boesen who is an attorney, has been a member of Cimbria since 1913 and is today the Brother who has been a member in the lodge the longest time. Brother Karl Axel has been a great help to the lodge, almost a standard member on the sick committee. Many Brothers have been happy for his visits. He has during the years held many jobs on the board and is a past president.

Election of officers took place at the December meeting and installation will be held Friday, January 15. Why not make an effort to come out and greet those who are to take care of all matters concerning your lodge during 1965. Your support makes the job easier.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Installation of officers for 1965 will take place Friday, January 22. Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen has been invited to install the following officers: President Otto Jonasen, Vice President Robert Wollman, Secretary Edward Jonasen, Financial Secretary Gordon Walker, Treasurer John Lampe, Trustees Clark Johnson and Robert Holly, Conductor Soren Melgaard, Inner Guard Ole Beck, and Outer Guard George Seier. Following installation refreshments will be served.

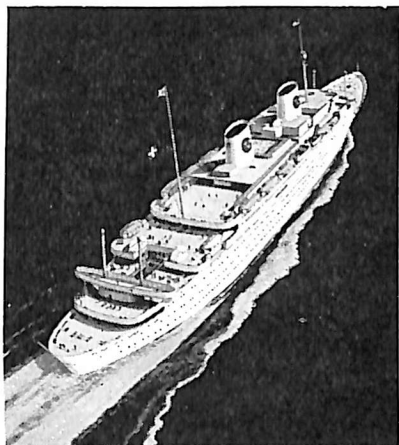
Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt. This lodge held its annual Christmas party at the Cobble Hill Grange hall, Sunday, December 13, with nearly 90 persons attending. Dinner was served at noon following a welcome by President Harry Mikkelsen and grace by Diane Clark. The program included singing Christmas carols, led by Candace Cameron, with Douglas Aiken at the piano. Candace Cameron and Kim Thygesen sang solos. Michelle and Bonnie Mikkelsen and Giselle Duranleau sang Christmas carols. Andrew Christiansen played a piano solo. Ejnar Thygesen played Santa Claus and gave each of the children a box of candy and a gift. Mrs. Anna Fox from California, sister of Mrs. Hannah Lunde and Mrs. Marie Thygesen, was a guest. In charge of arrangements were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Osterberg, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Taft and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mikkelsen.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. December 2 was election of officers. It was a very nice meeting, well attended, and was preceded by a "frikadeller" dinner, excellently put up by Brother Fred Andersen. December 16 was the date of the Christmas party for the Brothers, with Brother Christian Lonstrup being in charge of decorations and a big turnout was expected.

Installation of officers will take place Saturday, January 16. This will be a joint affair with Frihed Lodge No. 153, DSS. The president of the General Committee Eastern Lodges, Brother Kristian Larsen, Jr., from New Haven, has been invited to install the Brothers. This has the making of being a real fine affair and neighboring lodges are cordially invited to join us making it an outstanding evening. A big variety of sandwiches will be on hand following the installation as a number of local Sisters and Brothers have promised to do their share in taking care of the "danske smørrebrød."

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. This lodge welcomes Brother Peter Hans Rasmussen who was initiated into the lodge at its December meeting.

Hearsay has it that the anniversary party held Friday, November 20, was something long to be remembered. Everybody had a wonderful time; the attendance was perfect and a vote of thanks goes to the committee for an excellent job.



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KUNGSHOLM	Sept. 1*
GRIPSHOLM	Sept. 18*
KUNGSHOLM	Sept. 25*†

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WESTBOUND

GRIPSHOLM	May 22*
KUNGSHOLM	June 12*
GRIPSHOLM	June 16*†
KUNGSHOLM	July 6
KUNGSHOLM	July 28
KUNGSHOLM	Aug. 21
GRIPSHOLM	Sept. 7
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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco

As this is written we hear over the radio of the disaster in northern California, Oregon and Washington with floods and slide devastation. It has rained for days out here and it is really bad.

I am thinking about the many members we have in these places. Little Ferndale, where we had our convention last summer, is badly flooded; so is Fortuna and other nearby places. We also have members in Arcata just north of Eureka, and of course we have members in the Portland area as well as in Washington. We sincerely hope our members will be able to survive and if help is needed I am sure it will be forthcoming.

Here in San Francisco we have just lost one of our old and valued members, in that Brother Niels H. Tved just passed away. Brother Tved had been a member of 49 for well over 50 years and there was a time when no meeting was really a meeting without Brother Tved. He was one of the very active members in forming our General Committee and in looking at the old records we find that he was elected a delegate to the second convention we held in Fresno in 1922 and from there on for many years he was a delegate.

Brother Tved leaves his wife, Mary. A few years ago they had the joy of celebrating their 50th anniversary. These good people had a wonderful life together, they were entirely devoted to one another. And we extend to Mary our deepest sympathy.

It is almost tradition that the presidents of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood General Committees in California install the new officers of the various lodges each year. This year will be no exception and President Emma Blank, Sisterhood General Committee and Melvin Oredsen, Brotherhood General Committee president have planned to spend many long hours and much effort to accomplish a successful outcome of these events.

Long Beach, No. 329, Friday, January 8; San Diego, No. 306, Saturday, January 9; Solvang, No. 299, Wednesday, January 13; Santa Barbara, No. 322, Friday, January 15; Los Angeles, No. 126 and Alhambra, No. 323, Saturday, January 16; Ferndale, No. 95 and Arcata, No. 230, Saturday, January 23; San Francisco, No. 49, Wednesday, January 27; Fresno No. 67, Thursday, January 28; Selma, No. 255, Friday, January 29; Hayward, No. 184, Saturday January 30.

Oakland, No. 39, Friday, February 5; Petaluma, No. 143, Friday, February 12; Bakersfield, No. 319, Saturday, February 13; Ripon, No. 332, Saturday, February 20.

In Hayward Lodge there will be a dinner preceding the installation and dancing afterwards to Brother Heiser's orchestra. All of this can be had for \$4.50 and for reservation you should contact Brother ABC, 4140 Thornton Ave., Fremont, Phone 793-1963.

In other cases a very elaborate affair is being sponsored by the lodges and friends are also welcome to attend. This is a good chance to see the Brotherhood and Sisterhood in operation creating a will for that new member to join.

At this time may I take the opportunity to say a deep-felt "thank you" to the members of my Lodge No. 49 for the wonderful day they gave me November 28. It is a day I shall never forget, nor will my family, also present. And as some one has said "Violer til de levende," and that was truly what I received on that day.

Brother Sven Aage Rasmussen, chef at the Del Webb's Town House, had really gone all out in order to make a

delightful lunch for us. Brother Carl Sørensen was an excellent master of ceremonies and with the assistance of Brother Henning Jensen who was "floor manager" it really went off very well. I was very grateful for the beautiful carnations sent by Brother and Mrs. Axel Skelbeck and Brother and Mrs. Chris Larsen of Omaha.

Greetings were received from Brother Viggo Mikkelsen, our Supreme President; Brother Fred Jensen, Supreme Vice President; Brother John Hansen, Past Supreme President; Casper Hasselris, manager of the Danish Information Service in New York; as well as Axel Dessau, manager of the Danish Tourist Service in New York. A fine letter was read from Brother Fred Holm and a wire from Alfred C. Nielsen of Bakersfield, both Past Presidents of the General Committee. Many letters and telegrams were read from the various lodges.

The supreme board was represented by my successor in the office as secretary-treasurer of the General Committee and now a member of the supreme board, Brother Albert F. Tunsen, and his beautiful wife who is an officer in the Sisterhood General Committee. And I was most happy to see Past Supreme President Hans M. Andersen, who with his good wife Clara, had come from Selma.

The speeches were all short and to the point. Where Brother Sigurd Nielsen, another past president of the General Committee, had found all the data he had on me I don't know. And Brother Sven Stribolt had also gathered some notes on my life. Thanks to you both. Also thanks to all the other past presidents with whom I have worked and who were there, and thanks to all of you for your fine words of tribute, all of which was much appreciated. It was a wonderful day, one that I shall always remember.

Brother Henning Jensen and Arne Luders, with the assistance of Miss Dorothe Lancaster, all of radio KMPX, the Viking Program, taped the entire proceedings, part of which was broadcast the following Saturday. These good people were good enough to present me two rolls of tape, and when I get lonely I can recreate the entire day by listening to this tape. While Miss Lancaster was born in England, she speaks Danish perfectly. Thanks a million.

During the month of December I am sure many of you have had lodge Christmas parties. It seems as though we all get a bit closer during that period and I suppose more people think about their childhood and youth at the time than any other time during the year. Lodges 49 and 24 of the DSS and DBS in San Francisco had, I think, about the loveliest party we have ever had, on December 9. The tables were decorated beautifully by Brother Morten Brun, and the good Sisters and Brothers on the committee had really gone all out to make it "Hyggeligt" for us. And we owe a vote of thanks to Brother Willy Christensen and his fine committee.

It is with heavy hearts Alhambra Lodge No. 323 informs the Brotherhood of our loss. Peter A. Jacobsen, although a member of the lodge only a short while, was our senior citizen in years.

Born in Horsens, Denmark, in 1874, Brother Jacobsen enjoyed the health of a man half his years and had it not been for a hit and run driver we would have had the pleasure of his company for many more years.

Our charter will be draped for 30 days in his memory.

This Month Is Ladies' Month

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

As usual, at five o'clock this past Christmas Eve in Denmark, the church bells throughout the towns and country began ringing out their summons for candle-lit church services. And as is the custom, children were again allowed to "stay up late" following the family dinner, Christmas tree and distribution of gifts. Steeped with old traditions, the gnome-like "Nisse" was as always a part of the Danish holiday celebration. Christmas is the oldest of Nordic festivals and the sacred fir tree is a guest in every Danish home, hotel, restaurant, store, hospital, public square and even on ships at sea. Cookies of many sorts and shapes belong to a Danish Christmas and among them are "peppernuts."

I am momentarily reminiscing of my childhood Christmas Eve dinners in South Dakota complete with rice porridge sprinkled with cinnamon and with a piece of butter floating in the center followed by roast goose stuffed with prunes and served with red cabbage. Dessert was always an apple cake made with layers of bread crumbs, applesauce and whipped cream. And come to think of it, our Christmas gathering at the Carl and Myrtine Grove home in Enumclaw this year was not so much different than yesteryear.

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Turning back the clock to June 10 when Tacoma's Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen "embarked on a five-month trip to the country of his birth," members of DB 33 were royally entertained at Fred's bachelor quarters in the City of Destiny, December 13. Pictures, magazines, maps and a complete diary were on hand to support

the lengthy yarns which the loquacious stationaire had to relate. Renting a car in Denmark, Fred had been many places and had seen much of the Danish Isles after a 50-year absence. Danish pastry of all kinds was served with the coffee which followed a short business meeting.

Elected to serve in 1965 were Past President Norbert Grove, President Henning Lindberg, Vice President Martin Rasmussen, Secretary-Treasurer Fred Christensen, Conductor Ogie Enwall, Guard Axel Larsen and Trustees Regnar Brockner, Villie Rasmussen and Chris Fredriksen. A Des Moines DB 15 member, Brother Axel Schmitt, was in attendance. A moment of silence was observed for two Brothers who passed away in October — Thorval Mortensen and Carl C. Petersen.

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According to Brother Olaf Hansen of DB 242 in Erie, Pa., who is the superintendent of the Denmark Pavilion at the World's Fair, Flushing, N. Y., "over one million people visited the exhibit during the 1964 run." Visitors No. 999,999 and No. 1,000,000 were a couple from Texas and they were awarded an all-expense trip to Copenhagen via SAS. The American Institute of Architects judged the Danish Pavilion first prize with a citation to Danish Architect Erik Møller.

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Brother Jens P. Holm of Enumclaw was master of ceremonies at the annual Past Presidents' night on December 12. Tribute was made to Past Presidents Henry Bruhn, Carl N. Grove, Soren Pedersen, Jens Holm, Hans Kjar, Elmer Boysen, Carl Johansen, John L. Rieck, Ing-

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vald Nelsen, Oswald Pedersen, John Hansen, Kai Rasmussen, Gene Dewitt, Hans Weston and Godan Meng. Among the honored presidents of years gone by were John Nielsen of Burlington and Norbert E. Grove of Tacoma.

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So efficient, punctual and loyal were the 1964 officers of Enumclaw's DB 113 that they were all reinstated or unanimously elected to succeed themselves. Already planning the 1965 monthly meetings are Past President Gene Dewitt, President Martin Petersen, Vice President Hans Weston, Secretary Ingvald Nelsen, Treasurer Henry Herger, Conductor Chris Petersen, Inner Guard Ed Hoiland, Outer Guard Nis Hansen and Trustees John Rieck, Oswald Pedersen and Nels Johnson.

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Enumclaw's long time Outer Guard Nis Hansen attended the convention of the California General Committee in Ferndale and reports fine hospitality to himself and Oregon's representative, Sig Nielsen. Latest members to join DB 113 are Brothers David Macfarlane and Orville Gunderson. Birthdays just before Thanksgiving included Brother Peter Jochimsen, 83; Brother Chris Jensen, 90; and Brother Jens Pedersen, 93; all "fit as a fiddle." Christmas was observed Sunday, December 13, with a potluck gift exchange around a nicely decorated tree.

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