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ATTENTION BOWLERS

The following letter has been sent to your lodge secretary:

Dear Secretary:

Please bring to the attention of the lodge as well as the bowlers in your lodge, the Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament. Enclosed are tournament entry blanks.

The increasing interest in the national tournament by the members of the Danish Brotherhood has caused the Supreme Board to sponsor the tournament again in 1965.

This year's tournament will be the ninth annual national bowling tournament sponsored by the Supreme Board as part of our promotional program in an effort to assist our lodges in providing activity for members of all ages.

In order to participate in the tournament and be eligible for prizes, you must enter the tournament with the entry blank provided through your lodge secretary before the deadline, March 1, 1965, or March 15, if you are bowling later than March 15. All information concerning the tournament such as rules, etc., are printed on the entry blank and must be complied with. Any lodge without a regular bowling team can easily organize one or more by getting together five bowlers for each

team. Non-league bowlers can establish an average by bowling a minimum of nine games. Make certain you are entering your proper average on the entry blank, and in the event that you are a winner be prepared to verify your average.

Receipt of your bowling entries are not confirmed by mail. After you have mailed your entries, you bowl on the date that you have selected and forward the scores at once. Final results of the tournament will appear in our Magazine. Kindly use tournament score sheets which you can secure from your bowling establishment.

There is no entry fee or expense connected with this tournament for the participating bowler other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment. The prize money is provided by the promotional fund.

This year we would like to have the bowlers indicate on the entry blanks or by letter, their opinion as to whether or not we should continue to present a trophy to the team winner. I personally feel that because many lodges do not have a proper place to display a trophy, it would be better to add the money to the prize list.

If more entry blanks are needed, write to me, at 404 North 5th Avenue, St. Charles, Ill. 60174.

EINAR DANIELSEN, Bowling Chm.

Denver Colorado

On January 15 Columbine Lodge No. 43 held joint installation of officers with Ellen Lodge No. 21 of the Sisterhood. Mrs. Elsie Jensen installed the Sisters and Brother Andreas Paulsen performed the installation of the Brothers. It was a job very well done by both.

The officers for Lodge No. 43 are as follows: Past President Johannes Sorensen, President Gudmund Jensen, Vice President Hans Thyge Nielsen, Secretary Svend A. Sonderup, Financial Secretary George Bork, Treasurer J. Fred Nielsen, Trustees A. Miller Jacobsen, Knud Gustafson and John W. Salyards, Conductor Ole V. Ebbesen, Inner Guard Svend A. Ronlov and Outer Guard Holst Petersen.

Ten of these officers were born in Denmark and emigrated to this country. Two were born in this country. Seven are newly elected. They are young and full of energy. They do their very best in every way to serve our lodge and its membership, so we are very pleased to have them take the oath of officers.

The party held for the occasion was well attended. The Sisters served delicious sandwiches, beer, coffee and cake. A very nice social evening was held and enjoyed by all.

As we begin the year's work in our lodge, it is with the hope of a prosperous year, not only for our lodge, and

the lodges in our district, but for all the lodges and their membership in the Danish Brotherhood.

We wish to bring to all of you and yours the two greatest things in life, good health and happiness, and prosperity in 1965.

SVEND A. SONDERUP, Sec.

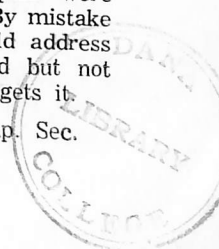
From Des Moines, Iowa

In 1964 Lodge No. 15 had three 50-year members, Anton Viero, Des Moines; Valdemar Hansen, Houston, Texas and Kay Jensen, Los Gatos, Calif.

It has been our custom to have a party for members that have been faithful to the lodge and the Danish Brotherhood for so long, but this time it was not possible. Anton does not like to get out much, so two members were asked to take the 50-year pin to his home. We spent about an hour talking to him and his wife and his son was also at home at the time. We presented him with a plant and a duck. Anton thanks the lodge for everything.

Brother Hansen's and Brother Jensen's pins were mailed to them with a letter from Lodge 15. By mistake Jensen's letter and pin were mailed to his old address in Los Alton, Calif. The letter was returned but not the pin (but it was signed for). We hope he gets it.

AUGUST RASMUSSEN, Temp. Sec.



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February 1965

RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 76, Paragraph 4, in the by-laws of The Danish Brotherhood in America that the expenses of administering the Fraternal Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the amount of \$1,238.88 at this time be transferred from the Fraternal Fund to the General Fund. December 28, 1964.

- VIGGO MIKKELSEN, Supreme President
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Pursuant to the provisions in the by-laws of The Danish Brotherhood in America, first part of Section 49, the amount of \$1,718.11 is determined to be expenses attributable to investments under this section, for the period from July 1 to December 28, 1964.

WHEREAS these investment expenses were paid from the General Fund

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the amount of \$1,718.11 at this time be transferred from the Mortuary Fund to the General Fund in reimbursement of such expenses. December 28, 1964.

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EMIL NIELSEN, Waterloo, Iowa

In memory of our Brother Emil Nielsen, who passed away December 15, 1964, this resolution is extended by Lodge No. 212:

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

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

Sam Jensen, President.
Kristen Hansen, Secretary.

TO DENMARK IN 1966

Your friends who traveled with the Brotherhood Jubilee Tour in 1962 have undoubtedly told you about the marvelous trip they had and you might also have heard about all the "extras" that were offered to the Brotherhood tour members while aboard the Swedish American Line's luxury liner. If you are thinking of a trip to Denmark, why not make definite plans NOW to join the Brotherhood Excursion next year?

The tour will be leaving in Swedish American Line's M/S GRIPSHOLM, scheduled to sail from New York on June 22, 1966, the very best time for a transatlantic crossing.

As in the past, arrangements will be made to visit Washington, D. C., en route to New York.

Tour members will return from Denmark in August or September or even later if any extended stay in Denmark is desired.

The crossing by ship is a vacation in itself with fine food and the best service; however, plans are being made for air transportation for the busy Brotherhood members who cannot take the time to sail. The air passengers would arrive in Copenhagen the same day the ship docks enabling all Brotherhood Tour participants, whether they travel by ship or air, to partake in the traditional homecoming banquet in the evening.

It has been suggested that the members using air transportation would spend four to five weeks in Denmark. In order to please most of the air passengers, it will be very helpful if all prospective tour members planning to travel by air will already now indicate the desired length of stay in Denmark by completing the coupon and returning same to the tour manager.

Reservation Request Form

Forward to Mr. Palle Juul-Larsen, 5245 North Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. 60640.

I am interested in joining the Danish Brotherhood Excursion in the M/S GRIPSHOLM from New York on June 22, 1966.

I am interested in joining the Danish Brotherhood Excursion by air, leaving about June 30, 1966.

I would like to spend _____ weeks in Denmark before the return flight.

Number of people in my party _____

Member of Lodge No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

The committee for the 16th annual Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges convention has started working to make this one of the best conventions we have had. Ed Hirsch and Hilda Leppert are co-chairmen, and Margaret and Magnus Esrom are the secretary and treasurer, respectively. Any correspondence should be sent to the Esroms at 11039 Northeast Skidmore St., Portland, Ore. 97220.

The convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 921 Southwest Sixth Ave., Portland, Ore. 97204. Reservations should be sent directly to the hotel. Reservation cards will be sent to all district secretaries and the dates to remember are May 7, 8 and 9. Why not plan to take your vacation then and to include the Pacific Northwest convention in your travels? Portlanders are always happy to see visitors from other parts of the country.

When writing for reservations, be sure to state that you will be with the "Danes."

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"No news from Oregon" writes Brother Sigurd C. Nielsen. However, we know that Sig was in the midst of calamitous flood conditions throughout that area during the holidays when householders were forced to evacuate their belongings ahead of onrushing waters. Christmas was rough on a lot of Brother Nielsen's neighbors as gifts were destroyed, people were evacuated, homes floated away and thousands of dollars worth of ruination resulted. Sigurd spent 24 hours marooned on an island without power and gas but was eventually picked up via helicopter — nevertheless, our Oregon Correspondent still maintains "No News."

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The annual installation dinner and dance of DB Lodge 29 and DS Lodge 40 was held January 16. The jolly social hour was at 6 p. m., and the delicious beef dinner was served at seven. Washington hall was appropriately decorated by Brother and Mrs. Bob Wight who not only put out the monthly lodge news but are continually doing something new and extra for the good of the order.

Elected by acclamation and installed jointly with the ladies were Past President Einar Hansen, President Martin Rasmussen, Vice President Flemming Sorensen, Secretary Paul Hansen, Treasurer Chris Hansen, Conductor Gert Jacobsen, Inner Guard Holger Andersen, Outer Guard Cliff Jensen and Trustees Robert Wight, Einar Bengsten and Hugo Dall. Installing officers were District President Henry Barreth, Portland, and Brother Ed Olsen, Conductor.

Music was by Past President Charles Parker. The toastmaster for the evening was Brother Einar Hansen and he called on Past District President Jens Nielsen, Enumclaw's Gene DeWitt, Tacoma's C. Fred Christensen, Portland's Magnus Esrom and "Cook" Sam Fredriksen. Dancing followed.

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"A place called Dana" says Brother Paul E. Strand, Associate Director of Development at the Nebraska College in Blair, "was the site chosen in 1884 by Danish pioneers for an institution that has done much to share with America a rich heritage from Denmark." The 17-mile drive from the north edge of Omaha to Blair takes one through rolling hills and valleys that remind many travelers of Denmark. Striving to preserve the finest traditions of our mother country, Dana has several classes

in the Danish language, Scandinavian literature, Viking history and the philosophy of Kierkegaard.

"Gifts from Danish-Americans everywhere, large and small, will help further Dana's building project," continues Paul. The famous Dana college choir was on tour during January and entertained Oregonians in Eugene on Tuesday, February 2.

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Seattle's regular October lodge meeting featured Brother Elmer Wittman who spoke on the operation of the Queen City police department in connection with "lie detectors." Brothers Jens Madsen and John Halse recently celebrated their respective golden wedding anniversaries. November 28 was the date of the annual 50-year membership dinner at DB 29 with Brothers Sam Frederiksen, John Ottesen and Otto Brask in charge of a fine ham menu followed by a business session conducted by Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen. Brother Ed Olsen, president of the Pacific Northwest Danish home, proclaimed the week of November 1-7 as Old People's Home week. Secretary Paul Hansen continues to arrange top flight programs following the regular semi-monthly meetings of the Danish colony Brothers.

Belated congratulations to Brother Hugo Dall and Rigmor Korsgaard who were married November 15 in a simple but charming double ring ceremony at St. John's Lutheran church. Brother Henry Paulsen passed away in October following a long illness. Brothers Helmuth Nissen and Clifford Jensen are the lodge's representatives to the Nordic festival. Brothers Flemming Sorensen and Hugo Dall are the promotional chairmen. Reported sick are Brothers Louis Jensen, John Hoffman, Walter Jorgensen, Mark Holmbo, Carl Skafgaard and Bert Jensen. Eighty-nine brothers are this year eligible for their 25-year pins and will be so presented February 24. Brothers Otto Brask, Paul Hansen, Teis Lund and Flemming Sorensen were the Christmas party committee December 27 in Washington hall, as more than 250 enjoyed the Danelang folk dance group. Brothers Otto Nielsen, Ed Olsen and Jens Nielsen constituted this year's nominating committee.

Brother Niels Sorensen received his naturalization papers the first of November. Fifty-year honor pins were earned last year by Brothers Nels C. Nelson, Thorwald Christensen and Hans Carl Hansen. Initiation of Brothers

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Egon Bruun, Lawrence A. Nielsen, Knud H. Larsen, Borge M. Meyer, Holger Bartrand, Anton Holm, William Manning and John Oelund took place in November. Brothers Jens Bruun has opened a Danish furniture store at 10328 Main Street in Bellevue. The building committee consists of Brothers Alfred Truelsen, John Ottesen and Einar Bengsten. The lodge is fortunate to incorporate in their members, three doctors in the names of Sorensen, Brandal and Goodhope. Past District President Sam K. Frederiksen is "Bien's Representative and Correspondent."

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Junction City's DB 268 staged the annual anniversary party January 5, featuring a roast beef dinner under the committee leadership of Brothers Andy Bodtker, Walter Jensen, Brockner Mikkelsen, Bernard Fillback and Fred Petersen. The J. C. Danes and other Scandinavians observed another anniversary January 23 in the Grange hall with Dr. Gail Fletchall as a special guest. Brother Paul Borgaard passed away January 4 at the age of 82 in the Menonite home at Albany where he had been an invalid the past 15 years. A delightful ham dinner was enjoyed by over 60 members December 15 as the Danes celebrated Christmas. The 1965 slate of officers includes Past President Bill Jensen, President Brockner Mikkelsen, Vice President Fred Petersen, Secretary Sig Nielsen, Treasurer Arthur Jager, Conductor Kristian Sand, Inner Guard Ben Jensen, Outer Guard Ejner Christensen and Trustees Joen Bodtker, Walter Jensen and Anton Kocks.

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Portland's youngest active member, Brother John Henriksen, is on the high school swimming team and has already won three trophies, 10 medals and 37 ribbons, mostly for first place. The Rose City Danes have lost one of their old members in the person of Brother Morris Madsen who passed away September 25 after a short illness. Brother Oscar Oslund and wife, Edna attended the national Danish Sisterhood convention in San Francisco. On November 21, Brother Henry Barreth and Sister Edna Oslund, district presidents of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, were honored with a special dinner of "Bøf med Løg" donated by Brother Karlo Andersen. Past District President Ed Hirsch and wife Helene have moved to the Parkrose area, a suburb of Portland, fast becoming "Little Denmark." Brother Christ Christensen and wife Christine flew to California for Thanksgiving. The annual children's Christmas party was held January 3. Brother C. R. Christensen is Bien's Portland man.

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At a joint installation complete with drill team performances January 10, Past District President Peter Rasmussen, McMinnville, and C. Ed Hirsch, conductor, administered the oath for 1965 to the following: Past President Henry Barreth, President Alfred Jensen, Vice President Arne Henriksen, Secretary Gus Haraldsen, Financial Secretary John Ryan, Treasurer Emil Svendsen, Conductor Karlo Andersen, Inner Guard Stanley Andersen, Outer Guard Richard Andersen, and Trustees Magnus Esrom, Poul Persson and James Tyger.

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Spokane's Brother John Nord is convalescing in a local hospital. January 2 saw the installation of Past President Martinus Nielsen, President John Bech, Vice President Swan Larsen, Secretary Ingvard Eskeberg, Treasurer Fred Holm, Conductor Howard Jensen, Inner Guard Axel Rasmussen, Outer Guard Chris Hansen and

Trustees Jens Borup, Fred Nielsen and Lolabelle Nielsen. Past President Ernie Wales was to be the featured speaker February 6 to relate his and Ellen's extended tour of Europe and the Middle East.

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Enumclaw held its annual stag party and promotion event in January. Belated season's greetings to the DB 113 Brothers at the Northwest Danish Home — Hans Kjar, Chris Sand, George Gertsen and Fred Petersen. Supreme Trustee Kristen Jorgensen and Past District Sisterhood President Lilly Kain were the installing officers for joint installation January 9.

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Wilbur's Treasurer, Martin Mikkelsen, for many years, passed away in January at the age of 78. District President Henry Barreth has promised DB 152 a visit sometime in the near future. Tacoma's President Henning O. Lindberg invited the Brothers of DB 33 to meet at his home in Parkland Sunday, January 10.

SECTION 19, PARAGRAPH 3(b)—Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following sections: Section 17 par. 4 (and/or) Section 18 par. 1; Section 19 par. 10; Section 26 par. 1; Section 26 par. 2; Section 19 par. 3(b) is hereby published.

DECEMBER, 1964 — Viggo Mikkelsen: Salary, \$336.20 less federal taxes, \$154.48, net \$181.72. Axel Skelbeck: Salary, \$970.33 less federal taxes \$149.20, net \$821.13; general office expense, \$50.00. Einar Danielsen: Postage, \$15. Fred Jensen: Postage, \$15. Kristen Jorgensen: Postage, \$15. James C. Nordine: To attend annual anniversary dinner, Long Island Lodge No. 325, transportation, \$51.12; per diem, \$25; postage, \$15. Albert F. Tunson: To attend testimonial dinner at Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, Calif., for Rudolph Olsen, transportation, \$11.90; per diem, \$25.

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There being sufficient money in the promotional fund at this time, the Supreme Board of Officers has taken the provision of transfer of \$35,000 from the Mortuary to the Promotional fund under Sec. 75, Par. 5, sub par., e, up for official consideration. The final decision reads as follows:

"That transfer of funds from the Mortuary to the Promotional Fund be waived for the year 1965."

Faternally yours,

VIGGO MIKKELSEN,
Supreme President.

1965 Distribution of Refunds

(DIVIDENDS)

We are pleased to announce that a refund of savings (commonly understood as dividends) to the insured members has been declared by the Board of Supreme Officers for 1965. This is the ninth year in succession that refunds have been made. The same basis and the same options as were announced as effective with the 1962 distribution will apply also for 1965. These options are restated below.

All benefit certificates (including certificates fully paid up) which have been in force for a full three years, or more, except benefit certificates on extended insurance and Juvenile "Term to Age 16" certificates, will share in these refunds:

1. They may be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. This means that there will be no monthly assessments to be paid on this additional insurance which the dividend will buy. This additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate. This additional "paid-up" insurance is allowed regardless of the age, occupation and state of health of the member and, as mentioned, no additional payments of assessments on account of this additional insurance are required of the member, OR

2. They may be left on deposit with the Brotherhood to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the Board.

3. They may be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate, the month of issue, or effective date of issue. (Consult your benefit certificate.)

Each member is permitted to choose either of the mentioned optional uses of his refund. If a member exercises no choice his dividend will automatically be used to buy additional "paid-up" insurance to which he will be entitled. In all such choices the member need not do anything at all. The insurance will automatically be added to his present amount of insurance on the records at the Home Office. However, any member can receive payment of the cash value on the paid-up additions, or payment of the refunds on deposit, whenever he wishes to do so by making a written request to be sent to the Home Office of our Society.

Your officers believe that the members will welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability and regardless of age and state of health and without the payment of monthly assessments on the additional paid-up portion. In the interest of the member, this is the use of the dividend which your Officers recommend.

While the amount of insurance thus purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the dividends are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

THE SUPREME BOARD OF OFFICERS.

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The Pulse of the Brotherhood

News From the Promotional Department by Kaj Gronborg Hansen

Denmark Foreign Minister Joins Danish Brotherhood!



The Danish Foreign Minister His Excellency, Per Hækkerup is welcomed to the Danish Brotherhood by Solvang's out-going President, Jorgen Liebeck, and by the newly elected President, Levi Persson (center). Mrs. Per Hækkerup is seen in the foreground.

At the invitation of Promotional Director Kaj G. Hansen, the Danish Foreign Minister, Per Hækkerup, joined the Danish Brotherhood as an honorary member of the Solvang Lodge No. 299.

The invitation was extended to the Foreign Minister while he was in attendance for the installation of officers in the Solvang Lodge. The invitation was graciously accepted by His Excellency, who displayed great pleasure and satisfaction at joining the largest Danish fraternal organization in America.

Congratulations to Solvang Lodge No. 299 for this distinguished new member!

A woman was annoyed by her husband's lack of displeasure at being crowded next to a lovely blonde in the elevator. Suddenly the blonde turned and slapped him and said, "That will teach you!"

Leaving the elevator the confused husband asked his wife "What caused all that?"

She replied: "I pinched her."

Danish Brotherhood SISTER OF THE MONTH

This month we introduce to all Danish Brotherhood members, our "Sister of the Month," Sister Joan Madsen, a member of Lodge No. 600. Her husband, Chris Madsen, was a member of the Supreme Board and his death was a great loss to our entire organization. However, Sister Joan Madsen is continuing the spirit and enthusiasm that her husband displayed as can be seen by her following letter.

"During my long association with the Danish Brotherhood, I was always greatly impressed with the care and concern that was shown for a Brother or his family in time of need, and therefore had no hesitation in joining the ranks when membership was opened up to accept the ladies also. Being able to work together gives a greater incentive to do a good job.

"Of great importance too, is the insurance which is also offered to the ladies. Excellent protection is given for a very reasonable cost. The Brotherhood has so much to offer to every member of the family, young or old — insurance protection, possible scholarships, and a chance to work together — that membership should be a MUST for all who are eligible."

SISTER JOAN MADSEN.



Why Not a Ladies' Auxiliary?

Many organizations, civic and fraternal, have ladies' auxiliaries. They have found that a ladies' auxiliary can be of great benefit and value to the parent organization. A Danish Brotherhood Lodge Ladies' Auxiliary would be a real asset for every lodge, regardless of whether or not they admit ladies to full membership.

A member of a Danish Brotherhood Ladies' Auxiliary would, of course, participate fully in every benefit of their membership and would contribute much to the growth and prosperity of the sponsoring lodge. Many tasks can be performed by a ladies' auxiliary, whether it be sponsoring social events and activities or raising funds for the organization. Even if your lodge has decided not to extend membership to ladies, it can choose to sponsor an auxiliary.

During the "Ladies' Months," we look for some of our lodges to explore this possibility and to take action to contribute to their own significance and growth. Some organizations have their auxiliaries meet at the same time and place so that a social hour can follow the business meetings of each group. Your lodge can do the same. Suggest to your lodge at its next meeting that it either admit ladies, or that it choose to sponsor a ladies' auxiliary.

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Lodge No. Loca- tion New Member Recommender or Sponsor

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- 1..... Omaha—*Gene A. Nielsen.....Fred Jensen
- 1..... Omaha—*R. J. Jorgensen...C. Sonderstrup
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- 17..... Chicago—*Erik Christensen...H Christensen
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- 17..... Chicago—*Knud S. Knudsen...Alfred Petersen
- 35..... Chicago— Walter O. Lovelle....Owen Lovelle
- 43..... Denver— Russel Overgard...S. A. Sonderup
- 51..... Ludington— Frank L. Keating...Carl Jeppesen
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- 96..... Jackson—*Nels Lundskow.....Nels Larsen
- 126.... Los Angeles— Soren Svenningsen..Ib A. Madsen
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- 262..... Cozad—*Aksel Jensen.....T. C. Jensen
- 299..... Solvang— Harry Kierch.....Levi Persson
- 325..... Nassau Co.— Peter Rasmussen...W. Steffensen
- 328..... Vancouver—*Kai L. Jorgensen..Ole Sigvardsen
- * New 1965 Member

SISTERS

- 1..... Omaha—*Margaret S. Larsen..Chris Larsen
- 1..... Omaha—*Jenny Johansen.....Chris Larsen
- 1..... Omaha—*Marie Jensen.....Chris Larsen
- 84..... Lincoln—*Ane E. Anker.....S. C. Sorensen
- 95..... Ferndale— Erin A. Chance.....Paul Chance
- 95..... Ferndale— Eunice Sanborn.....Don Sanborn
- 111..... Austin— Camilla Andersen..Otto Andersen
- 298..... Chicago—*Helga L. Nerstrom..Erik Bodholt
- 298..... Chicago—*Louise S. Hansen...Erik Bodholt
- 600 Gerrie Petersen...Curtis Petersen
- 600 Olfve Petersen...Curtis Petersen
- * New 1965 Member

JUVENILES

- 39..... Oakland— Carol Oredsen...Melvin Oredsen
- 116..... Newark— Lori Ann Madsen...John Madsen
- 143..... Petaluma—*Tamara Beth Brown..H. C. Brown
- 143..... Petaluma—*Theresa M. Brown...H. C. Brown
- 143..... Petaluma—*Todd Alan Brown...H. C. Brown
- 144..... Dike— Bart A. Petersen...A. B. Thode
- 144..... Dike— Perry L. Petersen...A. B. Thode
- 144..... Dike— Scott J. Petersen...A. B. Thode
- 144..... Dike— Curtis J. Petersen...A. B. Thode
- 144..... Dike— Julie A. Petersen...A. B. Thode
- 600 Jann E. Petersen...C. L. Petersen
- * New 1965 Member

1965 Honor Rolls

The list of Honor Roll sponsors and lodges has already been started. Brothers Chris Larsen No. 1, Fred Jensen No. 1, and Henry C. Brown No. 143, have already set the pace with three new members each. Lodge No. 1 leads the race for 1965 with six new members to date, followed very closely by Lodge No. 17 which has five. Good work! Who will be next?

1964 Honor Roll Standings

The following lists reveal the final standings of the 1964 Honor Rolls. Lodge No. 227 in Detroit did a most outstanding job by bringing 132 new members into the Brotherhood. What a challenging record to break! In the Individual Honor Roll, Axel Lohmann and Armand Larsen from Lodge No. 227 lead the way with Mogens Hempel No. 172, and Svend Sonderup No. 43, close behind.

Let's give each and every hardworking sponsor a real hand for his efforts! Truly their individual and united efforts have caused the Danish Brotherhood in America to GROW!

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	as of 1-1-64
227	Detroit, Michigan	132	309
106	Trufant, Michigan	22	115
126	Los Angeles, California	21	380
278	Salt Lake City, Utah	19	20
51	Ludington, Michigan	16	182
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	16	90
43	Denver, Colorado	15	95
299	Solvang, California	15	103
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	15	83
29	Seattle, Washington	14	291
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
*144	Dike, Iowa	8	78
39	Oakland, California	7	148
56	Kansas City, Missouri	7	83
106	Trufant, Michigan	7	115
1	Omaha, Nebraska	6	206
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	5	185
* 95	Ferndale, California	5	38
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 lodges on 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.		13
172	Mogens Hempel, Philadelphia, Pa.		12
43	Svend A. Sonderup, Denver, Colo.		12
227	Viggo Mikkelsen, Detroit, Mich.		10
106	LeMoyné D. Krebs, Trufant, Mich.		9
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
*144	A. B. Thode, Cedar Falls, Iowa		5

202—James C. Nordine, Warren, Pa.	5
227—Clemens Bertell, Detroit, Mich.	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
*195—Fred Jensen, Omaha, Nebr.	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
299—Levi Persson, 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
*182—Curtis L. Petersen, Waukegan, Ill.	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
322—Edward Aastad, Santa Barbara, Calif.	3
328—Henning Pedersen, Vancouver, B. C., Canada	3

* New sponsors on honor roll

Humboldt Lodge Enjoys Party



Fred Hedegaard and Mrs. Walter Pedersen, the committee for the party, display the prizes for bingo.

A festive Christmas party was enjoyed by the D. B. Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Iowa, on December 19. Each member had been asked to bring a guest and so a group of about 50 enjoyed the evening.

As guests arrived, they were ushered to the table where Mrs. Fred Hedegaard was serving punch. After

everyone had exchanged greetings and the special guests had been formally introduced, everyone participated in several games of bingo. Many prizes were given to the winners. Mrs. Chris Nielsen made and presented two gifts to the fortunate individuals whose chairs hid the lucky numbers.

Lunch was prepared and served by the wives of the Brothers after which those who wished to stay longer found a table and continued the evening by playing cards.

Lodge No. 217 holds its monthly meeting the first Tuesday of each month in the Community room of the Humboldt Trust and Savings Bank building. If visitors of other lodges are in Humboldt at that time, they will be more than welcome to drop in and spend the evening.

Fraternal Fund Tax

Section 65, paragraph 1 in the laws of the Brotherhood reads that:

"All insured members are hereby assessed a yearly tax of 50¢ for the Fraternal Fund. It shall be payable by the member on February first each year and remitted by the lodges to the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer's office (by the lodge treasurer) together with the February assessment."

The 1965 Fraternal Fund tax is now due and payable to the lodge treasurer before March 1, 1965. Members failing to pay as per above quoted paragraph will be considered in arrears. Frequently the lodge includes this tax in the amount of dues it collects from its members, others require a separate payment. Please check with your respective lodge treasurer.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

Promotional Kit Now Available

Being prepared for the use of each Lodge and its promotional chairman and committee is a promotional kit. Included in the kit will be many items to aid the lodge in securing new members.

The kit contains a vinyl Danish Brotherhood brief case, a lodge honor roll, information on the D. B. gala Denmark excursion trip contest, plus a supply of the new Danish Brotherhood bumper stickers. Of course, many other articles of promotional nature will be included in the kit as well as an outline of the 1965 "New Look" promotional program. Look for your lodge's promotional kit at your next meeting!

Golden Wedding Celebrated

On Wednesday, January 6, our good friends, Viggo and Sarah Hansen, Lake Worth, Fla., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a wonderful party at Captain Alex Restaurant, Riviera Beach, Fla.

At 6:30 p. m., about 100 guests met there for a cocktail party before a wonderful roast beef dinner. It was beautiful and delicious and all were happy, why not? Dancing followed the dinner and after a short speech of welcome by Viggo, Andy Andersen took over as toastmaster. We cannot give you the names of all the speakers, but Marius Krogh presented the honored couple with a present from those present, two "Guld Skaale," (solid gold) beautiful wrapped and flowers were presented too. The speeches were of course for the couple and we certainly told them what we thought of them; they are a wonderful couple and we have had many fine parties at their beautiful home.

Mrs. Hansen from Lake Forest, Ill., was present and she told us a little about Viggo when he first came here from Bloustrød paa Nordsjælland. She is Viggo's first "Madmoder." Their four children also were present and three of their grandchildren. Their sons and daughters each gave us a little impression of their parents.

Viggo joined the Brotherhood in 1910 and was one of the four living charter members of No. 321. He has held most all offices in the lodge.

The Hansens also had open house at their home Wednesday afternoon. Among those present was Viggo's brother, Harald, and wife. Brother Paulsen sang two beautiful numbers. You would be surprised if you had seen how many were dancing after the dinner. It shows that it is good to live in Florida. It was a wonderful evening and we certainly wish for Sarah and Viggo many more happy years ahead.

On our trip to Florida for these two affairs we took

a little trip to Miami to visit the Junckers. You may be sure they really like to see people and they are in wonderful shape.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

DB LODGES TO SPONSOR GROUP ACTIVITIES

The New Look Promotional Program includes provisions for the financial support to lodges sponsoring activities in the name of their lodge and the Danish Brotherhood. Activities that will be supported from the office of the Danish Brotherhood include the following:

- 1) Marching Band
- 2) Drill Team
- 3) Drum and Bugle Corps
- 4) Danish Folk Dance Group
- 5) Danish Singing Society
- 6) Danish Soccer Team
- 7) Parade Entries

Financial support will be given to every lodge that sponsors these activities. The support will help to defray expenses of such an undertaking. Parade entries will be awarded with \$25. Group activities will be supported with a \$25 award plus \$5 for every participant, provided they are members of the Danish Brotherhood.

It is the intent of our organization to sponsor an exhibition contest at our next national convention. Prepare now so that your lodge can enter this exhibition.

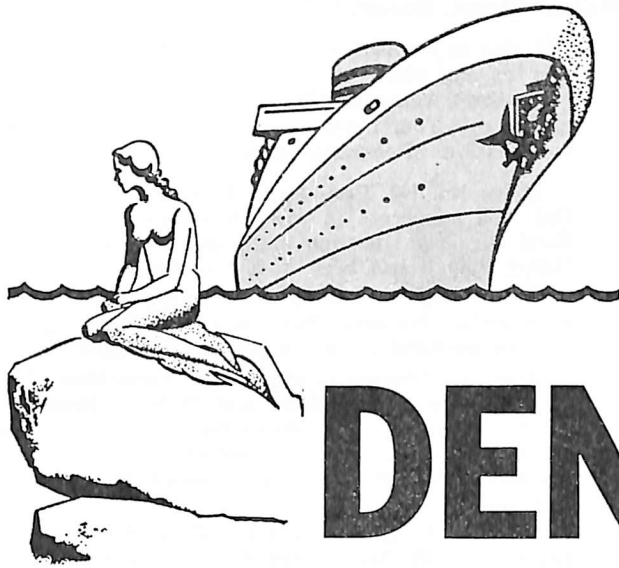
At your next lodge meeting suggest that your lodge take advantage of this group activity allowance and that it sponsors one of the before mentioned activities.

NOTE: For the Parade Entry award, send photograph to the home office. Group Activity awards will be made six months after initial organization of activity. Photographs and short articles should accompany request for award.

+ 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
Dec. 24	Hans Lorentzen	77	Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1944
Sep. 24	Andy Petersen	81	Rockford, Illinois	16	Minden, Nebraska	1910
Jul. 9	Louis M. K. Jensen	81	Ribe Amt, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1910
Oct. 14	Carl Christian Petersen	88	Odense, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Washington	1906
Oct. 9	Thorvald Emil Mortensen	84	Valby Sjælland, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Washington	1907
Dec. 12	John W. Nielsen	74	Vejle, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1925
Dec. 29	Frederik Petersen	79	Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1904
Dec. 16	Niels H. Tved	81	Gjording Ribe Amt.	49	San Francisco, California	1903
Dec. 8	Dr. Adolph Berg	91	Austin, Texas	49	San Francisco, California	1910
Dec. 19	Erik Larsen	89	Denmark	67	Fresno, California	1939
Dec. 6	Hans L. Andersen	83	Maribo, Denmark	67	Fresno, California	1913
Jan. 6	Lawrence P. Olsen	61	Albert Lea, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1925
Nov. 13	Edgar W. Hansen	62	Salt Lake City, Utah	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1940
Dec. 11	J. P. Piepgrass	89	Ødis, Vejle, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1900
Dec. 14	Charles Jensen	88	Vadrup, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1905
Dec. 24	Hans Petersen	83	Denmark	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1903
Dec. 15	Emil Nielsen	63	Ribe Amt, Denmark	212	Waterloo, Iowa	1924
Dec. 22	Sam W. Rasmussen	73	Grayling, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1912
Dec. 27	Karl Marius Mandahl	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	239	Lake Forest, Illinois	1913
Jan. 3	Svend Jensen	65	Falster, Denmark	257	New York, New York	1936
9-21-63	Poul Miller	60	Copenhagen, Denmark	257	New York, New York	1949
Nov. 7	Theodore Sorensen	84	Denmark	300	Oneonta, New York	1913
Jan. 6	Peter C. Kanstrup	73	Snedsted, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1914



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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Through the grapevine news has it that the president of the General Committee Eastern Lodges, Brother and Mrs. Kris Larsen, Jr., were blessed with a baby on or about January 6. It's a boy, if not already, soon to become a Brother in Lodge 32, New Haven. Congratulations happy parents, Barbara and Kris, and also "Grandma" Lillian Larsen.

Lodge No. 41, Shelton, Conn. A committee has been appointed and is busy at work making plans for the celebration of the 75th anniversary. Details of the affair will be published in the next few issues of the Brotherhood Magazine, but a tentative place and date has been set.

The 75th anniversary of the lodge will be held Saturday, May 29, at Rapps Grosey Hill Lodge, New Haven Avenue, Derby. Dinner will be served at 7 p. m., and there will be dancing from 9 p. m., to 1 a. m. The music will be for both young and not so young and plenty of Danish dances. Here is your advance notice. Make sure you keep Saturday, May 29, open and join Lodge No. 41 in this celebration. It is hoped that a large crowd from neighboring lodges will join in and make it a memorable evening.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N. J. Installation of officers took place January 14. GCEL Vice President George Godthaab did a fine job in installing the new officers assisted by yours truly. The Sisterhood, who met the same evening, prepared a nice spread of sandwiches, enjoyed by all.

A pre-lenten breakfast has been planned. For several years this lodge, in conjunction with the Sisterhood Lodge, has held a successful pre-lenten breakfast. More and more people seem to like the idea of going to the church of their choice and then attend this affair. It is like Mother's day, no cooking, no dishes and no left-overs. Make your reservations early, first come, first served, and the day is Sunday, February 28, at 1 p. m., in "Dana Hall" 288 Market Street, Perth Amboy. The price is \$2.75 per person — children, if small enough, \$1. Anthony Furdoch's orchestra will play in the afternoon. The chairman for the affair is Brother Charles Christensen with the assistance of the officers. Come out and meet the newly elected president, Brother Donald Borup.

Lodge No. 50, Byram, Conn. Dannevirke Lodge No. 50, DB and Valkyrie Lodge No. 27, DSS, held joint installation of officers. The Brothers were installed by GCEL President Brother Kris Larsen, assisted by his lodge Brother, Norman Edmunds, secretary of Lodge No. 32. A very fine job was performed and the Brothers of Lodge No. 50 convey their sincere thanks for a job well done. Following the ceremonies delicious refreshments were served by the Sisterhood.

Both the Sisterhood and Brotherhood meet the second Thursday of each month in the old church on Division Street, Byram. The place is owned by the Danish American club.

A delicious pork dinner was served the Brothers, by the Sisters, December 12. It was a splendid dinner enjoyed by all. On that evening the Brothers honored their oldest lodge Brother, Charles Lobger, who has turned 95, with a basket of cheer. Brother Charles is in excellent health and it was indeed a pleasure to hear

him sing in Danish; a real chip off the old block and as spry as can can.

Brothers, remember the second Thursday each month at 8 p. m. Your thirst can be quenched before and after the meeting. Refreshments are served by the Sisters.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. The first meeting in 1965 was a success in more than one way. Every one liked the new meeting hall and the attendance was higher than it has been in a long time.

Several Brothers have been confined to their homes with colds. We hope their recovery will be speedy and we look forward to seeing them at the next meeting.

After the January meeting, joint installation of officers was held by the Brothers and Sisters. Brother Fred. Verdict was installing officer for the Brothers, assisted by Brother Ed. Sorensen as conductor. The newly elected President, Walter Nordling, thanked them for a job well done.

Sister Molly Decker was installing officer for "Haab" Lodge No. 158, DSS, assisted by Sister Esther Madsen. Newly elected President Mildred Larson thanked them for a job well done. A fine table of Danish delicacies was set up later in the evening by the Sisters and all did justice to it.

The correspondent for this lodge, Brother Carl W. Sorensen, wishes to thank all Brothers, far and near, for the many greetings he received during the holidays.

Birthday greetings for the month of February goes to Alfred Pearson II.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. Brother Christian Thomassen, who is a member of Perth Amboy Lodge No. 46, but residing in Melbourne Beach, Fla., is also a member of "Gamle Georg Stage Dreng." Brother Thomassen mailed me a copy of their publication and a picture of our own Brother Chr. Derby together with his wife Carla and a couple of friends who beautified the front page. Boating seems to be Brother Chris' hobby and while having a wonderful time in Denmark regards go to all Brothers.

Installation of officers took place January 9. It was a joint installation with Sisterhood Lodge No. 84. About 80 people attended this open installation. Supreme Vice President Mildred Sorensen, assisted by Sister Edith Nielsen of Lodge No. 84 installed the Sisters, while GCEL Vice President George Godthaab, assisted by GCEL Treasurer Gunnar Froelich, installed the Brothers. Both did a very nice job and officers of both lodges are now ready to dig in (by digging in, I do not mean hide) for the ensuing year. We wish them all the best of luck. Coffee and cake was served and Anthony Furdock's orchestra played until 1 a. m.

An officers' meeting for the Brothers was held January 29, and plans for the coming year set up.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. This lodge is off to a new start and hope 1965 will be a successful year. Installation of officers took place January 15. Brother Carl Torp of Lodge No. 116, Newark, was the installing officer. I don't know at this writing who was conductor; however I do know that visitors from Lodges No. 46, 90 and 116 attended the installation and had a wonderful evening.

Brother Knud Koefoed, who so successfully has been

president for the past two years, was re-elected and it is hoped his third term will be unsurpassed. He has a good slate of officers and they have in Philadelphia what most other lodges need, many young members and members who are not afraid to do their part. I missed the installation but Brother George Godthaab and I will be down real soon; keep the cards hot.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. This lodge will be your host for the 1965 GCEL convention to be held over the Labor day weekend. With the new and re-elected officers now in full swing we should soon hear some convention news. All I can do is sit back and hope someone will send me all details so that Brothers in all lodges will be well informed. Many Brothers neglect to come to meetings, but they may by chance read this column and by being informed through this medium, make Schenectady their Labor day weekend stop.

To Brothers Teddy Mikkelsen, Hans Edelfelt and Harold Christie, who are under their doctors' care, a speedy recovery.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Installation of officers in this lodge has at this writing not taken place yet, but I have the list of officers to be installed and it promises to be a good year ahead. To head the group as president is Brother Otto Jonasen and with his son, Edward Jonasen, both as secretary and publisher of "Lyngblomsten," we all know that it will be a busy year for all and things will be done.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. Most officers of Lodge No. 314 went to New Haven Lodge No. 32, January 13. Installation of officers took place and the installing officer was the secretary of GCEL, Brother Alfred Stark, who who is a member of that lodge and has served as finan-

cial secretary for a good many years. Following the did a fine job and No. 314 is really proud of their Brother ceremonies the ladies served delicious sandwiches, cake and coffee, indeed a real fine treat. The Hartford gang are hearty eaters and all had a good share of the delicacies. A good time was had by all and it is always a joy to visit in New Haven.

New Haven was to return the visit, inasmuch as the GCEL President, Brother Kris Larsen, was to install the officers of Lodge No. 314 January 16, but the weatherman had other ideas. A blizzard came our way and installation was postponed to January 20.

Plans for a "Torskgilde" in February are in the making, but the exact date has not been set. However, all Brothers will be notified.

The Christmas party for the children, held December 26, was a huge success and we owe a lot of thanks to the Sisters and Brothers who served on this committee.

Twenty-five attended the meeting December 6 and we hope the Brothers will keep this up all winter. With good attendance at the meetings the work for the officers is much more enjoyable and all feel that their work and effort to make the lodge among the best is appreciated.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Installation of officers took place January 8. The installing officer was GCEL Vice President George Godthaab, assisted by GCEL Trustee Albert Christensen. This lodge has opened its doors for the ladies and from hearsay I think about 15 applications are on file and a mass initiation will take place in the near future. I hope to hear more about this from the lodge itself.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco

In am indeed sorry to report to the membership in California the passing of one of the best known members in our organization, Brother Guy Bjerre, he passed away unexpectedly at his home in Ferndale January 8. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Frances Hansen, also of Ferndale. Mrs. Bjerre passed away many years ago.

Brother Bjerre had been a member of Lodge No. 95 for many years. He was born in Kolding, Denmark on May 1, 1895. He was nearly always a delegate to our conventions and for many years his invitation to hold a convention in Ferndale was a classic. And I really think he was surprised when at the convention in 1963 the General Committee accepted his invitation. And I am sure that all of you who attended the convention and came in contact with him, cannot forget his genial smile and good humor.

Besides being active in the DB, he was a 50-year member of Valhalla Lodge of Dania in Ferndale. He was a member of Ferndale Lions club, Myrtle Encampment of IOOF, the American Legion and the Danish Sisterhood.

Brother Bjerre was a wonderful fellow to visit the sick. When I was ill last year he made a special effort to come and visit me. The American Legion had given him a special citation for his visitation of its sick members. Yes, we shall all miss a good friend and Brother, and we extend our sincere sympathy to his daughter and her family.

Another Brother in Ferndale, Peter Jacobsen, a 50-year member of No. 95, passed away in December of a heart attack and we extend our sympathy to Mrs. Jensen and his children. A daughter is married to Brother Donald Sanborn, secretary of the lodge.

In my last article I mentioned about the dreadful flood condition in Ferndale and nearby places in northern California. And a good many of our friends have lost everything they possessed. However, some of the happenings also had their comic side to it. For instance, at a doctor's office on Christmas eve a daughter of Paul Chance, Mrs. Diane Martella, gave birth to a little grandson with almost everyone in the family assisting. Due to the flood there was no electricity so grandfather Paul had to keep a generator going in order to get electricity for the doctor to see by. Mrs. Martella's sister, Erin, a recent graduate nurse, had to assist the doctor. Afterwards the families, that is, the Chance and Sanborn families, gathered at the Chance home as it was the only home with heat — in a fireplace, in order to make it a happy Christmas eve. Paul Chance was the last one to drive out of Ferndale and the first one to come home via a helicopter. Afterwards he said it was just sickening to see people up on roofs of their barns and houses in order to save themselves from the flood. Undoubtedly it is better by now, but for a while at least people had to get a pass in order to get into Ferndale.

I am indebted to Mrs. Donald Schuler in Eureka for the information from Ferndale. Mrs. Schuler is a member of the Sisterhood lodge in Ferndale.

I am happy to tell you that by the time this gets into print, Brother and Mrs. Knud Raben will be the new managers at our Danish Home "Aldersly," in San Rafael. Brother and Mrs. Raben have had a catering business for many years and the lodges will miss them, as they no longer will be able to put on dinners for us. And they were especially known to the Consular Corps here

in San Francisco for the fine cooking art. We congratulate not only the Rabens but also Aldersly.

For the past month our two presidents of our General Committees have been traveling all over the state installing officers of the lodges. It has become an event to which we all look forward to every year and I am sure the present officers will be no exception, both are skilled in the ritual, and of course, this is half of the pleasure when we hear the ritual performed the way it should be. I know that Brother Oredsen has been followed in most places by our energetic Brother Al Tunsen and his wife, who by the way is the conductor in the Sisterhood General Committee. Brother Tunsen has a two-fold job, that of trustee on the Supreme Board and secretary-treasurer of our General Committee.

One lodge in which our president could not install, Lodge No. 329 in Long Beach, had its own installation with Brother C. W. Hansen, past president of the General Committee as installing officer. Prior to the installation the members had dinner at the Jolly Rogers Inn in Anaheim. They learned that the general manager, Mr. Nielsen as well as his assistant, Willy Leister, are both Danes. I hope Bill had a couple of applications in his pocket and a fountain pen and got the two gentlemen to sign up.

I have had the pleasure of meeting our Promotional Manager, Brother Kaj Hansen from Omaha, a fine young man from Aalborg and full of enthusiasm. Brother Willy Christensen, an officer in the General Committee and past president for two terms in No. 49 and is now starting again, invited a few of the members from 49 to have lunch with Brother Hansen at the Del Webb Town House. We hope to have Brother Kaj Hansen at a lodge meeting later on in February to tell us all about his promotion plans. I might say that Brother Hansen was bombarded with questions and perhaps he got the idea the gang in 49 is a tough one. But far from it, we are just interested in the betterment of our Brotherhood.

Brother Kurt Christensen, a member of 49, has just established an accounting and bookkeeping office in downtown San Francisco. Brother Christensen was an accountant in Denmark for many years prior to going to Canada and then to San Francisco two years ago. He was very interested in sports and was for many years associated with the Danish Amateur Boxing Association, where he was secretary for seven years and chairman for 5½ years.

We have just had a visit in California of Per Hækkerup the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs, and a most delightful gentleman to meet. I had the pleasure of meeting him at a luncheon given by the Danish club where he gave a most interesting talk. As most of the guests were American his talk was in English and it was a delight to hear him use that language. His Excellency had his wife along who became a member of parliament last fall. He has a brother who is a minister and a son who is also in the government service. While in Solvang he was made an honorary member of Lodge No. 299, and I believe this is the first time one of the top officials in Denmark has taken such interest in our organization. Congratulations to His Excellency and Lodge No. 299.

Danish Brotherhood Does Admit Ladies

News From Florida

It is a long time since you have heard anything from the South. The reason is not that nothing has been going on, but for some reason or another, I have not had the chance to go to West Palm Beach at the time when all these things go on. In December we had our regular meeting with election of officers, etc. All present officers were re-elected by acclamation and 26 were present. We were informed that the annual New Year's party was to take place January 16 at the Captain Alex Restaurant, Riviera Beach.

The letter and article in the DB Magazine regarding the pension fund was discussed and also several other points. It was a real good meeting. The usual coffee table with pastry, etc., was enjoyed after the meeting and also the card games.

At the January meeting it was about the same thing, only then the re-elected officers were installed, George V. Petersen was the installing officer and Marius Krogh was the conductor. It was done in short order but you may be sure it was legal. Again we had our social party after which came all the pastry you could eat, and coffee.

For some reason or another it has not been in our paper that some meetings back we had quite a lot of members present and 50-year pins and 25-year pins were presented to several Brothers. I apologize for not having all of it in, but it was a nice presentation.

At the coffee table it was announced that Brother John Schouldt and his wife celebrated their wedding anniversary on that day. Congratulations were offered and free coffee and we wished them many more happy years together.

We missed Hannah Anderson at the last meeting and also at a party I will tell you about. She is in a hos-

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