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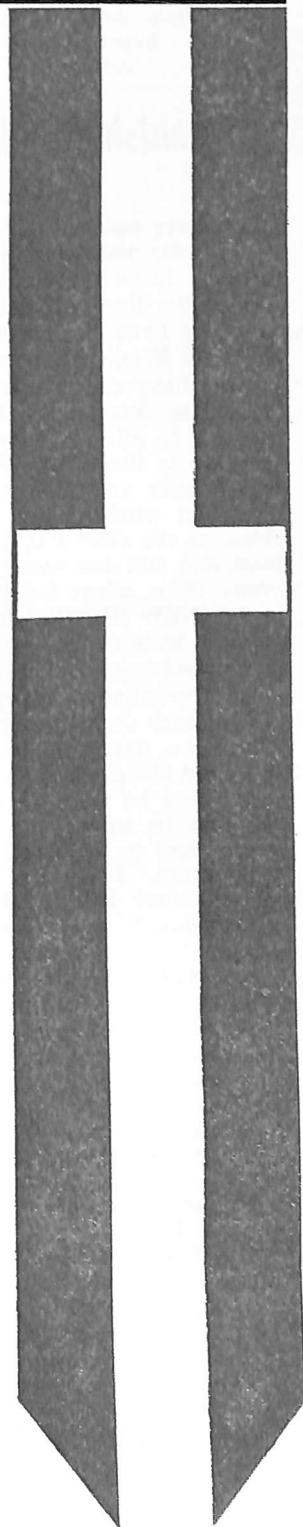
Seated left to right: Emmett Petersen, President Lodge No. 51; Viggo Mikkelsen, Supreme President; Herman Finholm, District President. Standing, left to right: Manus Norton, District Secretary-Treasurer; Ray Sweet, District Vice President; Leonard Case, District Promotional Chairman; Kaj G. Hansen, International Promotional Director.

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Danish Brotherhood Excursion to Denmark

We have reached the end of the trail as far as promotion of the 1966 Danish Brotherhood Excursion is concerned. Some Excursion participants will leave a few days after this publication reaches its readers. Other members have about a week left before they are airborne.

As all Brotherhood members, who read this magazine or who have shown interest in the tour know, there are several sections in the 1966 Excursion.

First of all, we have the Excursion by ship — and the ship is the NEW KUNGSHOLM, making her second transatlantic eastbound crossing from New York on June 6 — and what a ship! Other Swedish American Line ships, as the older KUNGSHOLM and GRIPSHOLM, have been and still are some of the finest Atlantic liners and cruise ships afloat today — but wait until you will sail in the NEW KUNGSHOLM.

Most staterooms in the Tourist Class section in this new vessel are far superior to First Class rooms on many other transatlantic liners. There are several types of cabins, each deck having its own distinctive color scheme. All cabins have wall-to-wall carpeting, plenty of wardrobe and storage space, and each room has dial phones which can be used to any part of the ship and calls can also be made or received over these cabin phones to any spot in the world through the ship's ultra-modern radio room. Programs of light and serious music are sent out over two channels and each cabin has its own controllable loud speaker and channel selector.

The most impressive rooms are, of course, the main lounge and the dining room. The main lounge, seating well over 400 passengers, is approximately 6400 square feet and is described as "the Golden Room," the huge dome is covered with 24 karat gold leaf. The dining room, the largest room on board, seats over 500 and has an area of over 9000 square feet. It cannot be described — it must be seen.

The NEW KUNGSHOLM has an indoor swimming pool with gymnasium, steam baths, massage rooms, etc., and this is the place where the "early birds" meet for the daily workout.

The Brotherhood Excursion committee arranged for transportation to suit almost anybody as far as pocket-book and time were concerned. First the ship excursion and then a charter flight, a six-week trip from New York on June 12 and return from Copenhagen July 22. Then a four-week group flight (higher priced than the charter), but to suit the busy people with only four weeks to spare. Finally, a group flight from Chicago (six week's

duration), but especially suited for members who wanted to travel direct from Chicago with no stopover in New York.

It all sounded pretty good to begin with — the matter of fact it all sounded good until the final payment notice was mailed. We had a couple of good, healthy groups, numbering well over the minimum of 25 passengers in each group, but then the cancellations came — heart attack, infection, bad feet, and what not, and it was just too bad for the members who were real serious in making the trip that the ones who did not plan to travel and who demanded a refund of the deposit when full payment was due did not have the courtesy to cancel out at an earlier date.

Most members did understand the tour committee's predicament and decided to take the four-week New York group instead of the six-week Chicago group, and only one member (we are happy to report) accused the tour manager of setting his own terms and accepting a deposit for a trip not carried out.

Each and every member had been informed that a group flight would only materialize if 25 full fare paying passengers would travel round trip together.

The Charter flight, on the contrary, has been working out entirely differently. I have been handling a dozen charter flights during the past few years, and there have been many cancellations, in some cases even up to a week or two before departure time. The Brotherhood Excursion, as of this writing, has about ten persons waiting listed for cancellations and no cancellations have taken place after the tickets were paid for in full.

The two air movements will arrive at Kastrup Airport in Copenhagen on June 13 and 14 in the morning, a mere seven hours from New York bring them to Denmark, having been fed good Scandinavian meals, and with a little sleep they are awakened with breakfast in the morning before they see the red roofs on all houses close to the airport.

Ship and air passengers will all meet on June 14, the day when the KUNGSHOLM is scheduled to arrive in Copenhagen at 8 a. m. Lord Mayor Urban Hansen will bid the official Excursion welcome to Denmark while the Mail Carrier's Orchestra will entertain.

At 12 o'clock a reception at the City Hall will take place and it must here be emphasized that this reception is strictly for members and their families taking part in the Excursion. It will not be possible to bring in friends or relatives from Denmark to this function.

In the evening at 7 o'clock the home-coming banquet will take place at Restaurant Nimb. All tour participants and their families who have informed the tour manager that they intend to take part in the banquet will be furnished tickets at no charge, prior to their departure from the USA. Some tour members have inquired as to the possibility of bringing friends and relatives to this festive occasion, and this can very well be done, although these arrangements must be made before the Excursion leaves.

The cost of this banquet is almost \$10 per person, and this is the price that members must pay for the guests they intend to invite.

On June 15, a visit to the Carlsberg Breweries will be arranged. Buses will be leaving from the City Hall Square outside the Palace Hotel at 2 p. m., and the return trip from the breweries will be at 4 p. m. The round trip bus fare of \$1 per person will be charged.

It has been a pleasure to be of service to the many participants in the 1966 Excursion, and I take this opportunity to wish everybody a very enjoyable trip and a wonderful stay in Denmark. **PALLE JUUL-LARSEN.**

West Palm Beach, Florida

Saturday, April 30, two well-known Brothers, Viggo Hansen and Andy Andersen entertained about 80 guests at a good party to celebrate their birthdays. Cocktails preceded the delicious roast beef dinner. Entertainment was furnished by an accordion player and with singing and dancing, and naturally several friends offered congratulatory remarks. Marius Krogh served as toast-master for the event.

Viggo Hansen's son and daughter-in-law were present and were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Brother Andy's sister, Agnes Christensen, who is visiting here from Denmark, was given a hearty welcome.

Other members of the families of both Brothers were also present and with a host of friends, it was a wonderful evening.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

RESOLUTION

Laurence T. Larsen — Waukegan, Illinois

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal Brother, Laurence T. Larsen, who passed away May 2, 1966, at the age of 74.

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for a period of 30 days, and that this resolution be inserted in our Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and in our records, and that a copy hereof be sent to the family.

George Lindhardt, Sec. No. 182.



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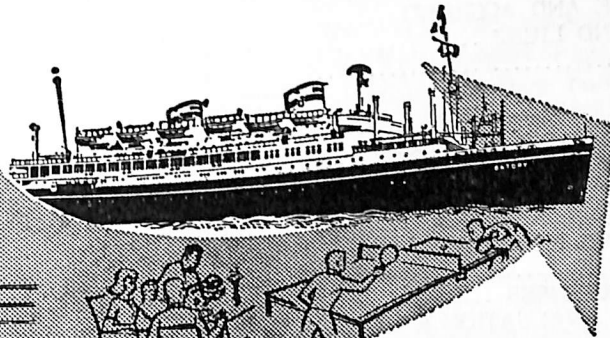
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Annual Report for THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA

STATEMENTS OF INCOME OR —LOSS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1965 (Note 1)

	Mortuary Fund	Juvenile Fund	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Promotional Fund	Total
INCOME:						
Life premiums, membership assessments, taxes ..	\$ 172,850	\$ 9,322	\$ 13,154	\$ 24,324	\$ 4,884	\$ 224,534
Investment income	148,689	1,700	8,279	995	4,418	164,081
Miscellaneous	32	5		3,055		3,092
Total income	\$ 321,571	\$ 11,027	\$ 21,433	\$ 28,374	\$ 9,302	\$ 391,707
DEDUCT:						
Death benefits	\$ 192,419	\$ 1,000	\$	\$ 1,000	\$	\$ 194,419
Matured and surrendered policies	13,622					13,622
Increase in life policy reserves	17,564	6,464				24,028
General expenses	11,284		15,646	67,799	38,432	133,161
Taxes, licenses and fees	174			2,053	255	2,482
Total deductions	\$ 235,063	\$ 7,464	\$ 15,646	\$ 70,852	\$ 38,687	\$ 367,712
NET INCOME OR —LOSS FROM OPERATIONS, before refunds to members	\$ 86,508	\$ 3,563	\$ 5,787	\$ —42,478	\$ —29,385	\$ 23,995
REFUNDS TO MEMBERS	50,477	1,680				52,157
Net income or —loss	\$ 36,031	\$ 1,883	\$ 5,787	\$ —42,478	\$ —29,385	\$ —28,162
FUND BALANCES, December 31, 1964	1,286,237	23,476	240,885	53,485	117,724	1,721,807
Realized gains or —losses on sale of securities ..	12,932			—3		12,929
Increase in unrealized appreciation of securities ...	35,855					35,855
Changes in previous years non-ledger balances			—438	438		
—Increase or decrease in mandatory securities valuation reserves	—39,540	—10	—75	—10		—39,635
Fund transfers	—43,603	—3,560	—1,239	13,402	35,000	
FUND BALANCES, December 31, 1965 (Note 3)	\$1,287,912	\$ 21,789	\$244,920	\$ 24,834	\$123,339	\$1,702,794

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

BALANCE SHEETS — DECEMBER 31, 1965 (Note 1)

	Mortuary Fund	Juvenile Fund	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Promotional Fund	Total
ADMITTED ASSETS						
CASH, including \$280,000 certificates of deposit	\$ 222,872	\$ 38,955	\$ 21,351	\$ 5,628	\$125,867	\$ 414,673
INVESTMENT IN BONDS, at amortized cost (Quoted market \$3,647,069)	3,573,794		224,252	10,000		3,808,046
INVESTMENT IN STOCKS at market (cost \$434,577)	503,110	10,000		10,000		523,110
PREMIUMS RECEIVABLE FROM LODGES	22,292	1,383				23,675
INTEREST INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED	36,479		1,682	10		38,171
CERTIFICATE LOANS AND LIENS	14,483					14,483
REAL ESTATE	45,757					45,757
	<u>\$4,418,787</u>	<u>\$ 50,338</u>	<u>\$247,285</u>	<u>\$ 25,638</u>	<u>\$125,867</u>	<u>\$4,867,915</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIFE POLICY RESERVES, based on 1941 CSO 2½% mortality tables	\$2,867,623	\$ 26,919	\$	\$	\$	\$2,894,542
DEATH CLAIMS, in process of settlement	11,801					11,801
ESTIMATED REFUNDS TO MEMBERS, payable in 1966	52,500	1,500				54,000
ACCRUED GENERAL EXPENSES				200	2,528	2,728
MANDATORY SECURITIES VALUATION RESERVE	198,452	110	2,365	410		201,337
OTHER LIABILITIES	499	20		194		713
Total liabilities (Note 3)	\$3,130,875	\$ 28,549	\$ 2,365	\$ 804	\$ 2,528	\$3,165,121
FUND BALANCES (Notes 2 and 3)	1,287,912	21,789	244,920	24,834	123,339	1,702,794
	<u>\$4,418,787</u>	<u>\$ 50,338</u>	<u>\$247,285</u>	<u>\$ 25,638</u>	<u>\$125,867</u>	<u>\$4,867,915</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these balance sheets.

**STATEMENTS OF GENERAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1965 (Note 1)**

	Mortuary Fund	Juvenile Fund	Fraternal Fund	General Fund	Promotional Fund	Total
Rent and lights	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,377	\$ 1,683	\$ 5,060
Salaries and wages	10,600			22,173	11,240	44,013
Membership awards					5,796	5,796
Traveling expenses				8,408	4,220	12,628
Advertising				1,766	4,046	5,812
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone			60	2,364	2,344	4,768
Annual statement expense				708		708
Furniture and equipment				604		604
Actuarial and statistical service fees				4,529		4,529
Official publication				5,170	1,929	7,099
Lodge supplies				2,331	2,694	5,025
Legal and audit fees				15,075		15,075
Fraternal payments			12,272			12,272
Bowling prizes and expenses					832	832
Scholarship grants and prizes			3,250			3,250
Sundry general expenses	684		64	1,967	2,108	4,823
General expenses paid	\$ 11,284	\$ —	\$ 15,646	\$ 68,472	\$ 36,892	\$ 132,294
Accrued — Current year-end				200	2,528	2,728
Accrued — Previous year-end				-873	-988	-1,861
General expenses incurred	\$ 11,284	\$ —	\$ 15,646	\$ 67,799	\$ 38,432	\$ 133,161

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. Such practices differ from those generally accepted accounting principles commonly followed by other types of enterprises primarily in that:

- (a) Certain assets, principally furniture and equipment, are charged to expense as purchased rather than being capitalized and amortized over their useful lives.
- (b) Certain costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred, rather than being amortized over the expected terms of the insurance contracts.

The aggregate net effect of such variances on the financial statements does not have a material effect on income or financial position.

(2) The fund balances at December 31, 1965, consist of the following:

Fund	Contingency Reserve	Special Reserves	Unassigned Funds	Total
Mortuary	\$681,649	\$	\$606,263	\$1,287,912
Juvenile			21,789	21,789
Fraternal		244,920		244,920
General		24,834		24,834
Promotional ...		123,339		123,339
	<u>\$681,649</u>	<u>\$393,093</u>	<u>\$628,052</u>	<u>\$1,702,794</u>

(3) A Retirement Plan has been adopted for full-time salaried employees with a minimum of three years' service. As of December 31, 1965, two employees were qualified for the Retirement Plan. The Brotherhood has unfunded liability of approximately \$64,000 for benefits under the Plan.

To the Supreme Board of Officers,
The Danish Brotherhood in America:

We have examined the individual balance sheets of the Mortuary Fund, Juvenile Fund, Fraternal Fund, General Fund and Promotional Fund of THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA (incorporated in Nebraska as a non-profit fraternal benefit society) as of December 31, 1965, and the related statements of income or (loss) and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Our examination did not include the financial statements of the member lodges.

In our opinion, the accompanying individual balance sheets and the statements of income or (loss) and changes in fund balances present fairly the financial position of the Mortuary Fund, Juvenile Fund, Fraternal Fund, General Fund and Promotional Fund of The Danish Brotherhood in America as of December 31, 1965, and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska and, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.

Omaha, Nebraska,
March 18, 1966.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By HAROLD MATHIASSEN, 7201 LaCienega Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90045

From Bakersfield, Thanks to Verner Stenderup — Lodge No. 319 of the Brotherhood and No. 168 of the Sisterhood have scheduled a busy summer in preparation for the coming General Committee Convention on August 4, 5 and 6.

On Friday evening, May 20, Dr. and Mrs. Michelsen opened their lovely home for a card party, with the proceeds going to the convention fund. Mr. and Mrs. Venid Petersen and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson served as hosts with the Michelsens.

On Sunday, June 5, the annual steak bake takes place at the Hart Memorial park. The committees making all the arrangements are Douglas Nelson, Ansgar Petersen, Søren Stennerup and President Ove Hansen. All the steaks, trimmings and beverages will be served by the committee. (This looks so interesting that some of us from L.A. are going to be in Bakersfield on this occasion and join our good neighbors in what appears to be a jolly good time. It pays to advertise.)

The convention will be held at the Hacienda Motel in Bakersfield. Committees have been formed to make this an outstanding convention with Verner Stenderup as general chairman.

Committees working with the chairman are: Arrangements, Alfred Nielsen; Friday night, Ove Hansen, Erik Michelsen, Gerald Johnson and Gunner Stenderup. In charge of transportation will be Vernid Petersen. Music to be handled by Olfred Nielsen and Verner Stenderup. The welcoming committee is Alfred Nielsen, Ansgar Petersen, Hans Vandborg and Chris Chromaw. The Sisterhood members are also working on many of these committees.

The welcoming committee is planning a champagne reception for the many delegates and guests. The Friday night committee is planning a typical bar-b-que at the Kern River Golf Course, with transportation to be provided. All meetings will be held at the Hacienda as will the Thursday night activities.

Everyone is looking forward to the entertainment that the Sisterhood will provide on Friday night in the form of a talent contest. The Sisters from the other lodges are being asked to participate in this event. The Saturday night banquet will be held in the Palm Room of the Hacienda. As Verner Stenderup remarks: "Bakersfield is located in the famous San Joaquin Valley of central California with a very warm and dry climate in the summer, but if you come in proper convention spirit, you won't notice the heat....we don't."

The Hacienda is 100 per cent air conditioned, and has an Olympic-sized swimming pool for added enjoyment. The motel has all the facilities needed and has plenty of rooms, so that everyone will be able to be housed on the same premises. Again — the dates — August 4-5-6, and we all can help the committee by taking chances on the beautiful Danish coffee service and hand-knit afghan that the ladies are busy finishing.

Escondido News by Charlotte Jensen:

At the May 9 meeting, Palomar Lodge No. 336 elected Lillian Suda and Einer Pedersen as delegates to the California General Committee convention, with Alva Jensen and Einar Jackle as alternates.

After more than a year we can finally display our charter properly, thanks to Einer Pedersen who presented us with a beautiful frame that he made himself. Johanne Perkins made a lovely red felt cover to keep it in.

We are planning a picnic for July 10th at Elfin Forrest in Escondido. Other summer activities are a hayride, beach party and a dance. We welcome Michael Napolitana, who was initiated in April.

Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 had 18 bowlers get together May 1 to compete in the Brotherhood's national bowling tournament. The scores were real good with five bowlers having a score of over 600 with handicaps. Kaj Due was high man again this year with 637. Next in line were Jim Nelson 617, Harold Mathiasen 610, Eli Rasmussen 607 and Tage Møller 601. The Los Angeles bowlers hope to invite the neighboring lodges to join with them to bowl for the state tournament in the near future.

Sunday, May 22, 32 members and friends set sail for Port Hueneme at 5 a. m., for a day of fishing. Peter Munck was in charge of all arrangements and did an excellent job. There were not as many fish caught as is always expected, but that wasn't Peter's fault. Nevertheless, the weather was good, and helped to make the trip a success. I wonder if the fish can read, we always advertise these trips a long time ahead, and the fish always seems to have the advance notice as to when a certain group from Lodge No. 126 is coming out to decrease their number. Anyway, they can't say that we don't feed them well.

The Toastmasters club, sponsored by No. 126 will celebrate its new charter with an installation dinner-dance at the Danish Center on Saturday, June 4.

News From Albert Lea

Albert Lea as host to Austin No. 111 for their annual anniversary party extends a very hearty thanks to all of the Austin members and to their own members for turning out to make the anniversary party a tremendous success.

Mr. Art Ludteke from Lea College gave a thorough description of the new Lea College and the course and instructors that will be offered this fall for the incoming freshman class.

Following Mr. Ludteke, Albert Lea honored three members with awarding of 50-year pins. The honored members were Alfred Christiansen, Viggo Sorensen and Pete Sorensen. The rest of the evening was spent around the card tables playing 500. Walter Larsen and Minnie Jacobsen were grand winners with John Larsen and Audrey Eastlund taking second place.

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On May 1 John Larsen, Dave Larsen and C. O. Eastlund attended a meeting for the National Convention planning committee.

The executive committee was elected with the following members to serve: Chris Pedersen, Jens Høj, Fred Petersen, Jim Petersen and Holger Fisher as alternate from Minneapolis, Pete Godfredsen from Austin, Ove Hermansen from Askov and Dave Larsen from Albert Lea.

Albert Lea's thoughts now turn toward their annual St. Hans party the last of June. So if you are in the neighborhood, come and enjoy a potluck supper and watch the Witch burn.

Oh yes, thanks to the Clear Lake members for their travel to Albert Lea and help with our anniversary party. Until next month TT.

EASTY OF ALBERT LEA.

THE PULSE OF THE BROTHERHOOD

NEWS FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT
by KAJ GRONBORG HANSEN



TOP SPONSOR (Tie)

Ken Janssen, 4, Racine
C. Larsen, 230, Arcata

TOP LODGES

Group 1—No. 95, Ferndale
Group 2—No. 4, Racine

Top sponsor and top lodges are judged by the number of applications submitted to the Home Office for approval by the 20th of the month.



A SINCERE

Welcome

TO OUR

NEW MEMBERS

AND OUR "HATS OFF" TO THEIR SPONSOR

Introducing Our New Members

(APRIL 21 — MAY 20)

BROTHERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
17	Chicago	Edwin B. Hansen	Jens C. Bro
35	Chicago	Frode Frederiksen	Marlin Borup
43	Denver	Peter Pedersen	Svend Sonderup
46	Perth Amboy	Earl E. Prang	Peter Christensen
51	Ludington	Lloyd Rathburn	Emmett Petersen
51	Ludington	James E. Leach	Wallace Bentz
51	Ludington	William J. Leak	Emmett Petersen
51	Ludington	Donald Johnson	Martin Johnson
51	Ludington	Kenneth Petersen	Martin Johnson
51	Ludington	Milton Anderson	Earl Jensen
51	Ludington	George McCallum	A. Christoffessen
51	Ludington	Lawrence Stevens	Alfred Larsen
51	Ludington	Robert D. Stever	Donald Bentz
70	Greenville	Edward P. Hansen	Wesley Kraft
70	Greenville	Eugene Gleason, Jr.	Wesley Kraft
126	Los Angeles	Mogens Sogaard	Paul Andersen
126	Los Angeles	Jorgen Kierkegaard	Paul Andersen
126	Los Angeles	Eric Storm	Paul Andersen
172	Philadelphia	John Keegan, Jr.	Mogens Hempel
172	Philadelphia	W. R. Broadbeut, Jr.	M. Hempel
172	Philadelphia	Hans W. Siemers	Mogens Hempel
172	Philadelphia	R. J. Rondum, Jr.	Mogens Hempel
227	Detroit	Gary W. Nelson	Viggo Mikkelsen
227	Detroit	Arnold Anderson	Viggo Mikkelsen
227	Detroit	Roderick Holst	Siegfred Jorgensen
227	Detroit	Ken Rasmussen	Siegfred Jorgensen
227	Detroit	Karl Fleckner	Jens Feldborg
227	Detroit	Buchardt Nielsen	August Jons
227	Detroit	C. M. Gundersen	Albert Halse
227	Detroit	Gerald B. Olson	Albert Halse
227	Detroit	Clair L. Johnson	Jorgen Mau
227	Detroit	Elmer Christoffersen	Eric Dane
255	Selma	William Thompson	Hans Iversen
255	Selma	Holger L. Hansen	Hans Iversen
261	Fowler	Robert F. Sorensen	Virgil Higgs

- 306San Diego—John Andersen.....Kresten Norby
- 306San Diego—Axel Smith.....Hans Jensen
- 314 Hartford—Robert Christensen..Aage Jespersen
- 328 Vancouver—Jens Miller.....Paul Eriksen
- 336 Escondido—Michael Napolitano...Richard Suda
- 337 Fremont—Carl E. Madsen.....William Nielsen

SISTERS

- 325Nassau Co.—Kamma Juergensen..W. Juergensen
- 337 Fremont—Ruth H. Madsen....William Nielsen

JUNIORS

- 46 ..Perth Amboy—Gail C. Prang.....Peter Christensen

Honor Roll Listings

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	No. of new members to May 20, 1966
51	Ludington, Mich.	Leonard Case	4
43	Denver, Colo.	Svend Sonderup	4
70	Greenville, Mich.	Wesley Kraft	6
116	Newark, N. J.	George Godthaab	3
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Paul D. Andersen	14
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Kurt Moller	3
144	Dike Iowa	Gary Andersen	10
161	Ruskin, Nebr.	Ova L. Schultz	5
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mogens Hempel	10
177	Cordova, Nebr.	Dorothy Jorgensen	3
227	Detroit, Mich.	Viggo Mikkelsen*	3
227	Detroit, Mich.	Jorgen Mau*	3
255	Selma, Calif.	Hans C. Iversen*	3
299	Solvang, Calif.	Peter Jacobsen	6
325	Nassau County, N. Y.	George Jacobsen	3

LODGES

1	Omaha, Nebraska	6
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	5
51	Ludington, Michigan	14
70	Greenville, Michigan	7
126	Los Angeles, California	21
144	Dike, Iowa	11
161	Ruskin, Nebraska	7
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	10
227	Detroit, Michigan	25
299	Solvang, California*	7
325	Nassau County, New York	7
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	9

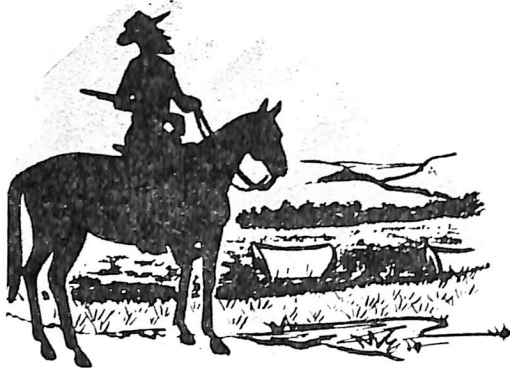
* New sponsors or lodges.

DANISH BROTHERHOOD CULTURAL CENTER

For a long time it has been the hope of many members that we some day would work together in unity to accomplish a NATIONAL project!

Such a project is now possible and is being offered for the consideration of our Districts.

The Supreme Board Committee has explored the need for a Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center and its future now rests with YOU and your Danish Brotherhood Districts!



THE PROPOSED D. B. CENTER WOULD

- ...be LOCATED in area convenient to interested members
- ...INCLUDE areas of seclusion for each District unit
- ...PROVIDE facilities for swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, folk dancing, field trips, classes on Danish language, folklore, customs, history, camping techniques, nature appreciation, and outdoor study of plant and animal life
- ...INCLUDE administration building providing assembly area, dining hall, store, canteen, and offices
- ...PROVIDE for future expansion in a near-by area of homes where retired members can live and enjoy the benefits of the D.B. Cultural Center
- ...be COMPLETED by funds solicited from members by their Districts
- ...REQUIRE the support of ALL levels of membership

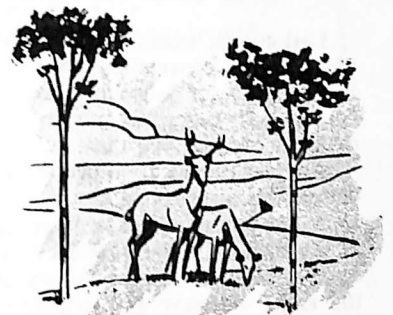


TO REALIZE

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WE MUST.....

1. RAISE the support of all our Districts and District Lodges
2. ENLIST active District Officers for the solicitation of funds from member Lodges
3. CREATE a Planning Board of District Officers



WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

As soon as we have measured the feelings of our Districts and District memberships, we will attempt to create a Board of District Officers (possibly District Presidents) to work out details on fund solicitation and Cultural Center layout and location.

Each participating District will then be responsible for its share of funds necessary for completion of facilities. Each and every member will be asked to contribute and participate in the efforts necessary for the project's success.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

By NORBERT E. GROVE, Box 279, Puyallup, Wash. 98371

Please note that the annual Danish independence gathering at Peace Arch park scheduled for June 5, has been changed to Sunday, June 12. DB Lodge 328's Secretary Erik Gloet cordially invites one and all. Remember, its Grundlovsfesten on June 12 at the border of Canada and the United States.

One hundred and thirty-nine Danes "skaaled" at the annual birthday party of DB 328, Vancouver, at the Georgia Hotel on April 23. The banquet was a great social success. Brother Anker Sorensen was presented with a 25-year pin and certificate.

Vancouver's DB 328 Brother Charles Jensen has retired in Seattle, Wash., and Brother Einar Plambeck is recovering from a stay in the local hospital.

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Brother Jens Pedersen, a 50-year member of DB 113, Enumclaw, was laid to rest May 10 after making his home in a local convalescent colony. Officiating at the funeral was the Rev. David Lundgren and pallbearers included Brothers Karl Koch, Chris Slott, Nels Johnson, Soren Pedersen, Ed Hoiland and John L. Rieck. Born December 19, 1871, J. P. passed away May 8 at the ripe old age of 95.

DB 113 President Jens Holm and Secretary Chris Pedersen visited the Seattle Danes in April.

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Last month wound up many weeks of preparation for the District convention. "A ten pin strike" goes to Seattle's DB for launching another annual "gathering of the Danes." Some 300 western delegates to the three-day conference descended upon the Queen City May 13-15.

District President Martin Rasmussen, Seattle, conducted the business affairs and Middle West dignitaries from the Supreme Lodge were present. Conclusion was in the form of a farewell breakfast on Sunday morning. Instead of being in the throes of impromptu doldrums, the entire conclave was one grand reunion of good fellowship timed expertly.

Seattle's DB 29 Brothers Frode Steffensen, William Kock and Bert Jessen are reported on the sick list. Brother Elmer Andersen is working in Billings, Mont. Brother Axel Nielsen, a recipient of a 25-year pin, now lives in Tacoma. President Flemming Sorensen has been given a vote of thanks for his personal interest in making repairs to Washington Hall.

Bowling club president, Brother Per Larsen, reports a nice turnout at the annual party held May 21 when trophies were awarded. Twenty Brothers and Sisters accompanied District President Martin Rasmussen to Vancouver's 30th anniversary party in April. Supreme Trustee Chairman Kris Jorgensen and Brother Martin Rasmussen attended a regular monthly meeting of the Bellingham DB Lodge on April 16.

Couple to Mark Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pedersen, members of the DB and DSS, planned to celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary June 5. They were married in Copenhagen in 1910.

The couple's three children expected to be home for the occasion, a son, O. W. Pedersen, and two daughters, Mrs. Bill Burton of Denver, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carpenter (Mary) of Taylor Ridge, Ill.

In November Mr. and Mrs. Pedersen will have been members of their respective lodges for 50 years and will receive their pins.

NOTICE

To all members of Lodge No. 283, Dagmar, Mont.: At the meeting of Lodge No. 283 on April 20, 1966, the following change in the by-laws was approved: Article I, Section 6, should now read: "The membership dues are \$1.00 per month payable in advance." Instead of 75¢ per month.

JAMES H. JOHNSON, Sec.

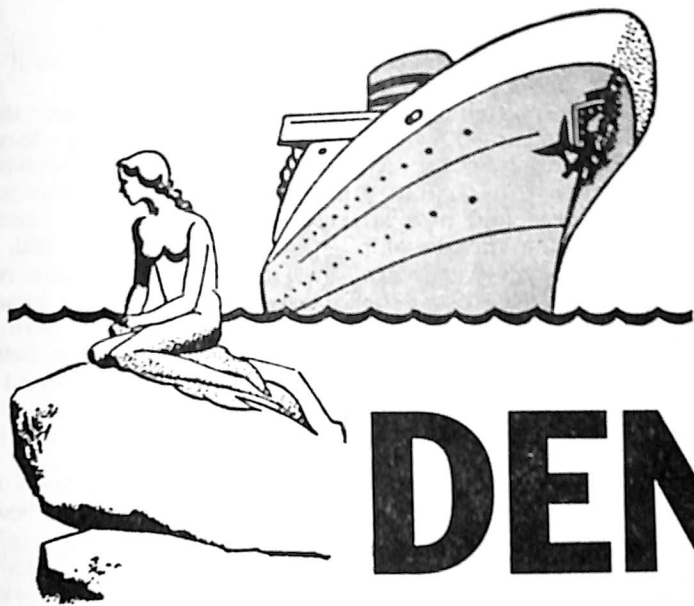


In Loving Memory

Members who have passed away since the last report



Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Mar 12—	Peter Rasmussen	86	Rankin, Illinois	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1905
Apr 25—	Edmond K. Nielsen	78	Neenah, Wisconsin	2	Neenah, Wisconsin	1906
Apr 20—	Niels Petersen	84	Sorø Amt Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1906
Apr 25—	Anton M. C. Roge	77	W. Torup Thisted	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1908
Apr 25—	Christian Bundgaard	75	Aalborg, Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1910
Apr 11—	Vilhadus A. Jorgensen	71	Assens, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1916
Apr 16—	Marinus Andersen	85	Bjergby, Denmark	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1920
Apr 19—	Anton Svendsen	65	Allinge, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1922
May 8—	Ajner Rasmussen	71	Selma, California	255	Selma, California	1954
Apr 2—	Carl O. Nickelsen	70	Copenhagen, Denmark	257	New York, New York	1914
Mar 12—	Martin Pedersen	84	Redsted Sogn, Denmark	268	Junction City, Oregon	1901
Apr 12—	Niels P. Andersen	91	Agelslev, Magle, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1906
May 3—	Anders C. Larsen	81	Fyen, Denmark	96	Jackson, Minnesota	1906
May 3—	Jens R. Moller	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1914
May 2—	Gunnar C. Froelich	65	Præstø, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1928
May 4—	Earnest F. Misfeldt	46	Moorhead, Iowa	77	Turin, Iowa	1962
May 8—	Lavard P. A. Pedersen	76	Copenhagen, Denmark	64	Rockford, Illinois	1911
May 3—	Viggo Gronborg	59	Hjørring Amt, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1929
May 6—	Arthur D. Hansen	66	Ferndale, California	143	Petaluma, California	1937



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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By VIGGO NIELSEN, 34 Walnut Street, Summit, N. J. 07901

General Committee Eastern Lodges. At the last GCEL convention a committee was appointed to revise the by-laws, the committee consists of Erik Garde (37), Aage Jespersen (314), and your writer (116).

The committee completed their work and a proposed copy has been mailed to all lodges in the East. Study them at your lodge meetings and instruct your delegate accordingly. You will note the amount of dues has been left out. The delegates to the 1965 convention were instructed to bring the issue of dues to the GCEL up in their lodges. The dues have never been raised and the financial burden has started to pinch.

Please Brothers, attending lodge meetings, give serious thoughts to this. Remember the convention is held in Erie, Pa., over the Labor day weekend. I have as yet not received any news or information from Lodge 242, but hope to have information about reservations and other news items in the next issue of the Magazine.

Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N. J. The 75th anniversary banquet and dance held May 14, at the Kenny Acres, was a great success. The dinner was delicious and the speeches short. The invocation was given by Rev. Fred Berkobin, toastmaster for the evening was Brother Charles Christensen, guest speakers were GCEL President George Godthaab, Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen and Com. Public Works of Perth Amboy Donald Olsen.

Lodge No. 90, Port Reading, N. J. It is with regret that we announce the death of a true Brother and friend among all the Danes in New Jersey, Brother Al Jorgensen, correspondent for Pionereen for New Jersey, he died May 10. Brother Al will be missed by many; he wrote all the news from New Jersey. One often wondered where and how he collected all the information, but his personality and active participation in everything Danish could not be surpassed and replacing him will not be an easy task.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. Vice President Edmund Sorensen presided at the meeting in May for the first time since his election and handled the meeting in a fine manner.

At the coffee table "Happy Birthday" was sung for Sister Nelsen. We were all introduced to a daughter of Sister Rasmussen who is visiting from Copenhagen and who was our guest for the evening.

Potluck supper was attended April 30th at the home of Sister President Mildred Larsen in Riverside, R. I. Although the weather was on the damp side, a good crowd turned out. The food was delicious and several card games were enjoyed.

NOTE—Brother John Burke, Jr., of Lodge No. 294 has accepted the invitation to become a member of the GCEL Law Committee, and I as chairman, bid him welcome.
—CARL W. SORENSEN, Sec.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. Remember this lodge meets every fourth Friday in the month in the American Legion Hall, Springfield, N. J.

Brother and Mrs. Louis Lydiksen will soon leave for a short trip to Denmark and we wish them bon voyage and a safe return.

A Brotherhood family picnic will be held Saturday, June 18, at the home of Brother Pete Williams, Holmdel, N. J. There is plenty of space at Brother Pete's estate so make Saturday, June 18, Brotherhood picnic day.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. Four new members were initiated into the lodge at the April meeting. We

welcome the four new Brothers and hope they'll enjoy their membership for many years to come.

The promotional chairman of this lodge, Brother Hogens Hempel will, together with his family, leave for Denmark June 13. A little relaxation and a well-earned vacation will do him good and we hope he returns with new ideas and new strength so the lodge can reach the top in the membership drive by the end of 1966. Bon voyage, enjoy your stay in Denmark and a safe return.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. A very important meeting was held May 18 and we expect to have news about the outcome of this meeting in the next issue.

The Birthday club in this lodge is a social event very popular with the Brothers. It could perhaps be a success in your lodge and I'm sure information as to how it works is available from any member of 190.

Lodge No. 241, South River, N. J. This lodge will not meet in June, July or August, the officers will however be in contact with each other and all business will be conducted by them.

At the May meeting a farewell party was held for Brothers Hans Jensen and Henry Farver who are sailing for Denmark in August on the Sagafjord.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Our host lodge for the GCEL convention over Labor day weekend. Their 60th anniversary is coming up June 4 and will be celebrated with a dinner and dance. It is hoped that Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen will be able to attend. Supreme Trustee James Nordine had also been invited but will not be able to attend.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Brother Viggo Gronborg, a member since 1929, who died May 3.

Lodge No. 257, New York, N. Y. No meetings are held in this lodge during June, July and August. Next meeting night will be September 16, 1966. The officers meet during the summer months and carry on routine business matters.

Brother George Nielsen will be delegate to the GCEL convention in Erie, while Brother Alvin Rheinhardt is alternate.

A fine cold table was served and donated by Brother Elmer Jensen after the April meeting. Brother Kaaling donated the beer and the drinks at the bar were on the lodge — in short, a free evening for all except the good samaritan brothers.

Brother Axel Munth is quite ill in the hospital and his wife is at his bedside constantly. We all wish Brother Axel a speedy recovery.

On behalf of Lodge 257's officers, enjoy good health and a wonderful vacation. See you all Friday, September 16.
—ARTHUR SCHMIDT, Sec.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. This lodge passed a motion that in lieu of decorating the graves of their deceased Brothers, \$25 be donated to the Hartford Times Camp fund and \$25 to the Hartford Courant Camp fund.

A memorial service will be conducted at the May 18 meeting by Brother Mose, who is back from Florida, hearty and spry as ever.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Two new names were added to the membership list of this growing lodge and welcomed into 325 are Ellen Van Doorn and Jens Klausen.

The President George Jacobsen, was elected delegate to the GCEL convention and Brother Sophus Christensen was elected alternate delegate.

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VALUATION EXHIBIT

In conformity with statutory requirements, we are publishing herewith a valuation made by our consulting actuary, Mr. C. D. Spangler, of the certificates in good standing on December 31, 1965. This valuation is not to be regarded as a test of the financial solvency of the Danish Brotherhood, but is made to determine the amount the Society should have on hand in order to pay its future death losses as they mature, without change in the number of amount of assessments. The valuation was made on the 1941 C.S.O. Tables of Mortality with 2½% interest assumption.

ASSETS

1. Admitted assets\$4,867,915.87

LIABILITIES — Actual and Contingent

2. Present value of benefits promised
(life reserves) 2,894,542.00

3. Additional amounts to protect benefit certificates (includes \$393,093.13 in Fraternal, Promotional and Expense funds and \$681,649.22 contingency reserve) 1,074,742.35

4. Mandatory securities valuation reserve .. 201,337.26

5. Death claims incurred, settlement not completed 11,800.70

6. Refunds left on deposit 161.05

7. Estimated refunds payable in 1966 54,000.00

8. Accrued expenses 2,727.76

9. Employee contributions under retirement plan 552.50

10. TOTAL\$4,239,863.62

The ratio of Line 1 to Line 10 is 114.81%.

News From Lodge No. 227, Detroit

By NIELS NEDERGARD,

22735 Grand River, Detroit, Mich. 48219

Saturday, April 16, nine bowling teams from Detroit attended the Midwest District annual bowling tournament in Racine, Wis.

The ladies placed second and third, but none of the men's teams placed in the money. I guess the long bus trip took the best out of them? Howard Hansen, took high single game with 229, very good going for a fellow with a bad ball.

At our lodge meeting May 11 ten new members were initiated and Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen bid them welcome to the lodge and the Danish Brotherhood.

The following members were given their 25-year pin by Supreme President Mikkelsen and President Carl Hansen: Ove Rostgaard, August Jons, Carl Lyngby and Neal Norland. Congratulations to these Brothers and the very best wishes for the future from Lodge No. 227.

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

IOWA STATE CONVENTION

The committee arranging the state convention for the Danish Brotherhood in Iowa has met a number of times and plans are progressing for what is hoped will be another good convention.

The President Hotel in Waterloo has been selected as the site of the meeting and the dates are September 3, 4 and 5 — Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The host lodge is Dike No. 144.

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Saturday evening — Fellowship meeting and get-together, cards, dancing, get acquainted.

Sunday: 9 to 12 noon, registration.

Afternoon — Business meetings of DSS and DB Lodges.

Evening — Banquet and dance. Rev. Larsen of Cedar Falls, guest speaker.

Monday morning — Committee meetings.

SEE YOU IN WATERLOO!

LOYD PLAETHN, Chairman.

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.

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Kenosha Marks 74th Anniversary

The Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis., held a gala 74th anniversary party on the 23rd of April 1966 at the local lodge.

The pork and beef family style dinner was followed by a program and an evening of dancing for the members and their guests.

The program began with the introduction of the officers by the President Carl M. Olsen. The toastmaster for the evening was Robert E. Ibsen.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 50-year pins to Brothers Svend Hauboff, Johan F. Orum, and Jacob Jacobsen. Members not able to attend but also receiving pins were Gotfred J. Nelson, Thomas Thomasen, Christian A. Jensen, and Theodore Kirkensgaard. Our new 40 year members were also honored. They are brothers Christ Seistrup, Jens Haugaard, Vage L. Thomasen and Andreas Albrechtsen.

Our new members who have joined in 1966 were also introduced — Brothers Robert B. Bastrup, Harold A. Nielsen, Fred L. Hobson and Nickolas W. Niederkorn. One new juvenile member was also recognized — Ronald A. Jensen, son of Ronald C. Jensen, our conductor.

During the program Brother Bill Lee read a poem on behalf of the committee commending our entertainment chairman, Brother Everett Henricksen for his untiring efforts in making not only this party but all of our parties a huge success. He was also given a badge of merit denoting him as a "Dedicated Dane."

Brother Henricksen introduced his committee consisting of Einer Sorensen, Carl M. Olsen, Bennie Petersen, Robert Ibsen, Harry Ostergaard, Bill Lee, Paul Sorensen, Leonard Haugaard, Harold Petersen and Harold Nielsen.

A special thanks was also given to the following wives who helped decorate the hall so beautifully — Mrs. Everett Henricksen, Mrs. Einer Sorensen, Mrs. Robert Ibsen, Mrs. Leonard Haugaard, Mrs. Harold Petersen and Mrs. Harold Nielsen.

ROBERT E. IBSEN, Sec.

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Gunnar Froelich

Gunnar Froelich has passed away. He left us in the evening of May 2 — after an operation and nearly a month at Presbyterian hospital — well knowing where he was going.

Gunnar Froelich, a consulting engineer, was born on September 27, 1901 at Præstø, Denmark. He joined the Brotherhood on May 12, 1928, was president in 1940-41, became acting secretary in 1952 and secretary in 1953 and served in that position until his death. He was a delegate to and second term treasurer of the GCEL.

It was an energetic Gunnar Froelich who kept the lodge rolling smoothly during the turbulent "50's." His efforts were rewarded in the "60's" with a growing young lodge. He was the dynamic force behind most lodge activities during this term as secretary. When work had to be done, he would always be in the lead.

Gunnar Froelich was a Brother all the way. He worked with unceasing effort for all that is Danish in this country and was to the last, extremely impressed with the achievements that "...the little country" had made in the world.

Gunnar Froelich was unpretentious, he engineered our progress, and always managed to pass credit along to his Brothers, never wanting any for himself. He said: "God will reward you in heaven if you help your fellow man on earth."

We will remember him for all the work that he has done, his reliable information and his colorful readings of the minutes. We will miss his ever-present friendliness and philosophy.

"You were truly a remarkable Brother, Gunnar, your spirit will live with us, you will join the very great men that we honor in our lodge and order, and God will reward you in Heaven."

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The Supreme Lodge, and the Home Office Staff in particular, join the membership of Enighedens Lodge No. 172 in mourning the loss of Brother Gunnar Froelich. He was an exemplary secretary, who often went beyond his duties as a local lodge secretary, to cooperate with us in the interest of his membership. We extend heartfelt sympathy to his two surviving daughters in their bereavement.

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