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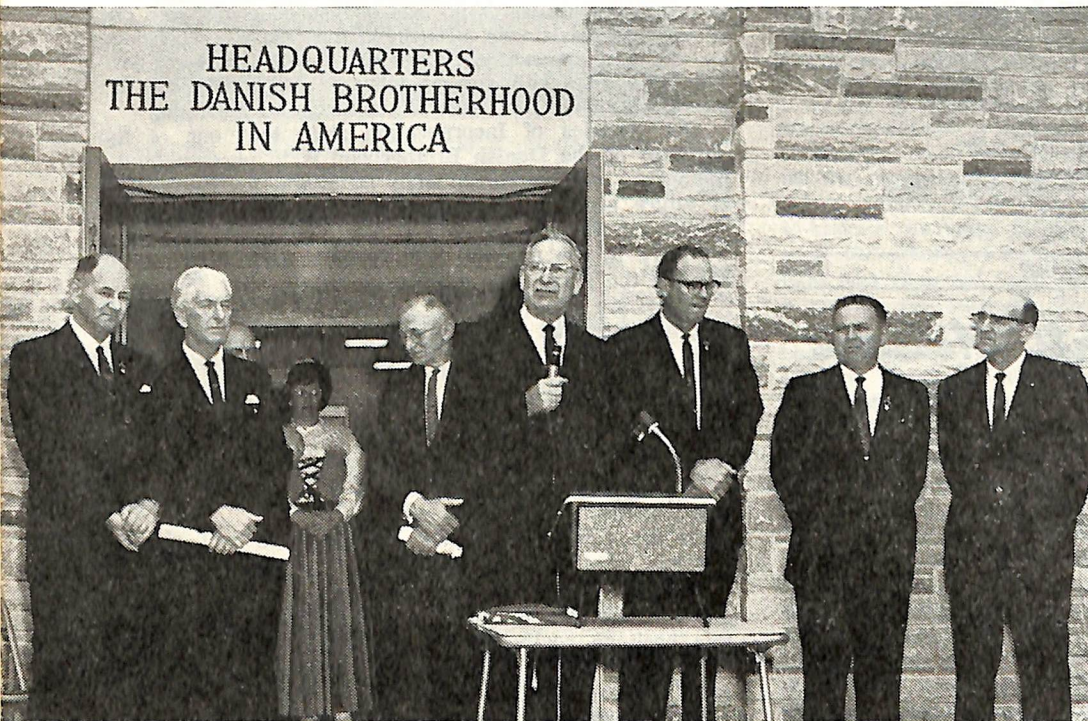


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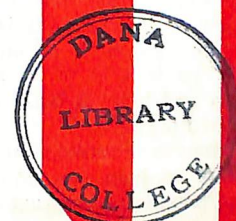
Kristen Jorgensen, our new President; Fred Jensen, First Officer of the Board; Axel Skelbeck (barely visible), Secretary-Treasurer; Ruth Hansen, Trustee, Lodge No. 1; Soren Sorensen, Lodge No. 84, Lincoln; Hon. U. S. Senator Roman Hruska from Nebraska, giving a few words at the dedication; Albert F. Tunsen, our new Vice President; Edward Jonassen, Second Officer of the Board; Einar Danielsen, Second Vice President.

**AWARD WINNER** — The Danish Brotherhood in America received an award for their new Home Office Building. The city beautification committee of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce of Omaha selected your building for this award.

This was not in the form of a contest, with entries, but buildings were chosen by the committee because of their contribution to the beautification of the city. You can be proud that your building was selected as one of them.

An award dinner was held Wednesday evening, October 11, by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce at which time a plaque was presented to the Danish Brotherhood with the proper inscription on it. Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck accepted the award for the society.

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November 1967

## *Your Presidents Message*

The 1967 Convention is now history. We have once again met to consider the needs of our society, made changes that appeared desirable and necessary to meet the conditions of our times, and in general received new inspiration and added desire to work for the benefit of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

In the course of our deliberations many things were discussed, some things were changed, and some things were left unchanged. We may or may not agree with all the actions of the Minneapolis Convention but, like our national discussions and elections on the issues of the day, once the decisions have been made it is up to all of us from the local lodge members to the members of the Board of Officers to carry out these decisions in the best way we know how so that the Danish Brotherhood may benefit to the fullest extent.

We have a number of problems just as all fraternal organizations do. The most pressing ones are probably those of obtaining new members and keeping them once we have initiated them. I believe that we do have some solutions to these problems.

These solutions must, however be applied by all our members at all levels, the local lodge, the District or General Committee, the Promotional Department, and the Board of Officers. It is not a job that can be done by just one segment of our society but must be done by all of us if it is to be successful. I urge all of you to join in and help to build a bigger and more successful Danish Brotherhood.

We have a Promotional Department whose primary function is to help you gain new members. The Board of Officers will be working closely with the Promotional

Director to fulfill that function. In the days ahead as we study the situation in light of the decisions of the Minneapolis Convention recommendations will be made to the Board of Officers regarding the work of the Promotional Department.

It is my hope and desire that the Promotional Department, the Home Office Staff and the Board of Officers can develop and implement a successful plan to materially assist you in getting new members. We will do all we can in this direction — the rest will be up to you. You are the ones who can best sign up that new member.

The second problem I mentioned — the one of keeping the new member once you have initiated him is one that almost totally depends upon you and I in the local lodge. Here again the Board of Officers will be receiving recommendations for consideration as to what can be done to assist you in solving this problem. I believe we have a potentially very strong weapon to help you in the form of the Danish Cultural Center concept.

When we stop to ask ourselves why we belong to the Danish Brotherhood I believe we will find that in most instances the answer is not one of insurance nor even one of fraternal assistance. I believe that most of us belong for one of two reasons. First of all we like the fellowship of people with similar interests. Secondly we are interested in our background, culture and heritage.

Our Articles of Incorporation state that one of the purposes of the Danish Brotherhood is to perpetuate the memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America. I believe that if we emphasize this objective to a much greater extent than we have in the past we will come a long way toward keeping the interest of the new member.

There are any number of projects involving our culture and heritage that a new member can be asked to help with. It will give him a purpose to his membership so that his interest will not fall off and disappear. The Danish Cultural Center concept can provide a means whereby a lodge can develop projects of this nature. It is my hope that this concept and its implementation will lead to a solution to this problem of sustaining membership interest. I think it will.

In the course of helping ourselves we will also be fulfilling what I feel is one of the main reasons for the existence of the Danish Brotherhood — that of teaching our children and our members who are not Danes what this heritage really means to them. We will also be fulfilling another purpose of our society — that of being good and useful citizens of our country and contributing our bit to its culture and heritage.

I urge you to keep this concept in mind, send us your ideas, try those we will send you. I predict that in doing this you will not only help the Danish Brotherhood but you will help yourselves more.

In order to fulfill the duty of working for the advancement of the Danish Brotherhood I will be making recommendations to the Board of Officers on a number of matters involving the operations of the Home Office, the Promotional Department, and even the operations of the Board of Officers itself. These recommendations will be made with the purpose of improving the efficiency of our operations, becoming more useful to you, the members and utilizing to the full the tools you have given us at the Minneapolis Convention.

I ask for your help in implementing the program that will come out of the Board's deliberations and making it work to the fullest benefit of all of us and that of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

KRISTEN JORGENSEN.

## Our First Lady Delegate



Wearing a delegate badge and a puzzled look is our "First Lady" Johanna Perkins, from Lodge No. 336, Escondido, Calif. She is the first lady delegate in the history of the Danish Brotherhood to attend a National Convention. This explains the badge. The puzzled look or maybe that is not the proper word, could be from studying the many varied proposals that came before the convention. From all appearances our "First Lady" did a good job as a delegate. Her opinions were expressed in a feminine voice that drew attention.

Who would dare say now that the Brotherhood is not in for some changes? The special plea made by Johanna for the 1971 convention to be held in San Diego apparently was effective. Johanna's mother is Emma Blank, president of Lodge No. 336.

## Comments

The year 1967 being a National Convention year the Utah and Idaho General Committee Convention naturally was strongly tinted in the national limelight and the deliberations and decisions were consequently on a broader scale than the last three years have been.

The president called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock and with 27 delegates present, deliberations began their twisted road through the maze of rituals, ceremonies, legal debate and Roberts Rules of Order.

The dominant subject naturally was the National Convention and the proposals offered for this assembly, and the why's and how's dominated the discussions. Why do we have to change to a corporation instead of a fraternity? Does this move eliminate the opportunity to vote for a man for a certain office? How do you prevent a "power play?" All these and many other questions were raised and sorry to say, the answers were reversely proportionate to the questions, as the information accessible was very limited at least for the representation of what is considered the average brain power of the inter-mountain area.

At any rate, the three delegates present were admonished by their predecessors in this capacity to work closely together and do their utmost to work toward fair

and all embracing benefits. Some may say a rather negative objective but with the limited success of yesteryear, the scope of tomorrow looks formidable. When you, dear reader, now read these lines, the National Convention is history. So the decisions here may seem futile, but the three men who are going to Minneapolis are going there with the earnest desires for doing their part in the furtherance of the Danish Brotherhood.

Besides the National Convention, many other topics of more local nature were discussed. One of the greatest importance was a proposal to work toward a merger of the two Salt Lake Lodges. This question has been thrown back and forth for decades, and under the spirit of "love one another," that so often is prevalent at these gatherings, it has been suggested time and again but as soon as the exultation has worn off, only to be put back in the more realistic frame of personal animosity and bigotry.

Today however something seemed to glow beyond the usual phraseology and generalities, something that nurtured the flickering flame of hope in human relations on a small scale. A fleck of positivity, that resulted in an order to the executive committee to explore means and ways for a reconciliation of conflicting viewpoints, a move that maybe was dictated by necessity, but we hope the word "understanding" is more appropriate, and will report it as such.

Thank goodness for exceptions. Brother Henry Andersen accepted the presidency. And this writer, a co-worker of Henry's, rest assured of not only the deep dedication for the Brotherhood, but also for the great ability of his administrative talents, so maybe now things are going to happen, good luck to you Henry and don't spare the rod.

In the evening a banquet was arranged where after the food was removed from the buffet before the diners had a chance for seconds, this due to the late arrival of some of the participants, the air again was filled with beautiful phrases of fraternity and brotherhood and love for one another. Speeches that have plagued dinner guests for centuries, but still are "in fogue" (this is French, and should to the intelligent reader, show that I am a high class reporter) with the speakers, who probably are the only ones enjoying them, I know that my wife is suffering when it is my turn to "say a few words," but then again who asked her?

As a footnote, these are the personal comments on a serious matter and are not necessarily the opinion of anyone else, but I challenge any opponent to contradict me.

BORGE KRAGH, Secretary.

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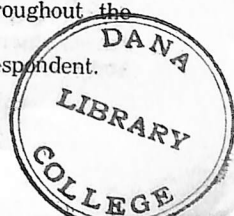
To all of the above remarks by Borge Kragh, Secretary of the Utah and Idaho General Committee, I can only say that it is true, each and every word, and I am sure that all brethren in attendance can concur in this opinion.

I have attended a few of these Brotherhood gatherings, but have never felt the spirit of brotherhood and unity so strongly as it was displayed at this convention.

It has often been said that these committees do not have any significance, but I am sure that many who have previously made this statement, have now changed their minds regarding this.

All conditions were in our favor the day the convention was held. The convention convened with the traditional lunch in the garden to the usual meeting place of Lodge No. 278 "Apollo," and the weather was unusually good for this time of the year, so we came off to a good start with a spirit of brotherly love prevailing all throughout the proceedings of this convention.

KNUD RASMUSSEN, Correspondent.



# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

The 1967 National Convention held much that was good for our Danish Brotherhood — growth, improved service and increased financial strength are all in evidence. To accomplish these was not easy. They had to be earned by hard work, careful study and clear thinking. Let us go on record in thanking those who were responsible and then resolve to cooperate with those who are now in charge. Congratulations and good luck to the new Board of Officers.

Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges gathered at Enumclaw October 7 to pay tribute to Brother Chris Sands in celebration of his 96th birthday and being presented with his paid-up life insurance policy by President of the National Board of Officers, our own Brother Kristen Jorgensen. It was a delightful evening as over 100 members from associate lodges assembled in the Danish Hall.

Local President Jens Holm began the evening by "putting the wrong end of his cigar in his mouth," nevertheless doing the usual fine job of ceremonies. Seating the honored guests at his left and right, Brother Holm called on "Highlights of the Minneapolis Convention" from Brother Jorgensen; "old time recollections" from Brother Sand; "words of wisdom" from Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen; "passing remarks" from President of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home, Brother Ed Olsen; "district notes" from Pacific Northwest President Svend A. Johansen of British Columbia; and "congratulations" from Lilly Kain of the Supreme Sisterhood official family.

Bringing greetings from the City of Roses was Promotional Director Magnus Esrom, from the Queen City was Bien Correspondent Sam Fredriksen and from the City of Destiny was your correspondent Norbert E. Grove. Remarks were also made by Brother George Gertsen of the Home; Brother Henry Bruhn who said "let's all come back four years from now;" District Sisterhood President Wilhelmina Parker; Seattle Sisterhood President Anna Nielsen; Enumclaw Sisterhood President Carlotta Nelsen and Brother Hans Sands, son of the celebrant.

Another Past District President in attendance besides Esrom, Grove and Fredriksen was Brother Jens Nielsen of Seattle. Said Brother Chris when he was handed his insurance "this is the largest check I've ever earned," and then he strode across the floor to ask for a dance as the orchestra played a favorite waltz. Thanks to the Enumclaw Sisterhood for a delicious lunch.

Seattle's Brothers helped the Evergreen Sisterhood Lodge celebrate their 70th birthday with a real swinging party September 29. If you are interested in joining the Danalog Folk Dance group, contact Brother Ib Rossen for details. Don't make plans for your New Year's Eve celebration until you consider the DB 29 party now in the early stages of planning. Members on this month's sick list include Brother Olaf Johnson, Bert Jessen, Albert Odgaard, Einar Hansen, Viggo Petersen and Carl Torp; and "mange tak" to Brothers Paul Hansen, Einar Bengtson, Flemming Sorensen and Ib Rossen for decorating Washington Hall preparatory to the Harvest Festival October 14.

Enumclaw's Brothers are made of the stuff that makes for longevity — Brothers Henry Bruhn celebrated his 92nd birthday September 12, Brother Chris Sands had his 96th anniversary on the 25th and Brother Chris (butcher) Jensen observed his 93rd year October 27. Brothers James Andersen and Niels Rasmussen are also in their 90s.

Past President John Hansen is now a resident of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home. Brother Nis Hansen met with a minor accident and is recuperating at his home. May 3, 4 and 5 are the dates of next year's District convention in the "little city with the big attractions." Danish bowlers will also be entertained in "Enumscratch" during the 1968 playoff.

Vancouver, B. C. Brothers say "Hils fra os derhjemme" og "Tak for sidst." Four new members were initiated last month, namely Brothers Tage Jensen, E. H. Baekkehave, N. V. Jorgensen and Harry Jensen. Brother Poul B. Christensen was delegate to the National Convention.

Tacoma's Brothers met at President Henning O. Lindberg's home in Parkland October 12 to transact such business as needed attention.

## Nebraska General Committee

The Nebraska Lodges are proud to have a part in our new Home Office Building. The three flags that were presented at the dedication were donated by us, as well as the map of Denmark that is mounted on a wall on the second floor. It was my observation that many of the visitors were very interested in the location of their places of origin and I am sure many more will make use of this opportunity in days to come.

The new officers for the Nebraska General Committee have voted to retain their secretary-treasurer as promotional chairman for the coming year and also to award cash prizes in the amounts of \$25, \$15 and \$10 to the three Nebraska members signing up the most new members before September 1, 1968. So get busy! We would like to show a good gain in membership.

The officers and promotional department is ready to help in any way it can and we hope to hear from you soon.

S. C. SORENSEN, Sec.-Treas.

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**Stockholm:** Non-stop service on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Monday at 10:15 p.m.

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## Chicago.

**Copenhagen:** Direct service on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

## Los Angeles.

**Copenhagen:** Daily direct service at 7:00 p.m.

**Bergen:** Weekly direct service on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Stockholm:** Direct service every day at 7:00 p.m.

## Seattle.

**Copenhagen:** Non-stop service every day, except Wednesday, at 10:30 p.m.

Direct service on Wednesday at 10:30 p.m.

**Bergen:** Weekly non-stop service on Wednesday at 10:30 p.m.

**Stockholm:** Direct service every day at 10:30 p.m.

## Montreal.

**Copenhagen:** Non-stop service on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:45 p.m.

# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By A. B. CHRISTENSEN, 4140 Thorton Avenue, Fremont, Calif. 94536

**General Committee Charter Flight.** All arrangements have been made for the flight. World Airways is the carrier and the plane chartered is a Boeing 707 jet with a seating capacity of 165 passengers. It will leave Oakland June 1, 1968 and return to Oakland July 5. The flight, both ways, are non-stop and the cost is \$375 round trip, and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

A deposit of \$100 per person is required at the time of application and the balance is due and payable March 20, 1968. Upon receipt of deposit and reservation, complete information regarding passports, etc., will be sent.

Mail reservations to Eric Roug, 1900 West Artesia Blvd., Torrance, Calif. 90504, and hurry — reservations are coming in fast.



**Vikings on the Loose.** Fierce Vikings roamed the southern end of Alameda County the 23rd and the 30th of September.

Ordinarily these Vikings are well behaved children of some of the members of Anker Lodge 337, Fremont, but on the two mentioned dates they donned Viking garb, whiskers and horn-studded helmets and armed themselves with long spears, boarded their sturdy vessel and set sail. September 23 the city of Newark was invaded by the band. No blood was shed. The big Viking chief ordered his ferocious warriors to behave and the helmsman to follow a parade that was winding its way through the city streets. September 30th the cruise had the city of Fremont as its goal and as the annual Pathfinder day parade was in progress, the proud ship took its place in the lineup.

This parade entry was the joint effort of practically all the members of No. 337. The gentlemen built the ship

and the ladies took care of costuming the warriors. The float received much applause from the spectators in both cities.

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There will be a big shindig down on the farm in Ripon November 18 when Valley Lodge No. 332 stages its anniversary celebration.

It will take place in the Astro Room, Metropolitan Airport, 5000 S. Airport Way, Stockton, Calif. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 and a top sirloin dinner at 7 p. m., followed by dancing to Art Nielsen's music until 1 a. m.

For reservations contact Secretary Vernon Olsen, 2128 Scenic Drive, Modesto, Calif., Phone LA 3-3351.

We have attended many of these annual affairs down on the farm and know that the farmers really know how to celebrate.

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Anker Lodge, No. 337, Fremont, will have a masked ball Saturday, November 25. The first big time celebration to be undertaken by the young lodge on its own. The Veteran's Memorial Building in the Niles district of Fremont, 37154 2nd St., is the locale. Good prizes will be offered, plus a door prize.

Harold Larsen, a member of No. 337 will furnish the music and all kinds of good refreshments will be available. The party will start about 9 p. m., and it is anyone's guess when it will wind up. We can advise the bay area Brothers that No. 337 is all set to show them that a good time can be had in Fremont, so come out to find out for yourself. For information call 793-1961 or 797-2761.

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**Installation Schedule Set** — General Committee President Willy Christensen proposes the following schedule for his official visits to member lodges: Jan. 5, No. 143, Petaluma; Jan. 6, No. 95, Ferndale and No. 230, Arcada; Jan. 10, No. 49, San Francisco; Jan. 12, No. 184 Hayward and No. 337, Fremont; Jan. 19, No. 126, Los Angeles and No. 323, Alhambra; Jan. 20, No. 306, San Diego and No. 336, Escondido; Jan. 24, No. 255, Selma; Jan. 25, No. 67, Fresno; Feb. 2, No. 39, Oakland; Feb. 10, No. 319, Bakersfield; Feb. 14, No. 299, Solvang; Feb. 17, No. 332, Ripon.

Brother Christensen states that he will be happy to make changes if the dates given are not acceptable to the lodges. Also, he will gladly install officers if requested to do so.

Willy Christensen of Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, visited Hayward Lodge No. 184's October meeting and told of his plans for the coming installation season and also of his experiences at the National Convention in Minneapolis this being his first time as a national delegate.

Also visiting were the president and vice president of Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, Brothers Henry Brow and Fred Kærgaard. Brother Brow also is a trustee in the General Committee and represented his lodge in Minneapolis.

The Sisters of Olga Marie Lodge No. 166 had fed everyone prior to the meeting. It was potluck and we dare say that no one can be luckier than to be seated at the table when the Hayward Sisters are the hostesses. We don't believe there are any better cooks anywhere.

Your correspondent, who had the honor of representing the Hayward Lodge at the National Convention, received a rousing welcome home after the adjournment of the meetings. Sister Else Paulsen, a genius in the culinary arts, had prepared a delicious cake with the welcome home message under the Danish Brotherhood seal which

was cut up and served with the after-meeting coffee. Our sincere thanks to Sister Else and all who afforded us this honor.

General Committee President Willy Christensen, who like all his predecessors, is an honorary vice president of the beautiful Danish retirement home in San Rafael, attended the October meeting of the board of directors, his first. He spoke highly of the home and complimented the board of directors and the manager, Mr. Raben for the wonderful accommodations offered the residents.

We are not going to apologize for the absence of news from the southern lodges. At the time of this writing, the absolute deadline, no word has come from the south.

**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 16, Par. 1; Section 26, Par. 2; Section 19, Par. 3(b) is hereby published:

SEPTEMBER 1967—Viggo Mikkelsen: Salary, balance of 1967, \$500.00 less federal taxes \$22.00, net \$478.00. Einar Danielsen: Salary, \$1,565.00 less federal taxes \$68.86, net \$1,496.14; postage allowance \$15.00; for attending General Committee Eastern Lodges Convention, transportation \$132.30, per diem \$75.00. Fred Jensen: Salary \$316.47 less federal taxes \$13.92, net \$302.55; postage allowance \$15.00. Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$316.47 less federal taxes \$13.92, net \$302.55; postage allowance \$15.00; for attending Iowa United Lodges Convention, transportation \$204.23, per diem \$100.00. Albert F. Tunsen: Salary \$316.47, less federal taxes \$13.92, net \$302.55; postage allowance \$15.00. Edward Jonasen: Salary \$316.47, less federal taxes \$13.92, net \$302.55; postage allowance \$15; for attending Midwest District Convention, transportation \$78.17, per diem \$50.00. Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$966.33, less federal taxes \$151.70, net \$814.63; general office expenses \$50.00.

"Have you given your goldfish any fresh water today, Junior?"

"No, ma. They ain't finished the water I gave 'em yesterday."

## A Bit of Denmark



The little mermaid (havfrue) now has its place in the new Home Office Building. Through the efforts of Axel Skelbeck's searching, this replica was found in a Minneapolis store and brought to Omaha. As the little mermaid greets visitors in the harbor of Copenhagen, so also will it greet you as you enter the Home Office of the Danish Brotherhood in America.



## In Loving Memory

*Members who have passed away since the last report*



Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Sep 9—	J. C. W. Laursen	90	Skellerup Hobru, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1902
Aug 29—	Niels L. Rasmussen	71	Luverne, North Dakota	149	Luverne, North Dakota	1920
11-23-66—	A. C. Sorensen	81	Fredericia, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1911
Jun 26—	Jens Sindet	75	South Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1910
Sep 4—	Andrew Andersen	65	Palmer, Kansas	283	Dagmar, Montana	1937
Sep 3—	Carl Sorensen	83	Harlan, Iowa	43	Denver, Colorado	1903
Aug 12—	Einar Hansen	78	Herning, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1923
Sep 3—	George Andrew Borre	68	Des Moines, Iowa	49	San Francisco, California	1929
Aug 8—	Hans Chr. Larsen	87	Aalsgaard, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1908
Sep 13—	Richard E. West	68	Denmark	65	Duluth, Minnesota	1925
Oct 1—	Ludvig Simonsen	79	Aarhus, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1911
Sep 19—	Otto Olsen	77	Esbjerg, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1911
Oct 1—	Mads L. Fredericksen	80	Haderslev, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1924
Oct 2—	Jens J. Moltrup	65	Kolding, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1928
Mar 16—	Lauritz Petersen	80	Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1941
Sep 11—	William I. Nyman	62	Bessemer, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1963
Sep 25—	Niels C. Sherman	76	Manistee, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1943
Oct 9—	Edward Petersen	57	Aalborg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1966
Oct 12—	Harry V. Critser	73	Kansas	125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	1962
Oct 14—	Valdemar Pedersen	70	Housted, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1957

# THE PULSE OF THE BROTHERHOOD

NEWS FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

ALFRED HEDEGAARD, Promotional Director



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Lodge No.	Location	New Member	Sponsor
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4	Racine	Theodore Morgensen	Allen Nyboe
29	Seattle	Frank John Larsen	Olaf Langstead
46	Perth Amboy	Carl A. Miller	Peter Christensen
71	Penn Yan	Harold Laursen	Laurids Pedersen
227	Detroit	Vern J. Petersen	Roy Rasmussen
227	Detroit	Kurt Gravsén	Leib Rosenberg
227	Detroit	Flemming Wedel	Leib Rosenberg
<b>JUNIORS</b>			
225	Canton	Timothy Pedersen	Arthur Pedersen

## Lodge System Best for Benefits

The conclusion of the National Convention has shown us something about the features of a fraternal benefit society. You as a member were represented by the delegate sent from your lodge.

Whether he voted according to your likes or dislikes is another question, but by his vote was elected the Board of Officers who serve as the management of the affairs of the society between the meetings of the supreme legislative or governing body, namely the convention.

Your delegates were the supreme body. They accepted or rejected the by-laws. The Board only uses these by-laws as direction for the management of the affairs of the society. They are your servants, carrying out the wishes of the members.

We mentioned the word "lodge." Every member of a fraternal benefit society is a member of a lodge. The name may be different, but the principle is the same.

As a matter of fact, our income tax exemption from a federal standpoint is based on Sec. 501(C)(8) IRC 1954 which exempts (8) fraternal beneficiary societies, orders or associations.

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(B) Providing for the payment of life, sick, ac-

cident or other benefits to the members of such order, an association or their dependents.

Actually the lodge system is the main difference between a fraternal benefit society and an old line insurance company. There cannot be a true fraternal benefit society without a purposeful lodge system. It must have regular meetings and a definite place to meet.

So from a legal standpoint as far as the federal government is concerned, it is necessary to have a lodge system, and to have insurance benefits for the members or their dependents.

It has been observed that the main arm of the fraternal benefit society is its agents or representatives. The fraternal benefit system actually rests to a great degree upon the agents of our societies. Agents are articulate and can sell membership and insurance benefits. Through training and indoctrination in the Danish Brotherhood, our representatives will be able to do a good job of finding people who are eligible for membership, and telling them about our organization and its benefits.

Action taken by the 1963 and 1967 conventions will make it possible for us to move efficiently, pursue this program of obtaining new members. If we can use the growth patterns set by other fraternal organizations as a guide then we should show a membership increase before long.

This is, of course, very essential to the Danish Brotherhood in America. We are still dependent on YOU however, so why not sign up that new member now. The fact that a new Home Office was just dedicated should be an indication to all of the intent to progress.

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A loose nut at the wheel often isn't as dangerous as a tight one.

## Honor Roll Listings

### LODGES

Lodge	Location	Members
4	Racine, Wisconsin	22
17	Chicago, Illinois	12
29	Seattle, Washington	12
32	New Haven, Connecticut	5
43	Denver, Colorado	9
102	Providence, Rhode Island	7
116	Newark, New Jersey	10
126	Los Angeles, California	15
167	Portland, Oregon	6
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	7
227	Detroit, Michigan	43
318	Copenhagen, Denmark	10
323	Alhambra, California	8
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	8
329	Long Beach, California	5
337	Fremont, California	5

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members
4	Racine, Wis.	Allen Nyboe	5
17	Chicago, Ill.	John Seiling	3
17	Chicago, Ill.	Thomas Christensen	4
17	Chicago, Ill.	Peder Larsen	3
29	Seattle, Wash.	Olaf Langstead	4
32	New Haven, Conn.	Chris Pedersen	3
43	Denver, Colo.	Svend Sonderup	8
102	Providence, R. I.	Carl Sorensen	7
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Paul D. Andersen	4
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Eric Roug	5
139	Viborg, S. D.	Soren Simonsen	4
144	Dike, Iowa	Gary Andersen	3
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mogens Hempel	7
227	Detroit, Mich.	Svend Jensen	4
227	Detroit, Mich.	Niels Nedergard	10
227	Detroit, Mich.	Ove Rostgaard	5
227	Detroit, Mich.	Jorgen Mau	4
318	Copenhagen, Den.	A. John Sonnergard	10
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Arne Johansen	3
326	West Branch, Iowa	Earl Bendixsen	3
329	Long Beach, Calif.	John Forgrave	3

## For Women Only

Do you like debt? I suppose that most women would answer "no" to this question. There are some things of course that we buy that we are obligated for, such as a home. This is debt in a sense, but if for some reason we could not pay for it, the mortgage company would take it from us and cancel that debt.

If you are fortunate enough to be without debt at the present time, you are to be congratulated. There is a time in the future, unfortunately, for all, that even though they may not owe a nickel to anyone, suddenly a debt will be created by them. This is upon their death. This is not pleasant to think about, but you know it is a reality.

Who will pay the bills created by your death, such as doctor bills, funeral expenses, hospital bills, unpaid income tax, unpaid accounts? Will it be your husband? Will it be your children or grandchildren? Will it be your parents? This cannot be escaped. The debt will be created. It will have to be paid.

There is an easy way of making sure the money will be available to pay that debt. That is through Danish

Brotherhood life insurance. Life insurance is not bought because someone is going to die but because someone left behind is going to live and be faced with all the financial obligations created by death. That situation can be helped through life insurance.

Right now you can buy insurance in the Danish Brotherhood in smaller amounts than in many insurance companies and at lower rates. This is not to say that you need settle for a smaller amount. You can become a lodge member at the same time if your lodge accepts women members, or you can get in the Home Office lodge.

If you are not now insured and can qualify, or if because of our changing economic conditions you feel your present insurance is inadequate, there will never be a better time to make application for this than right now. We will send you information and an application on request.

## "Dividends or Refunds"

The word "dividend" is usually thought of in connection with stocks as a percentage of interest earned or a payment to you of your share of the earnings of the company.

When we speak of "dividends or refund" in the Danish Brotherhood, or in any insurance company the word **dividend** may not be the most accurate in describing what you actually get in return.

A refund is made up of several items, one of which is interest earnings, others such as savings in mortality, savings in management expense, and overall good operation of the society. Actually it is a **refund** of part of your assessment because of the above mentioned items.

A common practice is to let these refunds buy paid-up insurance, which increases the death benefit and ultimately builds cash values available to you. They can be left to accumulate at interest, but then the **interest** would be subject to declaration on the income tax form. They can also be taken in cash by you if you prefer.

You may have noticed that they vary from year to year. This is to be expected, because all the factors that determine a dividend can vary, so the refund will also vary.

Some of the smaller certificates may not be entitled to refunds. Those that are eligible start paying at the end of the third year.

## Selling the New Minimum (or more)

When you have decided on the person to whom you are going to tell the Danish Brotherhood story, it might be well that before you quote him his assessments you probably should determine the amount of insurance you are going to talk to him about, and then calculate the assessment for that amount. Then when you quote him the total assessment you might tell him that this includes the amount of insurance that you selected. You will need to know his age, of course.

It wouldn't be necessary to mention the fact that insurance was involved until you quote him the total assessment. This is not wrong, but merely gives you an opportunity to tell him that this is in **addition** to the other benefits you told him about.

You need not be apologetic about the insurance. In order for us to be a fraternal organization, we have to offer it to our members, so it is as simple as that.

You might tell them that they are doing themselves a favor by starting a large certificate because not only are they furnishing protection for someone, but they are building funds for themselves for future use.

## HOME OFFICE BUILDING DEDICATION FESTIVITIES



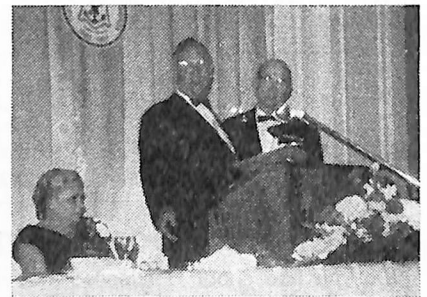
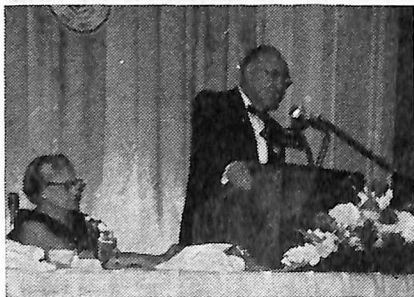
The receptionists desk was covered with flowers on dedication day. There were floral displays throughout the building. The picture to the left shows the new desk placed in the reception area. The other picture is of one corner of the Board of Officers room, which also shows some of the flowers, along with the individual tables for the officers. The beautiful wood paneling is also evident.

The flags dedicated at the dedication ceremony were a gift from the Nebraska District. Flags to be placed



in the reception area were presented by the local Danish Sisterhood Lodges.

The other pictures (from left to right) show Mayor Al V. Sorensen greeting the banquet group; U. S. Senator Roman L. Hruska addressing the group as the main speaker of the evening; and the senator presenting a flag that was flown over the nation's capitol building to Einar Danielsen, former Supreme First Vice President of the Danish Brotherhood.



### Initiation – National Convention

A mention of some of the members initiated at the National Convention was made in the last magazine. The following members were initiated in a colorful ceremony one evening at the Convention:

Helen Andreasen .....	Lodge 45
Margarethe Brown .....	Lodge 45
Anna Hansen .....	Lodge 45
June Høj .....	Lodge 45
Jorgen Lamp .....	Lodge 45
Marie Pilegaard .....	Lodge 45
Craig Eastlund .....	Lodge 75
Hazel Jorgensen .....	Lodge 332
Bessie Olsen .....	Lodge 332
Marie Jonasen .....	Lodge 600
Lillian Mathiasen .....	Lodge 600

James Høj was also admitted to Lodge 45 as a Junior member. A hearty welcome to each of the new members.

### Midwest District Denmark Tour – 1968

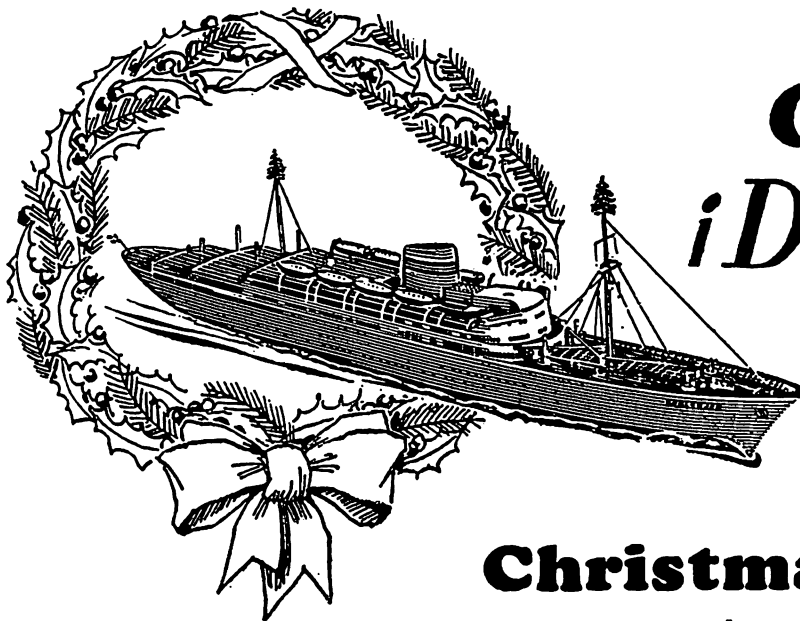
Based on replies from several airlines in the past few weeks, it has become apparent that we may have difficulty obtaining the airplane we wanted. Neither the length of the tour nor the charter price has met our needs.

We have, however, received the new 1968 European group rates. The fares have been cut so drastically that they are now competitively priced with charter prices. Also, children between the ages of two and twelve years of age may travel for half fare.

We have already reserved 110 group fare seats, and more are available when needed. We also have a definite departure date of June 24, 1968 and will return July 21.

For complete details, write to Kenneth Janssen, c/o Universal Travel Service, 1648 Douglas Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53402.

KENNETH JANSSEN, Tour Chairman.



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## A Lost Horse

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It makes me feel sad when I should be rejoicing.

You will no longer read my injuring articles in our otherwise dull magazine and I am sure you will not miss 'em as much as I will.

Do you know where I can get another horse?

SOFUS W. CHRISTENSEN.

## MIDWEST DISTRICT NEWS

by LOUIS A. KASA, Rt. 2, Box 156B,  
Eau Claire, Michigan 49111

At the Midwest District Convention hosted by Milwaukee Lodge 36, August 26 and 27, I was elected to the position of correspondent for our District; to date I have not received one item from any of the lodges of my District, so I am hoping by starting this that the news will arrive in time for the next publication of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

For the benefit of the readers who may be unfamiliar with this District I would like to introduce all of the Lodges and our board of officers: Lodge 4, Racine, Wis.; Lodge 12, Green Bay, Wis.; Lodge 14, Kenosha, Wis.; Lodge 17, Chicago, Ill.; Lodge 34, Dwight, Ill.; Lodge 35, Chicago, Ill.; Lodge 36, Milwaukee, Wis.; Lodge 64, Rockford, Ill.; Lodge 75, Albert Lea, Minn.; Lodge 92, St. Charles, Ill.; Lodge 108, Chicago, Ill.; Lodge 182, Waukegan, Ill.; Lodge 185, Madison, Wis.; Lodge 227, Detroit, Mich.; Lodge 239, Lake Forest, Ill.; Lodge 245, South Bend, Ind.; and Lodge 298, Chicago, Ill.

As you can see we have a fairly large district and a fair cross section of the midwest. Our present officers are: Past President Axel Hermansen, Lodge 4; Owen Lovelle, Lodge 35; Vice President Carl Hansen, Lodge 227; Secretary-Treasurer Clarence Rudd, Lodge 92; Trustees Peder Larsen, Lodge 17; Peder Pedersen, Lodge 34; and Louis Kasa, Lodge 245.

As for my own Lodge 245 in South Bend, Ind., we have 45 members listed and about 15-20 who are active which is about par for the course. We meet on the first Friday of each month in our own lodge hall. Our Sisterhood Lodge No. 99, meets on the same night in an adjoining room, after which we spend an enjoyable social hour with the ladies (bless them) serving a delightful lunch which is always appreciated by everyone.

At the present time our hall is for sale and we hope that sometime in the near future we may acquire a more suitable location.

We just recently held a joint potluck, hard-time party and bingo with No. 99 and those in attendance certainly enjoyed a fine evening. In December we in both Lodges will have a Christmas dinner and party. We are doing our best to encourage new members to join the Brotherhood but not having too large a Danish community it is not too easy, but we still try.

Your correspondent was fortunate in being elected as delegate to the National Convention and very pleased to have been chosen for the Law Committee. It was a very enlightening experience and a lot of hard work serving on this committee but I know it is one of the best ways to really get to the inner workings of this tremendous organization.

I was also fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the dedication of our Home Office Building. It is a very

beautiful structure and one that all Danes can and should be proud to be a part of and I hope that all who are in that area would take a little time to go and see it, and meet the people there that are handling our business so satisfactorily.

Perhaps in the next issue more information from the other lodges of the Midwest will be forthcoming.

## Fantastic Fraternalism

First I want to thank the host Lodge 45 and the other Minnesota Lodges for the fine facilities and hospitality at the convention.

We also attended a very fitting dedication of our new Home Office Building in Omaha. It is something we should be very proud of. In his remarks, Mr. Sessinghaus said "it is more than a home, it is a 'symbol'."

At the banquet we heard such glowing remarks of the great growth and future of the Danish Brotherhood in America. It sounded so good, I thought could it be "real" or just an "illusion." I got my answer at the convention. The body of the Danish Brotherhood in America was almost obliterated. Just a few votes short of the necessary two-thirds vote in being taken over by Scandinavia. Then our new Home would have been a very fitting monument or mausoleum for our beloved Danish Brotherhood. I was surprised to hear one of our Supreme Officers, who had been on the committee for the new building support the idea.

Trustee Tunsen gave an outline on a most fantastic idea. A Danish Cultural Center with food, drink, lodging and fun all over U.S.A., so in traveling every night could be spent in a Danish Cultural Center. Only one thing was left out to make it complete, a Danish Cultural Center on the moon. All the assets and resources of the Danish Brotherhood would just be a drop in the bucket of such a fantastic scheme. I surely hope the new Board of Officers will not follow that line of thinking or we will have all our taxes back by the next convention.

I said at the convention that the seven man Board of Directors would take out the fraternalism of the Danish Brotherhood. In organizing the new Board of Officers it seems "fraternalism" was definitely left out.

OTTO PETERSEN,

Secretary and Delegate, Lodge 177, Cordova, Nebr.

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By OTTO JONASEN, 636 East 33rd Street, Erie, Pa. 16504

**GCEL Convention News** — At the GCEL Convention the following officers were elected:

President Elmer W. Jensen, New York City; Vice President Robert E. Wollman, Erie, Pa.; Secretary Paul N. Ifversen, Nutley, N. J.; Past President Alfred P. Stark, Windsor, Conn.; Treasurer Olin Yauchler, Delason, N. Y.; Trustee Flemming T. Hinrichsen, Lansdowne, Pa.; Promotional Director Ole C. Beck, Erie, Pa.; and Correspondent Otto Jonasen, Erie, Pa.

The installation of officers was performed by Acting Supreme President Einar Danielsen of St. Charles, Ill., assisted by Anton Mose, Hartford, Conn. Also present were Supreme Trustee Edward Jonasen and the Promotional Director from Omaha, Alfred Hedegaard.

The convention was a great success. The delegates left with a promise to work hard on the promotion of new memberships.

**GCEL Charter Flight to Denmark, 1968** — The Eastern Lodges of the DB are sponsoring a charter flight to Copenhagen, Denmark, scheduled to leave Kennedy Airport on or about June 14, 1968 for Copenhagen and return from Kastrup Airport on or about July 15, 1968. The plane will be a Super DC-8 jet, and the service will be first class.

The estimated cost is \$280 per person round trip. Children under two years of age, occupying a parent's seat, are free of charge.

We urge you to make reservation as soon as possible. Unfortunately we had to return many applications last year as the plane was already filled up in December. Seats are reserved on a first received basis.

Applications for the flight may be obtained from your lodge secretary. A \$100 deposit is required for each reserved seat. Checks should be made payable to GCEL of DB, Charter Flight 1968. Application and check should be mailed to Haakon Hval, Scandinavian Travel Bureau, Inc., 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10020.

The balance of \$180 for each passenger must be remitted no later than April 1, 1968, after which date passage may not be cancelled, unless a qualified substitute is provided. The charter flight is available to all bona fide members and their immediate family, i.e., spouse and dependent children as well as parents living in the same household.

Arrangements are being made with the Lodge in Copenhagen for an official greeting upon arrival at Kastrup Airport. The first two days after arrival you are invited to participate in several activities, one of which will be to appoint Lord Mayor Urban Hansen Honorary President of the GCEL. You will be informed of other activities at a later date.

At present we are arranging a trip by bus to Rebild Park during the 4th of July celebration. The bus will leave Copenhagen July 3 for Aalborg, where lunch is to be served. July 4th you will participate in the festivities at Rebild as well as in Aalborg. In the morning of July 5th the group will be leaving for Copenhagen.

ELMER W. JENSEN, Tour Chairman.

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** We were happy to welcome Brother Gilbert A. Mortensen into our order at the last meeting. It was an honor for his father, Past President Fred Mortensen to conduct the initiation ceremonies and we congratulate him on a job well done.

We were invited to attend welcoming ceremonies on board the Danish schoolship "Danmark" in Boston, Mass., October 14. Several of our members were present.

Your correspondent was unable to attend because of previous commitments.

Aside from the pleasure of meeting old friends and making new ones at the National Convention the biggest thrill for your delegate and his wife was the air trip there and back. This was our first flight and it was quite exciting, believe me. Hope to do it again some time.

The annual Christmas party sponsored by the Brothers and Sisters for adults and children will be held Sunday, December 10 in Elmwood Post Hall, 860 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R. I. Keep this date in mind.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Sec.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** Following the October 13 meeting, which was kept very short, the Lodge had Ladies' night. Jack Withum's 3-piece band played from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. Coffee and cake was served during the evening and those present had a good time. However, the attendance at these after-meeting affairs is very poor, considering the expense the entertainment committee has, I'm just wondering how long can they continue to plan these affairs in advance, if each time they have to dig into the reserve fund or ask the lodge for help.

It is nice to have officers and Brothers willing to work for the betterment of the Lodge and the Danish Brotherhood, but how long is it going to last if they are not at all supported by the members. Keep this in mind — It is not up to the officers or committee members to make your Lodge a success, they are willing to do the planning and the work attached to hold an affair, but it is up to the members to support their lodge by showing up at those gatherings. Remember also, all our affairs are not for members only, you can bring family and friends and I can assure you that you will not be over-charged.

We in Lodge 116 are all very proud to have our own Brother George Godthaab serving on the Board of Officers in Omaha and we extend sincere wishes and hope the future will hold the best of everything for Brother George. The Lodge also joins me in congratulating Brother Ed. Jonasen in being re-elected and wish him best of luck in future years as a Board Officer.

November 10 is our next meeting night, it is also Past President Night and the entertainment committee has promised "smørrebrød" as only the girls in the kitchen can make them. We have several junior members who have passed their 16th birthday and we hope to get them all together that evening so they can be initiated into the Lodge and take their place as adult members. Two social members are also expected to join the Lodge.

There will also be a full report from our delegate to the National Convention, Brother George Godthaab. The nominating committee will also give their report so you can know the names of officers nominated for election in December and should the selection not please you, you may feel free to come to our December meeting and nominate a candidate from the floor.

VIGGO NIELSEN, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** "Festival of Denmark," the Danish festival in Philadelphia will be the largest Danish promotion in the U. S. in recent years. It will put Denmark in the "spotlight" in Philadelphia, and undoubtedly greatly stimulate the interest for Danish products and Denmark.

Major Danish exhibits at the Philadelphia Civic Center are: A new Danish exhibition: Denmark in Focus, A Danish Design and Industrial Design exhibition. An exhibit

by Georg Jensen and Robert Jacobsen. Art exhibition, food products exhibition and a Greenland exhibition. A LEGO playroom for children. Table setting contests, cooking demonstrations and Hans Christian Andersen stories for children.

Program of events: Children's concert, November 4 and December 2, 11:30 a. m., and 1:30 p. m. Victor Borge concert, Saturday, December 2. Danish gym team, November 21, 8:30 p. m. Help us show a Danish Cadet the town — write or call an officer for information.

Brother N. P. Simonsen Mou will celebrate his 80th birthday November 20. Brother Otto Kofod has been a member of our Lodge for 50 years. Congratulations.

**Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.** Brother Harold Christie has recovered from his recent illness and is having a grand time in Palm Beach, Fla. Brother Clarence Hanson is reported in Ellis Hospital but we hope he is on his way to recovery now.

The Secretary of Lodge 190, Brother George A. Christiansen was delegate both to the GCEL Convention in New Haven, Conn., and to the National Convention in Minneapolis. He writes in "H. C. Orsted News" that drastic changes to our by-laws were enacted by the delegates in Minneapolis to permit more freedom to our Board of Officers in their control over matters which will undoubtedly carry the Brotherhood on to a bigger and better organization.

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** October 14 a dinner party was held at the Danish Club to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Brother and Mrs. Homer Mosier and the 25th wedding anniversary of Brother and Mrs. Louis Jensen and Brother and Mrs. Fred Nielsen. Brother and Mrs. Nielsen will in the near future go to Philadelphia to greet their son, who was wounded in Vietnam. Also Brother John Jensen, son of Brother Henry Jensen, is one of our fighting men in Vietnam.

A "feather party" will be held at the Danish Club Saturday, November 18. Brother Laurits Henriksen, President of the DBS Building Association, is the new manager of the Danish Club.

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** At the meeting October 13 three new members were initiated. We welcome Tinne Thomsen, Evelyn Romano and Borge Christensen. President George Jacobsen, delegate to the National Convention told us about some of the sweeping changes and forward steps taken at this convention.

Friday, November 10, there will be a 20-member men's choir present to perform for us, including our own Borge Petersen. December 16th is the date for the children's Christmas party. Keep both dates open. We wish our Secretary Bill Steffensen a speedy recovery. As of this writing he is a patient at South Nassau Communities Hospital, Oceanside, N. Y.

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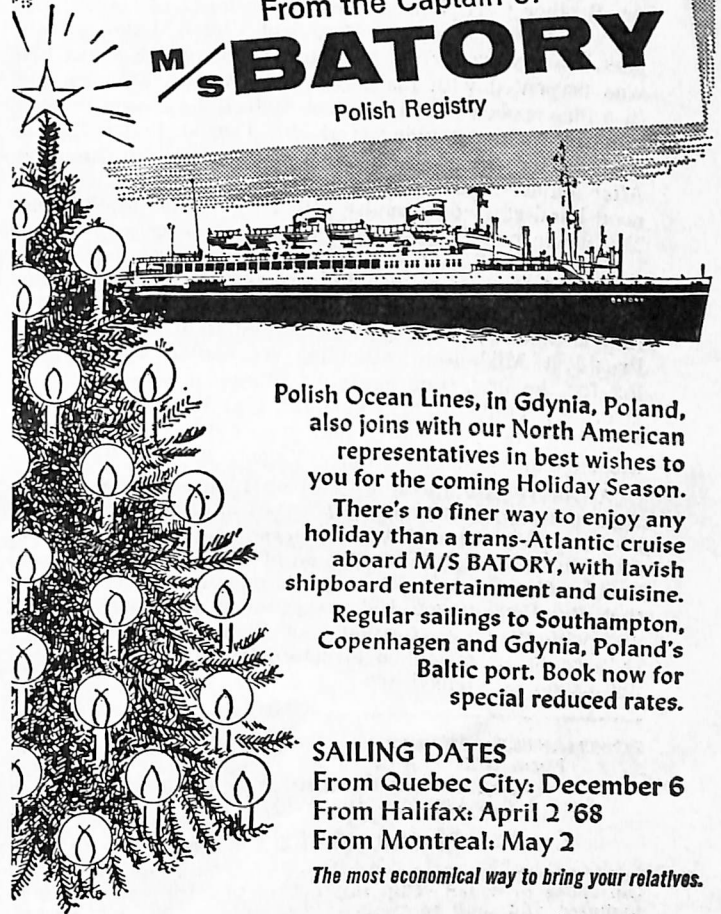
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# MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

by IB K. JENSEN, 10511 Morrow Circle South,

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Detroit Lodge 227 held its 62nd birthday party in the Danish Hall September 23. A very nice dinner was served to a full house of almost 350 people. As President Carl Hansen was not yet back from the National Convention, Vice President Chris Fabricius as host of the evening, gave a run-down of the important events in the Lodge since its founding in 1905 and paid homage to the charter members. The last of the charter members still with us, Brother Carl Nielsen, was at the guest of honor table, as was former Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen who was heartily welcomed back after his convalescence. He was presented with his 50-year pin at this occasion and in a nice speech Past President Sigfred Jørgensen thanked him for his outstanding work for Detroit Lodge 227, as well as for the entire Danish Brotherhood in America. After dinner and the speeches were over, dancing to a good band started up and continued until the small hours. The whole party seemed to be a great success.

September 27, at the regular Lodge meeting, President Carl Hansen gave a full account of his participation in the National Convention and the preceding Law Committee meetings. He also presented to former Supreme President Mikkelsen, attending a regular Lodge meeting for the first time since his illness, a convention program especially autographed for him by most everyone attending the convention and reported on all the good wishes expressed for Brother Viggo's health.

At the regular meeting October 11, three new members were initiated into Lodge 227. They are: Kurt Gravesen, Flemming Wedel and Vern Petersen, and were bid welcome in the Lodge by chairman of the old people's home, Brother Carl Jensen. During this meeting it was reported that the Copenhagen University choir will visit Detroit, and will give a performance at Wayne State University October 16. A collection to help defray the choir's traveling expenses yielded \$60.

From Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich., we have the following news:

The month of September saw us drape our charter for the passing of two of our members, Brothers William Nyman and N. C. Sherman.

September 14 and again on September 28 we held our regular meetings with President Carl Soneral presiding.

We have been making more improvements in our hall. Brother Donald Wagner has been busy removing basement windows and replacing them with glass blocks. We feel that this will be especially appreciated this winter and also will save us some broken windows.

Brother Howard Bentz and his committee were busy removing the old wooden floor from our basement entrance and this was replaced with concrete, and will be tiled for the finishing touch. Larry Stevens and Don Bentz were in charge of sand removal. Don Wagner and Dick Peterson worked on the concrete together with Carl Soneral.

September 20 we held our monthly pinochle party. This seems to be an enjoyable event for our older members and their guests. Committee for the evening was Albert Christoffersen, Herman Finholm and Arnold Hansen. Ten tables were filled for this event.

Plans are being formulated for another of the popular "stag nights." Tentative date is October 26. Howard Bentz will again chair this popular event assisted by President Soneral and other members to be appointed.

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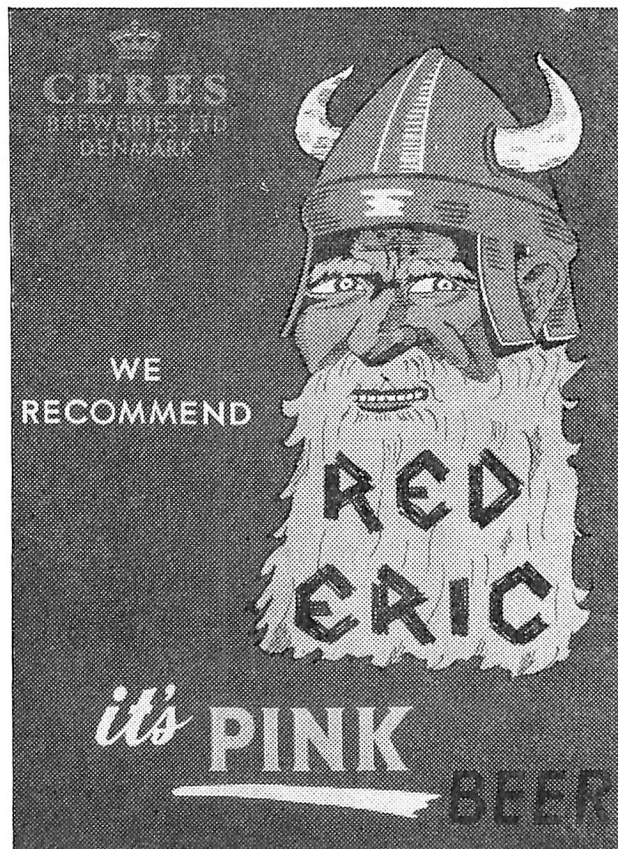
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