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Christmas Greetings



As the holiday season unfolds with all its merriment and magic, we send greetings in the good old-fashioned spirit of "dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh," and wish you many memorable delights.

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Delayed News From Florida

Perhaps this is a little late; but coming from Florida you will realize that we are a little slow at times. Why? Because we, at least most of us, are getting a little older, but we are still getting around a bit and my wife and I certainly had a good trip north.

We regret the fact that we could not attend the dedication in Omaha and the convention in Minneapolis but we did make a very nice visit at the Danish Home in Metuchen, N. J., and also spent a pleasant day at the Home in Groton, N. Y.

The Danish festival day was celebrated there and it is a beautiful place right at the Hudson River. The speaker for the day was Judge Petersen from New York state. He is of Danish descent and has recently made a visit to Denmark, he gave a most interesting speech about his life as a judge and about his trip to Denmark.

In Providence, R. I., we attended the 70th anniversary of Rosenborg Lodge, where I was initiated 50 years ago and that day I shall never forget. Then we attended the 43rd convention of the GCEL in New Haven. This was the 38th convention of this group that I attended, how do I like it? Well, I traveled a long distance just to attend and of course, here we meet many of our old friends, but again we missed many too, from Barre, Vt., Portland, Maine and other lodges we used to visit.

However, it was a very good convention and the committee in New Haven did a fine job. While in New England we of course visited our family and several of our old friends in Rhode Island.

After the convention in New Haven we went home to Florida. Took a few days rest and then on to the meeting in West Palm Beach. Our new neighbors from Philadelphia (the three Moldrup sisters) went along and we had a fine weekend there. At the meeting we had a short report from our delegate, Guno Karlberg from the Minneapolis convention.

It must have been a difficult job to make up your mind on how to vote on some of the motions. To me it seems it must have been a real business convention not as we used to call it a fraternal affair. But perhaps I do not understand it all so well and also times have changed and of course other affairs have to change too. However, personally I do want to wish all the newly elected officers the best of luck for the future, not alone for them, but for our beloved Brotherhood.

It was sad to hear that President Viggo Mikkelsen was not able to be there, but I see by now he is better and to him too I wish for the best in the future.

It was decided at our meeting that we should celebrate our 45th anniversary and a committee was appointed and you will hear more about that soon. After the meeting we had our usual fine coffee table and Danish pastry and then a game of cards, etc.

Do you, as I do, realize that many changes have been made in the last fifty years? But the Danish Brotherhood seems to be still going strong and we certainly have many good lodges and many of the newer members seem to be doing a real good job and I sincerely hope they can continue.

I read an article in the Danish Pioneer last week about a fellow named Haverle. He is a Dane and lives here in Florida, only 10 miles away and we took a ride out to visit him. He was born in New York but had schooling eight years in Copenhagen. He was interested in the underground work in Denmark during the last war. He has certainly had some experiences during his life and has traveled all over the world, working with Peter Freuden and many more very interesting people. We are going to have him as a guest speaker at our retirees club in our church.

We regret the loss of our good old friend John Lysen from New York.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

NEWS FROM IOWA LODGES

By ART THODE, Correspondent

The Iowa United Lodges 1967 convention held in Clear Lake, Iowa, over the Labor Day weekend, with Lodge No. 219 as the host, voted to establish an annual scholarship each at Grand View College in Des Moines and Dana College in Blair.

The convention delegates felt this would be a very worthwhile project for the Iowa United Lodges to work on. That helping young people to attend each of these Danish-American colleges, founded by Danish pioneers would create much favorable publicity for our lodges and would encourage their members to take a more active interest in their work. Inevitably, such increased interest will encourage others to join our order.

The scholarship committee will meet at Grand View College Saturday, November 18. Plans for raising the necessary funds to support the scholarships will be discussed, as will the requirements for awarding the scholarships. That evening Lodge No. 15 will host a party in their lodge quarters.

A second meeting of the committee will be held at Dana College in the early spring. Thus, the committee will have visited the campuses of both our Danish-American colleges and will be equipped to explain to our members why this scholarship program is important to all of us.

The committee members are as follows: Chairman Jerry Maixner, No. 144; Jack Wood, No. 3; Lloyd Plaehm, No. 144; Bud Grunberg, No. 10; Earl Berg, No. 62; and Paul E. Strand, Advisor, Dana College.

LODGE NO. 144, DIKE, IOWA—

Regular meeting was held November 13 with a good crowd on hand. Two new members were initiated by President Plaehm. Arrangements are being made for the annual New Year's Eve party, this is an annual affair for the members of No. 144. We are expecting a good crowd as has been the case in past years.

Four new members will be initiated into the lodge at the next meeting and we are looking forward to a bigger and better 1968.

Twenty-Seventh National Convention

MINNEAPOLIS — MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the 27th National Convention of The Danish Brotherhood in America, assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 18th through September 21st, 1967, and

WHEREAS the mayor of the City of Minneapolis, the Honorable Arthur Naftalin attended our opening ceremonies and welcomed us to this beautiful city, and

WHEREAS Brother Andrew N. Johnson, Royal Danish Consul General honored us with his presence and inspiring message, and

WHEREAS the host Lodge No. 45 of The Danish Brotherhood in America and Lodge No. 23 of the Danish Sisterhood of America together with the combined lodges from the State of Minnesota made our stay at this convention a most enjoyable experience.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we, the delegates and members of The Danish Brotherhood in America extend our sincere thanks for the hospitality, friendliness and fraternal spirit displayed at this convention.

WHEREAS the 27th National Convention of The Danish Brotherhood in America assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 18th through September 21st, 1967, and

WHEREAS we deeply regret that Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen due to his illness was unable to honor us with his presence at this convention, and

WHEREAS we extend to Viggo Mikkelsen our sincere thanks for his service to our fraternity as Supreme President of The Danish Brotherhood in America.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we, the delegates and members of The Danish Brotherhood in America extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery and look forward to your continued active work for the benefit of our beloved Brotherhood.

WHEREAS the 27th National Convention of The Danish Brotherhood in America, assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 18th through September 21st, 1967, and

WHEREAS we have at this convention had as chairman, Supreme First Vice-President Einar Danielsen, and

WHEREAS Brother Danielsen as acting Supreme President has conducted our deliberations in a most commendable manner.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we, the delegates and members of The Danish Brotherhood in America, extend our sincere thanks for the calm and orderly manner in which Brother Einar Danielsen conducted this convention.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolution Committee.

GEORGE J. JACOBSEN,
Lodge No. 325.

MELVIN OREDSSEN,
Lodge No. 39.

NIELS J. NIELSEN,
Lodge No. 134.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

The charm of Christmas lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends. May the peace and happiness of the holiday season be yours today and every day throughout the coming new year!

Senior lodge member, Brother Chris Sand, the 96-year-old member of Enumclaw's DB who now resides at the Pacific Northwest Danish Home in Seattle and who was honored last month, is a "pop" artist. Coming to the United States in 1891 from Denmark, Brother Sand has been a resident of King County since 1900. A former employee of the Washington State Highway Department and the King County Park Department, Brother Chris now devotes many hours to the creation of trinkets, wood carvings and driftwood displays which he says he would rather give to his friends than receive presents from them.

Seattle's DB 29 Brother Herman Larsen is in Swedish Hospital recovering from an eye operation. Brother Einar and Thora Thompson now start their 51st year of marriage. Brother Ole Langsted will be chairman of the Seattle Danish New Year's Eve party. Past District President Sam Frederiksen chaired the harvest ball arrangements. January 27, Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen and Past Local President Soren Frederiksen will cook the annual dinner for the joint installation; Sixty-year lapel pins were awarded to several members on Veteran's Night, November 29, with Brothers Otto Nielsen, Martin Rasmussen and John Langsted in charge. Newest members to join the Danish Brotherhood are Brothers Willy Hansen and Thomas Hald.

Spokane's DB 42 elected their 1968 officers November 4, and celebrated the annual Christmas tree festivity December 2. Belated congratulations to Linda Eskeberg for receiving a Danish Brotherhood scholarship. Brother Chester A. Jensen passed away September 9. Wilbur Brother, Jim Jensen of Kennewick, visited the Inland Empire Danes in October. Former Secretary Laurids Mortensen has recently returned from a trip to Denmark. Brother John Wales, a 2nd Lt. with the United States

Army, is receiving further training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Brother Chris Wales has moved from Korea to the Grand Coulee area. Past President Ernie Wales enjoyed his Boy Scout duties at the Jamboree in Farragut, Idaho. Brother Rasch Paulsen, in his eighties and recently in the hospital, nevertheless still drives a wheat truck when the occasion arises.

Vancouver, B. C.'s DB 328 had 42 members out to hear Brother Poul B. Christensen make an interesting national convention report in October. Vice President Osvald Nielsen reports a nice turnout at their annual "generalforsamling" on December 6, and if you would learn to say "rødgrød med fløde" properly, you may now enroll in the Danish night school course at Vancouver Tech.

Portland's DB 167's District Promotional Manager Magnus Esrom and wife, Margaret, arrived at the Junction City Scandinavian festivities this year on the festival special. President of the National Board, Kristen Jorgensen, visited the Rose City Danes last month.

Junction City's DB 268 lost Brother Al Christensen in September. Brother and Mrs. Max Madsen as well as Brother and Mrs. Lawrence Cook visited Denmark during the summer.

Tacoma's DB 33 Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen took time out from his busy schedule to visit this year's Western Washington Fair at Puyallup and then vacationed in California during October.

"Dad, why did you sign my report card with an X instead of your name?"

"I don't want your teacher to think that anyone with your grades could possibly have a father who can read or write."

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A father was telling a friend how he cured his son from going late to school every day by buying him a car.

"How did that help?" the other man questioned.

"Well, he had to get up early in order to find a parking space," the wise dad replied.



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 22—	Hans C. Jakobsen	71	Ronne Bornholm, Den.	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1923
Oct 19—	Laurits L. Annesen	79	Randers, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1911
Oct 17—	Niels J. Nielsen	71	Clinton, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1926
Oct 20—	Jens C. Mortensen	88	Newell, Iowa	147	Newell, Iowa	1909
Oct 25—	Harvey C. Larsen	78	Denmark, Wisconsin	12	Green Bay, Wisconsin	1926
Oct 28—	Henry C. Jorgensen	86	Helnæs, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
Oct 23—	Axel C. H. M. Petersen	86	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1907
Sep 9—	Christen A. Jensen	69	Nesbjerg Varde	42	Spokane, Washington	1937
Oct 29—	Raymond J. P. Lash	71	Rockville, Missouri	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1927
Aug 13—	Hans C. D. Skytt	85	Kolding, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1926
Oct 28—	Jens M. Jensen	84	Hjørring, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1936
Oct 30—	Jens R. Petersen	84	Council Bluffs, Iowa	111	Austin, Minnesota	1959
Oct 7—	Jens P. Bruun	74	Randers, Denmark	321	West Palm Beach, Florida	1960
Aug 16—	George Tikiøb Bush	86	West Haven, Connecticut	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1966
Jun 8—	Lee Corbin	77	Williams, Iowa	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1963
Sep 14—	Andrew P. Junker	67	Terping, Denmark	268	Junction City, Oregon	1964

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Committee Chairman Henning Jensen sends us the following information concerning the Denmark Excursion for 1968:

The committee has just received an invitation from Denmark's famous Professor Tribini who wants to meet all the participants in his establishment at Dyrehavsbakken in Klampenborg. This well-known showman will also be on hand when our airplane lands in Copenhagen.

Highlights during your stay in Denmark: Hjallerup Market near Aalborg (June 1-2), Country Fair in Gram near Ribe (June 1-3), Hockey between Denmark and Austria in Copenhagen (June 2-3), Town Festival in Kolding (June 8-23), Viking Festival in Frederikssund (June 15-30), Midsummer Festival (St. Hans Aften) June 23, all over Denmark; Football (soccer) between Denmark and Norway (June 23), Midsummer Festival in Nexø (June 23-25), The Funen Cattle Show and Agricultural in Odense (June 28-30), Tilting Tournament in Aabenraa (June 29), Rebild Festival (July 4), also Danish-American Festival in Aalborg. Tivoli will celebrate its 125th anniversary assisted by Victor Borge and others.

Brother Henning tells us that reservations are coming in fast and advises those who are putting off making reservations that they may be left out if they wait too long. Send reservations with at least \$100 deposit to Eric Roug, 1900 West Artesia Blvd., Torrance, Calif., 90504. Eric is the treasurer.

For information in northern California contact Henning Jensen, 255 West 41st Ave., San Mateo, Calif., 94403, and in the deep south, Paul Nielsen, 5755 Tulane St., San Diego, Calif., 92122. Information can also be secured from Rudolph Olsen Travel Agency, 166 Geary St., San Francisco, Calif., 94108. Phone (415) 362-9135 or 362-3079.

Lodge No. 39, Oakland, who will host the 1968 General Committee convention, informs us that headquarters for that event will be the famous Claremont Hotel, beautifully situated high in the Berkeley Hills. Sister Etta Hallgren and Brother Sid Nelson are co-chairmen and we know they will make sure that the convention program will be tops. August 15-16-17 have been chosen for the event.

General Committee President Willy Christensen names the following changes in his proposed installation tour:

Lodge 143, Petaluma, January 27 instead of January 5. Also that there may be a change in the proposed joint installations of Lodge 306, San Diego and No. 336, Escondido, now set for January 20. Look for possible changes in the January issue.

Christmas parties which we know about — San Francisco, Wednesday, December 13, in Druid Temple; Los Angeles, Saturday, December 9, Danish Center, starting at 5 p. m., and Santa will be there at 6 p. m.; San Diego, Saturday, December 16, Electricians Union Hall, Washington St.; Hayward, Friday, December 8, Hill and Valley Club, 1808 "B" St. (there will be no meeting) and Fremont, Sunday, December 17, 2 p. m., Country Club on Parish Ave.

Lodge No. 337, Fremont, initiated six new members at its November meeting and is looking forward to more before the end of the year. The initiation was witnessed by General Committee Outer Guard and Lodge 184 President Paul Sorensen. Brother Paul is the visitingest Outer Guard the General Committee has had in a long time. Recently he was nominated to office in Lodge No. 39 when he was visiting there but being a member of No. 184 he declined the honor.

What we predicted in the November issue would be a big shindig down on the farm in Ripon, turned out to be just that on the night of November 18, when Brothers and Sisters from all parts of the state converged on Stockton where Lodge No. 332 held its annual anniversary party, always a gala event.

Brother Melvin Oredsen, the secretary of Lodge 39, Oakland, the chairman of the California Cultural Committee, one of the three alternates to the Board of Officers and a past president of the California General Committee, of which he is also an honorary life member, was recently elected to the governing board of Aldersly, Inc., the beautiful retirement home in San Rafael, Calif.

One of California's prettiest Brothers, Ebba Olsen, of Lodge 332, Ripon, daughter of Past Presidents of the General Committees, Vernon and Bessie Olsen, will be married Saturday, December 9 to Kresten Skibsted Norby of San Diego. Sister-Brother Ebba is well known throughout the state, having followed her mother and dad to conventions and social events since childhood. Kresten, brother of Peter Norby, the dynamo of Lodge No. 306, is a fairly recent arrival from Denmark and very active in No. 306. Our congratulations.

The following note is from Johanne Perkins:

In No. 336 we plan to initiate five new members this month, which we are very thrilled about. Two of our members are planning to join the Brotherhood flight in June.

One of our members, Brother Einer Jachel and his wife, Martha, just returned from a 5-month trip to Denmark. They also visited several countries in Europe and had a grand time. They said the best food in Europe is found in Denmark.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend to all of you my appreciation for my acceptance as a delegate to the National Convention. My trip to the dedication in Omaha and the convention in Minneapolis was an event that I will never forget. My thanks to all the people who were so kind to me. I feel that the Brotherhood made a great deal of progress and I hope all of us will stand behind our new officers and give them the support they need to accomplish their goals. I hope to have the opportunity to see you all again sometime, like 1971, in San Diego.

Fraternally, Johanne L. Perkins, No. 336.

And now I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a real Happy New Year!

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AND OUR "HATS OFF" TO THEIR SPONSOR

Introducing Our New Members

Lodge No.	Location	New Member	Sponsor
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49	San Francisco	Johannes Mogens	Flemming Hartz
50	Byram	George Wm. Newton	John Jensen
71	Penn Yan	Michael J. Jensen	M. Christensen
102	Providence	Gilbert Mortensen	Fred. Mortensen
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227	Detroit	Pasquale Bommarito	Hans Nielsen
227	Detroit	Alf Leif Block	Jorgen Mau
227	Detroit	Ib H. Hansen	Herman Rasmussen
227	Detroit	Harold H. Jensen	Jorgen Mau
227	Detroit	Jorgen M. Dam	John Kinch
227	Detroit	Albert Chr. Madsen	Jorgen Mau
230	Arcata	Viggo Poulsen	Iver Simonsen
299	Solvang	Martin Jacobsen	Knud Jacobsen
299	Solvang	Robert C. Becker	Peter Jacobsen
299	Solvang	Ulrik Grouleff	Peter Jacobsen
299	Solvang	Rudolf P. Skav	Peter Jacobsen
306	San Diego	Gunner Seldal	Kresten Norby
325	Nassau Co.	Anna C. Thomsen	Mogens Thomsen
325	Nassau Co.	Evelyn Romano	Walter Juergensen
328	Vancouver	Knud O. Nielsen	John Sorensen
328	Vancouver	Niels F. O. Nielsen	E. Marcussen
328	Vancouver	Frede Mortensen	Ole Siguardsen

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328	Vancouver	Erling H. Baekhave	Osvald Nielsen
328	Vancouver	Erling Poulsen	S. A. Johansen
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172	Philadelphia	Martin Busch-Petersen	M. Hempel
238	Juhl	Wendy S. Raven	Theodore Laursen

Brotherhood?

I see you at the meetings, but you never say hello.
 You are busy all the time with men you already know.
 I sit among the fellows, still I am a lonely guy.
 The new ones sit there with me, while you quickly pass us by.
 But, gosh, you guys have asked us in and you talked of fellowship.
 You could just step across the room but you never made the trip.
 Why can't you nod and say hello, or stop and shake my hand,
 Then go and join your other friends, now that I'd understand.
 I'll be at our next meeting too, on that you can depend,
 So won't you introduce yourself, I want to be a friend!
 (From the pages of The Danish Pioneer. Submitted by Guno Karlberg, through the Promotional Department, from West Palm Beach, Fla., Secretary Lodge No. 321.)

Visitors

Our guest book at 3717 Harney Street shows that we have had visitors from 19 states, British Columbia and Denmark at our new headquarters building.

Perhaps you will find the name of a friend in the list of guests. Due to the long list we listed only out of town visitors this time. There have, of course, been many from Omaha. When in Omaha, we hope you will find it convenient to stop and see us.

Arizona: R. N. Lund, Mesa.

British Columbia: Paul Christensen, Vancouver.

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Successful Thrift

As a general rule, Danish people, along with other Scandinavians, have been considered thrifty. They have been able to get to the end of the month, most of the time, before they get to the end of their pay check.

Saving, however, is difficult for many people, even Danes. Would you believe that life insurance is successful thrift? Why? Because it helps a man save regularly and persistently year after year. He is notified when his deposits are due. He knows that a definite amount is to be saved by a given date or he will sacrifice certain advantages. The more that is left to chance in a life-long plan of thrift, the greater the chance of failure, the less that is left to chance, the greater the chance of success.

Life insurance leaves little to chance. Everything is definite, the amount to be saved, the time when it is to be saved, the amount that is on hand year after year as the savings program continues.

Thousands of people still have the first money saved in their insurance certificates, but have started and stopped many savings accounts of other types. Other savings institutions tell us that the average savings account will only last four or five years. This won't help much for old age or future emergencies. This indicates that the life insurance method is successful.

Right now would be a good time to begin saving a definite amount in a good Danish Brotherhood Life Insurance Certificate. See your lodge secretary, or write to the Home Office indicating how much you could and would save, and your date of birth, and we can send you an illustration.

Do yourself a favor; pay yourself first!

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Honor Roll Listings

LODGES

Lodge	Location	Members
1—Omaha, Nebraska		8
4—Racine, Wisconsin		28
17—Chicago, Illinois		14
29—Seattle, Washington		12
32—New Haven, Connecticut		5
43—Denver, Colorado		10
71—Penn Yan, New York		6
102—Providence, Rhode Island		8
116—Newark, New Jersey		10
126—Los Angeles, California		17
144—Dike, Iowa		10
167—Portland, Oregon		6
172—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		9
227—Detroit, Michigan		50
299—Solvang, California		6
306—San Diego, California		5
318—Copenhagen, Denmark		10
323—Alhambra, California		8
328—Vancouver, B. C., Canada		17
329—Long Beach, California		5
337—Fremont, California		5

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members
1—Omaha, Nebr., Earl Hansen			3
4—Racine, Wis., Allen Nyboe			8
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			9
102—Providence, R. I., Carl Sorensen			7
126—Los Angeles, Calif., Poul D. Andersen			5
126—Los Angeles, Calif., Eric Roug			5
139—Viborg, S. D., Soren Simonsen			4
144—Dike, Iowa, Gary Andersen			3
144—Dike, Iowa, A. B. Thode			6
172—Philadelphia, Pa., Mogens Hempel			9
227—Detroit, Mich., Svend Jensen			4
227—Detroit, Mich., Niels Nedergard			10
227—Detroit, Mich., Ove Rostgaard			5
227—Detroit, Mich., Jorgen Mau			7
227—Detroit, Mich., Herman Rasmussen			3
299—Solvang, Calif., Peter Jacobsen			5
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

Salesmen!

What does this have to do with the Danish Brotherhood? The answer follows:

What do you think of salesmen? Do you feel there is a justification for their service? Or do you feel they are just a fifth wheel on the carriage of progress?

Consider the part the salesman has had in the development of almost any product which has meant advancement for our civilization — the steamboat, the telephone, the automobile, electric lights, etc. We take pride as a nation in believing that we are always quick and alert to adopt new devices and methods, but experience shows that seldom have they been adopted by our own free

will; always we have had to be sold, no matter how great the value of the new product might be.

The salesman brings to us the good things in life. Because of him, we dress as we do, eat as we do, live in the kind of houses we do, and enjoy lots of comforts and conveniences. He comes to us and jogs us out of the routine of life. He persuades us to invest in the things he sells. Then we congratulate ourselves upon our cleverness and our judgment, forgetting that it was the salesman who led us to accept the new. People are accustomed to see a salesman when they wish to buy automobiles, real estate, or other tangibles.

If life insurance or any other product could be sold without the use of salesmen, many companies would long ago have adopted this method.

Each of you, as you try to interest another person in becoming a member of the Danish Brotherhood, is a salesman, whether you realize it or not. Do we need salesmen to sell memberships in the Danish Brotherhood?

Do we need people fortified with all the knowledge about the Brotherhood that they can get, and fortified with the understanding of the wonderful protection plans available? Few people would be able to have this knowledge and understanding, unless it was their full time vocation or calling. If they had it, they would have little time to tell others about it unless it was their occupation.

During the past 40 years that we have depended on our membership to sell, we have had a steady decline in membership and insurance in force. This is not criticism of anyone, because many have done a good selling job, but merely points out the fact that regardless of how good something is and how great the benefits, it takes trained salesmen to get people to do something about it. Even the good product we have, will not sell itself.

We need salesmen to bring back an upswing in the membership, which is essential at this time.

Maybe there could be a great future for you, or for someone you know, in this interesting and profitable work of contacting prospective members for the Danish Brotherhood. A good way of supplementing present income or a complete new source of income for you might be available. Why not ask us about it.

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Twenty-Seventh National Convention

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

September 18th Through the 21st, 1967

For the information of our members we herewith report the changes that were made in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws of our society as a result of legislation enacted at the 27th National Convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 18th through the 21st, 1967.

All matters acted upon came before the assembled accredited delegates lawfully and in a manner approved by the convention.

This report shall also serve as a notification to the membership that the new laws amended as recorded herein below are in force and effect from date of enactment. Please mark your law books accordingly. New books will be issued in early 1968.

Words and texts in parenthesis () identify the sections deleted. **Words and texts in bold face type identify the new additions.**

The following changes will be made in the new printed booklet but are not included in this presentation in the interest of preserving space:

The word "Supreme" is deleted wherever it appears. "Constitution" will be changed to "Articles of Incorporation and Constitution," as these two parts are combined.

The word "national" will be inserted in front of the word "convention."

The word "corporate" will be inserted in front of the word "surety."

The entire Constitution has been combined with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and is deleted as it previously appeared.

All sections will be renumbered.

The report follows:

§ designates paragraph.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV

§ 5. Provide and maintain (an insurance) a fund for the payment of such sums, as may be stipulated by law, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries of every insured member or person. Rules governing the administration and maintenance of the insurance fund are prescribed in the by-laws of this society.

ARTICLE VI

The society shall consist of local lodges. The corporate powers of this society shall be exercised in such manner as prescribed by its by-laws.

(The affairs of the society are to be conducted by a supreme board, which shall comprise the following officers: One supreme president, one supreme first vice-president, one supreme second vice-president, one supreme secretary-treasurer, and three supreme trustees.)

The affairs of the society shall be conducted by the board of officers and shall consist of seven -7- members, duly elected by a majority vote of the delegates then present and voting at the national convention who shall hold their office as officers until their successors are duly elected, qualified and installed. Eligible for election as an officer is any existing member of the board of officers or its predecessor body and any of the accredited delegates present at the national convention. In the event any officer shall become permanently incapacitated as

determined by a majority vote of the remaining officers, resign or die, his office shall be filled as prescribed by the laws of the society.

The executive committee shall consist of the president, first vice-president and secretary-treasurer, such committee shall have such powers as may be delegated to it by the laws of the society and the board of officers.

ARTICLE VII

(The officers of the society hereinabove designated shall be elected at the regular convention of members and such convention shall meet as often as once in every four years. The said officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected, qualified and installed.)

The board of officers shall at its first meeting following its election by the national convention, elect, by majority vote, the following officers. A president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, and secretary-treasurer; which officers shall serve until the first meeting of the board of officers following the next national convention and until their successors are duly elected, qualified and installed. No person shall be elected to any of the above offices, except secretary-treasurer, who is not a member of the board of officers, no person shall be elected to the office of secretary-treasurer who is not a member of the society. A vacancy shall exist in any of the above offices, except secretary-treasurer, should said officers cease to be a member of the board of officers or upon a vote of five-sevenths of the members of the board of officers. A vacancy shall exist in the office of secretary-treasurer should said officer cease to be a member of the society or upon a vote of five-sevenths of the members of the board of officers. The board of officers may fill any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices by a majority vote.

ARTICLE X

(These articles of incorporation of the society shall be in force and take effect commencing the first day of January, following each national convention, and may only be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes legally represented at the national convention as prescribed by the by-laws of the society.)

The articles of incorporation and by-laws of the society shall be binding on it, on every member thereof and on all beneficiaries of members. No subordinate body nor any of its subordinate officers or members shall have power or authority to waive any provision thereof, and otherwise there shall be no waiver excepting as the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the society shall specifically permit.

The local lodges of the society shall have power to maintain and distribute the funds which are received for aid and other charitable purposes, and which must be regarded as the absolute property of the lodge. Such funds shall not be made subject to execution, and can under no circumstances be appropriated under process of debt of either living or deceased members of the lodge.

The society cannot lay any claim to building, inventory, libraries, etc., belonging to the local lodges. Such properties shall be considered the absolute property of the lodges, which shall have full power to dispose of same.

ARTICLE XI

(X)

These articles of incorporation of the society shall be in force and take effect commencing (the first day of January, following each national convention,) the date the same are filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska and the County Clerk of Douglas County, Nebraska, and may only be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes legally represented at the national convention as prescribed by the by-laws of the society.

BY - LAWS

ARTICLE I

The Supreme Lodge

Section (13) 1. §1. The (assembly) national convention shall be known by the name: "The Supreme Lodge" of The Danish Brotherhood in America and shall consist of lawfully elected delegates from each of the lodges in the society and the (following supreme board of officers:

- One supreme president
- One supreme first vice-president
- One supreme second vice-president
- One supreme secretary-treasurer
- Three supreme trustees)

members of the board of officers.

§2. (These) This board of officers shall act and direct the society (as its supreme board of officers) until their legally elected, or appointed successors are installed. (into their respective offices)

Section (15) 3. For organizing a new lodge the organizer is entitled to receive \$5.00 for each insured charter member, the amount to be paid from the (promotional) general fund. The (supreme) board shall further have the authority to pay the traveling expenses of such brother or brothers if they believe it to be to the best interest of the society. (such traveling expenses to be paid from the promotional fund.)

ARTICLE II

Duties of (Supreme) Officers

Section (17) 5. §1. The (supreme) president shall preside at all deliberations of the board meeting and with the help of a parliamentarian appointed by the board shall conduct all deliberations of the national convention and in the case of equal division in voting (he has) shall cast the deciding vote. He shall (have the power) be authorized to install new lodges and install their officers or (to) deputize a brother to do (the same) so. (and shall install their officers, and order issued and sign charters for lodges of the society) He shall submit a written report of his work during the year at each annual meeting held by the members of the (supreme) board.

§2. He shall submit a report of his work during his term at the following convention. He shall further recommend what changes, if any, he believes would be beneficial in the (constitution) articles of incorporation and by-laws and furnish all lodges with copies of same at a date early enough to enable the law committee appointed by the lodges to revise the (constitution) articles of incorporation and by-laws to consider same. (He shall order drawn and sign all orders of payment from the supreme treasury.)

§4. He shall perform such other duties as the laws of the society enjoin on him. He shall furnish a corporate surety bond (for \$5,000.00, the cost of same to be paid by the society, and as compensation for his work he shall receive a yearly salary of thirty cents per member drawn from the general fund.) in the amount of \$25,000, the cost of which is to be paid by the society. As compensation for his work, he shall receive an annual salary of 30¢

per member, prorated and payable monthly, drawn from the general fund and based on the total membership reported as of December 31st of each previous year.

(b) All payments made to the (supreme) officers (from the mortuary fund, and all other funds) must be published in the first issue of the monthly magazine after the payment has been made. The name of the board member, the amount paid to him and the reason for the payment, must be published.

The printer must deliver the paper to the post office not later than the (fourth) sixth day of each month, and bids must be received for the printing of the paper by the (supreme) board.

§7. The (supreme) secretary-treasurer shall receive all monies for the society, and shall at all times, when the bank is open for business deposit same not later than the day after being received, in the name of The Danish Brotherhood, in such banks as are decided upon by the (supreme) board. The money can only be withdrawn upon orders, signed by (the supreme president and the supreme secretary-treasurer. If the supreme president believes an error has been made in issuing a check, he can request a decision by the supreme board before he countersigns the check.) two authorized signatures.

§9. (When the insurance is payable to beneficiaries residing abroad the supreme secretary-treasurer shall send bank check for the amount.)

(10) §9. The (supreme) secretary-treasurer shall devote his time to the investment of the funds of the society, and his salary (which is to be determined by the supreme board shall be drawn from the mortuary fund.) shall be determined by the board of officers.

Section (20) 8. §1. It shall be the duty of the (supreme) secretary-treasurer upon collection of assessments to render each lodge a monthly bill for the amount of the assessment. He shall also require that every lodge at the termination of each year shall furnish him with a correct report of its members in good standing, their total assessment, names and lodge number, number of members dead, suspended or transferred by card. Where a lodge neglects to forward to the (supreme) secretary-treasurer a correct annual report, it shall be the duty of the (supreme) secretary-treasurer to withhold the annual password (until the lodge has fulfilled its duties) and the lodge shall not be eligible to such benefits as provided in section 61 where a lodge neglects to forward a correct annual statement before January 15th. The secretary-treasurer shall again extend above privileges when the lodge has fulfilled its duties.

Section (26) 14. §1. (The supreme trustees) Members of the board of officers who are not elected officers shall convene twice yearly at the home office for the purpose of taking a complete inventory of all bonds and other valuables in the office and in the vaults of the society as well as an inventory of receipts for bonds in transit and to ascertain that such inventory conforms with the official records. Any irregularity shall immediately be reported to the (supreme) president. At the time of taking such inventory of the bonds in the vault the current interest coupons shall be clipped, checked and segregated by months. The coupons shall remain in the vault until collectible. At such meetings they shall receive \$25.00 per day and mileage.

§2. (The supreme trustees) Members of the board of officers who are not elected officers shall receive a salary of three cents per year for each member in the society.

§3. (Each supreme trustee) Members of the board of officers who are not elected officers shall furnish a corporate surety bond in the amount of \$5,000.00; the cost of same to be paid by the society.

Section (27) 15. §1. The (supreme) board of officers shall look after the interest of the society during the time between the adjourning of one convention and the convening of the following convention. During this time the (supreme) board shall be the highest authority of the society, and its functions shall be thus:

§4. To manage and distribute the funds, according to the laws governing such funds, and at each semi-annual meeting of the (supreme) officers, they shall determine the amount of monies that must be transferred to or from each fund. (to the general fund, as reimbursement for expenses incurred, by each fund, respectively during the preceding six months.)

(h) SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS:

Deposits on passbook, or in savings certificates of insured savings and loan association, loan and building association and similar financial institutions, not to exceed (\$10,000) the maximum amount insured by the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation, in any one; provided, that the net assets of such financial institution shall be not less than 10 million dollars at the date of deposit or purchase.

(i) HOME OFFICE BUILDING:

A Danish Brotherhood home office building in Omaha, Nebraska.

(j) In no event shall any investment be made which is not authorized by the Nebraska Insurance Code for Investments of Funds of a Nebraska domestic life insurance company.

The (supreme) board can delegate its authority to an investment committee of not more than three men, who must be duly elected members of the (supreme) board.

All bonds and securities are to be placed in the safety vaults of the society under the joint supervision of the (supreme) secretary-treasurer and (the chairman of the trustees or his proxy) by board action, a designated member of the board of officers or his proxy.

§9. The (supreme) board shall meet at least twice annually at the home office. (to coincide with the meetings of the supreme trustees called by section 26, par. 1) A special meeting can be called by the (supreme) president, or the majority of the (supreme) board, if found necessary. For attending all official meetings of the board, and when traveling on official business of the society, each board member shall receive \$25.00 per day and mileage.

§10. (a. It shall be the duty of the supreme board to rent a suitable office for the supreme secretary-treasurer and pay for same out of the general fund of the order.)

(b. The supreme officers shall have the authority to do all things necessary, to acquire a Danish Brotherhood home office building in Omaha, Nebraska.) Suitable offices for the secretary-treasurer and the insurance employees of the society, and for the keeping of the insurance records of the society shall be maintained in the Danish Brotherhood home office building located in Omaha, Nebraska. The same shall be designated and kept apart, as far as is reasonably possible, from the lodge records, archives and effects of the Danish Brotherhood in America and all non-insurance functions of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

§11. The (supreme) board shall also satisfy itself that all banks, in which money belonging to the society is deposited (furnish a corporate surety bond) are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

c. The (supreme) board shall establish an adequate (pension or) retirement fund for the benefit of the (supreme) secretary-treasurer, and such employees as the (supreme) board may determine, provided however, that

they are members of the society and have been employed for at least three years before being eligible for benefits, the (pension) benefit to be not more than sixty per cent of his salary at the time of his retirement, less whatever is drawn from social security.

d. If sufficient funds have not been accumulated to provide an adequate (pension) retirement for the incumbent (supreme) secretary-treasurer upon his retirement, the (supreme) board is authorized to draw upon the funds of the society to provide such (pension) benefits.

§15. A decision of the majority of the (supreme) board shall be final in all cases laid before them, except in the case of the declaration of a vacancy in any one of the offices of the society.

§21. The home office shall secure and have on hand suitable emblems for members having belonged to the society for 25, (and 50) 50 or 60 years. These emblems shall be furnished to qualified members without cost.

§22. (The supreme secretary-treasurer shall keep up to date records of all members and shall notify the lodges in January if they have any members who should receive a 50-year pin during the coming year. The pin should also be forwarded at that time.) The board shall authorize the persons who may sign orders for payments drawn on the funds of the society. Such persons shall be bonded in amounts to be decided upon by the board. (Sec. 7, Par. 7)

§23. The board shall retain an attorney qualified and a member of the bar in the state of Nebraska for consultation in matters of the Danish Brotherhood.

§24. The board shall provide membership lapel buttons in their present form. These are to be furnished to all new members upon initiation at the expense of the general fund.

Section (28) 16. §1. It is the duty of every member of the (supreme) board who has to furnish bonds to present his bond for approval not later than thirty days after his installation into office. Should any of the (supreme) board of officers who shall give bonds, fail to comply with this duty up to the time described in this section, such officer shall have forfeited his right to the office, and the (supreme) president shall arrange for one of the elected alternates to be installed in his place.) board of officers shall fill said vacancy.

§3. The (supreme) board is authorized to increase the bond of the (supreme) secretary-treasurer and the (supreme) trustees) members of the board of officers who are not elected officers, if deemed necessary.

Section (31) 19. The home office (provides receipt books, forms for delinquent notices and books with printed headings for the different funds, for use by the financial secretary and treasurer of subordinate lodges, and it will be the duty of each lodge, when new books must be procured to order them from the home office.) shall provide such lodge supplies as necessary for the functioning of the subordinate lodges to the extent practicable. The supplies may consist of receipt books, delinquent forms, financial record forms, etc., and may be ordered from the home office by each lodge. It shall be the duty of the society to provide such (books) supplies to the lodges at cost.

Section (36) 23. §1. The (supreme) board of officers shall appoint one convention committee on laws consisting of nine -9- lawfully elected and qualified delegates to consider the proposals submitted, to come before the national convention, for amendment of the articles of incorporation, (the constitution) and by-laws. The board shall inform the selected delegates of their appointment at least (two -2-) eight -8- months prior to the date the national convention is scheduled to convene.

§2. While functioning as the convention law committee, each member delegate shall receive \$25.00 per day for (Wednesday through Sunday prior to a convention) the period the committee is in session, not to exceed seven -7- days.

Section (37) 24. §1. The convention law committee appointed under Section (36) 23 shall meet (in the convention city beginning on Wednesday of the week preceding the convening of the national convention) at the home office not later than six -6- months prior to the national convention. It shall be the duty of the committee to study and, in so far as is possible, consolidate all proposals having the same intent and purpose. Having similarly studied and considered all proposals, lawfully submitted for action by the convention, the committee shall make one all-inclusive report on their recommendations for consideration by the assembly delegates. Final action shall be reserved the delegates entitled to vote on the question, unrestrained by the committee's recommendations.

§2. The findings and recommendations of the committee on laws shall be published in appropriate form and be made available to all delegates not later than ten -10- weeks prior to the national convention.

Section (38) 25. (The delegate's credentials shall be investigated by the supreme trustees. All complaints concerning the credentials must be reported to a committee, appointed by the supreme president.) The president shall appoint a credentials committee of three members of the board of officers who shall examine the credentials of all the delegates and receive any complaint concerning such credentials or delegates.

Section (41) 28. 1. Delegates as well as members of the (supreme board of officers shall receive as compensation \$15.00 per diem for the duration of the convention, as well as for the time consumed in traveling to and from the convention city, plus mileage based on round trip, first class railroad fare from home town to convention city by the shortest route, plus roomette rate for one person or seat charge, where applicable. Such expenses are to be paid from the general fund and these rules are to be applicable to the 1963 convention and thereafter) board of officers, shall receive as compensation \$20.00 per day for the time consumed in traveling to and from the convention city and for each day of the convention plus actual cost of transportation by shortest and most convenient route; in no event shall such cost exceed railroad fare, first class plus roomette rate for one person or seat charge where applicable. Such expense is to be paid for by the society. Above proposal is to be applied to the 1967 convention and thereafter.

Entire section 42 deleted and now reads as follows:

§1. Members of the board of officers shall be elected by secret ballot. Each officer shall be elected by a majority vote of all votes cast on a separate ballot and at least three members shall be initially nominated for each position of officer. In the event no nominee shall receive a majority of the votes cast on any ballot, the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be excluded from a subsequent ballot and vote and voting shall continue until a nominee shall receive a majority of votes cast on a separate ballot and vote.

§2. After the election of the board of officers, the national convention shall elect three alternates by written ballot, who, in the case of any vacancy on the board of officers shall become eligible to fill such vacancy. The president with the approval of the majority of the members of the board of officers shall fill the vacancy with one of the three alternates elected. Not more than one member from the same lodge may serve on the board of

officers at any time. In the event of further vacancies on the board of officers, the president, with the approval of a majority of the board of officers, shall appoint any qualified member of the society to the vacancy.

Section (43) 30. §1. a. For the election of a delegate to a national convention the following rules shall prevail in all cases. A lodge must elect a law committee not later than (nine -9-) twelve -12- months before the convention convenes. The law committee shall consist of at least five -5- insured members, in good standing in the lodge and society, all of whom have been members of the lodge at least one -1- year at the time of election. At least one -1- member of the law committee must be a former delegate, excepting in newly instituted lodges; also excepting cases where a lodge, because of resignation, suspensions, transfer or death of former delegate or delegates, should be unable to meet such a requirement.

§1. b. A delegate to the national convention and an alternate must be elected by the members of the lodge from the membership of the law committee at least (six -6-) nine -9- months prior to a national convention.

§2. a. No lodge can proceed to the election of a law committee or a delegate before the secretary of the lodge has notified the members in writing of such election.

§2. b. No lodge can proceed to the election of a delegate that does not comply to the rules and regulations of the articles of incorporation and by-laws.

Section (45) 32. §1. All motions for changes in the laws shall be written in the English language and forwarded to the home office (four) seven -7- months before the convention so as to be listed in order on the calendar of the convention.

4. The (supreme) board of officers may submit motions to the convention in the same manner as the local lodges.

5. No proposal for amendment of the laws will be considered by the committee on laws unless they are submitted in typewritten and duplicate form in the English language. A brief summary of the sponsor's reason for proposing the amendment must accompany all proposals and must be submitted in typewritten and duplicate form in the English language. It is mandatory that each, and every, proposed amendment and explanation be presented in the exact wording that the sponsor wishes it to appear in the book of proposals and may be in mimeograph form.

Entire section 49 deleted and now reads as follows:

General Fund. All funds of the society except fraternal funds as herein defined shall be placed in the general fund of the society. An insurance reserve shall be maintained as a liability of the general fund for all insurance certificates in force equal to reserves required by the Commissioners 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality at two and one-half per cent -2½%- interest according to the Commissioner's Reserve Valuation Method or such other table of mortality as may be subsequently adopted by the board of officers for certificates of insurance issued hereafter; additional liabilities of the general fund shall be maintained in amounts to be determined by the board of officers as shall be required by the laws of the State of Nebraska and good and accepted practices of insurance accounting. An additional special insurance reserve for fluctuation of assets, mortality, morbidity, interest earnings and expenses shall be maintained as a liability of the general fund in an amount not less than ten per cent of the amount of the above insurance reserve; the board of officers shall annually determine such additional insurance reserves. On or before December 31 of each year the board of officers shall determine -1- the schedule of refunds to insured members in the following calendar year, and -2- such other amounts as,

in its judgment, need to be set aside out of surplus of the general fund to provide for the continuation and future expansion of the membership, continuation and future expansion of fraternal activities, continuation and future expansion of charitable and educational activities; said amounts to be in addition to the known or determined liabilities chargeable to the general fund. Such general fund shall be used to pay all just debts and claims of the society except those which shall be chargeable to the fraternal fund. The board of officers shall annually allocate at its annual meeting a portion of the general fund to be transferred to the fraternal fund if any. A physical segregation of assets of any fund or funds shall not be required except that the fraternal fund shall have a separate bank account, provided the assets and liabilities of each such fund shall be accurately set forth in the books and records of the society.

§2. Persons 16 years of age and over, eligible for membership in the society, will upon entering the mutual life insurance become an associate insured lodge member. Upon initiation, he or she will have the same rights in the lodge as a social member. In addition, he can vote on delegate selection and insurance matters. The home office will collect insurance assessments and associate dues and pay the lodge \$3.00 a year or an amount to be determined by the board for each associate insured member, as long as he pays his insurance assessments.

Section (51) 38. §1. Upon initiation a member must enter the mutual insurance and other benefit funds of the society by paying the prescribed rates in advance to the treasury of the lodge and must take out at least (\$125.00 insurance, straight life; \$500.00, 20-pay life; or \$1,000.00 life paid up at age 65.) \$500.00 insurance.

§2. In the event that the member received his cash surrender value before age 50, he must then take out (at least \$125.00 straight life insurance) the minimum required amount of insurance if he is insurable in accordance with the society's requirements. If at such time the member is not insurable, he may continue his membership as a social member in the society without the insurance otherwise required.

Section (52) 39. A member who in every way has complied with the requirement shall have the right to increase the amount of insurance. In cases where a medical examination is required for additional insurance (the president appoints one man who must escort the member to the doctor's office for examination, and receive certificate, filled out on the examination blank furnished by the society. The application for more insurance must be approved in the lodge by two-thirds of the votes cast) an examination blank furnished by the society shall be completed by the doctor and mailed to the home office; his contribution to the (insurance) general fund on such increase shall be according to his age at the time of the increase, provided however, that no increase of insurance can be effected after the age of 60 years.

§2. (The lodge secretary shall furnish the member who has been appointed by the president to escort the applicant to the doctor's office, with information in regard to the previous condition of the applicant's health. This information shall be for the benefit of the physician in conducting an examination.)

Section (54) 40. The (supreme) board of officers on and after January 1, 1944, shall hereby be authorized and directed to provide, and make available to its members such benefit certificates as it from time to time shall deem will serve the best interest of the members, to determine the benefits to be paid, to prescribe assessment rates and conditions of all benefit certificates and

to change the same from time to time, provided that the assessment rate on all benefit certificates shall be (computed on a basis of not less than the American Experience Table of Mortality with interest assumption not exceeding 3½%; and approved by the society's actuary and provided further that all certificates shall be issued in amounts in agreement with the laws of the society as adopted by its convention.) in amounts as approved by the actuary of the society and by resolution of the board of officers provided further that all certificates shall be issued in amounts in agreement with the laws of the society as adopted by its national convention.

Section (55) 41. A member holding a certificate which provides for extended insurance, and who desires to discontinue to pay his assessments, but yet remain a member of the society, shall be considered an insured member for the length of time covered by his extended insurance provision, provided he pays for his local lodge dues and taxes to the supreme lodge, as an insured member. If termination of the extended insurance period occurs before the age of 50 years, he must take out the minimum amount of insurance if he is insurable in accordance with the society's requirements or withdraw his membership. If at such time the member is not insurable, he may continue his membership as a social member in the society without the insurance otherwise required. If the extended insurance period expires after the attained age of 50 years, he can remain as a social member.

Section (67) 47. Insert the word "husband" in the proper place, following "wife."

§4. A member may, in his benefit certificate, or by modification or beneficiary change direct that all or part of the benefits due thereunder shall be paid to a designated trustee, executor, administrator, custodial beneficiary or guardian. Such designation shall not be binding on the society unless and until such member along with any other owner or owners of the certificate shall have executed a form to be approved by the board of officers stating that the full liability of the society on account of such benefit certificate shall be discharged by making such designated payments, specifically releasing and discharging the society from any duty or obligation to determine the validity of the appointment of any such beneficiary or duties as such beneficiaries; further, that in the event payment of such benefits shall become the subject of litigation prior to such payments by the society, that the society may pay the amount of the benefits without interest into the court in which such litigation is pending and be thereafter forever discharged from any further liability to any person on account of such benefit certificate.

Section (63) 49. §1. If a change of certificate is applied for, a fee of \$1.00 shall be paid by the member. (to the supreme general fund.)

§3. In cases where a lodge, (upon a member's written request) has held (him) a member in good standing, the (supreme) secretary-treasurer shall, in the event of such member's death, or withdrawal, or suspension, deduct from his insurance, if there is any money available in his insurance benefit certificate, any amounts advanced by and due the local lodge, and shall pay to that lodge whatever amount it may have remitted to cover assessments and taxes to the home office, levied in these by-laws, for such member.

Delete entire Par. 4.

Section (67) 53. The (supreme) secretary-treasurer shall levy twelve monthly assessments each year, and may make quarterly billing to the lodges. Upon written request from any member, the secretary-treasurer shall make semi-annual or annual billings to the members

for insurance assessments directly to such member if the amount of the billing due is \$12.00 or more provided this restriction shall not apply to juvenile certificate holders. In the event the assessment due from any such member is not received by the secretary-treasurer within thirty days from the date the amount became due, the secretary-treasurer shall notify the secretary of the local lodge of such fact.

2. If the stated periodical assessments of the members of this society are insufficient to pay all reported death and disability claims in full and to provide for the creation and maintenance of the various funds required by its by-laws, additional assessment or additional increased or extra rates of contribution shall be levied by the (supreme) board and collected from the members to meet the deficiency.

Entire Section 73 deleted and now reads as follows:

Section (73) 57. In case a member disappears and is not heard from for a period of three months, the lodge shall conduct an investigation and submit a report of its findings to the home office and declare the member suspended. If after seven or more years the person who had disappeared should be declared legally dead by the proper authority, his or her beneficiary may submit a petition for payment of the insurance which shall be granted with deduction for any assessments, dues and taxes that may have been owed by the member at the time of the suspension; the amount so deducted to be paid to the lodge.

ARTICLE V

The entire Section 74 is deleted.

PROMOTIONAL (FUND) DEPARTMENT

Section (75) 58. §1. A promotional department shall be maintained in the home office Omaha, Nebraska, under direct supervision of the (supreme board) board of officers.

§2. The (supreme) board shall employ a full time director.

§3. It shall be the duty of the director to plan and coordinate membership drives on a (national) North American scale and make available literature and other means of advertising the Brotherhood. He shall instruct and assist the regional promotional committees in ways to promote the Brotherhood locally for the purpose of securing new members, and such other duties incidental to his office.

§4. The (supreme) board shall determine the yearly compensation for the director.

§5. Funds for the operation of the department shall be provided (as follows:)

(a. An annual tax of 50 cents per member shall be levied and remitted to the home office before September 1st each year. Female social members are exempt from this tax.)

(b. Additional funds shall be provided from such other sources and in such amounts as become available.)

(c. No monies can be transferred from the promotional fund to any other fund.)
from the general fund.

Par. 5, d, e; 6, and 6, a, deleted and Section 76, Fraternal Fund changed to read as follows:

The fraternal fund shall be maintained by the board of officers at an amount in excess of \$80,000.00; which amount shall be kept as a reserve fund and cannot be used except by special appropriation of a national convention. The board of officers at its annual meeting shall make such allocation to the fraternal fund from the general fund as is necessary to maintain the above account in the fraternal fund and is sufficient to make all pay-

ments from such fund for general aid, special aid, scholarship payments, and other fraternal purposes.

Section (77) 60. The fraternal fund shall (be kept separate from other funds and) have its own bank account.

Section (78) 61. §1. General aid. The term "general aid" shall mean an amount equal to a member's monthly assessment on his insurance (plus the annual per capita tax, promotional fund tax and fraternal fund tax, and) to be allowed on an annual basis, effective April 1st.

b. Up to (four 4-) six 6- scholarships may be granted each year. Each scholarship shall be in the amount of \$125.00 per semester.

Section 78, Par. 9 d, changed to read as follows:

d. Scholarships may be awarded only for attendance at colleges and universities accredited by one of the six United States regional accredited associations or accredited technical and vocational schools. Scholarships may apply to attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark upon approval by the board of officers.

e. (Scholarships shall be paid from the resources of the fraternal fund. The supreme secretary-treasurer may accept voluntary contributions to be used for defraying scholarship payments.) Scholarships shall be paid from the resources of the fraternal fund. The secretary-treasurer may accept voluntary contributions to be used for defraying scholarship payments. Any contribution so received shall be placed in the fraternal fund and such contribution shall not be used for any purpose except for the payment of scholarship payments to recipients and for any expenses for the maintenance of the scholarship program. The books and records of the society in the fraternal fund shall be maintained in such a manner as will reflect the amount of contributions so received, the payments made which are chargeable to such contributions and the balance of such contributions still held available for the support of the scholarship program. The board is authorized to adopt such resolution, not inconsistent with the articles of incorporation and by-laws, as are necessary to maintain or restore the tax exempt status of such contribution for the purpose of the maintenance of such scholarship program.

Sections 79 and 80 deleted.

Rules for Social Members

Section (83) 64. §2. Social members shall pay to the funds of the society, through the local lodge (and with due dates the same as for insured members, the following. Refer to Section 97.)

(a. Initiation fee of \$1.00 to the general fund.)

(b. Annual per capita tax of \$1.00 to the general fund.)

(c. Annual tax of 50 cents to the promotional fund, except that female social members shall be exempt from payment of the promotional fund tax.)

a. An initiation fee of \$1.00 to the general fund.

b. An annual membership dues of \$2.50 due on July 1 of each year.

§3. Upon failure to pay the prescribed fee and/or (taxes) dues a social member is subject to suspension on the same basis as an insured member.

Section (86) 67. §2. In case a lodge drops under quorum, or if upon petition by a lodge to dissolve, the board of officers finds that extenuating circumstances exist, it shall be the duty of the remaining members to send to the (supreme) secretary-treasurer the insurance fund, and the books, tools and badges and continue paying their assessments and (taxes) dues to the society in order to retain their right to membership and benefits.

Section (88) 69. §1. (Refer Section (145) 124). All members who are paying their assessments and taxes to the office of the (supreme) secretary-treasurer, under the

provisions of these by-laws, section 53 excluded, shall automatically become members of a lodge to be known as Lodge No. 600.

Section (90) 71. §2. Upon receipt of the application in the lodge, an investigation committee consisting of three members is appointed by the past president, president and vice-president. (One member shall accompany the candidate to the doctor's office for the physical examination, whenever such examination is required.) In cases where the supreme lodge requires a physical examination the examination fee, not exceeding \$10.00, shall be paid from the (promotional fund.) **general fund.**

Section 92. Insert the word "general" in place of "promotional."

Section (97) 78. Members of other Danish organizations, as described in Section (96) 77, who wish to come into the society as a separate lodge, but who on account of poor health or age are not in condition to be accepted can be admitted as social members in the respective lodges according to the provisions of the lodges. Social members must pay (\$1.00 per capita tax, 50 cents promotional fund tax and initiation fee) Refer Section (83) 68 **annual membership dues of \$2.50 to the general fund.**

Section (102) 83. A lodge that has the lawful quorum or over shall have the right to merge with another lodge by sending applications to the (supreme) board of officers and with the consent of the lodge concerned, and shall in such case deliver (up) their property, (insurance and general) funds, books and papers to the lodge that has accepted them. Their properties cannot again be returned to them, but will remain the property of the united lodge.

Section (103) 84. §3. A local lodge must in all instances comply with the rules and regulations prescribed in the laws (and rituals) of the society. For failure to comply, penalties may be invoked by the (supreme) board of officers under Section (14) 2 Par. 1, of these by-laws.

§4. **The observance of secrecy and prescribed rituals shall be left to the discretion of the lodges.**

Section (117) 98. §1. Lodges are permitted to form general districts according to rules adopted by themselves, **provided however, that no lodge may hold voting membership in more than one central organization. Dual membership of lodges in more than one central organization shall be permitted for social purposes only. Lodges holding such dual membership shall notify the secretary-treasurer as to which central organization the lodge holds voting membership in.**

§4. A central organization shall have the right at its yearly conventions to adopt proposals for amendment of the Danish Brotherhood (constitution) **articles of incorporation and by-laws and to submit same for consideration by a national convention of the society, provided, however, that only lodges holding voting membership shall have the right to propose and vote on such amendments.**

Section 117, change the word "shall" to "may" in line three.

§10. **Request for permission to sponsor such tours must be received by the board for consideration at the first yearly board meeting in the year preceding the tour. Permission shall be granted first to the group who has the longest lapsed time since their last sponsored tour. No advertisement in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine shall be permitted prior to one year before the departing time of the tour.**

ARTICLE VII

Duties of the Officers and Officials

Section (124) 103. When a lodge elects a financial secretary he shall keep the correct amount of all money

of the lodge; he shall give his bond to the lodge for what comes into his possession, he (shall) **may** receive all incoming payments and give his receipts therefore, and again at the (same) **next** meeting hand over all money to the treasurer taking his receipts for the same; he shall further keep a correct list of members and enter the same in the lodge journal and send to all members a written notice in accordance with Section (68) 54 Par. 1, Article IV.

Section (145) 123. If a member has resided for a period of at least twelve months in a (locality) **community** which is more than (500) 50 miles removed from a Danish Brotherhood lodge with insured memberships, he may secure a transfer card from his lodge and still be entitled to all the society's privileges by sending his assessments and (taxes) **dues** direct to the (supreme) secretary-treasurer. All payments must be made in advance for one year, on or about October 1 each year.

Section (153) 129. (The work of the lodge shall remain secret and must not be discussed outside of the lodge.) Any member who reveals any of the secrets of the lodge shall when convicted thereof be reprimanded by the president or be denied admittance to the lodge meeting according to Section (151) 127.

ARTICLE XII

Juvenile Department

Section (169) 144. The basis of rates for juvenile certificates shall be (at least equal to the American Experience Table of Mortality with Craig's Extension and with an interest assumption of not to exceed 3% per annum) **in amounts as approved by the actuary of the society and by resolution of the board of officers.**

Section (170) 145. From the funds collected on juvenile certificates, a juvenile reserve fund shall be established, (which shall at all times be at least equal to the reserve on the 20-pay life modification of the preliminary term method of valuation on the mortality table and interest assumption upon which the rates for the respective certificates are computed.) **in accordance with requirements established in Section 36 of these by-laws.**

Entire Section 171 deleted.

Section (172) 146. §2. **Persons under 16 years of age will become associate insured members on their 16th birthday if their certificate is not in default. (See Section 37, Par. 2.)**

Section (173) 147. These laws thus adopted at the convention of the society held in (Erie, Pennsylvania, September 16 through September 20, 1963,) **Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 18 through 21, 1967,** shall be in force and take effect from (January 1, 1964) **date of enactment** and shall remain in full force until amended by a vote of simple majority of the votes cast at another convention.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section (174) 148. All provisions of the (constitution and) by-laws heretofore enacted which are wholly or in part inconsistent with (this constitution or) **these** by-laws, as adopted and amended at this convention, are hereby repealed. It shall be the duty of the (supreme) board of officers to make such changes and corrections as shall be consistent and in agreement therewith.

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A summary of other transactions:

Seven members of the board of officers and one hundred and five accredited delegates attended the sessions of the national convention.

Finance Committee:

The finance committee reviewed three audit reports made by the public auditing firm of Arthur Andersen and

Company. The first report covered the period July 1st, 1959 to December 31st, 1964; the second report the calendar year 1965 and the third report the calendar year 1966. They also reviewed the report of examination prepared by the Department of Insurance for the State of Nebraska, covering the period from December 31, 1962 through December 31, 1965. Insurance Department annual statements for the past four years were also examined by the committee.

The committee certified to the convention that the audit and examination reports were available and presented them before the convention in agreement with Section 17, Par. 3 of the by-laws of the society.

Credential Committee:

To the credential committee were referred two contested elections of delegates. The committee reported that in both cases extenuating circumstances existed at the time of election and recommended that the delegates be seated. The committee report was adopted and the delegates were seated.

Canadian Resolution:

A resolution was adopted by the convention, delegating authority to the board to investigate the feasibility of instituting an insurance program in Canada. The board was empowered to take such action as is necessary in this matter to exercise good judgment.

1971 National Convention:

Invitations for the 1971 national convention were given by Lodge No. 43, Denver, Colorado, and Lodge No. 306, San Diego, California. By roll call vote San Diego was selected for the site of the 1971 national convention.

Election of Members of the Board of Officers:

At the duly held election of board of officers the following were elected for a four year term: Einar Danielson, Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Ill.; Axel Skelbeck, Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr.; Fred Jensen, Lodge No. 195, Omaha, Nebr.; Kristen Jorgensen, Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash.; Albert F. Tunsen, Sr., Lodge No. 332, Ripon, Calif.; Edward Jonassen, Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.; and George Godthaab, Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. All were re-elected except Mr. Godthaab who is the new member of the board.

As alternates for officers the following were elected: Louis Kasa, Lodge No. 245, South Bend, Ind.; Melvin Oredsen, Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif.; Christ Pedersen, Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn.

The new officers were installed by Otto Nielsen.

New Proposals-Rituals:

A motion was made to eliminate the two words "secrets and" on page twenty-four line 7 of the Rituals Book and to change the word "altar" to "station" or "center station." This motion duly seconded was adopted by the delegates.

Denmark Trip Report:

President Viggo Mikkelsen's Denmark trip report was read by Fred Jensen. A recommendation in the report stated that all tours in the future be sponsored on either a local lodge, group of lodges, general committee or district basis. This report was accepted by the delegates.

Promotional Department:

An interim promotional director's report was presented by A. F. Tunsen. His activities during the transition period from the former promotional director to the hiring of Alfred Hedegaard were discussed.

A Cultural Center Association, Inc., report was also presented by A. F. Tunsen. He noted that the entire cultural center idea was not a new one. The finalized idea came as a recommendation during the period of

office of a former promotional director and that many advantages including favorable tax treatment would accrue if a subsidiary corporation were established. The importance of youth was stressed and he asked for a vote of confidence from the delegates and authorization to proceed with the program.

Promotional Director's Report:

Alfred Hedegaard presented a report on his activities and thoughts for the future. He stated that he had attended quite a number of district meetings. He also noted that he was pleased with the changes made by the delegates in the by-laws and that the Danish Brotherhood would go forward in the future.

These reports with their recommendations were accepted by the delegates.

Resolution Committee:

The report by the resolution committee and the proposed courtesy resolutions were adopted as published in this issue of the monthly magazine.

Having ascertained that there was no further business to be transacted by this the 27th national convention of The Danish Brotherhood in America the convention was adjourned at 5:10 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, September 21, 1967.

For the Board of Officers,

AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary-Treasurer.

1967 National Convention Expenses

At the close of business on November 20, 1967, the total cost attributable to the 27th national convention expenses is \$30,490.41. This gives effect to the increase in per diem from \$15.00 at the 1963 national convention to \$20.00 at the 1967 convention. The cost is distributed as follows:

Delegates, transportation and per diem	\$ 25,645.19
Convention committee on laws, same	1,784.40
Board of officers, same	1,413.11
Miscellaneous items	1,647.71
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	\$ 30,490.41

This compares with a total cost of the 1963 convention in Erie, Pa., of \$35,657.71.

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.-Treas.

GCEL Charter Flight to Denmark 1968

We are happy to announce that the signing up for our charter flight is going very nicely.

Many letters concerning which airline would be used have been received. The carrier will be Scandinavian Airlines System, and they have promised to give us the same excellent service which we enjoyed last year. Many letters of appreciation have come from those participating in the 1967 charter flight to Copenhagen.

There is still time for signing up. It would make a wonderful Christmas present! The price of \$280 is based on the cost of the 1967 flight. After that trip we were able to return a few dollars to each member, and of course we will do the same this time if we get a price reduction.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Elmer W. Jensen, 1644 Edison Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. 10461.

On behalf of the GCEL and its officers we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ELMER W. JENSEN,
Tour Chairman.

Observations of a Freshman National Convention Delegate

It has been my experience to have attended three district conventions as an alternate and visitor, delegate and as an officer of the district committee, where one learns new things and meets new friends if one so desires.

Having the opportunity to be a delegate to a National Convention, is the best award one can receive for one who believes and works in Brotherhood.

When a person is one out of 105 delegates, where the youngest is 27 years of age, and the oldest is 82 years of age, and the average age of delegates being 61.22 years, many different things will happen.

We must all remember one thing, and especially the young, if it had not been for our older members we wouldn't have a Brotherhood today. If you are dedicated, age doesn't matter.

The 1967 National Convention is over and changes were made which should have been made years ago. Legislation was dealt with and passed with little importance and other legislation with much interest and very important.

The Board of Officers were elected and they among themselves elected the Brothers for positions on the Board.

The result is now, we have returned home and have had time to analyze what went on at the convention.

In reality it all boils down to the fact, if you like the outcome of the 1967 convention or not, you were a part of it as a delegate or Brother representing your lodge.

We now have four years to the next National Convention and time for preparation. In the meantime, let's keep working for the great fraternal society, of which we are so proud.

If you are in doubt what our society stands for, I urge every member to see our new Home Office in Omaha, where a monument and memorial symbolizes Brotherhood.

Let's not live in the past, but in the future. Don't short change yourself or the Brotherhood with a standstill. Our forefathers built it for us, and let's continue for our children and the next generation.

A few years ago I adopted some words from the late President John F. Kennedy, and my slogan has been ever since: "Don't ask what the Brotherhood can do for you, but what can I do for the Brotherhood."

FLEMMING HENRICHSEN, President,
Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia.

Utah and Idaho District Comments

In the November issue of the Brotherhood Magazine, Brother Borge Kragh, secretary of the Utah and Idaho DB General Committee gave a well-written report on the committee meeting which was held just prior to the National Convention. He emphasized the interest by the members over the various subjects brought up but, in particular on the new proposals for the National Convention and especially that about changing the method of election of officers from the method used for the last 75 years to that of a business type with a board of directors.

The question was raised are we trying to be a mere business organization or perhaps we want to copy the method of election to the same system as that of electing a President of the United States with electoral votes in place of popular or direct votes.

Whatever the reason is for the change may be very important but we hope that the new Board of Officers will

explain the reason in some near future and in such manner that it can be understood by the average intelligent member. On the face of things we have already seen what effect it has in selection of a leader or president.

Our former First Vice President Einar Danielsen is dropped from the second highest office to the third rate and of course the same can be said about Brother Fred Jensen dropped to number five on the list.

An arrangement like this could not have happened if it had been up to the delegates to vote as per usual. Brother Einar Danielsen has acted as the president for over one year due to the illness of former Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen. During this long time Einar performed in an excellent manner. He gave freely of his time and energy. Further, in talking to some of the delegates, I am informed that Einar conducted the National Convention efficiently and with distinction, not only that, but is a person well liked by the brethren in general. The same can be said about Fred Jensen. He has always been ready to serve the Brotherhood and surely is also well liked by everybody. Why then were those two faithful members dropped or demoted?

I am inclined to agree with Brother Otto Petersen of Lodge No. 177 that with the organizing of the new board, fraternalism is out. I hope that the five men out of the seven Board of Officers will stop and realize that what they have accomplished is completely doing away with the principal or basic object of the Danish Brotherhood, viz: Brotherly Love. The saying, "The world is changing," is correct but not all changes I think, are for betterment.

HILMAR W. HANSEN, Lodge 78,
(Also a has been S. V. P.)

Honored



The Danish Festival was opened in Philadelphia on October 26 by a dinner in honor of His Excellency, Ambassador Torben Rønne. Many dignitaries from Washington, New York and Denmark were present. Business firm members trading Danish merchandise and local Sister and Brotherhood members were also present at the reception following the dinner.

It was indeed a pleasure to further our acquaintance with Ambassador Rønne and we are happy to be able to have his picture for the magazine.

Seen in the picture from left to right are: Consul General F. Harhoff, New York; Flemming Hinricksen, President of Philadelphia Lodge 172; and His Excellency Ambassador Torben Rønne.



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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. Our harvest potluck supper was a huge success. The ladies sure know how to make up good food. A blind auction, conducted by smiling "Bill" Guldhaug, was a highlight of the evening and the profits went to the children's Christmas party.

We were happy to have with us Brothers Harbo Jensen and Carl Gustavsen from up Boston way. Those who didn't attend, sure missed a good time.

Invitations are in the mail for our Christmas party. Look for yours. We all thank Brother President Erling Braumann for his nice letters from Vietnam and wish him "Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytaar."

We take this opportunity to wish the Board of Officers a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

Birthday greetings this month go to Brothers Leo Juul Larsen (12-17) and Peter W. Rasmussen (12-8).

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. The lodge welcomes two new social members, Brothers Christen Matthiesen and Raymond Walsh, who were initiated into our order at our November meeting. Also two "J" members who entered adult membership, Brothers Eric Jensen and Donald Giererich. Our Trustee of the Board of Officers, George Godthaab took over the chair during the initiation and did a very nice job.

The annual Christmas party for the children will be held Sunday, December 10 at the American Legion Hall, Springfield, from 2 to 6. Come and enjoy the afternoon. Coffee and cake will be served. Let us make it a huge success.

Election of officers will take place at our December meeting. Our social following the meeting will feature a cold table and a membership Christmas party.

Joint installation of officers for 1968 will be held in our meeting hall on our regular meeting night, Friday, January 12. President John C. Madsen's message: "As is the custom of this lodge, once again we honor the Brothers who over the years have worked long and hard for our lodge, the Past Presidents. Some have served one term, some two, but all can be proud of having worked for the betterment of the lodge and order as its chief officer. My congratulations to all of them and I sincerely hope that they will continue to give unselfishly of themselves as long as it is possible, for they are really the backbone of the lodge and Brotherhood."

Brothers Louis Larsen, Chr. Derby, Hans Schmidt, Carl Torp and Albert Jespersen are all recovering nicely although still under doctor's care.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. Denmark in Philadelphia: Comments — Center City, Philadelphia, could almost be mistaken for Strøget in Copenhagen this month. Take a walk through Wanamaker's Grand Court and see the displays topped by countless Danish flags. It is impressive. It can make a Dane feel homesick. Then walk up to the William Penn Shop on Chestnut Street and look at the displays of Danish foods. Or just walk down past the many shops in Center City displaying the attractive posters that announce the festival of Denmark. Wherever you go — even on the subway you will see signs of the festival now going on at the Civic Center. It is one of the most massive marketing efforts Denmark ever has taken on in an area such as Philadelphia to help sell Danish culture, design and products.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Election of officers for 1968 will take place Friday, December 8, and we hope to have a good turnout. A joint Sisterhood and Brotherhood

Christmas party is being planned for Friday, December 15. Make plans now to celebrate New Year's Eve at the Danish Club.

The Feather party November 18 was a huge success. Brothers Knud Pawlik and Jorn Hansen won turkeys. The committee, especially the ladies, deserve lots of thanks. They were Connie Holby, Dorothy Tate, Erney Beck, Marie Jonasen, Johanna McGavern and Gladys Wollman.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. When the president of Lodge No. 325 "Long Island" opened its regular meeting November 10, there were 92 members and guests present. During a 15 minute meeting, guests were introduced, several applications for membership approved, the aim and purpose of lodge and society explained, coming attractions announced, among them a film show December 8, the children's Christmas party December 16 and the traditional popular codfish dinner January 8.

Following the meeting, the South Side Glee Club, a 20-member male choir, entertained the audience with a varied and well chosen repertoire, including several solos by its conductor, V. Fellicia, and a piano solo by its accompanist, Miss Ellen Boykin. The last rendition was a Danish song by the audience after which coffee and Danish "wienerbrød" were served. Brother Jørgen Petersen behind the bar did a land office business, while group singing continued well into the late hours, ending a most pleasant evening where Mrs. Mary Jensen, a lady member of the lodge, sang Danish, English, German and Russian ballads for the few remaining guests.

SOFUS CHRISTENSEN.

Old Convention Books Wanted

As an important addition to the Danish-American historical section of the new library which will soon be under construction at Dana College in Blair, Nebr., I am trying to assemble a complete collection of souvenir books from our Danish Brotherhood National Conventions. When this collection is complete or as complete as we are able to make it, it will be placed in the new library as a valuable addition to the history of the Danish peoples in America and the work of The Danish Brotherhood.

To date, the only books I have are from the National Conventions of 1931, 1955, 1959, 1963 and 1967. I have no way of knowing whether such books were printed for the earlier conventions but if they were, I would like very much to have them from the 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1891, 1893, 1896, 1898, 1902, 1906, 1910, 1915, 1919, 1923, 1927, 1935, 1939, 1943, 1947 and 1951 conventions.

If any of our members have any of these books available and are willing to donate them to the library of this Danish-American college which was founded by Danish pioneers just two years after the founding of our Danish Brotherhood, please send them to me: Paul E. Strand, Dana College, Blair, Nebr. 68008. They will be catalogued and carefully preserved.

Your help in making this valuable collection as complete as possible will enable us to preserve an interesting history of the conventions of our Danish Brotherhood and will be greatly appreciated.

PAUL E. STRAND,
Lodge No. 195.

National Headquarters Building

Herewith is published an accounting of the costs of construction of our beautiful new National Headquarters Building in Omaha; a structural landmark, a symbol of our faith in the future of our Society; a memorial to our Founders and all members who shared with us in the practice of ideals of Brotherhood, but who have passed on.

While some of the items in this analysis may not properly be considered as construction costs it was felt they could very well be listed in the analysis. The "balance due" column represent amounts withheld for possible final adjustments.

	Contract or Cost	Paid	Balance Due
Cost of ground	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ —0—
Closing costs, legal work, etc.	563.00	563.00	—0—
Removal of improvements and clearing of lot	940.00	940.00	—0—
Soil tests	112.50	112.50	—0—
General contract	164,598.00	163,645.20	952.80
Mechanical contract	31,970.00	31,239.60	730.40
Electrical contract, in- cluding conduit system for intercom and tele- phone, setting and con- nect patio light stand- ards, etc.	11,256.67	10,988.47	268.20
Painting and interior decorating	4,373.00	4,373.00	—0—
Power company's reloca- tion of power poles and anchoring system	859.00	859.00	—0—
Construction of ornamen- tal patio and setting flag poles	5,600.00	5,600.00	—0—
Change of second floor floor-plan to permit greater utilization of space	5,967.72	5,967.72	—0—
Sculptured stone panels on exterior walls	2,000.00	2,000.00	—0—
Ornamental planters and bench	1,312.00	1,312.00	—0—
Exterior flag poles	1,474.98	1,474.98	—0—
Mat, inlaid with name and symbols, foyer ...	471.58	471.58	—0—
Outside light standards..	909.00	909.00	—0—
Floor coverings	5,621.61	5,621.61	—0—
Permanent plants and planter for entry foyer	92.25	92.25	—0—
Material and planting, outside flower boxes ...	40.00	40.00	—0—
"Private parking" signs	12.00	12.00	—0—
Lettering on entry door..	16.00	16.00	—0—
Corner stone and copper container to enclose ..	62.50	62.50	—0—
Architect's fee	14,638.00*	13,528.90*	1,109.10*
Trees, shrubbery, plant- ing, special dirt fill	902.46	902.46	—0—
Builders' risk and public liability insurance dur- ing construction	299.84	299.84	—0—
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THE BOARD OF OFFICERS.

A Call to Action

Having had the honor of holding the exalted office of outer guard in my lodge for many consecutive years, I, together with our inner guard were suddenly fired and replaced by a welcome mat in front of our now wide open door.

My position as outer guard was always the most contested of all positions on our board of officers, and was only won after heated campaigns, dirty politics and accusations by my opposition. Most often I won by the skin of my teeth, and only once by a pushover, when my opponent rallied all his friends to attend the election, only to discover that both of them voted for me.

Now that I have lost my job and cherished title, my heart goes out to the many inner and outer guards in our lodges, who now face the future with uncertainty, apprehension and fear of being cast on the scrap heap. Deprived of our opportunity to advance in rank, step by step to higher positions such as conductor or even third trustee, I say: Let's organize.

As founder of our new organization, I hereby elect myself chairman on the board of commissioners and president of "D.B. Cultural Union of Past Inner and Outer Guards."

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SOFUS W. CHRISTENSEN,
Valley Stream, N. Y.

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MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

By IB K. JENSEN, 6510 Hartwell, Dearborn, Mich. 48126

At the regular meeting of Detroit Lodge 227 October 25, three members were presented their 25-year pin. They were George Nielsen, Marius Holt and Alfred Pedersen, and in a speech accompanying the presentation, President Carl Hansen congratulated our three Brothers with their long membership in our lodge.

On this same evening, a special initiation was effected for a new Brother in Lodge 227, Pasquale Bommarito, who, due to his business, could not attend on the normal evening for initiations. He was welcomed in the lodge by presiding Past President Bob Andersen.

During the meeting November 8, none less than six new members were initiated, namely: Albert Madsen, Henning Hansen, Jørgen Dam, Harold Jensen, Alf Bloch and Kenneth Strang. The six new Brothers were bid welcome in Lodge 227 by Past President Axel Lohman.

At this meeting we had with us an old Detroit Brother, Anker Jensen, who is now residing in Norway, but presently visiting old friends in Detroit.

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From Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich., we as usual have a nice news report, submitted by Treasurer Alfred Larsen:

The month of October was not very busy here at Lodge No. 51. We had our regular meetings October 12 and again October 26, with President Carl Soneral presiding.

Following the meeting of October 12, chili was served by the lunch committee, consisting of Brothers Herman Finholm and Alfred Larsen. Following the October 26 meeting, open-faced sandwiches were served by the committee of Gilbert Larsen and William Klemm.

Our Secretary Earl Jensen is again chairman of our money-raising endeavor. This is our "super-duper" money maker of the year and Earl has been busy getting the various members supplied with the tickets. He doesn't take "no" for an answer, which is why he has been so successful over the years as the chairman of this annual event.

Our monthly pinocle party was held with nine tables playing. This was held October 18. President Carl Soneral and Arnold Hansen (our No. 1 Trustee) were in charge. This event is eagerly looked forward to by our older members and their guests.

November 8, President Soneral, Trustee Howard Bentz, Outer Guard Donald Wagner and Treasurer Alfred Larsen met at the Danish Hall to make "Danish meat balls" for the "stag party" which was held November 9. More about this next month.

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:

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Colorado-Wyoming District News

The Colorado-Wyoming General Committee held its District Convention in Cheyenne, Wyo., September 8 and 9, at the Frontier Hotel. The convention was well attended and a great success.

We thank the committee and Brothers of Lodge No. 148 for the good arrangement of this convention and the tour they had planned for our enjoyment.

The delegates and guests were bid welcome at the hotel by Mrs. Ester Christensen and District President Glen Vosler. We had the pleasure of having with us Promotional Director Alfred Hedegaard, who represented the Board.

The social evening the night before the convention was splendid, we were shown pictures from Denmark and a movie taken by Brother Carl Christensen of Cheyenne from his big game hunting trips to South Africa. The ladies served smørrebrød, coffee and beer.

Saturday registration began at 9 a. m., the convention convened at 10 a. m. We had a very fine and constructive business meeting and also discussed many of the insurance problems with Brother Hedegaard. It must be said Brother Hedegaard is well informed in the insurance field, but our local lodge Brothers think we must emphasize us more in the fraternal part in order to prosper and grow in our district. After installation of the new district officers, who are: Past President Glen Vosler, Cheyenne, Wyo.; President Andrew Christensen, Brush, Colo.; Vice President Anders Jacobsen, Denver, Colo.; Secretary-Treasurer Svend A. Sonderup, Denver, Colo.; Trustees Walter Nelson, Fowler, Colo.; Willard Vosler, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Albert Hansen, Brush, Colo.; and Conductor Jorgen T. Sorensen, Denver, Colo.

A fine tour was arranged through the Plains Dairy System, owned by Brother Jim Christensen. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon coffee at the home of Axel Christensen. At 5:30 cocktails were served to all by Brother and Mrs. Carl Christensen on the patio of their home. The convention concluded with a banquet at the hotel, followed by a dance.

Our heartfelt thanks to you all in Lodge No. 148, Cheyenne, for a wonderful time. Lodge No. 254, Brush, Colo., will host the district convention in 1968. This fine little lodge in Brush held their annual Mortens Aften dinner party November 11, all their members and wives were present for this event.

Lodge No. 261, Fowler, Colo., will hold election of officers for 1968 at their business meeting December 14, and have initiation of new members. They always have more than 50 per cent of their membership attending regular meetings, something they can be proud of.

Lodge No. 43, Denver, held a fall dance November 17. The hall was decorated in Danish colors and completely transformed, so it looked like a night club. A 3-piece orchestra played for dancing. The smørrebrød served was of high quality, Aalborg akvavit was available, the bar was open for refreshments. A hard working team of ladies prepared these special Danish delicacies for us. Thank you ladies for a marvelous job. A fine party, enjoyed by all.

We have been informed by the entertainment committee from the Sisterhood and Brotherhood, that the annual Christmas tree party for children and adults will be held December 15 at 7:30 p. m. Santa Claus will be there. Refreshments will be served and we hope our members will plan to attend this event.

To the members of our district: The confidence and trust you have placed in me during the year brings great satisfaction. I wish to tell you how much I appreciate it and feel this is an excellent opportunity to thank you all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May this Christmas bring to all the members and their families in the Danish Brotherhood the two greatest things in life, good health and happiness.

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