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An Invitation to Visit the United States

At the spring meeting, the Board of Officers accepted an invitation to join the Sons of Norway, the Vasa Order of America, and the Knights of Kalava (Finnish) in extending an invitation to all Scandinavians to visit the United States. An invitation signed by the four participating organizations has been published in the Scandinavian press. This is being followed by personal invitations extended by the four presidents of these organizations travelling as a group through the four Scandinavian countries.

The objective of this effort, suggested and underwritten by the Scandinavian Airlines System, is to do our part in building goodwill and better understanding between our respective countries and to aid in solving the present serious balance of payments problem that exists and affects us all. In view of our roots in Denmark we can be particularly effective in building goodwill and understanding. Since we sponsor through our local lodges and districts, tours to Denmark at a time when the public has been asked to stay home it seems only fitting and good public relations on our part to make an effort to aid in solving this very serious balance of payments problem that faces us as citizens.

What is expected of us? Visitors will be given the names of contacts in the various cities they expect to visit. In most cases this will be the name and address of the secretary of the nearest Lodge. We are being asked to help in making them feel at home and welcome, give them travel

information, accommodations information, names of restaurants, information on community and Lodge activities open to the public, and generally to be of such assistance as we can. I must emphasize that we are **not** being asked to provide lodgings, meals or similar services.

What does the Danish Brotherhood get out of this? The Board of Officers feels that this is a golden opportunity to get our name before the Scandinavian public at little or no cost to us. Our promotional efforts, particularly with the major carrier, should be greatly enhanced. It is perhaps the first, but certainly not the last time, that we have an opportunity to work on the national level with other Scandinavian organizations to help solve mutual problems. We will be of service to our country both in building goodwill and mutual understanding and in helping to solve a problem that affects us all. At the same time this effort is an excellent public relations move that will offset any adverse publicity from our sponsorship of tours.

On behalf of the Board of Officers I ask for your help in carrying out this project which we feel is most worthwhile and potentially of very great benefit to the Danish Brotherhood in America.

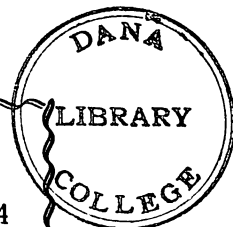
Fraternally yours,

Kristen Jorgensen

Kristen Jorgensen,
President.

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A Report From Lodge No. 195

The National Convention in Minneapolis is now past history and I am sure practically all of the delegates attended with the avowed purpose of passing legislation that would be of lasting benefit to the Brotherhood and all its members.

I personally believe that the by-laws acted favorably by the delegates will be helpful in modernizing the operations of Brotherhood business.

We must update our business methods to keep up with changing times and try to interest the younger generation to become active members so that they eventually can take over, to perpetuate our fine fraternal organization.

Financially, we are in wonderful shape but we must try to increase our membership. There must be thousands of prospective members who have never been told that there is such an organization as the Danish Brotherhood and the benefits connected with membership in it. How to reach all these people is a vital question.

The cost of advertising in national publications would be prohibitive.

Maybe our Promotional Department can come up with an answer. It is a cinch that desire for prestige and personal gains by individual members is not going to help our cause; when that happens, fraternalism becomes secondary and the Brotherhood suffers from the consequences.

In Lodge No. 195 we are not a large group but everyone is a dedicated member. We do have some fine constructive meetings and a lot of parties and fun together with Lodges No. 1 and No. 10 in Council Bluffs.

Now the Promotional Department is very much needed within our organization as has been proven over the years it has been established, but one man cannot do it alone. We need the assistance of all the good members who are willing to work unselfishly for a worth while cause. I

am sure suggestions to the Promotional Department will be appreciated.

I should also like to make the suggestion that if a Lodge or Central organization wishes to have a Board member present at any important function that they specify the Board member they wish to have attend when making the request to the President.

Sincere greetings to all members from Lodge No. 195.

FRED JENSEN.

Official Notice

In the interest of avoiding misunderstandings in regard to the Promotional Director's attendance at District and General Committee conventions, the following procedure, approved by the Board of Officers, is announced at this time.

When the Promotional Director's attendance is desired and upon the request of the president of the District for the visitation, a time schedule with a program for the Promotional Director's appearance before the group must be pre-arranged and mutually agreed upon, with final consent of the National President.

This procedure should result in greater benefits for those in attendance at these vital meetings.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Receive Gift

At a short ceremony on April 4, 1968, Kris Jorgensen, President of the Danish Brotherhood, accepted on behalf of the society a gold-amber ceiling mirror in the foyer of the National Headquarters Building.

This beautiful mirror had been thoughtfully given in memoriam by Mrs. Joan Madsen (Mrs. Chris) of North Arlington, N. J., and Mrs. Hulda Jensen (Mrs. Jim) of Omaha.

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1960 Scholarship Winner

Editor's Note — The following is a letter received from Hans M. Rasmussen in response to a request for information as to the activities of our scholarship winners. We appreciate this and as time goes on, hope to have additional letters.

"I started my college, etc. ———"

I started my college education in Pullman, Washington State University in the fall of 1960. I received a \$125 scholarship check at that time and at the beginning of each of the next 7 semesters. It was a great help to get me through college successfully in four years. I graduated in May of 1964 in Liberal Arts which for me was a combination of English, Political Science, Sociology and Business. I hope to get a Masters degree in Business Administration when I decide on a specific career.

While at Washington State I was active in several campus activities. I was president of a campus political party, president of my fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha and chairman of the Inter-Fraternity Councils judicial body. They were all rewarding and beneficial experiences for me, helping me to round out my education. Being a member of Lambda Chi Alpha was a good experience as it is a progressive house where we all learned to work and live together for the benefit and growth of each other toward adulthood and human understanding. We tried to have a mature outlook and were highly regarded by the administration of the University. I like to mention this because the reputation of frats is bad with so many people. It is important that the public is aware of the constructive atmosphere that can be a part of fraternal living. I was proud to be a member and even prouder to be president of the Lambda Chi Alpha at Washington State.

In August of 1964 I went on active duty as a 2nd Lt. in the U. S. Army. I volunteered for Special Forces, went through airborne training, and was further trained in guerrilla warfare and counter-insurgency. I enjoyed my 26 months of active duty. It was an interesting and educational period of my life. I spent most of my time at Fort Bragg, N. C. but I was sent to the Dominican Republic and Panama. Before I terminated active duty, I took a six-week vacation and spent 4 wonderful weeks in Denmark learning to love the country and people that I had heard so much about from my family in Seattle. I also spent time in Germany, France and England on that trip.

I returned to Seattle in November of 1966 and soon after started work with Aetna Casualty and Surety of Hartford, Connecticut. I was trained for 54 weeks in all aspects of casualty and property insurance and now I represent the Company as a field representative servicing independent agents. I act as a liaison between the Company and the agent. It is my job to see that the Aetna's service is prompt and effective. I also advise the agents on insurance programs for their clients.

That is about it to date. I am single, 25 years old, living in Seattle in a house with my brother Mark and a fraternity brother from college.



Again I wish to thank the Danish Brotherhood in America for the College Scholarship that was awarded to me and my best wishes for all the young people you are helping with this program. I am proud to be of Danish descent and a member of the Danish Brotherhood. I am also proud to be in a family that has been so dedicated to the Danish Brotherhood from the time of my great-great uncle T. P. Nielsen, my great uncle, Otto Nielsen and my father who was a delegate to the convention in Minneapolis.

Thank you again for your interest in what I have been doing.

Fraternally yours,

HANS M. RASMUSSEN.

To All Brothers of the Danish Brotherhood

This letter may not be of interest to all of you, but I trust you will read it anyway. First, I want to tell you that when my dear wife passed away so suddenly March 16, it seemed to me that it was the end for me too. I am still bewildered and cannot quite get adjusted.

One great help of course was the fact that my two sons came here at once to help. Secondly, it has been a great help to hear from so many of you and I thank you sincerely for being so kind.

Now that I am alone I have been thinking that perhaps it would be a good idea if I could take a little trip and visit several lodges, perhaps it would bring me up to date on the way we are today.

At the meeting in West Palm Beach it was announced that one of our older Brothers, William Johnson, 80, of White City, passed away December 31. Our sincere sympathy to those left behind.

Dual member of No. 321 and No. 35, Enewold Christensen, has been ill since his 85th birthday February 18. He is still in a nursing home and we wish him a speedy recovery.

It was announced that the Grundlovsfest will be held at Taylor Birch Park, Fort Lauderdale, June 9. Entrance to the park is from Sunshine Boulevard, near the beach. If you wish further information contact Brother Chris. Sorensen, 3560 Jackson Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

As usual coffee and pastry was served after the meeting and a game of cards enjoyed by all.

We hope that our good friends Viggo and Harald Hansen from Lake Worth will soon be able to come to our meetings again.

A few weeks ago I had a letter from the Secretary of Lodge No. 164 in New York. They have a Brother living in Orange City, only about 30 miles from my home. Brother Mauritsen has been a member for 52 years and I was asked if I would present him with a 50-year pin. Of course I was very pleased to do so and together with a friend and his wife we made a visit to their home. Brother and Mrs. Mauritsen received us warmly and he was very pleased to accept the pin. It was a pleasure for me to have one more chance to do this job.

Here in Florida all seems very peaceful and I only hope and pray that it will continue so and that we can soon come to a peaceful settlement in the world. Again, many thanks for all the wonderful cards sent to me after the passing of Viola.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN,
Winter Park, Florida.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

If anyone is in doubt of the fact that the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges of Oregon, Washington and Canada are "still going strong," they need only to refer to the recent annual convention held in Enumclaw May 3, 4 and 5. Committee chairmanships were gladly accepted months ago when General Chairman Jens P. Holm began "wheeling and dealing" and they all came through with "flying colors." Although we might experience a small but constant decrease in membership in some of our associate lodges, the majority are "forging ahead" and we are genuinely proud of them.

Registration began in Enumclaw at 12 noon in the Danish Hall where coffee and refreshments were served. Business sessions were conducted between 3 and 5 in the afternoon. A buffet supper "Western Style" was enjoyed in the evening preceding entertainment and a dance. Early Saturday morning the Brothers and Sisters were back at work and had joint installation in the afternoon. In the Union Hall that evening, the traditional convention banquet and ball was hailed a grand success.

DB 167 in Portland celebrated its anniversary April 6 as did the Seattle Danes and C. Ed Hirsch chose to represent the City of Roses by motoring across the state.

DB 328 in Vancouver, B. C., has given the Danish lodges much fine leadership through the years and this year's district president was no exception — Sven Johansen not only visited the Oregon and Washington regular meetings but was also present at anniversaries and special events.

DB 42 in Spokane has its former secretary living in Portland, Brother Laurids Mortensen, who has obligated himself to write his memoirs of two trips to his "land hvor han var født." Past President Ernie Wales brought personal greetings from the Inland Empire Danes when he visited my office and our Rotary Club here in Puyallup March 20.

DB 113 in Enumclaw hosted the quarterly meeting of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home board of directors April 20, catered by Myrna Mae Rieck; initiated members April 13 include Brothers Einar Bruhn and Jack Oakley; Brother Chris Petersen recently underwent surgery and Brother Fred Petersen spent some time in the Memorial Hospital; Brother George and Sister Erna Nelson entertained the "Enumscratch Danes" last month with a travel film of their Denmark sojourn; and President Elmer Boysen represented the convention city at the 80th anniversary celebration of Seattle Lodge No. 29 in April.

DB 29 in Seattle congratulates its Brother Olaf Johnson who celebrated his golden wedding March 30 at the Hyatt House; the sickness and distress committee reports the names of Brothers Damon Pedersen in Swedish Hospital, Carl Torp at Riverton Nursing Home, Otto Hansen in Group Health Hospital and Ralph Hansen in a Toledo, Ohio, hospital; sympathies go to the families of Brothers John Eskesen, Herman Larsen and William Christensen who passed away last month; Brother Henning Nielsen furnished the "kringle" at the recent "Fastelavns" party and "thanks" to President Ib Rossen and his good wife, the "fest" was a huge success with 40 children and 60 adults attending; Brother Paul O. Nielsen, Consul from Denmark, has announced the engagement of his daughter Jody Sue to Jack Stephen Cowan, a "Who's Who Among College Students" recipient; National Board President Kris Jorgensen spent 10 business days in Denmark during April; at the April annual event of the Queen City Danes,

Brother Flemming Sorensen was toastmaster, Brother Ib Rossen spoke for the lodge, Brother Sam Frederiksen responded for Denmark and Brother Otto Nielsen represented America; latest members to join our fraternal chain include Brothers George Hansen and Jorgen Aaes; "don't forget the Scandinavian Festival on July 28 and the Nordic Festival on August 18" — so says Albert Odgaard; "more than 150 Danes attended the 80th anniversary which was the best ever."

Quote from Secretary Paul C. Hansen: Charles Parker is the regular organist at the lodge meetings and adds much to any ceremony; Brothers Frank Larsen and Jim Langstad are working on plans for the annual summer picnic; "there is still space available on the Danish Brotherhood sponsored group flight to Denmark June 20 and July 17, according to Secretary Hansen, WE 5-3528; and Enumclaw delegates were Brothers Ed Olsen, Flemming Sorensen, Clyde Langstad, Olaf Langstad, Per Hansen, Emil Lindholdt, Frank Larsen and Jim Langstad.

Can You Help?

On behalf of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I am trying to locate the heirs after Rasmus Andersen, who was born October 27, 1866, at Ejby, Funen, Denmark, and who passed away December 23, 1956, at Crawford, Nebraska.

Mr. Andersen, who resided at 316 Annin Street, Crawford, Nebr., was a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America, and he had two sons and a daughter who are living in the United States.

I ask you kindly to advise me whether you have any information about Mr. Andersen's heirs. Thanking you in advance, I remain

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| July 9 | BERGENSFJORD | |
| Aug. 17 | BERGENSFJORD | Aug. 8 |
| | BERGENSFJORD | Sept. 1 |
| Sept. 17 | SAGAFJORD | Oct. 2 |

BERGENSFJORD sails from Oslo June 8 and June 30, calling at Kristiansand. Convenient and frequent connections from all points in Denmark.

By mutual agreement with the Swedish American Line the m. s. KUNGSHOLM will sail as Christmas ship to Scandinavia, leaving New York December 5, 1968. The ship, with a liaison passenger representative of the Norwegian America Line on board, will call at Kristiansand arriving in Copenhagen on December 13. The Norwegian America Line is at your service for reservations to and from Denmark. Please call at or write to the nearest Norwegian America Line office for full information.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR The Danish Brotherhood in America

BALANCE SHEETS — DECEMBER 31, 1967 (Note 1)

| | Fraternal Fund | General Fund | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Admitted Assets | | | |
| CASH, including \$209,657 certificates of deposit, savings accounts, and investors bonds | \$ 35,501 | \$ 200,811 | \$ 236,312 |
| INVESTMENT IN BONDS, at amortized cost (quoted market \$3,526,136) | 224,446 | 3,597,735 | 3,822,181 |
| INVESTMENT IN STOCKS, at market (cost \$434,577) | — | 526,622 | 526,622 |
| PREMIUMS RECEIVABLE FROM LODGES | — | 24,425 | 24,425 |
| INTEREST INCOME DUE AND ACCRUED | 1,878 | 35,811 | 37,689 |
| CERTIFICATE LOANS AND LIENS | — | 20,267 | 20,267 |
| REAL ESTATE: | | | |
| Land | — | 45,000 | 45,000 |
| Building and other improvements | — | 252,107 | 252,107 |
| | <u>\$261,825</u> | <u>\$4,702,778</u> | <u>\$4,964,603</u> |
| Liabilities and Fund Balances | | | |
| LIFE POLICY RESERVES, based on 1941 CSO | | | |
| 2½% mortality tables | \$ — | \$2,915,144 | \$2,915,144 |
| DEATH CLAIMS, in process of settlement | — | 28,185 | 28,185 |
| ESTIMATED REFUNDS TO MEMBERS, payable in 1968 .. | — | 54,000 | 54,000 |
| ACCRUED GENERAL EXPENSES | — | 2,987 | 2,987 |
| ACCRUED RETIREMENT PLAN EXPENSE (Note 3) | — | 10,327 | 10,327 |
| OTHER LIABILITIES | — | 2,569 | 2,569 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ — | \$3,013,212 | \$3,013,212 |
| MANDATORY SECURITIES VALUATION RESERVE | 1,562 | 200,282 | 201,844 |
| FUND BALANCES (Note 2) | 260,263 | 1,489,284 | 1,749,547 |
| | <u>\$261,825</u> | <u>\$4,702,778</u> | <u>\$4,964,603</u> |

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

STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1967 (Note 1)

| | Fraternal Fund | General Fund | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME: | | | |
| Life premiums and membership assessments and taxes | \$ 12,509 | \$ 216,173 | \$ 228,682 |
| Investment income | 8,906 | 165,086 | 173,992 |
| Miscellaneous | — | 1,892 | 1,892 |
| Total Income | <u>\$ 21,415</u> | <u>\$ 383,151</u> | <u>\$ 404,566</u> |
| DEDUCT: | | | |
| Death benefits | \$ — | \$ 171,398 | \$ 171,398 |
| Matured and surrendered policies | — | 19,076 | 19,076 |
| Increase in life policy reserves | — | 35,242 | 35,242 |
| Provision for retirement plan (Note 3) | — | 5,227 | 5,227 |
| General expenses, per accompanying statements | 12,821 | 135,065 | 147,886 |
| Taxes, licenses and fees | — | 2,682 | 2,682 |
| Total Deductions | <u>\$ 12,821</u> | <u>\$ 368,690</u> | <u>\$ 381,511</u> |
| INCOME FROM OPERATIONS, before refunds to members | \$ 8,594 | \$ 14,461 | \$ 23,055 |
| REFUNDS TO MEMBERS | — | 49,223 | 49,223 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | <u>\$ 8,594</u> | <u>\$ (34,762)</u> | <u>\$ (26,168)</u> |
| FUND BALANCES, December 31, 1966 (Note 2) | 249,950 | 1,501,546 | 1,751,496 |
| Realized gains on sale of securities | — | 17,649 | 17,649 |
| Increase in unrealized appreciation of securities | — | 52,668 | 52,668 |
| Increase in non-admitted assets (Note 1) | — | (7,808) | (7,808) |
| Increase in mandatory securities valuation reserve | (74) | (38,216) | (38,290) |
| Fund transfer | 1,793 | (1,793) | — |
| FUND BALANCES, December 31, 1967 (Note 2) | <u>\$260,263</u> | <u>\$1,489,284</u> | <u>\$1,749,547</u> |

The accompanying notes and Statements of General Expenses are an integral part of these statements.

**STATEMENTS OF GENERAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1967 (Note 1)**

| | Fraternal Fund | General Fund | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Rent and lights | \$ — | \$ 6,806 | \$ 6,806 |
| Salaries and wages | — | 52,651 | 52,651 |
| Membership awards | — | 5,070 | 5,070 |
| Traveling expenses | — | 9,610 | 9,610 |
| Advertising | — | 3,020 | 3,020 |
| Postage, express, telegraph and telephone | 21 | 2,569 | 2,590 |
| Annual statement expense | — | 1,769 | 1,769 |
| Furniture and equipment | — | 22 | 22 |
| Actuarial fees | — | 2,321 | 2,321 |
| Official publication | — | 7,779 | 7,779 |
| Real estate expense | — | 1,668 | 1,668 |
| Lodge supplies | — | (441) | (441) |
| Legal and audit fees | — | 6,064 | 6,064 |
| Fraternal payments | 9,395 | — | 9,395 |
| Scholarship grants and prizes | 3,375 | — | 3,375 |
| Sundry general expenses | 30 | 5,645 | 5,675 |
| Expense of Supreme Lodge meeting | — | 30,490 | 30,490 |
| | <u>\$ 12,821</u> | <u>\$ 135,043</u> | <u>\$ 147,864</u> |
| General expenses paid | \$ 12,821 | \$ 135,043 | \$ 147,864 |
| Accrued — Current year-end | — | 2,986 | 2,986 |
| Accrued — Previous year-end | — | (2,964) | (2,964) |
| | <u>\$ 12,821</u> | <u>\$ 135,065</u> | <u>\$ 147,886</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- (1) The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska. Such practices differ from those generally accepted accounting principles commonly followed by other types of enterprises primarily in that:
 - (a) Certain assets, principally furniture and equipment, are excluded from the accompanying balance sheets.
 - (b) Certain costs of acquiring new business are charged to current operations as incurred, rather than being amortized over the expected terms of the insurance contracts.
- The aggregate net effect of such variances on the financial statements does not have a material effect on income or financial position.
- (2) During 1967, by action of the Supreme Lodge, the Mortuary, Juvenile, and Promotional Funds were merged into the General Fund as follows:

- (3) A Retirement Plan has been adopted for full-time salaried employees with a minimum of three years' service. As of December 31, 1967, two employees were qualified for the Retirement Plan. The Brotherhood has an estimated unfunded liability of \$57,000 for benefits under the Plan.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Officers of

The Danish Brotherhood in America:

We have examined the individual balance sheets of the Fraternal Fund and General Fund of THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA (incorporated in Nebraska as a nonprofit fraternal benefit society) as of December 31, 1967, and the related statements of income and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Our examination did not include the financial statements of the member lodges.

In our opinion, the accompanying individual balance sheets and the statements of income and changes in fund balances present fairly the financial position of the Fraternal Fund and General Fund of The Danish Brotherhood in America as of December 31, 1967, and the results of their operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Insurance Department of the State of Nebraska and, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

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Omaha, Nebraska,
March 15, 1968.

| Fund | Balance Beginning of Year | Reclassi- fication | Balance as Re- classified |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mortuary | \$1,316,785 | \$(1,316,785) | \$ — |
| Juvenile | 24,770 | (24,770) | — |
| Promotional | 144,348 | (144,348) | — |
| Fraternal | 249,950 | — | 249,950 |
| General | 15,643 | 1,485,903 | 1,501,546 |
| | <u>\$1,751,496</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$1,751,496</u> |

The fund balances at December 31, 1967, consist of the following:

| Fund | Contingency Reserve | Special Reserves | Unassigned Funds | Total |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Fraternal | \$ — | \$260,263 | \$ — | \$ 260,263 |
| General | 781,649 | 30,000 | 677,635 | 1,489,284 |
| | <u>\$781,649</u> | <u>\$290,263</u> | <u>\$677,635</u> | <u>\$1,749,547</u> |

D B DATA

FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

AL HEDEGAARD

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

Certificate Compared With Policy

A pronounced point of contrast between the fraternal benefit certificate and the commercial company policy lies in the greater significance of the certificate.

The commercial company policy is simply a formal contract of life insurance. This contract, to be sure, carries all the rights and privileges of the insured as previously discussed, but it is essentially a business contract between the individual as the insured and the company as the insurer, whereby the insurance is granted for a specified consideration. The policyholders have no organization as such. They have no common interests other than the fact that they are insured in the same company, and are affected alike by its experience.

In contrast to this, the ownership of a certificate of membership in a fraternal benefit society means a great deal more than a mere contract of life insurance.

The certificate is issued to the specified individual as a member of the society. It is usually issued to him as a member of such and such a lodge or local body located at a given address.

The certificate means that the bearer is a member, and as such is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the society. Among these, is the right to share in the society's benefit fund in such amount and with such privileges as are stipulated in the certificate.

As a member, he subscribes to the constitution and by-laws, and the authority of the supreme lodge to amend them. As a member, he belongs to a local lodge, and as such has every opportunity to become actively identified with its fellowship and its benevolent activities. As a member, he has an interest in the major welfare activities of the society, and becomes eligible to their privileges in event of distress.

As a member, he enters into the mutuality of interest common to all members of the society. He becomes both the insured and the insurer. Through his certificate of membership, he becomes a joint owner of the fortunes of the society: He becomes a stockholder, as it were, with the usual privileges of ownership. A fraternal benefit society is essentially a cooperative enterprise. All members are obligated alike to all others for the fulfillment of benefits promised. Quite different from the policyholders in a commercial company, all the members are interested in each other and in the lodge and in the affairs of the society. This is the spirit of real fraternity and the practice of true mutuality.

So, the certificate of membership stands for the privileges of fraternity, the associations of the lodge room, sympathy and aid in time of distress. These are ties that bind the members in bonds of close mutual interest. The certificate stands for financial protection as well, and naturally so, for financial protection goes hand in hand with the spirit of fraternity, because it is founded on love, mutuality and unselfishness!

Samples of Certificates

| Issue Age | Plan | Amount | Dividend | Amt. of Additional Paid-up Insurance Purchased |
|----------------|------|---------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 13 — 20-Pay | | \$1,000 | 10th year — \$7.39 | \$20.00 at age 23 |
| 15 — 20-Pay | | \$1,000 | 6th year — \$6.81 | \$19.00 at age 21 |
| 16 — Str. Life | | \$1,000 | 6th year — \$5.60 | \$16.00 at age 22 |
| 28 — Str. Life | | \$1,000 | 54th year — \$9.70 | \$11.00 at age 82 |
| 34 — 20-Pay | | \$1,000 | 15th year — \$9.05 | \$30.00 at age 49 |
| 38 — 20-Pay | | \$1,000 | 27th year — \$9.48 | \$12.00 at age 65 |

(paid-up 7 years)

Other ages and amounts are all calculated individually, but some idea of the refund of savings (dividends) and what they will do is indicated.

It is interesting to note that the net assessment of the \$1,000 protection for the member 82 years of age is only \$4.58 a year. (\$14.28 — \$9.70). Also that a member 65 years of age is getting a \$9.48 refund on a certificate that has been paid-up for seven years.

Rate Comparisons

| | | Age 25 | Age 35 | Age 45 |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Company A | Whole Life | \$19.90 | \$26.17 | \$35.44 |
| | 20-Pay | \$30.85 | \$37.59 | \$46.13 |
| Company B | Whole Life | \$18.29 | \$23.96 | \$33.37 |
| | 20-Pay | \$30.47 | \$36.91 | \$46.02 |
| Company C | Whole Life | \$19.50 | \$25.90 | \$35.85 |
| | 20-Pay | \$32.56 | \$39.33 | \$48.22 |
| Danish Brotherhood | Whole Life | \$17.28 | \$23.16 | \$34.20 |
| | 20-Pay | \$27.84 | \$34.80 | \$44.76 |

Many companies will not write \$1,000 plans without an \$8.00 or \$10.00 a year extra premium. Some have slightly lower rates in \$10,000 minimum or \$10,000 units, but we are fortunate to have very competitive rates on the plans that we write the most.

When we consider that an insured member could also be eligible for scholarships, general aid and special aid in the time of distress, we would have to add this to the benefits received for the insurance assessment in the Danish Brotherhood.

Top Lodges and Sponsors

Top Lodges and Top Sponsors are judged by the number of applications submitted to the Home Office for approval by the 20th of the month.

GROUP I —

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, Nebraska.

GROUP II —

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, California.

TOP SPONSOR —

Svend Sonderup and Peter Norby are tied.

Introducing Our New Members

| Lodge No. | Location | New Member | Sponsor |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 29 | Seattle | Jorgen Boge Aase | Per G. Hansen |
| 45 | Minneapolis | Anna J. Hansen | Edmund Hansen |
| 45 | Minneapolis | Robert O. Brown | Christ Pedersen |
| 45 | Minneapolis | Margrethe Brown | Christ Pedersen |
| 45 | Minneapolis | Helen Andreasen | Christ Pedersen |
| 75 | Albert Lea | Elmer A. Boelter | Charles Eastlund |
| 95 | Ferndale | Dean L. Petersen | D. R. Sanborn |
| 126 | Los Angeles | Allan R. Markwardt | Kurt E. Moller |
| 318 | Copenhagen | Alfred J. Nielsen | Otto Madsen |
| 337 | Fremont | Emmy Nielsen | Henning Jensen |
| 337 | Fremont | Dagmar S. Cone | Henning Jensen |
| JUVENILE MEMBERS | | | |
| 1 | Omaha | Brian J. Carmody | Eivind Pedersen |
| 337 | Fremont | Hans Alan Jensen | Henning Jensen |
| 600 | Home Office | Jeffery Lee Nelsen | Verner Nelsen |

Honor Roll Listings

LODGES

| Lodge | Location | Members |
|-------|---------------------------|---------|
| 49 | San Francisco, California | 10 |
| 126 | Los Angeles, California | 16 |
| 182 | Waukegan, Illinois | 9 |
| 227 | Detroit, Michigan | 11 |

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

| Lodge | Location | Sponsor | Number of New Members |
|-------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 45 | Minneapolis, Minn. | Christ W. Pedersen | 3 |
| 49 | San Francisco, Calif. | Henning Jensen | 10 |
| 95 | Ferndale, Calif. | Francis D. Sweet | 3 |
| 126 | Los Angeles, Calif. | Poul D. Andersen | 7 |
| 144 | Dike, Iowa | Gary L. Andersen | 4 |
| 225 | Canton, Ohio | John Christensen | 3 |
| 336 | Escondido, Calif. | Richard J. Suda | 3 |

Lodge Secretaries Attention Membership Attention

There is an indication by some of our lodges that a National Danish Brotherhood Lodge flag or banner is desirable. We are asking for an opinion from our lodges. Would you or would you not be interested in a flag or banner in your lodge? We will set a deadline of July 1, 1968, for replies. Replies should be worded similar to the following, selecting the one your lodge wishes to indicate.

- _____ We would be interested in a National Lodge flag
- _____ We would not be interested in a National Lodge flag
- _____ We would be interested in a National Lodge banner
- _____ We would not be interested in a National Lodge banner

Your attention to this will be appreciated. Members, express your wishes at your lodge meeting.

Cultural Centers

Hobbies are one of the items that can be pursued at a cultural center. Our older members, as well as others who might be interested in such things as painting, drawing, sculpturing, flower arranging, rug making, sewing and music, would have a meeting place in which to pursue these activities. The association with other people of like interests and exchanging of ideas with them could be a very worthwhile time consumer for senior citizens, as well as our younger members.

But hobby enjoyment would not be the only activity. The center could serve as a common meeting place for members, who could proceed from there to other places of interest on short excursions for sightseeing, ball games, or whatever would be of interest.

Instruction in various areas such as Danish language, folk dancing, arts, crafts, woodworking and many other fields would be of value to both young and old. An outlet for people with talent for serving as instructors and demonstrators would be available.

Leadership sessions and programs to encourage members to use their time, talents and experience to contribute to civic activities in their respective communities are beneficial.

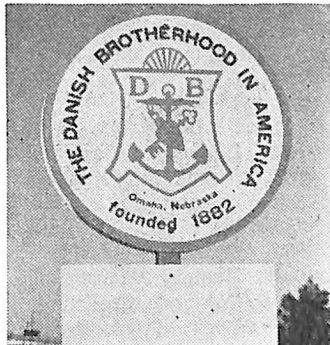
Other organizations, social groups and clubs could be allowed use of the facility, which in itself would be a service to the community. Local lodges would use the center as a meeting place.

So far we have just been outlining the uses of a basic building. Understandably, a cultural center could range all the way from one room of a building to an elegant complex of buildings plus such extras as swimming pools, ball diamonds, golf courses, or just about as extensive facilities as one could imagine.

Several of our lodges now possess the necessary basics for a cultural center. Others could very easily have them, and some others are beyond the basic stage with their facilities. Your consideration and investigation of this type of program for your community should have a prominent place in your portfolio of things to do.

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Check List

Some of our members who get involved in committees to arrange conventions, banquets, etc., may not be familiar with some supplies available from the Home Office. We do try to stock:

- 1) Menu folders with printed songs.
- 2) Placemats.
- 3) Dedication booklets from our dedication of the Home Office Building.
- 4) Memo or note books.

These should be pretty much restricted to convention use or special occasions.

For members interested, we have two hand-out pieces. They are a "How Can I Belong?" folder and a junior benefit certificate card.

Samples of any of the mentioned items on request from the Promotional Department.

Friendly Competition

The March Magazine quoted Lodge No. 242 of Erie, Pa., as having signed up 44 junior members since our program for juveniles started. The lodge asks, "Can any other lodge top this?"

The records have not been checked, but it would be interesting to see some friendly competition among the lodges to see if this could be beaten. I am sure that No. 242 wouldn't mind the competition, because they are anxious to see the Brotherhood grow. Several of their junior members are now adult members, which is one way of getting adult members.

In addition, these junior members have a start on an insurance program with lower assessments, and they also know that they will have some insurance, should some medical or physical condition develop that would possibly exclude them in the future from getting more. This because of the foresight of the parents or grandparents.

There are several lodges who could challenge No. 242 and probably every lodge could come up with some junior members. Why not get a contest started within your district or lodge for a little friendly competition.

Visitors

Our guest book at 3717 Harney Street shows that we have had visitors from nine states and British Columbia at our Headquarters Building since November 1967.

Perhaps you will find the name of a friend in the list of guests. We have listed only out of town visitors though there have been many from Omaha. When in Omaha, we hope you will find it convenient to stop and see us.

Colorado: Olga N. Sorensen, Denver.

Illinois: Paul Rohman, Park Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Wood, Milan.

Indiana: Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Sauter and Bradley, Indianapolis.

Iowa: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hedegaard and Dennin, Neola; Anker C. Eastergard, Harlan; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Plaehn, Reinbeck; Mr. and Mrs. George B. Olsen, Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. Verne Bromley, Cedar Falls.

Minnesota: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorensen, Albert Lea; Mr. Richard H. Sorensen, Albert Lea.

Missouri: Frank Baumann, Kansas City; Mr. Carl E. Davis, Kansas City.

Nebraska: John P. Niell, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hove, Sr., Minden; Mrs. Anna B. Hensley, Lincoln; Thorvald Jensen, Fremont; Paul H. Christensen, Lincoln; Peggy and Soren Sorensen, Lincoln; Robert Eugene Hundahl, Tekamah; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Saalfeld, Columbus; Mrs. Eiler Andersen, Bellevue; Mrs. L. P. Heinaie, Ithaca.

North Dakota: Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Warner, Grand Forks; Pam Warner, Grand Forks.

Pennsylvania: Thor S. Cyröndal, Camp Hill.

British Columbia: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sundby, Salmon Arm; Mark, Kirk and Eric Sundby, Salmon Arm.



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 |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Feb 20 | Claudus J. C. Fredericksen | 88 | Lolland, Denmark | 46 | Perth Amboy, N. J. | 1912 |
| Mar 14 | Louis Sorensen | 62 | Lincoln, Nebraska | 84 | Lincoln, Nebraska | 1937 |
| Mar 19 | N. G. Nielsen | 93 | Aalborg, Denmark | 600 | Omaha, Nebraska | 1902 |
| Mar 6 | Christ Peterson | 77 | Aalborg, Denmark | 259 | Colman, South Dakota | 1913 |
| 12-31-67 | Christian Baltersen | 64 | Aalborg, Denmark | 239 | Lake Forest, Illinois | 1929 |
| Mar 16 | Peter Andersen | 92 | Branderup, Denmark | 600 | Omaha, Nebraska | 1907 |
| Mar 23 | Peter Jensen | 69 | Denmark | 4 | Racine, Wisconsin | 1924 |
| Mar 25 | Hother Svare Olsen | 83 | Skjelsker, Denmark | 39 | Oakland, California | 1921 |
| Mar 13 | Christian Johansen | 72 | Milltown, Wisconsin | 186 | Luck, Wisconsin | 1917 |
| Mar 19 | Hans Norregaard | 81 | Odis, Denmark | 10 | Council Bluffs, Iowa | 1907 |
| Aug '67 | Einar Warning | 61 | Gredsted, Denmark | 45 | Minneapolis, Minnesota | 1906 |
| Mar 9 | Henry J. Gammelgaard | 67 | Lemvig, Denmark | 45 | Minneapolis, Minnesota | 1931 |
| Mar 15 | Otto Chr. Drogemoller | 65 | Copenhagen, Denmark | 164 | New York, New York | 1927 |
| Mar 16 | Charles O. J. Christiansen | 84 | Chicago, Illinois | 35 | Chicago, Illinois | 1910 |
| Mar 29 | Herman E. Finholm | 49 | Ludington, Michigan | 51 | Ludington, Michigan | 1963 |
| Mar 27 | Anders P. Miller | 86 | Svendstrup, Denmark | 248 | New York, New York | 1907 |
| Mar 8 | Christian Christensen | 87 | Haderslev, Denmark | 164 | New York, New York | 1910 |
| Feb 25 | Chris Andersen | 83 | Denmark | 45 | Minneapolis, Minnesota | 1926 |
| Apr 4 | George A. Rohde | 71 | Lyngley, Denmark | 167 | Portland, Oregon | 1946 |
| Jan 24 | Edward Sorensen | 79 | Assens, Denmark | 33 | Tacoma, Washington | 1918 |
| Apr 13 | Christian Lauritsen | 78 | Astrup, Denmark | 29 | Seattle, Washington | 1913 |
| Mar 20 | Herman Larsen | 82 | Stege Moen, Denmark | 29 | Seattle, Washington | 1965 |
| Mar 9 | Raymond Goodrich | 53 | Ludington, Michigan | 51 | Ludington, Michigan | 1958 |

The Road Ahead

We are not facing a crisis, nor are we at any cross-road.

The road ahead is open, uphill to be sure, as we are facing a challenge with profound and complex problems, which will not yield by wishing. One major problem is, that we do not realize our present potentials.

Liberal action by our two previous national conventions; one admitting women to membership, the other breaking with certain habits and ties with the past, both enabled us to vitalize our lodges, and reach out from our former isolation, to a broader appeal for new members. These two measures will, I believe, play a larger role in the re-building of our Society, than our new by-laws, modern and desirable as they are.

Defeating apathy, inertia and fear of innovations, all too evident in certain quarters, we now have the opportunity to assume a larger role and responsibility for Danish colony life in America, commensurate with our numbers, strength and resources, if we only have the will to do it. Let us grab that chance now and proceed to build a new, open, viable society.

With our newly won freedom, conscious of our obligations, dedicated to the future, an increase in recruitment, morals and influence on the local and national level is a distinct and actual possibility. In view of what has taken place in the past, such optimism may strike some as utterly foolish; but I believe if we break with every vestige of conservatism and penny pinching, charter our course and 'take off', our changes for success are in the cards.

It is bitter to hear the truth, when people, who should be members of our society, tell us that DB suffers from 'tired blood'. It is also true that some of our lodges, today are looked upon as museum pieces from the dim past, with our message muted, unwilling to adapt themselves to changing times and environments, coasting, waiting for a miracle.

While we have no intentions of 'swinging it' hippie style, our young people of today are a different breed than those who as immigrants in the earlier part of the century, knocked on our doors for whatever security our umbrella had to offer. Unless our lodges, besides insurance, have some appeal and inducement for people of all ages, we shall continue to aggravate our problems.

The solutions to these problems rests not only on our lodges, our district organizations, our administration, but to a large extent on our Magazine. There may be members who are satisfied with our magazine, such as it is, but I have, to my knowledge, never met any of them. Let me hasten to add, that the material submitted to its editors, past and present, fully absolves them of any responsibility for its content.

With no consistent editorial policy or alternative to today's problems, except for official matters, it rambles aimlessly along, presumably without any official guidelines, filling page after page, with often lengthy reports by regional committees about coffee klatches and other trivia of no interest, of much less value or benefit to anyone. Ninety per cent of the space allotted to those reports are a waste of paper and printing ink.

With its pages open to some ten thousand members, all of whom, I believe, can read and write, our magazine is indeed a poor and ineffective medium for our Society and its members. Its up-dating is long overdue.

During an eight-year period, we appropriated some thirty-four thousand dollars to promotion. It seemingly never occurred to anyone, what a slice of this pie could have accomplished had it been allotted to help our magazine to emerge from its sea of mediocrity, on the surface of which it never created the slightest ripple. Does

every sentence in it have to concern itself only with lodge or Society affairs?

Without neglecting propaganda is it not possible, for instance, that articles about the old country, its history, traditions, its cities, islands and countryside, accompanied by rotogravures could convert it into a medium of interest to our members and perhaps others?

If some may consider my views provocative, I can only hope they will elicit and stimulate thoughtful Brotherly dialogue and discussion of problems and plans for the future. But we do need and deserve a better magazine, a spearhead, if you will, always pointing to the future in dealing with the present, worthy of the name at its masthead.

S. C.

NEWS FROM IOWA UNITED LODGES

By A. B. THODE, Correspondent

The officers of the Iowa United Lodges journeyed to Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 29, where they all attended a fish dinner at the home of Iowa President Bud Grundberg and his wife Mary Jean, who is the State President of the Sisterhood. The Grundbergs served a dinner of flounder to about 25 guests who will long remember this most delicious fish dinner.

March 30, the state officers and committee members of the scholarship fund program met at Dana College, Blair, Nebr. The meeting took place at the Student Center hosted by Paul Strand. Scholarship Chairman Jerry Maixner gave a good report as to the progress of the scholarship fund, which had at this time reached \$317, with more coming in. The scholarship fund is set up to provide scholarships at Dana College, Blair, Nebr., and Grand View College at Des Moines, Iowa.

After a tour of the facilities at Dana, a luncheon was served at the Student Center cafeteria.

The officers of the Iowa United Lodges held their board meeting at 1:15 p. m., at the Student Center of Dana College. A discussion was held on the forthcoming convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, over the Labor Day weekend, with Lodge No. 15 being the host. Convention Chairman Vernon Blackman said he expected a large crowd at the convention and stressed that all monies over the expenses would go to the scholarship fund. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p. m. Those present for both meetings were Jerry Maixner, Loyd Plaehn, Bud Grundberg, William Newell, George Olsen, Vernon Blackman, Jack Wood, Thorvald Sorensen and late comer Art Thode.

Since this meeting the scholarship fund has grown to \$680. Should anyone wish to contribute to this fund they may do so by sending contributions to George Olsen, Route 1, Hudson, Iowa 50643.

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May 1, 1968

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June 1, 1968

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AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary-Treasurer.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

As reported in the April issue, our material written and sent in to appear in the March issue was stolen and recovered, opened by the post office department, and in a round about way returned to us. We did not realize that all the material did not come back until we read the April issue to which the material was mailed and found that some of the items written for the March issue did not appear.

One of the items was the report of the Oakland General Committee convention committee meeting. This report stated that the convention will be held August 15-16-17 and the Charemont Hotel which is located half in Oakland and half in Berkeley, will be the headquarters.

The program includes a sailing tour in the San Francisco Bay, Friday the 16th. That is, after the day's work is done. Buses will take participants to the docks to board the boat and the route will include good views of the Golden Gate and San Francisco-Oakland bridges and a good look at Alcatraz. We understand there will be entertainment and dancing on board, but we are not sure about food. This will be made clear in a later issue.

We know the Oakland Brothers and the Sisters of DSS No. 17 are out to exceed San Diego's superb convention last August and as we were there, we know it is going to take quite a bit of doing. Put August 15-16-17 on your calendar as "must be in Oakland."

From Henning Jensen, the leader of the General Committee's charter flight to Denmark comes word that as of April 18 there were two seats available on the plane due to cancellations. Anyone interested in going on the flight contact Rudolph M. Olsen, 166 Geary St., San Francisco, Calif. 94108, Phone (415) 362-9135 or 362-3079 for information about vacancies. The flight leaves Oakland June 1 and returns there July 5.

A few lodges are having farewell parties for members going to Denmark June 1. Quite a few parties are taking place in the old country when they arrive early Sunday morning. It is "Pinse" and time for the traditional family gathering and watch "Solen Danse." Due to the holidays the reception at the City Hall in Copenhagen will be held June 3 at 3 p. m. We remind all the participants that Lodge No. 318 meets the first and third Tuesday, address: "Borgen" Forhaabningsholms alle 20. They invite everybody to join in the Fourth of July festival in Søndermarken followed by a social hour in the lodge hall.

Members from all parts of the USA and Canada going to Denmark this summer should make it a point to participate and support Lodge 318's Fourth of July arrangement in wonderful Copenhagen.

Dansk Samvirke stævne at Kronborg Castle and Marienlyst will take place Sunday, June 30 and a large group of Californians will assemble there. Wouldn't it be nice if members from other districts could join us on these two occasions?

Bon voyage and hils fra os derhjemme.

Brother Willie Christensen, President of the GC announces that Brother Peter Weber, member of Lodge No. 299, Solvang, and one of that town's better bakers of Danish goodies, who has taken care of the GC's bowling tournament for the past two years has found that he can no longer do so. So — Brother A. B. Christensen has been appointed to take his place. I'm not thanking Brother Willie for wishing the job on me. I'll let you know that I am no greenhorn at the job as I held it from

1951 to 1963. To all you California keggers, on your mark — get set — you will be hearing from me soon!

April 5 Brother Walter Hansen, president of Hayward Lodge 184 led a delegation of Lodge Brothers on a visit to the meeting of Petaluma Lodge 143. All enjoyed sitting in on the meeting and together with the local and visiting Hayward Sisters; also enjoyed excellent "smørrebrød," cake and coffee served after the meeting.

Many of the Brothers will remember Brother Jim Andreasen, who passed away while serving as Supreme Vice President some years ago, leaving his wife "Jo," Johanne, a member of Sisterhood Lodge "Vintergækken." The sad news that Jo had passed away also last month was spread among the Sisterhood members.

We have no news from any of the southern Lodges as the Los Angeles bulletin we received did not tell us much outside of the institution April 27 of the 338th link in our Brotherhood which we understand will be named 7-11. Very appropriate for the Lodge based in Las Vegas where the numbers 7 and 11 are of importance and we hope that the Lodge may throw nothing but passes and if that is not possible at least make its point. **Welcome aboard 7-11!**

Lodge No. 337, Fremont, announces that it will have a picnic July 14 and a masquerade dance October 26.

Brother Sigfred Olsen, who had the misfortune of having his left thumb smacked with a sledge hammer wielded by a fellow worker about two months ago, has now had the cast removed but it still unable to go back to the job and it is feared that the thumb will remain stiff.

Believe It Or Not — Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, has, after 69 years of existence, finally been invaded by members of the opposite sex. It happened at a special meeting that Brother Marie Norgaard, vice president of Lodge No. 329, Long Beach, and Brother Lillian Mathiasen of Lodge No. 600, Omaha, invaded the meeting as visitors — and we understand that they were bid a hearty welcome.

And to the Brothers who are going to Denmark we say, "Lykke paa Rejsen, og hils derhjemme."

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

GCEL News — A letter from GCEL President Elmer W. Jensen advises me that Brother Ole C. Beck has resigned as GCEL Promotional Chairman and that Brother Elmer himself has taken over this job temporarily.

At a recent meeting of the GCEL officers held in Metuchen, N. J., it was decided to have an ad inserted in the "Danish Pioneer" with the names of the secretaries of the Lodges in the East. Also stating the facts about the outstanding insurance features, practical economic advantages to its members, men and women of all ages, from student scholarships, yearly flights to Denmark, our home for the aged, etc.

We regret to advise that the charter flight has been cancelled, due to lack of sufficient number of participants. The committee has made arrangements with Scandinavian Travel Bureau, Inc., and SAS-Scandinavian Airlines for an affinity group flight.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Viola Petersen, wife of Brother George Petersen, former GCEL president and correspondent. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. Five Sisters of Lodge 158 DSS and yours truly journeyed to Hartford, Conn., to attend the golden anniversary of DSS Lodge 153 April 6. Congratulations to the committee for a delightful evening.

Vice President "Bill" Guldhauge has completed assembling his Go-Kart and is ready for the racing season. It can now attain speeds up to 107 miles per hour. Anybody for Go-Kart racing?

Brothers Carl W. Sorensen and Asbjorn H. Guldhauge were elected delegate and alternate, respectively, to the GCEL convention to be held in Penn Yan, N. Y., over the Labor Day weekend.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Corres., 102.

Lodge No. 164, New York, N. Y. Meetings are now held every second Friday of the month at Mozart Hall, 328 East 86th Street, New York City.

Brother Viggo Demant is ill at home. We wish him a speedy recovery. Brother Christian Christensen passed away March 8. He joined our Lodge in 1910. He was born in Hoptrup Sogn, North Slesvig in 1881. Also Brother Otto Drogemoller died March 15. He joined the Lodge in 1927, and was born in Copenhagen in 1903. Our sincere sympathy is extended to both families.

After our March meeting at Mozart Hall, we joined the Sisterhood for food and refreshments. Many thanks to our President Backus for the smoked eels he prepared for this occasion. A wonderful time was had by all.

ROBERT RASMUSSEN, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. A trip to the zoo for all the kids has been planned by chairman of the youth committee, Bent Busch-Petersen, for Sunday, May 19 with a rain date of May 26. Other plans for the summer include a camping trip.

June 1 will be the date for our 65th anniversary dinner-dance at the Marriott Motor Hotel, City Line Ave., at the Schuylkill Expressway. Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7:15, with dancing to 1 a. m., or later. The price, \$7 per person.

Brother Christian Wilhelm has celebrated 50 years of membership in our Lodge. Brother Peter Thilker is still in Broomall Convalescence Nursing Home.

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Brother Martin Hunter recently. Brother Hunter had been a member of our Lodge for a number of years. He was

very active in several fraternal organizations until he met with a serious auto accident a few years ago. Since then he had been failing rapidly. He was 86 and a bachelor.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Joint Brotherhood and Sisterhood anniversary dinner-dance party on Saturday, May 18. The DB will celebrate its 62nd anniversary and the DSS its 56th. Brothers Jens A. Beck and Ole Beck will be awarded their 50-year pin. Mark your calendar now so you will not forget the big event.

The annual meeting of the DBS Building Association will take place Friday, June 7 at 8 p. m. There will be election of two directors — let's have a good turnout.

The "April Showers" dance was well attended and the Danish "smørrebrød" was delicious and went over big. Thanks especially to Ella Hansen and Anna Marie Pawlik.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. Your amusement committee has tentative plans for our 51st anniversary. Keep this date open: Saturday, May 25. A "Bøf med Løg" dinner and dance will be held at the DB Hall. Tickets are \$2.50 per person.

Brother Knud Larsen's name has been added to the sick list. He entered St. Francis Hospital March 27. Brother Peter Salmonsens wife passed away March 28. We send our deepest sympathy.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Garderforeningens 40th anniversary was celebrated in Hotel Pierre March 29. Twelve of our members attended this gala affair, and all had an enjoyable evening. It is gratifying to know that a celebration by one Danish organization can be attended by so many members from another Danish organization.

The May meeting will be the showing of Princess Margrethe's wedding in Copenhagen. Don't miss the date, it will be a great evening. Let your Danish friends know about it, and bring them along.

Is the Brotherhood Dead

Maybe this is not of any real value to the majority of the readers of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, but there might be some points contained herein that could be applied to conditions in your local lodges.

During one of the recesses of the successful convention of the Utah-Idaho General Committee, an interesting conversation developed among some of the participating Brothers and this writer.

One of the Brothers made a statement to the effect that the whole Brotherhood was "dead" and not enticing to the younger generation. Even though this statement is justified to a limited extent, the spirit of understanding and tolerance which prevailed throughout the proceedings of the convention, seemed to indicate that the Brotherhood is still very much alive.

If ways and means can be found to consolidate the two Salt Lake City lodges, it appears that we might be on the threshold of a new era for the Brotherhood in this area.

So let us put the shoulder to the wheel — and let bygones be bygones. Let us commence this new era with an open-minded attitude, and maybe the idea of fraternal brotherhood can still prevail, even in the hearts of the younger generation.

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MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

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Prior to the second monthly meeting of Detroit Lodge 227, March 27, a very nice venison dinner was served to the Brothers in the Danish Hall. All 25-year and 50-year members were invited free to this affair, which was well attended.

The meeting following, Brother Bob Andersen presented a Past President's Pin to Brother William Andersen. This presentation was actually a couple of years late — but better late than never. Thereafter a 25-year pin was presented to Brother Peter Lausen coupled with a nice speech by our distinguished Brother, Viggo Mikkelsen, Past Supreme President of the Danish Brotherhood.

The discussion during this meeting mainly pertained to the suggested changes in the sick benefit, which has been under study for some time.

At the regular Lodge meeting April 10, Lodge 227 agreed to instruct its delegates to the Michigan-Ohio District convention, which this year will be held in Greenville, Mich., May 25-26, to invite the convention in 1969 to be held in Detroit.

During this meeting two applicants were initiated and bid welcome in Lodge 227 by Past President Bob Andersen. They are Roy England and Vandel Nielsen.

At the time of filing this report we look forward to the result of the Midwest Bowling Tournament in St. Charles, Ill., where Detroit Lodge 227 will be fully represented. We hope our teams will have a successful trip.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich.:

March 20: A pinochle party was held at the Danish Hall for members and guests. Brother and Mrs. William Hansen were in charge, and a potluck luncheon was served following the games.

March 28: This was our regular meeting night. The meeting was conducted by President Lauritz Hansen. The name of Brother Hans Larsen was called for the

jackpot, but not being present he could not collect the purse.

March 29: A dance was held at the Danish Hall. Committee for the event consisted of Past President and Mrs. Carl Soneral, Outer Guard and Mrs. Donald Wagner, Brother and Mrs. William Klemm, Brother Albert Christoffersen and Treasurer and Mrs. Alfred Larsen. A luncheon was served at midnight.

April 11: This was our regular meeting, but the meeting was started quite late because many of the members attended church services first. The meeting was conducted by President Lauritz Hansen. Brother Earl Larsen's name was called for the jackpot and he missed the prize, as he was absent.

April 12: This was the last fish fry in the current series and was also the largest. All members who helped in any way, and also the wives are hereby given a great big "thank you."

We here in Lodge 51 were saddened March 29, by the news that our inner guard, Brother Herman Finholm had passed away while at work. Brother Finholm was a past president of Lodge 51 and also a past president of the Michigan-Ohio District. We are sure all who knew him and worked with him will miss him. He was well known for always being a willing worker in the Lodge and District. Whenever we had a project going on at our hall, we could count on Brother Herman to help move things along.

Brother Arthur Hansen was elected to complete his unexpired term of inner guard.

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