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Beacons to Light Our Way

Excerpts from Richard Netter's speech at Rebild National Park:

It is a great privilege to participate with you in this year's celebration at Rebild of the 192nd anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence. As for 55 years past, we are here to reaffirm the historic friendship between Denmark and the United States of America and our mutual dedication to certain basic moral values.

One hundred and ninety-two year ago, the Congress of the 13 American colonies adopted a Declaration of Independence, drafted by Thomas Jefferson, which stated: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Those were brave words to be uttered in that time and place. The colonists — who were less in number than the population of Denmark today — were fighting against a parent government which was infinitely larger and stronger. In most of the world, what they enunciated in this Declaration was heresy. And when they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to secure their rights, they knew there was a real chance that they might lose them all. Yet they responded with all their energies, and, by persevering, they set an example which is still moving men on every continent even today.

I have often asked myself why it is that I have felt so much at home in Denmark — whether with friends, in larger groups, or walking alone through the streets. I think it is because Denmark is a happy land and the Danes are a happy people.

Just as the great leaders of current times and throughout history have been happy people, nations whose people have a sense of humor have continued to better the climate of their own citizenry and the family of all nations.

And conversely, I have found that people of bad humor, individually and collectively, are morally insensitive and incomplete, and seem to generate inordinate jealousy, envy, resentment and — hatred.

By itself, the Declaration of Independence is only a sheet of parchment. What we honor here today is the wisdom and the dedication to humanity of the men who conceived that document.

By adhering to their standards of human behavior in the conduct of our own lives, we intensify our respect for them and their wisdom.

When we recall today the men who stood up and were counted in the small America of 1776, we must also recall the other men in many places who stood up and were counted at other times.

Denmark was such a place, and 1943 was such a time. During the blackest decade in modern history, without thought of self, despite the gravest risks, the Danish people spontaneously assumed the responsibility of saving their Jewish compatriots from a fate which overwhelmed some six million others of the same faith.

The act of 1943 — paralleled by other equally heroic acts in the other Scandinavian countries — went almost unnoticed in the great holocaust of its time. Fifteen years later, I read a book about the Danish Rescue and another about the people throughout Europe, including some within Germany itself, who risked and, in so many cases, lost their lives to save persons of the Jewish faith from Hitler's "final solution."

A few years thereafter, while a book called "Mein Kampf" could still be procured in almost any bookshop, these two books were out of print. There was vast literature about the wrong-doers. But there was little in print about the right-doers.

Thomas Jefferson was born just 200 years before the Rescue. He died 50 years to the day after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. He lived to see the revolution in France and its consequences in Europe; and the eruption of revolution in Latin America as well. If his Declaration still has meaning, is its spirit still alive today?

I am sure it is here in Denmark, as in the rest of Scandinavia, but I am among people like Dr. Erik Husfeldt, who knows more about this than I.

Let me assure you, my friends that the concepts of the Declaration are still very much alive in America as well. Despite too many instances of turmoil and violence, most Americans still hold to the concept that the highest office in a democracy is the office of citizen; and they still believe that it is every citizen's responsibility as a member of a self-governing society, to be concerned with improving the society within which he lives.

Because we are human, there will be times when we will falter on the way or, in our confusion, choose strange paths. But it is precisely for this reason that we must keep the bright examples of the past — of 1776 and of 1943 — as beacons to light our way.

In marking today what happened in 1776 and in 1943, we are, in effect, renewing our dedication as free individuals and as citizens of a democratic society to uphold human rights as the foundation of freedom, justice, order and peace in the world.

And I am confident that if we let our voices be heard when justice is threatened, and resist when human rights are endangered, life for all men will be immeasurably brighter.



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Condensed Minutes of the Board of Officers

APRIL 1-4, 1968

(Continued From Last Month)

Axel Skelbeck was requested at this time to present the items in his file. The first item was a request for special aid from a member. This application had been approved and a request was made by the lodge to handle it in a somewhat unusual manner as a result of circumstances that had arisen in this case. The entire case was reviewed and action was taken on it. The second item in Skelbeck's file was a request from Lodge No. 45 in Minneapolis to sponsor a charter flight in 1969. Jensen moved to approve this request and it was seconded and it carried. Insurance department correspondence with the New York Insurance Department and the Michigan Department concerning annual statement audit fees and articles of incorporation and by-law filings was presented. Also presented at this time by Skelbeck was a general aid-special aid comparison. He observed where in years past the general aid was the predominant type of aid request, in recent years special aid had taken over as the type of aid with the most volume both numberwise and dollarwise.

Skelbeck announced an additional gift to our new headquarters building. This was in the form of a huge gold-amber mirror in the center part of the ceiling in the main foyer. It was given jointly by Mrs. Chris (Joan) Madsen, North Arlington, N. J., in memory of her husband, Chris Madsen, deceased, an esteemed member of Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J., and for many years a member of the board and a member of the first building committee; and by Mrs. J. M. (Hulda) Jensen, Omaha, Nebr., in memory of her husband, Brother J. M. Jensen, for many years a prominent member of Lodge No. 1, who had given unlimited inspiration and enthusiasm

toward the attainment of the start of the building plans. At three o'clock in the afternoon the president declared a recess. Mrs. Jensen was present, and with Trustee Godthaab standing in for Mrs. Madsen, a dedication ceremony was held during which the president accepted this unusual and appropriate gift in grateful appreciation on behalf of the membership of the Danish Brotherhood in America. The dedication was followed by a coffee table and Danish rolls in "upstairs west."

Following this ceremony the president again called the meeting to order. The list of loose gifts received so far for the home office building was read: 1) an American, a Danish and a Nebraska state outdoor flag by the Nebraska General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges; 2) a United States flag which had been flown over the Capitol in Washington, D. C., by Roman H. Ruska, United States Senator from Nebraska; 3) an American and a Danish display flag by the Nebraska General Committee of the Danish Sisterhood Lodges; 4) a beautiful flag of the Dominion of Canada by Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, British Columbia; 5) decorative planters in the main foyer by the Supreme Lodge of the Danish Sisterhood of America; 6) two tall, matched sterling silver candelabras by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bath of Omaha, accompanied by an address expressing thanks to the Danish people and King Christian X in particular for the protection extended Jewish refugees during the occupation of Denmark; 7) a greatly enlarged wall map of Denmark mounted in the upstairs foyer by the Nebraska General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges; 8) a painting of a beautiful Danish-type landscape in the secretary-treasurer's office by the First National Bank of Omaha; 9) a guest book in the reception area now containing hundreds of signatures by visitors from many, many states and foreign countries given by Mrs. Axel Olsen and Mrs. Ed Van Bibber of Omaha; 19) a growing pine tree plant by the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 119 of Omaha; and now added to the list is the ceiling mirror in the main foyer, a tremendous addition to that area of the building.

Flower tributes, plants, etc., have been flowing in, but too numerous to list separately. The "Little Mermaid" in miniature sculpture is on display in the reception area by courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Skelbeck.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, this report to be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

Section 53, Paragraph 3 of the by-laws as amended by the national convention was reviewed and studied at this time. The question was raised concerning the authority to pay a lodge amounts due from delinquent members. This is a particularly difficult problem and considerable discussion was held concerning this matter. A final conclusion was that a member should assign the values of the benefit certificate to the lodge from a legal protection standpoint.

The meeting was adjourned until 8 o'clock in the evening when the Cultural Center Association, executive committee, and the scholarship committee meetings took place.

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 4, at 9 a. m. Travel expenses and per diem costs for attending the meeting were approved and the president requested that the minutes indicate that Skelbeck again waived the per diem allowance provided for in the by-laws.

Magazine Editor Einar Danielsen, made two recommendations concerning the monthly magazine. The first recommendation was to retain the two-color print for the front page and the second recommendation was that we should enter into agreements with other publications

for news items and pictures of general interest to our society. A general discussion followed concerning these two recommendations and also the bids received thus far with respect to the publication and mailing of the magazine. Tunsen moved that we hereby consider the bid received from American Publishing Company as accepted providing there are no other bids received between now and the deadline and, if in the event that there are other bids received, then these bids must be transmitted to the board members in the usual manner for another decision. Duly seconded, the motion carried. Danielsen suggested that color be used on three issues of the magazine per year thereby reducing costs involved, but retaining the attractiveness of two-color occasionally throughout the year. Tunsen moved that color be allowed three times a year and Jonasen seconded the motion, which carried. Jonasen moved that Danielsen be permitted to use pictures and articles from other magazines in the magazine when space would be available. Danielsen seconded, the motion carried.

Hedegaard was called into the meeting by the president to discuss various items that have in the past been purchased for local lodges, and also the proposal that a lodge flag be developed for use by the various lodges. It was decided to find out whether any interest in the national Danish Brotherhood in America flag existed and Jorgensen assigned the promotional director to inquire into this item and find out if there was a desire to embark on this program.

The general topic of assisting lodges in trouble was submitted for discussion. Specific problems that had arisen in a number of lodges were reviewed and possible solutions were suggested. Assignments were made by the president to specific board members to investigate problems in some of these lodges and to try and develop solutions to these problems.

It was noted that May 1, 1968, marked the 45th year that Axel Skelbeck has served the Danish Brotherhood. In commemoration of this service the following resolution, as presented by Tunsen, was adopted.

Whereas, Axel Skelbeck, as of May 1, 1968, shall have accomplished a continuous tenure with the Danish Brotherhood in America amounting to 45 years,

Whereas, he has extended devotion to a point of love for a cause of which we are all quite familiar,

Whereas, he has extended beyond any doubt a loyalty and devotion to an organization whereby he has caused the fulfillment of many accomplishments for our membership and otherwise, and

Whereas, he has given of unselfish service at all times and thus dedicated himself to his special and particular duties;

Therefore, let it be noted for the records and printed in the official publication of the Danish Brotherhood in America our genuine appreciation for a job so excellently well done during all of these 45 years.

The week starting September 23, 1968, was selected as the date for the annual meeting in the fall.

Skelbeck's file of communications was once again presented. These communications included a special aid application from a member, a request from the daughter of a member to continue a benefit certificate in force for her father who was now in a mental institution, and discussion concerning the new board of officers stationery.

Communications from Lodge No. 89, from Lodge No. 116, from the president of Lodge No. 325, and from a member of Lodge No. 78 concerning the "Open Letter" appearing in the February issue of the monthly magazine and the organization of the board following the national

convention were read. Substantial discussion took place concerning the organization of the board, and editorial policies with respect to the monthly magazine. Any article that may be detrimental to the society and cannot be edited so that it can be printed in compliance with the by-laws, which state that no personal grievances be printed, will be rejected.

The annual statement, as filed with the various insurance departments requiring such filing, was presented for review by the board. A motion was made that the 1967 annual statement be ratified as submitted to the various insurance departments. This motion, presented by Godthaab, was seconded by Jonasen, and it carried.

At the previous board meeting Jonasen introduced a youth project and was given permission to do some work in pursuing the problem surrounding youth. He gave a report to the board and stated at this time he would continue working on this subject and requested the use of the promotional department facilities to pursue this matter. Permission was granted.

There being no further business to come before the board, President Kristen Jorgensen then declared the meeting adjourned at 5 p. m., April 4, 1968.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NEWS FROM IOWA UNITED LODGES

Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa. The convention committee is hard at work to get everything in shape for the 40th anniversary convention of United Lodges of Iowa, to be held in Des Moines over the Labor Day weekend at the Hotel Savery. The Sisterhood's convention will also be held at that time and members of the local Sisterhood are working along with the Brotherhood to make this special year a very special convention.

In the past three months our local lodge has sent out posters to all lodges in Iowa and we will continue to do so until the convention. This is done in the hope that we can wake up everybody and get all members of the Iowa Lodges to attend this event. We of course will invite out-of-state lodge members to join us at a very fine banquet and entertainment program with a lot of surprises during the evening.

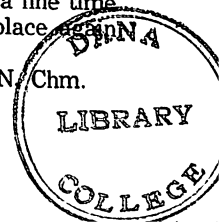
The Hotel Savery is a very fine establishment and is capable of providing us with the finest in the culinary department as well as the finest in banquet rooms, ball rooms, etc. Also the finest in hotel rooms are available for the out-of-town guests who wish to make reservations. Please come one, come all to make this the biggest Brotherhood state convention in Iowa.

WILLY CHRISTENSEN, Pres., Lodge 15.

Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa. The lodge held its annual family picnic in beautiful Koch Memorial Park in Reinbeck, Iowa, June 2 with 173 members, wives and children present. A delicious dinner with all the good Danish cooking and pastries was served at 12:30 p. m. Three hundred bottles of pop were drunk, 180 cups of coffee and other Danish refreshments were consumed.

Cards were played. The swimming pool was constantly patronized as were the tennis courts, the horseshoe courts, the swings, etc. Reservations were made for the same day for next year as everyone seemed to have a fine time and wished to have it at the same time and place next year.

LOYD PLAHEHN, Chm.



Midwest District Bowling Tourney



The annual Midwest District bowling tournament with St. Charles, Ill., Lodge 92 as host was held in Valley Bowl in North Aurora, Ill., April 20. The tournament was a great success, as usual, with a total of 34 team entries. There were 22 men's teams and 12 ladies' teams.

After the bowling was completed, a banquet with about 190 persons in attendance was held at the Holiday Inn in North Aurora. DSS Supreme President Ellen Madison and Supreme Secretary Virginia Christensen were among the guests as was Past Supreme President John Hansen.

Following the dinner the prize winners were announced and prizes awarded. The first prize went to Dwight, Ill., Lodge 34, Team 1. They received the traveling trophy, individual trophies and a cash prize of \$110.65.

Herluf Iversen from Detroit, Mich., had both high game and series. He received two trophies and \$10.

The ladies' division was won by Detroit, Mich., Lodge 125, Team 3. They also received a team trophy and individual trophies with a cash prize of \$60.90.

Women's high series was won by Lois Ryckeghem of St. Charles. The prize was a trophy and \$5. High game was won by Joan Jesse from Chicago, Ill., with a prize of \$5 and a trophy.

Arthur Larsen sang Danish and American songs and dance music was furnished by the Northland Trio, both from Chicago.

Next year's tournament will be in Chicago with Lodge 17 has host.

EINAR DANIELSEN, Bowling Sec.

Comments on "The Road Ahead"

I would very much like to comment on the article, "The Road Ahead," written by "S. C." in the May issue of this magazine.

First, I think it would have been nice to have seen the full name under an article of this sort, which in my mind, shoots completely over the target.

Secondly, it seems to me that an article so full of criticism, could very well have contained a little bit of positive suggestions. Especially the criticism of the Brotherhood Magazine bothers me a good deal. As correspondent for the Michigan-Ohio District I have tried to interest the lodges in sending me news items so that the activities of our Brothers, whatever they may be, could be known to other lodges, and possibly some benefit or ideas could be derived by others. After "S. C.'s" article I foresee difficulties in getting the little material I have so far considered myself lucky to get.

Does "S. C." expect the Brotherhood Magazine to go out and compete with the newspapers, or the national magazines? I hardly think that would be the object of a fraternal publication! He claims that our magazine never created the "slightest ripple," and that everything written concerns itself with lodge or society affairs. But what does he expect; that our magazine participate in discussing the world situation? Or does he want politics to become part of our columns? I doubt it would be in our line!

I also wonder whether "S. C." may not overestimate "our numbers, strength and resources." We are pretty big for an organization related to a country as small as Denmark, but on the other hand, let us not be big-headed.

Has "S. C." ever read the Danish Pioneer, a very nice publication, which even though it does contain a good deal about society and similar affairs, probably is closer to playing the role in Danish colony life in America, which "S. C." claims should be the goal for our Brotherhood Magazine. The Danish Pioneer contains a good deal of interesting information, both Danish and American, of general interest to Danes or Danish-Americans, and a good number of articles of a high quality. The Danish Brotherhood Magazine is a publication for a closed society, and as such can only relate itself to lodge or general Brotherhood affairs.

May I point out to "S. C.", that when he classifies regional reports as "trivia of no interest," he may not realize that such reports to a great extent are intended for members away from the lodge, or unable to attend for one reason or another.

Lastly, let me say that I for one, am not unwilling to listen to suggestions for improvements, which may benefit our lodge or Brotherhood, but may I suggest to "S. C." that he tries to achieve these improvements in the lodge to which he belongs; and that he further shows us the way a regional report should be written to have a greater interest, and I am sure we shall all be only too glad to follow suit.

IB K. JENSEN, Detroit Lodge No. 227,
Correspondent, Michigan-Ohio District.

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Invite your kin from over there over here.

1968 is *the* year for the folks in Scandinavia to visit you and America. Because a new "Welcome to the U.S.A." program has been inaugurated which will permit visiting Scandinavians to see America at the grass roots, in homes and lodges and among friends, where the real America has always lived.

The campaign is being sponsored by SAS and four major Scandinavian-American fraternal organizations — the Danish Brotherhood of America, the Sons of Norway, the Swedish Order of Vasa and the Finnish Knights of Kaleva. In a letter published in Scandinavian periodicals, the fraternal groups said in part: "On behalf of all Scandinavian-Americans, and in particular the 125,000 members of our organizations and their families, we extend a warm

welcome to you to visit the United States of America this year..."

Other organizations and auxiliaries are expected to join the drive, whose purpose is to foster greater understanding between Scandinavians and Americans and, at the same time, help improve the U.S. balance of payments situation.

Get on the welcome wagon. Invite your Scandinavian kin for a visit this year. Low family fares are in effect, and you can even pre-pay their way over.

And of course, book them on SAS. Because nobody has more flights from Scandinavia to the U.S. than we do. (Or vice-versa for that matter, if you're thinking of visiting them.)



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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

GCEL News — GCEL Secretary Paul N. Ifversen has supplied all the secretaries in the Eastern Lodges with the 1968 GCEL Yearbook. As usual it is a fine book with a lot of information regarding the Brotherhood lodges in the East. Contact your secretary or write to Brother Ifversen, 31 Windsor Place, Nutley, N. J. 07110, to secure one of these booklets.

GCEL President Elmer W. Jensen has appointed GCEL Trustee Flemming Hinrichsen chairman for another charter flight to Denmark in the summer of 1969. The flight is pending approval by the national Board of Officers.

Make plans now to attend the 44th annual GCEL convention over Labor Day weekend in Penn Yan, N. Y. For information regarding motel accommodations, program, etc., write the secretary of the host lodge, Brother Laurids S. Pedersen, R.D. 1, Stanley, N. Y. 14561.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. We were happy to welcome home President Erling Braumann, who just returned from Vietnam, and conducted the activities of the evening. We were also happy to have with us as honored guests, the following Brothers, all past presidents of Hartford Lodge 314: Elmer Homo, John Christiansen and George Keller. Also EGC President Eva Keller and Sister Evelyn Christiansen of Frihed Lodge 153, DSS.

Joint installation of officers was the theme of the evening and EGC President Eva Keller conducted the ceremonies for the Sisters, with Sister Mollie Decker as marshal. Brother Elmer Homo presided at the installation for the Brothers with Brother John Christiansen as conductor. We congratulate our guests for a job well done and wish the officers good luck in their current term.

This delayed affair was a first, as far as I can recall and was a decided success as shown by the number of members in attendance. Things were really popping in this here "neck o' the woods." The tables were beautifully decorated with garden bouquets. Various types of Danish sandwiches, Danish pastry and coffee was served. The centerpiece was a huge cake, decorated with an American flag, presented to President Braumann by the Brothers as a welcome home gift. A wonderful evening that was enjoyed by all.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Corres. 102.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. The monthly newsletter of Lodge No. 116 "Fremad" will not be published during July and August, but we do have regular scheduled meetings just the same, namely on Friday, July 12 and Friday, August 9. The girls do not come to these two meetings, but there is always plenty to drink and a hot dog or two.

Do not forget our clam bake to be held Saturday, August 3 at the home of Peter Williams in Holmdel.

Remember our dinner-dance on October 12 in Mountainside Inn, Route 22, Mountainside, N. J. Contact any of your officers for reservations of tickets — and pay for them at a later date.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. A camping trip is planned for September 7-8 at the Starlite Camp Sites north of Lancaster, Pa. The fee is \$2.50 per family. The site is located at 1000 feet elevation and has swimming pool, hot showers and flush toilets. If interested contact Bent Busch-Petersen by phone (215) 566-7490, or by mail to 736 Hemlock Road, Media, Pa. 19063.

Correction: It was Brother Christian Wilhelm, not Wilhelm who celebrated 50 years of membership as reported in the May issue. Sorry.

Brother Soren Th. Aarestrup Smith passed away April 23. Brother Smith was born in Tvis Sogn, Denmark on January 29, 1885 and joined our lodge September 2, 1909. Our sincere sympathy goes to his family.

We welcome Brother John Petersen, who was initiated at our May meeting.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. At the annual meeting of the DBS Building Association held June 7, Brothers Laurits Henriksen and Ed. Jonasen were re-elected directors for another 2-year term. The Association hopes to have the Danish Club dining room redecorated during the summer months.

Twenty-five members of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood attended the recent annual International Ball.

Brother Vincent Peck graduated from college and Brother Jørn Hansen received his master's degree on Memorial Day.

Brothers Ole C. Beck and Edward Jonasen attended the Michigan-Ohio District convention on May 25-26 in Greenville, Mich.

Vice President Olaf Hansen reports that a "Danish Night" will be held on Saturday, September 14.

It is our sad duty to report that Soren Melgaard, well known in the Eastern Lodges, died unexpectedly on June 1. Born in Korndrup, Denmark on July 17, 1899, he joined our lodge on May 14, 1926. He served as president in 1935 and in 1949 and was a director on the Building Association, Lodge 242, for 30 years. With Brother Soren's departure, we lost a good and loyal Brother. We will miss him very much. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Let us congratulate Mogens and Tine Thomsen, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary June 14 with a trip to Denmark.

Make an X on your calendar on August 18. That will be the date for our annual picnic at Salisbury Park. Directions will follow in the July newsletter.

We wish Brother and Mrs. Sofus W. Christensen a speedy recovery. They were in a car accident June 8 and were admitted to a hospital.

Lodge No. 334, Geneva, N. Y. At the April meeting of the Finger Lakes Lodge in Geneva, N. Y., there was a lengthy discussion about the method by which our national officers are elected. A motion was made, seconded, carried and passed that we voice our opinion, which is in complete disagreement with the new method of election of the national officers.

We feel that it is undemocratic. We feel that the delegates at the national convention did not concur with the method, and that it is not conducive to the best interest of the Danish Brotherhood.

Einar Danielsen and Fred Jensen are surely men of great stature for continuing to uphold the best interest of the Danish Brotherhood. We are fortunate to have men of their calibre in our organization.

We also urge other lodges to review this new method of election and to voice their opinions in the magazine.

DICK ROGERS, Sec.



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1968

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

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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LODGES

Lodge	Location	Members
49	San Francisco, California	10
64	Rockford, Illinois	5
95	Ferndale, California	5
126	Los Angeles, California	17
182	Waukegan, Illinois	9
227	Detroit, Michigan	14
306	San Diego, California	5
325	Nassau County, New York	5

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members
1	Omaha, Nebr.	Alfred Hedegaard	3
43	Denver, Colo.	Svend A. Sonderup	3
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	8
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Peter Pedersen	19
144	Dike, Iowa	Gary L. Andersen	7
225	Canton, Ohio	John Christensen	3
336	Escondido, Calif.	Richard J. Suda	3

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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 1 —

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California

GROUP II —

Lodge No. 139, Viborg, South Dakota

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Arnie Sorensen, Lodge No. 139

Introducing Our New Members

Lodge No.	Location	New Member	Sponsor
17	Chicago	Alfred Kohsel	Carl C. Hansen
17	Chicago	Aksel Nielsen	Ove L. Kure
42	Spokane	Erik Leegaard	John M. Beck
64	Rockford	Henry O. Jorgensen	John E. Bonsoe
71	Penn Yan	Ruppert Jensen	Martin Christensen
126	Los Angeles	Roala S. Hansen	Poul D. Andersen
144	Dike	Wallace M. Smith	Gary Andersen
172	Philadelphia	John Petersen	Mogens Hempel
339	Las Vegas	Alice M. Pinkerton	Peter Pedersen
339	Las Vegas	Harold C. Reed	Peter Pedersen
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339	Las Vegas	April L. Pinkerton	Peter Pedersen

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301	Akron	Pamela Jensen	Jim R. Jensen
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News From Sunny Florida

The "Grundlovsfest" in which Lodge 321 participated at Taylor Birch State Park, Fort Lauderdale, was a success — except for the weather, it rained all day. The Gold Coast Club in Pompano had made the arrangements and did a good job and we all kept dry in picnic shelters and managed to have a nice time of it regardless of the weather. We were approximately 35 people but at least one party got lost and went out again, though we were all presented with maps of the place as we came in. "Old Glory" and "Dannebrog" were on display with black crepe on the flags, as it was the day of mourning for Senator Robert Kennedy, a very thoughtful idea of the committee.

With many of our members in Denmark or gone north for the summer, there will be very little activity in the next few months.

Our young vice president, Knud Alber has been in a dither for a long time, he finally calmed down when he was presented with an 8-pound boy on the last day of May. We had plenty of cigars at our last meeting. Congratulations!

Brother Enevold Christensen passed away June 11 after several months of illness. He was a member of No. 35, Chicago, and also No. 321. Our lodge did him the last honor by speaking the Brotherhood funeral text at the bier. Honor to his memory.

GUNO KARLBERG, Sec.

From Here to Fraternity

From here to fraternity could very well be the headline that would adequately describe the conditions presently existing in the Danish Brotherhood. Particularly in regard to our new National leadership consisting of a Board of Officers rather than the old fashioned Supreme Board.

Observing the happenings before and after our National Convention in Minneapolis, it appears quite obvious to me that certain manipulations and power plays were being deployed. If the delegates to the convention have the idea that they had some hand in what took place and who were elected, they are only kidding themselves because it now seems obvious that the outcome of this convention was very carefully planned and decided upon long before the delegates registered at the convention registration desk. Decisions have been made behind the lines using a strategy that is quite unworthy among Brothers. The present power on your Board of Officers may consist of a simple majority, but they are, however, in complete control of your Brotherhood and its resources, this is somewhat less than brotherly in concept and totally in violation with what our fraternity stands for not to mention the meaning of the symbols displayed on the altar of the Danish Brotherhood.

This describes the first part of the headline, namely: From Here..... It is recognized that pure criticism may be of some value; but certainly one should not criticize without having some solution to offer that may rectify the problem. This is where the second part of the headline is meaningful: To Fraternity, meaning back to fraternity.

The best action our new Board of Officers could take, and one which may restore confidence in our National leadership, would be to re-organize themselves at the next regular Board meeting and by this action take advantage of the vast experience of senior Board members such as Einar Danielsen and Fred Jensen.

If our Board of Officers is not able to work together

in harmony, it might be wise to consider a National convention soon so that we can elect a new Board of Officers who can work together and truly take our great Brotherhood: FROM HERE TO FRATERNITY!

SVEND A. SONDERUP,
Delegate and Law Committee
Member, Minneapolis Convention.

A Little Bit of Denmark

That is the theme of a progressive effort on the part of the residents of Kimballton, Iowa, to perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark.



One picture shows the result of some of the effort to identify the businesses with Danish names (Komsammen Kafe). The other picture of a building restored to represent an 18th century "Bondehytte" or a peasant farm home. It is furnished with the intent of serving as a small museum. Notice the stork on the roof.



Another reason for this type of activity in Kimballton is to provide a tourist attraction to supplement the limited income of a small town, located in a community of about 96 per cent Danish-American people.

We would like to solicit pictures and items of this type from our members. If all places of interest and information about them were available to our members it could surely provide a good list of places to go and things to see of a Danish nature in this country, whether it is eating places, statues, parks or whatever. Will you cooperate in supplying us with this material? Thank you.

Lodge Program

Jorgen Petersen, a commercial photographer, will be filming pictures of the United States and Canada and will also be showing films and slides of Denmark and Scandinavia in or near the following cities on the listed dates. This is his fifth trip of this type. His films will include highlights of the Denmark excursions, according to information available.

All towns are not listed and the dates may not be exact, but following the dates listed and the direction of travel should enable one to get a general idea of the towns traveled to. Film showings are on a free basis, but freewill donations are appreciated.

If booking is desired, write Northern Travel Service, 14 Møllegade, Horsens, Denmark, now, so that it can be included in his schedule.

This could make a **good program for a lodge meeting** even if your night had to be changed and it might be of interest to any visitors that are in this country at that time. Local Scandinavian organizations can give you information on time and locations. His travel pattern can be followed by using the times listed.

New York City, August 8 to 22.

St. John and Halifax, Nova Scotia, September 1; Quebec, Montreal, Sault St. Marie, Canada to Milwaukee, Wis., September 15; Detroit, Mich., September 22.

Toronto, Canada, October 1; Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Toledo, October 8; Cincinnati, Lafayette, Ind., St. Louis, Missouri, October 15; Wichita, Kansas, October 22.

Omaha, Nebraska, November 1; Sioux City, Des Moines, Minneapolis, November 8; Duluth, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, November 15; Yorkton, Prince Albert, Regina, November 22.

Max, N. D., Huron and Rapid City, S. D., Cheyenne, Wyo., Denver, December 1; Pueblo, Salt Lake City, December 12; Pocatello, Boleman and Great Falls, Calgary, Alberta, December 15; Edmonton, Banff, Canada, December 22.

Vancouver, B. C., January 8; Portland, Ore., January 15; Eureka, San Francisco, January 22.

Santa Barbara, February 1; Los Angeles, February 2; San Diego, February 15; San Bernardino, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, February 22.

Santa Fe, Amarillo, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, March 3; Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, March 8; New Orleans, March 15; Jackson, Little Rock, Memphis, Nashville, Birmingham, Atlanta, March 22.

Macon, Ga.; Tampa, Fla., April 1; Jacksonville, April 15; Savannah, Charleston, Charlotte, Raleigh, Norfolk, Richmond, Washington, D. C., April 22.

Philadelphia, Trenton, New York, May 1.

Activity

All of the following activities were found mentioned in a recent Danish Brotherhood Magazine: Sailing tour, dancing, farewell parties for Denmark-bound members, Fourth of July, bowling, lodge visits, Grundlovsfest, buffet supper, anniversary party, hosts to a Danish home board of directors, Fastelavns party, picnic, fish dinner, zoo trip, joint Brotherhood-Sisterhood dinner-dance and film showing.

This was gleaned from the district reports of lodge activities. Perhaps it could be classed in the category of trivia and of no interest, but let's take another look. Some lodges contend that they don't know what to do or what programs to follow to gain and keep members. It could probably be determined that all the above activities (16 of them; enough for over a year's program) are the functions of the lodges that are active and obtaining new members. A program using these activities (or one of dozens of others) can be used for your local group either as a means of holding onto present members or as a preliminary step in obtaining new members. Conservation of membership is important.

A good social activity to which a prospective member is invited may well be a better salesman than someone telling about these activities with the later result that they never take place.

Of course, it takes people to implement these activities. It takes **effort**; more effort than just to get to the lodge hall month after month for the perpetual card playing. This is in no way to belittle card playing because that also is a wonderful activity for some, but a **variety** of activity in the present day and age seems to be needed to satisfy our members. The aforementioned variety indicates that.

If your lodge isn't as active as you would like, why not volunteer to do something about it, or even insist that you be allowed to do something.

We have set up the promotional program to let the districts and local lodges have pretty much of a free hand in selecting the type of promotional program they desire. This should help you to select the type of activity that is good in your area, both from the standpoint of getting new members and keeping them.

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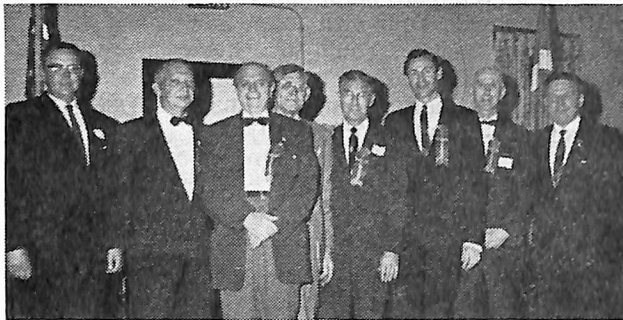
MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

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

The Michigan-Ohio District convention was held in Greenville, Mich., on May 25 and 26. There were delegates from six lodges in the District present at the convention. The highlight of the meeting was the attendance of Promotional Director Alfred Hedegaard and National Second Trustee Edward Jonasen. Each presented their views on Brotherhood and fraternalism and the need of younger blood in the lodges.

The 1969 convention will be held in Detroit, Mich. Date to be announced later.

A delicious dinner was served in the Activities Building of St. Charles Church at 6 p. m., Saturday. Decorations of red and white flowers carried out the Danish colors. Songs in Danish were sung by a young woman from Denmark — it was very inspiring. Short remarks from the dignitaries completed the program. Wes Kraft did a fine job as master of ceremonies and some nice door prizes were given out.



The above are installing officers and newly elected officers of the Michigan-Ohio District. Left to right, Arthur Andersen, acting conductor; Past President Lawrence Petersen; President Ove Rostgaard, Vice President Herman Christensen, Secretary Lawrence Ritter, Treasurer Manus Norton, Alternate Officer Alfred Larsen and Installing Officer Edward Jonasen, National Second Trustee.

Returning to the lodge hall the Brothers and Sisters held an impressive joint installation of officers. Trustee Jonasen acted as installing officer for the Brothers and Arthur Andersen of Ludington Lodge 51 was conductor. A dance followed and at 11 p. m., lunch was served.

Sunday there was a sight-seeing tour and a luncheon at 1 p. m. Everyone agreed it was a very successful convention.

LAWRENCE RITTER, District Sec.

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At the regular meeting Detroit Lodge 227, on May 22 we had Promotional Director Alfred Hedegaard of Omaha with us, who gave a run down of the promotional possibilities available for lodges in order that they may increase their membership. Brother Hedegaard also congratulated Lodge 227 with the fact that we are now the largest lodge.

On May 25 the spring dinner-dance was held in the Danish Hall and though attendance was low, the party turned out a success. At the lodge meeting June 12, Brother Axel Lohman gave a report of the Michigan-Ohio District convention held in Greenville, Mich., May 25-26. Brother Ove Rostgaard was elected District president for the coming year and the convention will be held in Detroit in 1969. The banquet was attended by about 125.

During the June 12 meeting we had a visitor, Brother

Rasmus Ibsen, an old Detroit friend, who now lives in Florida. Five new applicants were initiated as follows: Flemming Christensen, Austin Wheeler, Lyle Christiansen and two brothers, William Sheppard and Lawrence Sheppard, Jr. Past President Viggo Mikkelsen welcomed them to our order and a special welcome was bid to the two Sheppard brothers by their father, Brother Lawrence Sheppard, Sr.

The meeting proceeded to the election of three new trustees for the board of directors of the Danish Old People's Home in Rochester. The following were elected: Sigfred Jorgensen, Carl J. Hansen and Herman Boraks. Brother Karl Jensen had withdrawn from the list of nominees and our thanks go to Brother Jensen as he has been an outstanding worker on the board.

June 16 the annual "Grundlovsfest" took place at the Old People's Home, sponsored by the Danish National Committee and again this year the committee had made a beautiful job of the arrangements. Between 500 and 600 people participated in this outing and even though the weather was a bit chilly it was a very enjoyable day.

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Greenville, Mich.: The fourth annual Danish festival in Greenville, Mich., will be held July 26, 27 and 28. The Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood Lodges of Greenville are very active co-sponsors of this annual affair which this correspondent took part in for the first time last year.

Let me suggest to anybody in this area who have not yet been to this Danish festival, that this year they attend. Those that have gone there the other years will no doubt return, as this festival is a most outstanding and fantastic experience for anyone who wishes to see how this community, in the middle of Michigan, has been able to keep Danish traditions alive.

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News From Lodge 51, Ludington, Mich.:

May 15: A pinochle party was held at the Danish Hall for members and guests. Chairman was Brother William Hansen, assisted by President Laurits Hansen and Albert Christoffersen. This is a very enjoyable evening for our older members and they await this night eagerly.

May 17: This was dance night at the Danish Hall for members and guests. Lots of polkas, waltzes, fox trots,

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etc. Door awards were presented to Dorothy Wagner and Carl Sellner. A luncheon was served by the committee at midnight. Incidentally, the next dance is scheduled for June 28.

May 23: This was our regular meeting night, with President Laurits Hansen presiding. Our special guest was Promotional Director Alfred Hedegaard of Omaha. We were happy to meet Brother Hedegaard and want to thank him for taking the time to attend our meeting and for the nice talk he gave us, and his words of encouragement. For our jackpot, the name of Ronald Kass was drawn, but not being present, the kitty grows larger.

May 25: Lodge No. 51 sent five delegates, Carl Soneral, Donald Wagner, Arthur Andersen, Merton Rasmussen and Alfred Larsen to the Michigan-Ohio District conven-

tion in Greenville, Mich. There we met Promotional Director Hedegaard again and also were privileged to meet and hear Trustee Edward Jonasen from Erie, Pa. We thank the members of the Greenville Lodge for the enjoyable time and successful convention and also thanks to Trustee Jonasen and Director Hedegaard for their inspiring talks on "The Danish Brotherhood."

May 27: We here at Lodge 51 were saddened by the loss of Brother Martin Johnson, who passed away at Memorial Hospital. Brother Martin was a very faithful lodge member and we owe him a debt of gratitude for all the work he did. While he was a trustee he was the "big push" in our remodeling project involving our lodge rooms and bar room. He will be missed here at Lodge No. 51.

ALFRED A. LARSEN, Treas.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

National Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck attended the Seattle Lodge, visited with old friends and was of course the highlight in the recent District convention in Enumclaw — all in the course of his and Rose Skelbeck's sojourn to the West Coast. Axel, in his casual remarks, revealed that Washington had produced four national presidents — three of them from the Queen City. Our long time member and employee of the Brotherhood is proud of our fraternity, our scholarship and youth program as well as our strong insurance status in our own new home office building.

Sad news this month reveals that Brother Arnold Grimlund of the Bellingham Danes, an active member in not only his own lodge but also in the district, passed away May 25 from a heart attack. Brothers Otto Nielsen and Kris Jorgensen represented the official DB family and attended the funeral. Our belated but sincere sympathies to Gerda Grimlund at the home, 816 Key Street in Bellingham.

Seattle's Brother Jim Langsted, this year's picnic chairman, has set the annual date for Sunday, August 4. There will be an abundance of activities including children's races, helicopter rides, free spaghetti dinners, raffles and all the rest. Do reserve that date for a fine fellowship gathering. Meanwhile, help Jim's committee sell tickets for the colored TV first place award. Oh, yes, the place? — Vasa Park.

Our Canadian Brothers of DB 328 in Vancouver, B. C., have year after year promoted U. S. attendance at the Peace Park Celebration on the border. Cooperating with the Danish Bowling Club, the Danish Art Club, Dania, the Danish Canadian Folk Dance Group and the Danish Lutheran Church Auxiliaries, the Vancouver Danes are to be congratulated for their dedicated efforts. Chairman of the board of directors of the Danish Central Committee is Brother Poul B. Christensen. This year's "Grundlovsfesten" was successfully held Sunday, June 2 — it was the ninth annual Danish Constitution Day. Special speaker at the 1968 event was his excellency, the Danish Ambassador to Canada, Bøgh Andersen.

It just occurred to me that perhaps you would like to know a little background on our National President, Kristen Jorgensen. Kris was born in 1920 at Ullerslev, Fyn, Denmark and moved to Seattle in 1928. Graduated from the University of Washington in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, our leader is presently a quality control manager for a local firm. In 1946, Brother

Jorgensen, who is a major in the U. S. Army Reserve, joined DB 29 and served his lodge through the chairs, becoming president in 1954. He has been on the National Board since 1959.

DB 29 members reported on the sick list this month include Brothers Holger Jensen, Carl Torp, Christian Nielsen, Damon Pedersen, Max Keller, Frank Nelsen, Svend Nielsen and John Sorensen; Brother Sam Fredriksen was in charge of Nordic Week preparations; Brothers Clyde Langsted and Flemming Sorensen represented the Seattle lodge at the annual meeting of the Northwest Danish Home; plans are underway for the yearly Queen City Danish fishing derby in August; Brothers John and Jim Langsted are the judges for the Danish Princess selection; tentative plans call for a boat trip to Bainbridge Island in September; Brother Ted Kofoed constructed and donated the jackpot tumbler to the active Seattlites; and don't forget the annual picnic of the Northwest Danish Home on Sunday, July 14.

DB 42 Brother Ernie Wales has been re-elected a vice president of the Inland Empire Council of Boy Scouts; and Brother Kris Wales has the distinction of being "the most relaxed and slowest of golfers" in the Spokane Lumberman's Club.

DB 33 met at a special meeting in President Henning Lindberg's new home in the City of Destiny on May 23 with a good attendance; and Vice President Martin Rasmussen is organizing a boat trip for Tacoma Danes to Victoria, B. C., some time this summer.

DB 167 furnished the installation conductor in the name of Sigurd Nielsen at the 19th district convention of the Pacific Northwest Lodges.

Last minute flash — "There is still space available on the Danish Brotherhood flight to Denmark on July 17 and return on August 26." — Quote from Brother Paul Hansen, Phone Seattle West 5-3528.

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May 1968 — Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$258.50, less taxes \$12.91, net \$245.59. Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$1,067.50, less taxes \$231.44, net \$836.06; for attending Pacific Northwest District meeting, transportation \$203.70, per diem \$125.00.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

We have heard many words of praise about the combined third anniversary and bon voyage party by Lodge No. 337, Fremont, May 24, and being one of the participants in the affair, we wholeheartedly agree.

The table decorations for the potluck supper were superb, especially the scale model jet plane, about three feet long, numbered D. B. 337; perfect to the smallest detail and under it a streamer imprinted "Goodbye Fremont — Hello Copenhagen." This for the 10 people connected with the lodge who had reservations for the GC's chartered flight which left June 1.

Among the guests were the California Cultural Committee Chairman, Melvin Oredsen, who three years ago as president of the GC, with the assistance of GC President Willie Christensen, also a guest at the party, as conductor, installed the lodge's first officers.

Brother Oredsen told about their participation in the institution of Lodge No. 339 — Silver State — in Las Vegas. And sprang the news about the pending purchase of land for a California Danish Cultural Center. This was music to the ears of No. 337 members who have looked forward to this realization of their greatest ambition.

Willie Christensen spoke about the coming flight and praised the work of Mel Oredsen in locating the site for the proposed Center.

Also a guest, was the secretary of the excursion committee, Henning Jensen, who it was agreed, has performed an outstanding job in arranging the flight and all the things that are to be done in Denmark by the flight participants during their stay.

After plenty of good food and pleasant listening, the tables were cleared and removed to make room for a few hours of dancing to the good Danish and modern music furnished by Harold and Andy Heiser, members of Lodge No. 184 and Blance Anderson, member of the Hayward Sisterhood Lodge.

We and a couple hundred other people were at the Oakland International Airport June 1 to see the 165 people board the General Committee's chartered jet which 10 hours later deposited them at their destination, Kastrup Lufthavn near Copenhagen.

Among the bon voyage wishers were Albert Tunsen, and busy as a bee, Brother Rudolph Olsen, who had charge of the arrangements for the flight committee.

June 16, Father's Day — the fathers of several Fremont Brotherhood families loaded the whole gang in their cars or pickups and after a prearrangement with Albert Tunsen at a halfway point, drove to the proposed DB Cultural Center area near Copperopolis, about 100 miles east of the Bay Area. All were pleasantly surprised with the area, that is well suited for our purpose.

It is situated at an elevation of about 1500 feet in the Sierra foothills and therefore will have practically no snow. But for those who enjoy snow sports, some of the better ski areas in the state can be reached from there in 30 to 40 minutes and for water ski enthusiasts, there are several large lakes made, or in the making, within a 20-minute drive.

The spring-fed lake that is on the property, now covering about 10 acres, can by raising a 2,000 foot long earth fill dam, be enlarged to 27 acres.

The tentative plan is to set aside 300 to 400 acres for the Cultural Center and selling the remaining 600 to DB lodges and/or members of the Danish Brotherhood at a

price tentatively set at about \$750 per acre and stipulating that any improvement on these lots have a Danish theme.

As for the Center — there are as yet no definite plans but some thoughts have come forth on the subject, such as an 18-hole golf course, an arena for sports, a landing field for small planes, assembly hall and class rooms, a shopping center to service the community, a museum and many other things.

There are no buildings on the property so construction can be started from scratch and whatever architecture is to prevail, can easily be adhered to.

An option has been taken on the property, good until December 1, 1968, so the coming six months will be busy ones for those selected to administer the project so that all can be organized and the first payment made by December 1.

To the many who have the idea that funds of the Danish Brotherhood are to go into this project we can assure them that none will be asked for as we know that none can be had. But we also know, that should the purchase of land be a legal investment for the Danish Brotherhood, "there is gold in them thar hills."

No kidding, there is a gold mine on adjacent property that is about to be re-opened after laying idle for many years and there are two copper mines located on the Cultural Center land in which the Center shares 50-50 with the seller in case they should be re-opened.

We forgot to mention that much of the area is covered with shade-giving oaks. We are sure that many other different kinds of trees will grow here as we saw a few different varieties. There were even some fruit trees in what evidently was a former home site.

We were one of six Hayward Brothers who, led by President Walter Hansen, drove the 60 miles to visit the meeting of No. 332, Ripon, and witnessed the medium

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sized lodge be the first to pledge financial support to the proposed Cultural Center.

Vice President Albert Tunsen visited Hayward Lodge No. 184 at their June meeting, accompanied by his wife, Lodge No. 332 President and Mrs. Jack Belmont, and Ripon Lodge No. 332 Secretary and Mrs. Vernon Olsen. Al Tunsen gave the Hayward Brothers the latest news concerning the Cultural Center and No. 184 became the second lodge to pledge support in its development. It happened to be just one day before the 27th birthday of Olga Marie Lodge No. 166 DSS and the Sisters treated all to a wonderful repast and at the same time honored Sister Marie Mahler on her 84th birthday.

Lodge No. 39, Oakland, is busy getting ready for the General Committee convention that runs August 15-18 and as far as recreation is concerned, promises to be something out of the usual — what with a Viking cruise on the San Francisco Bay! For further information contact Brother Melvin Oredsen, 2098 Pacific Ave., San Leandro, Calif. 94577.

The annual GC bowling tournament will be rolled between the dates of June 22 and August 5. Notices with rules for the tournament have been mailed to all GC member lodges.

We call attention to an error in the rules — The paragraph under “averages” reading — “Bowlers having no such average may use averages obtained in summer league bowling or American Bowling Association sanctioned play.....” This should read “in summer league bowling or in closed league play not sanctioned by the bowling organization.....” This is a rule that has prevailed over the years and thus does not exclude bowlers who are constantly taking part in Brotherhood bowling tournaments and other play.

Sorry, we have no news from the southern part of the state and very little from any other place but the ones enclosed in this article.

Colorado-Wyoming General Committee Convention

The Colorado-Wyoming General Committee will hold its 39th District convention in Brush, Colo., on the 23rd and 24th of August, 1968.

Lodge No. 254 in Brush, will host this year’s convention. A get-acquainted party will be held Friday evening, August 23 at 8 o’clock. There will be entertainment and refreshments will be served.

Saturday, August 24 will be occupied with the business meeting during the day, the meeting will be opened at 10 a. m., by District President Andrew Christensen of Brush. They are planning to hold the social event on Friday and the business meeting Saturday at Wandy Hall, 403 Curtis St., Brush.

The banquet on Saturday will be held at 7 p. m., at the Carrol Hotel, followed by a dance.

The committee of the Brush Lodge is working very hard to make this convention one of the finest ever held in Brush. They are also planning some entertainment for the ladies on Saturday while the business meeting is being held.

We invite all Brothers, their wives and friends from our two states, and we also extend an invitation to our neighboring states, Nebraska, Utah and Idaho to come to Brush for this occasion. You are all most welcome.

We hope that a large number of members will plan to attend this convention, and send in your reservation as soon as possible so we can make hotel or motel and banquet reservations for you. Contact Secretary Aksel Sorensen, 211 Custer Street, Brush Colo. 80723, or write to the undersigned.

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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
Apr 23	Einer Knudsen	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1919
May 1	Einar Mortensen	70	Frederikshavn, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1929
Apr 30	Hans Marius Jensen	82	Ullerod, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
Apr 11	Alfred B. Kraft	69	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1941
May 9	Emil Molgaard	69	Lokken, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1926
May 14	Hans Peter Nielsen	81	Ulsted Aalborg, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1908
May 14	Charles Westerlund	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1925
Apr 28	Oscar M. Jensen	72	Esbjerg, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1928
Apr 26	Henry Johansen	85	Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1908
May 22	Marius C. P. Nielsen	87	Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1907
May 30	Hans M. Peterson	77	Hutchinson, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1913
May 18	Jens Thomsen	89	Aarhus, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1903
May 29	Lars P. Jensen	79	Roskilde, Denmark	263	Askov, Minnesota	1927
May 29	Andreas K. J. Karlsen	93	Ugilt Hjorning, Denmark	157	Audubon, Iowa	1910
May 22	Harry Brandgard	74	Brande, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1916
May 24	Aksel Christensen	64	Hjorning, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1949
May 25	Aage Miller	65	Aarhus, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1929
May 23	Harold J. Thompson	65	Waubay, South Dakota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1948
Jun 1	Soren Melgaard	69	Korndrup, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1926
March	E. Stoffersen	82	Oster Hjorning, Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1925
May 27	Elizabeth Boilesen	72	Elba, Nebraska	288	Cotesfield, Nebraska	1962
May 28	Andrew Rosenberg	79	Norre Farup, Denmark	11	Clinton, Iowa	1936
Jun 11	Carl Jorgensen	81	Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1944

Scandinavian Seminar

For the ones who might be interested, a few highlights of the independent study program under this system are set forth.

The seminar is nine months of living and learning in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. It is an educational challenge to stimulate your initiative, deepen your sense of responsibility and stretch your capacity for self-discipline.

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Prior arrangements can probably be made for you for your college to give you academic credits for this seminar. This should be determined in advance.

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During his year abroad under this program each student is expected to complete an independent study project. This will challenge his ability to work on his own. It will test his motivation and skill. He will be helped by qualified teachers in his study program and every effort will be made to help him meet authorities in his field. He should probably have a particular topic selected with the help of his advisor that would be of value in his academic career. Such general categories

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For further information write to Scandinavian Seminar, 140 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y. 10019. Telephone: Area Code 212 247-1043.

A Question of Sex

When Kipling wrote, "A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke," he neglected to add, how much sweeter the smoker is in the presence of a fair lady. And we can only wonder why, when we hear of a prosperous aggressive lodge rejecting a proposal to accept ladies as members.

Of course we, in my lodge, never knew how desperately we needed them before we accepted the fair sex as members, with the most gratifying results. And it was not for the sake of working in the kitchen, serving food or washing dishes, but for the pleasure of just looking at them and listening to them. And make no mistakes, a woman's guess is often more accurate than a man's certainty.

Now off-color stories are only heard in whispers, and some of our members, least expected, now behave like perfect gentlemen. Few of our DB lodges are what they should be, and none what they could be, without the ladies.

What could be more desirable and natural then, that all of us, men and women should unite, and together, man the bastions, defending what little is left of Danish culture in America, guarding and preserving our common heritage and traditions.

It is time that we discard our garment of superiority, our goal. To attract to our lodges and society, all with whom we have a common bond, that they with us may enjoy that feeling of good fellowship and neighborliness which comes from working together in a common cause.

It is time that we discard our garment of superiority. It is time that we avail ourselves of the opportunity given our lodges, to practice togetherness. And without the presence of ladies, the word togetherness has little or no meaning.

S. C.

Bowling Tourney Winners Changed

We goofed! A tabulating error removes Ripon No. 1 from first place and puts Lodge 95 of Ferndale, Calif., in the Number One spot. This then, with an exception, moves the other teams up a spot or two and allows Lodge 92 of St. Charles, Ill., and Lodge 113 of Enumclaw, Wash., to get into the winner's circle.

Andrew Andersen of Lodge 299, Solvang, Calif., actually was in second place as individual high game winner. Our apologies for these errors.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN.

DEEP SEA DIVERS

An air force educator predicts that people will be living at the bottom of the sea by the year 2000. Better get that member now before you have to put on deep-sea diving gear to go after him.

Maybe this would be a good location for the local lodge hall. A picture window could provide a good program of entertainment by the mermaids.