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Midwest District Tour



"Bon Voyage" and "Hils fra os her hjemme" — echoed through the gates at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago as participants of the Midwest District, Danish Brotherhood Tour of 1968, Ken Janssen, tour chairman, prepared to leave Monday, June 24, for a four-week tour in the old country.



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I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the many lodges and individuals who have written and expressed their willingness to help the campaign to encourage Scandinavians to visit "The Real America." Coming as it does in the midst of a series of unfortunate and tragic events this campaign can do more to help others see us as we really are. After all the "Real America" is composed of people like ourselves living as we do.

My participation in the visit to Scandinavia was most interesting and informative. I had the pleasure of being met upon my arrival in Copenhagen by a number of members of Lodge No. 318 and of spending a pleasant evening with some of them a few days later, an opportunity that was much appreciated by me. I met in Copenhagen with Mr. Bertil Winstrom, Grand Master of the Vasa Order; Mr. William Holland, Vice President of the Sons of Norway; Mr. Henry Hakanen, President, the Knights of Kalava of Finland; and Mr. Leif Martinson, Scandinavian Airlines who acted as our tour leader. During the next four days, beginning with Copenhagen, we visited Oslo, Stockholm and Helsinki to extend on behalf of our respective organizations the invitation to visit "The Real America." In each city we met with representatives of the newspapers as well as prominent people interested in Nordic cooperation and a closer tie with the United States. I am happy to report that the Danish Brotherhood received a great deal of valuable publicity both from the press interviews and advertisements later placed by the airline.

I feel that in participating in this particular activity we have begun something that can have far reaching effects. We have extended an invitation to Scandinavians to visit us and our country. If we follow through and show our hospitality and helpfulness to those travelers who come to visit us in response to this invitation we

will help to build a solid foundation of understanding and knowledge of our Brotherhood and ourselves by our friends across the sea. In the years to come such a foundation and understanding will become increasingly important in fulfilling one of our basic purposes — that of preserving our memories and culture of Denmark for the benefit of future generations.

I would also like to ask you not to limit yourselves to aiding only the Danes that may come to visit. In the discussion we held as the representatives of our respective fraternal orders we agreed that a spirit of cooperation must prevail and that we would ask our respective lodges to welcome any Scandinavian who was visiting us. It was coincidental, but perhaps significant, that while we were in Copenhagen a conference of the Scandinavian Prime Ministers was being held there. The subject was one of increasing importance and significance in Scandinavia today — Greater Nordic cooperation and working together to reach common goals. I would suggest we do likewise and extend your hospitality and welcome to any Scandinavian visiting in your area, particularly so if there is not any other Scandinavian organization nearby.

In closing I would once again thank all who have offered to assist in this program. We have a great opportunity. Let us make the most of it.

Fraternally,

KRISTEN JORGENSEN, President,
The Danish Brotherhood in America.**Minnesota Convention August 17-18**

Lodge 75 DB and Lodge 60, DSS, Albert Lea, will host the 1968 state convention for Minnesota Lodges on August 17 and 18.

Registration will start at 10 a. m., Saturday, August 17 at the Holiday Inn on Highways 16 and 65 E. Registration fee will be \$4.00 per person. This includes coffee Saturday afternoon, the banquet and the picnic on Sunday.

The business sessions will be at the Holiday Inn's air-conditioned rooms. The Brothers will begin at 1:30 p. m., the Sisters at 2 p. m.

Saturday evening there will be a cocktail hour at the Nel-Sa Building, 139 East William Street, in the basement club rooms from 5:30 to 7 p. m. The banquet will follow at 7:30 at the Holiday Inn. The speaker will be "Frosty" Westering, head of the Athletic Department at Lea College.

Sunday at 1 p. m., there will be a picnic at 1405 East Main Street. This is on Highways 16 and 65 E. also. There will be a Danish flag flying so you can locate the spot.

The Sisters will meet for a luncheon at the Skyline Restaurant at 12 o'clock sharp on Saturday. You can order from the menu or eat from the "chuck wagon." We hope to have Supreme Secretary Virginia Christensen with us. Rides from the Holiday Inn to the Skyline will be provided where necessary.

Banquet reservations must be returned to John Larsen, 1302 East Hawthorne Street, Albert Lea, Minn., 56007 before August 12.

JOHN LARSEN, Sec., Lodge 75.

"Do you think there's intelligent life on Mars?"

"I certainly do. You don't see them wasting 30 billion dollars to find out about us."

NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

GCEL News: The National Board of Officers has granted approval of a GCEL sponsored flight to Denmark during the summer of 1969. Brother Flemming Hinrichsen, GCEL Trustee, is the chairman of this tour. Brother Flemming is past president of Lodge 172 in Philadelphia. He also represented his lodge as delegate to the national convention in Minneapolis last year.

We have received greetings from GCEL President Elmer W. Jensen who at this time is vacationing in Denmark.

The following proposals for changes of the GCEL by-laws are in the hands of the lodge secretaries and will be discussed and acted on at the convention in Penn Yan, N. Y., over Labor Day weekend:

- 1) Elimination of the past president as a member of the board;
- 2) Eliminate mentioning of special board meetings;
- 3) Officers to represent their respective lodges as convention delegates;
- 4) Change the dues per member from 5¢ to 3¢ per month.

This is just a brief description of the proposals which have been submitted by Lodges No. 205 and 71.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. This is our opportunity to say thank you for a wonderful picnic and a marvelous day at the beach to Sister President Agnes Aust and Bob and Joan Thirkelsen. About 40 members and friends attended. The weather was ideal and everyone enjoyed themselves.

A special meeting (due to the summer recess) was called by President Braumann to initiate a new member and accept the transfer of another. We are happy to welcome Brothers Robert L. Lenardson and Christian Gustavsen into "102" and just know they will participate and enjoy our activities. Birthday greetings this month go to Brothers George C. C. Noll (8-8) and Christian A. Petersen (8 22).

CARL W. SORENSEN, Corres. "102."

Lodge No. 154, New York, N. Y. It is with sadness

we learned of the death of Brother Paul H. Petersen, Sr., who died in Copenhagen, Denmark on Monday, July 1. He was born in Copenhagen on December 5, 1903. Brother Paul was president of his lodge many times and in 1949 he served as president of the GCEL. He was the treasurer of the GCEL Ex-Officers Club, an office he held for many years. Paul's spirit of sincerity and honesty of purpose will



cause him to be remembered and greatly missed by his many friends in the Eastern Lodges. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. Brother Jørn G. Hansen has taken over as financial secretary as of July 1. Brother Harvey Pearson held this office on a temporary basis since February and we thank him for helping us out

in a pinch. Harvey is very active in the Air Force Reserves.

A party was held after our regular meeting on July 26 in honor of three of our Brothers with the longest membership, Brothers Axel Lindstrom, Lars Clemmensen and Jens K. Christensen.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Our last meeting was attended by 35 members and all had a good time. It was a real pleasure to listen to the Pierce Sisters, they were even better than last year. The bingo game had so many prizes that almost everyone attending got something. Our thanks go to Nette and Borge Hansen, Ellen Van Doren and Axel Plett for taking care of the coffee and cake.

The president of No. 325, Brother George Jacobson, and wife and two children left for a three weeks vacation in Denmark on June 23, S.A.S.

Our annual picnic will be held in the Salisbury Park on Sunday, August 18, at 11 a. m. Please enter the park at the Newbridge Avenue entrance, just off Hempstead Turnpike. Drive to parking field No. 2 (same as past two years) and look for picnic area called "The Peach," it is near the children's animal farm.

Figures to Ponder: The following is a listing for the last eight years of total adult membership in the 26 Lodges belonging to the Eastern District:

1960	1881
1961	1844
1962	1770
1963	1724
1964	1707
1965	1678
1966	1572
1967	1551
1968	??

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

Since 1912, the Fourth of July festival in the Rebild Hills of Jutland, Denmark, has been a popular event with both Danes and Americans alike. This year's speakers included Erik Husfeldt, Chief of the Surgical Department at the University Hospital in Copenhagen; Richard Netter, lawyer and president of "Thanks to Scandinavia, Inc."; Katherine White, Ambassador and ranking American officer to Denmark; Hilmar Baunsgaard, Prime Minister of the Danish government; and Flemming Jensen, President of Thule, Greenland National Park Society. Highlights of last month's spectacular were the choir "Sangforening," a male chorus from Aalborg; the International Folk Dancers of Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City; the Danish Girl's Band from Aarhus; and the United States Men's Glee Club of Wayne State University, Detroit.

Relax and have fun in friendly Spokane next year as the Great Danes convention in the Inland Empire City. Enjoy their Western hospitality where friendship emanates as the officers, delegates and friends of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges in Canada, Washington and Oregon gather for their annual meeting. Plans are underway for a great experience in fellowship at our next conclave. Small impromptu get-togethers will lead to enthusiastic committee assignments and we will keep you abreast of developments from here on out.

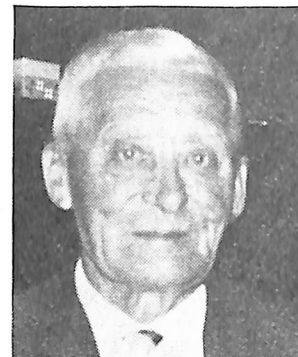
"Nordiska Festival" news this month comes from the chairman of our Danish Princess selection committee, no other than Anna, wife of Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen. Four lovely girls gathered on July 8 at the Bellevue Crab Apple, where Brother John Langsted is manager, for the judging and then were again entertained at the Danish Hall on the 10th along with the outgoing Princess Kirsten Petersen, now Kirsten Kroman since June 24. Eleanor Jensen, daughter of Brother and Mrs. Ellery Jensen and the granddaughter of Brother and Mrs. Louie Jensen, has been announced as the 1968 princess. More than 100 guests enjoyed open-faced sandwiches in the celebration and tribute among whom was Danish Consul Paul Nielsen. August 11 through the 18th are the Festival dates and Past Presidents Albert Odegard and Sam Fredericksen wish to thank all volunteers for their assistance.



President Henning Lindberg arranged a Canadian excursion for his Brothers and Sisters in the City of Destiny on July 20. Departing from Tacoma via chartered bus early on Saturday morning for Seattle, the

group pictured below boarded a Puget Sound ferry bound for Victoria, British Columbia. Accommodated in a fine hotel, they then dined together and toured the famous Butchart Gardens, returning late Sunday evening.

Brother Peter Rasmussen is a member of Mc-Minnville Lodge No. 194 and has served as its president for 24 years. Brother Rasmussen also served four years as president of Ringsted Lodge No. 134 in Ringsted, Iowa, a total of 28 years of leading a lodge, which is quite a record.



Brother Rasmussen has always worked for the good and welfare of his lodge and deserves a big thank you and great commendation for his accomplishments during his terms in office.

Seattle's Brother Mads Mauritsen is being host to Denmark relations visiting America; congratulations to Brother John Ottesen on his and Hannah's 60th wedding anniversary; Chairman Anton Jessen and President Ed Olsen ordered and received "fairly nice picnic weather" for the annual Northwest Danish Home event on July 14; should you wish to become an active member of this fine benevolent group organized primarily for our aged Danes, the yearly dues are only \$3; "hilite" of DB 29's July 10th meeting was a "tall tale session" fabricated by each of the worthy Brothers present; remember to attend the Danish Sisterhood anniversary on September 28 who celebrate with a cocktail dinner evening and then their annual potluck and bingo party on October 9; Brother Carl Nielsen and family have been vacationing on the coast of Oregon; and Brother Carl Torp passed away on July 12.

Enumclaw's Past President Carl Johansen has been entertaining relatives from Denmark including his 90-year-old in-law; Past President John L. Rieck and family vacationed at the seaside, ocean and lakes during July; Past President Jean DeWitt informs us that "Enumscratch" is building a new 16 lane bowling alley and since DB 113 is again hosting the district kegler tournament, it is not altogether impossible that next year's event can be held right in the host city; Brother Dana Rieck's sandlot baseball league team finished first for season; and Treasurer Henry Hergert and family spent 10 days in Disneyland.

Tacoma's Vice President Martin Rasmussen is visiting Denmark this summer; and Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen often drops around my office for a Danish colony chat.

Portland's Brother Peter Pihl and wife Veronica, are among the sojourners to Denmark on the Danish Brotherhood chartered flight.

"So your daughter finally married. I expect you found it very hard to part with her."

"Hard! I should think so. Between you and me, my boy, I began to think it was darn near impossible."

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.)



Scandinavia—you'll love us for it.

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NEWS FROM IOWA LODGES

By ART THODE, Correspondent

Corn Palace Lodge No. 62 celebrated its 75th anniversary by having a catered dinner, served by the Scandinavian Society, in our club house. A real man's dinner with roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, apple pie and all of the trimmings.

Our Sisterhood Lodge No. 34 was invited, together with all of the husbands and wives of the members of both lodges. Brother Earl Berg acted as master of ceremonies, Brother President Lauridsen extended a warm welcome to all present and Sister President Kryger thanked the Brothers for their invitation.

As Sister Kryger was one of the recipients, Sister Berg presented 50-year membership pins to four of their members: Sisters Karoline Kryger, Inga Hernepont, Lillie Jensen and Mrs. Viona Kieser accepted for her mother, Sister Jessie Petersen, now in a nursing home.

Brother Paul Strand of Omaha, Nebr., was the main speaker of the evening. As the Iowa United Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood is in the process of raising two scholarship funds, one for each of our only two Danish

colleges in America, Blair, Nebr., with Dana College and Des Moines, Iowa, with Grand View College. He gave us a very interesting description of the two institutions, their make-up, size and the side issues that are included in their work in carrying on the tradition and heritage of our motherland and teaching the same to the young people of Danish extraction now being raised and educated in America. Following the meeting the fund was increased by our members.

The balance of the evening was spent in a pleasant atmosphere of good fellowship including the favorite card games of the Danes when they gather.

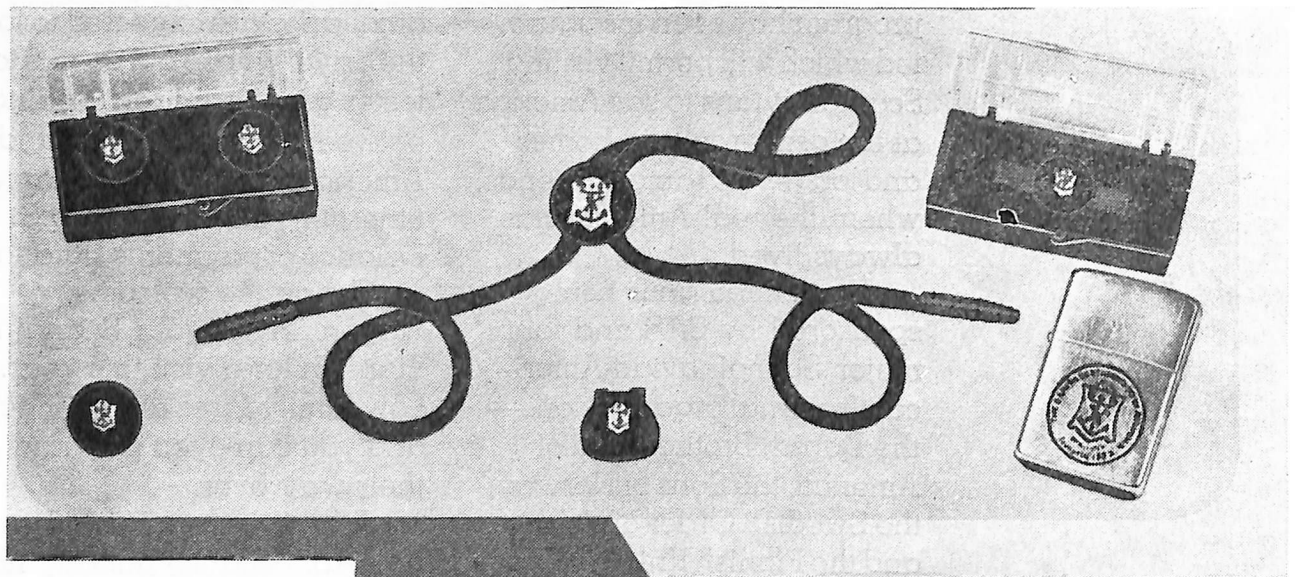
EARL F. BERG, Sioux, City, Iowa.

Foreman: "Why does it take three of you guys to change a burned out light bulb?"

Assistant: "George holds the bulb while John and I turn the ladder."

Friend: "Has your son's college education proved helpful since you took him into the firm?"

Father: "Oh, yes, whenever we have a conference, we let him mix the cocktails."



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Shown above is Chairman of Trustees Fred Jensen, Lodge No. 195, Omaha, taken at Rebild National Park, during the recent July 4th festivities at the park. Brother and Mrs. Jensen were participants of the Midwest District Tour which left from Chicago, Ill.

SOCIAL SECURITY A BURDEN?

The statement has come from several sources lately that a young person 25 years old today could purchase a cash value life insurance policy with the money which will go to the old age benefits portion of Social Security, that could very well pay him over \$100 a month more at 65 in life income. Of course, he doesn't have a choice in the matter, but perhaps he can influence legislators to curb some of the "benefit" programs which probably end up costing him more than if he provides it himself through private industry.

MEMBERSHIP

Will Rogers has been quoted as observing: "The crowd ain't going to walk all the way upstairs to an office and knock on the door in order to buy a little insurance no matter how good it is. Some people poke fun at insurance people for selling their product. I like insurance people myself because they do more good than a lot of fellows that just sit around looking dignified!"

The same could be said for membership in the Danish Brotherhood. People aren't going to put out much effort to join regardless of how good it is. It takes effort by YOU!

Teenager: "I'm off to the party."
 Father: "Well, have a good time."
 Teenager: "Look, Pop, don't tell me what to do!"

Singer: "You don't like my voice?"

Accompanist: "Lady, I play on the white keys and I play on the black keys — you sing in the cracks!"

Danes Believe Water Is Strictly for Ships

Copenhagen — This breezy, bustling city by the sea is eight hundred years old, which proves it is possible to eat and drink as the Danes do and still survive.

It's a reassuring thought for an American visitor, whom the people here seem to feel is undernourished and always on the verge of dehydration.

Trying to keep up with them dish for dish and glass for glass is one of life's more delightful challenges, but it involves certain risks. These must be bravely taken, of course, in the furthering of good international relations.

Water is something to float ships on in Denmark.

The Danes set their luncheon and dinner guests afloat on waves of beer, wine, akvavit and brandy, in roughly that order. Skaal!

Akvavit is another way of spelling what happened. The unwary find it is stronger than they suspected or that they are weaker than they thought. Actually it doesn't matter which.

A number of restaurants serve food and drink until 5 a. m.

Their closing time a little before sun-up presents no great problem, since there are other restaurants that open at 5 a. m.

The situation encourages public sobriety, it is explained, because no one is overwhelmed by the urge to consume alcohol before a given time. The around-the-clock drinker need not be a clock-watcher.

The Danes say they drink beer for the sake of art, since the profits of one large brewery are donated to the arts.

In time, Denmark seems likely to become the repository for the art treasures of the world.

The notion that they eat too much is a myth, according to the Danes, who cheerfully point out that the only basis for it is the fact that they overeat.

When they have guests, it's a reasonably safe bet that the latter overeat, too.

Only a person of weak character could resist the kind of food that is put on Danish tables.

By DARWIN OLOFSON,
 World Herald Staff Writer.

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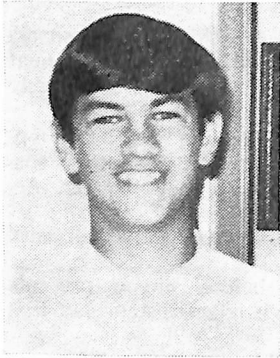
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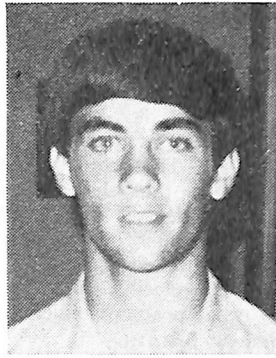
FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

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OUR FIRST



Lance Nielsen



Warren Nielsen

The first two members gained for the Danish Brotherhood under the efforts of a special representative are Lance Nielsen (15) and Warren Nielsen (17) pictured here. They are the sons of Rev. and Mrs. W. Clayton Nielsen of Omaha, Nebr., where Rev. Nielsen is pastor of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Edward Krause, mentioned in another article in this issue, is the special representative responsible for these new members.

This launches the system adopted of having special representatives soliciting insurance and memberships. We are happy that it occurred in this fine family. It is also fitting that it should take place in Omaha, the home of our national headquarters, but we anticipate that before long we will see many new members acquired from all the states in which we operate.

Our congratulations to these new members.

TOP LODGES AND TOP 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. 339, Las Vegas, Nevada

GROUP II —

Lodge No. 139, Viborg, South Dakota

TOP SPONSOR —

Arnie Sorensen, Lodge No. 139

Fraternal life insurance is the finest gift any man can make — it is the gift that keeps on giving. It is a gift that assures his wife and children comfort and financial security long after he is gone.

Explorer: "Does your tribe know anything about religion?"

Native Chief: "Well, we had a taste of it when the last missionary was here."

Fraternalism First and Foremost

Fraternalism accepts the unalterable law of life that all things, whether simple or great, must contribute to the common good and thereby serve humanity, or they will be destroyed if they have no useful purpose.

It would seem naive to believe that any member of the Danish Brotherhood feels that the society does not have a useful purpose.

If an act of fraternalism seems omitted at some point, or an act is performed that does not measure up to the spirit of fraternalism, should we then feel that fraternalism has been destroyed? Would a person be dead if they suffered a broken arm or a cut finger?

In our Danish Brotherhood, much of the fraternal activity is achieved at the local lodge level. If, through lack of interest, with the subsequent lack of activity, a lodge ceases to serve a useful purpose, then the unalterable law of life will let this group die. But this does not mean that the whole system of fraternalism dies.

Home life changes, but the need for proper home life does not. The home still occupies the most important place in America's existence. The lodge hall is the "home" so to speak of the Danish Brotherhood. This "home" life has also changed, but the need for a place to practice high ideals, to share pleasures with one another, to meet one another to create lasting friendships, has not diminished. Many worth while projects can be completed here. This is the only Danish Brotherhood that many of our members will ever know, at least to a great extent. This is where the fraternalism comes in again. It takes effort by all to help the lodge go forward. The minority cannot do it. Sure, they perhaps can guide and direct, but without participation, will much progress result?

Fraternalism is something more than the appearance of the word on paper. It is activity directed toward the benefit of members and beneficiaries and the betterment of society in whatever way possible.

It was one hundred years ago that the seed of fraternalism was planted. Since then it has had a magnificent growth. It lives because it is good and has deserved to live. It has lived because of leaders who realized the need for fraternalism, that it should become the instrument of service that it is today. If we live up to our opportunities and challenges, a glorious future awaits the fraternal system. It will exist and grow where people want it to grow. Whether this happens in the Danish Brotherhood or not is not dependent on what some other organization does, or what someone else does. It is dependent on you, just as it was dependent on those who came before you. An illustrious job is being done by many now, as supported by information in the magazine. Let's perpetuate it!

A. H.

Our Special Representatives

We are pleased to introduce two of our special representatives in this issue of the magazine. It is anticipated that future issues will contain other introductions.

Jim Larsen of 37 Steven Drive, Petaluma, Calif., a member of Lodge No. 143 in that city, will serve the area in and around Petaluma. His family consists of his wife Donna, children Karen, Jim A., Ann Marie, Joan and Jane (twins), and Raymond. He has had sales experience and is diligently studying Danish Brotherhood material so as to be able to help our present membership and to acquire new members.

Even though Jim Larson will serve as a part-time representative, feel free to contact him about the Danish Brotherhood. Your visit with him will no doubt be a pleasant one.

Edward C. Krause, his wife Betty Jane and children Dana, David, Douglas and Debra live at 5414 North 57 Ave., Omaha, Nebr. He is a member of Lodge No. 195 in Omaha and presently the president of the Nebraska District of the Danish Brotherhood. Mr. Krause is well versed in the Danish Brotherhood and has good knowledge of fraternal activities and fraternal insurance. His service will also be limited to part time, but he will be happy to arrange a time to visit with you. Mrs. Krause is a daughter of Brother and Mrs. Fred Jensen, Fred being a member of the Board of Officers of the Danish Brotherhood.



This is a beginning of the process that unquestionably will cause growth for the Danish Brotherhood in America. Trained and paid representatives who can serve our present membership more effectively and who will seek out prospective new members. This is the method of operation of the fraternal organizations who have shown continuous growth through the years. This is in part the promotional program designed to increase membership. Our goal is representation, part or full time, throughout the area served by the society. These representatives are to be trained and to have the knowledge and skill to be of service to our membership. This we owe to you.

Can You Top This?

Lodge No. 139, Viborg, S. D., is going out strong for the number one spot among our 1968 Booster Lodges. It has clearly demonstrated what can be done in a lodge by members if they really make a concentrated effort.

Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, accompanied by Mrs. Skelbeck, attended an impressive initiation ceremony in Lodge No. 139 on Thursday, June 20, when nine new members were initiated by President Wayne Peterson and his efficient staff of officers.

The candidates were Walter L. Knudsen, Arnold Peterson, Lowell Newmark, Rueben C. Sorensen, Eudell Nelson, Roy Osthus, Merlin Hansen, Norman Ness and Robert Nelson. Vice President Arnie V. Sorensen is the sponsor. He is listed in the July magazine as top sponsor of the month and also in the August issue.

At this meeting Mrs. Esther Jorgensen indicated in a very positive way that she, too, could sign up several

members. This may be a real challenge to Arnie, because Esther has already supplied five new applications.

Mr. Skelbeck also brought three 60-year pins with him and presented Niels J. Paulsen with his pin the same evening. On June 22 seven of the DB members went to Salem to present N. A. Jorgensen with his 60-year pin and James H. Wesse of California will receive his pin by mail.

The evening was enhanced by the luxurious sandwich table so beautifully and well prepared by the artful know-how of the ladies. The Skelbecks hereby extend a sincere thank you to the members in "139" and their ladies for a most memorable evening.

And now comes the remarkable sequence to the June 20 performance. On July 18 seven more new members were initiated and bid welcome most suitably. With an additional seven applications approved and pending the official welcome into the lodge as full fledged members, the lodge is well on the way to double its membership in 1968. This opens up the possibility of many more new members because of eligible spouses, children, parents, brothers, sisters and other relatives of the twenty-three already accepted.

Congratulations to Arnie Sorensen and Esther Jorgensen for this most excellent accomplishment. Both are comparatively new members themselves. Arnie Sorensen's membership dates to 1963. Mrs. Jorgensen's to only last year. We are pleased that both were successful in their invitations to these new members to have them join our fraternal family.

With a total membership of 58 in Lodge No. 139 at the end of 1967, 23 additional members indicate a 40 per cent increase, and before the year is out, this may be greater.

The town of Viborg celebrated its 75th anniversary in June and the lodge is 68 years old, so not much time was lost in getting the lodge started. An article in the March magazine from Lodge No. 139 indicated that aebleskiver and potluck suppers are popular at the lodge meetings.

So, our congratulations to the ones responsible for this tremendous increase in membership, and a warm welcome to all the new members.

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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.	Kurt E. Moller	3
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Peter Pedersen	19
139	Viborg, S. D.	Arnie Sorensen	8
144	Dike, Iowa	Gary L. Andersen	7
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mogens Hempel	3
225	Canton, Ohio	John Christensen	3
336	Escondido, Calif.	Richard J. Suda	3

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
4	Racine	William F. Pie	George Kaiser
15	Des Moines	Fleming Olesen	Terry Christiansen
30	Muskegon	Robert A. Reed	Arthur Sweet
42	Spokane	Rasmus Jespersen	John M. Beck
51	Ludington	Claude Everson	Alfred A. Larsen
102	Providence	Robert Lenardson	Carl Sorensen
116	Newark	William Walsh	Knud Scholer
126	Los Angeles	Jonas B. Joensen	Kurt E. Moller
126	Los Angeles	Henning Sorensen	Eric Roug
139	Viborg	Lowell Newmark	Ray Jespersen
139	Viborg	Reuben C. Sorensen	Arnie Sorensen
139	Viborg	Norman Ness	Arnie Sorensen
139	Viborg	Arnold W. Peterson	Arnie Sorensen
139	Viborg	Walter L. Knutsen	Arnie Sorensen
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139	Viborg	Merlyn D. Hansen	Arnie Sorensen
139	Viborg	Roy N. Osthus	Arnie Sorensen
172	Philadelphia	Gunnar Jorgensen	Mogens Hempel
190	Schenectady	Norman A. Jacobsen	Chris Biering
227	Detroit	William T. Sheppard	Chris Fabricus
227	Detroit	Lawrence Sheppard	Chris Fabricus
227	Detroit	Flemming Christensen	Peter Lohde
227	Detroit	Lyle Christiansen	L. C. Sheppard
227	Detroit	Austin R. Wheeler	L. C. Sheppard
261	Fowler	Larry R. Higgs	Virgil K. Higgs
281	Cincinnati	Mary C. Schmidt	Simon Simonsen
322	Santa B'bara	Flemming Rasmussen	A. Johansen
322	Santa B'bara	Albert Rasmussen	M. Christensen
322	Santa B'bara	Francisco Zambelli	N. Christensen
700	Home Office	Warren Nielsen, II	Edward Krause

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339	Las Vegas	Delia Pinkerton	Jutta Reed
339	Las Vegas	Steve Rogers	Jutta Reed
700	Home Office	Lance E. Nielsen	Edward Krause

Honor Roll Listings

LODGES

Lodge	Location	Members
4	Racine, Wisconsin	6
49	San Francisco, California	10
51	Ludington, Michigan	6
64	Rockford, Illinois	5
95	Ferndale, California	5
126	Los Angeles, California	19
139	Viborg, South Dakota	9
182	Waukegan, Illinois	9
227	Detroit Michigan	19
306	San Diego, California	5
325	Nassau County, New York	5

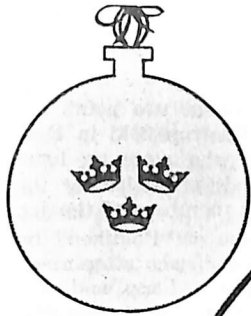
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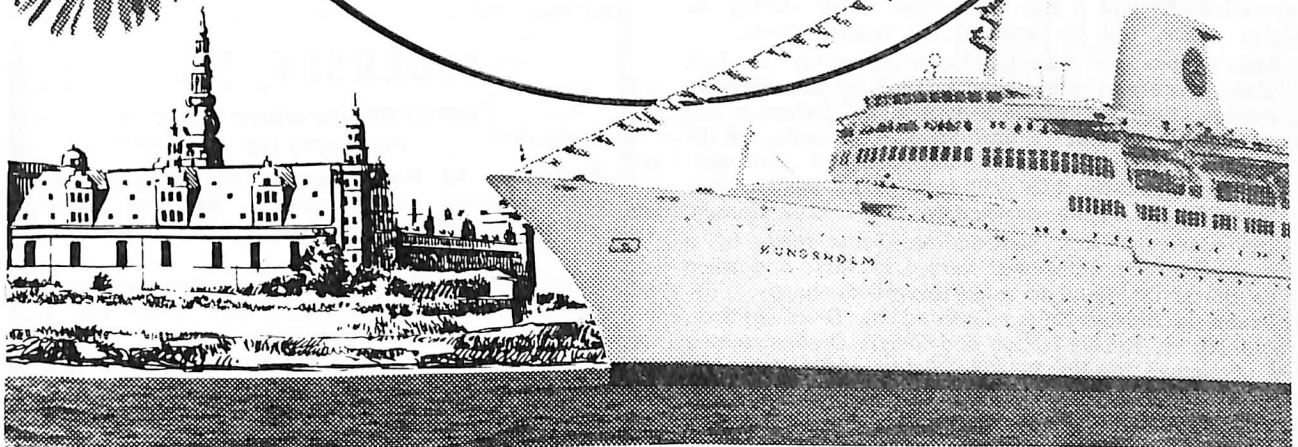
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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

When this reaches you, it is high time to get ready for the California General Committee's convention which will be hosted by Pacific Lodge No. 49 DB and Danmark Lodge No. 17 DSS, in the Claremont Hotel, high in the Oakland-Berkeley Hills overlooking the San Francisco Bay area.

Convention activities will start Thursday, August 15, with registration in the Hotel Claremont lobby between the hours of noon and 5 p. m.

A genuine No. 39 welcome will be extended you between the hours of 5 and 6 p. m., in the form of a champagne reception that is calculated to get you in a festive mood. No. 39 picks up the tab. This happens in the hotel's Empire Room where the official welcoming ceremony will take place starting at 8 p. m.

Friday both organizations will hold their convention meetings in the hotel starting at 9 a. m., and lasting until 4 or 5 in the afternoon, with coffee breaks at appropriate intervals and a lunch break at noon.

Friday evening Brother Arnold Jensen will lead a caravan of cars and buses from the hotel to the world famous Jack London Square at the foot of Broadway where, in the Oakland Estuary the good ship Harbor Queen will be moored and ready to take all hands on a Viking cruise of one of the world's greatest natural harbors, San Francisco Bay. A rare chance to see the great bridges, Golden Gate, Oakland-San Francisco and Richmond-San Rafael. The cruise will pass near "The Rock," Alcatraz Island, as the "one mile clearance" no longer is in effect. Buffet supper will be served on board and there will be an orchestra supplying dance music suitable for sea legs.

Arnold tells us that space on the Viking boat is limited, so get those reservations in quickly. And, he says, if you do not possess a Viking garb, you may come in whatever is handy at the time you are dressing for the event. The ship has all modern conveniences, has two covered decks and a sun deck. The latter, during the Viking cruise, will be renamed the "moon" deck.

The Vikings are expected to return safely to Jack London Square and to the hotel in time for the delegates to continue their deliberations at 9 a. m., Saturday and be ready for the officers' installation ceremonies in the afternoon. This will feature the beautiful and well-trained Danmark No. 17's drill team under the guidance of Sister Louise Banke, assisted by Sister Elva Hansen.

The convention arrangements are being made by a very capable committee well versed in what and when to do things that tend to make everybody happy. The chairman is Sidney Nelsen assisted by Owen Andker, Arnold Jensen, Robert Nelson and Melvin Oredsen taking care of matters for No. 39. The Sisters of Danmark No. 17 are having their interests taken care of by co-chairmen Etta Hallgren, who has as her aids Jean Andker and Louise Banke and Helen Jensen is taking care of the secretarial duties for the committee.

The committee's secretary may be contacted by addressing her at 9333 Plymouth St., Oakland, Calif. 94306 and the secretary of Lodge No. 39 resides at 2098 Pacific Ave., San Leandro, Calif. 94577, Phone (415) 483-4790.

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The California General Committee's 1968 Denmark excursion came to a successful conclusion Saturday night about 11 p. m., when the big jet landed at Oak-

land airport. The jet was delayed about two hours because of mechanical difficulties at Kastrup field in Denmark. We were among the many who were on hand to greet the travelers and hear words of praise for the leaders, the organizers and the crew members of the jet.

We were handed the July 5th issue of "Politiken" by Brother Bill Beck of the Fremont Lodge, who after many years absence, revisiting his birthplace, Læsø and who had purchased the paper that very morning especially for us. Thank you!

The \$19 refund on the tickets paid all the participants by the efficient arrangement committee helped make the trip more enjoyable. Many nice words are being uttered about Brother Henning Jensen who headed the committee, but few realized or even know of the colossal job done by the committee treasurer, Eric Roug, who among other things made a flying trip from Los Angeles to Oakland the day of the departure, June 1, to hand part of the above-mentioned refund to the ticket holders.

Both GC President Willie Christensen and Cultural Committee Chairman Melvin Oredsen tell us that all the planned events took place on schedule and without mishap.

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Hayward Lodge 184 received the sad tidings that Brother Jens Bernhardt "Barney" Jensen had passed away in Lynn, Mass., where he and his wife have resided for about a year after having called California home for many years.

Brother "Barney" joined Lodge No. 87, Boston, Mass., December 26, 1911 and transferred to Lodge 184 in 1948. He was born in Thisted, Denmark, August 7, 1885. He was a well liked and respected member and very adept at lodge work, performing with precision and grace the acts required of any office he might be holding. Our sincere sympathy to his wife Gunhild.

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California to Chairman Melvin Oredsen who now is back from his first visit to the land of his forefathers.

The activity chairman for Lodge 184 in Hayward announces that the plans for the celebration of the lodge's 65th birthday have been changed. The celebration will take place on the 8th of November, just a week later than the actual institution day, November 1.

It will be held at the lodge's regular meeting place, Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street, Hayward. A good Danish dinner will be served and there will be dancing to the Heiser Brothers, good Danish and modern music. The regular meeting will be held elsewhere at another time, neither as yet determined. So, you northern California Brothers — and others — mark your calendar "Hayward" — Friday, November 8.

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"Velkommen Hjem" said Lodge 49 to its returning Denmark farers at the lodge meeting July 10. The Fortyniners always say what they mean in Danish; that is, almost always. Good food, prepared and served by the Sisters of Margrethe Lodge 24, DSS, was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Several of the returned travelers, including President Willie Christensen, told of the wonderful trip to Denmark. Brother Richard Clausen furnished the piano music for some singing and, though we were not there, we are sure that Brother Carl Sorensen came back with at least one new song from Denmark.

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Congratulations to Lodge 299, Solvang, for capturing third prize with their entry in the town's 4th of July parade. The entry depicted the era in USA when women gained the right to cast their votes on election day.

The queen of the parade, Miss Karen Olesen, was

sponsored by the Solvang Sisterhood and Brotherhood Lodges and the two local Dania branches.

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The Danish Center in Los Angeles where the Brothers of Lodge 126 do everything but sleep, is undergoing a face lifting and everything on the third floor including the Brothers' and Sisters' rooms have been modernized.

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The keglers in California are still trying to make out the scores given in last month's issue, most of the given averages don't match the handicaps or vice-versa and ask — how come?

SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3(b) — Payment authorized in the laws of the society under one or more of the laws following sections: Section 5, par. 4 and/or Section 6, par. 1; Section 7, par. 9; Section 14, par. 2; Section 7, par. 3(b) is hereby published.

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CREDENTIALS

As the horse thief was about to be strung up, a member of the posse asked; "May I say a prayer for this man?"

"Say, now," snarled the deputy in charge, "Are you tryin' to sneak this varmint into heaven when he ain't even fit to live in Texas?"



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
June 11	Hans J. Petersen	87	Langeland, Denmark	51	Ludington, Michigan	1901
May 24	Mogens Toudal	79	Denmark	255	Selma, California	1937
May 25	Arnold J. Grimlund	56	Bellingham, Washington	155	Bellingham, Washington	1947
June 13	Jens B. Jensen	83	Thisted, Denmark	184	Hayward, California	1911
June 19	William A. Andersen	78	Ironwood, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1939
June 16	Frode Paulsen	60	Borglum, Denmark	128	Avoca, Iowa	1927
June 26	Axel G. Thomsen	72	Viborg, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1929
June 13	Oswald Hansen	65	Næsby, Denmark	30	Muskegon, Michigan	1926
June 13	Evald Sorensen	65	Aarhus, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1961
June 18	Hans T. Salmonsens	82	Hundborg Thisted, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1904
May 7	Nels Sorensen	84	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1904
July 4	Christen M. Paulsen	76	Uggerby, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1922
June 11	Enevold Christensen	86	Hundborg, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1907
June 23	Anders Sommer	81	Kongerslev, Denmark	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	1915
June 20	Christian Andersen	88	Hjorring, Denmark	233	Toledo, Ohio	1906
June 22	Hans Sorensen	98	Denmark	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1907
June 26	Hans G. Clausen	89	Skjelstrup, Maribo	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1904
July 3	Jens Weiby	79	Orum, Denmark	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1917
July 12	Louis Larsen	86	Gandlose, Denmark	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
July 2	Else Marie Andersen	51	Tomstrup, Denmark	329	Long Beach, California	1966
June 15	Knud Boldt	69	New York, New York	126	Los Angeles, California	1948
May 27	Martin L. Johnson	62	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1963
June 15	Hans Jakob Jensen	82	Esbjerg, Denmark	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1966
May	Harold J. Eckman	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1934

Nebraska Lodges Notes

The annual picnic of the Nebraska Lodges was held June 23 at the Paul Hansen farm in Bennett. More than 100 persons from several lodges participated in an afternoon of good fellowship, games and contests. Prizes were given to the winners of various events. A performance of folk dances by the JADA girls from Omaha was enjoyed.

We sincerely hope more members and lodges will be present for future picnics and parties. We try to provide something of interest for young and old.

The state convention will be held in Ruskin September 13 and 14. Lodge No. 161 will be host and their committees are hard at work arranging for unforgettable days for us. It is a long time since we have had a state convention in that vicinity.

Let us not disappoint our good members in Ruskin. Let us invade this community September 13 and 14. Friday evening will be a social affair and the business at hand will be disposed of Saturday followed by the installation of officers and a banquet Saturday evening.

Let's go members!

S. C. SORENSEN, Sec.-Treas.

40th Anniversary of Iowa State Lodges

The 40th anniversary of the Iowa State Convention of the Danish Brotherhood will be held September 1 and 2 at the Hotel Savery in Des Moines, Iowa.

A get-together party at Dania Hall, 715 East Locust, will open the festivities Saturday evening, August 31 at 7 p. m. Hosts for this event will be DSS Lodge No. 102.

Registration will begin at 9 a. m., September 1 at convention headquarters on the second floor of Hotel Savery. At 1 o'clock the convention will have a joint opening ceremony. The business meetings will begin at 1:20, DB meets in the Des Moines Room, the Sisterhood in the Iowa Room. September 2, business meetings will open at 9 a. m., in the same rooms.

There will be a social hour at 5:30 p. m., in the hospitality room on the third floor Sunday, followed by the banquet in the Terrace Room at 7 o'clock. The invocation will be given by Rev. Lyle Peters and entertainment will be provided by Fred Celsy, accordionist. Vice President Einar Danielsen and Danish Vice Consul F. A. Royal will be in attendance. There will be dancing from 9 to 12 to the music of Fred Celsy and his orchestra in the Des Moines Room. A late lunch will be served by the Sisterhood.

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MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

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

At the Lodge meeting of Detroit Lodge 227 on June 26 we had with us an old friend, Brother Emil Hammerum who is now living in Florida.

Following this meeting the Rebild National Park Society, Detroit Chapter, sponsored the showing of three Danish movies in the Danish Hall. The movies were the Wedding of Princess Margrethe, Horse on Holiday and the Way to Rebild, and they were introduced by Danish Consul Marshall Fredericks, while the actual showing was handled by Hans Rogind, secretary of the Detroit Chapter of the society. It can no doubt be said that all present greatly enjoyed these films, and it was agreed that we should follow up later in the season with some more Danish films.

On July 8 the Lodge had an outing to the Stroh's Brewery, skillfully arranged by our entertainment chairman, Ken Rehan, and to say that this evening was a success would be a gross understatement.

At the regular meeting July 10 we had the pleasure to see Brother Fred Sorensen, our treasurer for many years, who now lives in Tennessee, but was visiting with his very many old friends in Detroit. Also with us this evening we had Brother Thorkild Nielsen, who is transferring to Lodge 227 from Pennsylvania. Brother Nielsen is manager of the newly opened Danish restaurant Skandia, which has proven a wonderful culinary addition to Detroit life.

During the meeting President Chris Fabricius informed us that our treasurer, Dick Rasmussen, was leaving Detroit to move to Holland, Mich., and consequently he had to resign his post. Brother Dick was thanked for his good work for Lodge 227 and was given a resounding ovation. To take over his job as treasurer was appointed Paul Carlson, who has so far been on the board of officers as conductor.

Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Mich.: Regular meetings of the Lodge were held in the Danish Hall on June 13, 27

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and July 11. The names of Raymond Christensen, Emmet Jacobsen and Fred Nankee have been called at these meetings for our special jackpot award. As they were not present the pot grows bigger. It would be worthwhile for our members to make it a point to attend our meetings as the way the pot is growing some lucky member will walk away with it soon and be in the chips for awhile.

June 28 we held our summer dance at the Danish Hall. Our ballroom was very prettily decorated for the occasion in a nautical theme, with fish, birds, water cut outs lining the walls and even a couple of sea gulls hovering overhead. These decorations were made by Mrs. Carl Soneral and daughter Ruth. During the evening, door awards were presented to Mrs. Alfred Larsen, Holger Hansen, William Hansen, Henry Hansen and to Wesley Kraft of Greenville who drew his own name out of the box. A "Co-Ho" fishing outfit custom made by our Outer Guard Donald Wagner was presented to the Greenville group for their trophy case. Dancing was enjoyed and several sing-a-longs were held during the evening, accompaniment played by Miss Margaret Rasmussen. Clarence Edwards called several square dances and a potluck luncheon was served at midnight by the committee. Our thanks to the members of Greenville Lodge who traveled all the way up here to help make our party a success. Also a big "thanks" to the members and their wives who worked on the committee.

We at Lodge No. 51 were saddened to learn of the death of Brother Hans J. Petersen on June 11. Brother Petersen was born in Denmark October 26, 1882. He joined the Brotherhood August 8, 1901 and held number 94 in our lodge.

We are very proud of our Danish Brotherhood bowling team. They placed second in the recent Brotherhood bowling tournament. Members of the team are Roger Hansen, Chester Shappee and the Christensen brothers, Arne, Gunnar and Raymond. In addition, Brother Gunnar also placed third in the individual high series.

At our last meeting a committee was formulated to start work on a promotional program for our lodge, and we will be applying to the District and Supreme Lodge for help in this endeavor. We are also laying groundwork for a party at which we will be presenting three 60-year pins and two 50-year pins to the faithful members to which they will be invited on the evening of July 25.

ALF. LARSEN, Treas.

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