

MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

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

All members of Detroit Lodge 227 are asked to please take note of the new address of our Secretary Jorgen Mau 2422 Linwood, Royal Oak, Mich. 48073. Phone 545-7085.

In our last report we told of Brother Paul Carlson taking over the job as treasurer, but regrettably forgot to mention that Bother Oluf Eriksen was appointed conductor for the remainder of the year.

At the lodge meeting July 24 we had a visitor from Los Angeles with us, Brother Ahlmand Saksstrup, who was visiting friends in Detroit. During this meeting Lodge 227 started preparations for the forthcoming Midwest District convention which is to be hosted by the Detroit Lodge the weekend of October 5. A committee was appointed, headed by Brother Carl J. Hansen, to take care of all the arrangements and it is hoped that the convention will be a well attended one, whereafter Lodge 227 will do everything possible to make it a successful one.

The committee consists of, apart from Carl J. Hansen, Jim Hansen, Ed Johansen, Howard Hansen and Ken Rehan. Brothers Ed Johansen and Ove Rostgaard were elected delegates for the district convention. With Otto Pedersen and Clemens Bartel as alternates. A banquet is being planned for Saturday night, October 5, so Lodge 227 members are asked to please reserve this evening in order that we may all do our best to make the evening an enjoyable one for our guests.

During the meeting August 14, Lodge 227 initiated four new members: Aage Madsen, Marvin Muehl, Engberg Jorgensen and Jorgen Storgaard. The four new Brothers were bid welcome in our lodge by Past President Carl J. Hansen.

August 27, Past Supreme President of the Danish

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**DANE COLLEGE
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Brotherhood in America Viggo Mikkelsen rounded his 70th birthday. To honor Brother Viggo on this occasion, who has meant so much not only to Lodge 227, but to the whole Brotherhood organization, several plans were carried out, which we hope to report next month.

Saturday, September 21, Detroit Lodge 227 will have its annual birthday party with a dinner-dance in the Danish Hall. Invitations will be sent to all members, and it is hoped that a great number will show up, so we can continue the success this birthday party of our lodge has always been.

LODGE NO. 70, GREENVILLE, MICHIGAN —

During the Danish Festival in Greenville, the following officers of the Michigan-Ohio District got together for a business meeting: Ove Rostgaard (Detroit), Lawrence Ritter (Muskegon), Herman Christensen (Sidney), and Manus E. Norton (Greenville). The officers voted to approve a motion to grant Ludington Lodge 50 the amount of \$50 to assist in a promotional campaign to secure new members for the lodge. Other lodges in the District, interested in such a program, should contact the District officers. The next meeting of the District officers will be in Detroit.

The Danish Festival in Greenville, during the weekend of July 27-28, was the usual resounding success. The whole thing was nearly washed away, when a thunder-shower dumped none less than an inch of rain just as the big parade was about to start. However, soon the sun was out again and everything went according to schedule.

The local lodges of the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood should be commended for their outstanding work in this annual affairs, which does so much in keeping alive a great number of Danish traditions in the area.

LODGE NO. 51, LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN —

This month the lodge has been quite active, with two regular meetings July 11 and August 8, and the special stag party in between. July 25, we had a stag party in honor of the members who were entitled to 50-year and 60-year pins: Myers P. Petersen, 60-years; N. Chris Rasmussen, 60-years; J. Chris Jensen, 60-years; Arthur P. Sorensen, 50-years; and Edgar Andresen, 50-years.

As only one of the members, N. Chris Rasmussen, lives in Ludington he was the only one we could present the pin to personally. The others received their pins by mail. All in all we had a good turnout of Brothers with President Lauritz Hansen presenting Brother Rasmussen with his 60-year pin.

After the presentation, the other members present congratulated Brother Chris on his many years of continued membership in our lodge. Following the ceremony the members played cards and did a lot of "talk" after which a smorgasbord was served by the committee consisting of Brothers Howard Bentz, Donald Bentz, Donald Wagner, Carl Soneral, Charles Neil and Alfred Larsen.

One of the interesting happenings was the showing of many old pictures of members and the lodge shown by Brother Hans Rasmussen. We certainly want to thank Brother Hans for bringing the pictures with him.

July 17 we had our monthly pinochle party with our faithful Brothers Stanley Williamson and William Hansen chairmen, with a very able assist from Mrs. Hansen.

Oh yes, our jack pot award went to Brother Charles Neil, so now we must start all over.

Our next party will be August 22 which will be another of the popular stag nights.

ALF. LARSEN, Treas.

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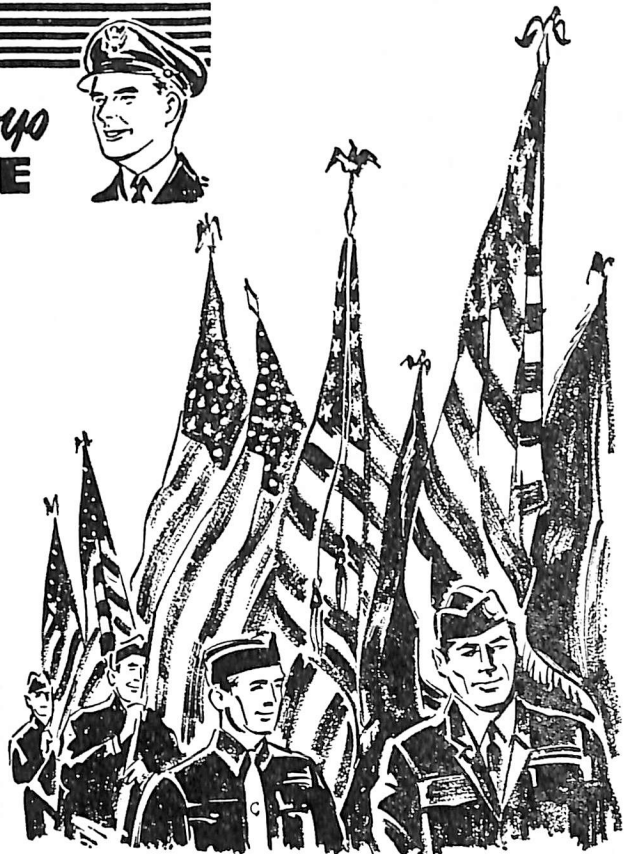
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We Salute



We proudly salute all Danish Brotherhood members who are serving their country on land and sea at home and abroad and ask God's blessing on those who have given their lives for us.



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400 Martin Road, Union, New Jersey 07083**What Is The Beef?**

This is in reference to several articles that have appeared in our Magazine since our 1967 Convention exploring the new method of selecting our officers.

If all those who are concerned about this will look up the proposals submitted by the Supreme Board to the Convention, they will see that the change to the new way of selecting the officers was authorized and endorsed by the then Supreme Officers, six of them, as we all know, re-elected to the "Board of Officers."

The 1967 Convention Law Committee of which I had the honor of being chairman, was given, beside the Book of Proposals, mimeographed copies of letters giving reasons for submitting the proposed changes.

I quote in part some reasons given for recommending the new system — "...This new system is considered by the Board of Officers to be a better means of selecting officers and directors. Since all matters concerning the operation and administration of the Danish Brotherhood in America is left to the Board of Officers between National Conventions, it appears that the Board of Officers should choose their own officers to accomplish those objectives and discharge that responsibility...."

It is only natural that the Law Committee took it for granted that the whole Supreme Board was in accord on the matter.

I personally asked several of the Supreme Board members if they were aware that what now has happened could happen and I got affirmative answers from each one.

So again, what is the beef?

The Supreme Board's recommendation was not the only one along these lines, there were several versions of the same method, but with variations, such as the Board holding elections once each year, thus making it possible for four different Board members to be president between two successive Conventions, and for that matter, four secretary-treasurers.

There is another convention coming up — San Diego in 71 — if we are not satisfied with things the way they are now, let's change them there, but most of all — let us think and analyze before we make changes.

A. B. CHRISTENSEN.

EDITOR'S NOTE —

The big complaint (beef) is that the extraordinary power granted the Board of Officers by the Minneapolis Convention has been used in such a manner that it has seriously crippled our fraternal system which is the backbone of our society.

The new power should have and could have been used to bring us in closer union as Brothers and as friends as well as strengthen our society in all the principles that are the foundation stones of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

EINAR DANIELSEN.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Officers will begin at the Home Office, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska, Monday, September 23, 1968, at 9:00 a. m.

All matters to come before this meeting should preferably be at the Home Office not later than Friday, September 20, 1968.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

A CAREER FOR YOU!

Part of the promotional program for 1968 includes part-time and full-time representatives selling Danish Brotherhood certificates and memberships.

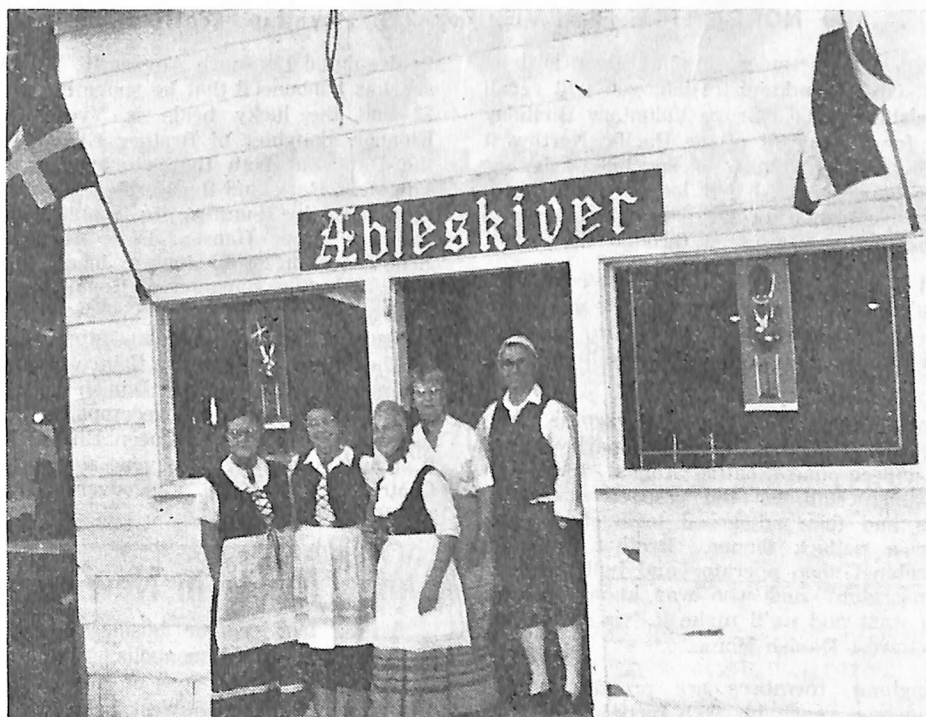
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Askov Celebrates Danish Day



Cool winds and occasional rain were present as Happy Danish Day was celebrated August 24 at Askov, Minnesota. One of the busiest places was the Æbleskiver Store, where teams of local women (about 43 of them) took turns working from early morning until nine in the evening, making the luscious treat for all to enjoy.

Brotherhood and Sisterhood members cooperated with local merchants to help make the day a great success. All business places had beautiful displays of Danish porcelain, embroidery, jewelry and antiques, some having

been brought to the homes in the village by their Danish ancestors.

Miss Virginia Lund, lovely blue-eyed blonde daughter of Brother and Mrs. Jens L. Lund was selected as Danish Day Queen.

Plans are already being formulated to have another Happy Danish Day next year. Maybe bigger and better, and Brothers and Sisters, always proud of their heritage, will be there helping to make it an outstanding event.

BYRON PETERSEN.

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Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$258.50, less taxes \$12.91, net \$245.59.

Albert F. Tunsen: For instituting and installing officers of the new Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nevada: transportation \$427.20, per diem \$75.00; telephone calls incidental \$21.65, total \$523.85.

Einar Danielsen: For attending Lodge No. 59, Menominee, Michigan, for the purpose of endeavoring to prevent the lodge from dissolving: Transportation \$51.40, per diem \$50.00, total \$101.40.

Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$1,067.50, less taxes \$248.40, net \$819.10; for attending Lodge No. 139, Viborg, South Dakota membership rally and initiation of new members: transportation \$28.80, incidental expenses, actual cost incurred \$17.69, total \$46.49.

WANTED:
MORE
NEW
MEMBERS

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

As a feature of charity under the late Past District President Carl N. Grove's administration, you will recall that it was his wish that the "Grove Voluntary Birthday Club" introduced for the benefit of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home, continue. Creating a special Christmas fund, Dad always hoped that all DB lodges would eventually adopt this worthwhile program which his home chapter in Enumclaw has supported through the years.

Tacoma DB 33 Brother Norb Grove has just completed another successful Pierce County Fair as its president for the second year. Sonia, wife of ye editor, has both feet in casts for the next two months resulting from major surgery.

DB 113, Enumclaw, President Elmer Boysen is presently entertaining several relatives from Denmark. Enumclawites toured underground Seattle August 10, came back to their Danish Hall for the respective regular monthly meetings and then adjourned to Brother Jens Holm's home for a potluck dinner. Brother John F. Hansen, former cabinet shop operator and building contractor in "Enumscratch" and who was known to say "tell us what you want and we'll make it," is a resident of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home.

DB 155, Bellingham, members are proud to have Brother Anton Anderson reach his 96th birthday, joining their lodge in 1902, living in California since 1949 and apparently in good health as he walks a regular 10 blocks each day. July 13, Brother Andy Loft entertained the annual lodge picnickers at their Samish Island summer home. Brother Cecil Colpitts has been elected to finish the unexpired term of the late President Arnold Grimlund. Brother John Larson is currently on the Danish Excursion to Denmark.

DB 42, Spokane, had National President Kristen Jorgensen at its September 7 meeting and special guests were the entire membership of Wilbur DB 152. Latest member to join the Inland Empire Danes is Brother Rasmus Leegaard Jespersen of Denmark. Brother Iver Hansen has been accepted as a "Big Brother" in the Spokane County Organization. Spokanians remind you to reserve May 9, 10 and 11 of next year at the Coeur d'Alene Hotel for "you know what." Brother Chris Hansen entertained a cousin from Denmark by touring 2300 miles in ten days through Idaho, Yellowstone Park, Montana and Calgary in Canada. Brother Emil Larsen's cousin from Denmark visited in the Pacific Northwest this summer which included a stay at Brother Charles Portier's home in Seattle.

DB 29, Seattle, Brothers reported on the sick list this trip include Ralph Hansen, C. R. A. Nielsen, Walter Christensen, Bert Jessen, Jens Briggs, John Morrison, Paul Nielsen, Ted Kofoed and Svend Nielsen. Brother Charles Parker was chairman of the Queen City fishing derby to Westport August 25. Brother Ed Olsen is the publisher of their monthly newsletter. Brothers Thorvald Clausen and Sam Frederiksen were judged the best "story tellers" on the night of "fun and exaggeration." At the July 31 meeting, members rose in reverence to the passing of Brother Holger Jensen. Brother and Mrs. John Langsted, picnic chairmen, were given a hearty round of applause for their outstanding efforts.

Brothers Albert Odgaard and Otto Brask's Nordic Fes-

tival saluted Denmark August 15. Brother Kenneth Nielsen has announced that he spoke his marriage vows June 22 and the lucky bride is Yvonne. Danish Princess Eleanor, daughter of Brother Ellery Jensen, represented the Danes at both the Scandinavian Music Festival at Volunteer Park and the Nordic Festival at Seattle Center. Travelers this summer to beautiful Denmark included Brothers Ejner Hansen, Einer Henriksen, Aase Wildt, Arne Petersen, Miller Jensen, John Nielsen and Sig Pedersen. Jody Sue, daughter of Royal Danish Consul Paul O. Nielsen, is now Mrs. Jack S. Cowan, wed in the Magnolia Lutheran Church after having attended Seattle University.

The Danish Community Centre of Vancouver has made arrangements to have the Danish violinist and entertainer Wandy Tworek with his accompanist Jacob Valentin perform at the Vancouver Queen Elizabeth Theatre, October 9 at 8:30 p. m. Reserve your seats at Vancouver Ticket Centre, P.O. Box 2276, Vancouver or phone 683-3255. Also at all Eaton's Stores.

Meets in New Location

At the last regular business meeting the members of Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn., voted to move the meeting place to the Sons of Norway International Headquarters Building, 1425 West Lake Street, Minneapolis.

The future meeting schedule will be the third Friday of each month at 8 p. m. Thus, the next meeting will be September 20. It is hoped these new attractive surroundings will be more appealing to the members and encourage them to attend meetings more frequently.

An effort to obtain more new members will be the goal for this fall season along with more lodge activities.

As you may have read in an earlier issue of the Magazine, Lodge 45 is sponsoring a charter flight to Denmark in 1969. Final arrangements for the charter are being worked out with Scandinavian Airlines. The flight is scheduled to leave from New York the last part of June, 1969, and will be of four to five weeks duration.

Reservations will be on a first come — first served basis. We suggest that you make your reservations now as we already have received a considerable number of requests for seats on this flight. Departure and return dates will be announced as soon as we receive confirmation of these from the airline.

For further information concerning this flight, contact Jens B. Høj, Secretary, DB Lodge 45, 1846 Jefferson Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55105.

JEN B. HØJ, Sec., Lodge 45.

Add to Secretary List

New Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nevada: Mrs. Alice M. Pinkerton, Secretary, 3750 Briarwood Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. Scheduled meeting dates: Last Wednesday of the month.

Lodge No. 212, omitted from secretary's address list because as of July 1, 1968, the lodge has merged into Lodge No. 144, Dike, Iowa.

"Daddy, there's a man at the front door to see you."

"With a bill?"

"No, dad. Just an ordinary nose like yours."

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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Writes From South Dakota

Seven members from the Danish Brotherhood Lodge 139 in Viborg, S. D., ventured on a trek of 100 miles to surprise Brother N. A. Jorgensen of Salem, S. D., and present him with a 60-year membership pin, which by the way, was three years overdue.

But, as the saying goes, everything comes to him who waits. This also applies to residents of South Dakota who have been patiently waiting for a much needed rain, which has now come in abundance and for which they are thankful to the Almighty.

The party went on as parties usually do with visiting and talking over the past 60 years until all got hot and dry. The party finally wound up in a cooler place and also satisfied the dryness of the guests.

The guests also congratulated the "young" Brother on his 90th birthday anniversary which was only 21 days premature. And so the party abated and the jolly good fellows parted declaring it the end of a perfect day in the name of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

N. A. JORGENSEN.

SEPTEMBER ASSESSMENT

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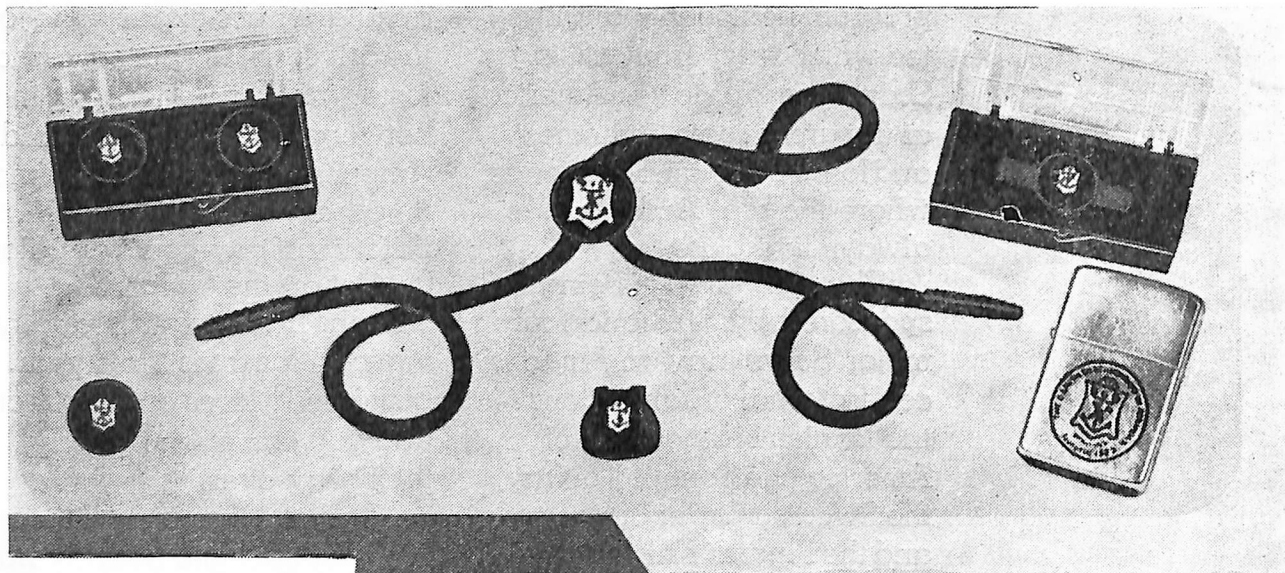
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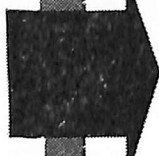
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AXEL SKELBECK,
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Comment on "The Road Ahead"

Concerning the article on "The Road Ahead" by "S. C." in the May issue of the Magazine, I think it should be appreciated by all Brothers.

More important, the answer to this article, in the July issue, by Ib K. Jensen of Lodge 227, should also be appreciated.

This is the kind of thing we need in our Magazine, to hear opposite thinking and views. This is the only thing that will build our organization. If we all had the same thinking, where would be be, but at a standstill.

However, it is important that we respect each other's views and ideas because somewhere when you collect it all, there is nothing but good that will come out of it.

I can't help but emphasize that I strongly suggest that there should never be any article printed or allowed in our Brotherhood Magazine, which is not properly signed.

This is a fraternal organization and therefore we have the right to speak our piece, but if you can't sign your name for some unknown reason, you shouldn't even bother sending it in.

Maybe we are all dumb and ignorant and are supposed to know who "S. C." is.

FLEMMING HINRICHTSEN,
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DB DATA

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AL HEDEGAARD PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

Honor Roll Listings

LODGES

Lodge	Location	Members
4	Racine, Wisconsin	7
49	San Francisco, California	10
51	Ludington, Michigan	6
64	Rockford, Illinois	5
95	Ferndale, California	5
126	Los Angeles, California	21
139	Viborg, South Dakota	16
182	Waukegan, Illinois	9
227	Detroit, Michigan	23
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.	Kurt E. Moller	5
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Peter Pedersen	19
139	Viborg, S. D.	Arnie Sorensen	15
143	Petaluma, Calif.	Jim Larsen	5
144	Dike, Iowa	Gary L. Andersen	7
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mogens Hempel	3
225	Canton, Ohio	John Christensen	3
227	Detroit, Mich.	Jorgen Mau	3
227	Detroit, Mich.	Lawrence C. Sheppard	3
336	Escondido, Calif.	Richard J. Suda	3

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 1 —

Lodge No. 337, Fremont, California.

GROUP II —

Lodge No. 332, Ripon, California.

TOP SPONSOR —

Sigfred Olsen, Lodge No. 337, Fremont, Calif.

A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something which would make you mad if it happened to you.

You can tell Americans trust in God by the way they drive.



NEW MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
4	Racine	Elmer B. Mertins	George Schmidt
111	Austin	Melvin H. Madson	Jens Larsen
111	Austin	Douglas V. Dennison	Jens Larsen
111	Austin	Ernst H. Dennison	Jens Larsen
126	Los Angeles	Kaj B. Hansen	Kurt E. Moller
126	Los Angeles	Jack B. Hansen	Kurt E. Moller
139	Viborg	Grant R. Petersen	Arnie Sorensen
139	Viborg	Dale W. Jorgensen	Arnie Sorensen
139	Viborg	Dean E. Ramsley	Arnie Sorensen
139	Viborg	Richard H. Spomer	Arnie Sorensen
139	Viborg	Helen F. Sorensen	Arnie Sorensen
139	Viborg	Judith A. Ness	Esther Jorgensen
139	Viborg	Larry Ness	Esther Jorgensen
227	Detroit	Aage K. Madsen	Sigfred Jørgensen
227	Detroit	Enberg Jørgensen	Jorgen Mau
227	Detroit	Marvin E. Muehl	L. C. Sheppard
227	Detroit	Joergen B. Storgard	Oscar Sorensen
298	Chicago	Niels Holtet	Jens Holtet
700	Home Office	Heidi L. Nissen	Jim Larsen

JUNIOR MEMBERS

143	Petaluma	Nancy L. Nissen	Jim Larsen
143	Petaluma	Eric H. Nissen	Jim Larsen
143	Petaluma	Troy N. Brown	Jim Larsen
700	Home Office	Raymond Pettigrew	Jim Larsen

Publishing a small magazine is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly, if we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we don't accept contributions, we don't appreciate genius, and if we do print them, the paper is filled with junk. If we edit the other fellow's story, we are too critical, if we do not we're asleep.

If we clip things from other magazines, we're too lazy to write them, if we don't we're stuck with our own stuff.

Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some other publication.

We Did!

The Fraternal System

While all members of fraternal benefit societies must by law be members of some local lodge of the society, the importance of the social aspects of the local lodge has greatly diminished. This is easily understandable in the light of modern developments in communication and travel.

In many societies altruistic and educational activities which are carried on today are of greater importance than the ritualistic ceremonies which were of great significance in earlier years.

Many of the larger fraternal today have a field organization that does not differ from private companies. This was not always the case, because fraternal first obtained new members through the lodge. Because of the structure of many fraternal today with their sales force, training programs, etc., they are respected more by the local associations of the National Association of Life Underwriters, and many fraternal representatives are members of this group.

In past years a fraternal maintained separate reserve funds for various accounts. Today, as in your own society, most of them have gone to a single fund or a two-fund system.

At one time beneficiaries were restricted to immediate family, but today fraternal allow almost any designation allowed by law; such as charitable institutions, colleges, churches, etc. The member has the right to change beneficiaries at will, providing the substitute beneficiary is in an approved class.

Settlement options, which means that the death benefit or surrender benefit can be taken in payments other than lump sum, are available to the holders of many benefit certificates. Their use is constantly increasing.

The values in a fraternal certificate that one does not forfeit in the event of not being able to continue a contract are much like those in a commercial company. There are cash values, extended protection, or paid-up insurance values. A thirty-day grace period and an incontestable clause are also found in fraternal certificates.

A great evolution in the fraternal system has taken place in the last thirty to fifty years. The local lodge, which one day was a very strong attraction in the largely agricultural, immobile society, has greatly decreased in attractiveness. The lodges do continue to be an integral part of the system however. Also in earlier days insurance was offered and people bought because they distrusted private companies. The differences today between the insurance operations of a good fraternal benefit society and a good private company are almost nil.

The differences are now in the non-insurance activities of the fraternal. The lodge system, a representative form of government and programs of a charitable nature continue to be a separate and significant part of the total system and the fraternal benefit societies will no doubt always be a significant part of the total system of insurance protection to the American people. The Danish Brotherhood will probably not continue in the same pattern of fifty years ago, but will continue as part of the great system if it is cognizant of the changes in the system.

She: "Don't drive so fast dear."

He: "Why not?"

She: "That policeman on the motorcycle behind us can't get by."

The Miracle of Life Insurance

I hold in my hand a miracle of paper and ink, and yet because it is of paper and ink, we are prone to think only of the paper and forget the miracle.

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I hold in my hand a piece of paper which guarantees that if my earning power is cut off by early death, my wife will know comfort, security and decency as long as she lives....and thus she will never know want because she pledged her life to me, BUT THAT ISN'T ALL.

I hold in my hand a piece of paper which guarantees that when my earning days are done I shall have the right to live without working....which guarantees that my wife and I may face our declining years without fear, and with anticipation of happy days to come, for when I no longer earn, or no longer want to, we shall have an income as long as we both shall live and as long as the survivor lives thereafter. BUT THAT ISN'T ALL.

I hold in my hand a piece of paper which gives me a share of this world's wealth, a cross section of the finest bonds and mortgages and bank account....a piece of property which I can buy on the installment plan and which is the safest financial plan ever conceived by the mind of men. BUT THAT ISN'T ALL.

I hold in my hand a savings account which is not only absolute in security but creative in effect. Creative because it wraps up in one package my savings plans, my guaranties of my wife's economic dependence, and my own hopes of financial success, and thus puts my savings account out of the reach of petty temptations.... yet keeps it instantly available for emergencies. It is creative because it gives me the overwhelming psychological advantage of working toward a goal; it gives me, instead of the hard job of saving \$50 a month, the easy job of saving \$25,000 at the rate of \$50 a month. And it is creative because having assumed the obligation of saving, I am motivated to greater effort, greater accomplishment and greater earnings. BUT THAT ISN'T ALL.

I hold in my hand a piece of paper which is perhaps the most remarkable contract ever upheld by the laws of civilized land. For this is a unilateral contract....one under which the obligations are all on one side....and by this contract a great financial institution binds itself irrevocably to the future performance of these things I have named, at my option or under certain contingencies....while I assume no obligation, but merely the responsibility of saving money periodically, at all times retaining the right to end the arrangement, whereas the other party to the contract may do so only by my consent.

I hold in my hand a piece of paper which provides all these, and more.

A piece of paper? No....a miracle of paper and ink!

by B. N. WOODSON, from the

Life Association News.

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It would be a good idea for our members who can still qualify to re-evaluate this piece of paper and determine whether it will be the right size to provide the income for old age that is desired, or if it will give the necessary protection in the meantime. Ten thousand dollars cash will provide \$93.90 a month for ten years. It would provide \$61.60 a month for life for a man age 65.

We would be happy to answer questions about your certificate or supply information on what additional insurance could do for you.

Some More!



Last month we introduced two of our special representatives. We were short a picture of Jim Larsen of Petaluma, Calif., so will let you see him this month.

Other special representatives are Peter Banke, Svend Sonderup, Niels Nedergard and Arthur Thode.

Peter Banke and his wife Lucie live at 550 Lewis Ave., San Leandro, Calif. They have two daughters, Karen Ann and Sharon Lee. Peter Banke is with the Caterpillar Tractor Co., and indicates that he is interested in helping young people prepare their financial future. Lodge No. 184 is his home lodge.

Svend Sonderup and his wife Marie are at home at 4225 East 7th Ave., Denver, Colo. Svend is working for the Water Department in Denver, is secretary of his local lodge, No. 43, and is currently secretary-treasurer

of the Colorado-Wyoming District. Svend has been instrumental in getting many new members for the Brotherhood and will no doubt be getting many more as he has a great interest in the Danish Brotherhood.

Niels Nedergard was active in Detroit No. 227 for some years, but is now living in Kent, Wash., with his family. The address of 28823 180th Ave., SE, Kent, Wash., is home, and his wife Rita and daughter Alice, sons Erik, Frank, Bruno and Niels Van, Jr., live with him there. Now a member of Lodge No. 113 at Enumclaw, Wash., he should be in a good location to serve many members in that area and we are looking for the applications of many new members also.

Arthur Thode and wife Emma live on R. R. No. 3, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Rodney and Christi are their children. Art is secretary of No. 144 of Dike, Iowa, and records of the past show many members to his credit. After some studying of material supplied by the Home Office, he should be of better service to members and prospective members. We wish all of them much success.

Surely there are many members in our Brotherhood who would be interested in serving as representatives to our members or prospective members, either part time or full time, just as these and others are doing. Or there are your acquaintances that would be qualified for membership who might wish to have supplemental income while performing a good service to eligible people. Let's hear from you in regard to this. Thank you.

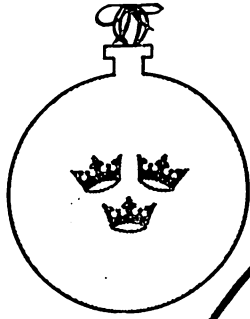


In Loving Memory

Members who have passed away since the last report



Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
July 3	Karl Axel	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	257	New York, New York	1914
July 12	Carl V. Torp	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1915
July 16	Nels Rasmussen	74	Elburn, Illinois	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1931
July 25	Jens P. Andersen	80	Flaverskjold	144	Dike, Iowa	1916
July 16	Hans M. Knudsen	75	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1919
July 15	Anders Thorsen	75	Tommerby	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1911
July 18	Octe M. Rasmussen	73	Trufant, Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1916
July 25	Bruce E. Bell	31	Des Moines, Iowa	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1966
July 21	Rasmus K. Nielsen	94	Aarhus, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1899
July 23	Rasmus Ibsen	71	Grenaa, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1929
July 29	Helge J. Helsing	62	Chicago, Illinois	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1962
July 28	Niels Chr. Andersen	91	Hjorring, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1902
July 2	Vilhelm Vilhelmsen	77	Hammel, Denmark	89	Superior, Wisconsin	1914
July 29	Wendelin Nelson	70	Indiana	245	South Bend, Indiana	1942
Aug 1	Theodor Bodholdt	71	Hellerup, Denmark	257	New York, New York	1934
May 10	Carl F. Jorgensen	72	Aalborg, Denmark	278	Salt Lake City, Utah	1941
July 1	Paul Petersen	65	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1938
July 11	Rasmus Nielsen	88	Lading, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1920
Aug 5	Peter A. Rasmussen	82	Thostrup, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1912
Aug 5	Niels Aage Andersen	53	Grenaa, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1938
July 28	Holger Jensen	61	Velslev, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1957
Aug 8	Paul Chr. Munkholm	62	Vejle, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1964
June 20	Christine Olsen	75	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1966
Aug 8	Lauritz P. Hansen	77	Odense, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1967



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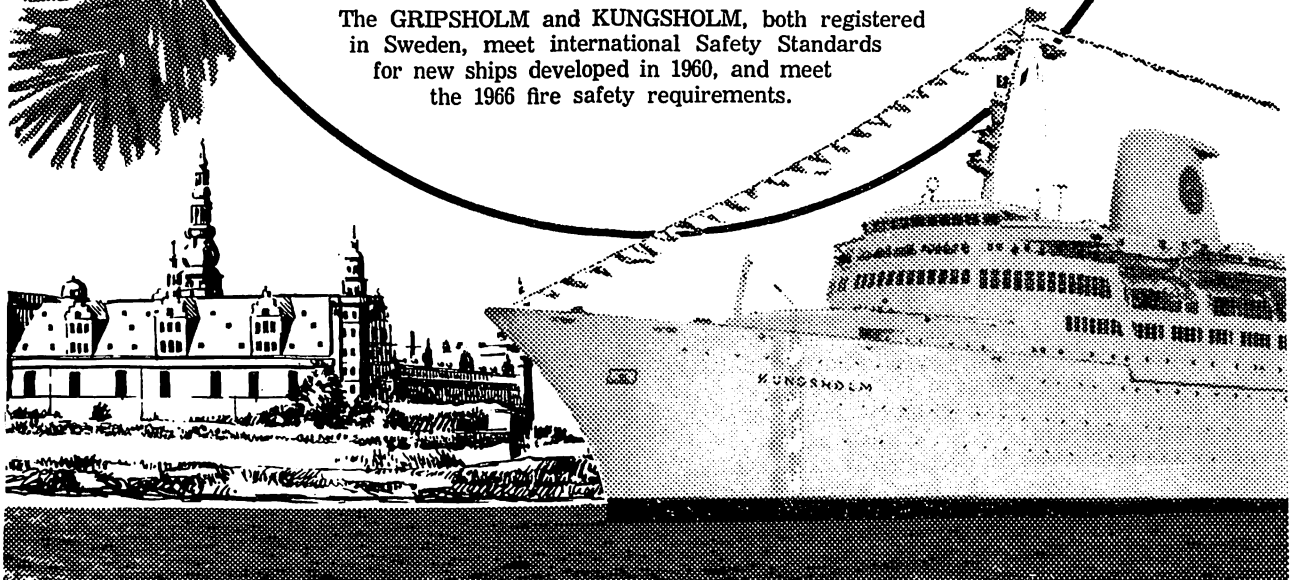
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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

GCEL News: Dear Brothers: The president of the GCEL, Elmer W. Jensen has appointed me chairman for a proposed charter flight to Denmark in 1969. It is to be known as "Flight '69." Most people would not think or worry today about their vacation in 1969. However, a charter flight must be planned for in advance in order to make proper arrangements.

Plans are to leave John F. Kennedy Airport in mid-June and return in mid-July. More details will be coming as we get them, but in the meantime, why don't you go ahead and make your plans for a vacation to Denmark in 1969? If I can be of any help to you, please don't hesitate to contact me — Flemming Hinrichsen, Chairman of "Flight '69," 80 West Albermarle Ave., Lansdowne, Pa. 19050.

Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y. Brother Chris M. Poulsen passed away in July. Brother Chris was born in Hjørring Amt, Denmark and joined our lodge in 1922. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. Brother Andrew Eskildsen's wife, Marion, is seriously ill in Penn Yan Hospital.

Our annual picnic was held at Caugua State Park and was attended by a large group of Brothers, Sisters and friends.

Laurids S. Pedersen, Sec.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. We were happy to welcome home Brother and Sister Rasmussen, Sister Guldhaug and several non-members from their recent six-week tour of Denmark. They all enjoyed themselves immensely and they look it. We'll be interested in hearing of their experiences at our future meetings.

Our belated sympathy to the family of Brother Paul H. Petersen, past president of the GCEL.

Carl W. Sorensen, Corres., 102.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. Brother Carl Ingeholm's wife Elsie passed away July 10. She was well known among most of the Brothers. We all know it is a great loss to Brother Carl and our sincere sympathy goes to him and his family.

Brother Wayne Williams, now serving in the armed forces, managed to get time out to get married. The wedding took place June 15, congratulations to the bride and groom. Congratulations are also in order for Brother Robert Nielsen, whom we all thought was a confirmed bachelor. Brother Robert found a fair maiden and was married June 15. Once more congratulations and best of luck to the bride and groom. Sheilah St. Clair is a Louisville, Ky., girl whom Brother Robert Godthaab has chosen for his life partner. The young couple announced their engagement and wedding plans are talked about. Congratulations.

A picnic held at Brother and Mrs. Pete William's home in Holmdel, N. J., Saturday, August 3 was well attended, the weather was fine and a wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

Brothers beware! This is the last notification in the Magazine about our dinner-dance to be held Saturday, October 12. Only 110 tickets will be sold — first come, first served. Your president, vice president and secretary and several other officers have tickets and details about the affair. Contact anyone of them, but do it now.

The dinner-dance will be held in Mountainside Inn, Route 22, Mountainside, N. J. A prime rib of beef dinner will be served, beer will be served with your meal and is included in the ticket price of \$7.50 per person. Music will be provided by Chris Pedersen, Jr., and his orchestra. There will be no formalities, no speakers, just a nice evening out seeing old friends and meeting new faces. All reservations must be made and tickets accounted for by October 5.

Viggo Nielsen.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. The "Danish Night" planned for September 14 has been postponed to Saturday, September 28. It will be a dinner-dance affair and former DB Promotional Director Paul E. Strand and wife Lil will be in attendance. Brother Strand is now Director of Development at Dana College, Blair, Nebr.

At our meeting July 26, Brother Jens Miller was elected trustee as Trustee Jørn G. Hansen was appointed financial secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. We were happy to see Brother Sofus Christensen at our meetings again, and hope to see him at all our functions in the future.

A Danish movie "Timber Canada" was shown for the first time in the USA at the lodge meeting held August 9. The movie was about Danish Crown Princess Margrethe's tour of Canada.

Our September meeting should be called WELCOME BACK meeting to all the members coming back from vacation, and if you have taken some good movies or slides from USA or Denmark, let us all be part of your vacation and then start to attend all lodge meetings, remember, Lodge 325 IS YOU.

My husband is such a philanthropist...always giving the neckties I buy him to some charity.

SCANDINAVIAN INN

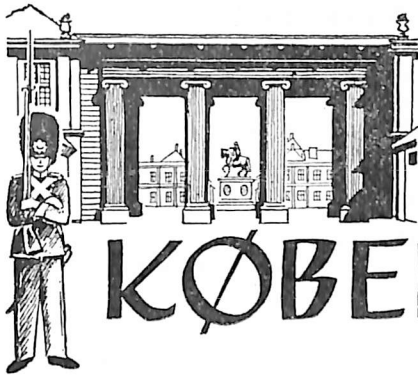
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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

The day prior to the start of the California General Committee 1968 convention in Oakland, held August 17 and 18, many of the people had come to take part in the convention and others journeyed to the proposed site for a Danish Brotherhood Cultural Center.

There were, beside many bay area dwellers, people from Las Vegas, Nev.; San Diego, Los Angeles, Seattle, Wash., and maybe other places, all interested in learning about the plans for this worthwhile Cultural Center project that we hope will materialize.

It is just getting out of the dream stage and starting to become a reality. The lands that are to be sold to DB members who wish to help a Danish community close to about a 400-acre cultural complex, are selling fast with nearly a hundred acres having been "ordered" at this writing. The hundred-acre sale is a must as the down payment of about \$60,000 must be made on the 1,000-acre parcel before December 1, 1968.

The people we talked with on the site and during the convention who made the trip seemed very pleased with the property and especially enthusiastic about the proposed enlargement of the existing 10-acre lake that can and will be enlarged to cover 27 acres with a proposed picnic area strip around it that will be open to everyone settling in the as yet unnamed community.

Among the many visitors to the site were the President of our National Board of Officers, Kris Jorgensen and assisting in showing off the place, Vice President Albert Tunsen, together with Cultural Committee Chairman Melvin Oredsen.

The party returned to Oakland in time to join in the welcoming celebration staged at the convention headquarters, the Hotel Claremont; the hosts, DB 39 and DSS 17, seeing that all guests were treated royally.

The convention's reception in the evening was highlighted by welcome speeches of the local presidents, Brother Aage Lundquist, No. 39, and Carol Hansen, No. 17; city officials and Chamber of Commerce representatives; and the two General Committee heads, Brother Willie Christensen and Sister Dagmar Aasted.

A talent contest arranged by the Sisters featured a children's drill team and folk dancing group sponsored by two Petaluma Sisters. The team is composed of children from three to fourteen years of age and they easily captured the evening's most appreciative applause from the spectators.

The evening warmed up with dancing to the Brothers Heiser's Orchestra, both Harold and Andy belonging to Lodge 184, Hayward, since the year 1941.

The convention sessions started Friday morning and were honored by having present the two top ranking officers of our order, President Kristen Jorgensen and Vice President Albert Tunsen who both enlightened the delegates on the latest developments inside our organization and joined in welcoming the delegates of the newest link in our chain of Brotherhood lodges, Silver State Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, Nev., Alice Pinkerton and Jutta Reed.

After the routine matters had been taken care of, most of the convention time was consumed in discussion of the proposed Cultural Center project.

A scale model of the 1000-acre plot prepared by the project engineer was displayed as were many blown-up pictures of the area. Also at hand were the committee legal advisors, who like the engineer, answered the many questions directed to them by the delegates.

It appears the listeners thought the project sensible for Cultural Chairman Mel Oredsen reported doing a land-office business both at the meeting and on the Friday evening Viking Cruise.

That cruise, by the way, proved to be by far the zenith in the festive part of the convention and the leader of that event, Brother Arnold Jensen, was the recipient of much praise from the participants in the adventure.

During the Saturday morning session, several new proposals were processed. Lodge 126, Los Angeles, was the successful bidder for the 1969 convention.

The following officers were elected to guide the destiny of the General Committee during the ensuing one-year term: Past President Willie Christensen, President Alfred Vestergaard, Vice President Eric Roug, Secretary-Treasurer Charlotte (Tunsen) Scott, Trustees Dan Mogensen, Alice Pinkerton and Laurence Olsen, Conductor Arnold Jensen, Inner Guard Paul Sorensen and Outer Guard Fvode Kargard.

These newly elected officers were installed later in the day, the installation being performed jointly with that of the Sister's General Committee with the two visiting National Officers, President Kris Jorgensen and Vice President Albert Tunsen, as installing officer and install-

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ing conductor, respectively. Both were well versed in the installation rituals which was appreciated by the large audience.

The installing conductor's task was made easier in that a beautifully gowned, well-trained escort and drill team led the way around the floor to the respective officer's stations.

The drill team presented an impressive series of drills at the conclusion of the installation. In spots it tugged at the heart strings and we believe it is the best performance we have witnessed by this always superb team of Sisters under the leadership of Sisters Louise Banke and Elva Hansen.

Festivities culminated with a banquet Saturday evening at which Brother Arnold Jensen acted as master of ceremonies and during which the winner of the General Committee's bowling tournament was announced — for the first time ever a San Diego team won.

The bowling trophy, donated by the late Norman Dan Andker and named in his honor, was presented to the winning team by the widow of the donor, Sister Ruby Andker and Bowling Chairman A. B. Christensen.

The convention came to an end somewhere around 2 a. m., Sunday. That is, as far as the dancing was concerned. We heard that several private parties did not break up until sunup.

It is possible there may be a joint Sister and Brotherhood General Committee Denmark excursion in 1969.

The best looking officers in the Brothers General Committee are the newly married Secretary-Treasurer Charlotte Scott, daughter of National Vice President Albert Tunsen and Past President of the General Committee Ethel Tunsen, who acted as installing marshal for the Sisters; and the newcomer to our ranks, Alice Pinkerton, the secretary of our baby lodge, Silver State No. 339, who was seated as one of the three Trustees.

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Paul E. Sorensen, activity committee chairman for Lodge 184, Hayward, reminds us that the 65th anniversary of the lodge is November 1, this year and the event will be celebrated the following Friday evening, November 8, at a dinner and dance in the Hill and Valley Club, 1808 "B" Street, Hayward.

Tickets for the dinner at \$5 each are available from Brother Sorensen and other committee members, including the secretary.

Paul tells us that on the menu there are such delicacies as "Flæskesteg med Rødkaal" and "Citron Fromage," and that there will be red and white wine, the price of which is included in the cost of the ticket.

Midwest District Convention

The Midwest District Convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan, Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6, 1968. Details of the arrangements will be available later.

With the facilities of Lodge No. 227 we are looking forward to a great convention and an enjoyable visit to Detroit.

EINAR DANIELSEN,
Sec.-Treas., Midwest Dist.

Servicemen's Addresses

So that our members who are serving in the armed forces may keep abreast of the matters concerning the society we are requesting that lodge secretaries send the names and addresses of members who are presently serving their country to the publisher. These names and addresses will be published in a coming issue of the paper so the serviceman will not be forgotten.

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