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Hilmar Wilhelm Hansen

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We have just received word here at the Home Office that former Supreme Officer Hilmar W. Hansen, has passed away. Brother Hilmar was a member of Lodge No. 78, Salt Lake City, Utah. He was admitted to membership in that Lodge December 27, 1912, at the age of 20. He was a faithful member of the Brotherhood for 56 years.

Brother Hilmar was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, August 5, 1892 and had reached his 76th birthday August 5, 1968. He served as delegate from his Lodge to many National Conventions. It was at the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1943 that he was elected to the Supreme Board as Trustee. At the convention in 1947, held at Seattle, Wash., he was again elected to the Supreme Board as Second Trustee, and at the convention in 1951 at Detroit, Mich., he was elected to the Board as Second Vice President. In 1955 at the convention held in Racine, Wis., he retired from the Board.

He again served as delegate from his Lodge to the National Conventions in 1959 at Omaha, Nebr., and in 1963 at Erie, Pa.

Brother Hilmar left Salt Lake City several years ago to make his home in Redondo Beach, Calif., where he was residing at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, Erika, who lives at 525 North Francisca Avenue, Redondo Beach, Calif. 90277, and two sons.

The membership extends heartfelt sympathy to the family in the loss of their beloved husband and father.

FOR THE BOARD OF OFFICERS,

AXEL SKELBECK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

In Memory of Hilmar W. Hansen

My friend is dead and I miss him.

How can I write a memorial about him that will describe him as he really was?

Do I fill my paper with a multitude of all the flowery adjectives he deserves, or do I write a black-velvety solemn obituary of all his past glories?

No, I don't think he would have wanted it that way.

Of one thing though, am I sure, that wherever our departed loved ones go, be it heaven or Nirvana or Valhalla, where my friend is, is a glorious never ending Danish Brotherhood Lodge and his seat is right next to the president.

Does someone call this blasphemy? It is not so intended, but seems to me to be crystal clear logic, the zenith of all his accomplishments and desires of this world, for this was his work and hope, his ambitions and wishes, yes his whole life.

Whatever my friend did, at home or at work, in his church or at meeting, his mind and heart was always radiating a spirit of straight-forward, old-fashioned fraternalism and brotherhood in a manner only the "old-



timers" can really understand, and that this deep-rooted and unshakeable devotion led him to the pinnacle of a Supreme Office, is just another proof of logics basic rule of cause and effect.

But it was in his local Lodge, in his District and in his community that his image was created, because whatever project he was connected with he left his unmistakable imprint on. He was the born leader of men and they followed willingly. His talents were legion, though his rewards were wanting.

As a token of their respect and esteem, his Brothers made him an honorary life member of his Lodge, when he, due to failing health had to abandon the office he had held for 39 years, a gesture he greatly appreciated.

Yes, my friend is dead and I miss him, for I know that I can never fill the shoes he left me, but he gave me a bit of that rich spirit of his and for that I am grateful — only it is so lonely now he is gone.

BORGE KRAGH.

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Valuation Exhibit

In conformity with statutory requirements, we are publishing herewith a valuation made by our consulting actuary, George V. Stennes & Associates, of the certificates in good standing on December 31, 1968

This valuation is not to be regarded as a test of the financial solvency of The Danish Brotherhood, but is made to determine the amount the society should have on hand in order to pay its future death losses as they mature, without change in the number of amount of assessments. The valuation was made on the 1941 C.S.O. Tables of Mortality with 2½% interest assumption.

ASSETS

1. Admitted assets\$5,017,474.75

LIABILITIES—Actual and Contingent

2. Present value of benefits promised (life reserve)	2,949,859.00
3. Additional amounts to protect benefit certificates (includes \$255,497.26 in fraternal fund)	1,067,146.48
4. Mandatory securities valuation reserve ..	200,938.19
5. Death claims incurred, settlement not completed	16,143.74
6. Refunds left on deposit	257.46
7. Estimated refunds payable in 1969	54,000.00
8. Advance assessments	378.31
9. Amounts due field workers	161.13
10. Amounts withheld by society as agent	161.70
11. Accrued expenses and taxes (including \$10,000.00 set aside for future National Convention expenses)	10,635.08
12. Reserve for retirement plan	36,585.69
13. Employee contributions under retirement plan	3,294.28

14. TOTAL\$4,339,561.06

The ratio of Line 1 to Line 14 is 115.62%.

News From Lodge 45, Minneapolis

On Friday evening, February 28, Lodge 45 of Minneapolis and St. Paul celebrated its annual Fastelavns party.

This was preceded by the monthly meeting at which time the new officers were installed. Past President Christ W. Pedersen officiated at this ceremony with the assistance of Brother Holger Fisher. The new officers are as follows:

President Duane E. Young, Vice President Niels Fruhstuck, Secretary Jens B. Høj, Financial Secretary Mrs. Betty Young, Treasurer Mrs. Marie Pilegaard, Trustees

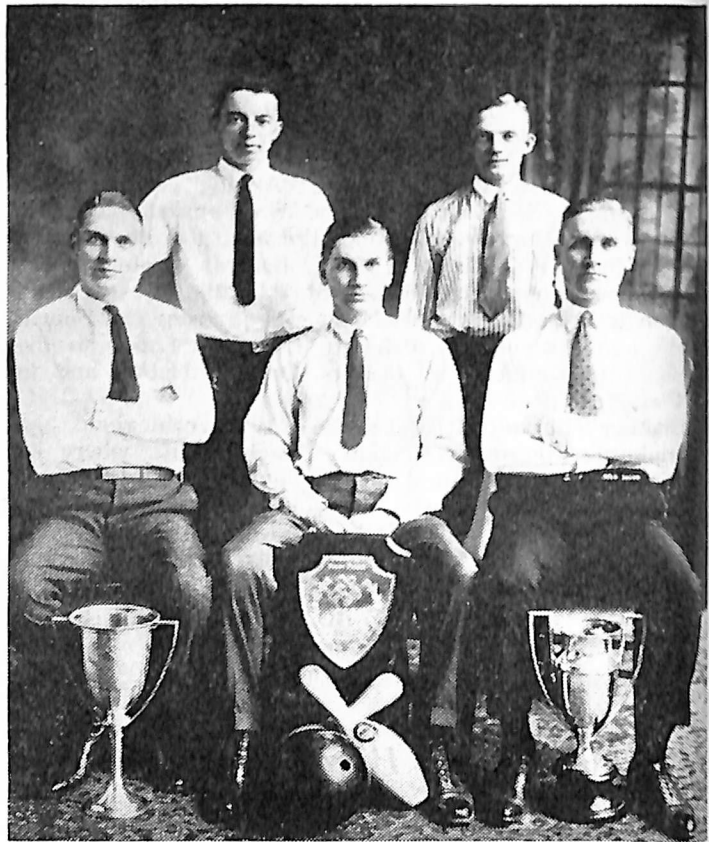
Harold J. Chrysler, Robert Brown and Hans Olsen, Conductor Mrs. Dorothy Grand and Inner Guard Peter Nikolaisen.

Next Brother Pedersen initiated three new members. They were greeted and congratulated by all members present. The meeting was concluded with a short talk by the new President Duane Young.

The dance which followed the business meeting was attended by over 100 members and friends, and lively music was furnished by the Johnsen Orchestra from Askov, Minn. Refreshments were served and a special thanks should be given to the persons on the committee who prepared and served the food. They were Mr. and Mrs. Jens Høj, Mr. and Mrs. Peder Pilegaard, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Grand.

After the evening was over our only comment can be, "A good time was had by all."

Bowling Champions 1923



The above picture shows the champions of the very first DB National Bowling Tournament. They are, left to right back row: C. P. Carlsen and Fred Andersen; front row, C. Karkow, Andy Karkow and W. Karkow and represented Lodge No. 58.

In 1923, Chicago had a total of six Lodges and each Lodge entered one team in the national tournament.

Supreme Vice President Claus Jensen of Lodge 298 was the tournament chairman and he appointed Andy Karkow, one of Chicago's outstanding bowlers, to be the tournament manager.

In the early twenties, bowling cost about 15¢ per line and sometimes included a free lunch. Today we find bowling a little more expensive but still a great sport and we urge all of our members to enter both district and national tournaments for sociability and competitive fun.

—EDITOR.

MICHIGAN-OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

by **ROBERT SORENSEN**, 12906 Montrose,
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Ludington, Michigan, Lodge No. 51 —

At our regular meeting held February 13, we initiated Oscar Peterson. He was initiated by President William Smith. For our jackpot, the name of Harold Sherman was drawn, but he was not present at our meeting. Following the meeting, lunch was served by President Smith.

On the evening of February 14 we held a Valentine's Day dance at the Danish Hall. Conductor Carl Soneral was general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Soneral, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wagner, Lars Christoffersen, Albert Christoffersen, Frank Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Larsen. The hall was decorated in the Valentine motif by Mrs. Soneral and Mrs. Wagner. Door awards were presented to Richard Hamilton and Mrs. Alfred Larsen.

At the monthly pinochle party February 19, held at the Danish Hall, the committee was Brother and Mrs. William Hansen as chairman, Brothers Stanley Williamson, Albert Christoffersen and Mrs. J. M. Jeppesen served a potluck luncheon following the games.

At the meeting February 27, the name of Brother Hans Rasmussen was called for the jackpot award, but he was not present.

At the regular meeting held March 13, we had Brother Peter A. Larsen with us, who had just returned from a tour of duty in Libya and was home on furlough. He showed colored slides and told us of some of his experiences in that part of the world. Very interesting and surely a different land than ours. The name of Brother Harvey Johnson was called for our jackpot, but he was not present to win the award.

Trustee Donald Wagner is presently organizing a membership drive and is busily arranging his committees and getting things ready. The date for this will be April 24, and big things are in the making.

Our next dance will be April 21 with Brothers Albert Christoffersen and Kenneth Johnson in charge, and we hope to see more of our members and guests attend our functions as good times are had and the fellowship is most rewarding.

ALF LARSEN, Publicity.

Detroit, Michigan, Lodge No. 227 —

On March 12, before the regular meeting, the Lodge had a dinner for the Brothers and their wives and also for the Sisterhood. The menu consisted of medister pølse, red cabbage and browned potatoes, along with coffee and coffee cake. The cost was \$1.50 per person, and because of the fine turnout, about 130 people, we have decided to continue this plan on a monthly basis with a different menu each month, Danish of course.

At the regular Lodge meeting there were 77 Brothers in attendance during which four new Brothers in the persons of Gordon Spence, Erik Hansen, Herluf Kjolhede and Harold Riisager were initiated and welcomed to the Lodge and the Brotherhood by Past Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen.

Brother Axel Lohman gave a report on the progress of the preparations being made by the committee for the Michigan-Ohio District convention which will be hosted by Detroit on the weekend of May 31 and June 1. It promises to be a fine convention.

After the meeting March 12, Brother James Hansen showed a very interesting movie entitled "Delightful Denmark." It was enjoyed by all who saw it.

On March 9, Danish Consul Marshall Fredericks of Detroit, hosted an open house at our club facilities in

honor of King Frederick's 70th birthday. The turnout was excellent, with about 300 persons attending.

ROBERT SORENSEN.

Greenville, Michigan, Lodge No. 70 —

Greenville is getting ready to entertain an estimated 40,000 visitors this summer at their fifth annual Danish Festival, scheduled for August 23.

A fairy tale parade is scheduled for Friday night; however, the official festival program will begin at 10 a. m. Saturday as Buck Barry, Grand Rapids television celebrity and his famous horse Thunder entertain early arrivals. The parade will begin at 1 p. m. Colorful booths along the parade route will offer a wide variety of Danish food specialties. Smorgasbord lunches will be offered in several locations.

An afternoon of athletic contests, an outdoor art fair and special events will give way to the Danish Festival dance Saturday evening. At the dance drawings will be made for more than \$1,500 in prizes including an all expense 21-day trip for two to Denmark.

The annual Greenville Danish Festival is affiliated with the Michigan Chain of Festivals Association. Mrs. Harry Freeman, executive director of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce is the Danish Festival director.

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:
FEBRUARY 1969 —

Kristen Jorgensen: Salary \$258.50, less taxes \$13.95, net \$244.55.

Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$1,150.00, less taxes \$276.03, net \$873.97.

AGE — What a woman is often shy in telling — in more ways than one.

**Pacific Northwest District
Danish Brotherhood
GROUP FLIGHTS TO DENMARK
IN 1969 VIA SAS JET
Direct From Seattle**

JUNE 16th TO AUGUST 4th — Seven Weeks

JULY 14th TO AUGUST 4th — Three Weeks

AUGUST 28th TO SEPTEMBER 25th — Four Weeks

Round Trip Fares

Adults \$396.00 — Child (under 12) \$198.00

Infant (under 2) \$26.90

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Annual Report of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance	Fraternal Benefits Paid	Extra Help Paid	Total Assets			
1	Omaha	188	\$215.28	\$138,500			\$18,490.37			
3	Davenport	21	57.15	23,000			1,133.93			
4	Racine	440	458.52	239,500			356,222.00			
9	Oshkosh*	13	6.82	9,000						
10	Council Bluffs	69	99.91	52,125	323.34		35,727.92			
11	Clinton	19	17.70	12,875	25.00		5,400.00			
12	Green Bay	12	4.93	8,125	98.00		1,964.50			
14	Kenosha	157	167.61	100,125	1,106.00		58,866.17			
15	Des Moines	51	56.70	31,625	125.00	1,055.00	8,822.29			
16	Minden	119	354.02	146,000			2,663.65			
17	Chicago	170	184.06	97,875	928.18	150.00	1,774.80			
26	Fremont	25	50.54	26,000	103.00		1,071.05			
29	Seattle	245	365.26	183,360	492.00		77,189.81			
30	Muskegon	47	51.19	28,500			2,542.74			
32	New Haven*	64	67.24	41,375						
33	Tacoma	23	17.73	10,500						
34	Dwight	53	86.79	53,500			688.73			
35	Chicago	59	43.46	26,000	506.00	575.00	21,403.74			
36	Milwaukee	63	39.16	26,500			520.09			
37	Bridgeport	31	23.48	23,875	37.00	50.00	7,207.55			
38	Laramie	11	13.60	11,000			1,704.05			
39	Oakland	138	164.60	102,000	592.15		60,278.29			
41	Derby	34	36.72	22,875	96.00		3,944.60			
42	Spokane	63	95.98	43,250			2,370.81			
43	Denver	133	177.58	96,500			27,018.59			
45	Minneapolis	159	134.26	81,375			12,050.00			
46	Perth Amboy	66	93.67	52,750	325.00		10,258.64			
49	San Francisco	216	199.03	105,000	2,431.35		20,210.54			
50	Byram*	33	35.18	19,375						
51	Ludington	160	118.05	64,125			24,264.33			
56	Kansas City	63	64.23	38,500			2,436.56			
59	Menominee	47	46.70	41,375						
62	Sioux City	29	43.72	28,625			4,091.91			
64	Rockford	51	52.62	33,000			1,834.40			
65	Duluth	23	13.16	12,000			2,173.00			
67	Fresno	70	103.99	51,375	375.00		11,430.35			
70	Greenville	103	107.47	54,625			14,352.34			
71	Penn Yan	83	141.67	71,375	175.00		23,300.00			
73	Alden	14	6.88	14,125			1,575.00			
75	Albert Lea*	97	157.73	77,000						
77	Turin*	12	16.88	14,000						
78	Salt Lake City	33	53.71	20,000	35.00		1,558.72			
84	Lincoln	60	147.83	66,000			3,288.79			
85	Rochester	11	5.13	4,500			241.94			
89	Superior	21	5.51	4,125			670.89			
90	Port Reading	19	17.21	12,250			659.94			
92	St. Charles	70	104.62	49,250		323.00	6,351.75			
95	Ferndale	50	81.00	37,750	122.85	25.00	13,373.49			
96	Jackson	13	12.96	7,875	90.00		611.99			
102	Providence	34	40.97	17,000			901.51			
103	Waterbury	20	44.55	29,125			1,002.36			
106	Trufant*	101	157.18	78,375						
107	Chicago	36	64.63	28,125			459.66			
109	White	5	3.50	3,500			219.29			
110	Winside*	35	35.58	20,000						
111	Austin	45	34.27	21,750			3,302.52			
112	Portland*	19	14.35	10,250						
113	Enumclaw	48	65.96	27,250			12,959.41			
116	Newark	145	284.64	124,125			11,142.12			
117	Plainview	72	87.97	56,500			362.62			
121	Tyler	21	13.96	13,750			223.02			
125	W'ping Water	36	38.78	20,500	177.00		1,537.00			
126	Los Angeles	415	551.63	248,125			37,086.00			
128	Avoca	9	3.44	5,250			390.57			
134	Ringsted	27	25.00	22,625			180.14			
139	Viborg	82	70.71	35,375			8,428.36			
141	Irene	8	6.15	5,750			153.58			
143	Petaluma	79	42.96	36,625	489.30		10,792.43			
144	Dike	139	245.86	113,500			3,552.65			
147	Newell	40	45.25	26,375			778.53			
148	Cheyenne*	15	14.89	19,000						
149	Luverne	36	14.74	19,375			290.00			
150	Rorbeck	13	6.69	5,570						
152	Wilbur*	26	11.21	14,125						
153	Dannevirke	14	7.40	12,500			35.79			
155	Bellingham	27	28.71	12,875						
157	Audubon*	4	2.65	2,500						
160	Underwood*	6	4.23	4,000						
161	Ruskin	44	100.05	35,125						1,391.66
163	Edmore*	14	4.61	7,000						
164	New York	53	48.02	31,875						
167	Portland	112	147.46	74,875				567.00		8,613.16
169	Hubbard*	9	4.82	4,250						
170	Rocky River	55	80.62	45,375						
171	Jamestown	24	20.97	15,250				104.00		1,571.69
172	Philadelphia	105	124.12	58,125						4,201.83
173	Kansas City	20	11.58	14,375						158.99
175	Jacksonville	6	5.99	5,250						
177	Cordova	46	54.06	37,750				64.00		1,687.13
181	Sidney	46	50.17	28,000						
182	Waukegan	81	55.22	46,625						3,205.35
183	Troy	59	85.89	45,375						
184	Hayward	52	64.43	39,000				84.27		4,662.76
185	Madison	8	3.57	2,750						124.11
186	Luck	36	37.49	21,875						5,362.50
190	Schenectady	109	120.35	87,625				681.50		48,600.71
194	McMinnville	30	18.97	12,250						1,995.78
195	Omaha	46	58.46	33,125				66.00		1,703.93
202	Warren	34	45.67	22,625				151.70		1,461.91
205	Brooklyn	25	21.56	10,875						
206	Blair*	6	3.81	5,125						
210	Grand Rapids*	9	5.21	4,500						
211	Grand Island	30	28.25	14,250						175.23
213	Ord*	15	16.18	11,000						
214	West Point	7	7.95	4,000						50.78
215	Battle Creek	6	2.41	1,750						160.38
217	Humboldt*	36	24.62	11,125						
219	Clear Lake*	51	46.79	36,250						
221	Latimer	7	2.77	4,000						
225	Canton	38	67.46	26,625						2,175.43
227	Detroit	502	531.31	258,875				2,886.40	19.00	413,732.78
228	Indianapolis	6	6.03	5,500						464.31
230	Arcata	31	16.37	9,750				50.00		14,992.92
233	Toledo	14	14.62	9,750						
234	Woodstock	7	9.73	5,375				144.00		468.98
238	Juhl	15	8.88	10,500						85.80
239	Lake Forest	10	6.47	5,250						2,291.71
240	Rochester	11	5.25	3,125						679.36
241	Sayreville	41	37.97	20,750				202.00	806.67	6,865.61
242	Erie	134	142.88	76,750				540.00		109,353.95
245	South Bend	41	48.45	26,375						7,273.54
248	New York	6	4.55	3,875						1,363.37
251	Devils Lake	5	2.65	3,000						428.13
254	Brush*	12	10.19	8,750						
255	Selma	66	61.11	33,500						11,711.47
257	New York	22	15.82	10,375						900.00
259	Colman	6	4.15	4,000						
260	Williston*	10	7.49	7,500						
261	Fowler	58	68.21	35,250						3,025.00
262	Cozad	17	15.35	10,500						136.90
263	Askov	115	130.83	89,750						3,344.21
264	Pocatello	28	46.81	21,000						1,459.70
267	Brigham City	4	4.31	3,000						99.86
268	Junction City	50	32.42	19,625						6,729.53
273	Dillon	53	76.23	41,750						2,872.17
278	Salt Lake City*	22	24.50	8,875						
279	Hunter*	10	9.16	7,625						
281	Cincinnati	13	9.10	8,500						719.79
283	Dagmar	100	83.14	53,625				735.00		7,927.63
288	Cotesfield	23	44.62	18,000						323.47
294	Barre	57	112.78	56,500						3,210.89
298	Chicago	34	48.62	28,750						3,336.00
299	Solvang	95	100.48	47,125				320.00	57.50	6,424.85
300	Oneonta*	27	35.09	16,750						
301	Akron*	40	76.48	42,250						
306	San Diego	85	76.90	38,000						5,666.46
308	McCabe	7	4.86	5,750						391.56
314	Hartford	139	145.03	89,250				1,224.00		28,471.20
315	Buffalo	4	16.57	5,750						
318	Copenhagen	122								
319	Bakersfield	35	39.61	19,625						1,941.60
321	W. Palm Bch.	28	29.37	13,250	</					

JUVENILE MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Monthly Assessment	Total Insurance
1	Omaha, Nebr.	12	\$26.84	\$21,500.00
4	Racine, Wis.	12	15.24	10,500.00
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	12	10.44	8,500.00
14	Kenosha, Wis.	10	16.70	11,000.00
15	Des Moines, Iowa	2	3.13	2,000.00
16	Minden, Nebr.	14	20.39	14,500.00
17	Chicago, Ill.	1	2.31	1,500.00
26	Fremont, Nebr.	5	4.49	3,000.00
29	Seattle, Wash.	17	25.13	17,500.00
30	Muskegon, Mich.	5	1.90	2,500.00
32	New Haven, Conn.	4	4.46	3,000.00
34	Dwight, Ill.	2	5.12	3,500.00
35	Chicago, Ill.	5	8.87	5,000.00
36	Milwaukee, Wis.	2	2.96	2,000.00
39	Oakland, Calif.	8	8.03	6,000.00
41	Derby, Conn.	2	1.13	1,500.00
42	Spokane, Wash.	4	3.00	4,000.00
43	Denver, Colo.	20	28.38	18,500.00
46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	7	13.20	9,000.00
51	Ludington, Mich.	3	3.56	2,500.00
64	Rockford, Ill.	1	2.27	1,500.00
67	Fresno, Calif.	7	4.52	4,000.00
71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	20	31.34	23,500.00
75	Albert Lea, Minn.	10	13.94	9,500.00
77	Turin, Iowa	2	2.91	2,000.00
84	Lincoln, Nebr.	5	6.81	4,500.00
90	Port Reading, N. J.	3	3.71	3,000.00
92	St. Charles, Ill.	7	10.52	7,000.00
95	Ferndale, Calif.	3	4.49	3,000.00
106	Trufant, Mich.	1	1.46	1,000.00
107	Chicago, Ill.	5	7.74	5,000.00
110	Winside, Nebr.	1	1.45	1,000.00
111	Austin, Minn.	6	8.28	5,500.00
112	Portland, Maine	1	1.46	1,000.00
113	Enumclaw, Wash.	5	5.81	6,500.00
116	Newark, N. J.	22	32.62	22,000.00
117	Plainview, Nebr.	1	1.47	1,000.00
125	Weeping Water, Nebr.	1	3.85	2,500.00
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	32	43.89	28,000.00
143	Petaluma, Calif.	11	9.95	15,500.00
144	Dike, Iowa	20	16.41	14,500.00
155	Bellingham, Wash.	8	10.78	8,500.00
164	New York, N. Y.	2	1.50	1,000.00
167	Portland, Ore.	22	28.23	22,500.00
170	Rocky River, Ohio	1	1.57	1,000.00
171	Jamestown, N. Y.	1	.71	500.00
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	21	31.34	21,000.00
173	Kansas City, Kans.	5	8.18	5,500.00
177	Cordova, Nebr.	6	9.40	6,000.00
181	Sidney, Mich.	3	5.97	4,000.00
182	Waukegan, Ill.	5	8.96	6,500.00
183	Troy, N. Y.	4	4.50	3,000.00
184	Hayward, Calif.	5	3.75	3,000.00
190	Schenectady, N. Y.	6	7.70	6,000.00
195	Omaha, Nebr.	1	1.83	1,000.00
202	Warren, Pa.	1	.73	500.00
225	Canton, Ohio	20	27.31	18,500.00
227	Detroit, Mich.	23	18.30	18,000.00
238	Juhl, Mich.	2	2.91	2,000.00
241	Sayreville, N. J.	3	2.25	3,000.00
242	Erie, Pa.	22	28.19	19,500.00
245	South Bend, Ind.	17	16.95	11,500.00
254	Brush, Colo.	1	1.83	1,000.00
255	Selma, Calif.	2	3.28	2,000.00
262	Cozad, Nebr.	2	3.10	2,000.00
263	Askov, Minn.	15	22.45	15,000.00
264	Pocatello, Idaho	1	1.62	1,000.00
273	Dillon, Mont.	3	6.94	4,500.00
283	Dagmar, Mont.	8	16.94	11,500.00
294	Barre, Vt.	15	21.62	13,500.00
299	Solvang, Calif.	9	17.26	11,500.00
300	Oneonta, N. Y.	1	.87	500.00
301	Akron, Ohio	15	22.09	14,500.00
314	Hartford, Conn.	6	10.19	7,000.00
319	Bakersfield, Calif.	4	6.09	4,000.00
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	1	.75	1,000.00
323	Alhambra, Calif.	6	9.26	6,000.00
325	Nassau County, N. Y.	4	6.31	4,000.00
329	Long Beach, Calif.	8	12.80	8,000.00
332	Ripon, Calif.	29	38.16	26,000.00
334	Geneva, N. Y.	4	5.13	3,500.00

336	Escondido, Calif.	5	3.76	2,500.00
337	Fremont, Calif.	3	2.59	1,500.00
339	Las Vegas, Nev.	12	19.24	12,000.00
600	Omaha, Nebr.	7	10.31	6,500.00

* The report for 1968 is not received, or was received too late, or was not returned in time to be included in the tabulations. The amounts used are taken from our records subject to final audit when the lodge report is received. Secretaries who find an asterisk (*) after their lodge are asked to submit their 1968 report (or return it) to the Home Office as soon as possible.

The above listing gives 165 lodges and, as reported by the lodges, an adult membership of 9,539, consisting of 7,804 insured and 1,735 social; a total of one monthly assessment for all lodges of \$11,171.03 and a combined amount of insurance of \$6,022,260.

In addition to the above tabulation, as reported by the lodges we have 650 juvenile members with an amount of \$883.83 for one monthly assessment and insurance of \$630,500.

This brings the adult and juvenile membership tabulation to a grand total membership of 10,189; one monthly assessment of \$12,054.86 and a total sum of insurance of \$6,652,760.

All lodges have in 1968 paid:

In fraternal benefit to members ..\$	16,472.04
In extra help to members	3,061.17
Cash and other assets reported	1,717,893.26

The total sum of insurance assessments paid to the local lodge treasurer, but not yet remitted to the Supreme Lodge is not included in the total asset as reported on the annual lodge report. All such assessments must be accounted for, and belong to the Supreme Lodge. However, all other assets belong to the local lodges and the Supreme Lodge has no claim on these where the lodge is in good standing.

With few exceptions lodge treasurers had remitted promptly when due. In states where it is required to report delinquent lodges at year-end, such requirements were complied with. The average insured age attained as of December 31, 1968 is 53.

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Receives Fifty-Year Pin

Brother Harry C. Fricke of Lodge No. 2 received his 50-year pin in January. Brother Fricke now lives in Las Vegas, Nev., but joined Lodge No. 2, Neenah, Wis., in 1919.



In November 1960, Brother Fricke retired from the University of California Scientific Laboratory at Los Alamos, New Mexico, after working there for many years as an instrument maker. Since his retirement he has been a resident of Las Vegas, and spends much of his time pursuing

his favorite pastime — fishing.

The Ports of Denmark

Denmark has a very long coast line (4,640 miles) with a very large number of harbors.

Of the 86 provincial towns in Denmark no fewer than 64 are situated on the coast or have direct access to it by water, and all these have good harbor installations.

Practically all Danish harbors are easily navigable. Where nature herself has not provided natural channels, local authorities have done what is necessary so that the fairways are well marked and lighted.

With the single exception of Esbjerg, Danish harbors need not contend with the inconveniences caused by the tide, inasmuch as east of the Jutland peninsula there is scarcely any difference between high and low tides.

On account of the climatic conditions it is comparatively seldom that ice offers any hindrances to navigation. Only in severe winters with long periods of frost such difficulties may occur in some of the harbors. There is a national ice breaker service, directed from a special department of the Ministry of Shipping which has powerful and quite modern ice breakers at its disposal; and some of the large ports have icebreakers of their own.

The Danish state owns the harbors of Esbjerg, Frederikshavn, Helsingor (Elsinore), Hirtshals and Skagen (the Skaw), and also some small harbors. These harbors are managed by a harbor committee or by the Board of Maritime Works.

The port of Copenhagen is an independent institution in the management of which the state, the corporation and the large trade organizations are represented.

The Copenhagen Free Port is owned by the Port of Copenhagen Authority, but is managed by a joint-stock company.

The harbors of the provincial towns are managed by boards chosen by the local municipal councils. The task of these boards is to superintend the traffic and to ensure that the harbors are at all times capable of meeting the demands put upon them.

The large number of harbors for such a relatively limited area has led to keen competition. One of the results of this competition is that local harbors' dues are as low as they can possibly be, but an equally significant consequence of this local rivalry is that each harbor is constantly endeavoring to make itself the most attractive to the customers by keeping its loading and discharging facilities up to date and to secure the utmost efficiency.

The numerous common interests of the municipal har-

bors in the provinces, both in relation to the government and the state railways which serve the harbor tracks and to traders and shippers, have led to the formation of a joint organization called the Federation of Danish Ports which endeavors to maintain the best possible cooperation between the harbors.

The two largest provincial harbors of Denmark, Aarhus and Aalborg, which are not members of this organization, operate jointly in the above-mentioned fields.

The port of Aarhus is by several international shipping conferences recognized as a base port.

Dues are commonly fixed for periods of four years, and representatives of shipping, commerce and agriculture are consulted so as to ensure proper consideration of all legitimate interests.

Long Live the Danes

With a remarkable frequency, we read in our magazine about our members who reach age 96 and receive the protection value of their certificates in cash. This certainly attests to the average long life of the Nordic race. Another indication of this is found in the average age as determined in the death report. One recent member attained the age of nearly 103.

This simply is a lead-in into the following observation.

Somehow, the age of 65 is thought of generally as retirement age. Many retired folks today have probably discovered that in spite of social security, pension plans, etc., if they had not made some additional provision for other income, or provision for the need for less income, such as having a home paid for, their income provided by social security and pension just wouldn't be enough. There are very few people able to live on social security alone. This is verified by all those who have to continue working after age 65. Of course social security was only intended for a base or foundation on which to build.

Even the person with an average life span will need about 12,600 meals after age 65. For two people this means twice as many and even at 50¢ a meal, it totals up to involve a quantity of dollars. It could be said the Danes live even longer than average, so that would mean additional meals would be required.

Now, perhaps it is a little late for those who have reached or nearly reached retirement age to do anything about it, so an appeal should perhaps be directed toward those younger. This appeal should be to set aside, through a good Danish Brotherhood certificate, an amount that will ultimately provide money for the extra income that surely will be needed someday.

By way of an illustration, using our present series of certificates, a male who retired at age 65, and whose certificate was worth \$10,000 cash, could collect a total of \$24,514.00 in monthly income by the time he reached age 96 on a life income basis. Should he live to be 102, this could total \$29,259.00. Unbelievable!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
17	Chicago	Viggo Rasmussen	Kristian Poulsen
29	Seattle	George Lind	Paul Hansen
42	Spokane	Ole Larsen	John Beck
42	Spokane	Henry Nielsen	John Beck
45	Minneapolis	Ellen Nielsen	Anna Hansen
45	Minneapolis	Ernest Jacobsen	Anna Hansen
45	Minneapolis	Cecelia Jacobsen	Marie Pilegaard
45	Minneapolis	Sine Grand	Olav V. Grand
70	Greenville	Everett House	Hubert Hansen
126	Los Angeles	John Toron	Svend Henningsen
126	Los Angeles	Jack Olsen	Carl Christensen
126	Los Angeles	Bjarne Olsen	Carl Christensen
126	Los Angeles	Curt Olsen	Carl Christensen
126	Los Angeles	Leif Olsen	Carl Christensen
143	Petaluma	Richard Larsen	Fred Stelling
143	Petaluma	John Jorgensen	John Hansen
143	Petaluma	Anders Jensen	John Hansen
147	Newell	Herluf Pedersen	Jens Pedersen
227	Detroit	Gorden Spence	Johan Emanuelsen
227	Detroit	Erik Hansen	Jorgen Mau
227	Detroit	Herluf Kjolhede	Jorgen Mau
227	Detroit	Harold Riisager	Jorgen Mau
230	Arcata	Chris H. Pedersen	Laura Schuler
242	Erie	David Stadler	Hans Henriksen
268	Junction City	Carl Hansen	Hans Rasmussen
268	Junction City	Arne Holst	Kristian Sand
273	Dillon	William Anderson	Andrew Andersen
306	San Diego	Jeannine Louy	Oskar Jensen
314	Hartford	Tage Pedersen	Jetter Olesen

JUVENILE MEMBERS

126	Los Angeles	Robert Olsen	Carl Christensen
337	Fremont	Paul A. Nielsen	Ingeborg Nielsen

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 worthwhile 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!

Leif Erikson Day

Hartford Lodge No. 314 of The Danish Brotherhood in America has joined with other Scandinavian Lodges in Connecticut in an effort to have legislation passed to proclaim October 9 of each year as Leif Erikson Day. House Bill No. 7384 has been introduced, and all lodge members and interested citizens are asked to give their full support.

One member of the Leif Erikson Day Committee is V. J. Sicurella, 102 Oakwood Avenue, W. Hartford, Conn. 06119, and they would appreciate support on this.

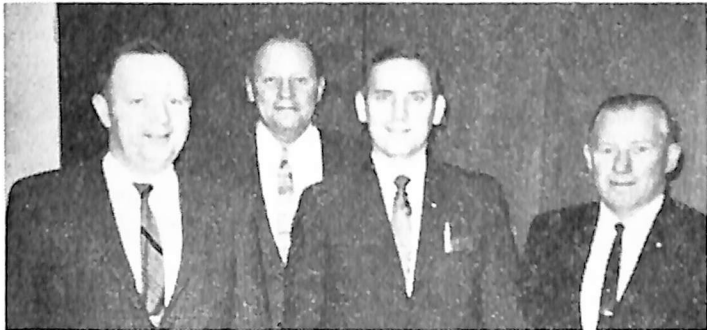
A. B. — A degree that means the holder has mastered the first two letters of the alphabet.

Did You Miss It?

The December issue of the magazine mentioned some suggestions for getting new members. Part of this suggestion was for members to send us the names of relatives or friends whom they do not believe are members, along with their address and approximate age. This, of course, would normally be for those out of your immediate area, because if they live close to you, it would be your obligation to get them signed up as members.

How about it? Thank you!

Home Office Conference



Left to right: Carl Hansen, Jim Larsen, Ed Krause and Svend Sonderup.

Three of our agents spent time in conference during the day and evening on Friday, February 14. They were Carl Hansen of Lodge 17, Chicago; Jim Larson of Lodge 143, Petaluma, Calif.; and Svend Sonderup of Lodge 43, Denver. They were joined in their Saturday morning session by Ed Krause of Lodge 195, Omaha. Information was gained during the conference which should enable the representatives to be of better service to our present membership and also enable them to more effectively solicit new members.

This is the first opportunity for two of the representatives to visit the Home Office and learn something about the operation of the national headquarters. Suggestions from them were also received.

It is interesting to note that the great majority of the members obtained by these representatives have ended up on the local lodge record. This is as it should be, although we know there are some who are not interested in local lodge membership at the present time, but are interested in becoming society members.

Could we ask that you submit the name or names, man or woman, of someone who could and would be of service to our present membership. You might be doing someone a favor in so doing. Naturally, they should be a member or eligible for membership.

Honor Roll Listings

LOGGES

Lodge	Location	Number of New Members
126	Los Angeles, California	12
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	5
227	Detroit, Michigan	7
337	Fremont, California	8

INDIVIDUALS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members
1	Omaha, Nebr.	Howard Christensen	5
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Carl Christensen	5
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Eric Roug	5
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mogens Hempel	5
227	Detroit, Mich.	Johan Emanuelsen	3
227	Detroit, Mich.	Jorgen Mau	3
332	Ripon, Calif.	Jack Belmont	4

TOP LOGGES

GROUP I—

Lodge No. 268, Junction City, Oregon
Pacific Northwest District

GROUP II—

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California
California General Committee

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SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of the Danish Brotherhood's fraternal program, the Supreme Lodge offers six new scholarships each year. These scholarships are available to any insured member in good standing within his local lodge.

Any member who is pursuing or planning to pursue an undergraduate course of study at an accredited college or university is urged to apply. Each scholarship is for \$250.00 per year and may be renewed each year for a total of four years.

Scholarships are awarded to the six best qualified members by the Board of Officers on the basis of scholarship, participation in school and other activities, need and degree of self-sufficiency. The membership requirement is emphasized as it is a by-law requirement (Sec. 61, Par. 9) and cannot be waived.

Applicants must be prepared to furnish copies of their grade transcripts and a personal letter giving their biography and other details.

Requests for applications should be made directly to Kristen Jorgensen, President, 8536 - 25th Avenue N.W., Seattle, Wash., 98107, not later than May 31, 1969.

KRISTEN JORGENSEN,
Chairman, Scholarship Committee.

Bakkedal — A Glimpse Into the Future

COPPEROPOLIS—Calaveras County's Mother Lode is a tribute to men's dreams. In 1849, the dream of many was fame and wealth, epitomized by the gold beneath the surface. Other dreams built towns, some of which stand today as living memories of history.

And now, 120 years later, the cry of "Eureka" is being heard once again as members of the Danish Brotherhood in America work toward the realization of the Mother Lode's newest dream.

You are standing high atop a wooded knoll near historic Copperopolis listening to two leaders of the Danish community describe the dream known as Bakkedal.

As they talk, it is not difficult to envision these hills and valleys being transformed into a quaint and picturesque Danish village.

As Danish Cultural Chairman Melvin Oredsen and Secretary A. F. Tunsen lead you on a journey into the future, you are caught up in the enthusiasm that seems to permeate this Viking Valley.

Come with us now to the clubhouse, located on the highest point of the 18-hole golf course. This is the center of the 120-acre championship course. Here we can enjoy a glass of akvavit while observing the panorama below us.

Below and to the right, lies a 50-acre recreational lake. Small sail boats can be seen tacking into the wind. Across the lake, a group of picnickers watch their children playing on the beach. At the far end of the lake, several people can be seen fishing from the dam.

Hearing a whistle in the distance, we leave the clubhouse to board the narrow-gauge train that will take us into the valley below.

Boarding the train, we wind our way down and catch a hilltop glimpse of what appear to be two old Viking forts facing each other across the valley. These, we are told, are identically disguised water towers from which ceremonial cannons are fired on festive occasions.

Off to the right, nestled in the wooded hills, we see several Danish-style homes typical of the architecture in the community — white stucco cottages with red tile roofs and a profusion of flowers reminiscent of villages in Denmark.

As we reach the floor of the valley, our train crosses one of the many canals which meander through the area. From the bridge we can see a Danish farm, complete with windmill.

Several minutes later we observe a small plane landing at the Bakkedal airport. Here we stop to take on passengers, several of whom are commuting back to their homes in the village.

Leaving the miniature railway station on our way to the shopping area, we see people waiting at the pad for the helicopter which will take them to other cities in the area.

Once again paralleling the canal, we pass an imposing building — this is the administrative center of Bakkedal which also contains a convention hall with a seating capacity of 1,000.

Stopping at the next station, we decide to leave the train and explore the many unique shops located in a nine-acre replica of a Danish village.

Walking through the narrow, cobblestone streets we are suddenly "in Denmark." The aroma of freshly-baked bread, the clatter of wooden shoes, distinctive shop signs denoting the owner's craft or trade, the many bicycles, the outdoor cafes featuring the famous Danish open-faced sandwiches and pastries, gift shops where you can obtain Viking helmets and costumes or Danish glassware, furniture and china.

Once again our little train announces its approach and

we voice our regret at having to leave this charming spot. However, our hosts tell us we have seen only half of Bakkedal and with sunset approaching, we shouldn't miss its other attractions.

As we leave the station, we turn for a final look at the village and see to our right the massive "Gates of Tivoli" which form the entrance to Bakkedal. Huge fort-like structures support a soaring archway. As in the water towers, cannons can be seen in the turrets.

Rounding a curve, our attention is directed to the amphitheatre, a huge structure, where today 1,000 people have gathered to hear an all Beethoven program presented by a well-known orchestra.

Beyond the theatre we see the medical center, a fully equipped and permanently staffed hospital with resident doctors. As with all the buildings in the community, this is of Danish design.

In the distance what appears to be an ancient Viking ship is lying upside down in an open area. This is the ceremonial meeting hall of the Danish Brotherhood and only supreme officers are admitted into the well-guarded vessel. In fact, we note the entire area around the ship is protected from entrance by anyone except those privileged to witness Danish ceremonies.

High on a hill to our right, the lowering sun catches in the windows of the chapel, causing the building to glow in multi-colored radiance.

Once a year on Easter Sunday, people travel thousands of miles to this chapel on the hill to participate in sunrise services and witness a symbolic form of the Resurrection. For, as the sun rises, the roof of the chapel opens and the great organ starts to play the joyful Easter hymns.

The train turns sharply to the right and we are again in Viking Valley.

Skirting the edge of the hills we see several horsemen with hounds approaching the stable area. They have spent most of the afternoon fox hunting in the rolling hills surrounding Bakkedal. For those who prefer less strenuous riding, there are equestrian paths throughout the entire area. A 50-foot wide strip of tanbark is placed so you can ride through the 1200-acre community and never cross a property line.

We have now reached the heart of the recreational area of Bakkedal. To our right, an imposing 8,000 square foot youth center building commands a spectacular view of the valley. This building contains lodging, dining and recreational facilities and offers to youth throughout the world complete sports instruction and classes in Danish culture and history.

Directly across from the youth center is the gymnasium with its Olympic-size pool. Next to this is the Olympic size stadium where the Bakkedal soccer team is practicing for its next game.

Crossing another bridge, we leave Viking Valley and find ourselves again on the lakefront. The sun is dropping below the hills and to our right we see homes preparing for the evening. Lights flicker through the trees as our train passes the people who have spent the day near the water. Sailors, fishermen and picnic groups walk slowly toward their homes, perhaps discussing whether they will spend the evening in the village watching the current foreign film or attend a concert being held that night.

High on the hill ahead the clubhouse lights tell us our journey is nearly ended. As our train climbs, the last rays of the sun give us our final view of this Valley of the Vikings.

The train stops and we walk to the clubhouse. Darkness descends as, with our hosts we lift a glass of akvavit to toast the dream of Bakkedal — a dream becoming a reality. Skoal!

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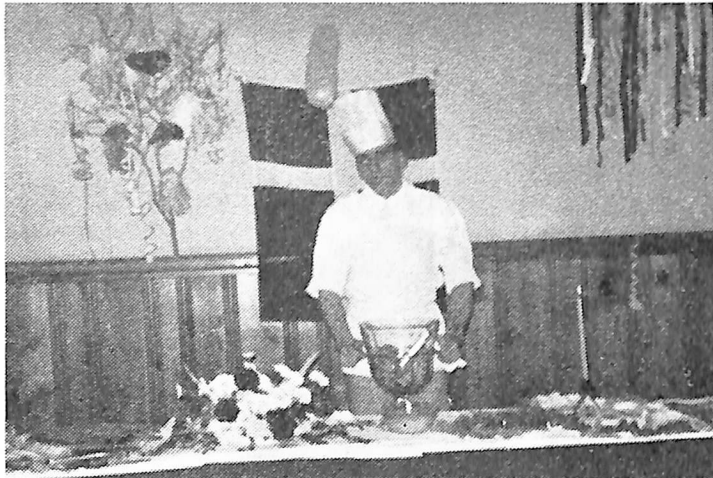
By OTTO JONASEN, 636 East 33rd Street, Erie, Pa. 16504

GCEL News — An officers meeting was held at the Metuchen Home on March 9.

Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y. After our meeting February 15, Bob Andersen showed slides from his and his wife's vacation trip out West, from Los Angeles to Alaska.

Brother and Mrs. Martin Christensen are on vacation in Seattle, Wash. Brother and Mrs. Harold Jensen are vacationing in Florida. Brothers Dick Thomson and George Jensen are recuperating after their illness. We hope to see them at our meetings soon.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. Our Fastelavnsgilde, buffet and dance was a decided success and everyone had a glorious time. Many thanks to the committee for



Chief Chef Brother Bob Lenardson

the beautiful hall decorations, which was under the direction of Sister Aase D'aloisio. Particular thanks to Brother Bob Lenardson and Sister Marion Zbyszewski for their preparation and presentation of the buffet table. It was delicious. Prizes were won by Brother Jan Braumann as best dressed, Bill Gill as "King" and Sister Karen Christensen as "Queen." Let's do it again.

We are all happy to hear that Brother Peter Rasmussen is home from the hospital and on the road to recovery. Hurry and get well, Peter.

Birthdays greetings this month to Brothers Ray Fredericksen, Jan Braumann, Arne Christensen and Gilbert Mortensen.

CARL W. SORENSEN, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. Brother Louis Larsen is still in the Veterans Hospital, East Orange, N. J. Brother Anton E. Jensen is also bedridden, while Brother Nick Ibsen is at home recuperating after his illness. Best of luck Brothers, and a speedy recovery.

The annual convention at the Danish Home for the Aged in Metuchen was held March 9.

Our 70th anniversary party will be celebrated with a banquet and dance. All arrangements have been made, it will be held October 11, at Mountainside Inn, Route 22, Mountainside, N. J.

Lodge No. 178, Philadelphia, Pa. President Flemming Hinrichsen presented a 50-year pin to Brother Jorgen P. Smith, who now is residing at the Metuchen Home.

Brother Lawrence Knudsen is up and around again after his illness. Brother Christian Wilhjelm is recuperating from his automobile accident. Brother Peter Thilker

is still not up to par and is spending his days at a nursing home in Broomall.

A bingo party will take place at our April 11 meeting.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. This Lodge celebrated its 65th anniversary with a dinner and dance March 8.

Brother Harold Christie seems to have had enough of the good weather in Florida, he has again taken residence in Delanson.

We welcome Brothers A. Bernstorff and W. Peterson to our midst again, they attended the last meeting and looked all right after having been confined to the sick bed for some time. Brother Dick Agervig is still confined to his home with a broken leg. Brother V. Petersen is fine after his auto accident.

Lodge No. 202, Warren, Pa. On January 18, Peter Willemoes Lodge had joint installation of officers with the Sisterhood. After the open installation, a delicious ham dinner was served. Card playing was enjoyed and the evening closed with serving of coffee and pastry.

We announce sadly that a true and loyal Brother Einer Christiansen, passed away January 22, and Brother William Weaver passed on to his reward after a long illness on January 23. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of those two Brothers.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. April Showers dance will be held at the Danish Club April 12. Our 63rd and the Sisterhood's 57th anniversary banquet will take place Saturday, May 24.

It is with sorrow we announce the passing of Brother Peder A. Bang on February 26. He joined our Lodge in 1924. Brothers Donald Hansen, John Johnson, James Beck and Richard Horkey are currently on the sicklist.

We welcome Brother David C. Stadler, who was initiated into our Lodge March 14, and hope to see him often at our meetings.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. Brothers, you missed a good social night at our last meeting. John Christiansen and his wife Evelyn worked hard on a lively program for us. We were 19, they had food for 30 and it was delicious. We played a game called Po-ke-no which is similar to bingo.

Brothers Soren Thomson and Einar Priskorn were reported sick, nine other Brothers are currently on the sicklist. Brother Anton Mose is vacationing in Florida so Brother Alfred Stark is acting treasurer.

Lodge No. 334, Geneva, N. Y. The 18th annual anniversary banquet will be held at the Geneva Rod and Golf Club Saturday, April 26, at 7 p. m. Brothers Ernst Larsen and Joseph Gillotte are in charge of the arrangements. Price of the tickets is \$5 per person. We expect another large gathering from Penn Yan, Erie and New Jersey. Anyone wishing to attend should write to Arthur Christensen, 479 Castle St., Geneva, N. Y.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. Sometimes You Wonder! Lodge 325 is a great Lodge, and we all enjoy many good evenings together, but we might have an even better one if many more of the members showed up and we all took an active interest in our Lodge.

If you feel every meeting is the same, then let your self be heard, there might be others like you. We can all help to make our monthly meetings the joy of the month. Therefore, come to the meetings, it is wonderful getting together.

At our meeting held Friday, March 14, we celebrated King Frederick's 70th birthday. Brother Mogens Thomson showed a Danish film of the life of the popular monarch



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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By LEVI PERSSON, 525 Atterdag Road, Solvang, California 93463

Solvang, has since we last wrote, been in the focus of not only America, but also Europe. One reason is that a journalist, Horace Sutton, visited Solvang and wrote a long article about the town, which was printed in more than a hundred newspapers. We have since received mail from Alaska and the Virgin Islands where the article was published. The article was of much interest to me, since I collaborated on the story and supplied the pictures.

The other reason for Solvang being newsy was the fact that we had another and worse rainstorm, than the one we had just three weeks earlier. Solvang's plight was shown on TV not only here, but also in Denmark and the same day it happened too.

Promotional Director Al Hedegaard visited us and ate his fill of boiled cod fish, potatoes and mustard gravy. Being that several Brothers of 299 that same day celebrated a birthday there were refreshments, so a gay time was had by the 60 or so members who attended.

Director Hedegaard also attended the Lodge meeting which was cut short to allow Brother Hedegaard time to speak and to answer questions. Being an interesting speaker, he is also short and snappy. He got to the point in a hurry, so there was some time left for a question and answer period.

During my twenty or so years as a member-news-paperman of the DB I have heard many from Omaha speak but this was the first time I heard anyone be so frank and also so able to answer all the questions.

Brother Hedegaard made it clear that the more insurance the Lodges are able to sell to its members (and they are going to buy it somewhere) the more benefits will eventually reach out to the members. And further, he said that fraternity alone, cannot keep a national organization together and growing. Insurance sales makes the Brotherhood strong and when an organization is strong it can be, and will be, of value to its members.

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Ebba Nordby of San Diego writes that their Brothers and Sisters celebrated their 55th Lodge anniversary with a big feast. Present were Promotional Director Al Hedegaard and his wife and Uncle Norgaard from Pocatello, Idaho. Arthur Norgaard, who has been Lodge Secretary for many years and a member of the DB for 49 years was one of the interesting speakers.

It was announced at this dinner that we have a full busload of bowlers and supporters who will invade Los Angeles on March 30 for some games and fun.

We are preparing for the National Convention which we will host in 1971. The chairman had to be a Nordby, Peder by first name. It is a big job for Peder, but he has the ability, the will and the energy — and he has all of us to help.

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Alice Pinkerton of Silver State Lodge 339 sent us this: Due to unusual weather conditions in our area where our mountains have been deluged with snow, making roads impassable, the outing to the mountains was cancelled last month. But skiing is good here, in case anyone is interested.

We are shortly planning an outing to Warm Springs for a picnic. The water there is guaranteed to be 70. The owners by the way are Danish — Mr. and Mrs. Petersen.

By the time this is published, we will have had a

special meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Villy Bielefeldt, in honor of a visit from Secretary Axel Skelbeck. This will be his first visit to our Lodge.

Recently I attended the installation at Petaluma, and was most impressed by the whole affair from the dinner to the ceremonies and to the social which followed.

I also attended the California General Committee's executive board meeting where I listened to a progress report of the Cultural Center Committee.

Again I was impressed by what this committee has accomplished in such a short time. The Cultural Center is well on its way to becoming a reality. We, in Nevada, will be watching this project grow, and with pride in knowing that we are a part of this venture. I think the members of the Cultural Committee should receive a special thank you, and more, for making this dream come true.

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Paul Sorensen, whom we two months ago, called "Old Reliable," proved to be less than that last month. But here he is again with news from Lodge 184, Hayward:

Our new President Andy Heiser, proved that he can conduct an interesting meeting even if the Sisters whist party, next door produced more noise than usual.

Promotional Director Al Hedegaard visited us and gave an outline of ideas he has been thinking about. We also discussed with him the qualification rules for the national bowling tournament, sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood.

We also initiated a new member, Tony Barber, into our Lodge. After that ceremony we were invited into the Sisters noisy whist party and I am sure it became even noisier than before. Well, that is about all for now, but I do promise to remember to write to you before the 20th of each month.

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Else Poulsen sends us these news items from Fremont: The Anker Lodge has managed to hold its last few meetings with a very good attendance, in spite of the fact that many of our members were sick with the flu. We were honored by a visit from Paul Sorensen, Inner Guard in the General Committee.

Our newly elected officers apparently had been studying their rule books for they conducted their first meeting like veterans. We were of course very pleased that the Cultural Center had been named Bakkedal, because it had been suggested by Mrs. Agnes Nielsen, the wife of our vice president.

Another bit of good news was the announcement that Anker Lodge 337 had made Group I in taking in new members. A fact which would have made Anker (ABC) Christensen happy.

We celebrated Fastelavns in style. Cabinetmaker Niels Nielsen had constructed a scaffold from which the barrel was suspended "og saa slog vi katten af tonden paa rigtig Dansk maner."

The children went at the barrel with baseball bats and when they had demolished the barrel and let the cat out of the sack, a new barrel was hung up and the grownups were given an opportunity to try their skill.

Trustee Hans Schomberg, who is recovering from recent surgery, was with us Sunday afternoon. We were happy to see him again and we hope that he will soon be back to his old self.

We have some new songbooks, a couple dozen of them. They are a gift from the parents of Mrs. Bill Nielsen of

Denmark, who in this manner showed their appreciation after their visit to California last year.

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Save Money Again -- Participants in this year's excursion to Denmark will have the same opportunity as last year where quite a few members saved hundreds of dollars by renting a car through Brother Henning Jensen.

This special discount service is available again during the coming season. We urge members who have charter flights to contact him at 255 West 41st Ave., San Mateo, Calif. 94403. He is associated with one of the leading companies in Denmark. Buying a car in Europe can also be arranged at a saving.

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Santa Barbara Lodge No. 332, with its monthly "Grapevine" newspaper and its annual 14-page book about Lodge activities, is probably the best informed Lodge within the Brotherhood.

Ed Aasted, past president of the General Committee, is editor of the production. He is ably assisted by Carolyn Rasmussen, Marie Jendresen, Rigmor Elbeck and Helen Christensen.

The "Grapevine" and annual report are both models for others to follow. The report contains all the information about the lodge's activities during the year. All events and activities are planned in advance and the committees are appointed in advance.

On page one are the names of all the officers of the two lodges. Then follow the names of the chairmen of standing committees, such as bowling, blood bank, beer, etc., membership, sick committee and telephone committee. This is followed by the chairmen for camera, birthdays, refreshment hostesses, JADA, guest book and scrap book, new member hostess and so on.

What's the telephone committee for? Well, if you are

in distress, call for instance Nels P. Christensen, he'll see to it that something is done to correct the situation. The blood bank committee sees to it that the blood bank at the hospital is kept full, for the free use of members.

There was the Fastelavns party, the anniversary party, potluck, May dance, St. Hans Blus, fiesta party, barbecue, film night, turkey bingo and Christmas party. Some dates are left open for suggestions but I'm told they are always filled long in advance.

The bulletin has the name, address, telephone and zip code number of each member of the Lodges, and they are up-to-date. All the information is typed neatly and then mimeographed on legal size bond paper. A terrific job -- and even that expression is an understatement. So hats off to Editor Aasted and his talented help.

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Members who have passed away since the last report



Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Jan 27	Marius O. Larsen	88	Stubberup, Denmark	96	Jackson, Minnesota	1904
Jan 23	Marius P. Petersen	85	Manistee, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1904
Feb 11	Lauritz Nielsen	90	Ringkøbing, Denmark	67	Fresno, California	1906
Dec 9	Albert Halmø	86	Svendborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1907
Jan 31	Viggo N. Stensgaard	71	Stovring, Randers, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1938
Feb 21	Jens J. Bonnerup	71	Thisted, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1920
Feb 19	Erik Pedersen	74	Glostrup, Denmark	239	Lake Forest, Illinois	1921
Jan 28	Jens B. Gram	70	Skerbeck, Denmark	42	Spokane, Washington	1947
Feb 17	Hans Chr. Mathiesen	86	Fredericia, Denmark	255	Selma, California	1904
Feb 26	Peder A. Bang	63	Agger, Denmark	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	1936
Mar 2	Emil S. Madsen	73	Menominee, Michigan	59	Menominee, Michigan	1913
Mar 4	Richard Madsen	80	Horsens, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1908
Feb 9	Oluf F. Hansen	89	Ostøfte Maribo, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1915
Feb 22	Hilmer W. Hansen	76	Copenhagen, Denmark	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1912
Feb 12	Ralph P. Rovn	71	Ringsted, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1925
Feb 22	Niels P. H. Nielsen	86	Edmore, Michigan	163	Edmore, Michigan	1901
Mar 4	Chris H. Kruse	92	Truggelev Svendborg, Den.	206	Blair, Nebraska	1903
Jan 8	Mads J. Holmen	75	Hjorring, Denmark	109	White, South Dakota	1916
Feb 10	Chris J. Kolmos	83	Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1958
Feb 20	Wilhelmine Johnson	77	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1968
Feb 5	Virgil Sykes	71	Nelson, Nebraska	262	Cozad, Nebraska	1954
Dec 15	Bertel K. Dyrland	45	Akron, Ohio	301	Akron, Ohio	1923
Jan 13	Jens Andersen Bak	72	Dwight, Illinois	147	Newell, Iowa	1966
Mar 3	Kristen K. Scott	83	Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1941
Dec 18	John F. Hansen	84	Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1933

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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

Next month is convention time in Spokane. If you are interested in joining a bus caravan starting at Seattle, please contact Brother Walter Nielsen at PA 5-1691 for cost and details. Past President Ernie Wales of the Inland Empire Danes, will be attending a Rotary convention in Wenatchee the same weekend but urges all to come to the Lilac City on May 9, 10 and 11.

The Pacific Northwest salutes the Danish King on his 70th birthday. Frederick the Ninth was born in Sorgenfri Castle near Copenhagen in 1899 and his full name is Christian Frederick Frantz Michael Carl Valdemar George. Belonging to the Schleswig-Sonderborg-Glücksborg line, he received his baccalaureate degree from the University of Copenhagen and in 1917 entered the Danish Naval Academy, the first Danish Crown Prince to elect a naval career. In 1935 he married Princess Ingrid, daughter of Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden. Special interests include music and railroad engineering. Assuming the throne on April 20, 1947, at the death of his father, King Christian the Tenth, who had reigned since 1912, we pay tribute to King Frederick as of March 11.

The Pacific Northwest DB and DSS Lodges of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia met at their annual District bowling tournament on March 9. Twenty-one teams competed at the Bowlero Lanes in Tacoma and approximately 120 attended the awards banquet. The Enumclaw Lodges were the hosts, under the chairmanship of Brother Kai Rasmussen, assisted by Brother Oswald Pedersen and mc'd by Brother John L. Rieck. Seattle men bowlers walked away with top honors and the Vancouver Canadians took first place in the women's division.

Seattle's DB 29 staged their annual "Fastelavnsfest" March 15, with Brothers Ib Rossen in charge; recuperating from operations and illnesses are Brothers Chris Brandholdt, Carl Jorgensen, Jens Wolbro and Charles

Olesen; "Welcome aboard" to new Brother George Lind of Mercer Island; Sister Wilhemina Parker reminds our members of the SAS Brotherhood flight tours to Denmark this summer and her number is WE 2-3997; should you wish to become a voting member of the Northwest Danish Home, send your yearly dues of \$5 to Brother Paul Hansen at 5626 48th SW, Seattle; Brothers Sig Pedersen and wife are still enjoying a visit to the Danish Isles; Brother Martin and Sister Mary Rasmussen were the installing conductors for the joint installation this year: "congratulations" to Brother Ed and Sister Ruth Olsen on the arrival of grandson number five; and Brothers Olaf Langsted and Albert Odegaard are making plans for Danish participation in the Nordic Festival during August.

Vancouver's DB 328 has initiated two new members in the names of Brothers Erik Andersen and John Svensson; and delegates to the Pacific Northwest Convention in Spokane are Brothers Poul Christensen, Kay Hoyer, Elith Marcussen and Ole Sigvardsen.

Brother Hvid Observes 96th Birthday

Brother Jorgen Peter Hvid of Lakewood, Colo., celebrated his 96th birthday March 8. Many friends, relatives and Lodge members of Columbine Lodge 43 were there to congratulate him.

Brother Hvid was born in Skjerup near Vejle, Denmark, March 8, 1873, and came to America in 1891. From 1891 until 1897 he worked at various jobs, mostly farm work, in and near Denver. In 1897 he started work for the Denver Tramway Co., on a work gang laying track. A few years later he became a motorman on the electrically operated street cars until 1920 when the company was involved in a strike by employees.



In the summer of 1920 the tramway strike became vicious and Jorgen quit and went to work for the Denver Rio Grande Railroad as shipping clerk in their Burnham shop warehouse. He worked there until his retirement in 1941.

His wife, Jensine, passed away a year ago, but he has two children, Roy White and Marie Overgard, four grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Jorgen is now a resident at Charms Acres Nursing Home.

Brother Hvid joined Columbine Lodge in Denver, on March 23, 1894, 75 years ago. Up until recent years he has been active in Lodge affairs, having held offices for many years and served on numerous committees.

A beautiful bouquet of flowers from the National Board of Officers was received by Brother Hvid to observe the occasion as well as a bouquet and card from his local Lodge. He also accepted a check paying in full his DB insurance presented to him by Secretary Svend A. Soderup, Financial Secretary George Bork and Treasurer J. Fred Nielsen, to round out the day's festivities.

Brother Hvid's son, Roy, was host at the birthday party

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