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**Franklin Delano Roosevelt**

He has laid down his burdens. Defeated by death. As a great leader, he lived to see the assurance of victory, but not to share it.

He lived to see the first foundations of the free and peaceful world to which his life was dedicated, but not to enter on that world himself.

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(May, 1945)

## Franklin Delano Roosevelt

The entire nation joined in paying tribute to its fearless wartime leader, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who died of a cerebral hemorrhage Thursday afternoon, April 12, at Warm Springs, Georgia, where he had been resting for 10 days. Mr. Roosevelt was 63 and had been president for 12 years, one month and nine days.

Less than four months had elapsed since he had taken his historic oath of office for a fourth term. Only a few weeks before he had returned from the Yalta conference where in company with Marshal Stalin of Russia and Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain he had labored to build an enduring peace.

The President's death came as the guns of America's fighting forces sounded ever closer the doom of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. Fate denied him the chance to enjoy the fruits of victory over the Axis. Yet history seemed destined to enshrine him as one of the immortal American Presidents. And every citizen who mourned the untimely passing of the Commander-in-Chief felt that he was a casualty of the war as surely as every soldier, sailor and marine who had fallen in battle.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was significant as a person to more individuals during his lifetime, perhaps, than any man in history. Through the medium of the radio, his voice carried to the masses of people in this great republic of which he was president, and to peoples of other nations, the message that the individual was significant. The attitude of friendliness felt by those who met him personally, was emitted to a large degree to those who listened to him by radio.

The fact that President Roosevelt died at Warm Springs, Ga., where he had gone for renewal of strength such as he had gained there on previous visits, is a reminder of what seems his greatest strength. He lived above physical handicap. His life is an inspiration to all who suffer from physical affliction, or other fearful mental and emotional bur-

dens. It points up the task of all mankind to create a world in which the individual becomes increasingly significant.

This means organizing the world to get rid of the war system, for it is a denial of freedom of the individual. It means also making the right decisions on single issues such as providing employment, spreading education, meeting the basic needs of people, — food, clothing, shelter, health, — by individual nations and individual units of government. In that program the individual citizen has a responsibility to push the chosen servants of the people in the direction of meeting those basic needs. This hour of memorial to a lost leader must be an hour of dedication to the task of making government serve the people.

## Harry S. Truman

Harry S. Truman, the Missouri farm boy, is now President of the United States of America.

Rulers of this great land of ours are not chosen or placed in high offices because of their strains of blood.

Rich and poor alike have an equal chance; ability is what counts.

President Truman takes over at a crucial point in the progress of world events. He has dedicated himself to carry on in the same tracks as his predecessor. It is a heavy load that he takes over, but it is to be hoped that friend and foe alike will join with all true Americans in wishing the President the best of luck and do our bit toward making the road more smooth for him.

On April 12 the following telegram was sent to Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

Many thousands loyal Americans of Danish birth and descent join with the rest of the world in sending you and your family heartfelt sympathy in this dark hour of your sorrow. The world has lost its greatest champion of democracy. We feel bound with you in grief.

JEAN HERSHOLT, President  
 America Denmark Relief, Inc.

## MAY ASSESSMENT

No. 551

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May 1st, 1945

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

June 1st, 1945

Members failing to pay as per above will be considered in arrears.

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

## Why Belong to the Danish Brotherhood

Why belong to the Danish Brotherhood? That is a question that every member must be prepared to answer if we are to continue as a prosperous organization. I am sure that if any one of our members was asked this question individually, or if any member was asked why he personally belonged to the Danish Brotherhood he could and would furnish a perfect and interesting answer and reason. Further I am convinced that if we could extract the essence of the over-all picture of the 12,000 answers it would boil down to just two words, namely: "It's beneficial." Well, then, if that is the answer are we not selfish by keeping the facts to ourselves? Why not tell the world about it?

The reason I make such a statement is that I am inclined to believe that we do not take advantage of every opportunity to tell our friends about D. B. S. what it is, what it stands for, and what it has to offer. I know from my own experience, and I don't think my experience differs much from most of our members, neither do I think that the Danish people in Utah are any different from Danish people in other states in the Union; but I came here in 1911 as a young man and being alone and away from home I needed some sort of amusement besides that which I could find in the, at the time, 5 cents famous Cinema or movie as we now call it. I needed to go to something or somewhere where I could hear my mother-tongue. Yes, something I, an emigrant, could understand. So the natural thing for me to do was to look up Danish organizations, churches or clubs. This I did. While I found satisfaction and these things helped me over my loneliness there was something I could not quite understand. That was the fact that none of the Danish organizations ever invited me to join them. No, I had to take the initiative step and make up my mind that I wanted to join this or that organization. This must not be considered as criticism of the people here. Not at all, I merely mention it to bring out the fact that there was no solicitation from anyone except from my side. Such a method or practice might have been satisfactory in those days as emigration was open and plenty of young men arrived; so to speak, daily. However, today things are different. There are no emigrants. Our prospects or men eligible to join us are here now. Hence, we must bring our message to them. We cannot expect them to look us up with the competition existing from both a business and a fraternal viewpoint. We must be alert and up to date in every respect if we are to survive.

We must advertise and let the world know what we have to offer. How many Chesterfield cigarettes or how many pounds of Maxwell House coffee do you suppose would be sold in normal times if there were no national advertising on the radio and on billboards? How many people would know there is such a thing as Radar, one of the most important inventions during this war, meaning so much to aviation and one of the mediums which will help to quicken the peace? Would you know about it if it was not for articles published in nationwide circulated magazines? You may answer we know very little about Radar and we need not know about it. That is very true, but after the war Radar will be a commercial commodity very much needed and the manufacturers

are laying ground work now for sales after the war. We too, must lay ground work for our future.

I realize the things I have mentioned are tangible and you may say what we sell is not tangible. But if you think insurance is not tangible just ask an expert insurance salesman what he sells. He will prove to you in a very short time that what he sells is the most tangible thing in the world. Yes, it is one of the most important things money can buy. He sells protection for those you love. Protection which will provide education for your children in case you pass on. Protection which will prevent the necessity of charity being handed to your family. Now, brothers, we are selling exactly that kind of protection. Hence, should we not tell our friends? We offer just as much for the money as can be secured anywhere. The Danish Brotherhood insurance is on par with any of them. Does the fact that we are 116.48% solvent not prove our stability? Well then, what are we waiting for? Let us take a lesson from the professional insurance salesman and then make use of our knowledge.

I mentioned that we have competition also from a fraternal aspect. We have, as there are many fraternal orders available to men of good character. But when we analyze the fraternal benefits we have to offer the competition becomes next to nil. Why? Because we have a membership of persons who have many things in common that we do not find other places. First, we are Danish by birth or by descent or by marriage. Secondly, we love the same type of literature pertaining to Danish culture. Thirdly, in our association and at meetings we hear or see things which in themselves do not mean anything great, but the way we hear or see it, it means so much because it was said or done just the way our parents would have said or done it. So, it brings childhood and pleasant memories to us. Fourthly, the association with men of sterling character with desires to create and build up the home and our country.

But, best of all, when we are true members of the Danish Brotherhood our endeavors are noble, that of benevolence and charity. We create love for our fellow-men. We become better Danes and better citizens. We cultivate a desire for the better things in life. Surely we cannot let such beautiful endeavors cease. We must strive to keep up the life of our Brotherhood. Therefore, we must go after every prospect. Contact every eligible person and get them interested in our order. Where do we find such men? In our children and in their children and so on. There lies the answer to our problem.

It is not my desire to enter into any argumentative subject, but to me it does not make any difference whether we talk Danish or English at our meetings as most of us understand both. But the future of the Danish Brotherhood lies in the hands of these young men, the second, third and yes, the fourth generation. Therefore, let us use the language that will be of interest to these youngsters. If they can understand Danish, let us talk Danish. But if they cannot, let us talk in a language they do understand. Let us teach them to talk Danish but not by force or by a dictatorial attitude. We cannot force our way, that has been proven too often. Yes, even with our own children. When they are born here they think in Eng-

lish and act in English. Since it is our own fault if they do not understand Danish why penalize them by saying "Unless you talk Danish you cannot belong to us."

In conclusion let us remember that we cannot create a desire in anybody's heart to belong to our Brotherhood unless we ourselves have the work at heart. This we cannot have unless we attend our meetings and take active part in the lodge's affairs. We must

fulfill our obligations in all respects and believe in the principles for which we stand. I am sure you will agree with me that if we do these things or in other words if we practise what we preach, it is not hard to make a convincing answer to the question, "Why belong to the Danish Brotherhood." Remember, "It's Beneficial."

HILMAR W. HANSEN.

## Opinions of Others

Please refer to your June, 1944, article: "Let Us Face the Facts." Yes, I suppose we all have to whether we like it or not. I agree with you that the Minneapolis convention was liberal; very much so when they legislated an expense of approximately \$18,000 for the next four years without bothering about where the money should come from. But the Brotherhood has more than one package, so we can borrow from the one to sustain the other.

A smart trick, to select a trip to Seattle, Wash., next time. I hope they all get there as it will undoubtedly be a fine trip — a nice cheap vacation. There are a lot of members who do not think it will help the Brotherhood any — I am one of them; and I dare say No. 35 would vote against it, if we had the chance. I do think that No. 35 would second the idea of Lodge No. 37 to change the convention from Seattle to Des Moines or Racine who also made bids for the 1947 convention.

My good friend Martin Mikkelsen in Milwaukee recommended that the Brotherhood secure an office building of its own in Omaha where we could keep all our records and equipment. I certainly O. K. that idea. I am reminded of that building in Springfield, Ill., where the Odd Fellows have their supreme office — just the kind we need in Omaha. Then if all conventions could be held in Omaha the Brotherhood would really save some money. And if we could adopt the motion No. 35 had before the last convention, regarding district representation, we would not only save money, but we would have a delegation at the convention who would think less of pleasures and more about the good of the order. The opposition to district representation comes mostly from the smaller lodges who claim that they would never have a chance to send one of their delegates to the main convention. Why not, brother? That motion called for 2 delegates from each lodge to the district conventions regardless of the number of members in the lodge, so there we are all even. In selecting delegates to the main national convention, say one for each 3 or 4 hundred members in the district, no attention would be paid to whether such delegate was from a small or large lodge — only his qualifications would count, then we would be equally represented, not as it is now where a delegate from a lodge with 15 or 20 members has as much voting power as the delegate from the lodge that has 500 members. All lodges should belong to such districts. You send your best man to the district convention and the district in turn selects the best men for the national convention then we have reason to believe that we would have delegates who know their business and would make it "business before pleasure."

Under this method we could likely reduce our per capita tax by 50 per cent.

You may expect a motion at our next convention, regardless of where it is held, containing most of my suggestions — perhaps all of them. So, think it over.

J. P. ANDERSEN, Sec. No. 35.

### Economics, 1945

The three men in the night club were each insisting on the privilege of paying the \$15 check.

"Look," said one of them. "This goes on my expense account because my Company is in the 80% over-all income tax bracket and will cost us only \$3."

"No—I'll catch it," said the second man. "My Company pays an excess profits tax. We're in the 95% bracket so it will cost us only 75c to pay this check."

"Gentlemen," spoke the third man, "my Company has a cost-plus Government contract and if I pay this check we'll make \$4.50 on it!"

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## Minutes of the Supreme Board Meeting, March 19-22, 1945

### Monday, March 19, 1945.

The semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of the Danish Brotherhood in America was held in the Home Office, 908, W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska beginning Monday, March 19, 1945.

All members were present as follows: John Hansen, Supreme President; C. B. Christensen, First Supreme Vice-President; N. C. Nielsen, Second Supreme Vice-President; Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer; Svend Petersen, Viggo C. Hansen, and Hilmar W. Hansen, Supreme Trustees.

Supreme President John Hansen presided. The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m.

Applications for assessment relief from the Relief Fund, in a greater number than before, on which the approval was in doubt when first considered in the usual manner, came up for discussion and final decision.

An invitation from lodge No. 1 to attend a meeting of the lodge on Tuesday evening was received and accepted.

It was agreed to make the regular comprehensive audit of our bonds in the safe deposit vaults on Tuesday. Also, to have the meeting with the Finance Committee on Thursday, beginning at 9 a. m.

### Tuesday, March 20, 1945.

All members of the Board were present. The day was spent in the vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha, auditing and checking the bonds in which the money of our society is invested, and assisting the Supreme Trustees with detaching the interest coupons, record and segregate them by months of their due date.

The Supreme Trustees reported as follows:

"Mr. John Hansen,  
Supreme President, D. B. S.

This is to advise you that the undersigned, Supreme Trustees of D. B. S., have met this day and taken a complete inventory of our bonds and other valuables in the vaults and in the office and find that such inventory conforms with the official records in the office of the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

The interest coupons for current collections have been clipped from the bonds and segregated by months; and inventory sheets of the coupons due each month are on file in the office of the Chairman of the Trustees.

The total amount of bonds on hand as of today is \$3,730,000.00.

We are pleased to note that this is an increase of \$78,000 over the inventory of 6 months ago, which indicates that all available money is invested in interest-bearing securities. Further, it indicates that the finances of the Danish Brotherhood are in excellent condition.

Fraternally yours,  
Svend Petersen  
Viggo C. Hansen  
Hilmar W. Hansen."

### Wednesday, March 21, 1945.

All members present. The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m.

By recommendation of the membership committee

consisting of John Hansen and Axel Skelbeck, it was decided to divide the lodges into nine competitive groups during the contest, as follows: Group 1, 20 members and less; Group 2, 21-30 members; Group 3, 31-50 members; Group 4, 51-70 members; Group 5, 71-100 members; Group 6, 101-150 members, Group 7, 151-200 members; Group 8, 201-300 members, and Group 9 over 300 members.

In addition to the cash prizes to the individual members, as previously announced, it was likewise decided to allow prizes to the two winning lodges in each group. The first prize to be \$1 per member and the second prize to be 75 cents per member admitted into each of the two winning lodges during the contest period.

Upon motion by Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded, it was decided to stop our advertisement presently running in the Scandinavian News of Toronto, Canada.

The 1944 financial report and valuation report, as filed with the various departments of insurance, were reviewed.

### Thursday, March 22, 1945.

All members present. Meeting called to order at 9 a. m.

The entire forenoon was devoted to a joint meeting with the Finance Committee. Frank J. Bender and Frank V. Lawson, consultants to the committee, attended this part of the meeting. John Hansen, Chairman, reported for the committee, summarizing various transactions since the last meeting of the full board. To follow the Board's previous decision, some of our municipal bonds, on which a large profit had accrued, were sold with the proceeds re-invested in United States Treasury bonds. Our holdings of U. S. Government bonds were thus augmented with an additional \$335,000. We now hold a total of \$2,114,000 Government secured bonds, or 57% of the total investments. The remaining 43% are invested in various obligations of States and Municipalities of high

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Liberal time was given to a discussion of policies followed for investment of the funds of our society. In view of the prevailing uncertain conditions, it was agreed to continue with the policy of investing only in high grade bonds.

It was moved by C. B. Christensen to extend appreciation to the Finance Committee for the splendid work done, resulting in the excellent condition of our finances. Duly seconded and carried.

An offer on our holdings of Province of New Brunswick and Province of Alberta bonds was at hand from a Toronto, Canada bond house. An offer on our Eastland, Texas bonds from a St. Louis, Missouri bond house was also received. Upon due consideration, and an investigation made beforehand, it was decided not to sell these issues at this time.

A communication was at hand from lodge No. 102, Providence, Rhode Island asking that lodges with a limited membership be permitted to operate with a number of officers smaller than that prescribed in the By-Laws of our society.

Upon motion by Hilmar W. Hansen, duly seconded and carried, the secretary was instructed to write lodge No. 102 that the Supreme Board is unable to give such permission. The number of officers necessary is determined in our laws and can be changed only at a legally held national convention.

A communication was received from the Membership Committee of the National Fraternal Congress of America, soliciting our society for membership. Considering the cost of membership and representation at the annual meeting, the communication was tabled by a majority vote.

The Supreme Secretary reported that our entire supply of Ex-President emblems of both styles, the 25 year and 50 year membership emblems is exhausted. Information from the manufacturer indicates that new stocks will not be available until after the war.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the meeting was at 4 p. m. adjourned until the third Monday in September, being September 17, 1945.

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Supreme Secretary.

## Den Niende April

Den niende April 1940 er en Dato, ingen Mand eller Kvinde af dansk Herkomst vil glemme — med Ildbogstaver er den skrevet i deres Hukommelse.

Det var den Dag, Tyskerne overrumplede den fredelige danske Nation og satte sig fast i vort Hjemland for at udsuge og udnytte det. Fem Aar er hængaet siden den Dag, fem Aar af fortsat Lidelse under Tyskernes Aag.

Ledet af deres Herre og Mester, Adolf Hitler, og hans brutale Haandlangere har det tyske Folk opnaaet at skade de undertvungne Lande mere end noget andet tyrannisk Herredømme, Historien kan opvise. Men siden Danmark har været okkuperet, har Folket ikke ladet sig kujonere, deres første passive Modstand, deres Tavshed, deres krænkende Negligerig af Fjenden er efterhaanden gaaet over til kraftigere Demonstrationer. Et stort velorganiseret Undergroundsarbejde er i fuld Gang, Sabotage finder Sted overalt, hvor det kan skade Tyskernes Organisation — intet andet undertrykt Land kan opvise saa mange Sprængninger af Bygninger, Værfter og Jernbanelinier og af alt, hvad kan fremme Tyskernes Planer. De danske Patrioter er rede til at tage Følgerne, Antillet af Arestationer og Henrettelser stiger.

Men Dagen for Befrielse rykker nærmere. Situationen ser nu betydelig lysere ud, og vi kan regne med, at den Dag, Danmark igen er frit, ikke er langt borte, saa at vi da kan række det en hjælpende Haand. Vi kan endnu ikke med Sikkerhed vide, hvor stor er Ødelæggelsen, hvor stor er Manglen. Men en Ting ved vi — Hjælp er tiltrængt. Og jeg kan forsikre America Denmark Reliefs Medlemmer, at vor Bestyrelseskomite er sit fulde Ansvar bevidst, og at vi nøje vil følge Begivenhedernes Gang og være rede, naar Tiden er inde.

JEAN HERSHOLT, Formand  
America Denmark Relief, Inc.

## . . . NEW MEMBERS . . .

Jens Haugaard 14—Kenosha ---- Andrew Hansen  
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Albert C. Borup 46—Perth Amboy .. Peter L. Hansen  
N. C. Nielsen 46—Perth Amboy ----- Niels Kjaer  
John W. Nielsen 46—Perth Amboy --- Niels Ingstrup  
Chris E. Borup 46—Perth Amboy .. A. H. Johansen  
J. M. Jochumsen 49—San Francisco .. N. V. Terkelsen  
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N. M. Petersen 62—Sioux City .. J. P. Rasmussen  
N. M. Petersen 62—Sioux City .. Rasmus Petersen  
Jorgen Nielsen 62—Sioux City .. Alfred Jensen  
N. P. Paulsen 85—Rochester ----- Chris T. Lund  
Sophus Madsen 116—Newark ----- Paul Blidsoe  
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H. C. Rasmussen 126—Los Angeles .. Hans E. Damm  
Christ Nyberg 126—Los Angeles .. Helge Sorensen  
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# News From The Eastern Lodges

By  
GEO. V. PETERSEN

## Dannevang Lodge No. 248, New York

We do not often hear from this lodge, but we heard that at their meeting in March a very special attendance was experienced.

Visitors from the following lodges were present: No. 116 Newark, No. 164 New York, No. 205 Brooklyn, No. 257 New York and No. 325 Long Island.

It is natural that a most interesting meeting was had and following same the refreshment committee surprised the gathering and served a delicious, "forlorn Skilpadde."

Many good speeches and songs were heard during the evening. The lodge wishes to thank the brethren for coming and hopes that they will soon come again.

## Newark Lodge Will Again Be Busy at the Home in Metuchen

On May 27 the opening festival will be held on the grounds of the home for the aged in Metuchen. This affair is the one that starts the season for that most beloved place here in the East. On this day the committee in charge expects a large gathering and promise everyone that they shall not be disappointed. As stated before, the committee is from Newark lodge together with the sisters also from Newark.

There will be all kinds of games during the afternoon where both grown ups and children can participate, and of course there will be dancing from 7 to 10. From the kitchen where the ladies will have the say so, you will be able to get all kinds of delicious Danish sandwiches, coffee, cake and Æbleskiver, etc. Of course there will be a bar where you may be able to procure whatever you will need to go through the day. They are well prepared, so be sure to come to Metuchen May 27.

Several brethren in Newark lodge have sons in the armed forces. A couple of these have just been mentioned quite prominently in the press and by letters received recently from overseas. S/Sgt. A. Madsen, son of the president of the lodge, has received recently the expert infantry man's badge, Star for European Theater of war, and the E. F. D. campaign ribbon.

Pfc. Walter Jensen, son of V. Killedare Jensen of Newark lodge, has been awarded a Bronze Star; same was received by his parents in East Orange. Pfc. Jensen is in the Marine Corps operating in the Pacific. He has been in the Marines for about 2 years and is the youngest of three brothers in the service. The others are S/Sgt. Karl Jensen of the Marine Corps and Russell Jensen also S/Sgt. but in the Infantry.

It goes without saying that the parents of the above mentioned are very proud of their sons.

We certainly wish them all the best of luck.

## H. C. Orsted Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.

The 41st anniversary of the lodge was celebrated March 10 by about 140 brothers and sisters and several invited guests. A fine Virginia ham dinner was served. At 6:30, President J. Johansen bid all welcome and appointed Secretary H. Bukke as toastmaster for the evening.

Greetings were read from the officers of the Eastern Lodges and several friends of the lodge who were unable to attend.

Speeches were heard from Supreme Vice-President, C. B. Christensen, Mrs. Magaret Andersen, Magnus Rasmussen from Troy, B. Tang, Niels Muller and Chris. Kollgard from Oneonta.

The Supreme Vice-President presented a 50 year badge and it was accepted by the President of the lodge in behalf of brother Lund who was unable to be present. Niels Nielsen's orchestra furnished the music and everybody had a very pleasant evening.

Too bad we could not be there.

## Boston Lodge Has April Fool Party

Saturday, April 7, the lodge in Boston held an April Fool party which was very well attended. An orchestra played during the evening and it was indeed a pleasure to see how the Danes are still able to enjoy themselves. Of course you do not see very many young folks at these affairs at present; we all know the reason for that. However, we did see one Marine and his girl friend and they really had a good time.

The highlight of the evening was the giving away of a \$25 War Bond. The lucky one was brother Simonsen.

The affair was held in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the lodge which will be held this fall, the lodge has been making real good progress in this respect and we know No. 87 will celebrate in real form when the time comes.

## Providence No. 102

Ex-President Hansen has again invited the brethren to his home for the annual dinner, it is going to be April 21. This year however he is going to charge us for it, but the money received will all go to the fund we have started for our 50th anniversary. We know brother Hansen will have a good crowd and we certainly appreciate what both he and Mrs. Hansen are doing for us. We know what it means to get a dinner and trimmings together for a hungry crowd. The welcome smile upon arrival will linger until next year in our mind.

"Rastus, why are there two Baptist Churches in this small town?"

"Boss, it's disaway. One ob dem believes dat Pharo's daughtar foun' Moses in de bullrushes. De oddah claims dats wha' she sed."

## Distriktsinddeling

I den senere Tid er der fremkommen her i Bladet forskellige Ramaskrig om Hovedkonventionen i Seattle i 1947, og Hylet man hører mest er, at det bliver for dyrt, og at hvis Konventionen bliver afholdt, vil det være den bare Ruin for Brodersamfundet. Der er endda en Broder, der er gaaet saa vidt i hans Udgødelser, at han henstiller til Seattle Logen, at den giver Afkald paa Konventionen. Alt dette kan kun give Grund til Eftertanke, og jeg vil gerne i den Forbindelse have Lov til selv at komme med nogle faa Udgødelser og Betragtninger.

Til at begynde med kan vi vel nok være enige om, at de mange Delegater til Hovedkonventionen i Minneapolis var i Besiddelse af deres sunde Fornuft og vidste, hvad de stemte paa. Da der var andre Loger, der indbød til Konventionen i 1947, kan man vel nok gaa ud fra, at der blev gjort Propaganda for andre Byer end netop Seattle, og man kan vel ogsaa antage, at Afstemningen kom ikke som en Overrumpling. Eller vil de gode Brødre, der nu protesterer, paastaa, at de vestlige Staters Delegater alene med deres magnetiske Nærværelse var nok til at hypnotisere alle de Delegater, der stemte for Seattle? Eller skal man tro en anden Konsekvens, nemlig at Delegaterne fra de østlige Stater sad og dryssede paa Enden og ikke vidste, hvad de stemte paa og først er vaagnet op et Par Aar efter Konventionen! !

Det store Spørgsmaal er selvfølgelig, hvor meget vil det koste mere end for Eks. i Detroit, New York eller en anden By i Østen, for man tør vel nok gaa ud fra, at der er andre Steder i Landet, der har Ret til at indbyde til en Hovedkonvention end netop Byer i Iowa, Nebraska og andre Stater, der ligger midt i Landet.

Det er indlysende, at det vil komme til at koste lidt mere i Seattle end for Eks. i Omaha, men Forholdsvis ikke ret meget, naar man tager i Betragtning Størrelsen af vor Forening. Vi maa huske paa, at selv om det vil koste mere for en Billet fra New York til Seattle end til Omaha, saa vil det til Gengæld koste mindre fra San Francisco end til Omaha. Der findes 30 Loger langs med Pacifickysten, og hvis vi tager hele Vesten med, faar vi 48 Loger.

Der er en Ting, som Konventionen i Minneapolis glemte, og det var at ordne Finanserne paa en saadan Maade, at de vilde tage Vare paa eventuelle Udgifter, saasom ekstra Transportudgifter og de forhøjede Dagpenge, som Delegaterne vil faa ved Konventionen i Seattle, og Guderne skal vide, at selv med Forhøjelsen i Dagpenge er det lavt nok; jeg har personlig i mange Aar rejst over hele Landet og ved, hvad det koster. Men alt dette kan sikkert lade sig ordne af de syv kloge Mennesker, der en Gang imellem kommer sammen i Omaha, der kan sikkert laves lidt om her og der i de forskellige Fønd, og en ekstra Skat kan blive opkrævet efter Konventionen.

Igennem alt dette har vi en af de bedste Illustrationer af hvorfor vort Samfund burde inddeles i Distrikter og Delegaterne til Hovedkonventionen blive valgt paa Distriktskonventionerne ifølge Medlemsantal.

Vort System er grueligt forældet, og det burde forandres. Mærkelig nok har Danskerne været Foregangsmænd paa mange Omraader, men med Hensyn til vor Forening staar vi omtrent paa samme Stade,

vi gjorde i 1882, og de faa Forandringer, vi har foretaget, har altid været, naar vi blev pisket til det af en eller anden Stat, hvis Forsikringslove vi ikke adlød.

Det samme er Tilfældet med vort Delegatsystem. Vi har ikke holdt Trit med lignende Foreninger saasom Sons of Norway, Runeberg Ordenen og mange andre.

Grunden til at Amerika løsrev sig fra den engelske Georg den 3die var vel nok den, at der var „taxation without representation“, og det har vi i Dag indenfor vort Samfund. Som en Illustration lad os tage en Loge som 321 i West Palm Beach i Florida, hvorfra vi hørte et Opstød om Seattle Konventionen, denne Loge havde den 1. Januar 1945, 20 Medlemmer. Hvis denne Loge har haft dette Antal Medlemmer i Perioden imellem de to Konventioner, vil den have indbetalt \$120 i Skat til vort Samfunds Løbeudgifter — og deri er indbefattet Konventionsudgifterne. Hvert fjerde Aar faar et af Logens Medlemmer en Lejlighed til at deltage i en Hovedkonvention, og hans Udgifter som Samfundet maa betale er mere end Logens Medlemmer nogensinde faar indbetalt til Hovedlogen.

Til Gengæld lad os tage en Loge som Nr. 49 i San Francisco, der den 1. Januar havde 436 Medlemmer, og vil paa samme Basis have indbetalt \$2,616.00 til Hovedlogen — men er kun berettiget til samme Stemmeantal som Nr. 321. Hvor ligger Retfærdigheden i et saadant Arrangement?

Saavidt som jeg kan se, er der to Udveje. Den ene er, at Samfundet bliver inddelt i Distrikter, hvorfra Delegaterne bliver valgt til Hovedkonventionen ifølge Medlemsantallet i Distriktet, eller ogsaa maa den enkelte Delegat have Stemmeret ifølge Medlemsantallet i hans Loge. Dette System bliver forresten brugt ved de fleste Fagforeningskonventioner her i Landet, men det skærer ikke Udgifterne ned.

Det er netop i Aar 25 Aar siden Generalkomiteen i Kalifornien blev paabegyndt, og den har i disse Aar udrettet uhyre meget for at forfremme vort Samfunds Sag her i vor Stat. Vi har 18 Loger, der tilhører Generalkomiteen med et samlet Medlemsantal, der beløber sig til ca. 12% af Samfundets Medlemmer. Mange af disse Loger er bleven oprettet af Generalkomiteen, og der er nogle af Logerne, der maaske vilde have ophørt, hvis det ikke netop havde været for Generalkomiteens Arbejde.

Vore aarlige Konventioner, der samler fra 250 til 300 hvert Aar og har gjort meget til at skabe Enighed og god Forstaaelse imellem Logerne og Medlemmerne. I Begyndelsen varede disse Møder fire Dage, senere blev de skaaret ned til tre Dage, og siden Krigen har vi kun haft to Dage. Vi har lært meget ved disse Møder, og som Regel kommer Delegaterne til Hovedkonventionen godt forberedt og ved, hvad der vil foregaa, og hvorledes der burde stemmes.

Præsidenten for Generalkomiteen gør en Rejse omkring i Staten hvert Aar for at indsætte de mange Bestyrelser, og alene dette hjælper til at skabe Interesse i vort Samfunds Arbejde. I en Stat som Kalifornien, hvor der er ca. 1000 Mil imellem Loge Nr. 230 i Arcata og Loge Nr. 306 i San Diego, er det ikke Smaating at varetage et saadant Hverv. Det er ikke alene Tiden, der maa gives til Rejsen, men

ogsaa Rejseomkostningerne. Han er betalt \$100.00 i Rejseudgifter. Resten maa han selv klare.

I Aar havde jeg den Glæde at rejse sammen med vor nuværende Præsident, Broder J. P. Andreasen fra Bakersfield paa hans Besøg i Logerne, og vi var i Stand til at indsætte Bestyrelserne i 16 af Logerne. Det tog os 20 Dage, og vi kørte 2300 Mil i dette Tidsrum. Fru Andreasen fulgte med sin Mand paa hele Rejsen, og min Hustru var med et Stykke Tid. Derforuden havde vi Fru Agnes Jurvig fra San Francisco med paa Rejsen. Fru Jurvig er Præsident for Søsterlogernes Generalkomite, og hun indsatte Bestyrelserne i Søsterlogerne. Flere Steder var der Fællesindsættelse af Bestyrelserne. Helt personligt ved jeg, at vi havde megen Glæde og Gavn af Rejsen, og jeg haaber, vi var i Stand til at skabe Interesse i Logerne. Flere Steder var der Optagelse under Besøget.

For at skabe yderlig Interesse har Broder Andreasen udlovet to Præmier: en paa \$50 til den Loge der faar de fleste Medlemmer i Tidsrummet 1. August 1944 til 1. August 1945, og \$25 til den Broder, der faar de fleste Medlemmer i samme Periode. Derforuden har Generalkomiteen udlovet tre Præmier til de Brødre, der faar de fleste Medlemmer.

Jeg nævner alt dette for at vise, hvad der kan gøres for at skabe Interesse for vort Samfund. En Generalkomite, der er godt organiseret, kan udrette meget mere for Samfundet, end Overbestyrelsen kan, idet Generalkomiteen er bekendt med de lokale Forhold og kan derfor bedre dømme. Det er indlysende,

at de Forhold, der gør sig gældende for Eks. i Kalifornien, ikke er de samme Forhold, der gælder i New York eller Iowa. Naar alt kommer til alt, er Hovedlogen mere en Administrationsorganisation end noget andet.

Jeg husker en Artikel, der fremkom her i Bladet for nogle Aar siden, hvori en Broder fra en Loge med ca. 15 Medlemmer skrev, at hans Loge og enhver anden Loge var BERETTIGET til at sende et af Logens Medlemmer paa en Ferierejse engang hvert fjerde Aar, og den Ret vilde han ikke opgave. Hvis Formaalet med vor Hovedkonvention er at give Brødre fra saa mange Loger som mulig en Ferierejse paa Samfundets Bekostning, saa lad os for Guds Skyld vedblive med vort nuværende System, og jeg vil endda stærkt anbefale, at Dagpengene bliver forhøjet til \$15 pr. Dag, og at Delegaterne bliver berettiget til at tage Mutter med. Men — hvis vor Hovedkonvention skal være en forretningsmæssig Kongres, der samles for at varetage Samfundets Tarv og Interesser paa en forretningsmæssig Basis — maa vi inddele Samfundet i Distrikter.

Jeg haaber at ved en sund og fornuftig Overvejelse af Spørgsmaalet vil Delegaterne komme til Konventionen i Seattle og stemme for Distriktsinddelingen, og derved sætte Samfundet paa et Basis, som burde have være gjort for mange Aar siden.

RUDOLPH OLSEN, Sekretær,  
Generalkomiteen for Kalifornien.

## Akron, Ohio

Det tager noget af en Kalamitet til at vaagne os her i Akron; men da vi fik Budskab om, at vor unge Broder, Ernest Dyrland, havde betalt med sit Liv i Tyskland, for at vi kan have det godt her i Amerika, vaagnede vi endeligt.

Broder Dyrland kom her til Akron som fem-aarig i 1922 sammen med sin Fader og Moder, som begge er en bærende Kraft i vore Broder- og Søsterloger her i Akron. Broder Ernest Dyrland gav os ældre Brødre mangen en Inspiration, til hvad der burde gøres, for at vort Brodersamfund kan blive af Interesse for vore yngre Brødre. Han viste sig som en god Soldat og avancerede, saa at han ved sin Død var Second Lieutenant. Lad os haabe, at de af os, som fra Tid til anden følte os lidt trætte, vil nu tage fat og gaa frem og gøre vort til, at Amerika og gamle Danmark kan være stolte af os.

JULIUS JULIUSEN, Sekretær,  
Loge Nr. 301, Akron, Ohio.

## Festdag i Nr. 18

Tirsdag den 10de April var en Festdag i „Holger Danske“ Loge Nr. 18. Tre af vore gamle Brødre havde da været Medlemmer af Logen i et halvt Aarhundrede. Vi havde sendt Indbydelse til dem om at komme til vort Møde den Aften, saa at vi kunde præsentere dem med Samfundets 50-Aars Emblem. Der kom dog kun en af dem, det var Broder Alfred Nielsen. De to andre Brødre er bosatte i andre Stater. Broder Niels Nielsen bor i Wisconsin, og Broder John Stephensen i Michigan, og de mente ikke, at de kunde komme til Chicago ved denne Tid.

Logens Præsident, Broder Charles Frederiksen,

anmodede Broder John Schmidt om at overgive 50-Aars Emblemet til Broder Alfred Nielsen, og John udførte dette Hverv med nogle faa velvalgte Ord. Han takkede Broder Nielsen for sit Arbejde for Logen og Samfundet og roste ham, fordi han altid havde været punktlig med at betale sine Obligationer til Logen.

Efter Mødet havde vi en „Smoker“, og vi havde en rigtig fornøjelig Aften. Det var en af vore Brødre, Peter Kristensen, som celebrerede sin Fødselsdag, og vi blev beværtet med lækkert Smørrebrød, Akvavit og Øl. Der var flere Brødre tilstede ved Mødet og „Smokeren“, end der har været for lange Tider, og de gamle Brødre fortalte om deres Oplevelser, og fortalt at det var interessant. Der blev naturligvis fortalt mange Historier, og nogle af Brøderne gav os nogle Sange. Til Slut sang hele Forsamlingen „Der er et yndigt Land“ og „America“. Det var i det hele taget en meget vellykket Fest. 50-Aars Emblemet blev sendt til de to gamle Brødre, der ikke kunde være sammen med os.

UNCLE BILL.


## FOR SALE

H. C. Andersen lodge No. 91, St. Paul, Minnesota wish to sell their library books, including book cases. We have between 300 and 400 books. It can be bought reasonably. Correspond with secretary for information.

H. M. MILLER,  
989 Barrett Street,  
St. Paul 3, Minnesota.

Agnes: "Is Mrs. DeMurr an active member of your sewing circle?"

Ruth: "My goodness no! She never has a word to say — just sits there and sews all the time."



# THE 7<sup>TH</sup> WAR LOAN IS ON!

Yes, the Seventh War Loan is on right now!

There are new planes to be built... new tanks... new ships. All to bring the war to an earlier close.

Our fighting men will do *their* job. But we must do *ours*!

And right now, the most important job we have is to meet our personal quotas in the Seventh War Loan drive!

Those quotas are big. Uncle Sam needs \$7,000,000,000 from individuals. For *this* loan is really 2 in 1—there had been 2 drives in 1944, by this time. So now—we've



got to do a two-loan job in one.

But Americans have never failed to meet a War Bond quota yet—and we won't fail now! So find out what your quota is—and meet it!

### FIND YOUR QUOTA :: AND MAKE IT!

IF YOUR AVERAGE INCOME PER MONTH IS:	YOUR PERSONAL WAR BOND QUOTA IS: (CASH VALUE)	MATURITY VALUE OF 7TH WAR LOAN BONDS BOUGHT
\$250	\$187.50	\$250
225-250	150.00	200
210-225	131.25	175
200-210	112.50	150
180-200	93.75	125
140-180	75.00	100
100-140	37.50	50
Under \$100	18.75	25

ALL OUT FOR THE MIGHTY 7<sup>th</sup> WAR LOAN

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MARCH, 1945

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance March 1st	\$ 1,275.33
Received in March	10,553.72
Interest on Bonds	11,266.10
10M Bonds called	10,000.00
	<b>\$33,095.15</b>

Disbursements:	
Death claims paid	\$14,155.27
Collection charge	5.25
Balance	18,934.63
	<b>\$33,095.15</b>

## General Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance March 1st	\$5,018.03
Received in March	522.73
	<b>\$5,540.76</b>

Disbursements:	
Actuarial fee	\$ 300.00
Advertising, printing and stationery	124.20
Bank charge on checks collected	1.05
Photostats, special typing for annual reports	29.65
Printing and mailing official publication	260.64
Postage, epress, telephone and telegraph	42.44
Rent and light	92.64
Salaries of officers and home office employees	620.00
Traveling expense (Supreme board meeting)	834.57
	<b>\$2,305.19</b>

Balance	3,235.57
	<b>\$5,540.76</b>

## Relief Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance March 1st	\$1,445.43
Received in March	450.51
	<b>\$1,895.94</b>

## Membership Campaign Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance March 1st	\$2,122.76
Disbursements:	
Membership Campaign prizes	15.00
Balance	\$2,107.76
	<b>\$2,122.76</b>

## Bonds and Cash.

Mortuary Fund bonds	\$3,560,000.00
Relief Fund bonds	155,000.00
General Fund bonds	5,000.00
Cash in bank	\$35,331.26
Less outstanding checks	8,889.51
	<b>26,441.75</b>
	<b>\$3,746,441.75</b>

## Address Changes

### Secretary:

309—Wm. Rendtorff, 199 Otsego St., Iliion, N. Y.

### Treasurer:

147—Rasmus Christensen, Box 671, Newell, Iowa.

### Meeting Dates:

36—Milwaukee, Wis., 1st Friday and 4th Saturday.

## Correction

In the list of donations to Children's Homes in the April issue, Lodge No. 177 is recorded for \$2.50. The correct amount is \$5.

## DEATH CLAIMS PAID

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Mar. 5	Jens Peter Hvass	60	Nørre Sundby	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1917	Cerebral hemorrhage	\$1000.00
Mar. 2	Sonke Petersen	82	Tønder Amt.	11	Clinton, Iowa	1901	Chronic myocarditis	358.49
Mar. 9	Hans Chr. N. Botker	79	Gunslev	18	Chicago, Ill.	1899	Carcinoma of prostate	379.25
Mar. 2	Andy Andersen	82	Urup By, Fyn	29	Seattle, Wash.	1904	Arteriosclerosis	500.00
Mar. 17	Jens Larsen	60	Gamtofte, Fyn	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1907	Cerebral hemorrhage	1000.00
Mar. 16	Carl Berg	84	Ødis pr Kolding	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1892	Coronary embolism	343.22
Mar. 7	Ove Peter Iversen	83	Lemvig	49	San Francisco, Cal.	1899	Coronary sclerosis	725.23
Mar. 12	Valdemar L. Nielsen	68	Haderslev, Slesvig	3	Davenport, Ia.	1899	Myocardial failure	894.35
Mar. 13	Hans Peter Jensen	82	Jylland	15	Des Moines, Ia.	1896	Uremia	352.77
Mar. 7	Marius Jensen	61	Jerne, Ribe	17	Chicago, Ill.	1909	Cirrhosis of the liver	500.00
Mar. 12	Niels Olsen	96	Vordingborg	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1888	Coronary thrombosis	588.63
Mar. 13	Anders P. Andersen	83	Randers	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1905	Chronic Myocardites	405.21
Mar. 20	T. C. Hagedorn	74	Aslet, Slesvig	18	Chicago, Ill.	1902	Apoplexy	1000.00
Mar. 14	Fritz W. Beck	72	Frederikshavn	227	Detroit, Mich.	1917	Prostate	250.00
Jan. 26	P. O. Christensen	75	Sjella pr. Aarhus	48	Rock Springs, Wyo.	1893	Broncho pneumonia	776.49
Mar. 22	Rasmus Hansen	85	Tryggløp, Svendborg	126	Los Angeles, Cal.	1900	Chronic myocarditis	406.21
Mar. 12	Hans M. Hansen	66	Norup, Fyn	112	Portland, Maine	1906	Natural causes	500.00
Mar. 20	Nels N. Jensen	79	Kirkehelsinge Sogn	163	Edmore, Mich.	1909	Apoplexy	222.12
Mar. 26	Andrew J. Nelson	72	Rougstrup, Slesvig	4	Racine, Wis.	1911	Chronic myocarditis	466.03
Mar. 23	Hans H. Cook	77	Lemvig	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1896	Coronary thrombosis	764.81
Mar. 23	Peder Stoltz	68	Vallekilde	314	Hartford, Conn.	1922	Heart disease	250.00
Apr. 2	Christian Martinsen	77	Fjellebroen, Fyn	173	Kansas City, Kans.	1894	Cerebral hemorrhage	760.01
Mar. 31	Soren L. Frandsen	78	Tjæreborg	40	Rawlins, Wyo.	1890	Pyonephrosis	743.18
Mar. 17	James R. Norgaard	49	Hurup	96	Jackson, Minn.	1927	Cerebral hemorrhage	250.00
Apr. 3	Jens Jensen	53	Ølgod	303	Woodland, Cal.	1919	Coronary occlusion	250.00
Mar. 20	Carlo Joachimsen	39	Hurup	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1930	Intestinal obstruction	250.00
Feb. 26	Niels E. C. Dyrland	27	Stenlille	301	Akron, Ohio	1936	Killed in action	250.00
Apr. 1	Hans Larsen	85	Haslev	74	Omaha, Nebr.	1899	Uremia	687.92
Mar. 22	Peter Petersen	74	Horriby Sogn	20	Manistee, Mich.	1897	Chronic myocarditis	500.00
Apr. 8	Chris Christensen	75	Silkeborg	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1907	Chronic myocarditis	218.41
Apr. 3	Eugene Andersen	58	Audubon, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Ia.	1906	Broncho pneumonia	990.79
Apr. 8	Niels Hansen	82	Burup, Falster	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1901	Pernicious anemia	739.24
Mar. 20	William Lambertsen	75	Flensborg	116	Newark, N. J.	1900	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Apr. 3	James Peterson	86	Bornholm	171	Jamestown, N. Y.	1904	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Apr. 6	Carl A. Klein	52	Esbjerg	49	San Francisco, Cal.	1929	Pulmonary tuberculosis	250.00
Mar. 21	John Nielsen	81	Copenhagen	167	Portland, Oregon	1939	Unknown tuberculosis	250.00

## RESOLUTIONS

### WILLIAM LAMBERTSEN, Newark, N. J.

In memory of our departed brother, William Lambertsen, who passed away March 20, 1945, Fremad Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J., adopted the following resolution at our regular meeting held April 7.

Resolved: That our charter be draped for a period of 30 days; that the lodge regrets the loss of our old brother; that we extend our sympathy to the family, and that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to the family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 116,

Sophus Madsen, President,  
Chris Madsen, Secretary.

### CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN, Pocatello, Idaho.

In memory of our old brother and charter member, Christian Christensen, who passed away April 8, 1945, Lodge No. 264 passed the following resolution:

Resolved: That in honor of our departed brother's memory, our charter will be draped for a period of 90 days; that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, and the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 264, Pocatello, Idaho,

Rasmus Christensen, President  
Marinus Jensen, Secretary.

### NELS CHRISTENSEN, Superior, Wis.

In memory of our late brother, Nels Christensen, who passed away March 16, 1945:

Be it resolved that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days, and that the members of Lodge No. 89 deeply regret the passing of our brother.

And be it further resolved that this resolution be printed in our lodge paper and incorporated in the minutes of our lodge, and a copy sent to his family.

Einar Paulsen, President,  
Peter M. Larsen, Secretary.

### HANS PETER JENSEN, Des Moines, Iowa.

In memory of our departed brother, Hans Peter Jensen, who passed away March 13, 1945, the following resolution was adopted at our last regular meeting:

Resolved: That we deeply regret the loss of our brother, and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy be sent to the family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa,

C. Skov, President,  
K. Jensen, Secretary.

### LARS LARSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Lars Larsen, who died April 8, 1945, This resolution was adopted by Kronborg Lodge No. 298 at their regular meeting April 10, 1945.

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a good and true brother, and most loyal member of our order, that we extend to the bereaved family our most sincere sympathy in their hour of great sorrow:

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, and a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, incorporated in the lodge minutes, and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Kronborg Lodge, No. 298,

Paul J. Wester, President,  
James Petersen, Secretary.

### HANS MARIUS HANSEN, Portland, Maine.

In memory of our brother, Hans Marius Hansen, who passed away March 12, 1945, Lodge No. 112, Portland, Maine, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that in honor of our departed brother's memory, our charter shall be draped in mourning for 30 days; that we extend our sympathy to his family and that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy be sent to his family.

Karl Pedersen, President,  
Bertel L. Luja, Secretary.

### RASMUS ANDERSEN, Little Falls, New York.

I Anledning af Broder Rasmus Andersens Død March 23, 1945 vedtog Loge Nr. 309 følgende Resolution:

Vi dybt beklager Tabet af vor agtede Broder og Sekretær siden 1929; og bevidner herved vor dybeste Sympathi til hans Efterladte og til Ære for hans Minde beklæder Logen Charter for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage; og at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol og at en Kopi indsendes til D. B. S. Blad og til Mrs. Andersen, Little Falls.

Paa Logen Nr. 309's Vegne,

Emil Haugaard, Præsident,  
Wm. Rendtorff, Sekretær.

### RASMUS HANSEN, Los Angeles, Calif.

I Anledning af Broder Rasmus Hansens Afgang ved Døden den 22 Marts 1945, vedtog Los Angeles Loge Nr. 126, følgende Resolution:

At Logebrødrene dybt belager Tabet af vor afholdte og mangeaarige Broder, Rasmus Hansen.

At vi hermed bevidner vor Sympathi til den sørgende Familie. At vi til Ære for hans Minde draperer vort Charter med Sørgelof for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, samt at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol, bekendtgøres i Samfundsbillet, og en Kopi tilsendes den afdødes efterlevende Slægtning.

Paa Loge Nr. 126's Vegne,

Carl E. Hansen, Præsident,  
Thomas Jensen, Sekretær.

### SØREN L. FRANSDEN, Rawlins, Wyo.

Lørdag den 31 Marts døde Broder Søren L. Frandsen, 78 Aar gammel. Han var med til at stifte vor Loge i 1890 og var Kasserer i 44 Aar.

Han var altid aktiv i Logen saavel som i hans Forretning. Vi af Loge Nr. 40 beklager Tabet af vor afdøde Broder og bevidner vor Sympathi til hans sørgende Familie. Til Ære for hans Minde beklædes vor Charter med Sørgelof for 30 Dage.

Paa Loge Nr. 40's Vegne,

Michael Miller, Præsident,  
Skerner Rasmussen, Sekretær.

## Birthday Visits

Sunday, March 11, a party of twenty members and their wives of lodge No. 323, Alhambra visited our charter member, Godtfred Olsen, at his home in Los Angeles in order to help him celebrate his 74th birthday. Plenty of fine music and good fellowship at our fine brother's cozy home. Coffee and sandwiches were served and a "skaal" was sung. On the following Sunday the same twenty visited brother Richard L. Lehmann at his Tujung home and helped him to celebrate his fiftieth birthday.

C. F. PETERSEN, Secretary.

Little Willie: "Mom, you said the baby has your eyes and Daddy's nose, didn't you?"

Mother: "Yes, darling."

Willie: "Well, you'd better watch him, he has grandpa's teeth now."

Wife: "Will you love me if I grow fat?"

Husband: "No, I promised for better or worse—not through thick and thin."

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# The Boiling Pot

By  
A. GRAVESEN

D. B. S. lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebraska, celebrated its 50th anniversary at an animated party April 20. The lodge reports that its meetings during the past year have been well attended which augurs well for the future.

Jens Larsen, 6415, Maple Street, Omaha, Nebraska, passed away March 17 at the age of 60. He was born at Gamtofte, Fyn, Denmark. He was a valued member of D. B. S. lodge No. 1, always willing to serve in furthering the cause of the Brotherhood. His funeral was conducted from the Glendale Mortuary and it was attended by numerous friends and lodge brothers from "Dannebrog," No. 216, and of members of I. O. O. F., of "Dagmar" Rebecca lodge No. 142, and D. B. S. lodge No. 1, all of which joined in performing their obituary rites. Jens Larsen is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, Clifford J., in the U. S. navy, a sister, Kirsten Hoding, and three brothers in Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rasmussen, 802 Winslow Ave., St. Paul, Minn., celebrated their golden wedding with open house at their home March 14. A goodly number of their many friends found their way to the happy home to pay their respects and to congratulate the popular couple on the memorable occasion. Mr. Rasmussen has been manager of the O'Donnel shoe store for a span of 22 years and Mrs. Rasmussen was supreme treasurer of the Danish Sisterhood for 24 years. She received a diamond pin from the Sisterhood in appreciation of her long and true service in behalf of the society. In spite of the many years of wedded life both look youthful and happy which probably is caused by their cheerful outlook on life that they both have.

President Roosevelt, through the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, has awarded, "The Bronze Medal" to Pfc. Walter Killedare Jensen, United States Marine Corp, with the following citation: "For heroic achievement in action against the enemy while serving with a Marine artillery battalion on Tinian in the Marianas Islands, July 24, 1944. Pfc. Jensen proceeded to and extinguished an ammunition fire which had been started by enemy fire, despite the fact that enemy guns were still sweeping this area. His quick and heroic actions saved a quantity of ammunition and removed the danger of the lives of several men nearby. Pfc. Jensen's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." Pfc. Jensen's father, V. Killedare Jensen, is a prominent member of the D. B. S. and Walter K. is following in his footsteps.

Pvt. Kristian Lastrup, who has served with the U. S. army in the Pacific, visited friends in Hartford, Conn., the early part of March, and he was the honor guest at a welcome party arranged by friends in the D. B. S. hall. He was among those that didn't go scot free as he was wounded in the foot and sent home. His compatriots and friends in Hartford were glad to see him back.

The D. S. S. lodge in Oakland, Calif., celebrated memorated its fifty-first anniversary March 28, at a festival in its lodge quarters.

The D. S. S. lodge in Oakland, Calif., celebrated its fifty-third anniversary March 23, with a party in the Danish hall. Many of the D. B. S. and the D. S. S. lodges are coming of age now.

D. B. S. lodge No. 17, Chicago, Ill., celebrated its sixty-first anniversary, Sunday, March 26, at a convivial party in its lodge hall. Among the congratulatory guests were First Supreme Vice-President, Bysted Christensen from Schenectady, N. Y., and Second Supreme Vice-President, N. C. Nielsen from Racine, Wis. A cozy evening was enjoyed by members and guests.

John and Anna Andersen, South Bend, Indiana, celebrated their golden wedding Saturday, March 24, at a festival arranged in their honor by their numerous friends in the D. B. S. lodge hall. It was attended by nearly 150 people, some of them from out of town among whom were Victor and Anna Christensen from Chicago. The honored pair were praised both in words and songs and they were showered with gifts and a profusion of flowers. The following Sunday the festivities were continued in their home where they kept open house. Mr. Andersen, the golden groom hails from Ebberup, Denmark. He has for a number of years been in the employ of the South Bend Plow Factory, but is now retired. He is a member of long standing of D. B. S. lodge No. 245, and has served as its president. Mrs. Andersen, the golden bride, came from Odense; she is one of the most active members in the Sisterhood lodge of South Bend.

D. B. S. lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, initiated five new members at its meeting, March 20. Delegations from New York and Newark attended the initiation. The Drill Team from Newark with Ernest Christensen as leader was in charge of the ceremonial rites which were performed in a highly decorous manner. Rev. Ove Nielsen, pastor of the Perth Amboy Danish congregation, was invited to attend the meeting in order to get better acquainted with the lodge members.

Mrs. Andrea Hansen, Denver, Colo., died, March 21 and her funeral was conducted from Hoffman's Chapel attended by a large number of friends of the family. She was born at Silkeborg, Denmark, in 1867, and came to Denver 52 years ago. She was a member of the local lodge of the Danish Sisterhood and in her passing the lodge has sustained a great loss as she was one of its best informed and truest members. She was proud of the fact of having attended all of the Sisterhood's conventions, and in 1916 she was representing her lodge at the national convention at St. Paul. She is survived by her husband and two children.

Walter C. Kaysen of Wilmar, Calif., president of

the Alhambra lodge, No. 323, while at work as an electrician with the Southern Pacific Railroad, Co., had the misfortune of spraining his back quite severely which caused him to be confined in his home for a time.

Fred Christensen, 47th Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn., who for several years has been the secretary for D. B. S. lodge No. 45, has bought the Snelling Laundry at University and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Martin Mikkelsen, who has spent the past winter in Florida, has again returned to his home in Milwaukee, Wis. Before leaving West Palm Beach he invited a number of his friends and lodge brothers to a little banquet at Hotel Washington. The dinner was excellent and so were the many extemporaneous speeches delivered in honor of the host. Brother R. V. Hansen, president of D. B. S. lodge No. 321, did a fine job as toastmaster of the evening.

After considering the matter of joining the Danish Brotherhood for twenty years, Chris Risvig decided to take the final step and applied for admission. He took the vows and was initiated into lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif., the latter part of March. Being well and favorable known among his country-men, the brothers were gratified in having him in the fold.

Lodge "Modersmaalet," New York, has changed its meeting place and headquarters to Cornish Arms Hotel which is more easily reached by most of the members than its former location on West 48 Street. The first meeting at the new location will be held May 11 at which time the hall will be suitably dedicated, followed by a festive social hour.

The D. S. S. lodge at Oakland, Calif., at a meeting, March 21, commemorated the fifty-third anniversary day of the founding of the lodge. The gathering was bid welcome by Mrs. Carrie Petersen. Mrs. Marie Hansen, Mrs. Carrie Petersen's mother, the only one of the charter members present, received special honor. Other old timers present who have held membership for more than fifty years were Anne Helstrom and Marie Andersen, all of whom were adorned with a beautiful shoulder bouquet. A delicate dessert-lunch was served and a birthday cake of immense proportion was the main ornament on the table at which the honor guests were seated. The sisters agreed that the affair had been an enjoyable one.

Elna Hansen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ejnar A. Hansen, Kent, Wash., and Lt. Dean A. Moore were married in the St. Johns Danish church, Seattle, on March 28. Lt. Moore is serving in the U. S. Air Corps.

D. B. S. lodge No. 245, South Bend, Ind., at its regular meeting, March 13, had a large agendum before it. James C. Hansen, president of the lodge, called the meeting to order after which an application for membership from Loui Kaser was acted on. Then a new member, Robert Blair Lindley, a grandson of past president Hans Jorgensen, was initiated. Lodge No. 245 is now among the lodges that can boast of having three generations holding membership in the D. B. S., namely: Hans Jorgensen, Harry A. Jorgensen and Robert Lindley, respectively a son and a grandson of Hans Jorgensen.

Mrs. Ellen Hojrup and her daughter, Marie, of Minneapolis, Minn., are vacationing and visiting friends in California, they left for Santa Barbara, April 2. Mrs. Hojrup is the Supreme Treasurer of the Danish Sisterhood, and she intends to visit a number of the lodges in California.

Hans Larsen, 1102 D. Street, Omaha, Nebr., a member of D. B. S. lodge No. 74, died recently at the age of 85. He was formerly in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad, but retired several years ago on a pension. For the past 64 years he has had his home in Omaha. His wife, Dorthea, two daughters and a grandchild survive him.

Holger Nielsen who hails from Aalborg, Denmark, was chosen manager recently of the D. B. S. lodge No. 4's hall in Racine. Nielsen will take over July 1. Visiting brothers are invited to call when in Racine.

Niels C. Nielsen, a son of N. C. Nielsen, Supreme Vice-President of the D. B. S., has recently paid a visit to his home in Racine while on furlough. Cpl. Nielsen has seen long and hard service in the Pacific theater with the U. S. Marine Corps.

At a smoker following the regular meeting of lodge No. 4 of the D. B. S. in Racine, Mr. Jacob Hansen was tendered the Brotherhood's golden emblem in recognition of his fifty years membership in the lodge. Hansen was born at Kramssø, per Varde, Denmark, in 1866. Formerly he was very active in lodge matters, and still he quite often attends lodge meetings. The lodge president, C. F. Tofing, bestowed the medal on Mr. Hansen and spoke briefly expressing the appreciation of the lodge brothers for long and true service.

Andrew J. Nelson, 2013 Carmel Ave., Racine, Wis., A member of D. B. S. lodge No. 4, died April 1, at the age of 71 after a long and lingering illness. Nelson was born at Roagstrup, Schleswig, and came to the U. S. A. at the age of 8. The past 50 years his home has been in Racine. He was employed by the city as bookkeeper for the Mound and Graceland Cemeteries. He served two terms as president of lodge No. 4. His wife, four sons and six daughters survive him.

Otto Sorensen, Los Angeles, a member of D. B. S. lodge No. 74, Omaha, Nebraska, attended a meeting of the Alhambra lodge No. 323 March 23. It was a lively and interesting meeting. Among other things before it, it was decided to call a social gathering, April 27 in order to celebrate the birthdays of Viggo C. Hansen, Walter Kaisen and Louis Holst in a manner befitting the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Christensen, 147 14th Ave., Whitestone, New York, celebrated their silver wedding with open house at their cozy home April 15. Mr. Christiansen is a past president of the Old Peoples Home at Metuchen, New Jersey, and he is also a member of D. B. S. lodge "Dannevang" No. 248, Flushing, New York. The community and the lodge are much indebted to him for taking an active part in every cause for the good of both.

Raymond Henriksen, the expert ice skater and the youngest member of D. B. S. lodge "Modersmaa-

let," New York, left for Denver, Colo., the first part of April to do some skating there. But before he left New York, a number of "Modersmaalet's" members helped him to celebrate his 18th birthday.

Nick Terkelsen, president of "Danmark," lodge No. 2 of Dania was admitted to membership in D. B. S. lodge No. 49, San Francisco, the latter part of March. His wife was admitted to membership in the D. S. S. lodge the same evening. In a speech after the initiation he said: "It is not long ago since Toni (his wife) and I were engaged, shortly after we were married and became husband and wife; a little later we both became presidents, she of "Thyra" and I of "Danmark," and now we have become sister and brother."

The D. S. S. and the D. B. S. lodges in San Diego, Calif., celebrated their 31st anniversary on March 14. A pot luck supper was greatly enjoyed by the participants. The double fete was a real success.

Mr. Thorvald Jensen, the popular secretary of D. B. S. lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif., celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday on April 7 in his home. A numbers of his many friends called to wish him God speed.

Alfred Th. Jorgensen, treasurer of D. B. S. lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., celebrated his 84th birthday on March 20 at his home. A delegation from the lodge called in the afternoon to congratulate the grand old man who has served the lodge as treasurer for the past 29 years. The brothers who called were: Martin Eriksen, S. Sluus, Christ Pedersen, John Andersen, Robert Langeberg, Fred Jensen, Hans Petersen, Edwin Kerr, Norman D. Andker, Less Cave, Arne Jensen and Jacob Jensen, all from lodge No. 39. Carl Penther from lodge No. 49, San Francisco, was there too, he delivered the congratulatory speech wishing Mr. Jorgensen continous health and a happy outlook on life and expressing the hope that he might be back next year with birthday greetings. The visitors brought with them food and certain other items needed in preparing and serving a tasteful lunch. Several others of the lodge brothers would have liked to participate but were deterred because of duties elsewhere.

Charlie F. Christiansen, Salt Lake City, Utah, who has been a member of D. B. S. lodge No. 78 for the past 50 years was honored recently by having his picture spread over one-half of the front page of the local paper, the occasion being his 72nd birthday; but this was not so much on account of his age but more so on account of his great popularity among high and low. If you happened to get in trouble in any way Christiansen could and would help you out. The police, the mayor, even the governor hold him in high esteem and his word has weight. In his younger days he tried his hands at diverse occupations such as salesman, bartender, insurance agent, deputy sheriff, janitor, gardener and even at selling hot dogs in the days of old when the renown Salt Air baths were so much in vogue.

Lodge No. 45 of the D. B. S., Minneapolis, Minn., held its annual "Torskegilde" in Dania hall on the evening of April 7 with a full house. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion; the food was good, and the crowd was in a festive mood. Swan

Faaborg was master of ceremonies and the Helge Bjerg's orchestra furnished the music. The main speaker of the evening was Svend Petersen, Askov, Supreme Trustee, his speech was held in a serious vein intermingled with drollery as is his wont, and it was accorded keen attention by the audience. Other speakers called on by the toastmaster were Gustav Andersen, president of lodge Dania; Ingeborg Sorensen, past president of the local D. S. S. lodge; Boline Petersen, president of the D. S. S. lodge; Bill Holm of Tyler, Minn., member of the Minnesota House of Representatives; Axel Andersen, editor of the Midwest Scandinavian, and many others. All in all it was a gala affair in commemoration of lodge 45's fifty-fourth anniversary.

Carl Klein, a member of D. B. S. lodge No. 49, San Francisco, Calif., died April 6, at his home at the age of 52 after a long and insidious illness. He also held membership in "Helga" No. 3 of Dania and in "Gøglerforeningen." Klein was born in Esbjerg, Denmark, and he came to America about 30 years ago. For many years he spent the summers in Alaska in the employ of the Salmon fisheries and on his return in the fall he generally brought with him the substance needed for a real honest to goodness fish fry for his many friends and lodge brothers. Carl Klein had a host of friends which was evidenced at his funeral by the huge offerings of flowers. His old friend, Henry Gilling, spoke feelingly at his bier, and Carl Mygind, Lawrence Nielsen and Holger Knudsen on behalf of the Brotherhood gave him its last goodbye. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three stepchildren.

Lt. Com. C. B. Nielsen, Chief Engineer, U. S. A. T., whose home is in Alameda, Calif., came home recently from the South Pacific with 2000 freed prisoners of war. He called in at a lodge meeting of No. 39 to greet the brothers. He is a member of long standing in that lodge. He was enjoying his visit with the home folk very much and so was his wife. By this time he is again on his way out.

Mrs. Valley Knudsen states that the annual Sancta Hans festival will be held as usual on June 24 at the Knudsen estate in Glendale, Calif. The net proceeds will be given to "Aldersro" and the Cheer Committee.

D. B. S. lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash., celebrated its 57th anniversary on April 18, at a dinner in its lodge hall.

The fond mother wrote to her son who was in military service: "I hope that you now have learned to get up punctually every morning so that you do not keep the whole battalion waiting for breakfast."

"You want your hair parted exactly in the middle, sir?"

"That's what I said, didn't I?"

"Then I'll have to pull one out, sir. You have five hairs."

"Ma, kin you come out and play ball with me?"

"Why, I don't even know how to play ball."

"Aw, shucks, that's what a feller gets for having a woman for a mother."

# Long Island Lodge D. B. S. No. 325

Our drive for old clothes for our unfortunate kin-folk in Denmark came to a finale at a gathering held especially for that purpose, March 30. The response was grand and plenty of clothes of all types were brought in. In fact one small truck could not take it all at once. After sorting the clothes, coffee and cake was enjoyed by the members and their families.

The drive amongst our members, which was started two months ago, to raise \$1,000 for Danish War Relief reached the top of the thermometer, and might have spilled over the top a little at this writing. About 70 per cent of our members dug down and also a few friends, who are not Danes, contributed gladly to this worthy cause. Of course, it was plug and go for the committee in charge and they sure made a good job of it. The committee consists of the following members: Isak Isaksen, John Jorgensen, Martin Jacobsen, Sofus Christensen, Chris. Jorgensen, Berg Jensen, and Walter Highland as treasurer.

Arthur Jorgensen is still piling up the war bonds. To date he has sold 712 bonds amounting to \$52,450.

Fraternally yours,

LONG ISLAND LODGE  
Harry Rasmussen, Secretary.

# Nine 50-Year Emblems to Lodge No. 41

Lodge No. 41, Derby, Conn., held a meeting April 9 which will be remembered a long time.

The grand event of the evening was the presentation of 50-year pins to nine members of the lodge. The various lodges of the state had been invited for this event and many of them were represented. All

the officers of No. 41 were present as well as a large number of the members.

Ex-Supreme President Soren Iversen of New Haven presented the pins in his usual able manner. It was regrettable that all nine of the honored members could not be present. The beautiful emblem was presented to Andrew P. Andersen, Ole Jensen, Lars N. Larsen, Harry N. Petersen, Robert Petersen, Louis Winkel, Christian Winkel, Peter S. Walfer, and H. Christian Wulff.

An additional feature of the evening was the initiation of Robert Johnson who is a son of our present treasurer, Johannes Johnson, and a grandson of Martin Johnson, who was the first treasurer of Lodge No. 41.

Refreshments were served after the meeting with Christian Anderson, Niels Christensen, John Johnson and John Schmidt officiating in an able manner as the committee for same. A vote of thanks was extended to everyone who helped make the evening such a grand success.

The widow of a farmer was being consoled by a neighboring farmer, who happened to be a widower. "Cheer up, woman," he said. "Ye're young yet and good-lookin', an' you could soon get another husband."

"Oh, no, no," she replied, "who would take me?"

"Why, if I had a better pair o' boots on, I'd run away wi' ye myself!" said the widower, gallantly.

The widow, lifting her face and wiping her eyes, said, earnestly, "I wonder would John's fit you?"

Billie (who has eaten his apple): "Let's play Adam and Eve."

Little Pattie: "How do we play it?"

Billie: "You tempt me to eat your apple and I'll give in."

Grandma (looking at her granddaughter's new bathing suit): "If I could've dressed like that when I was a girl, you'd be six years older today, Missy."

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