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(April, 1947)

Let's Guarantee It

In the March issue of our Magazine my good friend Martin Hansen from Duluth throws some cold water on my "Old People's Home" proposal; so does C. R. Christensen.

I expected to hear some opposition. In fact I was surprised that there wasn't more.

I have been in favor of a truly national Danish Brotherhood Old People's Home, owned and operated by the society as a whole, for many years; and I will keep right on being in favor of it.

It was not my intention to use the funds in the Relief Fund for the purchase or construction of an old people's home. I believe it could be written into our laws that it shall be permissible for the society to invest 10% of the mortuary fund in real estate; that would more than take care of the cost of a home. Now, I suppose someone will say: "Don't touch that money, that is for insurance purposes only." Quite right, but we have more than we need in that fund; in fact about half a million dollars more than we need, according to law. The law of the land will not permit us to allocate that half million back to those who had their policies reduced. But it will permit us to build a home for them. Once the home was acquired by funds from the mortuary fund I am quite sure the general operation of it would be a minor expense—if any; the average inhabitant receives about \$30 from the old age assistance plan for his or her keep at a home. Many brothers would sign their insurance over to such a home.

It is granted that many brothers would not move away from their present location to enter such a home. I am sure, however, that it would be filled to overflowing by brothers who would move, regardless of distance. Fifty inmates in such a home would be a big undertaking; and that would take only a small percentage of those eligible.

Relative to the suggestion made by Brother Hansen: "When a member has reached the age of 75 years, and has been a member of the Brotherhood for at least 35 years, can have, upon application, his assessments paid from the Relief Fund for the balance of his life." That is a beautiful thought, and will likely be endorsed by most everyone. But, let us not make any promises unless we back them up. I would be in favor of it, if it was followed up by this provision:

"The Supreme Board shall have authority to levy as many extra assessments for the relief fund as is necessary to make such payments."

We do not have such an elaborate system at the home office whereby we could definitely say how many members will reach the age of 75 each year in the future and have been members for 35 years; nor can we tell at a glance how many years these 35-year members live beyond the age of 75; hence the future expenditure for such a fine proposal is guess work.

But I do believe a conservative estimate would be 2,000 members who would be eligible each year. Let us assume that their average annual contribution to the home office is \$15 per year. Thus, on that basis, it would cost \$30,000 per year. At that rate we would soon use up what surplus we have in the relief fund.

In conclusion, let me say again: The proposal is fine and dandy; but don't put it into law unless you provide means for collecting the necessary funds.

SVEND PETERSEN,
 Chairman of Trustees.

GET THAT NEW MEMBER NOW!

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Danish Brotherhood Convention

IN SEATTLE, WASH., IN SEPTEMBER, 1947

The convention committee are working hard in order to make this visit to Seattle a well worth-while visit, and I am sure sisters and brothers visiting our "Evergreen" state of Washington (Seattle) and our good neighbors will not regret the trip, no matter which way you come, by air, land or sea, you will find a beautiful state.

To our next lodge meeting we expect a delegation from Vancouver, B. C., one of our youngest lodges, but one of our finest lodges in the Brotherhood. The delegation will talk to the convention committee about extending an invitation to their city, Vancouver, B. C., following the convention. I am sure arrangements will be made for a visit there. If you are interested in making the trip to this foreign country, please take with you if born in Denmark your citizen papers, or if born in the U. S. A. your birth certificate, or other identification. For visitors from our inland states, here is a fine chance for you to take a 6-7 hour trip on a fine steamship up to Vancouver, B. C., from Seattle. Keep this under your hat and figure on a couple of days extra time for this visit.

An Invitation to Seattle.

With a half million people at the edge of America's last and most glorious frontier, Seattle, Washington, metropolis of the Pacific Northwest, stands amidst majestic scenery. — Cool in summer, mild in winter, washed by ocean tides on the shores of Puget Sound, in the shadow of snowclad peaks, rich in natural beauty, it is a city equipped with every vacation lure and modern living comfort, in the heart of the famous "Evergreen Playgorund." . . . Gateway to Alaska and to Canada's westernmost province, British Columbia, it is the nearest United States port by sea or by air to China, Japan and the millions of the Orient. . . . Still echoing the life of early-day pioneers. Seattle reflects the influence of hardy woodsmen and keeps the imprint of Klondike gold seekers. It mingles color of Occident and Orient while you sometimes meet native American Indians on its busy streets . . . Strategic on trade and travel routes of the Pacific Rim, with productive America its hinterland, the present thriving, the future inspiring, a new era opens before this favored city in the most northern and western of states . . . Fascinating Seattle invites you to enjoy its charm. As vacationist, visitor, tourist, business investigator, you will find cordial welcome in the atmosphere of American optimism and western enterprise.

Facts About the Danish People in Seattle.

According to the census of 1940, we were 1653 Danish born people in Seattle, we know we are not able to contact all of them, but with a mailing list of approximately 800 names that are correct we know the Danes are nearly accounted for, because most are married and will naturally count double.

The church, the lodges and societies are working in fine harmony, because many and most are member of two or three organizations. We try to help each other when one has something outstanding going on.

The membership of the Danish Brotherhood, Seat-

tle Lodge 29, will be 378 members at the end of this month. Our goal is 400 members or more by September. In the Danish Sisterhood "Evergreen" Lodge 40, there are 159 members. The membership of St. John's Danish Lutheran Church is about 300 members, the Danish Dramatic Club "Harmonien" has about 100 members. The Literaturforeningen "Maagen" Ladies' Aid (Kvindeforeningen) Ladies' Aid Annex, Junior League, H. C. Andersen Club, all have about 25 to 75 members. We have in Seattle organizations of all kinds to suit the individual taste, but all lodges, churches, clubs and societies in the states of Oregon and Washington are members of our Northwest Danish Old People's Home, which is a home for our old Danish people from the two states. The Home is supported by 72 Danish organizations in the two states and operated by a board of directors. Direct contributors to the home are several ladies' organizations, and in Seattle, Seattle's five Sewing Circles. At the home are 44 old Danish people enjoying their last years of life.

BRYG.

Change of Address

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242—Henry Jensen, 2934 Poplar Street, Erie, Pa.

Favors Home For The Old Members

I notice and read with kindly interest the article in the last issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine about building a home for old members of the Danish Brotherhood.

I for one am very much in favor of the plan. I hope the Seattle convention in September will take up this issue and support it. I also hope it will have the support of the Lodge No. 140. The delegate is Peter Hjort.

I would gladly sign my insurance (\$500) over to such an institution and in time of death, what I may have left, if I am taken care of in such a home.

JULIUS PETERSEN,

Waukegan, Ill.

Denmark Excursion

We are not as yet sure that we can get the special train out of Salt Lake because in order to get the special train we must have at least 100 first class fares.

Everyone going on the same ship and not necessarily participants should travel on this train wherever possible.

Train schedule was published in last month's issue as tentative and it still is tentative.

When you buy your ticket ask for the routing given and I hope we will get enough to have the special out of Salt Lake City.

At any rate we will have the special out of Chicago on the B&O via Washington, D. C.

In Washington we will take in one of the building trips covering among others the Bureau of Printing and Engraving Smithsonian Institute.

In the afternoon we will take in the Lee Mansion, Arlington Cemetery and Mt. Vernon.

In the evening we will have an opportunity to visit the Danish Legation from 8:30 to 10:30 and then back to our train.

The lodges in Salt Lake City, Denver and Omaha have expressed willingness to entertain participants but I am unable to give definite time of arrival and departure until the railroad situation is clarified.

So to these three lodges I must say that as soon as I have definite information I will let you know. Traveling and arranging train schedules is not what it used to be.

The trip in Denmark which we had outlined in last month's issue can not be taken in the order published. Due to changes in Denmark we have been forced to reverse the trip and here is the new schedule:

JUTLAND TRIP

Starting July 3rd

From Aalborg to Nibe, Borremose Aars. Visit Rebild, returning to Aalborg.

July 4th

Rebild festival. Transportation from Aalborg to Rebild and return.

July 5th

From Aalborg north to the largest airfield in Europe, built during the occupation. Blokhuset, Vesterhavet, Svinklov, Fjerritslev, Aggersund. Returning to Aalborg.

July 6th

From Aalborg south to Lindenberg, Hadsund, Mariager, Hvidsten, Randers, Aarhus.

July 7th

From Aarhus to Viborg, Hald, Grate Hede, Silkeborg, Himmelbjerget, to Aarhus.

July 8th

Aarhus University, Cathedral, Memorial Park, The Old City, Grejsdalen, Jellinge, Vejle, Kolding.

July 9th

From Kolding to Askov, Esbjerg, Ribe, back to Kolding.

July 10th

From Kolding down through Slesvig, to Christians-

feldt, Haderslev, Aabenraa, Frøslev, Kollund, Graasten, Dybbøl, Sønderborg, where the trip winds up with coffee in the morning of

July 11th

The cost of this trip is \$100 per person.

What you receive will start with lunch July 3 in Aalborg and finish with the morning meal in Sønderborg, July 11. You will get all transportation, meals, lodging (Hotel eller private Indkvarteringssteder godkendt som første Klasses af stedlige Turistchef), admissions, tips, etc. In other words, from lunch July 3 to morning meal July 11 inclusive, you have no expense.

As the busses will leave Copenhagen July 2 for Aalborg via Hundested-Grenaa, you can travel on the busses free, but you must pay for your meals and the ferry fare.

The busses will return to Copenhagen from Sønderborg July 11, via Mommark, Faaborg and Great Belt. You can travel with them free, but again you must pay for your meals and ferry fare.

The hotel situation in Denmark is bad and you may not be quartered in hotels, but your lodgings will be the best that can be had under the circumstances. More can not be asked.

Each participant will receive full particulars by direct mail very shortly.

I have just received word from Denmark that it is very likely that the king's guard in uniforms will meet us at the pier in Copenhagen on the day of arrival.

It is also quite certain that at the reception in Christiansborg the prime minister of Denmark will greet us.

All in all it looks as if the authorities in Denmark will give us a very fine reception and Lodge No. 318 is working overtime to prepare for us.

JOHN HANSEN.

Dersom De ønsker at følge med

i hvad der foregaar blandt Danske i Amerika, hvad der sker i Danmark (saa vidt det er muligt at faa Oplysninger desangaaende), hvad der sker indenfor den dansk-amerikanske Kirkes Virkefelt, o. s. v., bør De holde det dansk-amerikanske Blad „Dannevirke“ (8 Sider — 6 Spalter pr. Side).

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Cedar Falls, Iowa

Opinions On The Recommendations Of The Supreme Board To The 1947 Convention

Having read the recommendations of the Supreme Board to the 1947 Convention, which gives the delegates time in which to consider them, I herewith submit my opinion on these recommendations, as follows:

1. I believe we all agree on this recommendation.

2. and 3. The approval of Juvenile Insurance, as they will be submitted in due time for incorporation in New Proposals. Juvenile Insurance has been sold for many years by insurance companies and later by fraternal organizations. Its purpose is to get the juveniles to join the Society as members when they become adults, and it is for that purpose insurance companies and fraternal organizations are selling Juvenile Insurance up to different ages. For many parents, this Juvenile Insurance has been a great help when their children have grown up, in financing further schooling, etc. Juvenile Insurance in my opinion should have been adopted forty years ago.

4. Make available the sum of \$25,000 to carry out the provisions of Sec. 27, Paragraph 2, in our present laws—this money to be transferred temporarily from the Relief Fund. Now, **what does Paragraph 2 call for?** It calls for this: That all efforts be made to increase the membership and to cause solicitation of members for benefit certificates, by employing agents or organizers, or by means otherwise to be decided upon by the Supreme Board. This cannot be carried out unless money is provided. I do not know what the Board may have in mind as means of carrying out this purpose; but insurance companies employ agents by the thousands, and up-to-date fraternal organizations have what is called a deputy system, to increase their membership. In the past, proposals have been made to our conventions to do something along that line to enlarge our membership. Paragraph 2 is a step in that direction, but without funds as a means of execution, it is a "dead" paragraph.

It has been stated many times that every "brother" is a deputy, or should be, and we therefore have no need for paid organizers or deputies. The same statement can be made of all fraternal organizations—that is, that every member is a deputy; but the fact remains that these organizations spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in their solicitation for new members—**AND THEY GET THEM**, whereas we do NOT.

Brother P. J. Andersen, secretary of No. 5, states in our January Magazine:

"If No. 1—2—3 and 4 is adopted it will destroy all semblance of Brotherhood. Call it the Danish Insurance Organization. Insurance is a cold-blooded business."

This is the only way we are permitted to do it today. The Brotherhood did it their own way from 1882 to 1920 and you all know the results. Was there any semblance of Brotherhood in that? To do in-

surance business on a solvent and business-like basis, does not destroy the semblance of Brotherhood.

The trouble with the Brotherhood and many other fraternal organizations is that they were not built on a sound, solvent basis right from the start. And what a tragedy it has been for the Brotherhood and many other fraternal: Remember what we had to do on the 1st of January, 1920? We were compelled to do insurance business on cold-blooded insurance principles, and **IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO DO IT**. All life insurance companies or fraternal must never forget their policy-holders bought their insurance for the future security of mothers and children. Danish Brotherhood has gone a long way to do just that. The insurance we are now selling is based on a sound financial basis, with appreciation to our Supreme Board who have done a good job in that respect. But the Brotherhood Conventions are inclined to pass laws promising a great many benefits, without making enough provisions to pay for those benefits—for instance, at the convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, they passed this law: At the death of a brother's wife he will be paid the sum of fifty dollars. Brother C. Christoffersen, Lodge No. 19, made the motion and stated that only one cent per member would pay for this benefit. There has been paid out for this benefit since January 1, 1899, up to and including 1933, \$166,950 for 3,339 deaths. The Brotherhood then only paid in per capita tax \$1 per year. The Brotherhood then had in 1898, 4,924 members. In 1933 it became necessary to stop paying these funeral benefits because there was no money with which to pay them. At the convention in Council Bluffs (1906) the per capita tax was raised to \$1.10. The Brotherhood then had 14,305 members, but more benefits were voted to be paid—accident benefits, besides all other benefits then in force. At the convention in St. Paul (1915) it was voted to issue the Brotherhood Magazine, and, in order to pay cost of same, 15 cents was added to the per capita tax, making it \$1.25. At the convention in Milwaukee the per capita tax was raised to \$1.50. At the Minneapolis convention it was voted to pay delegates \$5 per day while attending the convention—but, just as when they voted to pay more benefits, they forgot to vote on just where the money was to come from, to pay for this.

5. As to Proposal No. 5, that we operate a home for our aged members and their wives, this proposal was brought up at the St. Louis convention by Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, and it was voted by that convention to assess all members one dollar per year for four years and then leave it to the next convention to decide what to do: Build a home, or pay it out to members in need and distress. At the next Convention held in Omaha (1927) it was voted to keep on with the assessment of One Dollar per member and to use the proceeds thereof to pay members in need and distress certain amounts. This arrangement was used for eight years, or until the convention in Denver in 1935. It was then changed to what

it is today, and it has been a great help for so many to keep in good standing. It is pitiful when old members especially, who have belonged for so many years find themselves unable to pay because of sickness. But it needs to be amended and some of the "red tape" removed—eliminating those long applications—and only once a year. It should be so amended that anyone could get it **AT ANY TIME WHEN IN NEED**, as a loan, or, if unable to pay, as a brotherly help.

The laws we now have are much better and more liberal as to reinstatement and loans. What insurance companies and other fraternal organizations do is to give them premium loans. All policies should have this feature. The Brotherhood suspended several thousand members during depressions. If this law which we now have had been more liberal during this last "depression," we could today have in our Brotherhood many more members than we have. To be sure, many of our good and big lodges emptied their treasury to keep members in good standing. Therefore let us do all we can to keep those we now have: Give them a helping hand—and if they find it impossible to pay right on the date due, then here is where Brotherhood comes in, and here is where such funds are needed.

The suspension of members from the Brotherhood has been enormous. I have all the figures from the reports given us for many years, and especially those since 1916 when our Magazine was started are correct, and the figures I quote are from these reports. However, as yearly reports are now given, it is hard to figure how many are suspensions and how many are deaths, or really what the standing is. We used to get the report in this way: Members taken in; members active; members dead; members passive; members dead; members suspended: **TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, ACTIVE AND PASSIVE.**

It is now again proposed to start an old folks' home. Does it seem right or wise for the Brotherhood to start an old folks' home? The Supreme Board (or whoever is going to supervise it) would be taking upon themselves a tremendous undertaking, a really **BIG JOB**—and it is my belief that the Supreme Board at this time are having **PLENTY** of problems, especially for the next-to-nothing they now get for it. However, if they **DO** propose it, it will be up to them to "see it through." But we now have **TWO** old folks' homes on the West Coast, **FOUR** in the Middle West and **ONE** in the East. Would it be possible for the Danish people to support any **more**? The Danish population is diminishing as time goes on, especially those born in Denmark; and those left are getting old, and there is no immigration to speak of.

6. Re. Proposal No. 6, which is that the board be given authority to engage competent help and to appoint a committee outside its own membership to investigate and report to the board all phases of building and operating a home for aged members and wives. I would not approve of this—having people outside of our organization for that purpose. I believe that we have plenty of good "Brothers" who could competently execute such duties—I would not care to have "outsiders." **IF** such a home is to be provided, I would prefer to have every phase of the undertaking investigated, reported upon and executed by our own Brotherhood members and the board

who are making the recommendations. It would also seem unwise to give the board authority to spend up to \$5,000 to carry out the provisions of the recommendation—this money to be taken from the Relief Fund. Another suggestion I make in the event such a home is to be provided by and for Danish people, would be that it should be along the lines of the seven Danish Homes we now have, and that we should consult with the management of those homes, who would perhaps be glad to give advice and aid, inasmuch as they have had years of experience in operating such homes. If their advice and assistance should prove insufficient or inadequate, then I would suggest that the managements of other "homes" be communicated with—such as the Odd Fellows Home near here—or the Masonic Home—there are many others, any of whom, I believe, would be glad to give others the benefit of their years of experience, and would do so with pleasure, without charge—gratis and therefore no need of spending \$5,000. This matter of providing a "home" now for old Danish people should have been done forty years ago. Within a few years more, there will be but few old Danish people left. Moreover, the Brotherhood has always done its business on a "shoe string"—promising benefits galore, and then not advancing money enough to "carry through" such benefits. To operate a "home" of this kind would take very large sums of money and work, with times as they now are, and the outlook not much better for a long time to come.

8. Re. Proposal No. 8, that all moneys paid out as assessment relief after January 1, 1948, be deducted from the insurance paid to beneficiaries, except where the beneficiary is the wife of a deceased brother: I do know of "Brothers" who have been relying on children in poor circumstances but who have for years supported their fathers—so there can be a "yes" or "no" to No. 8.

9. Re. Proposal No. 9, that the sick benefits paid by lodges be put on a sound basis and that consideration be given to handling sick benefits on a national basis similar to the insurance: This we here in our lodge surely object to. The "sick benefit" feature has been handled by our lodge since 1882 and we want to handle that ourselves. "Sick benefits" on a national basis are **NOT** satisfactory and involve a lot of "red tape." There are a couple of trade unions using them, one of which, the Iron Molders Union, has done so since 1896. It is very expensive—and a tangle of red tape. If adopted, the work of the Supreme Board Office will be more than doubled.

10. Re. Proposal No. 10: I will vote to strike it out.

11. Re. Proposal No. 11: The "Sisters" have a good lodge—why not let them have our wives, nieces, daughters and daughter-in-laws—and live in harmony with the Sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW L. ANDERSEN,

Sec. and Delegate, Neenah Lodge No. 2.

214 Tyler Street, Neenah, Wisconsin.

Seattle in Sept.

The Convention Calendar

All Law-Committees in the local lodges are reminded that the proposals to be submitted for consideration at the 1947 National Convention must reach the home office not later than May 15, 1947, in order to be included in book covering such proposals.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

First 1947 Booster List

It is a real pleasure to introduce the first 1947 Booster List to our membership in this issue of our Magazine. So many members and several of the lodges have asked about the list so publication will start now instead of mid-year as first intended.

Insofar as it goes, the list is impressive and on a percentage basis Lodge No. 188, Del Rey, California, is way out in front. No. 149, Luverne, N. D., and No. 143, Petaluma, Calif., are certainly doing well too. But we must have every lodge along this year, a convention year.

The number of new members represented in the list below is far from the actual number of new members admitted so far in 1947. We have applied the same rules as were in effect in 1946 by listing on this special Booster List all lodges with five or more members admitted and all individual members with three or more to their credit.

There are a very great number of "borderline cases" on record in the home office which we know will be on the list next month.

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1947
116.	Newark, N. J.	11	197
143.	Petaluma, Calif.	11	87
149.	Luverne, N. D.	9	45
1.	Omaha, Nebr.	8	302
4.	Racine, Wis.	7	590
188.	Del Rey, Calif.	7	17
49.	San Francisco, Calif.	6	439
29.	Seattle, Wash.	5	357
45.	Minneapolis, Minn.	5	231
126.	Los Angeles, Calif.	5	306
190.	Schenectady, N. Y.	5	141
318.	Copenhagen, Denmark	5	164

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
149.	Ras J. Rasmussen,	Luverne, N. D.	8
188.	J. M. Mikkelsen,	Del Rey, Calif.	5
1.	Emil Kellmann,	Omaha, Nebr.	4
116.	Walter Michaelsen,	Newark, N. J.	4
1.	Axel Skelbeck,	Omaha, Nebr.	3
116.	Nicolai A. Ibsen,	Newark, N. J.	3
127.	Christian Sloth,	Reinbeck, Iowa	3
143.	S. P. Nielsen,	Petaluma, Calif.	3

Fraternally yours,

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 28, 1947

Mortuary Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance February 1	\$58,172.31
Received in February	9,727.80
Interest on bonds	9,267.50
Bonds called	10,000.00
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	\$87,167.61

Disbursements:	
Death claims paid	\$13,306.08
Cash surrender	27.86
Collection expense (bonds and interest coupons)	10.85
Balance	73,822.82
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	\$87,167.61

General Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance February 1	\$10,435.88
Received in February	888.40
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	\$11,324.28

Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 86.20
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	62.27
Rent and light	124.64
Printing and mailing of official publication	264.54
Traveling expenses	31.59
Special typing	10.00
Lodge supplies bought	405.00
Salaries of officers and home office employes	710.00
Insurance Department, licenses and fees	200.00
Membership prizes	53.00
Balance	9,377.04
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	\$11,324.28

Relief Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance of February 1	\$11,174.37
Received in February	40.36
Interest on bonds	75.00
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	\$11,289.73

Disbursements:	
Balance	\$11,289.73
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	\$11,289.73

Bonds and Cash.

Mortuary Fund Bonds	\$3,596,000.00
Relief Fund Bonds	165,000.00
General Fund Bonds	15,000.00
Cash in bank	\$103,326.32
Less outstanding checks	8,687.93
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	\$3,870,638.39

(Insurance in force January 1, 1947----\$7,795,250.00)

Big National Convention
SEATTLE, WASH.

ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with statutory provisions, we are herewith printing the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1946:

Income.

Balance from previous year	\$3,827,073.38
Assessments—on insurance	132,095.67
Assessments—for relief	11,838.00
Membership fees	482.00
Per capita tax	18,865.00
Fees for change of certificates	66.25
Interest on bonds	108,980.59
Sale of lodge supplies	248.90
Advertisement in magazine	262.79
Premium on bonds sold	2,091.59
Returned to relief fund by beneficiary	276.60
Withholding taxes	865.75
Total	\$4,103,146.52

Disbursements.

Death claims	\$ 197,205.03
Relief fund payments	5,365.64
Cash surrender values	357.93
Salaries of officers and employes	8,735.98
Traveling expenses	2,864.27
Bond and interest collection expenses	46.95
Bank charges on checks collected	19.75
Insurance department licenses and fees	262.80
Rent and light	1,294.92
Advertising, printing and stationery	427.40
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	781.36
Lodge supplies	1,134.77
Printing and mailing of official publication	3,310.46
Actuarial fees	800.00
Social security and state unemployment and federal excise tax	102.70
Membership campaign and prizes	1,524.00
Miscellaneous expenses	370.69
Internal Revenue department, withholding taxes	889.45
Premiums on bonds bought	11,284.20
Balance December 31, 1946	3,866,368.22
Total	\$4,103,146.52

Assets.

Book value of bonds	\$3,786,000.00
Amortized value over book value	34,658.02
Bank deposits	80,368.22
Interest accrued on bonds	19,559.50
Assessments accrued	10,440.35
Total	\$3,931,026.09

Liabilities.

Death claims reported, under adjustment	\$ 4,508.37
Death claims incurred in 1946, reported in 1947	5,425.64
Miscellaneous accounts due	550.00
Payment to beneficiaries in Denmark deferred	5,189.96
Payments to minors deferred until of legal age	346.75
Reserves on Am. Experience & 3½%	3,201,596.57

Reserves on Am. Experience & 3%	46,437.13
Relief and expense funds	201,949.29
Special and contingency reserves	122,259.87
Balance unassigned	342,762.51

Total ----- \$3,931,026.09

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA,
By AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Sec'y-Treas.

Valuation Exhibit

In conformity with statutory requirements, we are publishing herewith a valuation made by our actuary, Mr. B. B. Gribble, of the certificates in good standing on December 31, 1946. 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 or amount of assessments. The valuation was made on the American Experience Table of Mortality 3 and 3½% interest assumption.

Assets—Actual and Contingent.

1. Admitted assets (net) ----- \$3,728,526.80

Liabilities—Actual and Contingent.

2. Present value of benefits promised ----- \$3,522,900.84
3. Less liens on certificates 274,867.14

Balance ----- \$3,248,033.70

4. Additional reserve to protect benefit certificates ----- 122,259.87

5. Death claims reported, but settlement not effected ----- 15,470.72

6. Total ----- \$3,385,764.29

Ratio of Line 6 to Line 1, 110.12 per cent.

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA,
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APRIL ASSESSMENT

No. 574

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE LODGE
TREASURER

April 1st, 1947

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

May 1st, 1947

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.



Delegates To The 1947 Convention

The following is a list of delegates reported lawfully elected. First is given the number of the lodge; name and address of the delegates; birthplace, birth-day and his present occupation.

Lodges which are not listed below are either not entitled to a delegate or the delegate is elected too late, or information concerning the election has not yet been received, at the home office.

1. Axel Olsen, 2560 Spaulding Street, Omaha 11, Nebr. Grenaa, Denmark, November 17, 1899. Storekeeper, U.P.R.R.
2. Andrew L. Andersen, 214 Tyler St., Neenah, Wis. Starning Sogn, Vest Jylland, Jan. 11, 1872. Retired.
3. Boy Hansen, Boy Hansen Sign Co., Davenport, Iowa. Tonder, May 26, 1903. Manufacturer.
4. Niels Christ Tofting, 1728 Maple Street, Racine, Wis. Thisted Amt, May 13, 1894. Machinist.
5. L. M. Rasmussen, 1637—28th Ave., Moline, Ill. Faxe, Denmark, August 23, 1882. Buttermaker.
7. Marius R. Andersen, 1010 Tremont St., Cedar Falls, Iowa. Silkeborg, June 26, 1893. Painter.
9. J. Fred Peterson, 19 Northwestern Ave., Oshkosh, Wis. Oshkosh, Wis., July 21, 1887. Grocer.
10. Hans Norregaard, 1214 E. Washington Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa. Denmark, November 7, 1886. Garage owner.
11. Julius M. Petersen, 1129 Pershing Blvd., Clinton, Iowa. Astrup Sogn pr. Hjørring, May 9, 1870. Retired merchant.
12. A. J. Rasmussen, 1221 Chicago Street, Green Bay, Wis. Green Bay, Wis., September 25, 1884. Caretaker of parks.
14. Henry Lerche, 6702—31st Ave., Kenosha, Wis. Vejle, Denmark, Sept. 12, 1900. Superintendent.
15. Charles A. Ried, 3609 Wright St., Des Moines, Iowa. Vejle, Denmark, Sept. 8, 1887. Window trimmer.
16. Oluf Johnson, Colorado Ave., Minden, Nebr. Kearney Co., Nebr., Feb. 7, 1888. Blacksmith.
17. J. M. Andersen, 1651 E. 85th St., Chicago, Ill. Aarhus, June 20, 1884. Carpenter.
18. Charles Frederiksen, 4842 Fletcher St., Chicago 41, Ill. Copenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 26, 1885. Machinist.
20. Arthur Mueckler, 248 Sixth Ave., Manistee, Mich. Manistee, Mich., June 25, 1888. Mason.
26. Nels C. Sorensen, 1840 Park Ave., Fremont, Nebr. Hjørring, July 3, 1884. Carpenter.
28. Peter Kanstrup, Badger, S. D., Snedsted, Denmark, Sept. 30, 1891. Blacksmith.
29. Otto Nielsen, Box 96, Renton, Wash. Hvidding, Sept. 25, 1892. Dairy farmer.
30. Christ Jensen, 882 E. Sternberg Road, Route 5, Muskegon, Mich. Odense, March 13, 1890. Office manager.
32. Andrew Thompson, 829 Orange St., New Haven, Conn. Egebjerg, Horsens, July 15, 1901. Contractor.
33. C. Fred Christensen, 913 Pacific Ave., Tacoma 2, Wash. Svendborg, Feb. 9, 1892. Bookseller and stationer.
34. Andrew P. Nielsen, Campus, Ill. Vester Vedsted, May 31, 1881. Farmer.
35. Carl B. Meyer, 8116 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill. Copenhagen, May 26, 1903. Painting contractor.
36. Edward Juel, 2825 W. Clarke Street, Milwaukee 10, Wis. Svendborg, July 18, 1890. Carpenter.
37. Viggo V. Nielsen, 190 Jewett Ave., Bridgeport 8, Conn. Kolding, Oct. 10, 1889. Wood carving.
38. Arnold W. Miller, 414 Cedar Street, Laramie, Wyo. Laramie, Wyoming, June 22, 1892. Locomotive carpenter.
39. Norman Dan Andker, 1445—5th Ave., Oakland 6, Calif. Oakland, Calif., May 21, 1911. Funeral director.
40. Skerner Rasmussen, 303 East Pine St., Rawlins, Wyo. Denmark, Nov. 28, 1879. Grocery clerk.
41. Johannes Johnson, 224 Division Ave., Shelton, Conn. Derby, Conn., April 16, 1892. Factory executive.
42. N. P. Jensen, 1229 E. 17th Ave., Spokane, Wash. Aarhus, July 28, 1879. Gardener.
43. Louis H. Binderup, 1023 West 11th Ave., Denver 4, Colo. Denver, Colo., August 5, 1908. Mechanical engineer.
45. Christian Hansen, 4010—28 Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. Copenhagen, Dec. 9, 1898. Painting contractor.
46. Albert H. Skouboe, 132 Brighton St., Staten Island 7, N. Y. Perth Amboy, N. J., Feb. 4, 1907. Mechanical design draftsman.
49. Axel Jacobsen, 1 Capitol Ave., San Francisco 25, Calif. Taarbæk, Sjælland, Oct. 23, 1896. Superintendent.
54. Carl M. Jorgensen, Dannebrog, Nebr. Skovby, Aarhus, Nov. 26, 1876. Retired.
56. Alfred L. Sorensen, 3640 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Østerwelling, Randers Amt, July 30, 1888. Tavern owner.
57. Henry M. Nielsen, Cozad, Nebr. Broust, Denmark, May 30, 1894. Furniture store owner.
59. Harry A. Nielsen, 404 Martha Ave., Menominee, Mich. Menominee, Mich., April 1, 1903. Fire department.
62. Axel W. Jensen, 2621 So. Cedar St., Sioux City, Iowa. Horsens, March 18, 1876. Contractor.
63. Lauritz N. Blekfeld, 1121 Osborn St., Burlington, Iowa. Witrup, Borlum Sogn, Sept. 11, 1878. Wood worker.
64. Lavard Pedersen, 2234—13th Ave., Rockford, Ill. Copenhagen, Dec. 28, 1889. Steel treater.
65. Martin N. Hansen, 1419 London Road, Duluth, Minn. Jeising, Denmark, April 11, 1872. Retired.
67. Julius Hansen, 305 Rowell Bldg., Fresno, Calif. Fresno, Calif., March 2, 1889. Attorney.
69. Christ Christensen, 13517 Darley Ave., Cleveland, 10, Ohio. Sylstrup Sogn, Hjørring Amt, June 27, 1879. Carpenter.
70. Ouf Feldt, 120 E. Grove St., Greenville, Mich. Denmark, Nov. 3, 1895. U. S. Post Office.
71. Albert Thomsen, 107 Walnut Street, Penn Yan, N. Y. Fort Collins, Colo., Aug. 8, 1888. Janitor.
73. Louis Hemmingson, Alden, Minn. Borre, Møen, April 10, 1873. Transportation.

74. Jens Chr. Nielsen, 2934 No. 83rd St., Omaha 4, Nebr. Aaderup, Sjælland, Jan. 12, 1898. Landscape gardener.
75. Otto Thomsen, R. R. No. 3, Box No. 95, Albert Lea, Minn. Hjørring, Dec. 13, 1892. Farming.
77. Harold Ravnsborg, Turin, Iowa. Monona Co., Iowa, Oct. 24, 1907. Farmer.
78. Henry E. Andersen, 1040 Ramona Ave., Salt Lake City 5, Utah. Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 11, 1912. Salesman.
79. Alfred E. Rasmussen, 707 Elizabeth Ave., Marinette, Wis. Marinette, Wis., April 24, 1897. Owner of machine shop.
84. Niels P. Hansen, 2200 Potter Street, Lincoln, Nebr. Højby, Sjælland, March 1, 1894. Building contractor.
88. Chris Koborg, Elba, Nebr. Odense, Denmark, Feb. 3, 1876. Retired businessman.
89. Chris Paulsen, 2405 Banks Ave., Superior, Wis. Asaa, Vendsyssel, June 21, 1904. Insurance.
90. Hans J. Hansen, 515 Sayre Ave., Perth Amboy, N. J. Denmark, Sept. 22, 1871. Painter.
91. Hans M. Miller, 989 Barrett St., St. Paul 3, Minn. Varde, January 28, 1881. Florist.
92. Einar Danielsen, 1204 West Main St., St. Charles, Ill. Elma, Iowa, June 26, 1913. Moulder.
95. Jes Gydesen Bjerre, Ferndale, Calif., Kolding, May 1, 1895. Service station operator.
96. Hans Jorgensen, South St., Jackson, Minn. Denmark, June 22, 1880. Retired milk man.
97. Peter G. Jensen, Rt. 2, Hopkins, Minn. Ringe, Fyn, Nov. 1, 1899. Carpenter.
102. Christian Madsen, 133 Bay View Ave., Edgewood, Providence 5, R. I. Bellinge By, Aug. 13, 1873. Retired.
103. Ingward M. Nissen, Theresa Avenue, Naugatuck, Conn. Bayonne City, N. J., Feb. 24, 1890. Engineer.
106. Carl F. Nielsen, Box 1123, Trufant, Mich. Gowen, Mich., Aug. 31, 1890. Carpenter.
110. Anton T. Jakobsen, Winside, Nebr. Voel, Tvilum Sogn, July 28, 1886. Carpenter.
111. Bert Godfredsen, Adams, Minn. Rudkjøbing, Langeland, Dec. 14, 1895. Farmer.
112. Bertel L. Luja, 166 Vaughan St., Portland, Me. Denmark, Jan. 17, 1874. Caretaker.
113. Andrew Hansen, 1552 Sorensen Ave., Enumclaw, Wash. Denmark, Dec. 20, 1897. Foreman and insurance.
114. Iver Jorgensen, Lake Benton, Minn. Denmark, Nov. 25, 1888. Farmer.
116. Chris Madsen, 16 Prospect Ave., North Arlington, N. J. Hygum Sogn, Feb. 29, 1904. Machine shop foreman.
117. Harold Johnsen, Plainview, Nebr. Antelope Co., Nebr., April 22, 1912. Farmer.
121. Peter M. Thomsen, Tyler, Minn. Als Slesvig, Feb. 25, 1881. Retired.
123. Andrew Jensen, Clifton, Ill. Sørslev, Ugilt, Oct. 23, 1876. Retired farmer.
125. Harald S. Thomassen, Weeping Water, Nebr. Grenaa, April 29, 1891. Farmer.
126. Niels Pallisgaard, 2911 So. Arlington, Los Angeles 16, Calif. Øster Hassner, Jan. 26, 1902. Building contractor.
127. Kristian Sloth, R. F. D. No. 1, Reinbeck, Iowa. Lunde pr. Ribe, June 25, 1884. Farmer.
128. Alfred Nielsen, Walnut, Iowa. Vraa, Hjørring, April 27, 1888. Farmer.
131. Torvald Bertelsen, 3427 Tulalip Ave., Everett, Wash. Aalborg, Nov. 13, 1892. Foreman boat repair.
134. John C. Madsen, Ringsted, Iowa. Odense, June 13, 1882. Farming.
139. Niels Hansen, Viborg, S. D. Denmark, June 13, 1879. Implement dealer.
140. Peter J. Hjorth, 1635 No. Tripp Ave, Chicago 39, Ill. Ringkøbing, Sept. 15, 1877. Retired.
143. Andrew S. Larsen, Rt. 2, Box 84, Petaluma, Calif. Fyn, October 28, 1887. Farmer.
144. Thorwald Petersen, Dike, Iowa. Draaby pr. Ebeltoff, August 18, 1882. Blacksmith.
147. Kai Westergaard, Newell, Iowa. Denmark, June 20, 1899. Farmer.
148. Niels Christensen, 706 W. 24th St., Cheyenne, Wyo. Denmark, Jan. 9, 1901. Railway engineer.
149. Niels Pedersen, Luverne, N. D. Sjelle, Dec. 27, 1893. Farmer.
150. Andy Skow, Marne, Iowa. Alden Sta., Pa., Aug. 21, 1888. Retired farmer.
151. George Jensen, 1716 So. 14th St., Escanaba, Mich. Denmark, Feb. 28, 1875. Filling station attendant.
152. Nels S. Hansen, Wilbur, Wash. Fraugde, Kærby, Fyn, May 20, 1883. Carpenter.
154. Viggo Rasmussen, Rt. No. 1, Owen, Wis. Denmark, April 13, 1890. Farmer.
155. Hans F. Hansen, 242 North Forest St., Bellingham, Wash. Iller pr. Broager, Slesvig, Oct. 26, 1879. Retired.
157. Arvid Petersen, Audubon, Iowa. Iowa, Aug. 18, 1891. Building contractor.
160. Eddie A. Olsen, Rt. No. 1, Underwood, Minn. Tordenskjold, Minn., July 11, 1891. Farmer.
161. Jens J. Krogh, Nelson, Nebr. Vilholt, Sønder Vissing, Nov. 1, 1889. Farmer.
163. Victor H. Nielsen, R. F. D. No. 1, Edmore, Mich. Edmore, Mich., Sept. 14, 1887. Farmer.
164. Paul Petersen, 140 W. 55th St., New York 19, N. Y. Copenhagen, Dec. 5, 1903. Superintendent.
167. Hans R. Madsen, Rt. 2, Box 209, Tigard, Ore. Odense, Oct. 19, 1891. Iron moulder.
170. Niels Smith, 19457 Detroit Rd., Rocky River 16, Ohio. Varde, Ribe Amt, Aug. 14, 1879. Tinner.
172. George Cortsen, 329 So. 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. Brovst, Hjørring, July 28, 1884. Retired.
173. Ben C. Miller, 1605 West 37th St., Kansas City, Mo. Kansas City, Kans., Aug. 21, 1917. Accountant.
175. John J. Petersen, Harlan, Iowa. Davenport, Iowa. Feb. 25, 1880. Farmer.
181. Chris Petersen, Sidney, Mich. Sidney, Mich., March 7, 1894. Banker.
182. Hans Christensen, 411 Lawn Court, Waukegan, Ill. Ikast, Denmark, May 5, 1891. Painter.
184. Harold A. Sundby, 719 Grace St., Hayward, Calif. København, Oct. 15, 1903. Painting contractor.
185. George Nelson, 1117 W. Johnson St., Madison, Wis. Denmark, Sept. 29, 1869. Building contractor.
186. Kirk Frandsen, Rt. No. 2, Frederic, Wis. Frederic, Wis., Jan. 11, 1910. Farming.
188. Fred Hammerick, Rt. 1, Box 150, Parlier, Calif. Nyborg, May 14, 1886. Farming.

190. Viggo C. Jespersen, 2508 Campbell Ave., Schenectady, N. Y. Odense, June 23, 1884. General foreman, G. E. Co.
191. William Olsen, 7111 Bruno Ave., Maplewood 17, Mo. Slaglille, Sorø Amt, Feb. 13, 1878. Retired plasterer.
194. Peter Rasmussen, 136 West 10th St., McMinnville, Ore. Denmark, Jan. 22, 1898. Building contractor.
195. Walter C. Jacobsen, 5020 Walnut St., Omaha, Nebr. Omaha, Nebr., No. 29, 1900. Salesman.
198. Harry Fredericksen, Kenmare, N. D. Lolland, March 3, 1879. Farmer.
201. Carl Petersen, 142 Brackett St., Westbrook, Me. Westbrook, Me., March 28, 1915. Painter and paper hanger.
202. James C. Nordine, 5 Branch St., Warren, Pa. Warren, Pa., August 20, 1916. Draftsman.
205. Wm. Svendsen, 421 Pacific St., Brooklyn 17, N. Y. Rønne, Bornholm, May 15, 1885. Salesman.
210. Frederick Greenwood, 445 Lafayette Ave. N. E., Grand Rapids 3, Mich. England, Oct. 9, 1909. Electrician.
211. Wm. Johnson, 507 West Johns St., Grand Island, Nebr. Grand Island, Nebr., Oct. 26, 1878. Upholsterer and furniture repair.
212. Soren Jensen, 1738 Washington St., Waterloo, Iowa. Kjellerup Jylland, March 28, 1892. Painter.
213. Henry Larsen, Ord, Nebr. Ord, Nebr., March 22, 1917. Truck driver.
215. Jens Sahl, Battle Creek, Iowa. Viborg, Aug. 15, 1893. Farmer.
217. Theodore Jensen, Humboldt, Iowa. Horsens, Sept. 20, 1885. Retired farmer.
219. Chris Sorensen, R. F. D., Clear Lake, Iowa. Skelund St., Denmark, Oct. 11, 1883. Farming.
221. Carl M. Hansen, R. R. No. 2, Box 137, Hampton, Iowa. Copenhagen, May 27, 1889. Drainage engineer.
227. Aug. C. Jorgensen, 4861 S. Clarendon Ave., Detroit 4, Mich. Hvidding, Slesvig, Aug. 8, 1878. Retired.
228. Hans Videbæk, 809 So. Noble St., Indianapolis, Ind. Ringkøbing, April 29, 1883. Supt. wood-cutting machinery.
230. Gunnar Ladefoged, Box 622, Arcata, Calif. Brodal, June 6, 1901. Nurse.
233. Soren C. Pedersen, 3824 Stannard Drive, Toledo, Ohio. Kastbjerg pr. Havndal, July 4, 1887. Manufacturer.
238. Paul N. Miller, 3241 Fenner St., Marlette, Mich. Baulund, Slasvik, Sept. 14, 1877. Garden farmer.
239. Chris Petersen, Griffith Rd., Lake Forest, Ill. Snogbæk Sogn, Bornholm, June 24, 1884. Hardware business.
240. Henry Hansen, Sr., 38 Rockingham St., Rochester 7, N. Y. Denmark, Oct. 7, 1882. Mason.
241. Christian Jensen, 31 So. Main St., Milltown, N. J. Sayreville, N. J., Dec. 29, 1888. Merchant.
242. Ole C. Beck, 3621 West 12th St., Erie, Pa. Denmark, Aug. 9, 1895. Building contractor.
245. Karl Markussen, 1727 So. Bend Ave., South Bend, Ind. Haarby, Nov. 3, 1902. Metal finisher.
249. Jens Jensen, 416 S. Tyler Ave., Pierre, S. D. Skanderborg Amt, July 12, 1879. Supt. water and gas.
254. Walter L. Hansen, R. R. No. 1, Brush, Colo. Akron, Colo., Sept. 18, 1893. Farmer.
255. Jens Peter Andersen, Rt. 1, Box 359, Selma, Calif. Denmark, Sept. 9, 1877. Farmer.
257. Elmer W. Jensen, 422 W. 115 St., New York 25, N. Y. København, Nov. 11, 1901. Building manager.
259. Marius S. Sorensen, Colman, S. D. Moody Co., S. D., Dec. 8, 1889. Farmer.
261. Laust Jensen, Route 1, Fowler, Colo. Denmark, July 15, 1883. Farming.
262. Anton E. Munk, Cozad, Nebr. Dodge Co., Nebr., Aug. 11, 1877. Retired.
263. Carl I. Jensen, R. F. D., Askov, Minn. Allison, Iowa, Oct. 19, 1904. Farmer.
264. Poul L. Gregersen, P. O. Box 1066. Pocatello, Idaho. Esbjerg, Denmark, May 19, 1896. Cement finisher.
267. John Funk, 204 North 1st West, Brigham City, Utah. Aaker Sogn, Bornholm, March 30, 1875. Airport attendant.
268. Joen N. Bodtker, Route 2, Junction City, Ore. Junction City, Ore., June 10, 1906. Farming.
273. Chris Bay, 430 So. Washington St., Dillon, Mont. Edtrup pr. Viborg, June 7, 1887. Wholesale butcher.
278. D. E. Lund, 266 Douglas St., Salt Lake City 2, Utah. Søllested, Lolland, May 4, 1882. Salesman.
281. Christian Hansen, 322 Worthington Ave., Wyoming, Ohio. Odense, Oct. 25, 1885. Cabinet maker.
283. Kenneth J. Kaae, Dagmar, Mont. Kansas, Dec. 1, 1914. Farming.
288. Chris Boilesen, Cotesfield, Nebr. Cotesfield, Nebr., March 24, 1889. Farming.
294. Andrew Christiansen, East Montpelier, Vermont. Aalborg, Oct. 16, 1885. Farmer.
298. Paul J. Wester, 6515 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill. Fredsø, Mors, April 25, 1870. Contractor.
300. Christ Kølgaard, Winnie Hill, R. D., Oneonta, N. Y. Stubberup, Irslev, Dec. 13, 1885. Chicken farmer.
302. Arnold C. Christensen, 577 Grace Ave., Akron, Ohio. Aalborg, April 15, 1891. Automobile upholsterer.
306. Eglund Mathisen, 3052 Thorn St., San Diego 4, Calif. Hammerø, Norway, Aug. 20, 1882. Street car motorman.
308. Oscar Svendsen, Froid, Mont. Froid, Mont., Nov. 5, 1912. Cashier in bank.
314. Einar M. Nielsen, 162 Wolcott Hill Rd., Wethersfield 9, Conn. Skovshoved, Aug. 30, 1898. Carpenter foreman.
322. Nels P. Christensen, 709 N. Milpas St., Santa Barbara, Calif. Nakskov, Lolland, April 10, 1894. Painting contractor.
323. Christian F. Petersen, 209 East Marshall St., Wilmar, Calif. Derby, Conn., Nov. 24, 1885. Police officer.
325. Berg Jensen, 12 Grace Ave., Great Neck, L. I., N. Y. Copenhagen, Feb. 8, 1909. Lawyer.
326. Hans Peter Petersen, R. F. D. No. 2, West Branch, Iowa. Kragelund, July 24, 1906. Farmer.
327. Gerlow Jensen, 1204 7th St., Harlan, Iowa. Them Sogn, Feb. 6, 1883. Apt. manager.
329. C. W. Hansen, 1959—253rd Pl., Lomita, Calif. Copenhagen, Nov. 3, 1902. Ticket agent.
331. Bert R. Nielsen, 9375 Kentucky Ave., Detroit 4, Mich. Detroit, Mich., Sept. 20, 1919. Student.
332. Vernon Olson, 738 Hackberry Ave., Modesto, Calif. Chehalis, Wash., May 25, 1910. Builder.

Eight Applications

Our fast growing lodge, No. 323, Alhambra, Calif., had an interesting meeting Feb. 28 at our spacious hall located on 533 West Main Street.

Hans C. Hansen, president of the Los Angeles, No. 126 lodge, was our guest. He complimented the lodge for the fine work done here.

During the evening we initiated Peter Petersen and balloted on eight (8) new applicants, who are all scheduled for initiation March 28, on which evening we expect a great many visitors. It will probably be one of the biggest events that we have ever had in No. 323.

C. F. PETERSEN, Secretary.

Is Danish Brotherhood Nothing But A Cold-Blooded Insurance Company?

Now and then—and only too often—we hear that remark. We have even read it, without it being contradicted by our supreme board—in this Brotherhood paper.

Nothing, it seems to me, could be farther from the truth. It is of course inevitable, that our insurance department be conducted along business lines without any sentiment. But aside from that I doubt that there is a Danish Brotherhood lodge, who can not point to some instance, where its members have come forward with a helping hand to assist a needy brother in one way or other. I think a book could be written of incidents, where Danish Brotherhood members have unselfishly extended assistance, helped to alleviate sorrow and want for the suffering and those in distress. So let us hear no more of the remarks of Danish Brotherhood being cold-blooded.

In my own lodge, and I think practically every other lodge can duplicate these examples, we have had this happen during the last few months.

One of our members, a good brother and a good Dane, was taken ill and went to the hospital for an operation. His scant means were insufficient to pay doctor and hospital bills. He lacked \$125. At our meeting our good brother, Rasch Paulsen, brought the matter to the attention of the lodge and quicker than you could say Jack Robinson, the \$125 was donated by the ca. 20 members present.

Again, our lodge had, for almost a year, made an unsuccessful attempt to secure assessment relief from our supreme board for a 74 year old brother, subsisting on a small state allowance. That brother had been a good brother and we surely wanted to see him helped, but there just didn't seem to be \$15 for him of our nearly one-fifth of a million dollar relief fund. So rather than see our brother lose his insurance, our lodge paid his assessments, per capita tax and relief fund tax. I wish I could have been present the evening our lodge decided to do that. What a thrill I would have gotten out of it.

These are but minor incidents. Every lodge can probably duplicate them, but it goes to show, that when you get out among the brothers in the lodges,

there is where you find the true fraternal spirit, there is where it is conclusively proven that the DANISH BROTHERHOOD IS NOT A COLD BLOODED INSURANCE COMPANY!

N. B. NELSON,
Member, Spokane Lodge No. 42.

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News From The Eastern Lodges

By
GEO. V. PETERSEN

Schenectady Lodge No. 190 Celebrates Its 43rd Anniversary

On Saturday, March 8, the lodge in Schenectady celebrated its 43rd anniversary with a dinner and dance. About 150 brothers and sisters were present, plus a few invited friends of the lodge.

As these affairs in No. 190 are mostly for the members and their families, general invitations are not sent to all lodges in the neighborhood as there would not be room to take care of the crowd. The affair of course was held in their own building and everything was free, a delicious dinner was served and dancing was enjoyed to the Nels Neilsen orchestra from Troy.

The toastmaster for the evening was Sec. Henry Bukke who is also president of the General Committee here in the East.

We cannot name all of the speakers but we heard from the vice president of the Sisterhood lodge in Schenectady, the vice president of the Troy lodge, Viggo Jespersen, the delegate to the Seattle convention, Geo. V. Petersen from Providence, Rhode Island, Supreme Vice President Bysted Christensen, Nels Neilsen from Troy, and many more. The speeches were all very short but most interesting and everyone enjoyed themselves much, when you hear that we did not leave the building before about 3 o'clock in the morning, you will know that it was fun. Believe me, Viola and I say many thanks for a fine evening.

In Schenectady they had their usual birthday party in February. Brother Aage Mikkelsen, this time was the man who celebrated, he has since left for a trip to Hawaii. Hope you enjoy yourself, Aage.

The lodge received a gift from a brother, who, for the time being, resides in Arizona. This good brother sent a crate of oranges to the lodge and of course the lodge felt that a sum of money for a worthy cause could be realized for this fine gift. This was done and the money received will go to the home for the aged in Metuchen.

I am sure the brother who won the oranges was much surprised. I forgot who was the lucky one.

The lodge is doing good business in Schenectady. At the last meeting in February three new members were initiated into the organization.

Election for delegate to the Seattle convention was held and Viggo Jespersen was the winner in that race.

Troy, N. Y., Lodge No. 183

The news from Troy arrived here too late for the March issue. However, we are always glad to hear from Troy. On January 25 there was a joint installation of officers of the Sisters and Brothers in Dania Hall. Edna Wilder conducted the installation for both organizations in a very fine manner.

A Virginia baked ham dinner was served and Harry Jensen's orchestra furnished the music for dancing where both Danish and American modern dancing were enjoyed. All officers of the Godthaab lodge were re-elected and installed.

At the meeting in February a raffle was held. A case of liquor, a ham and a turkey were the prizes. The profit from this will help to better entertain us when we come to Troy next Labor day for the General Committee convention.

On January 29 Brother Carl Langermann, who everybody knows, fell on the ice when on a business trip to Schenectady and broke a leg. He is confined to the hospital on 114th Street in Troy, but is getting along real well. While in Schenectady last week-end we paid Carl a visit and found him in good spirit, but Carl does not like the idea of staying in bed. We trust that before long Carl will again be up and around.

At the meeting on February 20 election of a delegate was held and Brother Wilhelm Jensen was elected delegate to Seattle, Carl Langermann being the alternate. Following the meetings there now are two tables set up. One group likes its coffee, the other its beer. So when in Troy, state your dislikes and join the other group.

Congratulations are in order to Secretary Harry Jensen. On February 19 a new future member for Godthaab lodge arrived in Troy. Harry now has three little girls and finally the boy arrived. He says that Uncle Chris, (the president of the lodge) is pretty chesty now; no wonder!

At the meeting on Thursday, March 7, plans were made for a concerted drive for new members in No. 183; so you see Troy is really trying to go to town. After this meeting a smoker was given by two birthday guests, Brothers T. Lauritsen and C. Nielsen. A good evening was enjoyed by all, but the president had coffee, not beer, what happened, Chris?

Providence, R. I., No. 102

Rosenborg lodge No. 102 in Providence, Rhode Island, is the lodge that will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. We have in the past few months now and then mentioned this fact, but we are now so far ahead with our plans that we can announce that this affair will be held on Saturday, August 16.

It will be a real fine affair with a banquet and dance at the Narraganset hotel. Anyone who is at all interested in us and the Danish Brotherhood is cordially invited to attend this party.

Official invitations will soon be sent to lodges and guests, but we feel that perhaps if you hear of it now, you might want to make your plans for the summer so that you could spend a pleasant week-end in Rhode Island among good friends of the Danish Brotherhood. Please keep this in mind and you shall soon hear more from us.

At the meeting in February we had election of a delegate to the Seattle and Troy conventions. Brother Chris Madsen was elected delegate and George Petersen, alternate.

Also at this meeting, we initiated a new member into our lodge. Brother George M. Petersen, a son of the secretary, was admitted as a member.

Bridgeport, Conn., Lodge No. 37 Has Large Meeting Attendance

On March 12 the lodge in Bridgeport had invited the neighboring lodges to attend this meeting, this is an old custom in No. 37 brought back to life. During the war years no such thing seemed advisable, but now they are really in full swing again.

We had the privilege of being present also and enjoyed this meeting very much. There were brothers from the following lodges: No. 32, New Haven; No. 102, Providence; No. 314, Hartford; No. 64, New York; No. 116, Newark, and No. 41, Derby, Connecticut. In all about fifty members attended.

The president, young Brother Nielsen, bid all visitors welcome and after the regular meeting called for an informal discussion about anything anyone could suggest that would be for the good of the Brotherhood. Many things were discussed, especially the suggestions from the supreme board which appeared in the paper for November.

It was interesting to note that among the many guests were such men as past Supreme President S. Iversen from New Haven, the secretary of the General Committee, C. Madsen from Newark and the treasurer of the General Committee, P. Petersen from New York. Eight brothers from Hartford and three from Providence made the trip of 130 miles, but thought it was time well spent.

After the meeting a committee served a most delicious lunch with everything that goes with it, and we all had a fine evening. We hope more of that sort of meetings will be held.

Training Ship Denmark's Crew Entertained in New London

On the recent visit of the Danish training ship Denmark to New London, both the officers and the crew were entertained there. The cadets were entertained at a farewell party at the Marine Museum in Mystic by the Museum and three yacht clubs, with the cooperation of the Coast Guard Academy and a group of Danish residents from the nearby cities and towns.

Commander G. C. Coale bid the boys welcome in behalf of the Museum and entertainment followed with music, song, and a dance program. During the evening the crew was presented with an original etching of the Denmark.

The officers of the ship and the Coast Guard officers were the guests of the mayor of New London at the Hotel Mohigan on March third. The chairman of this affair was Counsellor May and the captain of the ship thanked the city of New London for the hospitality shown them at this time and the time they were there during the war. He calls New London his second home port. After the reception some of

the guests joined in groups and several attended the affair with the cadets.

The commander's speech to the boys was in English, but on the request of the chairman, the secretary of Hartford lodge translated his speech to the boys in Danish so that all would get the full benefit of his words. It was indeed a most wonderful affair for all. When the ship left for home on March 5, it carried with it a lot of pleasant memories from the land that means so much to so many Danish people. Without a doubt it shall bring good cheer to Denmark.

Meeting of General Committee Officers

A meeting of the officers of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges was held in Newark on Sunday, March 9, with all officers present except our ex-president, Brother Mose, who sent his regrets at not being able to attend on account of illness. The main topic of discussion was about our membership drive, and a final check on motions to be sent in for the national convention.

It is hoped that all lodges will get behind us in the membership drive, and an appropriate presentation will be made at the convention in Troy, to the lodge making the best progress up to that date. It was also discussed to have the final round-up for new members for the convention in Troy, and to have them initiated at that time. This would be a real good time to show what can be done, especially for Troy and Schenectady lodges. Of course, we should like to see candidates from any other lodges, who desire to bring them there at this time. So please, brothers in the East, get your man for the Brotherhood.

At the meeting of Lodge No. 116 on March 8, Brother Chris Madsen was elected to serve as delegate to the national convention. After the meeting, a very successful party and duck raffle was held by the new building committee. If we can keep up the interest and spirit that was shown at this party, the building is sure to be on our program in the near future.

Attention Brother Rudolph Olsen And Officers of Eastern G. C.

I was most flattered to read Brother Rudolf Olsen's remarks in his column of March.

He says that he is of the opinion that I have had something to do with the idea that the Eastern lodges are challenging the California lodges in their membership drive.

The idea is from the Eastern lodge officers and I have absolutely nothing to do with it. Give credit where credit is due.

I hope and trust that this challenge will work for the benefit of both sections of the country and may the best win.

While on the subject, I would like to congratulate Rudolf Olsen with his writing for California lodges and the California lodges too for having him do this for them. I hope they will keep it up, it is interesting reading.

Well, Rudolf, even then, if I do come to Seattle, we will still have the drink, no matter which side wins.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

CALIFORNIA — 'NUF SAID

RUDOLPH OLSEN,
210 Post Street, San Francisco 8, Calif.

When Brother Svend Petersen asked me several months ago to be good enough to supply our paper with California news from the lodges, I accepted the job with the anticipation, that our 19 secretaries would be good enough to send me the news they wanted to have published in this Magazine. To date, I must confess, I have not received a letter from any of the secretaries with but two exceptions. Could it be that none of our lodges in California are planning ahead? Is one right in assuming that none of the lodge secretaries have any idea at all of what might happen the following month? Not even the celebration of an anniversary? Or a dance? Or what have you?

I believe the original idea with our magazine was this, that it was to be an organ of all the lodges, so that the lodge members might know what they could expect during the next few weeks. I have tried to "snuse" a little news from here and there, but I am afraid this can't go on indefinitely. Whether or not this page is to go on is up to the lodge secretaries.

Last Saturday night Lodge No. 225 in Selma celebrated its 40th anniversary at the Lodge hall in Parlier. Apparently this affair was to be a great secret as far as the northern end of the state is concerned, and I only learned of it during a telephone conversation with one of the Sisters in Bakersfield, who informed me that 13 from that city were planning to make the trip to Selma. I asked what went on in Selma, and was told the news. This was on Saturday morning as the affair was to be in the evening. Unfortunately, I had been under the doctor's care for over a week and was just getting out of bed. But I can assure the good brothers in Selma, that if I had been well, both my wife and I, as well as many others from this region, would have endeavored to make the Festive hall.

I have learned that our president, Brother Julius Hansen, Mrs. Hansen and many others from Fresno made the trip to Parlier. As already mentioned 13 from Bakersfield made the 150 mile trip, with Jim and Jo Andreasen leading the good brothers and sisters. From what I have learned a very fine time was had. Here is wishing the Selma lodge many happy returns of the day.

I have just received a very kind invitation from Brother Ed Aasted, secretary of the Santa Barbara Lodge to be present at their 23rd anniversary banquet Saturday evening, March 22. As you know, Brothers, this was the lodge that doubled its membership in 1946, and lots of credit must go to this active lodge for the increase in our membership here in California. This year Santa Barbara will be the host lodge for our annual convention, which will, presumably, be held during the early days of September. Plan your vacation so you can attend and really have a fine time in this beautiful city. Congratulations and best wishes, Santa Barbara.

I have just seen the second issue of the new **Sisterhood News** and it appears a bit better than the first issue. Give the sisters time and they may

yet get a better magazine than we have—if we will let them. But permit me to point out to the good sister or sisters who get out the paper, that the word "America" is never abbreviated. At least I suppose the letters "Am." is supposed to be for America. Don't do it, it is in very poor taste.

Our good Brother Holger Jørgensen in Los Angeles is beginning to write in **Bien** again. Let me predict, that before long the Los Angeles page of **Bien** will again be one of the most interesting pages in **Bien** or any other Danish newspaper.

In the March issue I am very glad to see Brother C. R. Christensen, secretary of No. 167 in Portland, Ore., give his opinions relative to the various proposals suggested by the Supreme Board. I hope others will follow and while I do not agree with Brother Christensen on some points, I am happy to see him express his views.

Here are some of my own views, others will follow:

1. This recommendation needs very little elucidation. It is self evident we should elect the best man possible. What has age to do with it? Too often a brother is elected delegate because the brothers in the lodge feel he deserves it, regardless of his qualifications and knowledge of the Brotherhood.

2. As an old life insurance man who has written many policies in my early years in the insurance game, I would say, that the quicker we get the idea of juvenile insurance killed the better. If any one in the family needs insurance it is papa and not sonny boy. If we are to sell more insurance we ought to concentrate on increasing the insurance on the members we now have if they are insurable at this time.

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insurance has always been and always will be a very paying racket. Why?—because of the lapse of policies. We are not in a racket, as yet, so let us stay away from that sort of speculation and fantasy.

When speaking of insurance let us constantly bear in mind, that on the basis on which our present premiums are based, that if we did not take a single new member, and simply closed our books, there would be plenty of money to pay out on the policy of the last man to die. Keep that in mind, when any of our supreme officers want to pump you full of fanciful ideas of bigness of our insurance fraternity.

I wonder if the brother who conceived the idea of having this type of racket practiced within our order, gave any serious thought to the slight matter of who was going to do the collecting of these juvenile premiums? I presume whoever it was, thought the present financial secretary would be glad to add this to his already large burden of collecting premiums, without any compensation whatsoever from the insurance company, which in this instance is the Danish Brotherhood. Perhaps in the small lodges where they, for the past 50 years or more, have had just enough members to get a delegate to the national convention. But it must be borne in mind, that the majority of such members are by this time over the period of life where they are producing any juvenile members of the D. B. S. In other words, the Brotherhood would have to depend upon the large lodges for the production of such insurance. Have the Supreme Officers given any serious thought to the collecting end of it? Do they know, that juvenile insurance is the hardest type of premium to collect, and that the large insurance companies in this sort of business employ special collectors, who usually receive as much as up to 50% of the premiums collected? Think this matter over before acting, and I feel sure you will vote NO.

3. If we go into this type of business, why not take the suckers along, regardless of sex. Why discriminate? Remember the old slogan, "Never look too far into the pedigree of the dollar—just get the dollar."

4. Why this request? What has the board accomplished with the \$5,000 already allotted? Why take it from the Relief Fund? Is that the easy way out?

Why not leave the Relief Fund for what it was intended and not use it as a political football? Use that money for relief and no other purpose.

My allotted space has run out. Hope to have a line or two more next month.

Donations Wanted

Notice, Brother Secretaries:

On December 16, 1944, Withee lodge 154 had the misfortune of losing our hall by fire. We are asking all Brotherhood lodges if they would give us a small donation to help us out for a new hall. Brother Secretary, please bring this before your lodge.

Chris Christophersen, President.

Andrew Smith, Jr., Secretary.

Rt. 1, Box 22, Owen, Wis.

Delegates

Brother delegate, you are now elected to represent your lodge. I wish you would study Roberts Rules of Order or Cushing's Manual. Bear in mind every minute costs money and lots of it at a convention, therefore when you have the floor be explicit and firm in your talk, carry your point, but be sure you are right. You must be in accord with your lodge's wishes in order to represent your lodge. Also appreciate the honor bestowed on you.

However, remember while you do travel and see and hear things that is paid for, you can also have a good time and enjoy yourself. But you must remember you have work to do. Be sure when roll call comes that you can answer present. So do your best and when you get back home you can tell your brothers what you did and what went on at the convention. It is an experience that comes once in a life time, so prove yourself worthy of the honor. Best of luck to you.

PETER ANDREWSSEN,

Stillwater, Minn.

DEATH CLAIMS PAID

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	JOINED YEAR	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Feb. 6	Simon P. Simonsen	74	Mygind, Denmark	277	Kenmare, N. D.	1903	Carcinoma	\$1000.00
Feb. 13	Viggo Christensen	54	Copenhagen	227	Detroit, Mich.	1937	Cerebral hemorrhage	500.00
Feb. 7	Paul Bovling	60	Smallerup	261	Fowler, Colo.	1912	Pulmonary embolism	250.00
Feb. 13	Chris Holt	75	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1908	Cerebral hemorrhage	500.00
Feb. 1	Henning Michel	64	Odense	17	Chicago, Ill.	1904	Hypostatic pneumonia	237.54
Feb. 24	Soren C. Pedersen	79	Hvingel, Ringkøbing	154	Withee, Wis.	1903	Carcinoma of prostate	1000.00
Dec. 13	Andrew C. Johnson	84	Gundsløv, Maribo	214	West Point, Nebr.	1905	Senility	369.43
Feb. 21	Louis J. Rasmussen	79	Aastrup, Svendborg A.	173	Kansas City, Kans.	1899	Endocarditis	1000.00
Feb. 26	Peter Miller	83	Augustenborg, Als	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1899	Coronary thrombosis	735.81
Feb. 13	Marius Rasmussen	73	Svendborg	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1905	Pulmonary embolus	877.18
Feb. 20	Peter Bovbjerg	71	Erslev Sogn, Mors	263	Askov, Minn.	1900	Myocardial degeneration	213.82
Feb. 25	Martin Nielsen	92	Humbleby Sogn, Lolland	54	Dannebrog, Nebr.	1895	Senility	642.35
Feb. 11	Johan M. Larsen	77	Aalborg	164	New York, N. Y.	1913	Heart failure	958.18
Jan. 10	William Johnson	82	Vester Hassinge	121	Tyler, Minn.	1905	Uremia	752.98
Feb. 12	Chr. J. Hansen	67	Skelskør	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1911		1000.00
Feb. 21	Christian Olsen	78	Heltborg, Hurup	107	Chicago, Ill.	1898	Carcinoma of lung	1000.00
Feb. 27	Hans J. Mortensen	83	Jordløse Sogn, Fyn	16	Minden, Nebr.	1892	Senility	721.63
Feb. 26	Niels P. Madsen	74	Skyum, Thisted	P-D	Omaha, Nebr.	1905	Coronary thrombosis	855.97
Feb. 12	Peter R. Petersen	69	Tronderup, Ærø	4	Racine, Wis.	1903	Pulmonary edema	1000.00
Mar. 4	Niels Hansen	85	Væggeløse Sogn	51	Ludington, Mich.	1894	Apoplexy	698.87
Mar. 6	Hans Andersen	89	Onsved pr. Fred'kssund	4	Racine, Wis.	1894	Coronary thrombosis	1000.00
Mar. 9	Fredrik Andersen	79	Bolstrup, Langeland	89	Superior, Wis.	1890	Heart failure	371.59
Mar. 6	Marius Larsen	55	Haastrup, Fyn	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1928	Ca. of pancreas	1000.00
Aug. 24	Lauritz Petersen	78	Denmark	328	Vancouver, B. C.	1937	Unknown	Social

. . . NEW MEMBERS . . .

Honor Roll	No. of Lodge	Location	Name
Holger Nielsen	-- 4	Racine	George W. Nelson
Holger Nielsen	-- 4	Racine	Einar T. Brown
Hjalmar Beck	--- 4	Racine	Peter Fenger
P. Christiansen	--- 4	Racine	Geo. J. Hansen
Chr. A. Eriksen	--- 4	Racine	Bendix Mollerskov
Niels Sorensen	-- 4	Racine	Axel V. Andersen
Paul A. Fisker	-- 29	Seattle	Frank Jenks
Tage Frederiksen	29	Seattle	Henry S. Dorge
John Hansen	--- 29	Seattle	Chas. J. Norg
Otto Hansen	--- 29	Seattle	Herbert Johnson
Peter M. Hansen	--- 29	Seattle	Swen Christensen
Niels E. Bodholdt	39	Oakland	Jack Erickson
John M. Beck	--- 42	Spokane	Fred Martin
Nels Andersen	--- 45	Minneapolis	Ansgar B. Raun
Nels Andersen	--- 45	Minneapolis	D. J. Andersen
C. Hansen	--- 45	Minneapolis	Eiler Grand
C. Hansen	--- 45	Minneapolis	Niels Merrild
E. M. Jensen	--- 45	Minneapolis	Ude P. Udesen
William Aitken	-- 49	San Francisco	Alfred Hansen
F. J. Bakke	--- 49	San Francisco	Edwin Strand
L. P. Larsen	--- 49	San Francisco	A. S. Schmidt
Julius C. Larsen	--- 59	Menominee	Sig. E. Schmidt
Hans Jorgensen	-- 96	Jackson	Louis Andersen
Hans Jorgensen	-- 96	Jackson	Carl L. Sorensen
Geo. V. Petersen	102	Providence	Geo. M. Petersen
Carl F. Nielsen	--- 106	Trufant	Vernon Rasmussen
W. Michaelsen	--- 116	Newark	Norbert Ifversen
W. Michaelsen	--- 116	Newark	Irving W. Ifversen
W. Michaelsen	--- 116	Newark	Paul N. Ifversen
W. Michaelsen	--- 116	Newark	Edwin H. Ifversen
N. A. Ibsen	--- 116	Newark	John M. Jensen
N. A. Ibsen	--- 116	Newark	Irving Zuschlag
N. A. Ibsen	--- 116	Newark	Robert J. Jorgensen
K. P. Christensen	116	Newark	Carl E. Jensen
Thorvald Jensen	116	Newark	Paul J. Gehrs
Thomas Jensen	--- 126	Los Angeles	Chr. Larsen
Andrew Nielsen	--- 126	Los Angeles	Ole M. Hansen
Christian Sloth	--- 127	Reinbeck	Gordon C. Sloth
Christian Sloth	--- 127	Reinbeck	Verner Sloth
Christian Sloth	--- 127	Reinbeck	Elvin Sloth
John C. Madsen	--- 134	Ringsted	John K. Madsen
J. P. Christiansen	140	Chicago	Carl J. Jensen
N. P. Nielsen	--- 143	Petaluma	Kr. Brunsgaard
Ras J. Rasmussen	149	Luverne	Peder Haugaard
Ras J. Rasmussen	149	Luverne	Einar Jensen
Ras J. Rasmussen	149	Luverne	Ernest T. Paulsen
Ras J. Rasmussen	149	Luverne	Martin C. Jensen
Ras J. Rasmussen	149	Luverne	Louis McKee
Ras J. Rasmussen	149	Luverne	Ivan Jorgensen
Ras J. Rasmussen	149	Luverne	Harold G. Jensen
Ras J. Rasmussen	149	Luverne	Geo. P. Mortensen
Thorvald Vissing	149	Luverne	Leland Jacobsen
Poul Brown	--- 164	New York	Knud H. Pedersen
Erik Schlegel	--- 167	Portland	E. Schlegel
N. Christoffersen	181	Sidney	Vern A. Minard
N. Christoffersen	181	Sidney	Bruce A. Andersen
Ben W. Nelson	--- 182	Waukegan	C. L. Christensen
Geo. Nelson	--- 185	Madison	John S. Anthonson
C. B. Christensen	190	Schenectady	V. Christensen
C. B. Christensen	190	Schenectady	E. E. Christensen
V. C. Jespersen	190	Schenectady	V. C. Jespersen
Sam Sorensen	--- 219	Clear Lake	Emil Sorensen
Sam Sorensen	--- 219	Clear Lake	Thomas Madsen
Carl G. Andersen	242	Erie	John O. Nissen
John C. Berg	--- 257	New York	George Hansen
Marius Rasmussen	267	Brigham	McLaren J. Funk
Julius Juliussen	301	Akron	Jerome C. Young

Julius Juliussen 301—Akron --- R. R. Shallahamer
 Carlo Christensen 301—Akron --- Paul W. Christensen
 C. M. Quist --- 317—Spencer --- Chr. Nielsen
 C. O. Svendsen --- 318—Copenhagen --- Lloyd Olsen
 C. O. Svendsen --- 318—Copenhagen --- Ras. N. Callesen
 Knud Kretschmer 318—Copenhagen --- Paul Rybner
 Alb. Petersen --- 318—Copenhagen --- H. C. G. Nielsen
 Chr. Svenningsen 318—Copenhagen --- Aug. Olafsson
 B. Helseth --- 322—S. Barbara --- H. H. Helseth
 C. F. Petersen --- 323—Alhambra --- Peter Peterson
 Hans Andersen --- 329—Long Beach --- Chas. H. Hansen
 Poul Blinkilde --- 331—Detroit --- Gordon J. Pedersen

Loge 328, Canada

Er lige blevet færdig med at læse sidste Nummer af vort Blad. Var lige ved at blive bange for ikke at se et eneste dansk Ord, da saa sidst i Bladet findes den smukke Beskrivelse af Forholdene i Danmark under krigen skrevet af Albert Petersen. I Aar er det 40 Aar siden jeg forlod Danmark, jeg burde i den lange Tid at have lært engelsk nok til at kunne skrive Sproget, men jeg foretrækker at se dansk i et dansk Blad.

Vel, Loge 328 slap helskindet igennem Krigen voksende sig langsomt men sikkert fremad. Vi har lagt mærke til, hvor store Bestræbelser nogle af Logerne har gjort for at faa nye Medlemmer og har tilmed haft Held med sig. Efter Udtalelser paa sidste Møde er vi ogsaa ved at faa Blod paa Tandem.

Fik en ny Præsident i Aar, Broder Olof Børsholdt, Sekretær, Kasserer og de fleste af de gamle blev sidende. Af store Begivenheder blandt Brødrene kan nævnes Hr. og Fru Thimsens Sølvbryllup og Broder Westerlunds Bryllup. Adskillige af vore Brødre har allerede været en Tur til Danmark, nemlig Hr. og Fru Plambeck, Hr. og Fru Anker Sorensen og Thorvald Larsen fra Chilliwack. I næste Uge gaar Fru Olof Børsholdt og Søn, Fru Henry Hansen og Fru Thimsen. Senere paa Foraaret gaar Fru Peter Jensen og Fru Jens Rosenberg.

Vi kalder alle Medlemmer af Brodersamfundet for Brødre, men ligesom indenfor en Familie er der nogle man føler sig nærmere knyttet til end andre. Det er maaske Forklaringen til at vi gerne vil se og tilmed gøre vor Part til, at Konventionen i Seattle vil efterlade et smukt, varigt Minde hos alle, der deltagere. Dertil vil sikkert hjælpe, hvis alle eller idetmindste de fleste af Deltagerne vil komme en Tur til Vancouver. Borgemesteren i Seattle skriver i Februar Nummeret, at Seattle "is one of the most beautiful cities in the world." Hr. Borgmester, har De aldrig været i Vancouver? Til Seattle Logens første Møde i Marts gaar Komiteen herfra derned for en lille Sludder med dem om, hvordan en Tur herop kan arrangeres.

Da vort Blad ikke har Plads til lange Beskrivelser om Vancouver, vil alle Deltagerne, saa snart vi har modtaget deres Navne, modtage Indbydelse til at aflægge os et Besøg. Hvis nogen inden den Tid ønsker Oplysninger om Vancouver skriv til

J. P. MORTENSEN,
390 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

RESOLUTIONS

MARIUS LARSEN, Petaluma, Calif.

I anledning af Broder Marius (Martin) Larsens Død den 6. Marts 1947, vedtog Golden West Lodge Nr. 143 følgende Resolution:

At vi dybt beklager Tabet af en god og agtet Broder; at vi herved bevidner vor dybeste Sympati til den efterladte Familie; at vi til Ære for hans Minde, beklæder vort Charter med Sørgeflor for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage; at denne Resolution indføres i vort Protokol, indrykkes i vort Maanedsbld, samt at en Kopi tilsendes hans efterladte Familie.

Paa Golden West Lodge Nr. 143's Vegne,
S. P. Nilson, Præsident.
J. Winding, Sekretær.

BEN LUND, Junction City, Ore.

In memory of our brother, Ben Lund, who passed away March 2, 1947, Lodge No. 268 adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and that we extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days; that this resolution be entered in the minutes of the lodge, that a copy be sent to his family and that it be printed in the Brotherhood Magazine.

Ben Jensen, President.
Ejner Christiansen, Secretary.

FRED N. ANDERSEN, Superior, Wis.

In memory of our late brother, Fred N. Andersen, who passed away on March 9, 1947.

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.

Peter M. Larsen, Secretary.

SIMON PETER SIMONSEN

I Anledning af Broder Simonsen's Død den 6. Februar 1947, vedtog Kensal Lodge Nr. 277 paa deres sidste Møde følgende Resolution:

At vi meget savner en god og agtet Broder; at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder vort Charter med Sørgeflor for 30 Dage, og at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol og indrykkes i Det Danske Brodersamfund's Maanedsbld.

Paa Loge Nr. 277's Vegne,
Carl F. Simonsen, Præsident.
Andrew P. Pedersen, Sekretær.

ANDREW CHR. JOHNSEN, West Point, Nebr.

I Anledning af Broder Andrew Christian Johnsen's "Charter Members" Død vedtog Loge Nr. 214, D. B. S., følgende Resolution:

At vi dybt beklager Tabet af en god og trofast Broder, samt at beklæde vores Charter med Sørgeflor for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, samt en Kopi inrykkes i Loge Nr. 214's Protokol, og en Kopi bliver tilsendt Samfundets Maanedsbld og en Kopi bliver tilsendt hans efterladte Familie.

Paa Loge Nr. 214's Vegne,
Simon P. Johnson, Præsident.
F. W. Sorensen, Sekretær.

ARTHUR LONDON, København, Denmark

I Anledning af Broder Arthur Londons Afgang ved Døden den 12. Februar 1947, vedtog Hartford Lodge Nr. 314 følgende Resolution ved vort Møde den 5. Marts 1947:

At vi dybt beklager Tabet af en god og agtet Broder, Medstifter og Eks-Præsident af Logen. En Broder som gennem Aarene har udvist stor Kærlighed for Hartford Loge. Til hans efterladte Hustru ønsker vi at udtrykke vor dybeste Sympati.

Til hans Ære og Minde skal vort Charter beklædes med Sørgeflor for et Tidsrum af 30 dage; denne Resolution indføres i vor Protokol, indrykkes i vor Samfundsblad og en Kopi sendes til hans efterladte Hustru.

Paa Hartford Lodge Nr. 314's Vegne,
Einar M. Nielsen, Sekretær.
Alfred P. Stark, Præsident.

FRODE PEDERSEN, Detroit, Mich.

In memory of our brother, Frode Pedersen, who passed away on January 26, 1947:

Be it resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that the members of Lodge No. 227 deeply regret the passing of our brother.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be printed in our Brotherhood Magazine, incorporated in the minutes and a copy sent to his family.

Carl B. Jensen, President.
Sigfred Jorgensen, Secretary.

VIGGO CHRISTENSEN, Detroit, Mich.

In memory of Brother Viggo Christensen, who passed away Feb. 13, 1947, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the passing 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; that this resolution be inserted in our minutes and also in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to the family.

Sigfred Jorgensen, Secretary.
Carl B. Jensen, President.

PAUL BOVLING, Fowler, Colo.

In memory of our departed brother, Paul Bowling, who passed away on the 7th day of February, 1947, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting the 27th day of February, 1947:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a good, true and most loyal member of our order; that we extend to his beloved wife our most sincere sympathy in her hour of sorrow.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days, and a copy of this resolution be sent to his wife.

Incorporated in our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine in behalf of Sletten Lodge No. 261, Fowler, Colo.

Paul C. Madsen, President.
Richard Teilborg, Secretary.

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Indbydelse til Brodersamfundets Konvention i Seattle

Jeg ved hvor der findes et Landskab saa skøn,
hvor Bakkerne smiler i Evigheds Grøn;
hvor Haverne bugner med Blomster og Frugt,
og Granen udgiver saa dejlig en Duft.

Der ligger en BY MELLEME Søer og SUND
med bakkede Gader og Klima saa sund.
De fineste Grønsvær med Roser i Pagt
og søde Kamiljer ved Døren staar Vagt.

Paa Sundet gaar Færger paa Kryds og paa Tværs,
og LAKSEN i Vandskellet spiller Kommers.
Der Dykanden leger i Dampskibets Spor,
sine Maager og Terner de synger i Kor.

Og Ferskvand og Saltvand her mødes i Favn
dog Slusen adskiller de Vande til Gavn;
her stenger man inde hver Skude og Baad,
til Vandstanden stiger og Frihed du faar.

Her Dansken had bygget og beilet sin Brud,
og samlet sig Velstand i Solskin og Slud,
De dejligste Kvinder paa Jorden er her,
de flittige passer sin daglige Færd.

Her har vi en Loge i Broderskabs Baand,
som indbyder Brødre med Hjerte og Haand.
Vor BYGNING STAAR AABEN til Alle som Gæst;
Kom bring eders Damer til Samfundets Fest.

Saa husk i September, faa Rejsen bestemt;
Seattle indbyder, vær ikke beklemt;
thi her vil I møde saa venlige Mænd,
og søde Smaapiger med SLANKHED om Lænd.

Saa synger vi alle tilsammen den Sang,
se Tonen den fik vi fra Danmark engang.
Vær velkommen Brødre fra Øst og fra Vest,
et Haandtryk, en Genstand, og saa har vi Fest.

C. J.

Kære Venner og Landsmænd

I December Maaned fik jeg et Brev fra en af mine gode Venner i Minnesota, som fortalte mig, at han havde tegnet sig til Brodersamfundets Danmarksrejse i 1947.

Nu var han blevet i Tvivl om han egentlig burde tage hjem, han havde hørt at alle Forhold var saa vanskelige, vi var økonomisk meget daarligt kørende herhjemme, o. s. v., og han spurgte, om jeg syntes han skulde udsætte Rejsen indtil bedre Tider. Dertil svarede jeg absolut nej. Han skal tage hjem nu i Aar, i et godt Selskab fordi hans gamle Fader som snart er 90 endnu lever. Selvfølgelig er vi blevet forandrede herhjemme i de Aar Krigen har adskilt os, men selve Landet, Danmark med Marken, Skoven og Stranden er dog stadigvæk det samme.

Derfor venter vi et stort Besøg af vore Landsmænd fra U. S. A. i Sommer her i Aalborg og vi glæder os til de dejlige Dage rundt den 4. Juli, blot at I vil melde jeres Ankomst i god Tid, da der er noget der hedder Hotelplads.

Med venlig Hilsen,

EBERT JENSEN.

Brief Book Reports

Karin Michaelis, a Danish author who about a generation ago attained brief international fame with her highly controversial novel, "Den farlige Alder," translated into English as "The Dangerous Age"—and, for that matter, translated into a number of other languages—recently has published her reminiscences in the form of a new edition of her earlier novel, "Pigen med Glasskaarene" ("The Girl with the Glass Shears"); Mrs. Michaelis' book—originally five volumes—has been published in this country under the title of "Troll," is highly individualistic, very lively, replete with interesting details of her life in Denmark and abroad.

The author who preceded many visits to the United States by a tour of this country to lecture on "The Dangerous Age" in 1910, has lived in the United States during the Second World War, and returned to Denmark not so many months ago, resuming her residence on the island of Thurø where her home community quite recently made her an honorary citizen. Karin Michaelis' maiden name was Beck-Brøndum, and she was born in Randers. She has more than thirty novels to her credit.

The traditional tragedy of immigration is a subject which has not often been dealt with in the world of fiction, perhaps because it is a more or less distressing feature to write about. Generally there is a tendency to assume that most emigrants from the Old World to the New succeed, in one way or the other, and that it is only the exceptions who fail. But, granting that, the exceptions often provide some most stirring life-stories which, however, have inspired very few writers to describe them.

Recently a book was published in Denmark, written by Karen Møller—not formerly appearing on the literary arena—and entitled, "De Uegnede"—which may, liberally, be translated as "The Misfits."

The book deals with the fate of a Danish family settling in Canada and progressing from one disappointment to the next, only to end in misery and imprisonment. The plot, as it moves on, seems to want to show that if you are misfits in one country you are likely to be the same anywhere else. You do not feel at home—in this case—whether you are on the North American continent or back in the homeland. You are rootless, always chasing rainbows, never finding the golden pot at its end, and life becomes one bitter chain of frustrations and disappointments.

You may say: Why write about anything as sordid as that? Well, after all, life is not uninterrupted sunshine; it has its thunderstorms, its showers, its deep shadows, and they, too, belong in literature in so far as they give additional insight into human lives. Karen Møller's book strives in no way to be sensational—it is merely a record of a segment of family life which she has had a chance to observe, and the ability to describe. It gives every indication of having been based on very close study.

GEORG STRANDVOLD.

Opinions Of Others

In our March Magazine, Brother Martin Hansen of my own lodge, No. 65, Duluth, Minn., makes a very timely and worthy suggestion about what to do and also to give our elderly brothers a helping hand in their declining years.

What I am referring to is the money in our Relief Fund. It could not be used for a better purpose than to guarantee all members (after passing 75 years of age, or after 35 years of membership) a paid up policy. That would be something to be proud of. I hope Brother Hansen's suggestion can be worked out, even if we have to pay a little extra. There are very few of us, after passing 75, who could not use a helping hand. Look at our death list; there are quite a few on that list who have passed that age.

Congratulations to Brother Hansen for his suggestion.

Greetings to No. 65 from

CARL F. PHILIPPS,
Rt. 1, Box 7, San Mateo, Calif.

Asking For Information

In the D. B. S. magazine we are requested to go out and get new members which of course is proper if the lodges are to continue to operate. I would like to do my part. I have been a member of the D. B. S. for forty years and have been active in the lodges all the time. I have held all offices in the lodges and worked on any amount of committees, still there is a number of things that I haven't been able to find out. I will appreciate very much if any brother is able to give me the following information, as we don't get it in our yearly report:

1. How many members are there in D. B. S. active and social?
2. How many new members did we receive in 1946?
3. How many members died in 1946?
4. How many members were suspended for non-payment in 1946?
5. What were our gains or losses in members in 1946?

Those are vital questions that any member should know and be able to answer when asked, also what are the names of our bonds that our money is invested in? It is your money as well as mine and you like to know how your money is invested. I don't know why we do not get that information which in former days was published in our D. B. S. Magazine. But now we are in absolute ignorance regarding all this, and it seems to me, that it is of the greatest interest to all members. If our supreme officers haven't the authority to give out such information, I sincerely hope that the delegates at the convention in Seattle do something about that.

I have asked the above questions of members of my own lodge as well as members of other lodges and every time the answer is, "I don't know!"

Regarding the ten proposals in a recent D. B. S. Magazine, I could not vote for a single one of them, because with social security and state old age benefit we don't need any home for our old members, and if we were to have one, it should no more be in

Nebraska than in Maine. I don't think the climate is a great deal different in any of these places and \$100 a month saved in rent of offices would only be a very small fraction of the running expenses of such a home.

Regarding taking children and women in the D. B. S. I will say yes if you want to do away with the local lodges and make D. B. S. an insurance company. That is just what will happen. A law has been passed by our state legislature to the effect that no one is allowed to sell insurance in the state without a state authorized license. That may perhaps close our lodge as it has the lodges in Massachusetts. So let every one think twice before voting.

A. C. LORENTZEN,

A member of No 112.

From Clinton, Iowa

D. B. S. Lodge No. 11, Clinton, Iowa, is not such a large lodge when talking in terms of membership, but we are very active all year round. We meet the second Thursday of every month with the Sisters for a social evening where everybody plays cards to his own liking. The third Sunday in every month we gather for a sandwich supper, after which we play cards and have a midnight lunch. The fourth Thursday is our business meeting. We have a very nice building on the corner of 3rd Ave. No. and 4th St.

As we think it is very beneficial that sisters and brothers can meet the same evening, we are now debating to convert the flat in our building into lodge rooms for the sisters. I have seen in different lodges that there is a larger attendance if husband and wife can go out together. Clinton Lodge No. 11 is an old lodge, where nobody needs to hire a nursemaid.

Sister Næser is back from Denmark. She liked it so well she is already talking about flying home again next summer. Sister Orla Jensen is still having a good time in Denmark, as is also Oswald Borup, the turkey farmer who always supplies us with well-fed turkeys for our Thanksgiving and Christmas suppers.

After being ill for several months, 92-year old Brother Jens Bondesen was again at our meeting. As a young man he was with "Dragon Regimentet" in Berlin, perhaps that is where he acquired his straight back and up until now his good health.

I can assure everybody who goes to the convention in Seattle, that they will have a good time. I attended meetings there for about three months in 1945 and I know the committee was not sparing itself to make it the biggest and best convention yet held. As Brother Otto Nielsen from Seattle said, when at Minneapolis he invited the 1947 convention to Seattle, "I cannot promise you all the liquor you can drink, but I can promise you we will do everything in our power to give you good food, a good time and a hearty welcome." It is a long drive to Seattle, but it is a beautiful drive, so let us help those in Seattle to make the convention a success.

C. H. GERTSEN,

Sec. No. 11, Clinton, Iowa.

GET THAT NEW MEMBER NOW!

The Boiling Pot

By

A. GRAVESEN

Steen Steensen Bøggild, one of the elder members of D. B. S. "Vort Land," Lodge 205, Brooklyn, N. Y., died in a Perth Amboy hospital at the age of 69 after ailing several years. His funeral was conducted from Flynn's chapel, Rev. Aage Nielsen of the St. Stephen's church officiating and "Vort Land's" funeral rites were read. Interment was in the Alpine cemetery. A large number of lodge brothers and friends followed his remains to its last resting place. Surviving him are his wife, Meta, a daughter of a former bakery proprietor, Rosenvinge; a son, who is passenger agent for the Swedish American Line, and a brother.

At a meeting in January of Lodge No. 126 of the D. B. S., Los Angeles, Calif., Mathias Chr. Madsen, a business man of Wilmington, was admitted as a member. The same evening Mr. J. B. Petersen from D. B. S. Lodge 116, Newark, N. J., was a visitor at the lodge. He brought greetings from the brothers of Newark and related reminiscences from a former visit to the Los Angeles lodge in 1938.

Andrew P. Kanstrup, 1347 W. 24 Street, Los Angeles Calif., died suddenly at his home after a very short illness. He was a member of many years standing of D. B. S. and of Dania. He was born in Fur, Viborg Amt, Denmark, in 1874. The funeral service was conducted from W. A. Brown's chapel, Rev. A. E. Farstrup officiating; interment was in Rosedale cemetery. Surviving him is his wife, Johanne Kanstrup, who has been his companion for the past 35 years and who will miss him.

Carl E. Kjerulff, 2503 W. North Avenue, Chicago, Ill., died January 15 at the age of 78. He was born in Præstø, Denmark. For many years he was the proprietor of a butcher shop on North Avenue, but retired about six years ago in order to enjoy old age within the family circle. He was a member of long standing of D. B. S. Lodge 17 and of the local Free-Mason lodge. Both of these lodges were well represented at his funeral which was conducted from the Christ Nielsen's chapel on January 17; interment was on the Acacia cemetery.

Lodge No. 15 of Des Moines, Iowa, had "Torske-gilde" Thursday, January 30, at six o'clock p. m. in the Danish Lutheran church parlors. In spite of the bad weather (we had a 2-day snowstorm) about 100 brothers, their families and friends were present and enjoyed themselves very much. It was the first such doings we have had since before the war. The committee had done a great job to make this affair a success. Of course, the biggest share of the success goes to the Sisterhood members who are always willing and able to help us. After the dinner Henry Methlie showed us two reels of color film which he took last year on his trip to Norway. It was a nice evening and we hope to have many more like it.

The D. B. S. and the D. S. S.'s Home for the Aged at Metuchen, New Jersey, have a committee that each

year tends to the mailing of the Home's well known Christmas seals. The committee for 1947 consists of Magnus Larsen, president; Sam Kaisen, vice president; Anton Godthaab, secretary; Charles Christiansen, treasurer; Paul Brown, Oluf Johansen and Louis Lydiksen, auditors. Jacob Enemark and Louis Lydiksen will take care of the advertising. Receipts of the sale of the seals in 1946 were \$3,720 of which \$2,500 was given to the Home, which leaves the committee \$1,120 on hand for current expenses. This was a gratifying result.

D. B. S. Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebr., held one of its best attended meetings the evening of January 18. After the close of the business meeting a Bingo game was arranged in which most everybody took part and enjoyed themselves immensely. Several expressed themselves in favor of having such parties oftener in the future. The brothers were appreciative of having Brother Anton Steenberg from Alliance among them. Peter Olsen, treasurer of the lodge, sailed from New York on "Gripsholm" January 17. His first destination is to see his beloved Møen, the pearl of the Baltic.

The owner of the Busy Bee Market, Arthur Nybo, Woodbridge, N. J., died in a Perth Amboy hospital January 21, at the age of 45. He was a member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 241 "Blaavandshook." For several years he resided at Sayreville, So. River. He is survived by his mother in Vejle, Denmark, a sister in New York City, a brother in Brooklyn, another brother in Cleveland and his wife, Doris.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Hansen, Minneapolis, Minn., celebrated their golden wedding in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, 2812 16th Avenue, on Sunday, January 26, where numerous friends besides the large family gathered to congratulate the honored couple. They were the recipients of many valuable gifts as well as an abundance of beautiful flowers. The president of Lodge No. 45 of the D. B. S., Swan Faaborg, on behalf of the lodge presented the celebrants with a large basket of beautiful flowers. Albert E. Hansen is a member of long standing of D. B. S. No. 45.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Christensen, 1724 S. 8th Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa, celebrated their golden wedding Sunday, January 26, with open house at their home. About 75 of their many friends called to congratulate them on the occasion and they were presented with many gifts and a superabundance of beautiful flowers. On Tuesday evening, January 28, the several lodges to which they belong had arranged a festivity for them in the Danish Building where a delicious dinner was served to about 180 people and the several lodges presented them with gifts. They were married in Kansas and came to Council Bluffs in 1901 where Mr. Christensen secured work with the railroad. He retired in 1938. They have three children all located in Council Bluffs.

George N. Hansen, 1325 Castillo Avenue, Burlingame, Calif., president of the Golden Gate Draying Company, died at the age of 81 in San Mateo hospital recently. He had made his home in Burlingame for the past 33 years. He was a member of long standing of D. B. S. Lodge No. 49, San Francisco. He is survived by a son, Harry, in San Francisco, and a daughter, Mrs. Anna C. Merritt, in Burlingame.

A large delegation of D. B. S. members from San Diego attended the 25th anniversary jubilee of the Bakersfield D. B. S. Lodge No. 319 recently. The delegation also assisted with the installation of officers in the new D. B. S. lodge. The visitors report having a grand time.

At a meeting late in January of D. B. S. Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash., three applications for membership were acted on and accepted. The lodge is expecting at its next meeting to have several more applications so it may have mass initiation in the spring. The important question before the meeting was the election of a delegate to the national convention, the result of which was that Otto Nielsen, who represented the lodge at the convention in Minneapolis four years ago, was elected, with John Petersen as alternate.

The Danish Social Club in Boston (formerly D. B. S. Lodge No. 87) had its first social evening in the new year Friday, March 7. It was held at Ritz Plaza Hills, 218 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass. A large attendance was expected.

D. B. S. No. 29, Seattle, Wash., has decided to have a smoker or social gathering the first Wednesday evening of each month during the summer. There will be games and cards, a chance to get acquainted with fellow members by personal contact and so forth. Lunch will also be served, but the cost will be paid individually and not as heretofore, borne by the lodge.

Carl Schwartzhorn, 1741 N. Kimball Avenue, Chicago, Ill., an old member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 17, died on February 9, at the age of 80. His funeral was conducted from Christ Nielsen's chapel on February 12, in charge of D. B. S. Lodge No. 17. He is survived by his wife, Marie, and three sons, Konrad, Rudolph and Clifford Schwartzhorn.

D. B. S. No. 17, Chicago, Ill., celebrated Lent with a party Monday evening, February 17, after the close of the regular meeting. Robert Petersen, a new member, succeeded in "Slaa Katten af Tønden" after delivering some powerful strokes. Lodge No. 17 will celebrate its 63rd anniversary on Saturday evening, March 29, with dinner and dance in the lodge building on Fullerton Avenue.

Mr. Rasmus Rasmussen and his wife, Augusta, celebrated their golden wedding on the second of February, 1947, at their home on 86th Street near Augusta, Indianapolis, Ind. They have lived most of their lives in the state of Indiana and have numerous friends there who came to congratulate them on the occasion. A delicious lunch consisting of ice cream, coffee and other good things was served after which a couple of hours of delightful social intercourse was spent following which most of the visitors left for their

respective homes. Mr. Rasmussen is a long time member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 228.

L. RUDBECK, Sec., Lodge No. 228.

Frederik C. Hansen, an old member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., died on his 82nd birthday, February 13. He is survived by six daughters: Mrs. Anna Buhman, Mrs. Marie Buhman, Mrs. Frida Nielsen, Mrs. Marie Nultmeyer, Mrs. Christine Barr and Mrs. Laura Stoll and a son, Walter Hansen. His funeral was conducted from Andker Petersen's chapel and it was attended by many of his friends and friends of the family. Owen Andker read the D. B. S.'s funeral rites and Rev. Cecil Johnson spoke consolingly to the bereaved family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Christensen, Askov, Minn., celebrated their silver wedding at a well attended community party Saturday evening, March 1, under the auspices of the local D. B. S. and the D. S. S. lodges in the D. B. S. hall. Conrad Christensen has conducted a bakery in Askov for the past 25 years and is well and favorably known to everybody in the community. He has always taken a lively interest in both civic, lodge and community affairs. Many speeches were delivered congratulating the honored couple and expressing the Askov community's thanks for their work during the past 25 years. The evening closed with a dance.

D. B. S. Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., will sponsor a masquerade party on the 19th of April; and on June 15, an outing to Bjornson park has been planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Aabling, well known in Danish circles in Portland, Ore., have been vacationing in California lately. Before they started on their trip Mr. Aabling celebrated his birthday, which is Valentine's day, in company with many of his good Portland friends who in song wished him good luck in the days to come.

The Brother and Sisterhood Lodges in Portland, Ore., had arranged a Smørgaasbord on the 23rd of February which turned out to be a real success. Early in the afternoon the people began streaming through the doors of the Dania hall and not less than 275 people were served before the day was over. It was also a financial success. The profit will be used to entertain delegates and their families that stop off at Portland on their way to or from the Seattle convention.

Barbara Lodge No. 322, is still going strong and by no means are we resting on our laurels of last year when we surprised everybody, including ourselves, by our record of new members. So far we have taken in two new members and will initiate three more at our March 31, meeting. Every month will see some doings worthwhile to which chairmen have been assigned and to which they will appoint their own committees. This year's highlight will, of course, be the convention of the California General Committee. It will come off a week before the Seattle convention, and we hope a lot of Eastern delegates will see their way clear to come by way of Santa Barbara on their way to Seattle. According to published railroad rates it will cost only \$9.00 to \$10.00

more to do so. Santa Barbara is world-renown for its beauty and climate, and we want all of our Eastern brothers to come and see for themselves and to be with us during the state convention. For further information write the undersigned. Yours for a bigger and better Brotherhood.

H. HERLOW,

110 W. Junipero Str., Santa Barbara.

Communication from Waukegan, Ill., D. B. S. Lodge No. 182. On the 22nd of February the lodge here held a masked ball in their hall on 13 No. West Street which was well attended. Many of the attendants were masked, and prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Havener for the most original costumes and to Mr. Knute Arboe and Miss Charlotte Berg for best costumes. The group prize went to the section gang, composed of the following: Mr. and Mrs. Hans Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Einar Christensen and Miss Viola Christensen. Lunch was served and dancing went on until midnight. At our meeting on March 8th, we had initiation. It looks as if the good work done by our past president, Peder Nielsen, is going to continue under our new president, Harold Markusen, and we will be able to do our part in the membership campaign. Thanking you and with best wishes,

M. JORGENSEN.

ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

It was indeed a pleasure on the evening of March 8, when our ex-president, Thorvald Frandsen, on his 70th birthday was escorted to our headquarters, Redmen's hall, 533 West Main Street, Alhambra, by his four sons and his daughter to be honor guest at a turkey dinner with all the trimmings followed by a dance to the music of Don Abbey's four-piece orchestra. His face was all smiles when our popular ex-president saw the 52 guests, the good eats, the Danish and American flags and the snappy orchestra with a loud speaker. President Jens P. Andersen bade all welcome and then introduced Chris F. Petersen as the toastmaster. We sang a toast song known in Danish as "Han skal leve højt, Hurrah," and the American song, "Happy birthday to You." Our 25-year membership pin was presented on behalf of our lodge, No. 323 of the D. B. S., to him by President Andersen and a number of speeches were given in honor of Thorvald Frandsen. There were people present from all over southern California. Dancing continued until one o'clock the next morning. Another big night in No. 323.

Fraternally yours,

C. F. PETERSEN, Sec.

FRA PETALUMA, CALIF.

Jeg vil gerne have lov til at give min Mening tilkende om at optage alle og enhver i Logen, fordi de er gift med en dansk Kvinde. Her i Petaluma har vi begyndt med at optage en Irlænder, og vi er gaaet over til Brugen af det engelske Sprog. For en Uge siden var vi i San Francisco hvor vi besøgte D. B. S. Loge Nr. 49, og der har de en Irlænder til Præsident, saa Sproget var jo engelsk. Hvilken Forskel fra gamle Dage! De fleste er nu gamle, og de vil helst blive ved med det danske. Jeg talte med flere gamle bekendte, de vilde helst gaa tilbage til det danske. Det engelske Sprog passer ikke efter min

Mening, og det lyder skrækkeligt i Logen, og jeg tror ikke, det vil gavne Logen det mindste, om vi faar disse Fremmede ind eller ikke. Jeg haaber, at de vil tage det Forslag tilbage i Seattle.

Venlig Hilsen,

CARL H. SKOV, Nr. 143.

The annual meeting of the Old People's Home of Metuchen was held on March 8, at Irvington, N. J. It was well attended both by sisters and brothers as well as by the 26 delegates from the 13 lodges and clubs that constitute the membership of the home. The new board of directors elected are Paul Brown, president; Anders Jensen, vice president; Elsie Stub, secretary; Nick Olsen, financial secretary; Ellen Blidsøe, treasurer; Otto Skouboe, trustee; and Margrete Smidt, president of the house committee.

Minneapolis Lodge No. 45

We also like to express our opinion on the Supreme Board's recommendations and other things. It is undoubtedly to the good of the society that those things get threshed out. We enjoyed the remarks by Brother C. R. Christensen in the last issue of the paper and in the main we heartily agree with him (when I say we, I refer to the Law committee). It would also appear to us, that since the Relief Fund has more than doubled since it was created, that it might be a good idea now to cut our Relief Fund tax down to 50c per member, or perhaps discontinue it, until such a time, that a convention may decide, that we need it again.

In regard to Social Members, we feel that it should be left entirely to the local lodges, in other words, since such members are not entitled to any benefits from any funds administered by our Supreme Board they should not be compelled to contribute to any such funds.

We have also discussed the advisability limiting the Supreme President's office to one term of four years, then automatically making him a past president or Supreme Ex-President for one term of four years, and then abolish the office of the second Vice President.

Well this is a few things for discussion, we have a few other things up our sleeves, but more about that later.

CHRIS HANSEN.

From Spokane, Wash.

This is to acknowledge my appreciation of the article written by Brother Martin N. Hansen of Duluth Lodge No. 65, in the March issue of our Magazine. I was one of those who chose to take a cut in the value of my policy, and I must confess that it has been a disappointment that we never were reimbursed even though I have been reading about our big reserve. And it also rankles that we old members must pay to support an Old People's Fund on top of all the rest of it.

Brother Hansen's suggestion that all members on reaching the age of 75 be exempted from paying

dues is an excellent one and I should most certainly like to see it go through, not only for my own sake, but for every one who reaches that age, for at that age it is difficult for any one to earn money. I can bear witness to that fact. I am 79 on the 4th day of May. What Mr. Hansen says concerning Old People's Homes is equally right and to the point. Nobody likes to leave his own locality and relatives, friends and neighbors and go to a strange place to live on his old days. Thanks to Brother Hansen for his clear way of stating the facts and I hope that the rest of the delegates and the membership will see eye to eye with him.

Fraternally yours,
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Modern Civilization

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Modern civilization, we are told, is progressing so rapidly that some of the world's scientists warn us if it continues to progress as it has the last hundred years it may outgrow itself and draw humanity back into a stage of semi-savagery. However, before we become fearful, it may be well to analyze just what civilization is.

Civilization is described as a sort of social culture, the advancement of a primitive or ancient people; as Burke says, depending upon two principles, the spirit of a gentleman and the spirit of religion. We have come a long way in the advancement of materialism since the days of the building of the temple by King Solomon when laborers and oxen carried material for its erection on their backs and dragged it on the ground for long distances, from the days

when wheels on carts were made square, from the days when human beings lived in trees and huts, from the days when meats were eaten raw and all food was thrown upon a common heap, from the days when travel was done by foot and when tailors and dressmakers and even candles were unknown.

Still life operates the same today as it did in the very beginning of what we know of the first creation of mankind. Nature has not modernized itself and never will. It produces today the same as it did in days of yore. Human beings today breathe in life when born and die when breath leaves them, all living creatures breed and live in the same natural way as before, plants and vegetation grow and develop by the very same life that our creator instilled in man, hence the modernization we so boastfully claim for civilization is not of nature, but in the development of material conveniences and improvements for our use and daily comforts, unless we have the audacity to claim that human beings have advanced greatly in their lives, their behavior and in their souls.

Human traits, in spite of our boast, are much the same as in olden times. Morality has deteriorated. Murders and thievery have increased. Bribery and graft have flourished until they are the general order of our day. Savagery and brutality in wars are as rampant as they ever could have been imagined by any heathen or ancient savage. Human lives are destroyed deliberately in order that certain leaders of men and nations can obtain their desires for more power and wealth, yet these same leaders will claim they are developers of modern civilization.

Certain leaders of today advance the theory that the life and production developed within the nation they control shall be and are the property of the state. That theory is against nature itself and as such is bound to fail sooner or later. Anything or anybody that bears life has the natural instinct to love and protect its own and no idea or theory to the contrary can change nature.

Modern civilization boasts of its superior education for humans, of our greater ability to think, speak or write than mankind possessed in olden times, yet we find none able to compete with men like Solomon, David and others who wrote the bible. Someone will say, "These men were inspired by God." Of course they were, but the inspiration of our creator did not cease when these men died—it is eternal and should be as potent in these men of superior education today as it ever was, and yet modern civilization has not developed thoughts and ideas to even compare with the old time writers.

As for the spoken word of oratory, we have in the past boasted of such great orators as William Jennings Bryan, Noah Webster, Patrick Henry and others, yet when these men's words are forgotten we will find that the orations of Demosthenes, Cicero, Pericles, Socrates and others of the "dark" ages will continue to live and be classics. These men did not speak for the sake of gold or honors, but for life itself, for the real welfare of humanity; that was what made them great and immortal.

We have come a long way in some ways, but we still have a very long road to travel on the road to real civilization before we learn to eliminate wars, hate, greed, prejudice and lust for power from our modern civilization. This could be so easily eliminated if we truly would live up to the Golden Rule, to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

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