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Or be it ever so humble,  
At Christmas time, especially  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

to each and everyone of you from  
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December, 1947

## Christmas Message

Once more we are entering the month of December, the one month of the year when everyone of us wants to do a kind deed for those who are less fortunate than we. Would it not be a wonderful world if we could, or rather if we would let the spirit of Christmas control and govern our action every month, yes every day in the year. Would it not be wonderful if the influence of our Savior, who died for us, would control the entire human race every day like it does to a great extent at Christmas time? There would be no murders, no thievery, no desire on anyone's part to hurt our fellow man. There would be no sorrow caused by wars, we would better realize that we are our brother's keeper.

Whether or not such a time will ever come is of course very debatable; but in the meantime let's be glad for that one month we have each year, the Christmas month, when most of us try to spread happiness, not only to our own, but to others as well. Let us make good use of that month of December this year. I know and you know that our own happiness will be greater than ever if we do.

Through our Brotherhood Magazine let me send my sincere wishes for a Blessed Christmas and Holiday Season, may Christmas this year find all of our members and their families and dear ones in good health and in happy circumstances and the New Year bring us all success in our daily endeavors, in faith, hope and charity.

Lad ingen glemme Venner tro  
Alt medens Aar Forsvinder.  
Men send direkte til dens Bo  
En Tak for gamle Minder.

Lad ingen midste Julens Fest  
Og Freden som der bringes  
Der minder os at Gud er Gæst.  
Naar Juleklokker ringes.

Glædelig Jul til alle.

HILMAR W. HANSEN,  
Supreme Trustee.

## Jacob Enemark

50 Aar i det Danske Brodersamfund

Den 8 December fejrer Jacob Enemark 50 Aars Jubilæum som Medlem af Det Danske Brodersamfund. Han blev optaget i Boston Loge Nr. 87 den 8 December 1897, og har jo ogsaa været meget aktiv i Samfundet siden den Tid og op til Dato. Han har jo ogsaa været meget aktiv i mange andre Retninger vedrørende danske Interesser. Hans er almindelig bekendt some Digter og Skribent i danske Kredse og det han har skrevet om Danmark og Dansk-Amerika kan fylde en stor Bog. Han har skrevet over 200 Digte og Sange i baade det danske og engelske Sprog.

Jacob Enemark var født i Skodborg, Sønderjylland, hvor hans Fader var Optant imod den tyske Regering. Hans Fader blev arresteret tre Gange og maatte flytte til Esbjerg, hvor Jacob var konfimeret. Kort Tid derefter, da han var 15 Aar gammel, rejste han med sin Fader til Amerika. De fik Ansættelse i Eagleswood Brick Factory i Perth Amboy, N. J. og rejste, efter et Aars Forløb, til Boston, hvor Resten af Familien landede fra Danmark kort efter.

Senere blev Jacob gift i Portland, Maine, og flyttede over til Østens Stjerne, Loge Nr. 112. Han blev gift med Camilla Ulriksen Molbeck, og de avlede 6 Børn. Camilla døde for nogle Aar siden i New York. Jacob og Familien flyttede til New York for cirka 20 Aar siden. De har været bosat paa Staten Island i 19 Aar. Jacob er nu gift for anden Gang med Ella D. Lyon.

I baade danske og amerikanske Kredse er Jacob Enemark vel kendt som Passager Agent. Han var ansat i United States Lines, 45 Broadway, N.Y.C., som Chef for den Skandinaviske Afdeling indtil U. S. Shipping Board solgte Skibene til et privat Firma. Derefter blev han Anonce Direktør og Rejse Agent i Den Danske Linie "Scandinavian American Line," 27 Whitehall St., N. Y. Da Scandinavian American Line ophørte blev han ansat i Gdynia America Line, 32 Pearl St., N.Y.C. som Chef ved den Skandinaviske Afdeling. Da saa Krigen kom blev han Redaktør af American Scandinavian Good Will Magazine indtil den ophørte at udgaa. Senere var han ansat i U. S. Censorship som Senior Translator og da Krigen var forbi blev han forflyttet til United States Treasury Department. Nu er han, som bekendt, ansat som Chief for Passager Afdelingen i Isbrandtsen Co., 26 Broadway, N.Y.C.

I Dansk Brodersamfundets Tjeneste har Jacob Enemark indeholdt mange Poster, saasom Præsident for De Østlige Logers General Komite, som Præsident for Portland Loge og Cimbria Loge Nr. 257 i New York, som han har tilhørt i cirka 20 Aar. Han var flere Gange Delegat til Samfundets Hoved Konventioner og Østens Logers Konventioner. Ligeledes var han for en Tid Medarbejder ved Det Danske Brodersamfund's Magazin. Han var i sin Tid Præsident for Den Danske Central Komite i New York, var Formand og Leder af mange forskellige Foretagender, som Hoved Formand for den, dengang, kendte Bevægelse "Fighting Funds For Finland," som indsamlede over \$100,000.00 for Finland da Russerne forsøgte at underkue Finland. Af Finlands Præsident blev han senere tilstillet "The Order of The White Rose."

# BOOSTER LIST

## LIST OF LODGES

| Lodge No. | Location              | New Members | Membership Jan. 1, 1947 |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 143       | Petaluma, Calif.      | 30          | 87                      |
| 333       | St. Paul, Minn.       | 27          | 0                       |
| 29        | Seattle, Wash.        | 26          | 357                     |
| 318       | Copenhagen, Denmark   | 24          | 164                     |
| 20        | Manistee, Mich.       | 22          | 59                      |
| 4         | Racine, Wisc.         | 19          | 590                     |
| 116       | Newark, N. J.         | 17          | 197                     |
| 322       | Santa Barbara, Calif. | 17          | 94                      |
| 328       | Vancouver, B. C.      | 17          | 108                     |
| 126       | Los Angeles, Calif.   | 16          | 306                     |
| 182       | Waukegan, Ill.        | 15          | 109                     |
| 45        | Minneapolis, Minn.    | 14          | 231                     |
| 49        | San Francisco, Calif. | 14          | 439                     |
| 149       | Luverne, N. D.        | 14          | 45                      |
| 190       | Schenectady, N. Y.    | 14          | 141                     |
| 167       | Portland, Oregon      | 12          | 155                     |
| 140       | Chicago, Ill.         | 11          | 62                      |
| 227       | Detroit, Mich.        | 11          | 291                     |
| 255       | Selma, Calif.         | 11          | 55                      |
| 323       | Alhambra, Calif.      | 11          | 29                      |
| 17        | Chicago, Ill.         | 10          | 160                     |
| 1         | Omaha, Nebr.          | 9           | 302                     |
| 188       | Del Rey, Calif.       | 9           | 17                      |
| 314       | Hartford, Conn.       | 9           | 179                     |
| 163       | Edmore, Mich.         | 8           | 27                      |
| 51        | Ludington, Mich.      | 7           | 125                     |
| 39        | Oakland, Calif.       | 6           | 259                     |
| 106       | Trufant, Mich.        | 6           | 86                      |
| 242       | Erie, Pa.             | 6           | 109                     |
| 263       | Askov, Minn.          | 6           | 153                     |
| 300       | Oneonta, N. Y.        | 6           | 37                      |
| 10        | Council Bluffs, Ia.   | 5           | 142                     |
| *30       | Muskegon, Mich.       | 5           | 67                      |
| 36        | Milwaukee, Wisc.      | 5           | 112                     |
| 59        | Menominee, Mich.      | 5           | 82                      |
| 70        | Greenville, Mich.     | 5           | 91                      |
| 331       | Detroit, Mich.        | 5           | 27                      |

\*added to the list this month

|      |  |   |
|------|--|---|
| 29   | Immanuel Jensen, Seattle, Wash.          | 4 |
| 29   | John Hansen, Seattle, Wash.              | 4 |
| 106  | Edward C. Hansen, Trufant, Mich.         | 4 |
| 116  | Walter Michaelsen, Newark, N. J.         | 4 |
| 143  | Jack Brodersen, Petaluma, Calif.         | 4 |
| 163  | Alfred Steffensen, Edmore, Mich.         | 4 |
| 181  | Neal Christoffersen, Sidney, Mich.       | 4 |
| *190 | Chris H. Biering, Schenectady, N. Y.     | 4 |
| 263  | Svend Petersen, Askov, Minn.             | 4 |
| 1    | Axel Skelbeck, Omaha, Nebr.              | 3 |
| *30  | Andrew Nielsen, Muskegon, Mich.          | 3 |
| 45   | S. G. Faaborg, Minneapolis, Minn.        | 3 |
| 56   | Janus F. P. Olsen, Kansas City, Mo.      | 3 |
| 59   | Julius C. Larsen, Menominee, Mich.       | 3 |
| 116  | Nicolai A. Ibsen, Newark, N. J.          | 3 |
| 126  | Thomas Jensen, Los Angeles, Calif.       | 3 |
| 127  | Christian Sloth, Reinbeck, Ia.           | 3 |
| 143  | S. P. Nielsen, Petaluma, Calif.          | 3 |
| 143  | Thorwald Hansen, Petaluma, Calif.        | 3 |
| 143  | Chris Jacobsen, Petaluma, Calif.         | 3 |
| 143  | R. C. Rasmussen, Petaluma, Calif.        | 3 |
| 182  | Peder N. Nielsen, Waukegan, Ill.         | 3 |
| *227 | Axel Lohmann, Detroit, Mich.             | 3 |
| 242  | James A. Nielsen, Erie, Pa.              | 3 |
| 294  | Paul C. Matson, Barre, Vt.               | 3 |
| 300  | Morris Christensen, Oneonta, N. Y.       | 3 |
| 301  | Julius Juliussen, Akron, Ohio            | 3 |
| 322  | Victor V. Nielsen, Santa Barbara, Calif. | 3 |

\*added to the list this month

Tuberculosis has won the peace in Europe. All over Europe from France to Turkey and Germany to Italy, tuberculosis emerges triumphantly. In no uncertain terms, statistics reveal an alarming increase in this disease.—Christmas Seal Health News Service.

Wife: "How do you like my new gown? I got it for a ridiculous price."

Hubby: "You mean you got it for an absurd figure."

## LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

| Lodge No. | Recommender and Location                   | New Members Enrolled |
|-----------|--|----------------------|
| 91        | George Esterby, St. Paul, Minn.            | 27                   |
| 149       | Ras. J. Rasmussen, Luverne, N. D.          | 13                   |
| 328       | Einar Plambeck, Vancouver, B. C.           | 13                   |
| 20        | Robert C. Johnson, Manistee, Mich.         | 12                   |
| 255       | Hans M. Andersen, Selma, Calif.            | 11                   |
| 323       | C. F. Petersen, Alhambra, Calif.           | 11                   |
| 126       | Andrew Nielsen, Los Angeles, Calif.        | 8                    |
| 140       | Lars August Larsen, Chicago, Ill.          | 6                    |
| 182       | Carl Danielsen, Waukegan, Ill.             | 6                    |
| 188       | J. M. Mikkelsen, D 1 Rey, Calif.           | 6                    |
| 322       | Nels P. Christensen, Santa Barbara, Calif. | 6                    |
| 17        | Charles S. Eriksen, Chicago, Ill.          | 5                    |
| 167       | C. R. Christensen, Portland, Ore.          | 5                    |
| 190       | C. B. Christensen, Schenectady, N. Y.      | 5                    |
| 1         | Emil Kellman, Omaha, Nebr.                 | 4                    |
| 4         | Holger Nielsen, Racine, Wisc.              | 4                    |
| 10        | Alfred Miller, Sr., Council Bluffs, Ia.    | 4                    |
| 16        | Tony V. Madsen, Minden, Nebr.              | 4                    |
| 20        | Harry V. Andresen, Manistee, Mich.         | 4                    |
| 20        | Clayton C. Andersen, Manistee, Mich.       | 4                    |

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

# ... NEW MEMBERS ...

October 31, 1947

## Mortuary Fund

**Receipts:**

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Balance October 1st ..... | \$22,463.42 |
| Received in October ..... | 12,131.01   |
| Interest on Bonds .....   | 80.00       |
| Bonds called .....        | 2,000.00    |
|                           | <hr/>       |
|                           | \$36,674.43 |

**Disbursements:**

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Death Claims Paid .....           | \$18,108.40 |
| Rent of Safe Deposit Vaults ..... | 198.00      |
| Balance October 31st .....        | 18,368.03   |
|                                   | <hr/>       |
|                                   | \$36,674.43 |

## General Fund

**Receipts:**

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Received in October .....          | \$ 1,161.80 |
| Transferred from Relief Fund ..... | 17,500.00   |
|                                    | <hr/>       |
|                                    | \$18,661.80 |

**Disbursements:**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| (Deficit Balance Oct. 1st) .....                 | \$12,368.96 |
| Postage, Exp., Tel. etc. ....                    | 183.02      |
| Adv., Printing, Stationery, etc. ....            | 32.91       |
| Salary, Officers and Home Office Employees ..... | 1,756.50    |
| Rent and Lights .....                            | 148.50      |
| Traveling Expenses .....                         | 878.73      |
| Membership Prizes .....                          | 19.00       |
| Printing and mailing official publication .....  | 264.79      |
| Lodge Supplies Purchased .....                   | 89.08       |
| Taxes: Unemployment and Social Security .....    | 24.51       |
| Collection Expense (checks) .....                | 2.45        |
| Balance October 31st .....                       | 2,893.35    |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$18,661.80 |

## Relief Fund

**Receipts:**

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Balance October 1st ..... | \$22,223.54 |
| Received in October ..... | 45.84       |
|                           | <hr/>       |
|                           | \$22,269.38 |

**Disbursements:**

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Assessment Relief Payments .....  | \$2,097.92  |
| Postage .....                     | 6.00        |
| Transferred to General Fund ..... | 17,500.00   |
| Balance October 31st .....        | 2,665.46    |
|                                   | <hr/>       |
|                                   | \$22,269.38 |

## Bonds and Cash

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Mortuary Fund Bonds ..... | \$3,671,000.00 |
| Relief Fund Bonds .....   | 165,000.00     |
| General Fund Bonds .....  | 15,000.00      |
| Cash in Bank .....        | \$32,385.13    |
| Less:                     |                |
| Outstanding Checks .....  | \$8355.93      |
| S. S. and W. H. Tax ..... | 102.36 8458.29 |
|                           | <hr/>          |
|                           | \$3,874,926.84 |

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

| Honor Roll               | No. of Lodge | Location         | Name               |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Louis Back .....         | 4            | Racine           | R. S. Christensen  |
| Peter Christiansen ..... | 4            | Racine           | Laurits Jorgensen  |
| John Johnson .....       | 4            | Racine           | Walter M. Hansen   |
| Soren Pallesen .....     | 17           | Chicago          | E. L. MacLennan    |
| Soren Pallesen .....     | 17           | Chicago          | Alfred Christensen |
| Anton Jensen .....       | 17           | Chicago          | A. V. Mikkelsen    |
| August P. Larsen .....   | 17           | Chicago          | Walter Rasmussen   |
| Robt. C. Johnson .....   | 20           | Manistee         | W. C. Hansen       |
| Robt. C. Johnson .....   | 20           | Manistee         | L. Rasmussen       |
| Clayton Andresen .....   | 20           | Manistee         | Irving Jolly       |
| Lee A. MacGregor .....   | 20           | Manistee         | E. C. Sorensen     |
| Olaf R. Langsted .....   | 29           | Seattle          | James Langsted     |
| Oluf E. Thygesen .....   | 29           | Seattle          | Axel P. Nielsen    |
| Andrew Nielsen .....     | 30           | Muskegon         | G. Eggleton        |
| James M. Miller .....    | 49           | San Francisco    | J. P. Laursen      |
| A. M. Rasmussen .....    | 67           | Fresno           | Egon B. Mikkelsen  |
| Otto A. Thompson .....   | 75           | Albert Lea       | R. H. Sorensen     |
| Albin Bostrom .....      | 143          | Petaluma         | V. A. Hansen       |
| Rasmus Thoede .....      | 144          | Dike, Iowa       | Arthur B. Thode    |
| Ole Tomesen .....        | 144          | Dike, Iowa       | A. R. Johnson      |
| C. R. Christensen .....  | 167          | Portland, Ore.   | Lars Larsen        |
| Chas. Kjersgaard .....   | 182          | Waukegan         | A. Pedersen        |
| Chris Nielsen .....      | 183          | Troy, N. Y.      | S. B. Olesen       |
| Chris H. Biering .....   | 190          | Schenectady      | Peter Dix          |
| Chris H. Biering .....   | 190          | Schenectady      | R. V. Anderson     |
| Chris H. Biering .....   | 190          | Schenectady      | H. Biering         |
| Chris H. Biering .....   | 190          | Schenectady      | John J. Marx       |
| V. C. Jespersen .....    | 190          | Schenectady      | A. D. Chase        |
| Axel Lohmann .....       | 227          | Detroit          | Fred Olsen         |
| Axel Lohmann .....       | 227          | Detroit          | Bernhard Jensen    |
| Axel Lohmann .....       | 227          | Detroit          | Norman Assels      |
| S. Jorgensen .....       | 227          | Detroit          | Samuel H. Olsen    |
| S. Jorgensen .....       | 227          | Detroit          | H. C. Hansen       |
| Soren Hansen .....       | 241          | Sayreville       | Robert Hansen      |
| Otto A. Rytter .....     | 314          | Hartford         | L. K. Rytter       |
| Alfred P. Stark .....    | 314          | Hartford         | Carl Holtz, Jr.    |
| Lauritz Riise .....      | 318          | Copenhagen       | K. O. Nielsen      |
| Lauritz Riise .....      | 318          | Copenhagen       | Egil Povelsen      |
| Viggo Andersen .....     | 318          | Copenhagen       | E. P. H. Dewet     |
| Holger Paulsen .....     | 323          | Copenhagen       | H. C. Ferwin       |
| C. F. Petersen .....     | 323          | Alhambra         | H. V. Rasmussen    |
| Ejler Christensen .....  | 325          | Nassau Co. N. Y. | C. Chr'sen         |

Hubby: "You didn't have a rag on your back when I married you!"

Wifey: "Well, I've plenty of them now!"

## DECEMBER ASSESSMENT No. 582

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE LODGE  
TREASURER

Dec. 1st, 1947

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

Jan. 1, 1948

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

## Echoes From Our Seattle Convention

I have read Brother Rudolph Olsen's article in the October issue of the Brotherhood Magazine, and if it had not been for that paragraph complaining about the National Convention recently held at Seattle, because said Convention failed to pass the "District Indeling" proposal, I would say it was a good article.

Somehow I feel that the defeated side should show some sportsmanship and accept their defeat in good grace. This proposal has been defeated so many times by so many different Convention gatherings over such a long period, that it should be obvious to most anyone that the Danish Brotherhood as a whole does not want the "District Indeling" to select its delegates for its nationally governing body. As Brother Hansen, Lodge No. 65, on the Convention floor, so timely compared the constant return to every convention of this same proposal with the nine lives of cats, and even though there are four years between each of our National Conventions, I remember that the issue was before the St. Louis Convention in 1923 and at that time already was an old issue, and as far as I know it has been before every convention since and every time has been overwhelmingly defeated.

Before the Seattle Convention, there came a second proposal along the same line, this proposal provided that only Lodges having more than twenty-five (25) active members should be entitled to one delegate to a National Convention. There were 168 delegates seated at the Seattle Convention, and it was stated on the floor that if this last proposal was adopted, it would eliminate the presense of sixty (60) of these delegates. One of these propositions was voted by roll call. I am not certain which of the two it was, but the vote showed 54 "For" and the balance against, and because it would take a two-thirds majority to carry, the above roll call showed that it got less than one-third of the votes present in its support. As far as I understand, that is about the margin by which this proposal has been voted down at every convention where it has been brought to a vote. I wonder how much it will take to convince these supporters and how much is required to prove to them the the "District Indeling" method is not wanted for the selection of delegates to our National Conventions.

Brother Olsen, in his article, praises our democratic way of life, and it should be very easy for any good Dane to agree with him in this, but would it be democratic to eliminate the smaller lodges? They say that we are not going to be eliminated because they are going to invite us to their District Conventions and let us help elect delegates. May I ask,—if they don't want us for delegates now, why should we believe that they should elect us as their delegates in their District Conventions. Brothers, it does not make sense, at least—it is difficult for us little fellows to believe.

Brother Olsen further complains that the Seattle Convention only elected a new Overbestyrelse and that it cost \$40,000.00 to do this, which sum he indicates was assessed and must be paid by his followers, I am certain you don't mean this, Brother Olsen. The fact is that you and I and every member of our Brotherhood will pay \$2.00 during the next four years for this purpose, and the delegates at the De-

troit Convention will decide about what is to happen to this special assessment from then on. Only the future will prove if the Seattle Convention did the Brotherhood any good. Sometimes I think that any lawmaking body which abstains from passing new laws is of much more value than a similar body which tries to experiment by enacting new laws.

There are two fundamentals upon which our order must continue to rest if we are to continue as a successful organization,—one is Fellowship and the other Insurance. Fellowship is primarily a local matter, whereas insurance is more of a National concern. Without discussing any particulars about our insurance, I am one of those who believe that the old and tried method in such serious matters as insurance are far safer than to try new experiments. We are all getting older and closer to the day when our loved ones will apply for our insurance money, and it is up to our National body to have this money for us when that day comes. Our Brotherhood, based on present laws and methods, has been tried, and by the showing of its increased solvency has demonstrated its soundness. Unless some shortcomings can be shown, I think it wise to leave it as is.

Concerning the matter of holding Conventions in border cities of our land,—that may be a debateable question. I was not at Minneapolis and did not vote the Convention for Seattle. But even considering the cost, if and when a selection of far away convention cities once in a while is made, I don't agree that the extra cost is wasted. Supposing we reason thus: our Brotherhood is a National organization, it is true that the majority of lodges are in the middle west and the extreme east, but still whether from the east or west or inbetween, we are all members.

Most of the time the National Conventions are in cities where the western delegates must travel a long way east, and because of this, the eastern members are paying a major part of our traveling expense. Why not reverse the situation once in a great while and let the easterners come out this way and let them have some fun too. I also know that there are many people in the extreme east who think of us westerners as being Indians. We have nothing to be ashamed of out here, so why not give them an opportunity to let them see us at home. I remember there was once a convention held at Fresno, Californians did not object to that, did they? Fifty cents (\$.50) per member per year for four years does not sound so bad as a big mouthful of \$40,000.00. If a member and his escort will stay home from a show twice during the four year period, he will more than save the yearly fifty cents (\$.50).

To my way of thinking, the real objections to the election of delegates by districts is not the cost and not altogether the influence of the big lodges, but rather loss of contact by small lodges with the main body and the Convention atmosphere. Those belonging to smaller lodges will know! But to you who belong to the bigger lodges let me explain. In my own lodge we have thirteen active members, we meet once a month in the home of a member,—have our meeting first and then engage in a social hour with our wives. We pay our hostess \$3.00 each meeting night to help on the cost of entertainment. \$3.00 is the least we ever paid in rent for a hall for one evening, and while \$3.00 doesn't begin to pay for the entertain-

ment, the girls like it and we are getting along fine. This method has some drawbacks but I will not go into them here.

The proceedings at our meetings consists mostly in paying our dues and very little otherwise. Whenever the time comes to send a delegate to a National Convention, we sort of brace up, and when our delegate comes back and tells his story, we all sort of feel in contact with the main body. If we had no delegate, I feel certain that we would soon lose interest and deteriorate rapidly as a lodge. That contact coming each fourth year means a great deal to us as a lodge, without it, I am certain, the majority of us would soon lose interest entirely.

In another way, the matter of leaving the selections of delegates as at present seems to me to become of more importance as time goes on. Judging by the propaganda furnished by these different districts, it seems to be dangerous business to let these districts select their delegates who then could put over their different schemes and ideas.

By observation, I have come to view the situation somewhat like this: it seems to me that now and then within the larger lodges someone gets a pet idea that he is willing to try out on the rest of us, and because of a larger membership, there usually are some that will support such an idea. The large number of new proposals printed in the book prepared for that purpose and presented to the Seattle Convention for consideration and with almost all of them rejected, seems to be a good example.

I don't mean to pretend that members of smaller lodges have no similar imaginations, but because of fewer members they have less of an opportunity to get support. This could easily be enlarged upon, but I think that the above will suffice to impress why I think that it is very important that we keep delegates from the smaller lodges as a means of keeping the balance of power on a sound basis and keep our Brotherhood a safe and sane institution. Besides, I think it very unbecoming for any Dane whose motherland is regarded as one of the most democratic countries in the world to even suggest to cut out delegates from smaller lodges. If delegates were elected by districts, such would be followed by two or more conventions. Perhaps they would not all be paid for by the national body but you can't attend a District Convention without cost either. The result would be more conventions which, of necessity, would mean more expense to someone,—so where would the saving of expense come in, before you know it, you would have two main bodies to support.

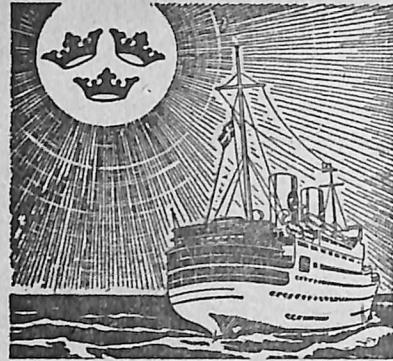
No one objects for you in your District Convention to have a good time and lots of fun, go to it Brothers, but let's remain careful before we discard the old and tried methods of selecting delegates.

Fraternally yours,  
HANS F. HANSEN, Delegate from  
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# My Trip to the Santa Barbara and Seattle Conventions

George V. Petersen

(Continued)

We are leaving here Monday morning for Yosemite Nat. Park and San Francisco for a couple of days, then to Portland, Oregon, Saturday evening for the gathering arranged by the California visitors on their way to Seattle. I am almost now a Californian, even registered at their hotel in Seattle.

Going to Yosemite, passing through Fresno was really an experience in itself. We came over route 141-Calif., and believe me it was almost as going over the desert.

Over very long distances it was entirely flat country, for miles we thought we saw in the distance a large lake, only to find when we got there it was a plowed field, the loam had a bluish tint and the reflection from the sun made it appear like water, it fooled us several times.

The orchards on this trip were large, one with 300,000 trees in one lot.

Yosemite Park is indeed wonderful, but at this time some of the large waterfalls were dry. In San Francisco we took a bus trip, also a bay cruise, saw the large aircraft carrier which figured in the Bikini Island experiment, something to behold.

On the way to Portland, Oregon, we went on Redwood trail, you really must see these enormous trees to appreciate the size and beauty of this section.

Now for the reception and entertainment in Portland, Oregon.

We had our rooms reserved there at the Imperial Hotel, but were met by a committee at Multnomah Hotel, were served real refreshments, then taken on sightseeing trip of 90 miles to the Bonnaville Dam and the Salmon hatchery.

This in itself may not sound very much, but to see these large salmon go up the Columbia River, then to be counted at the gate as they go to the lake on top to spawn and die, is in itself a story. The life of a salmon was explained to us in detail and most interesting. Back to the hotel for a cocktail party and banquet, dance and all the refreshments you wanted

in the evening, followed by a Danish breakfast in Dania Hall Sunday morning before leaving for Seattle.

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The Portland D. B. S. and D. S. S. lodges deserve more credit and thanks for this splendid arrangement than you could possibly give them in this space, but may I, in behalf of myself and my wife, here say so many thanks for a most splendid day in Portland. I am sure you must yourself find it pleasant to work for others, as it could not be otherwise. I choose to call Portland, Oregon, not alone the City of Roses, but the City of Hospitality.

Thanks again.

Of course in Portland the visitors were all from California, we were the only exceptions, but we did not feel at all as strangers.

We are now in Seattle. I shall not go into details about Seattle as I am sure someone else will take care of this matter only to say that so far it has been very, very fine and promises to be more and more so as days pass.

## Children's Homes

Brothers: When you pay your assessment for December, please give your treasurer a dime or dollar or as much as you like to, for your Christmas present to the Children's Homes. Whatever you give is highly appreciated; and you will hardly miss it. Every lodge should make a donation. Do it now.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, I am

Fraternally yours,  
 PETER ANDREWSSEN,  
 Ex-President of No. 96  
 Stillwater, Minn.

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| DATE OF DEATH | NAME               | AGE | BIRTHPLACE            | LODGE NO. | LOCATION             | JOINED YEAR | CAUSE OF DEATH         | AMT PAID   |
|---------------|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|
| Sept. 4       | Soren Kirkegaard   | 76  | Elsborg Viborg Amt    | 172       | Philadelphia, Pa.    | 1906        | Heart failure          | \$1,000.00 |
| Sept. 27      | Marvin C. Nielsen  | 49  | Withee, Wis.          | 154       | Withee, Wis.         | 1929        | Hodgkin's disease      | 1,000.00   |
| Sept. 29      | Viggo Bundsgaard   | 78  | Skive, Denmark        | 35        | Chicago, Ill.        | 1904        |                        | 408.82     |
| Oct. 3        | M. W. Ronnfeldt    | 75  | København             | 18        | Chicago, Ill.        | 1906        | Coronary thrombosis    | 1,000.00   |
| Oct. 8        | Anton C. Larsen    | 91  | Jylland               | 20        | Manistee, Mich.      | 1889        | Chronic myocarditis    | 646.23     |
| Oct. 14       | Hans P. Simonsen   | 84  | Maribo                | 20        | Manistee, Mich.      | 1901        | Cerebral hemorrhage    | 729.70     |
| Oct. 20       | Martin C. J. Holm  | 61  | Engesvang Sogn        | 49        | San Francisco Calif. | 1914        | Landry's paralysis     | 500.00     |
| Oct. 15       | Roswell E. Hansen  | 39  | Racine, Wis.          | 4         | Racine, Wis.         | 1943        | Uremia                 | 1,000.00   |
| Oct. 23       | Martin Pedersen    | 67  | Aalborg, Denmark      | 14        | Kenosha, Wis.        | 1905        | Uremia                 | 233.80     |
| Oct. 19       | Henry E. Henriksen | 60  | Hillerød              | 164       | New York, N. Y.      | 1936        | Heart disease          | 125.00     |
| Oct. 26       | Peter F. Rank      | 77  | Gjerlev, Randers Amt  | 84        | Lincoln, Nebr.       | 1906        | Chronic myocarditis    | 832.78     |
| Aug. 20       | Jens E. Danielsen  | 53  | Copenhagen            | 205       | Brooklyn, N. Y.      | 1943        | Drowning               | 125.00     |
| Oct. 23       | John Beck          | 56  | Troy, N. Y.           | 183       | Troy, N. Y.          | 1910        | Coronary thrombosis    | 250.00     |
| Oct. 6        | Arthur Andersen    | 57  | Akron, Ohio           | 301       | Akron, Ohio          | 1914        | General carcinomatosis | 500.00     |
| Nov. 5        | Chr. Viggo Nepper  | 72  | Frederikshavn         | P-D       | Omaha, Nebr.         | 1903        | Carcinoma of throat    | 838.49     |
| Oct. 4        | Jorgen Jensen      | 64  | Henne, Denmark        | 113       | Enumclaw, Wash.      | 1906        | Cerebral hemorrhage    | 478.18     |
| Oct. 10       | Bror E. Anderson   | 47  | Copenhagen            | 171       | Jamestown, N. Y.     | 1933        | Heart disease          | 250.00     |
| June 17       | Hans Chr. Hansen   | 83  | Damsholt Sogn, Møen   | 113       | Enumclaw, Wash.      | 1907        | Cerebral hemorrhage    | 426.79     |
| Oct. 15       | Jacob Slott        | 89  | Stadiel               | 113       | Enumclaw, Wash.      | 1902        | Heart disease          | 166.73     |
| Nov. 3        | Nicolaj F. Schultz | 82  | Slesvig               | 36        | Milwaukee, Wis.      | 1898        | Broncho pneumonia      | 754.41     |
| Oct. 4        | Erick Nelsen       | 78  | Aarhus                | 85        | Rochester, Minn.     | 1932        | Unknown                | Social     |
| Oct. 16       | Niels Christensen  | 74  | Hvoraaum, Randers, A. | 4         | Racine, Wis.         | 1936        | Unknown                | Social     |
| Oct. 22       | F. N. Rask         | 70  | Denmark               | 211       | Grand Island, Nebr.  | 1924        | Unknown                | Social     |
| Aug. 15       | Chas. Evers        | 69  | Alpha, Minn.          | 96        | Jackson, Minn.       | 1931        | Unknown                | Social     |
| Mar. 19       | Peter Christensen  | 76  | Kyndby                | 190       | Schenectady, N. Y.   | 1941        | Unknown                | Social     |

# News From The Eastern Lodges

By

George V. Petersen, 20 Maywood Dr., W. Warwick, R. I.

## Troy, N. Y., No. 183 Celebrates 44th Anniversary

On Saturday, October 25, this lodge celebrated its 44th anniversary in Dania Hall, N. Troy.

There was dancing until about midnight, then Danish sandwiches and all that goes with them were served. There was a very good crowd present who all seemed to enjoy themselves, which of course is the usual way in Troy.

The committee in charge was headed by the president, Chris. Jensen.

At the last meeting of the lodge there was nomination of officers for 1948. After the serious part a smoker was given by two members who celebrated their birthdays. They were N. W. Jensen and I. Jensen, father and son. These little birthday parties in Troy are getting to be quite regular and everybody enjoys them.

## Hand in Hand Lodge No. 103, Waterbury, Has 50th Anniversary

This party had been talked about quite a lot for some time past and was supposed to have been quite a large affair, but due to so many unforeseen happenings in Waterbury, it was necessary to change the plans considerably, but a birthday celebration was had on Friday evening in Harmon's Restaurant in Waterbury. A gathering of about 75 brothers and their families and friends of the lodge had gathered there and enjoyed a fine turkey dinner, etc. The gathering was bid welcome by Brother H. Nissen who introduced Brother Therkildsen as toastmaster for the evening. Rev. Hendrich said grace and the dinner was enjoyed. The toastmaster's first act was to present a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Johanne Christensen, wife of the supreme president in behalf of the lodge. He then called upon several friends to say a little about No. 103 and the Brotherhood as a whole. The first was John Nissen, secretary of the lodge and organizer; then the president of the General Committee, Soren Nielsen, from Bridgeport; treasurer of the lodge, Geo. Holm; George V. Petersen from Providence, R. I.; M. Bjarne from New Haven; Br. Knudsen, secretary from Derby; A. Stark, president from Hartford; Mary Nielsen, representing Bridgeport, Conn.; Mrs. Jespersen, president of the Sisterlodge in Waterbury; the president of the lodge, H. Nissen. Supreme President Bysted Christensen was then introduced and he gave a very fine speech, not long but most interesting and it was very well received. He also presented three charter members with the 50-year emblem in behalf of the supreme board. The president of the G. C. assisted him in this work. The charter members were Brothers M. Therkildsen, W. Thomsen and H. Gemynthe; Brother Gemynthe was not present.

The charter members thanked for the honor and responded with short remarks. The supreme president stressed the point that it was important that

we get new blood into our organization. Also heard from were Brother Wesseltoft from No. 103, A. Thomsen from No. 32 and Einar Nielsen, secretary of No. 314. Between the speeches several songs were rendered and everyone sat around and talked about the Brotherhood's convention and other memorable affairs in the Brotherhood long past but still fresh in their memories. Someone played the piano and a few of us had a little dance. We thank Waterbury for a fine evening and wish them lots of luck in the future.

During the evening we were able to pick up a little news from several lodges around here and will try to inform you a little about what is to be here in the neighborhood.

First we heard that after the convention in Troy, Bridgeport was again honored to have a man of their lodge elected president of the G. C. in the East; it is Soren Nielsen and the brothers there saw fit to honor him a little, a party in his honor was held there on October 25. About 75 friends of Soren's were present from his own lodge and also from Hartford, New Haven, Derby, Port Chester, etc.

A Danish lunch was served and I need not mention that other refreshments were present, too. Believe me, speeches and song and a few stories were heard. Soren is going to have a good year as president if it means anything what his friends say.

## Now A Little Advanced Notice From New Haven Lodge No. 32

Remember the date: JANUARY 14th, THE SECOND WEDNESDAY. This will be the date that the officers in No. 32 will be installed, the officers of the G. C. will do the honors and Paul Petersen, the vice president, will be present to show a color film from his recent trip to Seattle and Troy conventions. This ought to be interesting and everybody is invited. The installation will be public so you can bring your ladies.

Some more we picked up in Waterbury: On Saturday, the 17th of January, the lodge in Hartford will have installation of officers; also the Sisters on the same evening. The supreme president is invited to do the work there and has promised to come. There, of course, the installation will be public.

We know from experiences in the past that the installations in Hartford are really well worth going to, so don't miss these two affairs.

## A Little More From Bridgeport

The younger members in Bridgeport really have taken over and seem to be doing a fine job there. They have had several parties this year and are planning a nice 58th anniversary.

This party is to be held on Saturday, December the 13, at the meeting hall. There will be a banquet and dance. Then on Dec. 30, the annual Christ-

mas party, together with the Sisterlodge, will be held. The Hand in Hand Danish Society also will be in on this party, which assures a full house.

So you see there is life in Bridgeport.

## Newark, N. J., No. 116 Honors Its Ex-Presidents

At the meeting on Saturday, November 8, No. 116 honored its ex-presidents. President K. P. Christensen was very happy to greet about 20 ex-presidents and presented Ex-President's emblems to Brothers Louis Jensen, George Christensen and Just Justesen, who, for some reason, had not received this after they finished their term as president. Our supreme president sent his regrets at not being able to attend, but we had the honor of greeting the following officers of the General Committee: Brother Soren Nielsen, president; Paul Pedersen, vice president; Albert Skouboe, treasurer. Brother Harry Madsen from Erie was unable to attend. After a short business meeting, about 85 brothers sat down to a delicious table prepared by our ladies. We enjoyed a wonderful entertainment of songs and stories by Brother and Mrs. Velden from Long Island Lodge, and the Messrs. Olsen, senior and junior.

Speeches were made by the visiting brothers and everyone agreed it was a wonderful evening.

Our next meeting will be election of officers and of course, the Christmas party. (Come out and vote for your man).

On October 8, Brother and Sister Mortensen celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a dinner party at Robin Hood Inn. Ernie Christophersen provided the music, as only he can, and towards the end of a most enjoyable evening, Sister Helga served coffee and homemade cake and cookies. Many speeches were made by the guests and their good wishes testified to the popularity of Brother Jens and Sister Helga.

## Dear Brothers:

Again I say, remember that your brothers the country over really want to hear about what goes on in the lodges and among the brothers, so please send me a word now and then, you know that in Troy you all said that you wanted to have a correspondent and therefore you really should try to let the brothers who belong to your lodge, but live elsewhere, know what you are doing. Believe me, they look for news in our paper from their home lodges and very many such brothers that I have met during my travels tell me that that is the most important part of the paper for them, therefore do not hold back. Some have said that they do not know where I live, well, my address is on the top of this column or better still, here it is: 20 Maywood Drive, W. Warwick, R. I.

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## Besøget i Vancouver

Mange Aar vil sikkert gaa inden D.B.S.'s Convention igen ender op i Vancouver. Inden dette læses, har vel de fleste Delegater aflagt Rapport til Logerne. Uden Tvivl vil de, der var heroppe, ogsaa nævne Nummer 328 i Vancouver. Hvormange der besøgte os, er jeg ikke helt sikker paa, men blev fortalt om Morgenens, at der skulde findes Logi for 82. Adskillige, der havde ordret Logi i god Tid, boede paa Hotel Georgia. Flere af de andre var nok ikke saa godt tilfredse med de anden Klasses Hoteller, men det var det bedste, vi kunde faa med saa kort Varsel. Banketten og Resten af Aftenen var vi derimod godt tilfreds med, og saa var tilsyneladende alle vore Gæster. Vi undlod, at have officielle Taler paa Programmet, saa der kunde blive mere Tid til en Svingom og en lille Sludder bagefter. Det viste sig at være en god Ide, da saamange af de Besøgende bragte Hilsener fra deres Loge og Hjemstavn. Med Broder Plambeck som Ordstyrer begyndte Festlighederne med at faa noget at spise. Vor President, Broder Børsholdt Bød alle velkommen og haabede, at alle vilde faa en fornøjelig og minderig Aften. Næst paa Programmet gav vor Sanger Mrs. Hjort tre af de gamle danske Sange, der, som de ærlig fortjente, blev modtaget med kraftige Haandklap. Vor nye Overpresident Bror C. B. Christensen fortalte os lidt om hans Planer for de næste fire Aar. Vor Digter John Madsen svarede paa 328's Vegne og lovede C. B. C., at vi vil støtte ham i alt, hvad vil gavne og fremme D. B. S. De følgende Taler viste at U.S.A. var vel repræsenteret.

Hilsen fra Skelbeck til vor Sekretær og N. B. Nelson fra Spokane. Bror Nelson vil jeg ikke slippe saa let over, da det var ham, som indsatte Logen her. Vi der var med fra Begyndelsen, ligesom regner Bror Nelson med til vor Loge. Hele hans Væsen og Maaden hvorpaa han forklarede Brodersamfundets Formaal, gjorde et Indtryk paa os, der stadig føles, haar vi er samlede til Møde. Tak til alle de følgende Talere, der bragte os en hjertelig Hilsen: Bror Knudsen og Bror Anker fra San Francisco, Bror Hansen fra Long Beach, Bror Geo. Petersen fra Rhode Island, Bror Holm fra Los Angeles, Bror Jorgensen fra Detroit og Bror Juul fra Milwaukee; jeg mistede Navnet paa vor Bror fra Junction City; og saa tilsidst Tak til Bror John Petersen fra Seattle. Seattle er en Slags Forstad til Vancouver, saa mange af Brøderne i de to Loger kender hinanden og er tit med til Møder og Festligheder. Desværre maa der ikke danses heroppe efter Midnat Lørdag Aften, men det mener ikke, at vi gaar til Sengs saadan lige med det samme. Om Lørdagen havde vi to store Busser udenfor Hotellet Kl. Eleve og selvfølgelig adskillige private Biler. Turen gik til Horseshoe Bay, hvor Middagen, en vældig Porkchop, ventede os. En smuk Køretur langs Vandet og igennem Bjergene. At Vejret var lige tilpas varmt og behageligt behøves ikke at nævnes, da det altid er det. Jeg er ligeved at tro, at de mange fra California var lidt misundelige. Jeg kunde forstaa paa Talerne ved Middagen, at de tror California er den eneste Plads paa Jorden, der er værd at leve i. Har I forandret Mening dernede? Lørdag Aften blev tre gode Priser bortloddet. De to gik til Staterne, den tredie No. 139 er stadig her. Hvis nogen af jer syd for Grændsen har den Billet, saa send den til undertegnede og en Kvittering vil blive sent.

Med Broderlig Hilsen, J. P. Mortensen,  
390 West 8 Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

# Fine Convention In Troy, N. Y.

The convention was opened at 2 p. m. by Chairman M. Rasmussen who introduced the Hon. John J. Ahern, Mayor of Troy who, after bidding us welcome, hoped that our convention in the city would be a pleasant one.

After remarks from the president of Lodge No. 183, Supreme Vice President C. B. Christensen, and the President of the General Committee Henry Bukke, the official part of the meeting was called to order.

Correspondence was read. Reports by officers. There were 22 delegates present. A letter from Lodge No. 241 Sayerville, N. J. stating that they wished to join the General Committee was read and received with applause and their delegate voted a seat at the convention. Visitors from Mass. lodges were welcomed and a long discussion as to their standing in the Brotherhood was heard. A splendid entertain-

ment was enjoyed Saturday night, with dancing following.

The Sunday morning meeting opened at 9:30. Upon recommendation of the secretary it was recommended and carried that owing to increased railroad fares, the General Committee refrain from giving any donations. Also to start a new membership drive in competition with California. We admit losing, but made a splendid showing, and we hereby challenge California to another contest to run from September 1, 1947 to September 1, 1948.

Some of the lodges claimed they just got started. A beautiful gavel, made by Ex-President Brother Viggo Nielsen, was presented to the delegate from Lodge No. 300, it being the lodge who had made the best progress during this campaign.

Most of Sunday was spent in going over proposals to the national convention, up until time for election

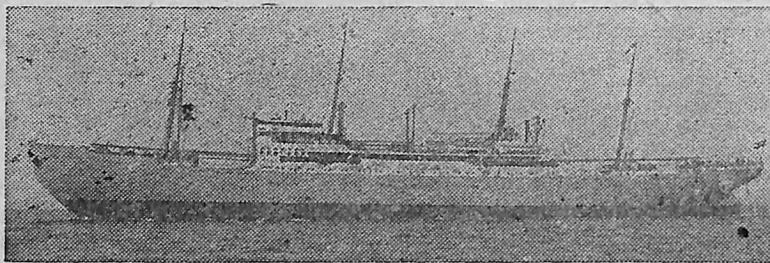
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Vice President, Paul Pedersen, New York.

Secretary, Chris Madsen, Newark.

Treasurer, Albert Skovboe, Perth Amboy.

Trustee, H. A. Madsen, Erie.

Banquet and dance was held in Dania Hall with the Sisterhood Lodges doing the cooking and serving and every one agrees, that we give this committee of ladies a great big thanks for their untiring efforts to serve us during our stay in Troy. They did a wonderful job and deserve much of the credit for making the convention a success. Two new members were initiated into the Troy Lodge. Initiation performed by Supreme Vice President and Ex-Presidents from visiting lodges.

Monday morning installation of officers was performed by Supreme Vice President and Brother A. M. Mose from Hartford. There being no official invitation for next year's convention the place will be decided by the officers.

It was decided that the "Year Book" be printed again this year. This was at the request of all but one delegate. The meeting was closed by President S. E. Nielsen and of course Danish "Frokost" put the finishing touches to a most wonderful three day stay in Troy. With many of us saying so long until we meet in Seattle.

CHRIS MADSEN.

## Changes

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## From The Secretary of The General Committee of the Eastern Lodges

At a meeting of the Board of the General Committee held on Sunday, November 9th, at 16 Prospect Avenue, North Arlington, an official invitation from Lodge No. 32, New Haven, for the 1948 convention was received and accepted with thanks by the board. The place will be Grotto Hall, 612 Howard Avenue, New Haven, and the brothers there will, no doubt, do all in their power to make it a success. Brother Andrew Thompson informs us that they are rarin' to go (Thanks for inviting.)

My report from the Troy Convention did not get in the paper, I don't know why.

(Editor's Note: Your's was among a dozen others that I could not get room for. It will be in this month's issue).

Now our membership campaign is on again. We almost beat California last year, but not quite. The score was 60 for the East and 69 for the West, but

this is a new year, and it is running from August 1st to August 1st, so let's do it this time. Last year's prize was a beautiful gavel donated to Lodge No. 300 Oneonta, for having made the best progress during the year. Congratulations Oneonta, hope you will do as well this year. A request goes out to all General Committees. Please join us in the membership drive. I would like, through these lines, to ask the secretaries of the various General Committees to write me a note, and send their address. There are many things that could be accomplished if we could all work together, and maybe discuss things for our next National Convention in Detroit.

Well, we had a mighty fine trip to Seattle. I have not as yet seen anything from delegates who attended. Maybe they feel as I do after seeing the cost of the paid vacation to 168 good brothers, was it worth \$37,000 of the money we did not have, which we now

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have to collect in extra assessment for the next four years. Would it not have been better if there had only been say, 50 delegates who could have represented the membership just as well. Brothers, just think what the money could have done in our Relief Fund. There was much talk out there, about helping our old brothers. Well, we certainly don't help them by sending a brother from each Lodge to Seattle even if the Lodge only has eleven members. Brothers, did you sit down and figure out how much a lodge with eleven members pays in four years? \$62.00. And my fare and day money came to \$319.00. When are we going to wake up? Let us stop talking about help to our old members as long as we spend their money in this fashion. Is it not about time that we get busy and get the lodges divided into districts, and from these districts elect men who are really able to represent the membership at a National Convention, whether he comes from a small or a large Lodge. I am sorry to say that 50 per cent of the delegates at a National Convention do not have a chance to voice their opinion, even if they wished to do so, there simply would not be time. It is the writer's opinion that our new Supreme Board should bend all their efforts between now and the next convention, to formulate some plan, whereby we might be able to cut down the expense of our National Conventions, and with this goes my best wishes to our new Supreme Board.

CHRIS MADSEN,  
Delegate from No. 116, Newark, N. J.

## Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Glood of Viborg, So. Dak., celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on October 31st. C. J. Glood has been in the hardware and implement business in Viborg since 1904 and a member of D.B.S. during same period. He is an ex-president, was delegate to the 1935 convention at Denver and was a member of the building committee for the large D.B.S. hall at Viborg about forty years ago. Mrs. Glood is a member of D. S. S. No. 73. They have always been willing to offer much of their time for the good and welfare of our two Danish organizations.

All of their children and Mr. L. C. Jensen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who was best man at their wedding, were present at an open house party and at a banquet for the occasion which was attended by a host of relatives and friends.

It is a good idea to kiss the children good night if you don't mind waiting up for them.

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## Resolutions

### N. F. SCHULTZ, Milwaukee, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, N. F. Schultz, who passed away on November 3, 1947, this resolution was adopted by D. B. S. Lodge No. 36:

Resolved, that we regret the loss of our brother and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family; that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days in his memory and this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, entered in the minutes of the lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

Edward Juel, President.  
John Jacobsen, Secretary.

### PETER J. PETERSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Peter J. Petersen, who died on the 4th day of October, 1947, this resolution was adopted by Kronborg Lodge No. 298 at their regular meeting October 14, 1947:

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

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

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

### MARTIN PEDERSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

I Anledning af Broder Martin Pedersens Afgang ved Døden den 23. Oktober, 1947, vedtog Loge Nr. 14 følgende Resolution:

At Logen dybt beklager Tabet af vor kære Broder, og at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder vort Charter med Sørgflor for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage.

At denne Resolution indrykkes i Logens Protokol, samt i Dansk Brodersamfundets Maanedssblad, og en Kopi tilsendes hans Familie, for hvem Logen frembærer deres dybeste Sympati.

Som Stjerner der funkler, hans Minde skal staa  
Hvad engang har levet kan aldrig forgaa.

Paa Loge Nr. 14's Vegne,  
Wm. G. Krogh, Præsident.  
Carl Olsen, Sekretær.

### JACOB SLOTT, Enumclaw, Wash.

I Anledning af Broder Jacob Slotts død den 15. Oktober 1947, vedtog Loge Nr. 113 følgende Resolution:

At vi dybt beklager Tabet af en god Broder der har tilhørt og arbejdet for Logen i 45 Aar. At vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder vort Charter med Sørgflor for 30 Dage og at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol og indrykkes i det Danske Brodersamfundets Maanedssblad, samt at en Kopi bliver tilsendt hans Familie.

Paa Logens Vegne,

Søren Eriksen, Præsident.  
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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco 8, Calif.

A few days ago Brother Sigurd Nielsen, president of our General Committee, handed me his itinerary of his trip in January during which he would like to pay official visits to the lodges. As some of you know it is quite an undertaking to visit 19 lodges in a state like California, where there is a distance of over 1,000 miles between Lodge No. 230 in Arcata in the north and No. 306 in San Diego, near the Mexican border. May I therefore ask the officers and members of the California lodges to do their very best in order to make these visits an outstanding event within our lodges. Here is the list:

- Solvang, No. 299, Tuesday, January 6.
- Alhambra, No. 323, Wednesday, January 7.
- Los Angeles, No. 126, Thursday, January 8.
- Santa Barbara, No. 322, Friday, January 9.
- Long Beach, No. 329, Saturday, January 10.
- Bakersfield, No. 319, on either, January 11 or 12.
- San Francisco, No. 49, Wednesday, January 14.
- Hayward, No. 184, Thursday, January 15.
- Oakland, No. 39, Friday, January 16.
- Modesto, No. 332, Wednesday, January 21.
- Fresno, No. 67, Thursday, January 22.
- Petaluma, No. 143, Saturday, January 24.

Brother Nielsen hopes to be able to visit the lodges not mentioned above on a later date. However, he will endeavor to have other members of the officers of the General Committee install their officers during January, and the lodge secretaries will receive due notice thereof later. It will be noted from above list, that some of the dates listed do not fall on a meeting night, and it will be greatly appreciated if such lodges will endeavor to meet in a special meeting on the night specified in the list above. Brother Nielsen will, of course, be most happy to install the officers for the ensuing year during his visit. May I ask the secretaries to accept the above as an official communication from your secretary, and it will be much appreciated if you will be good enough to communicate with either Brother Nielsen at 145 Evelyn Way, San Francisco 16, or with me, when your lodge has decided that the dates as given are in order.

During my writings since our Santa Barbara Convention I have forgotten to mention one very important item, which certainly merits to be mentioned, and that is, that during our convention Brother Jim Andreasen promised two prizes of \$250.00 each to the brother or brothers who are able to start, before our convention next year in Oakland, two new lodges in California. So you, brother organizers, get busy. If you can't start two lodges, start one, and there are a number of places in California where there is plenty room for a D. B. lodge, for instance, Sacramento, Stockton, Salinas, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Easton, Pasadena and many other cities. We used to have lodges in both Stockton and Santa Rosa and Watsonville. The lodge in Stockton consolidated with San Francisco quite a number of years ago and the one in Santa Rosa consolidated with Petaluma, I think, but on this point I am not certain. The one in Watsonville never wanted to have anything to do with the General Committee and consequently died a slow, lingering death as a result of mental inertia and decay.

In some of the cities mentioned above there are branches of "Dania," and there used to be some sort of antagonism between "Dania" and the Danish Brotherhood, which to a large extent has disappeared, although in certain quarters it still exists. This, of course, is all foolishness. Why should a man not insure himself in two organizations, which is all it amounts to. Because a man has a policy in the Mutual Life there is no reason he should not have one in The Travelers Insurance Company also. Any sensible man looks to an organization for protection in case of illness and accident. I am a member of both The Brotherhood and "Dania," and I can assure you, that when, as it has happened to me, and is liable to happen to anyone, you are flat on your back and doctor and ex-ray bills and hospital bills begin to pour in on you, that a weekly check from both "Dania" and the Brotherhood looks pretty good. Basically both organizations stand for the same—namely to help their members when in need, and I have found that two helping hands are really much better than just one. So members of both organizations get rid of your prejudices and join up, and remember that the watchword today is not so much competition but cooperation. Please remember that if the General Committee can assist financially or otherwise, we are here to assist in the forming of new lodges and to increase memberships.

And in speaking of memberships, may I ask all our members to remember that our honor is at stake this year, in that we have challenged all the General Committees to a memberships campaign. Keep in mind the prizes the General Committee has promised as well as the prizes promised by the Supreme Board. So get busy—please.

As for local events during the past month, the San Francisco Lodge No. 49 held a very fine affair on November 2nd together with Margrethe Lodge No. 24. It is indeed nice to see the two lodges work so beautifully together.

Another event that is worth noting was the golden wedding of Brother and Mrs. James Miller here in San Francisco. The San Francisco daily press noted the event with pictures of this happy couple, and the gathering brought families and friends from nearly all over the U. S. What I should like to point out is the many years of service to the Danish colony in San Francisco of this couple. Brother Miller has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for over 50 years, and he is one of the few Danes who has been an active member in both the Danish Brotherhood and "Dania" for over 50 years. Brother Miller has resided in this country for nearly 60 years, and his Danish is still beautiful, and it is rather a delight to hear him speak in the lodge room, in comparison to some of the younger members, some who have been here for only a few years who seem to think that they have forgotten all about Danish, and at the same time never learned English, not to speak about grammar. Some day I hope we can have a meeting recorded on a phonograph plate, so that members can listen to themselves later on—"til Skræk og Advarsel"—.

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# The Boiling Pot

By  
A. GRAVESEN  
Askov, Minn.

Mrs. Betty Madsen, Portland, Oregon, gave a dinner party to 25 invited guests in their new home, October 18. The occasion being her husband's birthday. Mr. Madsen was a delegate from the Portland D.B.S. lodge at the Seattle convention. All had a very enjoyable evening.

Henry Rondum from Philadelphia writes: At the D.B.S. meeting in November the Danish language, the first time for a long while, came to its right. We were glad to see B. Culver present. The officers for the ensuing year were elected. Brother Cortsen completed his report on the proceedings of the Seattle Convention.

Einar Askier, Los Angeles, California, died November 7 from heart failure at the age of 61. He was widely and well known both in Los Angeles, Minneapolis and New York as conductor of singing societies. In his younger days he was quite active as an amateur actor on the stage. He is survived in this country by his wife, a son, Ove Askier, and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Vesti Henriksen, Denver, Colorado, celebrated her 80th birthday on November 28. She is one of the older members of the D.S.S. lodge at Denver and she has been very active in lodge matters. Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Henriksen observed their golden wedding and at that time were the object of great festivities by the Brother and the Sisterhood. Both of them are yet active and in good health.

Axel Skelbeck, Supreme secretary, left early in November via airline for a trip to Denmark in order to attend the golden wedding of his parents who live in Odense. The plane in which he was riding flew at an average speed of 200 miles an hour, at a height of about 20,000 feet over land and over ocean. According to dispatches mailed to his home some of the passengers felt like they were going over the hump. He will be back in Omaha Dec. 2.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin, held a well attended smoker recently at which everyone had a hilarious time. The service was good and the dinner was delicious. It was decided to have such a gathering monthly during the winter and a committee was appointed, headed by Aage Petersen to take care of the necessary arrangements.

The D.B.S. and D.S.S. lodges of Santa Barbara held a harvest festival lately which was very successful. Lillian Miller and Bill Herlow were in charge of arrangements. The hall was beautifully decorated with all the rich fall colors, and the ladies wore cotton dresses and dungaries. The dance, to all kinds of tunes from the old Danish ones to the most modern, started at 9 o'clock. Many of the members brought visitors along among whom were Otto Nielsen, the newly elected supreme trustee, and his wife from lodge 29, Seattle, Washington. A number of the visitors were so well pleased with the affair that they confided to their friends that they were going to seek membership in the lodges in the near future.

A well known couple in Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nielsen, 821 So. 27th Street, celebrated their golden wedding recently. Chris Nielsen has resided in Omaha for the past 70 years. In his younger days he was in the grocery business and he was a very active member of D.B.S. lodge No. 1, where he also had the pleasure of seeing his son, Laurence, conduct meetings as the president of the lodge. A committee from lodge No. 1 brought greetings and presents to the elderly couple, and a large number of their many friends also called to congratulate them, and they also left good wishes and gifts. Their son, Laurence, from California, was home for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Hansen, 2200 Potter Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, are back from the Seattle convention, and they report that they spent a wonderful week out there during the convention.

D.B.S. lodge No. 107, Chicago, Illinois, entertained 14 members of the St. Charles lodge of the D.B.S. at its meeting in October. After the meeting all were invited to partake in a delicious "Smorgaasbord." T. Termansen and his wife who had just returned by air from California, gave a good report of the doings of the Seattle convention.

D.B.S. lodge No. 35 and D.S.S. lodge No. 11, Chicago, celebrated their annual founding day jointly at a party in Odin hall on November 2nd. A delicious pheasant dinner was enjoyed by all. The evening closed with a dance.

Bill Herlow, president of the Santa Barbara, California, D.B.S. lodge, was in San Jose attending a folk dance meeting in late October. However, he arrived home in time to officiate at his old time job as caller at the old time dances that are held every Tuesday at Santa Barbara.

Martin J. Holm, 40 Sanche Street, San Francisco, died October 20th. He used to be quite active in both social and fraternal affairs being a member of D.B.S. and of "Denmark," but because of poor health for a number of years he has been unable to attend the meetings. Martin J. Holm was born in Silkeborg, Denmark, in 1887, being only 60 years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Elise, and two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Lobek and Mrs. Frances Beverly.

C. F. Petersen, secretary of lodge No. 323 of the D.B.S., Alhambra, Calif., writes: "On Friday night, October 24, we initiated a new active member, Herbert Rasmussen, into our organization at a well attended meeting in Redmen's Hall. Two new applicants for membership were balloted on, Albert Meier and Wendall Andersen. Our lodge is gaining in membership rapidly. A committee of four young members were selected to arrange for our winter season's festivities, namely Bert Nelson, Arthur Hansen, Norman Tor-kelsen and Irvine Kaysen. Following the meeting we were headed for the horseshoe-shaped tables where we received "Æbleskiver," sandwiches, cake and

coffee served by our lady committee headed by Helma C. Petersen, and we celebrated our president, Jens Peter Andersen's, 38th birthday and the 25 present sang "Happy Birthday to You." Jens Nelsen, one of our reliable brothers, who had been to Denmark for a four months trip was called on for a speech and was well applauded. Ex-supreme Trustee V. C. Hansen and Vice President Paul Christensen gave short talks. Bingo and games followed until midnight. Many members from D.B.S. lodge No. 323 attended the 44th wedding anniversary of our brother, Peter Petersen and his wife, at their home in El Monte Sunday afternoon and evening, October 26th. Their three sons, Carl, Ernest, and George, all members of lodge No. 323, with their wives, were present as were also a sister and her husband from San Diego. The Petersens were married in North Dakota.

D. B. S. Lodge No. 4 of Racine, Wis., held a very successful smoker on November 6th. At the regular meeting, which was well attended, three new members were initiated. Following the meeting tables were set up and boiled codfish was served with other good things to eat. About 100 took part. F. Petersen, a storekeeper from Oshkosh and a member of Lodge No. 9, took care of the entertainment. He told short stories, at which he is a master. Andrew Andersen, of the Oshkosh lodge and one of the very active workers for the Brotherhood, accompanied Mr. Petersen to the meeting. There were also several brothers present from Kenosha. Members of the "Bowling Liga" were in charge of arrangements, with Peter Jensen as president.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton P. Hansen celebrated their golden wedding on Friday, Nov. 14th, with open house at their home in Askov, Minn. Both the D.B.S. and D. S. S. had named committees to arrange for the golden wedding in the D. B. S. hall; but on ac-

count of Mrs. Hansen's health it was decided to have the festivities at their home. The Hansens hail from Copenhagen, Denmark, where they were married. They came to Askov, Minn., in the early days of the colony. They settled on a forty acre brush farm which they cleared. They raised a family of three boys. The afternoon was spent in singing and social visiting and the lodges presented them with purses. Anton Hansen has been very active in the lodge, being at one time its president.

T. C. Jensen, secretary of Lodge 262, Cozad, writes: "D. B. Lodge 262 celebrated its 40th anniversary May 25. The Sisterhood was invited and, of course, they served a fine meal enjoyed by all. We have two charter members still living. They are T. F. S. Rasmussen of Cozad and L. P. Christensen, Powell, Wyo. Both were unable to attend this celebration. Our lodge member, poet, writer and insurance agent, Edward Nielsen, left on a trip to Denmark on that date so he and Mrs. Nielsen were missing also. Hope that all members may be with us when we celebrate our 50th anniversary. Lodge 262 is a small lodge but can always boast of a 75 per cent attendance at meetings. Fraternally yours."

## California News

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During this coming month there should be plenty of activity within our lodges, what with elections and Christmas festivities. Do attend all these affairs; it will not only do yourself good, but it will encourage the members who are working for you on the committees.

Our good brother, Harry Roddik, is ill. I know what that means, and it is tough to say the least. But Harry is not a fellow to be downed and I am sure he will be back in the harness again before long, full of pep, vinegar and "Gøglerhumør."

May I take this opportunity to again ask the good secretaries to keep in mind to drop me a note of any event they wish to have mentioned in this column. Remember it gets to all the brothers of your lodge and I am here to serve you. So PLEASE speak up.

May I also, at this time, convey to each and everyone of you a heartfelt thanks for the year that is just about ready to become "en Saga blot." Thanks for the many nice letters I have received during the time last spring when I was on my back, as well as for your criticism of this column—both for and against. May Santa Claus be good to you and yours, and please accept my best wishes for en "rigtig Glædelig Jul."

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