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January, 1948

Golden Wedding Celebration

The Danish Brotherhood hall near Parlier, Calif., home of Selma Lodge No. 255, was the scene of a grand celebration on the evening of November 8.

The occasion was the 50th wedding anniversary of Brother J. F. (Jim) Jensen and wife, Minnie.

A gathering of 200 friends and relatives joined in honoring the happy couple at the supper table and in the dance that followed.

At the table many fine speeches were made by the family and friends of Jim and Minnie.

Of course the dance was preceded by a grand march with so many couples participating that the floor was much too small.

Jim and Minnie have set a fine example for younger folks to strive for. They have not only experienced 50 years of happy married life but have also acquired a great number of friends. Still another achievement to be proud of is the fact that Brother Jim has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for 53 years, as he received his 50-year pin in April of 1944.

Waukegan, Ill.

At our last meeting we had a visit of Vice President N. C. Nielsen and two brothers from Racine and also Soren Miller, president of No. 35 in Chicago. All of them spoke briefly. E. Petersen from Denmark was introduced and the lodge decided to have the Danish color film, "Denmark in Summer," shown in our hall on December 7, at 4 p. m. and at 8 p. m. The Sisterlodge here, No. 144, had initiation of candidates at a special meeting at the same time, ten sisters were initiated. Supreme Secretary Jenny Miller of Chicago, together with a president of the lodge, were present. Also present were Supreme Trustee Elna Sorensen and Mrs. Christensen, president of the Racine lodge, accompanied by six sisters of their lodge.

It was a big night. A light lunch was served and a good time was had by all. The lodges are busy with arrangements of Christmas and New Year's parties.

With best regards and a Merry Christmas.

Yours,

M. JORGENSEN,

122 Park Ave., Waukegan, Ill.

Alhambra News

We were honored at our last meeting at Redmen's Hall, 533 West Main Street, Alhambra, Friday evening, Nov. 28, with a visit to our fast growing organization of two distinguished brothers, namely Supreme Trustee Jim Andreassen, or smiling Jim, of Bakersfield Lodge No. 319, and also Rudolph Olsen, secretary-treasurer of the General Committee of California for the past 15 years and a member of San Francisco Lodge No. 49. Each of these fine brothers made speeches when called upon as did also Paul Christensen and V. J. Vithen, both of Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles.

Later, when about 50 ladies and brothers got around the horseshoe-shaped tables, where we had a lot of excellent sandwiches, cake, coffee, beer and "Ebleskiver," we celebrated two November birthdays, namely Bert Nelson's and Chris F. Petersen's. They were given a hearty speech and a toast song, "Happy Birthday to You" by Jens Peter Andersen, our president. Nine out of eleven of our 1947 new members were present, an excellent showing for our 66-year old organization.

C. F. PETERSEN,
Sec. of No. 323.

Christmas Party In No. 329

On December 13, the Brotherhood Pacific Lodge No. 329 and Sisterhood Victoria Lodge No. 167 in Long Beach, Calif., held their annual Christmas party. It was agreed that the party was a great success with a lot of visiting brothers, sisters and friends being present. Among the visitors were Brother C. F. Petersen, No. 323, and Mrs. Petersen, Brother Andersen, No. 319, and Mrs. Andersen, Brother Carl Hansen, No. 126, Brother Andersen, No. 29, and Sister Minnie Scarsten from San Diego. There were a lot more but I am sorry I never got the names. The party was complete with a tree, Santa Claus, candy, fruit, chocolate, cake and cookies for the children, delicious Danish sandwiches, cake, cookies and coffee for the adults and lasted until 1 a. m.

On January 10, we will have a potluck luncheon followed by installation of the officers for the new year, the installation and all is open to the public. We will have Brother Sigurd Nielsen, president of the Brotherhood General Committee in California, present to install the officers. We also hope to have Margaret Sunby, president of the Sisterhood General Committee present to install the Sister's officers. Following the installation there will be dancing and refreshments.

Fraternally,

C. W. HANSEN,
Secretary No. 329.

BOOSTER LIST

This issue of the booster list reveals some real hard work done by getting new members during 1947. In the February issue of the Magazine we will print the final results for 1947. There has been a far greater number of applications approved for membership than the total number of new members actually admitted so we feel that there will be many more applications coming in during the next two weeks.

The secretary will please get busy. If he has applications on hand for members admitted, they must be forwarded to the home office right away.

Study the two lists below. The one against the other will reveal interesting facts. In some instances the total number of new members in a lodge was obtained by one member.

Now for 1948 let us resolve to all put our shoulders to the wheel and each one do his honest share of pushing and pulling our Brotherhood forward to greater success.

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1947
143	Petaluma, Calif.	31	87
333	St. Paul, Minn.	27	0
29	Seattle, Wash.	26	357
318	Copenhagen, Denmark	24	164
20	Manistee, Mich.	22	59
4	Racine, Wis.	20	590
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	20	94
116	Newark, N. J.	17	197
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	17	306
328	Vancouver, B. C.	17	108
49	San Francisco, Calif.	15	439
182	Waukegan, Ill.	15	109
45	Minneapolis, Minn.	14	231
149	Luverne, N. D.	14	45
190	Schenectady, N. Y.	14	141
167	Portland, Ore.	12	155
227	Detroit, Mich.	12	291
323	Alhambra, Calif.	12	29
140	Chicago, Ill.	11	62
255	Selma, Calif.	11	55
17	Chicago, Ill.	10	160
*117	Plainview, Nebr.	10	42
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
331	Detroit, Mich.	6	27
*332	Ripon, Calif.	6	22
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	5	142
30	Muskegon, Mich.	5	67
36	Milwaukee, Wis.	5	112
59	Menominee, Mich.	5	82
70	Greenville, Mich.	5	91

*Added to list this month.

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
323	C. F. Petersen, Alhambra, Calif.	12
255	Hans M. Andersen, Selma, Calif.	11
126	Andrew Nielsen, Los Angeles, Calif.	9
322	Nels P. Christensen, Santa Barbara, Calif.	7
*117	Louis E. Petersen, Plainview, Nebr.	6
140	Lars August Larsen, Chicago, Ill.	6
182	Carl Danielsen, Waukegan, Ill.	6
188	Walter H. Mikkelsen, Del Rey, 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, Wis.	4
10	Alfred Miller, Sr., Council Bluffs, Iowa	4
16	Tony V. Madsen, Minden, Nebr.	4
20	Clayton C. Andersen, Manistee, Mich.	4
20	Harry V. Andresen, Manistee, Mich.	4
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	Chris Jacobsen, Petaluma, Calif.	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
227	Axel Lohmann, Detroit, Mich.	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	Nicholai A. Ibsen, Newark, N. J.	3
126	Thomas Jensen, Los Angeles, Calif.	3
127	Christian Sloth, Reinbeck, Iowa	3
143	S. P. Nielsen, Petaluma, Calif.	3
143	Thorwald Hansen, Petaluma, Calif.	3
143	R. C. Rasmussen, Petaluma, Calif.	3
182	Peder N. Nielsen, Waukegan, Ill.	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
*331	Paul Blinkilde, Detroit, Mich.	3

*Added to the list this month.

Thomas Dam, 1817 Quincy Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, died September 5th in St. Lukes hospital after a brief illness at the age of 65. He was born in Aalborg, Denmark, and came to Racine in 1909. He was a construction foreman, a member of D.B.S. lodge No. 4 and also of the carpenters union. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Peter T. and George Einar Dam.

FINANCIAL REPORT

... NEW MEMBERS ...

NOVEMBER 30, 1947

Mortuary Fund.

Receipts:	
Balance on hand November 1	\$18,368.03
Assessment	9,398.40
Interest on bonds	8,038.75
	\$35,805.18
Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$ 5,566.64
Actuarial fees	350.00
Assessment refunded	18.88
Collection expense "Bonds"	5.95
Balance November 30, 1947	29,863.71
	\$35,805.18

General Fund.

Receipts:	
On hand November 1	\$ 2,893.35
Received in November	836.46
	\$ 3,729.81
Disbursements:	
Rent and lights	\$ 149.73
Postage, expense, telephone, etc.	43.07
Printing and mailing official publication	271.24
Advertising, printing and stationery	126.37
Salary, supreme officers and home office employes	765.00
Premium, supreme officers' Surety Bond	569.85
Taxes, Social Security, Cty., School, etc.	18.35
Photostats	1.00
Collection expense, "checks"	1.55
Balance November 30	1,783.65
	\$ 3,729.81

Relief Fund.

Receipts:	
On hand November 1	\$ 2,665.46
Assessments	22.12
Interest on bonds	150.00
	\$ 2,837.58
Disbursements:	
Postage, expense, telephone, etc.	\$ 5.00
Balance November 30	2,832.58
	\$ 2,837.58

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	\$40,555.91
Less:	
Outstanding checks	\$5,881.16
S.S. and W.H. tax	194.81 6,075.97
	34,479.94
	\$3,885,479.94

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

Honor Roll	No. of	Lodge	Location	Name
N. K. Rasmussen	4	4	Racine	H. A. Thompson
Wm. B. Skov	49	49	San Francisco	E. Petersen
Louis E. Petersen	117	117	Plainview	F. B. Davids
Louis E. Petersen	117	117	Plainview	H. L. Petersen
Louis E. Petersen	117	117	Plainview	C. R. Petersen
Louis E. Petersen	117	117	Plainview	Vernon Petersen
Louis E. Petersen	117	117	Plainview	Eldon J. Miller
Louis E. Petersen	117	117	Plainview	H. M. Petersen
Einar Johansen	117	117	Plainview	V. J. Johansen
Einar Johansen	117	117	Plainview	O. M. Johnson
Walter Miller	117	117	Plainview	Carl J. Miller
Walter Miller	117	117	Plainview	Irvin S. Miller
Andrew Nielsen	126	126	Los Angeles	K. W. Nielsen
Chris Jacobsen	143	143	Petaluma	Earl M. Jensen
F. L. Rasmussen	173	173	Kansas City	D. F. Latimer
Axel Lohmann	227	227	Detroit	Kaj Westergaard
Ferdinand Schutz	248	248	New York	Erik Frederiksen
Lester D. Willard	264	264	Pocatello	John R. Thomas
Leslie R. Larsen	283	283	Dagmar	S. Christensen
Otto Christensen	299	299	Solvang	Jens Simonsen
Paul J. Iversen	299	299	Solvang	George Johansen
Edward Aasted	322	322	Santa Barbara	T. Hvolboll
N. P. Christensen	322	322	Santa Barbara	A. Mundberg
N. P. Christensen	322	322	S. Barbara	P. A. Andersen
C. F. Petersen	323	323	Alhambra	W. Anderson
Axel G. Plett	325	325	Nassau Co.	E. Christoffersen
John Gaden	325	325	Nassau Co.	A. Christensen
Thos. Christensen	330	330	Prince George	H. Kristensen
H. Enemark	330	330	Prince George	C. Enemark
Paul J. Blinkilde	331	331	Detroit	Carl H. Mayland
Kaj Busch	332	332	Ripon	Carl Meedom
Alvin N. Olsen	332	332	Ripon	Robert E. Treulsen

Paul Martin Seerup, 4703 Wellington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, widely known all over the U.S.A. as wigmaker, died September 4th at the age of 70. He was born in Randers, Denmark, and came to this country in 1903. He was a member of the Danish Brotherhood and also of the Free Masons and of the Kildare Baptist Church from which his funeral was conducted with burial in Mount Olive cemetery. Surviving him are his wife, Elizabeth, and three children, Elna, Emil and Ann.

JANUARY ASSESSMENT

No. 583

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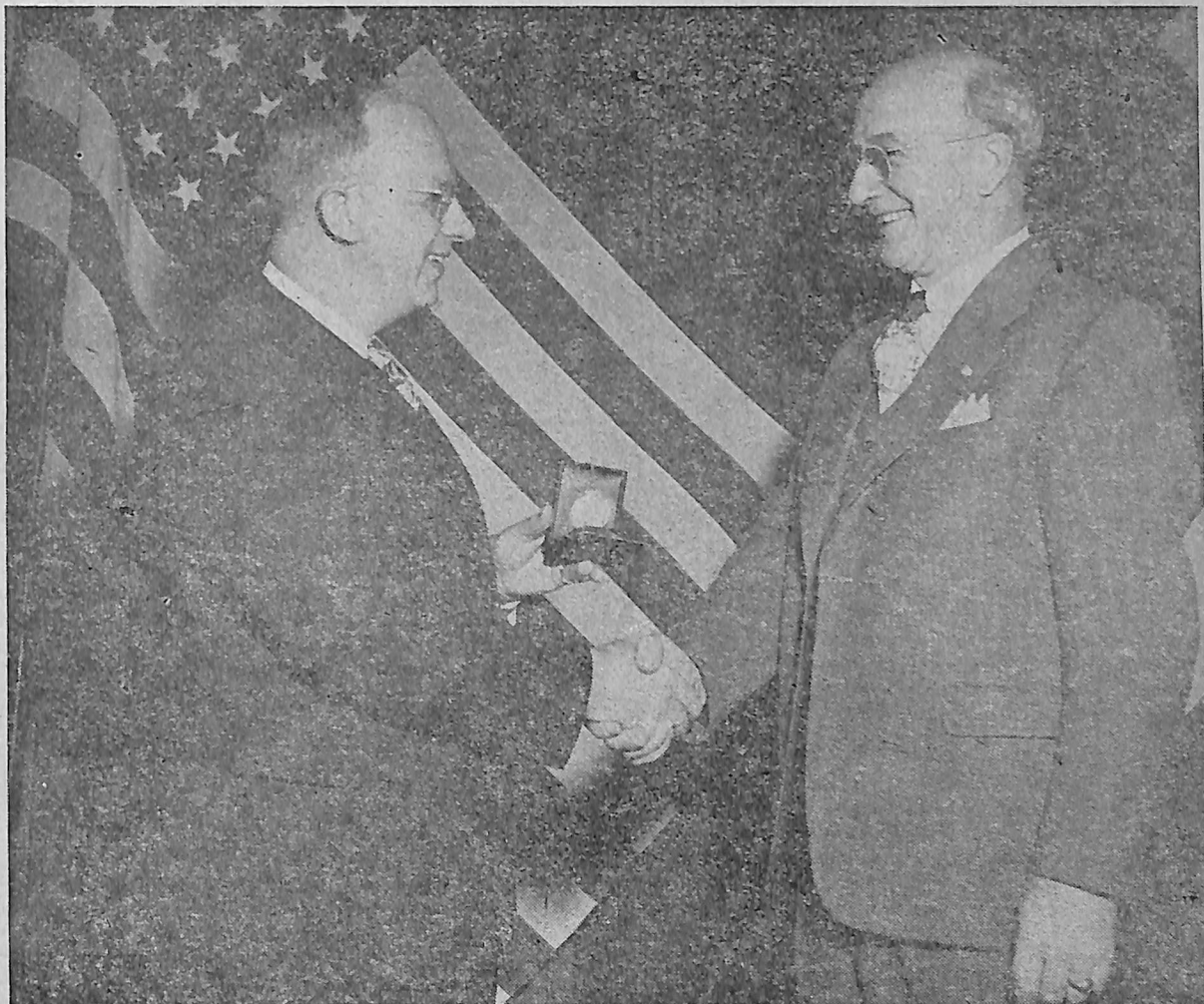
AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

Feb. 1, 1948

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

TIME MARCHES ON



Davenport, Iowa,
December 19, 1947.

To Members of the Supreme Board
And Members of the Danish Brotherhood In America

Greetings:

I want to express to each and every one of you my sincere appreciation of the beautiful watch which Axel Skelbeck presented to me here in Davenport on behalf of not only the Board but of the entire Brotherhood.

It was very kind of you to send Axel over here and we had a fine gathering in Lodge No. 3. The ceremony I will always remember.

I am very proud of the watch and grateful to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN HANSEN.

Convention Song

The song below was written by Rev. Jens C. Kjaer, the new and popular Danish minister at Seattle, Washington, was dedicated to The Danish Brotherhood in America at the banquet, Thursday evening, at the national convention, and received much applause.

Tune: "I alle de Riger og Lande."

Where towering, ice-crusted greatness
Embraces a silver-blue sea,
The regal queen of an empire
Shelters the strong and the free.

Here gather we brother with brother
And friends from North, South, and East,
From prairie, city, and hamlet
To labor and fellowship, feast.

Old Denmark's sons and daughters,
Like Viking sires of yore,
We ventured from Skjoldungs' valleys
To deeds on America's shore.

Yet longed we for th' hillsides of childhood,
The warmth of an ancient farm,
The songs and laughter of Denmark,
The gardens of infinite charm.

Then built we our homes and lodges,
Our shelters for young ones and old;
Then eased we the burdens and heartaches
Of those who were hungry and cold.

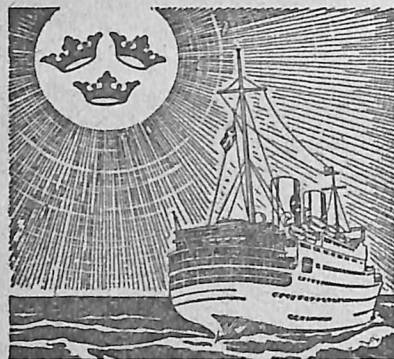
Shall men of the Northland prosper,
Take root in America's soil,
Her spirit of selfless service
Must guide their endeavors and toil.

We welcome you, brothers and sisters,
Well met in this lovely land.
Rejoice with us in its splendor,
A wondrous gift of God's hand.

JENS C. KJAER.

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My Trip Continued

We are now in Seattle, comfortably settled at the Fry Hotel. We are still among the Californians, believe it or not, but since coming so much among them lately, too many take me to be one too. As much as I like them and California, I still think I like New England better.

I shall not say a thing about the convention here as far as the business end is concerned, but I will say that they must have been very busy the last few years here to arrange for such an affair and everyone else around the country must have felt the same way, as we see a very large gathering no matter what is going on and where it is. The affair at the Danish hall Monday evening was a fine one and the hall was filled, the local talent did wonderfully well and the young man from Denmark certainly did sing a couple of very good Danish songs.

The boat trip Tuesday was a success if you should judge by the crowd, they told that there were over 1200 people on that boat and I believe them. Too bad it was such a poor evening, so much of the beauty of that trip was spoiled, but everyone did have a fine time.

Wednesday night was meeting night in both Brother and the Sisterhood and both halls were crowded. A fine meeting with initiation, at least in the Brotherhood, and refreshments served at each party.

Thursday evening the banquet and ball. Over 900 present, but nice.

On Friday, after the installation of the Supreme officers, it seemed that most everyone left for home, although many visited the Danish Old People's Home in the northwest. I did not get a chance to see it, but everyone says it is beautiful.

We left Seattle after lunch for Vancouver, the Danish lodge there had invited anyone who could find the time to come there for an evening among the Danes there.

We motored up the beautiful highway to Vancouver, arrived at the border and were greeted by the custom officer there, who in kindly words (when we advised him that we were going there for a banquet with the Danes) told us that that was a very good idea and said he, you may go right along. He did not open any of our many suitcases.

On the return trip, the U. S. officer was just as nice and we were happy. In Vancouver we were met Saturday by the committee and given a much needed "lille Taar." After seeing Vancouver and especially Stanley park we thought that it could not be such a bad place to live in, and after the banquet in the evening we found that the Danes there are a very fine lot of people.

There were about 200 present at the banquet, the newly elected Supreme President and Mrs. Christensen, and several other guests from Schenectady and Troy, N. Y., were present. Many good but short speeches were heard and everyone had a good time.

We say to the Vancouver Danes, **MANY THANKS!**

On Sunday morning we left for the U. S. again. After picking up the rest of our baggage we turned our nose homeward bound.

The only time on our whole trip where we even

saw a highway patrol was just outside of Seattle. He was driving along around 50 miles an hour in a truck. I thought he was a dog catcher or something therefore I passed him, but he certainly used his siren and told me in so many words that I better not do that again or else I might go back with him for a few hours to talk to some judge or other, but he did let me go after a little lecture but followed me for about 50 miles more and you may be sure that I did not pass anyone on that trip.

We found that Yellowstone park was still open and took the trip through there. We stopped at West Yellowstone for the night, had no trouble getting rooms there as this was the last week the park was open. We did enjoy the trip through this park very much, were lucky enough to see the small giant erupt, also of course the old faithful. A trip through this park is something you cannot realize but must see. You cannot imagine all the steam coming out of the ground all around you and then see the most beautiful colors in the pools of hot water. It is beautiful.

A most beautiful lake also is right there in the park. We spent a day there and it was worth it.

Leaving there by the east gate we then crossed the state of Wyoming with its barren hills, rolling all the way across and into South Dakota through the bad lands and the rich farming country in both South Dakota and Minnesota, then to Minneapolis. There we spent almost two days, but of course it had to rain while we were there. Then on our way home we stopped overnight in Davenport, Iowa, called on Past President John Hansen, did not find him home (he had gone to work) but Mrs. Hansen was home and we were very glad to say hello again. Back home towards New Jersey and New England we stopped for lunch in Newark where we left Chris and Joan who had been our passengers and helpers on the way home. We also stopped in Hartford where they just happened to have a meeting that evening. It was interesting to listen to the report of their delegate from the Seattle convention. Arrived home Wednesday evening, or rather Thursday morning at 2:30 o'clock on October 2.

To sum it all up, we traveled 10,025 miles, visited 24 states and Canada, attended two grand conventions of the Danish Brotherhood, visited with two other lodges and were entertained by them, namely Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, B. C.

We had the most wonderful trip you can imagine and only wish that all of you at some time or other would do the same. The knowledge we have gained by visiting the Danes around the country and the beautiful things we have witnessed and seen all around will live in our memories for many a day.

Mrs. Petersen and myself wish to thank one and all who have been so wonderful to us on this trip and only hope that some day we may be able to reciprocate in some small way.

Many, many thanks for everything.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN,

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.

News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

Godthaab Lodge No. 183, Troy, N. Y.

At the last meeting in November, nomination of officers was held after which a smoker was enjoyed where we welcomed back to our lodge after a year and a half in Denmark, Brother M. Olsen, who gave a brief talk on the conditions in Denmark at the present time.

Election of officers was held at the first meeting in December. Brother M. Rasmussen was elected president for the coming year. All members in No. 183 wish him and all the officers success in the coming year. We also thank the retiring officers for their work in the past.

Installation of officers will be held in January at which time plans are being made for the burning of the mortgage on the lodge building. A smoker was also held after the meeting in December.

Wishing all brothers a most happy and prosperous New Year.

Long Island Lodge No. 325

The members of our lodge here on Long Island have just wound up the old year with a gala "Torskegilde" at our club rooms. It was really an event that will not soon be forgotten. Our old standby, Martin Madsen, can almost always be depended upon to serve us with a real treat at least once a year, what with such good cooks to help him as Mrs. Madsen and our grand old lady, Mrs. Isak Isaksen. No doubt Jack Isaksen had a finger in the pie, too. The members stood up and gave a toast to the ladies for their fine work and good food. Tom Hansen, one of our comparatively new members, donated plenty of good Aalborg Akvavit for the occasion.

To show what really is in the hearts of our brothers just has to be mentioned, in view of the fact that it went over with such a spontaneous reaction. Sofus Christensen started the ball rolling by mentioning that it would be a real treat to the kiddies of Copenhagen Lodge No. 318, for us to send over to them in time for their annual Christmas tree party, a real big Christmas gift box of chocolates and fruits and many other delicacies that the kiddies have never had. Instantly we all chipped in for the occasion and the result was goods worth seventy-five dollars. Sofus arranged everything to buying and shipping. The box was received in Denmark in ample time and it did our hearts good to have our president, John Jorgensen, read to us the letter of thanks we received from No. 318. Such spirit among our members gives us incentive to do good, when the occasion arises.

At our "Torskegilde" we had a visit from a member of No. 318, namely Willie Hansen, who incidentally, will clear into our lodge as he is making his home here on Long Island. He was in Denmark when we sent many packages there of food articles during the war. He told us of many touching scenes among his friends bartering with one another for the scarce delicacies.

Berg Jensen, our ex-president, and also our delegate to the Seattle convention, made a real vacation trip of the affair with Mrs. Jensen. He left the first of September and practically circled the United States by motor. He gave a lengthy report of the activities at the convention and his trip, while we all listened with envious attention.

At our election of officers in December, we have at our helm again John Jorgensen as president and with his able direction we are looking forward to a successful 1948. All our other officers were re-elected.

Here's wishing all our brothers a happy and prosperous New Year.

Rosenborg Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.

The meeting of this lodge on December 17, was a good meeting and a most enjoyable evening, thanks to our Sister lodge, who had invited us to a little Christmas party after the serious part was over. Of course we had election of officers and a whole new slate was elected. We even elected a new secretary and treasurer.

After this serious piece of business was over, we retired to the Sister's hall where a table, beautifully decorated with red and white, also greens, was set up. Coffee and Danish pastry, also many very delicious sandwiches, were served. Presents were exchanged and Christmas carols were sung.

It was quite a party and will this year take the place of the Christmas tree party usually held, but so few Danes in Providence have children now that we did not even know those that were there. We all enjoyed this little party very much and thank the Sisters for putting it on.

At our January meeting, the 21st, the 3rd Wednesday, there will be a joint installation of officers in the two lodges. We will have visitors from Newark and New York to install the officers for us. They are the secretary from the G. C., Chris Madsen, and his wife Joan, who will install, and the vice president of the G. C., Paul Petersen, from New York, and his wife, who will assist. This ought to be a most interesting meeting and we invite you to come and be with us that evening. Put a ring around that date. There will be a supper at 6:30 o'clock before the meeting. Please come and take part in that too. The place is 48 Snow St., Providence, R. I.

Portland, Maine, No. 112

We have been informed from Portland that this lodge recently lost two of their very active members by drowning. We are not too sure of the circumstances, but understand that they were out on a fishing trip and their boat turned over in a storm. They were Brothers Waldemar Jensen, president of the lodge, and J. Hjort, finance secretary of the lodge. Brother Jensen will be remembered by many who attend the yearly G. C. meetings, his good humor

was always welcome at the entertainments. At the last we heard from Portland, his body had not yet been recovered, but the body of Brother Hjort and the boat has been found. We offer our sympathy to the wives of these two brothers, also to the lodge for their loss.

We have been invited to attend the meeting in Portland on January 10, to install the officers there. We have accepted the invitation and shall be delighted to perform this work in Portland. As we have attended the yearly meeting in Portland for the past 12 or 15 years, we know what goes on there and what kind of people you meet there, therefore we know we shall enjoy this too.

The writer of this column wishes through these few lines to thank all the members who send a word for this column and wishes all brothers the land over a most happy and prosperous 1948.

Fra Denver, Colorado

Brodersamfundets 22nd Konvention tilendebragt, og Delegaterne har muligvis alle rapporteret Udfaldet af Mødet til deres respektive Loger. Det Hænder tit og ofte, at mine Tanker fæster sig ved vort Brodersamfundets Formaal og Øjemed, dets Historie fra dets Begyndelse, og hvorfor dette forunderlige og ophøjede Brodersamfund var begyndt. Tak til disse danske Mænd, som var de første Banebrydere, og som lagde Grundvolden, som vi har bygget paa siden; og som vi vedblivende kan bygge paa langt ind i Fremtiden, naar bare den rette Aand og Indflydelse maa blive raadende, og det vil den, naar gode og trofaste Arbejdere staar paa Vagt.

Brødre, Tak til disse Mænd, som dannede den første Loge og fattede den store Tanke at samle det danske Folk i Amerika under et Broderskabs Banner, ikke til Strid eller blodig Gerning, men til Fredens Idræt, hvor vi kan samles i fælles Glæde og Stolt-hed under vor egen Fane, hvor de Pligter for vor Konstitution, som paa enkelte Undtagelser nær, danner og som vil for bestandig blive vor Grundlov. Enhver dansk Mand kan føle sig lykkelig over at være værdig til at være et Led i den Kæde, som omslutter alle i Samfundet. Jeg tror sikkert, at vore Stiftere har faaet denne Inspiration fra et eller andet herligt Byggeværk, og i denne Beundring lod deres Blikke glide hen over dets Skønne vinkelrette Linier. Maaske de ikke anede Storheden i det Arbejde, de paabegyndte og fuldførte. Det er noget, som vil bestaa, saalænge der arbejdes videre paa de evig unge Sandheder forenet i Frihed, Lighed og Broderskab (Tro, Haab og Kærlighed). Et gammelt Ord siger: uden Kamp ingen Sejr. Kamp har der staaet i og om vort Arbejde; men vi har overvunden de Hindringer, som blev lagt paa vor Vej af dem, der vilde forstyrre vor Sag.

Det har ret ofte baade undret og bedrøvet mig, at Brødrenes Deltagelse i Logernes Arbejde tildels har været og er mangelfuldt. Brødre gaa til eders Logemøder og vær med i Arbejdet, I vil finde noget nyt, noget opløftende og inspirerende baade for Sjæl og Tanker. Derfor vil jeg raabe ud højt og tydeligt til alle Brødre mist aldrig den dragende Magt, som i

den første Tid drog jer til Foreningen og dens Arbejde indenfor Møderne. Du trænger det ligesaa meget og maaske mere end nogensinde før. Den, som tror om sig selv, at være udlært og moden, men glemmer, at han trænger til Anerkendelse ogsaa fra Kyn-dige, er paa gale Veje. En Mester trænger stadig, ligesaa vel som en Videnskabsmand, til ikke alene at opfriske sin Viden og sine Færdigheder; han maa til enhver Tid søge at udvikle og udvide sine Kundskaber for at holde sig paa Højde. For det er saa sandt, som der sagt, at Stilstand er Tilbagegang. Derfor er det næppe muligt at forstaa de Brødre, som idet de smykker sig selv med det betydningsfulde Navn "Medlem af Dansk Brodersamfund," og som vel ogsaa Anerkender dette som noget stort, ædelt og skønt, alligevel unlader at gøre sin Pligt. Ethvert Samfund forlanger Deltagelse i det fælles Arbejde og ikke mindst vort. Mangen en Broder har rigelig Tid og dog unlader at deltag. Og jeg tænker ikke paa, at Forsømmelsen er utilgivelig. Brodersamfundets Formaal, dets Broderskabs Tanke, er noget saa stort og ædelt og ophøjet, at ingen Broder har Raad til at undvære en stille Aften med derefter lidt Forfriskning. Livet udenfor Logen med sit Jag, Kiv og Strid nødvendiggør for Brødre et fredet Sted, hvor Sind og Tanke i velgørende Ro kan ret udvikle sig i godt Selskab blandt virkelige Brødre. Broder, lad derfor igen Logen være dit gamle Fredens Bolig. Tænk paa alle de herlige Timer, du har tilbragt der. Kom til vore Møder saa vort Arbejde maa fortsættes uden Ophør.

Best wishes to all and congratulations to our new supreme officers. Wishing you continued good health and successful service to our wonderful Brotherhood.

EILER JENSEN,
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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Just after sending my California News to Askov, for the month of December, I received a very informative news letter from Brother Hans M. Andersen, secretary of the Selma lodge. Unfortunately it came too late, however, from the report it would seem that the good brothers and sisters in Selma are most active. During the month of October they had their annual "Høstfest" with a very large attendance. Some of the brothers showed films taken on trips to Denmark during the past summer. Another affair of note, was the celebrating of Brother Jim and Sister Minne Jensen's golden wedding with about 200 participants. Brother Jensen has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for 53 years and received his 50-year pin back in 1944. The two lodges participated with a decorated car in the Armistice day parade in Selma.

I am also in receipt of a very fine report sent out by California's youngest lodge, Valley No. 332, giving a resume of the first year of its existence. From the report we notice, that they initiated 26 members during the first year of which 21 are active members with a total insurance of \$18,625, and a monthly assessment of \$45.88. At the end of the first year, they had \$353.68 in the bank. Truly a very fine report which was issued by Brother Vernon Olsen the secretary. Lots of luck to you brothers during the years to come.

Also received is a very fine "Monthly" issued by the D. B. and D. S. Lodges in Santa Barbara, with considerable local news. The paper is under the editorship of Brother Edward Aasted, secretary of the D. B. Lodge.

During the Thanksgiving season, the writer and his good wife made a trip to southern California, visiting the Jim Andreasens in Bakersfield. It was also our pleasure to go along to Los Angeles and attend a meeting of the Alhambra Lodge No. 323. As you know, Brother Viggo Hansen, who was a member of the Supreme Board for 12 years, is a member of that lodge. During the meeting Brother Jim Andreasen, our new Supreme Trustee, presented to Brother Viggo Hansen on behalf of the Danish Brotherhood, a beautiful chair and ottoman. After the meeting the brothers went into the banquet room where the Alhambra ladies had prepared a very fine cold table. Brother C. F. Petersen, secretary for many years of the lodge and a friend of many years standing of Brother Hansen, acted as toastmaster. A number of speeches was given by friends of the retiring member of the Supreme Board, and inasmuch as Brother Hansen has been somewhat under the weather during the past few months it was but natural that his well-wishers desired his health to improve.

Among those present were Brother and Mrs. Paul Christiansen as well as Mrs. Christiansen, Sr., 80-year old mother of Paul. Early in November Paul flew to Denmark to help celebrate his mother's 80th birthday on November 8th, and in the early morning of November 10, Paul and his mother stepped out of the airplane in Los Angeles. Well done for a lady 80 years old who is in the best of health and only looks 65. She has only two children and they are

both in this country. Paul in Los Angeles and a daughter in Walla Walla, Wash., where the family will celebrate Christmas.

The following evening, Nov. 29, I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of Bakersfield Lodge No. 319, during which they had election of officers.

On December 10, we had election of officers in No. 49, and it seems that the members were most satisfied with the officers we had, in that most were re-elected for another term. After the election we were invited to see some films taken by Brother Walter Hansen, who is an expert in that field. The first film was one taken some 20 years ago of a picnic held by the lodge in Henrik Ibsen Park. It was interesting to see the changes that have taken place during these 20 years. Many of those present were seen in the film and—of course—they looked considerably younger on the film, or should I say they looked older at present. It was also interesting to see the change in the ladies' dresses and hair styles, which apparently was during the period of "Marcel's." Funny looking hats too but not quite as queer as those used by our good women today. We saw pictures of men who were the leaders in the lodge and colony at that time, who are no longer with us.

After the film of the picnic we were shown a beautiful color film from "Aldersly," our fine California Danish Home for elderly men and women, probably the finest of its type in this country. The film was splendid, showing us the happy environments in the home and its vicinity.

Some good brother, his name is still unknown, had decided to treat the Sisterhood and Brotherhood members after the show and we were invited to the banquet hall where a very fine supper was arranged for us. Honor guest of the evening was Brother Christian J. Clemens of Hayward, who received his 50-year pin during the meeting. Brother Clemens used to take active part in all our meetings, but since he moved away from San Francisco his visits have been at long intervals. Brother Clemens is now 84 and in good health and spirit. Another 50-year pin member was present, namely Brother James Miller who received his pin a couple of months ago.

During the month of December most lodges have their Christmas tree festivals. The Bakersfield lodge had theirs on the 19th, San Francisco the 20th, Selma the 26th and Santa Barbara on the 26th.

In the December Magazine was a list of the lodges which our president, Brother Sigurd Nielsen, would visit, if convenient for the lodges. There may be some change in the schedule but the individual lodges will be notified accordingly. It has now been arranged that he will install in Bakersfield on Jan. 11. Most of the other dates will stand as is. It has also been arranged that our Supreme Trustee Jim Andreasen will install officers in Arcata Lodge No. 230 on January 26, and at Ferndale Lodge No. 95 on January 27.

In closing I should like to make this suggestion, that we all send our new Supreme President Brother C. Bysted Christensen a card on his birthday January 16. It is no easy job he has and I think a card

would show him that you are behind him in his work for you. His address is on page two in this magazine. Give your name and lodge number. I think he will appreciate it.

In the December issue there is an article written by Brother Hans F. Hansen of Bellingham, Wash., and which with the editor's permission I should like to answer at some future time. Suffice to say, that I think his article is an illuminating condensation of all the misunderstanding there exists regarding what is known as "Distriktsinddeling." The United States was badly beaten at Pearl Harbor and according to Brother Hansen's way of reasoning we should have given up fighting instead of winning the war. The proposals regarding the arranging of the Brotherhood into districts were perhaps beaten at the Seattle convention, but that was only one battle and the final battle has yet to take place.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year and make this promise to attend at least 50 per cent of all the meetings held by your lodge during 1948.

A True Story from Denver

Christen Henriksen came to America in 1882. He came to Iowa (he was a brother of the writer). In the late eighties he joined the Danish Brotherhood in Clinton, Iowa, No. 11. In 1893 he and his wife and two small children came to Denver. He transferred to our lodge, 43 right away. He was in ice business for two years. Then he got on the police force in the city of Denver. He only served a few days and got sick and excused. The doctor pronounced it scarlet fever and he died in a few days.

I was making my home with them. His wife was a very sensible and economical woman. Kept boarders for a couple of years. Was getting along fine. She with her two children made a trip to Denmark to visit her parents and also her husbands parents who lived close by.

She stayed there for several months and during her stay she had the sorrow to see her beloved father pass away and also the parents of her beloved husband. All three passed away inside of two months. She then left Denmark with the intention of coming to Denver. She went around by the way of Minnesota, where I have another brother. There she met a man whom she knew in Iowa; they decided to get married. As she had left the insurance she got from the Danish Brotherhood in my care, (\$1,000.00) she wrote for it, as they were going to farm.

Now, what I mean to say is that \$1,000.00 started them on the way to be well to do. My wife, who was a delegate to the Sisterhood convention in 1904 at Marinette, Wisconsin, visited her and spent a month there, and at that time they had a nice farm well stocked and nice buildings. She told my wife that she could thank the Danish Brotherhood for that.

She visited us several years after and when I met her she asked me how the Brotherhood was getting along, I said all right. She then mentioned again how it had helped them to get started. Their children are also well to do on account of the good start. Without a doubt there are other examples like this.

That was surely the aim of our forefathers when they started the D. B. S. and we should keep up the tradition but oh how many are lagging in their duty to the lodge and fail to attend meetings and not that alone, some don't pay till they are notified; that is an expense to the lodge. It does not cost anymore to pay promptly than lagging about it.

Our worthy Brother, Charles Nielsen, said one night that paying our dues to the lodge is not enough, we should work for the lodge also. He is the only living charter member in our lodge. He certainly did his duty; had all the offices; has held the President's chair several times, and been on many committees and worked hard and brought many dollars into our treasury.

But people are different; now-a-days it is hard to get a committee and it is also hard to get officers. When I was young we considered it an honor to have an office and to serve on a committee. I was talking to a lifelong friend of mine we were talking about the people. He said, "folks er F- - - - gale mig ikke som de pleier at være;" and he was right.

Visti C. Hendricksen, Sec.



Happy New Year

DEATH CLAIMS PAID

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMT PAID
Oct. 27	N. C. G. W. Sorensen	80	Horsens	49	San Francisco, Cal.	1903	Not given	\$388.61
Nov. 7	Einar Askier	61	Copenhagen, Den.	50	Port Chester, N. Y.	1926	Heart disease	1000.00
Nov. 1	Jens Andersen	75	Ording, Mors, Den.	242	Erie, Pa.	1906	Heart disease	214.27
Oct. 18	Frants L. Nelsen	83	Landskrona, Sweden	267	Brigham, Utah	1907	Cardio renal syndrome	426.79
Nov. 22	Edward F. Rothge	63	Omaha, Nebr.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1914	Heart disease	1000.00
Nov. 11	Ole Vium	44	Frederiksberg, Den.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1926	Brain tumor	500.00
Nov. 16	Jens P. Hjorth	57	Ribe Amt	112	Portland, Me.	1910	Accidental drowning	500.00
Oct. 4	Peder J. Pedersen	70	Bakkeby, Mors	298	Chicago, Ill.	1918	Cerebral hemorrhage	250.00
Nov. 11	J. P. Christensen	87	Thorsland Sogn	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1903	Acute myocarditis	639.57
Nov. 22	Chas. C. Frederiksen	62	Copenhagen, Den.	18	Chicago, Ill.	1909	Broncho pneumonia	489.42
Oct. 31	Thomas C. Christensen	83	Vislund, Viborg	42	Spokane, Wash.	1905	Carcinoma of colon	195.17
Dec. 4	Hjalmar Bentzen	74	Copenhagen, Den.	49	San Francisco, Cal.	1906	Coronary occlusion	868.50
Oct. 21	L. F. A. Smith	67	Friis pr. Holsterbro	257	New York, N. Y.	1909	Coronary artery disease	1000.00
Dec. 10	John Enkeboll	80	Bogense	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1904	Coronary sclerosis	198.13
Nov. 9	Niel S. Nielsen	62	Skjoldstrup, Randers	43	Denver, Colo.	1903	Coronary artery disease	250.00
Oct. 3	Niels Chr. Nielson	85	Søndertrander	125	Weep'g Water, Neb.	1918	Unknown	Social

RESOLUTIONS

JENS PETER HJORTH, Portland, Me.

In memory of our brother, Jens Peter Hjorth, who passed away suddenly November 16, 1947, Lodge No. 112, Portland, Me., adopted the following resolution:

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.

Jorgen Sorensen, President P. T.
Bertel L. Luja, Secretary.

JOHN J. PETERSEN, McMinnville, Ore.

In memory of our departed brother, John J. Petersen, who passed away Sept. 20, 1947, this resolution was adopted by McMinnville Lodge No. 194, at our regular meeting Oct. 11, 1947:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother, and that we extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of McMinnville D. B. Lodge No. 194,
Peter Rasmussen, President.
Otto C. Larsen, Secretary.

P. F. RANK, Lincoln, Nebr.

In memory of our departed brother, P. F. Rank, who passed away Oct. 28, 1947, this resolution was adopted by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 84:

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

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.

Soren Chr. Sorensen, President.
Martin A. Sorensen, Secretary.

N. P. JOHNSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, N. P. Johnsen, who passed away on the 7th of December 1947, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting the 10th day of December 1947:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a good, true and loyal member of our lodge; that we extend to his wife and family our most sincere sympathy in their 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 and family, incorporated in our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29,
Wm. Petersen, President.
I. Jensen, Secretary.

HANS IVERSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Hans Iversen, who passed away while vacationing in Bakersfield, Calif., Dec. 11, 1947, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of a good brother and that we hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of Seattle Lodge No. 29,
Wm. Petersen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

MADS HAUGAARD MADSEN, Clinton, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Mads Haugaard Madsen, who passed away Nov. 30, 1947, this resolution was adopted by D. B. S. Lodge No. 11:

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 D. B. Magazine, entered in the minutes of the lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

Julius M. Petersen, President.
Christen H. Gertsen, Secretary.

JENS ANDERSEN, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Andersen, who passed away Nov. 1, 1947, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 242:

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 D. B. Magazine, entered in the minutes of the lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

Harry A. Madsen, President.
Henry Jensen, Secretary.

CHRIST HANSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Christ Hansen, who died on the 23rd day of November, 1947, this resolution was adopted by Kronborg Lodge No. 298 on their regular meeting Dec. 9:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a good 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. Wester, President.
James Petersen, Secretary.

OLE NIELSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Ole Nielsen, who passed away on the 10th day of December 1947, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting same day's evening:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a good true and loyal member of our lodge; that we extend to his family our most sincere sympathy in the hours of sorrow.

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

Wm. Petersen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

Efterlysning

Dette angaaende en Broder, der for en Del Aar siden rejste til U. S. A., og som vi ikke har hørt fra siden 1937 trods flere Breve herfra. Jeg talte i Sommer med en Dansk-Amerikaner, han mente, at vi skulde prøve at skrive til Det Danske Brodersamfunds Blad desangaaende, da vi gerne vilde vide, om han endnu er i Live. Min Broders sidste Adresse var i 1937: Ejnar Kristensen, 1168 Dolores Street, San Francisco, California. Han var gift, og saavidt vi forstod, var han med i et Mælkekompagni i San Francisco og kørte en Vogn der. Vil De gennem Deres Blad eller paa anden Maade prøve at komme i Forbindelse med ham.

Paa Forhaand Tak.

Med Agtelse,

Laurits Kristensen,

Asp Brugs-forening, Pr. Skive, Danmark.

Changes

New Secretary:

No. 45—Oliver Faaborg, 5543 Blaisdell Avenue, Minneapolis 9, Minn.

No. 257—George Hansen, 225 E. 73rd Street, New York 21, New York.

Treasurer—Change of Address:

No. 189—John Mortensen, Rt. 1, Box 142, Shell Lake, Wis.

New Treasurer:

No. 26—Rasmus Pedersen, 1604 North Union, Fremont, Nebr.

Ramblings

By Jul. Andersen

One of my uncles served Denmark in the war with Germany in 1864. He was very proud of that service. A medal given him was framed and hung on the wall and a long sword hung under the frame. As a child, when we visited this uncle's home, this sword, medal and his certificate of meritorious service during the war had a great attraction to my childish fancy. When permission was given me, I would fondly handle the sword and thoughts floated through my mind that some day it would be my good fortune to swing a like weapon against some other fellow being's head.

Later in life, in America, when I actually had the experience of warfare in America, although never swinging a sword or stabbing it into the body of any opposing human being, I began to wonder why the lust to kill in warfare and destroy life created by the Maker of all mankind, as well as causing untold sorrow and suffering, is considered an act of heroism and an honor to civilization.

Is it because a few individuals may receive certain honors, medals or reknown for heroism? Is it an inborn trait in humanity to kill people who have other religions or political ideas than we have? Do we allow our minds to be so filled with hate for other people that we are willing to sacrifice our own lives, our own welfare and happiness in order to destroy them and all of their belongings? The answer must be "No." That is not the real reason. It is solely because a few of the leaders of the various nations have the desire for more gold, more power and more wealth, and the rest of us agree with them that they must have all of these so the few can control and benefit from the world's wealth, with the rest of the human race paying the cost in labor, money and slavery to these few for generations to come.

On November 11, 1921, the unknown soldier was buried in Arlington Cemetery with great pomp and ceremony. No one knows who this unknown soldier was, but yearly hundreds of mothers who lost their sons in World War I gather at the scene and place flowers on the tomb, each hoping that the body resting there is that of her own son. They are proud to imagine that the boy they lost in the war was, but yearly hundreds of mothers who lost their sons in World War I gather at the scene and place flowers on the tomb, each hoping that the body resting their is that of her own son. They are proud to imagine that the boy they lost in the war was the recipient of the highest honors American can bestow upon any of its fallen sons. The Congressional Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross were pinned on his coffin before interment and the mothers imagine, "This is my son who earned it all."

Yet no one knows if that unknown soldier actually was a hero or died a coward. This is immaterial anyway, as it is all just a symbol to glorify and inspire future youths to be willing to sacrifice their lives in future wars, imagining that perhaps they also may receive honor in death or perhaps a medal for killing so many of the opposing enemy.

The minds of our youths are filled with the glory of war and strife. Every act of honoring the dead fallen in battle is simply a tribute to other wars and a medium for creating a desire in humanity to kill. Over fifty million men, women and children gave their lives in the last conflict. Millions lost they possessed in the world and will henceforth live as beggars and suffer starvation and misery. Millions of what were happy homes and loving families were utterly destroyed and wrecked. Food so necessary for human life was destroyed and completely eliminated from growth and production in order to manufacture war machines and materials for murder and destruction. Debts and the high price of necessities have piled up so high on the people that they will never be able to acquire their needs. Taxes and the cost of this useless warfare mount until the nations of the world are unable to pay them. Again comes the question—"Why?" Certainly not for all of us to live in a better world, but to satisfy a few desiring power and influence.

What can we as an organization and peace-loving members do about it? We can do much by inculcating peace and good will among our own families, neighbors and friends. The gospel of Christianity was spread over the world by twelve Disciples and we can do much if we act rather than acquiesce in continuing the raising of future sons and daughters to glorify filthy, brutal and destructive wars.

The members of D.B.S. No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska, had the pleasure at a lodge meeting to listen to a clear resume by two of its members who had returned from the Brotherhood's excursion to Denmark. Both gave a good description of their impressions of conditions in Denmark as of the present time.

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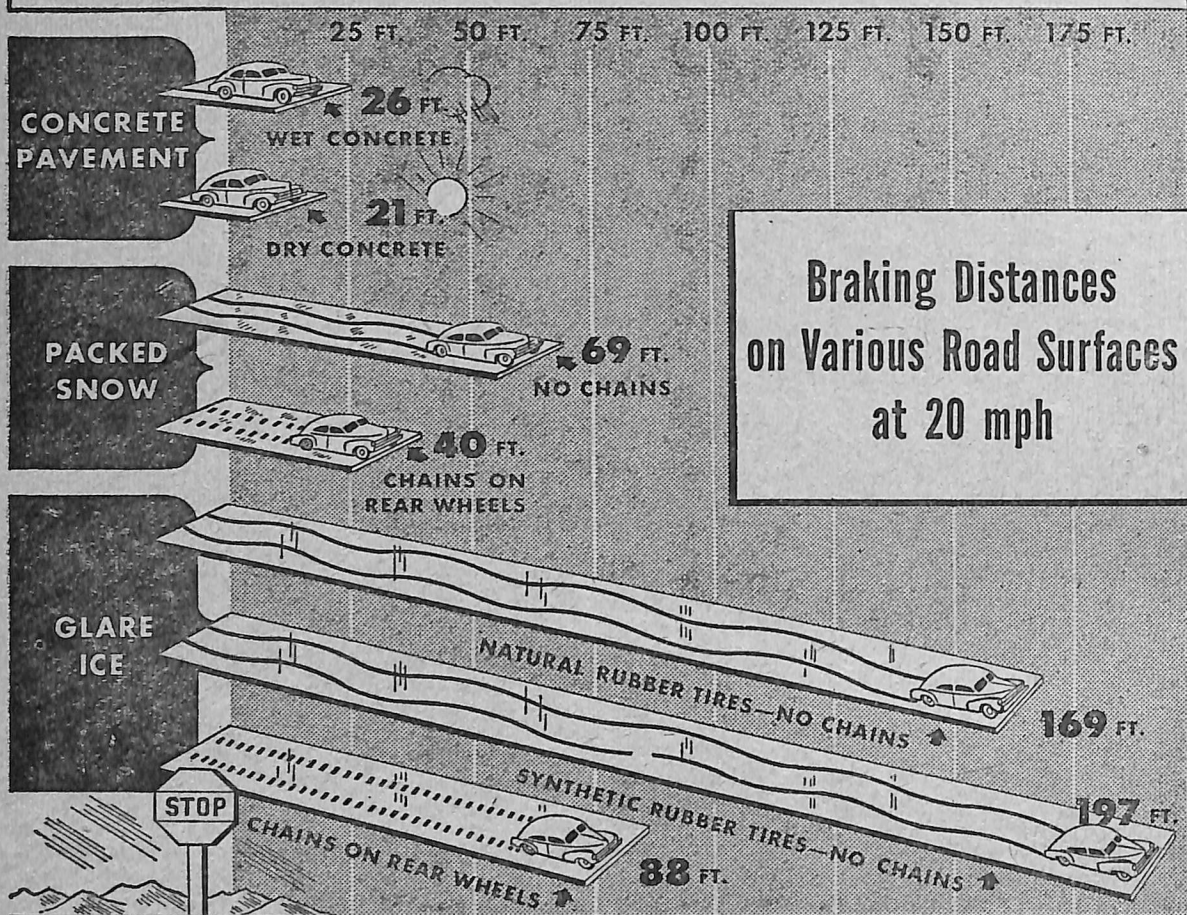
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The Boiling Pot

By
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The Danish Brotherhood lodge, Thor No. 46, Perth Amboy, N. J., gave a farewell party recently in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirk who after an extended visit there were leaving for their home in California. The party was well attended and much appreciated by the Kirks.

At a recent meeting of D. B. Lodge No. 107, Chicago, Ill., the following were elected to the board of directors for the ensuing year: Einar Sorensen, president; Holger Petersen, treasurer; H. P. Rasmussen, secretary; Niels Ericksen, conductor; Ernest Ericksen, guard; Victor Hoffman, guard; Thorvald Hansen, Niels Christensen and Weiss Hansen were re-elected as substitutes.

Santa Barbara, Calif., still attracts a number of visitors from the states and from overseas. At a recent D. B. and D. S. S. meeting the members had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Paulsen from Askov, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hyldahl from Vallejo, Calif.; Mrs. Erik Helleskov from Copenhagen; Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Moller from Svenborg; Mrs. Nanna Meilgaard from Silkeborg, and Ole Pedersen from Nr. Snede, Denmark.

The following communication comes from Portland, Ore.: "The Boiling Pot is always very interesting, but we get very little news from Portland, and there is plenty going on among the Danes here.

"On November 29, Mr. and Mrs. P. Pihl invited some sixty friends to help them celebrate their silver wedding in the Rose Room at the Hotel Benson. It was a gala affair. After the cocktail hour the guests sat down to a delicious duck dinner with champagne, benedictine, Aalborg Akvavit and extras. John Petersen from Seattle, Wash., was toastmaster and did it well. Several songs of Edith Oldrup, opera singer of the Royal Opera, Copenhagen, were enjoyed very much. After dinner, songs and dance until a late hour and all had a wonderful time."

D. B. Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr., met Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, to discuss changes in its by-laws and to elect a board of directors for the ensuing year. After a lively discussion it was decided to keep all the benevolent paragraphs as they for many years have been a great help to many of its members. The following were elected to serve on the board during 1948: Axel Olsen, past president; Gunner Engskov, president; David F. Nielsen, vice president; Earl I. Hansen, secretary; Jens C. Hauboe, treasurer; Carl Larsen, Verner Nielsen and Valdemar Olofsen, trustees; Henry Larsen, conductor; Chris Sanderstrup, inner guard; Emil Kellmann, outer guard and Carl Larsen, sick benefit president.

Christian Rasmus Hansen, 2040 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, Ill., passed away November 30, at the age of 70 after a lingering illness. He was a member of D. B. Lodge No. 298. His funeral was conducted from the Chris Nielsen's chapel and was attended

by a large number of his lodge brothers. His wife, Sophia, and three sisters in Denmark survive him.

D. B. Lodge Cimbria No. 257 of New York is arranging a codfish dinner for its members on the 7th of January, 1948. This is one of the many social events that Cimbria puts on during the year and as a rule they are well attended. Cimbria's former secretary, Einar Bøggild, has returned from his pleasure trip to Denmark. He states that Christian Mayland is planning to return to the U. S. A. again.

The Danish film, "Jeg gik mig ud en Sommerdag," which was shown Sunday afternoon, November 23, in the D. B. hall in Racine, Wis., drew nearly a full house. It is an art film well worth seeing, so remember if it is shown in your vicinity, go and see it.

Chris Hansen, secretary of D. B. Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn., left the latter part of November for a two months visit at Oakland, Calif., where his daughter, Miss Margrete, is already visiting with her sister.

At the last meeting in November of Lodge No. 227 of Detroit, Mich., two new names were added to its membership list, namely: Kaj Westergaard and McGraw. Kaj Westergaard arrived from Denmark only a few months ago.

After the business meeting of D. B. Lodge No. 323 of Alhambra, Calif., on November 28, a festive gathering of members and visitors was held in honor of Viggo C. Hansen, 1120 South Palm Street, San Gabriel in observance of his 12 years long and true service as a member of the Danish Brotherhood's supreme board and for his interest in D. B.'s affairs during more than a generation. The supreme board was represented by Supreme Trustee Jim Andreasen and his wife from Bakersfield, and the general committee of California had as its representative Rudolf Olsen and his wife from San Francisco. Fannie Bjørnson was delegated from Pasadena and Los Angeles lodges of the D. S. S. and the D. B. had delegated Mr. and Mrs. Paul Christensen. C. F. Petersen was acting toastmaster. He called on the visitors as well as on members of the local lodge for short talks. All responded and joined in their praise of the honor guest and thanked him for his unselfish work in building a bigger and a better Brotherhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jensen, Selma, Calif., observed their golden wedding recently with a party in the Danish Brotherhood hall in Parlier. A delicious supper consisting of several courses was served in the hall beautifully decorated for the occasion. The tables were set with yellow lights and yellow flowers and on the head table stood a mighty wedding cake surrounded by gold and green leaves. M. A. Bertelsen, president of the D. B. lodge, was master of ceremonies. Several speeches honoring the golden bride and groom were given. Mrs. Silas Nielsen honored

the couple in song. Mr. Bertelsen presented them with gifts left in his care by their many friends after which the honored couple led in the grand march and then all the others joined in dancing.

The engagement of Minnie Scarsten of San Diego, Calif., and Carl Hansen, 4203 Brighton Avenue, Los Angeles, has been declared. This should be good news for the Brother and Sisterhood as both are prominent members of these societies. Minnie Scarsten is a daughter of the esteemed couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mathiesen of San Diego, and she served as president until lately of the D. S. S. General Committee of California and is well known and highly valued for her accomplishments for her services throughout the state of California. Carl Hansen has been president of D. B. Lodge No. 126 of Los Angeles. Both of them come from well known Brother and Sisterhood families. Carl Hansen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hansen, were for many years members of the Council Bluffs lodges and are now members of the Los Angeles lodges.

About 30 members of D. B. Lodge No. 263, Askov, Minn., motored to Duluth the evening of December 3, being invited by the D. B. Lodge No. 65. The evening was spent in speechmaking, music and social entertainment.

Chas. Frederiksen, 4851 Fletcher Street, Chicago, Ill., died the latter part of November at the age of 62. He was highly valued as president of Lodge No. 18 of the D. B. A large contingent of its members followed his remains from Christ Nielsen's funeral chapel to his last resting place. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, and two daughters, Mrs. Doris Pultz and Mrs. Elaine Thomsen.

Proper Packing of Gift Parcels for Abroad

For a long time Americans have been lining up in the post offices in villages and towns and large cities to mail gift parcels to their friends and relatives abroad. Thus most of them know how to pack parcels so that the contents arrive undamaged. But the Postmaster of New York City recently indicated that this is not true of all senders. He announced that a great many parcels for foreign countries which contain liquid, or substances that can easily become liquid, are reaching postoffices abroad in bad condition because of improper packing.

He reports instances where senders included syrup or honey in tin cans whose tops are pressed in (under normal conditions the tops of such cans open only when pried out with a blunt knife), but fail to solder such tops on, as required by international packing regulations. They also fail to place the can of syrup or honey in a second receptacle packed with enough sawdust, bran or other absorbent material to absorb all of the liquid, should the contents spill. This also is required by international packing regulations. Foreign postal authorities have reported the receipt of parcels from the United States which, on being opened, disclosed a mixture of syrup or honey, sugar, butter, buttons, pins, flour, cocoa, shoes, clothing, etc., none of which was fit for use.

Information about the proper packing of parcels containing liquids or substances that easily turn to liquid may be obtained at any local post office.

In general, the Postmaster requests the public, when mailing parcels to foreign countries, to keep in mind the nature of the contents, the climatic conditions (whether the weather is hot or cold), the length of the journey, and the numerous handlings and risk of rough treatment to which parcels for foreign destination are unavoidably subjected en route.

Packages should be packed in canvas or similar material, double-faced corrugated cardboard boxes, solid fiber boxes or cases, thick cardboard boxes, or strong wooden boxes made of wood at least a half inch thick. Ordinary pasteboard boxes are wholly inadequate. While it is permissible to use heavy wrapping paper or waterproof paper as the outside covering, for example, of a carton, such paper may not be used as the only covering of the contents. Boxes whose lids are screwed or nailed on and bags closed by sewing may be used if they fulfill the other conditions prescribed by international packing regulations.

Further reminders: The name and the address of the sender and of the addressee must be legibly written on the parcel itself and should also be written on a separate slip inclosed in the parcel. Customs declarations, accurately listing the contents of the parcel, must be filled out completely. Postage at the proper rate must be paid on all parcels to be sent abroad.

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