

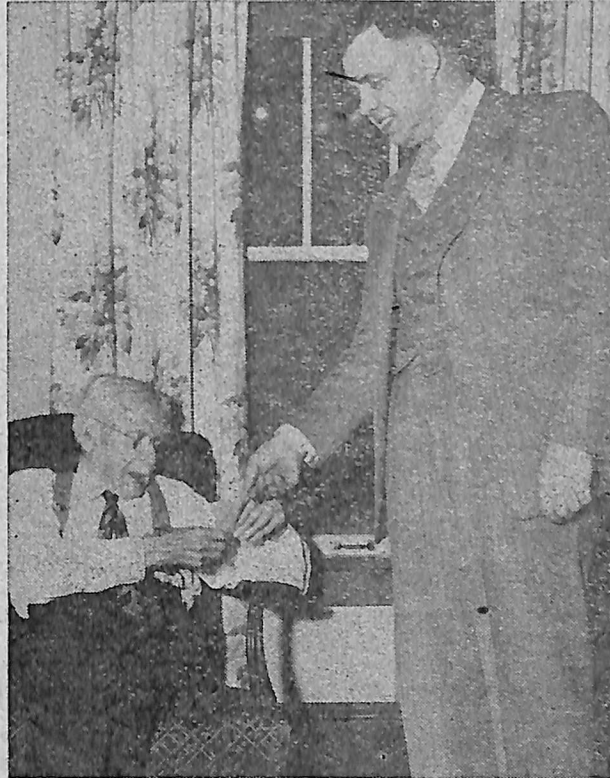
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Brother Nelson Gets His Check



Tuesday evening, April 13, several members of Lodge No. 9 gathered at the home of Brother Peter Nelson, Oshkosh, Wis., and surprised him on his 96th birthday. He is one of the few who were able to reach that age and receive his check, although still living. He was happy to have us call on him and appeared to be in good health.

He was presented with his Brotherhood check of

\$1,000 by President Frank Hansen. We then played a few games of cards and Brother Nelson, after the game was over, seemed to be quite a bit ahead, proving that although he is 96 he can still play a good game. A lovely lunch was then served after which we disbanded to our homes and all present had a lovely evening.

J. FRED PETERSEN.

Silver Wedding Celebration

There was open house all day Saturday, May 1, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Petersen on 44th Ave So., Minneapolis, who on that day celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and received congratulations from a host of good friends who called during the day. A group of ladies arrived in the forenoon and practically took charge of the home, serving a luncheon and refreshments all day and till a late evening hour. At the luncheon H. M. Hansen presided and speeches were made by several friends while Mr. Gustav Andersen entertained with a humorous song and the ensemble sang two songs that had arrived

from Denmark. Flowers abounded in the rooms and bountiful silver gifts were in evidence, for which, Mr. and Mrs. Petersen, deeply moved, thanked their many friends. Both the silver bride and groom have through the years been active in Danish local societies and Mrs. Petersen has during and since the war been instrumental in forwarding great amounts of clothes and other gifts to distribution centers in Denmark. In appreciation of her efforts Mrs. Petersen was presented with the medal of liberation by King Christian shortly before his demise.

—Midwest Scandinavian.

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June, 1948

Minutes Of The Supreme Board Meeting

APRIL 5 TO 8, 1948
Monday, April 5

The semi-annual meeting of the supreme officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America was held in the home office at 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebr., beginning Monday, April 5, 1948. All members of the supreme board were present as follows: C. B. Christensen, president; Svend Petersen, first vice president; N. C. Nielsen, second vice-president; Axel Skelbeck, secretary-treasurer; J. P. Andreasen, chairman of trustees; Hilmar W. Hansen, trustee; and Otto Nielsen, trustee.

The president presided and called the meeting to order at 9 a. m.

A great number of applications for aid from the relief fund, for the payment of the monthly assessment, per capita tax, and relief fund tax, were given reconsideration by the board and final decision passed.

Axel Skelbeck recommended, in view of the large amount of money available for reinvestment at this time, that the meeting of the Finance Committee be held as a regular session of the full board. The members of the Board unanimously concurred in the suggestion; and, upon motion by Axel Skelbeck, duly made and seconded, it was decided to set the time for the meeting of the finance committee to begin on Tuesday morning at 9 a. m.

A communication was at hand from Lodge No. 9, Oshkosh, Wis., informing the board that the lodge was planning a party to celebrate Brother Peter Nelson's 96th birthday on Tuesday, April 13. Peter Nelson is a member of Lodge No. 9. Satisfactory proof, substantiating Brother Nelson's birth as of April 13, 1852, was submitted to the board.

Upon motion by Axel Skelbeck, seconded, it was decided to pay to Brother Nelson the insurance due under his benefit certificate.

Svend Petersen moved that N. C. Nielsen go to

Oshkosh for Peter Nelson's 96th birthday, if it is at all possible for him to do so, to present our honored member with his insurance check.

Then the secretary-treasurer reported in detail on the annual report for 1947 as submitted to the various states' insurance departments—a summary of which was published in the April 1 issue of our monthly magazine. The valuation report was given much attention due to the fact that the solvency ratio for the past few years was calculated on the American Experience Table of Mortality and 3½ per cent interest assumption, and the net interest earned on all invested assets for several years has been below 3 per cent. For 1947 the interest earned on invested assets was 2.93 per cent. The secretary-treasurer further submitted a report from the actuary with a test valuation, made on the basis of a 3 per cent interest assumption, and recommended that this basis be used for the 1948 valuation on all outstanding certificates.

Svend Petersen moved that the secretary-treasurer's report and recommendation be accepted and that the 1948 and future valuations of outstanding certificates be made on a 3 per cent interest assumption, duly seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to the call for bids on the printing and publishing of our monthly magazine, the secretary reported only one bid received as follows:

American Publishing Company, Askov, Minn., at the rate of \$320 per month for a period of four years beginning with the May issue.

Hilmar W. Hansen duly made the motion, seconded, that the American Publishing Company be awarded the contract for the four-year period. Carried.

An invitation to attend a meeting in Lodge No. 1 on Tuesday evening was read and accepted.

The value of a folder, giving brief information about the Brotherhood, was discussed.

Hilmar W. Hansen, being of the opinion that such a folder would be helpful in obtaining applications for membership, duly made the motion, seconded, that such folder be published.

The president appointed Svend Petersen as a committee to make such folder ready for publication.

By-laws were submitted by Lodge No. 4, Racine; 49, San Francisco; 184, Hayward, Calif.; 194, Omaha; 263, Askov, Minn.; and 319, Bakersfield, Calif., for the board's approval and were given attention at this time. In some instances, adjustments were necessary before the laws could be approved. The secretary was instructed to so notify the lodges whose By-laws were in question.

J. P. Andreasen duly made the motion, seconded and carried, that it be decided to check the bonds in the safe deposit vaults and clip the coupons on Wednesday.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p. m.

Tuesday, April 6

All members of the board were present. Frank J. Bender and Frank V. Lawson, counselors to the finance committee, were also present.

C. B. Christensen, chairman of the finance committee, reported that the finance committee had previously decided to sell our holdings of United States Treasury long-term, 2½ per cent bonds due 1972-76. The committee felt that the time had come when these bonds could be sold and the proceeds reinvested to a greater advantage for our Brotherhood in respect to interest income. The funds on hand for investment are approximately \$780,000, he said.

After much preliminary research and during a day-long meeting, investments were decided upon as follows:

United States Municipal Bonds

25,000 Chicago Transit Authority, 3¾%.
75,000 Mystic River Bridge Authority (Boston) 2⅞%.
75,000 Washington Toll Bridge Authority, 3¾%.
75,000 City of Chester, Illinois, 4%.

Canadian Municipal Bonds

75,000 City of Montreal, 3%.
30,000 Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%.
50,000 Province of New Brunswick, 4½%.
75,000 City of Edmonton, 3½%.

Public Utility Bonds

50,000 Puget Sound Power and Light, 4¼%.
75,000 Central Power and Light, 3⅞%.
75,000 Hawaiian Electric, 3%.
75,000 Ohio Power Company, 3%.
75,000 Central Illinois Electric and Gas, 3%.

It was anticipated that the issues agreed upon would, possibly, not be available in the exact amount stated; hence, substitutions were named.

J. P. Andreasen moved that, in the event issues selected are not available in the amounts stated, the finance committee shall have authority to increase the amount agreed upon, or to accept a block of a smaller amount than that agreed upon, or to substitute for other issues of a like security.

Wednesday, April 7

All members of the board answered roll call.

The major part of the day was spent in the safe deposit vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha checking the bonds in which the funds of the Brotherhood are invested, detaching the interest coupons, counting and segregating the coupons by month of their due date.

Subsequently, the trustees reported to the full board as follows: "We have checked and individually counted the bonds and find the total amount in the safety deposit vaults in agreement with the total amount of bonds on hand as per the books of the secretary-treasurer. J. P. Andreasen, chairman; Hilmar W. Hansen and Otto Nielsen."

Following the meeting in the safe deposit vaults, a group picture of the members of the board was taken at the Skoglund Studio.

Thursday, April 8

All board members were present.

An anonymous communication, mailed in New York City, addressed to Danish Information Bureau, New York, N. Y., and forwarded to Ex-President John Hansen, was, by Mr. Hansen, referred to the board.

The writer asks whether this is not a good time for Danes in the U. S. A. to show their good will by sending a Friendship Train to Denmark laden with the things that they need at home, for distribution to hospitals, orphanages, and to all old people past 65 years of age who are on pension.

By general agreement, the communication was tabled.

In his letter, enclosing the anonymous message referred to above, Brother John Hansen writes that last fall he received a letter from an old people's home in his home city in Denmark in which they asked him to be kind enough to send enough rice so that the inhabitants of the home could get the traditional Christmas Risengrød. The wish of the old people was fulfilled as a gift from Brother Hansen. He

expressed the thought that this old people's home is no differently situated than other old people's homes and wonders whether the Brotherhood would and could undertake shipping and distributing, for next Christmas, rice to all the old people's homes in Denmark, although it will be a big job to do so.

Much time was spent discussing this worthwhile idea, however resulting in a motion, duly made by Hilmar W. Hansen, seconded and carried, that due to the magnitude of the work involved to handle a job of this nature, we could, regrettably, not take it upon ourselves to do so.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 227, Detroit, wherein an application was made for refund of assessments paid for members that should have been previously suspended. The matter was discussed and the correspondence with the lodge reviewed.

N. C. Nielsen moved that the secretary be instructed to write the lodge that the board cannot grant the request. The regulations forbid refund of assessments paid for members who should have been suspended before, duly seconded, the motion carried.

From Lodge No. 227, an application for aid from the relief fund for one of their aged, sick members was received. The lodge recommended the amount of \$250; and, pursuant to the provision of the laws, submitted a check for \$50.

Reviewing the case, J. P. Andreasen moved that the application be allowed in the amount the lodge applied for, duly seconded, the motion carried.

A request for the general mailing list of the Brotherhood was referred to the board. Hilmar W. Hansen moved that we express our regrets to the firm requesting the mailing list and advise that the complete mailing list of the Brotherhood, under our rules, is not available to any firm or individual, seconded, the motion carried.

An article submitted to the editor of the monthly magazine, covering the subject of qualifications of physicians who can make examinations for life insurance, as prescribed in our laws, was referred to the board.

In view of the fact that our laws must be followed explicitly in the acceptance of examinations for life insurance, it was moved by J. P. Andreasen, duly seconded, that the article not be published. Carried.

A communication, referred to as Bulletin No. 78, from the California Department of Insurance was read. The bulletin contained instructions for filing, in addition to the comprehensive annual report, cumulative quarterly reports of operations for the three months ending March 31, six months ending June 30, and nine months ending September 30, showing the financial condition as of the end of the period covered by the reports.

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in Article XII of the By-laws, Juvenile Department, with particular reference to Section 167 and Section 168, the secretary submitted supplemental rules and regulations as below:

Rules and Regulations Juvenile Department

Ref. Sec. 167—Application:

Applications for juvenile benefit certificates may be made by any of the following adult persons: A child's relative by blood to the fourth degree, its stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, or a person upon whom the child is dependent.

Applications for juvenile insurance shall be presented to local lodges on blanks furnished by the

supreme secretary. The local lodge secretary shall immediately forward the application to the supreme secretary.

No vote shall be taken on a juvenile application in the local lodge.

On becoming a member of the adult lodge, at the age of 16, he shall be formally initiated under a ritual specially adapted for such members, taking the obligation and receiving proper instruction.

Ref. Sec. 168—Certificate:

Juvenile benefit certificates may be issued in ultimate amounts of \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500, upon forms of application furnished by the supreme secretary, and upon satisfactory evidence of insurability.

If the child is of good health, the supreme secretary shall prepare a benefit certificate which, besides other information, shall contain the name or names of persons to whom the amount of insurance is to be paid.

If in special cases a medical examination is required, the applicant for the insurance upon the life of the child shall, in company with a member appointed by the local lodge as a committee, take the child to the local medical examiner for examination. The medical examiner shall make his report on blanks furnished by the supreme secretary and mail them to him.

The first monthly payment is payable for the current month in which the benefit certificate is dated and becomes valid and in force. Further payments are payable in advance to the treasurer of the local lodge and become due on the first day of each month thereafter.

No juvenile benefit certificate shall be in effect until after the same has been delivered and the first monthly assessment paid.

The benefit certificate issued to juvenile members shall be a combined Term to Age 16 and Twenty Payment Life certificate—with graded death benefits to age 10—automatically converting on its anniversary nearest the sixteenth birthday of the member to a Twenty Payment Life certificate.

Beneficiaries under such certificates shall be limited to such persons as are qualified to make application for the insurance.

The monthly rate to be paid for an ultimate amount of \$1,000 insurance shall be 75 cents for all ages while in force as a term certificate. When converted to a Twenty Payment Life certificate the rate to be paid shall be the rate in effect for \$1,000 Twenty Payment Insurance at the attained age of 16. If the ultimate amount of insurance is more or less than \$1,000, the assessment rate shall be in proportion thereto.

The applicant, until the anniversary date of the certificate nearest the sixteenth birthday of the member, and thereafter the member, shall have the right at any time to change the beneficiary or beneficiaries in accordance with these regulations and the by-laws of the society.

Should a change of beneficiary designation be desired, it may be done by filing with the lodge secretary for transmission to the supreme secretary a written request by the applicant, or the member when he has received control of the certificate, on forms furnished by the society, properly witnessed, giving the name or names of such new beneficiary or beneficiaries. The supreme secretary shall endorse the

name or names of the new beneficiary or beneficiaries upon the certificate of the member. He shall keep a record of such changes in his office. In case of the death of such member after the execution and delivery of the request for change to the lodge secretary and before the change is executed by the supreme secretary then and in that event the amount payable upon such certificate shall be paid to such newly designated beneficiary or beneficiaries according to the terms of such written request.

No change of beneficiary shall be allowed or be binding on this society, or any beneficiary, which is not requested in writing as herein provided more than twenty-four (24) hours before the death of the member.

If an assessment is not paid when due, a grace period of one month (but not less than thirty days) shall be granted, during which grace period the certificate shall continue in full force.

While in force as a Term to Age 16 certificate, unless otherwise provided for, the certificate shall be null and void after expiration of the grace period. The certificate may be reinstated within ninety days following the expiration of the grace period, upon payment of all overdue assessments, without interest.

After its conversion to a Twenty Payment Life certificate, reinstatement shall be permitted within three years after date of default in payments under the terms and conditions of the certificate and rules prescribed by the supreme officers.

Every transaction relating to a juvenile benefit certificate shall be between the society and the applicant until the anniversary nearest the sixteenth birthday of the member, and thereafter between the society and the member.

J. P. Andreasen moved that these rules and regulations be approved, duly seconded, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was, upon motion duly made and seconded, adjourned until the third Monday in September, being September 20, 1948.

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary.

JUNE
ASSESSMENT
No. 588
IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE LODGE
TREASURER

June 1, 1948
AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE
July 1, 1948

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT

APRIL 30, 1948

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1	\$780,720.55
Assessments	10,891.03
Interest on bonds	3,368.75
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	\$794,980.33
Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$ 16,171.79
Cash surrender	137.25
551-M bonds purchased	551,000.00
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	4,041.27
Premium on bonds purchased	3,905.00
Collection expense, bond interest coupons..	2.45
Balance April 30, 1948	219,722.57
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	\$794,980.33

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1	\$ 2,348.82
Received in April	829.45
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	\$ 3,178.27
Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 62.30
Rent and lights	149.59
Printing and mailing official publication ..	263.84
Lodge supplies purchased	253.01
Traveling expenses	996.99
Employer's taxes paid, S. S. and unemploy- ment	22.32
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	163.03
Office insurance premium	20.50
Miscellaneous expense	174.59
Salaries to officers and employes	850.00
Collection expense of checks on non-par banks	1.35
Balance on April 30, 1948	220.75
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	\$ 3,178.27

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1	\$ 890.42
Assessments	9,459.00
Relief payments returned	15.28
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	\$ 10,364.70
Disbursements:	
Relief payments	\$ 2,431.56
Special relief allowance	200.00
Balance on hand April 30, 1948	7,733.14
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	\$ 10,364.70

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$3,490,125.00
Relief fund investments	165,000.00
General fund investments	15,000.00
Cash in bank	\$227,785.76
Less: Employes federal taxes	109.30
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	227,676.46
Total assets	<hr/>
	\$3,897,801.46

Laramie, Wyoming, Top O' The World

Lodge No. 38 Was Fifty-eight Years Old Mar. 1, 1948

On March 8, we celebrated this event. About 50 brothers, sisters and friends participated in it. A delicious dinner was served at the "NITE OWL."

Preceding the dinner, we sang "America" and then "Der er et Yndigt Land." After the dinner "Sunny Jim" Christensen took over as toastmaster. He first introduced Arnold M. Miller, president of Blicher's Lodge No. 38, whose address of welcome made everybody feel at home. Next, Mrs. Einor Johansen, president of the Danish Sisterhood, made a short but interesting talk. Following her was Mrs. Lona Holt, past supreme trustee of the Danish Sisterhood, and last, but not least, was Nels Christensen of Cheyenne, who is immediate past president of the Colorado and Wyoming District.

Telegrams and letters were received from some of the brothers and sisters extending their congratulations on the event and expressing their regrets in not being able to be with us on the occasion.

A telegram was received from Mrs. Jennie Thurlkelsen of California, a charter member of the Sisterhood. Also, a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Nels Smith, former governor of Wyoming, together with several other telegrams and letters.

A committee of the Sisterhood took active part in the arrangements of the affair. They provided a door prize, which was won by Mrs. Nels Christensen of Cheyenne. There were prizes for the best and the worst card players. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers contributed by Rudolph Peterson of the Laramie Floral Shop.

About midnight most of us started for home, and all agreed it was a very successful and enjoyable evening; and we are all looking forward to a similar party on our 59th anniversary in 1949.

Regarding Governor as Member of the Brotherhood

I was very much interested in the April issue of the Brotherhood magazine, and noted that Governor Peterson of Nebraska had become a member of the Brotherhood. I congratulate both you and him on the occasion.

We of Wyoming are justly proud of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Nels Smith some years ago, while Nels was serving as governor of Wyoming, became members of the lodge. Nels became a member of the Brotherhood in Cheyenne and Mrs. Smith joined the Sisterhood in Laramie. They are still members of the two lodges. In that event, we in Wyoming feel that we are one up on Nebraska.

Fraternally your, Blicher's Lodge No. 38,

JAS. M. "SUNNY JIM" CHRISTENSEN.

Nedennævnte danske Magister — tillige Lærereksamen — søger hermed Beskæftigelse i, og Garant til Udvandring til, U. S. A. Eventuel Henvendelse pr. Luftpost til Svend Frederiksen, Havretøften 12, Kongens Lyngby, Danmark.

RESOLUTIONS

KRESTEN NIELSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Kresten Nielsen, who passed away April 30, 1948, this resolution was adopted at our last meeting.

Resolved, that Seattle Lodge No. 29 deeply regrets the loss of a good brother; that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in honor of our departed brother and that we extend to the bereaved family our most sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, entered in the minutes and printed in D. B. Magazine.

In behalf of "Seattle" Lodge No. 29,
Oluf E. Thygesen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

JENS VESTERGAARD, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Clausen Vestergaard, who passed away on the 8th day of May, 1948, the following resolution was adopted at our last meeting.

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a good and loyal member, and 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, inserted in the D. B. Magazine and incorporated in our minutes.

Brother Vestergaard became a member of the Danish Brotherhood in Lodge No. 11, on June 25, 1887. Transferred to Seattle Nov. 15, 1889.

In behalf of "Seattle" Lodge No. 29,
Oluf E. Thygesen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

HENRY CHRISTIANSEN, Luverne, N. D.

In memory of our departed brother, Henry Christiansen, who passed away April 30, 1948, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 149:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother. Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for 30 days and that this resolution be inserted in our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Chris Christensen, President.
John Carlson, Secretary.

JAMES JOHNSEN, Dagmar, Mont.

In memory of our departed brother, James Johnsen, who died May 2, 1948, Dagmar Lodge No. 283 adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that our lodge deeply regrets the loss of a true and loyal brother; that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days and that the lodge hereby extends its sympathy to the bereaved family and that this resolution be in our minutes and also printed in the D. B. Magazine.

Christian Johansen, President.
Kenneth J. Kaae, Secretary.

NIELS K. RASMUSSEN, Ringsted, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Niels K. Rasmussen, who passed away April 4, 1948, the following resolution was adopted by Ringsted Lodge No. 134 at its regular meeting May 6, 1948:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal member of our lodge and that we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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

P. W. Petersen, President.
Fred C. Peitersen, Secretary.

HARRY L. JOHNSON, Ringsted, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Harry L. Johnson, who passed away April 15, 1948, the following resolution was adopted by Ringsted Lodge No. 134 at its regular meeting May 6, 1948:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal member of our lodge and that we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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

P. W. Petersen, President.
Fred C. Peitersen, Secretary.

GEO. M. MILLER, Ringsted, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Geo. M. Miller, who passed away April 27, 1948, the following resolution was adopted by Ringsted Lodge No. 134 at its regular meeting May 6, 1948:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal member of our lodge, and that we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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

P. W. Petersen, President.
Fred C. Peitersen, Secretary.

SOREN CHRISTIANSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Soren Christiansen, who passed away March 9, 1948:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a faithful brother and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of D. B. S. Lodge No. 45,
S. G. Faaborg, President.
Carl E. Gustafson, Secretary.

WALTER C. JENSEN, Portland, Me.

In memory of our departed brother, Walter C. Jensen, who passed away November 16, 1947, this resolution was adopted by the Star of the East Lodge No. 112 at its regular meeting May 3, 1948:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal member of our lodge and that we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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

Bertel Luja, President.
A. C. Lorentzen, Secretary.

JENS AXELSEN, Portland, Me.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Axelsen, who passed away April 23, 1948, this resolution was adopted by the Star of the East Lodge No. 112, at its regular meeting May 3, 1948:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal member of our lodge and that we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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

Bertel Luja, President.
A. C. Lorentzen, Secretary.

JENS GREGERSEN, Rocky River, Ohio

I Anledning af Broder Jens Gregersens afgang ved Døden den 15. Marts 1948, vedtog Loge Nr. 170 følgende Resolution: At Logen dybt beklæder Tabet af vor kære Broder, og at vi til Ære for hans minde beklæder vort Charter med Sørgefor et Tidsrum af 30 Dage; at denne Resolution indrykkes i Logens Protokol, samt i Dansk Brodersamfundsbladet og en Kopi tilsendes hans Familie.

Paa Loge Nr. 170's Vegne,
Hans Petersen, President.
Henry Gormsen, Sekretær.

CHR. LAURITS CHRISTENSEN, Pequannock, N. J.

In memory of our departed brother, Chr. L. Christensen, who passed away March 19, 1948, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 116 of Newark, N. J.:

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

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

Jack Svane, President.
Chris Madsen, Secretary.

HANS ADOLPH HANSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Hans Adolph Hansen, who passed away April 26, 1948, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting April 28:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of a good and true member of our order and 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 thirty days and that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to the family.

In behalf of D. B. Seattle Lodge No. 29,
Oluf E. Thygesen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

OTTO BENDIXEN, Des Moines, Iowa

In memory of our brother, Otto Bendixen, who passed away April 22, 1948, Des Moines Lodge No. 15 adopted the following resolution at our meeting April 26, 1948:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother and hereby extend our sympathy to his family. Be it further resolved that we drape our charter for

a period of 30 days and that said resolution to be incorporated in our minutes, inserted in the Brotherhood paper and a copy sent to his family.

In behalf of Des Moines Lodge No. 15,
Carl Skov, President.
Chas. A. Ried, Secretary.

LUDVIG JØRGENSEN, Hall, N. Y.

In memory of our departed brother, Ludvig Jørgensen, who passed away April 23, 1948, the following resolution was adopted by Wendia Lodge No. 71 at its regular meeting May 15, 1948:

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

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

Laurids S. Pedersen, President.
Chris Kock, Secretary.

HANS HANSEN, JR., Petaluma, Calif.

In memory of our late brother, Hans Hansen, Jr., who passed away May 7, 1948:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of our brother and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 143, D. B. Petaluma, Calif.,
N. P. Nielsen, President.
John Winding, Secretary.

Vancouver, B. C.

Engang imellem bliver jeg paamindet om, at der meget sjældent er noget i vort Blad herfra Nr. 328. Nu er næsten det halve af 1948 gaaet, saa jeg maa hellere tage mig sammen og begynde med at fortælle. Vi havde vore Damer med ved Indsættelsen af den nye Bestyrelse. Verner Trysen er vor nye Præsident, og saavidt jeg ved den yngste Broder i Logen. Medens Logen blev sat og Protokollen oplæst i Mødesalen samledes Damerne i den store Dansesal, hvor et Glas Vin og en "Napolion" blev serveret. Ved 9 Tiden var Mødet forbi. Imidlertid havde vi sat smaa Borde, i Cabaret Stil, op langs de tre Sider og et koldt "Bord" langs den fjerde. Musikken spillede op til Dans, saa vi spiste, fik en Bajer eller to, dansede og sang hele Resten af Aftenen. At Stemningen var god og Humøret højt kunne høres paa den Kraft, hvormed alle sang med.

Efter April Mødet havde vi en Smoker, hvor Poul Mejir, nu bosat her, fortalte om hans Oplevelser hjemme under Krigen. Tre af Bror Plambecks Svogere var tilseede. De og deres Hustruer kom fra København for at være med til at fejre Mr. og Mrs. Plambecks Sølvbryllup den 5. Maj. Festen stod paa Hotel Georgia, hvor ca. 250 indbudte Gæster var tilstede, blandt dem var mange af vore gode Venner fra Seattle. Telegrammer indløb fra Danmark, Sverige, Alaska, Kanada og fra det meste af U. S. A. Bror Plambeck blev jo velkendt ifjor ved at bringe 13 nye Brødre ind i Logen samme Aften. Et saa afholdt Brudepar modtog selvfølgelig mange smukke Gaver og fra os alle gode velmente Ønsker for en lys og lykkelig Fremtid. Et par Dage senere, den 8. Maj, fejrede Logen sin 17-aarige Fødselsdag i samme Sal. Det er almindelig forstaaet, man skal helst spise til Aften hjemme før man gaar til Banket paa et Hotel. Det holdt ikke Stik denne Gang, da Hotellet satte et flot veldækket Bord ved begge Fester.

Konsulerne fra Danmark, Sverige, Norge og Island var tilstede. De holdt alle Taler for Logen og for Danskernes Arbejde i Vancouver, hvor vi særlig har Lov til at være stolte af Hjemmet for de Gamle.

I fjor gik "Danish Credit Union" og Logen sammen til en Udflugt i Hjemmets store Have. Iaar gaar vi en Sejlur op af Havnen til Belearra Park. Der har nu i Aarevis været lidt langt imellem Festerne; men vi lever i Haabet om, at Sæsonen '48-49 vil blive betydelig bedre, særlig længes vi efter vore gode Torskegilder.

Hilsen til alle fra Loge Nr. 328,

J. P. MORTENSEN, Sekr.

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Rocky Mountain Lodge News

By

HILMAR W. HANSEN

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It seems to be the trend now a days to concentrate the lodge news into districts, like "News From Eastern Lodges" or "California News" and so on. Whether or not this fact has any connection with or is a forerunner for district division of our lodges, I will leave to the imagination of each reader; but the fact is, we see a lot of lodge news from certain localities which most likely we would not see otherwise. This does not mean that we do not hear from territories or lodges where there are no districts as we do have a lot of good correspondents in some of the lodges who write entirely independent of districts or anything else. Yes, and some of those articles are very good indeed, I am thinking of articles like the one which appeared in our May issue written by Brother Wm. Svendsen from Lodge No. 205. Whether we are in favor of his viewpoint or not has no bearing upon the fact that such an article creates a lot of interest and makes each of us do a lot of thinking and gives ground for sound and logical discussion, and furthermore it shows that the brother has the Brotherhood at heart, all of which helps to build our Brotherhood.

Getting back to the trend, it would appear then, in order to hear from all parts of the United States where we have lodges, it would be wise to get some more territorial news items under such headings as "Washington and Oregon News," "Mid-States News," "Rocky Mountain News" and possibly a lot more. The point is, that aside from some good articles on important subjects, there is very little interest for some of the brethren to read about the usual so-called Kaffe-Gilder unless the party the article is about, happens to be in his lodge or possibly some nearby lodge where he personally attended. That is just human nature and you cannot find fault with it; but the tragic thing is eventually such members quit reading our Magazine entirely. Our Magazine is a fine medium in which we can express our opinion and learn about the Brotherhood, therefore it is important that we get all members to read it, otherwise we can just as well save the money it costs.

Well, with that object in mind, it was that our vice president, Svend Petersen, talked to me at our last board meeting asking me if I would help him to get started a news circle from my territory, which of course is the Rocky Mountain states. I promised him I would try and therefore I am now appealing to all the lodges in my vicinity to help me. Let's see if we cannot find some little thing to write about each month so that we can keep our own boys out here posted and interested in, shall we say, our home affairs.

I would suggest that each lodge appoint a member best qualified, both from ability and from a time standpoint, to send me before the 5th of each month a little write-up on whatever has taken place in your lodge in the way of importance, parties, outings or special meetings of interest during the previous month. I will then dress them all up for printing in our Magazine under the heading of Rocky Mountain Lodge News. In order that there will be no question as to

what might be considered the Rocky Mountain Lodges, I list the following:

For Colorado: Lodge No. 43, Denver, No. 119, Pueblo, and No. 254, Brush.

For Wyoming: Lodge No. 38, Laramie, No. 40, Rawlins, No. 48, Green River and No. 148, Cheyenne.

For Idaho: Lodge No. 264, Pocatello and for Utah, Lodge No. 78, Salt Lake City, No. 267, Brigham City, No. 278, Salt Lake City and No. 291, Ogden.

Please send your articles to me in Salt Lake City; see heading above.

The first item to come under this arrangement comes from Lodge No. 278 in Salt Lake City, as this lodge celebrated its 39th anniversary Friday, April 23, in its regular lodge hall in Civic Center. At 8:30 the doors were opened to the hall where a beautiful table extending the full length of the room was loaded to capacity with food, lovely flowers and small flags, which certainly made a welcome appeal to everybody.

The president, Brother John A. Pedersen, bid us all welcome in a few but well chosen words and appointed Brother Soren J. Jespersen to take the job as master of ceremonies for the evening. After some of the plates started to get empty, Brother Jespersen started the program with a couple of Danish songs by Mrs. Gissing, one of which was the well known "Du spørger min Dreng," which took the house by storm.

From then on it went fast with speeches, first by the Danish Vice Consul Holger M. Larsen, then by their charter member, Chris Petersen, who related the beginning of the lodge 39 years ago. Brother Petersen ended up his remarks by stating that to him it looked like the lodge was as full of pep now as when started and was very glad to be a member of the lodge.

Miss Kolby recited a very fine poem and again showed her art and skill in reading and recitation. About that time the lights went out; but it did not put a damper on the spirit, no, instead it made it better and while the custodian was trying to find the fuses we all started to sing and were almost sorry when the lights came back on. Other speakers were Chris C. Andersen and Supreme Trustee Hilmar W. Hansen, to say nothing about the many remarks the master of ceremonies made between each number. Well, everybody would have been disappointed if Soren had not made a few of his well spoken words. There were others we would have liked to hear from, like the lodge treasurer, Djalmar E. Lund, who was delegate to the Seattle convention; but of course time runs fast. Peter P. Olsen sang a few numbers and received a nice applause. The party ended by singing "America." It would be most unfair not to mention a word or two about the committee who had made the arrangements because the food and serving, yes everything, was just perfect and the credit goes to Peter P. Olsen, chairman, K. Jorgensen, James Lassen and Geo. Jensen and their ladies. It was indeed a fine party. It was late in the evening when the

younger generation stopped dancing, heading for home very tired, but happy about the whole thing.

Lodge No. 78 celebrated its 54th anniversary Tuesday, May 11, in its regular lodge hall. The members and their ladies met up at 8:30 and the president, Einar Erickson, asked everybody to the table and spoke a few words of welcome as well as of appreciation for so many being present. Hilmar W. Hansen was asked to act as toastmaster and we then sang the Danish national anthem, after which we started to partake of the fine sandwiches and drinks of which there were plenty. As the sandwiches disappeared the program started, first an introduction of the lodge officers and some of the prominent guests and members, then we had some community singing and some short speeches from the lodge president, Erickson; vice president, Chris Sorensen; treasurer, Chr. P. Thomsen; then some more singing and a few more short remarks from different brothers.

It was the intent to give Brother John Nielsen his 50-year gold pin; but Brother Nielsen was not able to be present on account of illness, so in his honor it was voted at the table to send a committee of three persons to Brother Nielsen's home and present him with the pin and express the lodge's gratitude for all the many years he has served as a member of Lodge No. 78.

A beautifully decorated cake, about two feet long, was given to the lodge by Mrs. Marie Hansen, secretary of D. S. S. No. 69. It goes without saying that everybody was, may I say, raving about the cake and even though it was too beautiful to cut it was cut and served by Mrs. Edgar W. Hansen, a daughter-in-law to Marie, and I understand that it was so good that several helpings was requested by some of the members. Brother Hilmar W. Hansen talked from his heart, pleading with the members to take more active part in lodge work and get new members. The evening was altogether too short because after singing a few more songs and a few more remarks, it was time to go home. We owe a "thank you" to our committee, Peter Holland, chairman; and Edgar W. Hansen and of course the ladies who helped us. We concluded by singing "America" and as we travel each to our respective homes we could not but feel the good old spirit which always comes where there is a crowd of Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood members; it is that spirit which builds our lodges all over the United States; but you can't feel it if you don't come, so why not come always.

Editor's Note—Thank you Hilmar, for getting this started. Now it is up to the various lodges in your territory to respond with the news; so come on in you Rocky Mountain boys and send the items to Hilmar—he will do his part, I am sure.—Svend Petersen.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Some time ago I reported a "Torskegilde" given by Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco. Well, apparently the Los Angeles lodge was not going to take a back seat, and the good brothers in No. 126 arranged for a "Rødspættegilde" and if reports are correct, the "Rødspætter" were imported from Frederikshavn. According to Brother Aage Tabel, who reports the affair in "Bien," the dinner must have been an unusually fine one. A number of out of town guests attended, including Brother J. P. Andreasen, chairman of the supreme board of trustees.

However, the San Francisco lodge came right back at Los Angeles with its "Pølsegilde" on May 5. A large number of out of town guests attended, including a delegation from No. 39 in Oakland. After the dinner five candidates were initiated, and, after all, that is the most important part of these functions. Unfortunately, the writer was unable to attend, firstly due to business and secondly my gall bladder resents anything with animal fats.

At the Dania convention in Santa Barbara in April, our ex-president of the General Committee, Brother Julius Hansen, was elected Grand President of Dania of California and Nevada. As far as I know, Brother Hansen is the first native born to have been elected head of both of our California Danish organizations. He is not the first man, however, to have been elected to this honor, as I believe Brother Hans Vejby, who served for two years as the first president of the General Committee had previously held the office of Grand President of Dania. Brother Julius Hansen did a fine job as president of the General Committee and I know he will do a fine job as Grand

President of Dania. Congratulations Julius—and lots of luck.

Other news comes to us from Santa Barbara, in that we learn that "Lillebror" Victor V. Nielsen and Miss Anne Myldring were married on May 1. "Lillebror" did a very important job in the General Committee for the Eastern Lodges before he came to California, and is now an active member in the Santa Barbara Lodge as well as an officer in the California General Committee. We take this opportunity of wishing Brother Nielsen and his bride happiness and contentment in the years and years ahead.

During the past month we have lost what might be called one of the Grand Old Ladies of our Danish Societies in California, in that Mrs. Emma Svanholm Schouboe, grand treasurer of Dannebrog of California and Nevada since 1920, passed away on May 15. Mrs. Schouboe was born on October 13, 1863, and would have been 85 at her next birthday and was full of vim and vitality right to the last. Since her arrival in California in 1903 she had taken an active part in the various Danish societies and had served the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 24 as president twice. We shall miss this wonderful Danish lady.

On April 24, the Selma lodge had a very fine affair, attended by many visitors, of which we note, Brother Jim Andreasen of Bakersfield, of the supreme board; Brother Sigurd Nielsen of San Francisco, president of the General Committee, and Mrs. Nielsen; and Mr. and Mrs. Harald Sundby of Hayward. Mrs. Sundby in the capacity as president of the Sisterhood General Committee, and Brother Sundby as a past

president of the General Committee, and of course Mrs. Karen Johannsen, supreme trustee of the Sisterhood. After a very fine meeting with initiation of two new members, a very fine dinner was served.

We also read in *Bien* about a fine affair held in Fresno on the 5th of May by Fresno Lodge No. 67 on its 55th anniversary, also attended by Brother Andreasen of Bakersfield. Undoubtedly other out of town members would have attended the affair if some publicity had been given. But perhaps it was intended to be a secret—who knows. But please remember that this column is open to all the lodges—just so I have the items by the 20th of each month.

The annual picnic of all the Danish Lodges in San Francisco will this year be held in Atherton Park on Sunday, June 6.

In my last article I mentioned that the proposal to change the language from Danish to English was turned down 100 per cent in No. 49. Brother Alfred Gall now raises the question in the *Danish Pioneer* why this was written in English and not in Danish. Let me answer by saying that I personally prefer the Danish language any day in our Danish lodges. However, I have been asked to scribble these musings in English and so I have endeavored to do my best in that direction. It must be remembered that most of our Brotherhood lodges in California now use the English language. The excuse for using English has always been that, by turning to this language of expression the lodge would increase its membership. With one or two exceptions, however, this has not proven to be the case and in many instances the lodge membership has been retarded by the change of language.

However, it must be admitted that we do have quite a number of members who do not speak Danish, and it is only fair as long as we do accept such members, that some of the writings in our official organ is in a language which they can understand. On the other hand it must also be admitted that inasmuch as our English speaking membership actually only amounts to about 5 per cent the other 95 per cent who perhaps prefer to read the Brotherhood news in Danish are compelled to do so. I am of the opinion that a happy medium could be found, and I am sure the editor or anyone else connected with the Magazine would have no objection to either Brother Gall or any other brother who is as well able to express himself in Danish, sending in monthly articles. Brothers, such as Alfred Gall or Aage Tabel, who both handle the Danish language to perfection, ought to write to our Magazine. By so doing, the Magazine would not be so one-sided and the more versatile the reading matter is, the better. If you have some of the old numbers from say ten or even 15 years ago, read them over and you will see what I mean.

May I again call your attention to the appeal of the Denmark Excursion Committee. If you are at all contemplating going to Denmark next year, send in your name to Brother J. P. Andreasen, chairman of the Supreme Trustees, Box 688, Bakersfield, Calif. You bind yourself under no obligation and you will help the committee. But please do it now.

In the July issue I hope to have complete information relative to our California convention which will take place in Oakland on August 26, 27 and 28. But do plan to attend.



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News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

Memorable Evening In Erie, Pa., Lodge No. 242

Saturday evening, April 24, will be remembered by all who were present at the meeting of No. 242 for a long time to come. It was the night when the lodge initiated 18 candidates; there really should have been 20, but two were unable to be present that evening.

This was called the President's Class, due to the fact that the supreme president, in person, was there to perform the honors during the initiation. Bysted was accompanied to Erie by a few friends from the East and we name the president of the General Committee, vice president of the General Committee, the secretary of the General Committee. All of these brothers traveled by bus from New York and with Bysted came by train Ex-President Henry Bukke, Carl Langermann from Troy and George Petersen from Providence; also Brother Louis Paulsen from No. 164.

We were met at the station by a committee who took us to our hotel and then to the hall. There a very fine dinner was being served by the sisters from Erie Sisterlodge and a fine dinner it was.

The meeting was called to order by the president of the lodge, Brother Harry Madsen. He introduced all the guests from the several lodges and we noted that there were seven brothers and six sisters present from Warren and 10 each from Jamestown. During the meeting, where of course no ladies were present, there were about 100 members, a good crowd, we say. He then gave the chair over to the supreme president who in turn appointed the following broth-

ers to occupy the chairs during the initiation ceremonies: Ex-President Holm Larsen from Jamestown, N. Y., Vice President George V. Petersen, Providence, R. I., chairman of trustees, James Nordine from Warren, and Henry Bukke as conductor, from Schenectady, N. Y.

It was indeed a most impressive sight to see all these candidates enter the hall and be initiated into our Brotherhood, and Bysted certainly did a fine job.

After the ceremonies were over, we retired to the rooms downstairs. There was dancing and refreshments were served a little later upstairs, plenty of Danish sandwiches and coffee. At this time many of the visitors were called upon for a few remarks and the new members of No. 242 will have good reasons to remember their initiation. We trust that they will all be good active members. Erie has something to give their members, but then, they also expect something in return, namely attendance at meetings and active part in the work. But what is more fun than to work for the good of our Danish Brotherhood?

All in all, we certainly must thank the brethren in Erie for the wonderful hospitality they showed all of us. There you feel that you were one of them and in behalf of the gang from the East we say many, many thanks, and good luck with your addition to your building, it looks fine, but you will need it, for when the General Committee convention comes to Erie in 1950, you will have a crowd to take care of.

Rochester, N. Y., Celebrates Its 42nd Anniversary

On May 8, Lodge No. 240 celebrated its 42nd anniversary with a little party where about 60 friends of

DEATH CLAIMS PAID

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	JOINED YEAR	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Mar. 30	P. C. Nelson	83	Herslev, Fredericia	11	Clinton, Iowa	1889	Cardiac failure	\$709.07
Apr. 14	Kristen Kristensen	89	Skreypup	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1908	Myocarditis	441.23
Apr. 17	Nis J. Schmedegaard	85	Bredvad, Tønder	P.D.	Omaha, Nebr.	1901	Brain hemorrhage	182.42
Apr. 7	Hans Chr. Dangaard	89	Klabring, Den.	77	Turin, Iowa	1894	Pneumonia	666.36
Apr. 15	Harry L. Johnsen	68	Parkesburg, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1907	Coronary thrombosis	929.96
Apr. 16	Hans P. Nielsen	81	Illebølle, Lolland	4	Racine, Wis.	1902	Cerebral hemorrhage	783.88
Apr. 1	Anders J. Andersen	73	Drigstrup, Fyn	149	Luverne, N. D.	1920	Coronary occlusion	250.00
Mar. 21	Niels A. Andersen	68	Hjorthshøj, Jylland	240	Rochester, N. Y.	1912	Carcinoma of stomach	484.89
Apr. 3	Paul O. Petersen	79	Norbros, Thisted Amt.	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1902	Myocardial insufficiency	795.73
Mar. 31	Niels J. Tonnesen	78	Guldager, Ribe Amt	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1900	Cerebral hemorrhage	407.65
Apr. 9	Michael Petersen	76	Fur pr. Viborg Amt	164	New York, N. Y.	1913	Not given, natural causes	952.72
Apr. 17	Louis Lund	75	Vester Hæsinge, Fyn	293	Chehalis, Wash.	1912		944.07
Apr. 10	Martin Petersen	69	Brookings County, S.D.	28	Badger, S. D.	1901	Chronic Brights disease	895.21
Apr. 24	Anders C. Nielsen	83	Hjørring, Den.	288	Cotesfield, Nebr.	1895	Coronary embolism	735.55
Nov. 16	Christian W. Jensen	87	Gunderborg Sogn	112	Portland, Me.	1918	Drowning	250.00
Apr. 23	Jens M. Axelsen	84	Dødstrup Sogn	112	Portland, Me.	1908	Gangrene	435.87
Apr. 26	Hans A. Hansen	71	Copenhagen, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1905	Cerebral hemorrhage	904.54
Apr. 20	Fred L. Stone	84	Lolland, Den.	198	Kenmare, N. D.	1905	Coronary occlusion	767.03
Apr. 27	George M. Miller	85	Norby, Den.	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1905	Skull fracture	369.43
Apr. 29	Henry Andersen	79	Serslev, Fyn	74	Omaha, Nebr.	1910	Uremia	453.31
May 2	William Negathon	67	Viborg, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1912	Respiratory failure	974.36
Apr. 7	Hans P. Hansen	81	Fløntinge, Lolland	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1903	Pulmonary edema	789.83
Apr. 29	Jeppe Thompsen	83	Øster Jølby, Mors	35	Chicago, Ill.	1900	Coronary occlusion	751.14
Feb. 20	Hans O. Andersen	63	Hasle, Bornholm	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1909	Myocarditis	500.00
May 3	Hoffman Peterson	85	Haraldsted, Sorø	243	Fargo, N. D.	1906	Not yet reported	662.67
May 4	Niels M. Jensen	65	Kraghede, Den.	35	Chicago, Ill.	1905	Struck by locomotive	477.23
May 2	James Johnsen	81	Borø, Sorø	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1910	Uremic poisoning	895.29
Feb. 28	Niels P. Petersen	68	Andholm	P. D.	Omaha, Nebr.	1909	Carcinoma	237.33
May 7	Erik C. Sorensen	80	Langeland, Den.	20	Manistee, Mich.	1899	Pernicious anemia	769.36
May 13	Lorenz Boysen	68	Andholm	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1909	Cancer of stomach	945.72
May 7	Hans Hansen, Jr.	61	Holsted-Ribe Amt	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1906	Coronary heart disease	250.00
Apr. 13	Gunnar D. Nielsen	27	Esbjerg, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1943	Unknown	Social
Apr. 22	Otto Bendixen	66	Horsens, Den.	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1937	Unknown	Social
Apr. 30	Henry Christiansen	82	Drigstrup, Den.	149	Luverne, N. D.	1918	Unknown	Social

the lodge enjoyed themselves with a dance and Danish sandwiches and cake, etc. This was served by the ladies and music was furnished by two friends. Everybody enjoyed themselves and spent a very fine evening.

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

At the meeting in May the lodge again had a Father and Son night. This happens quite often there, the occasion is when father and son celebrate their birthday together. This time it was a charter member, A. I. Madsen, and his son, Holger. A. I. Madsen was 84 years old. Refreshments were served and several short remarks were made by many of the brothers.

Saturday night, May 8, was the night of the party and burning of the mortgage on the Brotherhood hall. The party was also given to show appreciation to all the brothers and sisters who so willingly helped to make the convention of the General Committee, held there last year, a success. A dinner and dance was enjoyed and Brother Chris Jensen, who was president of the lodge when the mortgage was paid off, performed the burning of the mortgage. He was assisted by the president of the lodge, Magnus Rasmussen, and Supreme President Bysted Christensen. A fine evening in Troy.

Bridgeport, Conn., Lodge No. 37

Although it is a long time since we last heard from Bridgeport, that is no sign that they are asleep. The following will testify to that effect. At the March 10 meeting three new members were initiated, all of them young fellows. More prospects are in view. They say in Bridgeport that all are trying to beat California. California has really been on the map lately.

At the April meeting four 50-year emblems were given to the members who had been in the lodge the past 50 years. Only two of them were present, Hans Sorensen and Niels Sorensen. Fred Atterman could not be there on account of illness and Jorgen Haurits lives in Canton, Ohio.

Brother Andrew Nielsen, past secretary, had the honor of presenting the emblems in behalf of the supreme lodge and both brothers responded and expressed their appreciation. There was a large gathering of brothers present this evening and refreshments were served following the meeting. The lodge in Canton, Ohio, was asked to present the emblem to Brother Haurits. President Elmer Nielsen, with a delegation from the lodge, presented the emblem to Brother Atterman at his home. At least a dozen 50-year emblems have been given to brothers in Lodge No. 37 and two of these brothers are still very active: P. Sorensen is second trustee and William Thompsen is outer guard.

The General Committee of the sisters in the east held its yearly convention in Bridgeport the last of April. A fine time was had by all those present for the three days. The brothers helped as per usual in Bridgeport and we understand that the ladies got quite a kick out of being served by the brothers.

They had the usual banquet and dance and on Friday evening they had a drill team competition,

four teams taking part. It was a most colorful affair. The winner was New Haven. They were presented with a cup donated by the General Committee. Among the speakers at the banquet were Mrs. Jennie Miller, supreme secretary of the D. S. S., Marguerite Christensen, supreme trustee of the D. S. S., Bysted Christensen, supreme president of the Danish Brotherhood, and Soren Nielsen, president of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges of the Danish Brotherhood.

Everybody, including the Bridgeport people, agreed that it was a splendid affair.

Newark Lodge No. 116, (Fremad)

They have done it again in Newark. This time it is with a little newspaper called "Fremad News," very good, somewhat like the H. C. Orsted News from Schenectady. We have a copy of the first issue and pick a little from there that would be of interest to all of us.

First in the column they publish a list of names of brothers who will celebrate their birthday that month, same as they do in Lodge No. 190, a good idea.

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comments on same. Then the sick list, next telling us who is on vacation and where, but not why. Quite a story follows about the work the many brothers are doing at the Old Peoples home in Metuchen and telling about the affairs to be held there and when.

The best wishes were extended to Brother and Mrs. Elvin Brown on their 25th wedding anniversary; same was celebrated on April 11 with open house. Saturday, April 17, a party was given by the Browns. A turkey dinner was enjoyed by the family and friends and Brother Blidsoe was the master of ceremonies for the evening. Many expressed their pleasure in being present and wished the happy couple many more years of happiness together. Brother Elvin's mother was present from Denmark and you can imagine what she would have to say on such an occasion. Dancing followed the dinner and exhibition was enjoyed of the Danish folk-dancers, where the daughter of Mrs. Brown took part.

A few more notes of local interest comes along in this little paper and we sincerely hope that you will all enjoy it and that you may continue it.

The last line is this: DO NOT FORGET THE GENERAL COMMITTEE CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN NEW HAVEN OVER LABOR DAY.

Alert At Age 96

Crystal Falls, Mich.,
April 1, 1948.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Please allow me to introduce to you and all the countrymen and fellow members of The Danish Brotherhood a very, very dear friend of mine, and a man whom I today challenge to be the OLDEST LIVING MEMBER OF THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD, and we shall welcome corrections in case this, my belief, is not correct and we shall be very pleased to receive your letters and if possible, visits. Just try to think, and try to imagine yourself back to the year of our Lord 1952, 96 years ago, two years after the close of the war between Denmark and Prussia. On Sept. 1, of that year was born in Højreby, Sogn of Sollested, Lolland, my dear friend and senior member of our Brotherhood, Johan Johansen. Just think of wars that have been fought between the different nations during those years and think of the progress that the world has witnessed since then and my friend's memory is as clear relating to happenings in years gone by as his mind is alert to happenings of today. He invites any one of you old Danes to come up here to the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan and pay him a visit. You would never regret it and you would have made him extremely happy. Call or write him % Lawrence Johnson, Route No. 2, Crystal Falls, Mich.

His father, being a sailor, was lost at sea on his way to India shortly before little Johan was born. The house in which he was born, was like most poor people's houses in those days, built of clay two feet thick and with the floor made of the same material. When 13 years old he moved with his mother to Stokkemark where he attended school until he was 13 and was confirmed by Pastor C. L. Galachotz and from that time on he earned his own living and

H. C. Orsted News, Schenectady, N. Y., No. 190

A birthday party was given at the meeting in April by Marius Jorgensen, Fred. Andersen, Clarence Hansen, H. Andrews and John Marx. Delicious sandwiches, beer and snaps was served.

Yes, sir, we are going to do it, we are going to extend our building. A special meeting to discuss this affair was attended by about 50 members and of course they were interested. A new building committee was formed, the chairman, the supreme president, no less, Bysted Christensen. When we arrive in Schenectady next time we will perhaps have difficulty finding the place.

Good luck to the brethren in Schenectady.

The bowling league has finished a very successful season and wound up with a fine chicken dinner and dance Friday, April 16. Citron Fromage was the dessert. Prizes were distributed to the winners both in the high and the low scores and officers were elected for the coming year, when it is hoped that just as fine a season will be had.

The treasurer of the lodge, Brother Clarence Hansen, and his wife are to be congratulated. They are the proud parents of two little girls, born April 27. We add our best wishes to these happy parents.

besides helped to support the mother. He still keeps his old "Skudsmaalsbook" where records of his employments are found and he has fine recommendations from two large farms, Bollesminde og Christiansdahl. In the year of 1873 he served as "Dunk" on Solvgadens Kaserne and was orderly for two officers of names of Gerstenburg and Lemvig. Leaving the service he entered the employ of Baron Van Haxthousen Osterbro, Copenhagen, and in April 1878 he boarded the liner "Tingvalla" for New York. From there he traveled to New Denmark, Wis., where he was employed by a farmer by the name of Chris Thomsen for the elaborate wages of \$120 per year. Trying to better himself he moved to Neenah, Wis., and obtained work for Menasha Wooden Ware Factory. Wages were 90 cents per day, 60 working hours per week. The board and room cost \$16 per month. A suit of good clothes cost in those days \$20 and a pair of overalls 75 cents. A year later he was promoted to foreman and now received the highest wages paid in the factory, \$1.25 per day.

On December 14, 1882, he joined Lodge No. 2 of the Danish Brotherhood, Neenah, Wis. On Feb. 8, 1884 he sailed from New York to visit his mother's grave. (She had, to his great sorrow, died shortly after he had arrived in U. S. A.) After spending almost three months on the ocean, he arrived in Copenhagen May 1, 1884.

Arriving in Florence, Wis., May 1, 1885, he, together with another young man, entered the employ of the chief of the Chippewa Indians, who seemingly was contracting for some mining company exploring for iron ore and clearing land around Bad Water lake where the 10 Indian families lived in small houses covered with birch bark. Their beds consisted of cedar boughs spread out on the floor. These Indians and especially the chief, himself, were very friendly and his only comment was: "Work too hard, sweat, no good." The chief was paying \$2.00 per day and for that reason they were willing to

put in a good days work. Brother Johansen relates as follows:

"In the spring of 1886 I came to Mastadon and went to work for the Mastadon Mine at \$1.50 per day. Six years later the mine petered out and was closed. In 1891 I was married to Katrine Kristensen who was born on the island of Als which at the time was under German control. We together bought two forties of land on which we started in cutting and burning the big timber in order to start farming and I am proud of the fact that I became the first farmer in Mastadon township. The first bushel of potatoes planted in this township, I carried on my back from Crystal Falls, Mich. I paid \$1.00 for that bushel and raised 24 bushels that year and there being plenty of meat to be had in the woods, we never had to starve. Through hard work and careful management we were able to prosper and to build a fine house and barn on the place. In the year of 1910, I, together with Christ Hansen, was instrumental in organizing Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 156 at Crystal Falls, Mich., and I had my membership transferred from Lodge No. 2, Neenah, Wis. I served as president of this lodge from 1914 until a few years ago when the lodge was dissolved on account of so many Danish people leaving this territory. I am proud of still being a member of our great lodge. February 14 of this year marked my 66th anniversary as a member. I am very anxious to know as to whether anyone still living has a longer membership record

and if so I certainly shall look forward to meet them during this coming summer."

I am now asking my old friend a few questions:

Question: "To what do you attribute your ripe old age and with it your healthy mind and fine memory?"

Answer: "I guess I must be out of a strong race. My brother lived to be 82, my sister 84. My great-grandfather and great-grandmother lived to be 110 and 101 respectively. They died on the same day and were buried in the same grave. He had served as a soldier in the Napoleonic War in 1780, my grandfather served in the war of 1848 and my father in the war of 1864. As to myself I have at all times lived a clean life, keeping a clean record and conscience and being honest and square to everyone."

Question: "What advice would you give a young man starting out in life?"

Answer: "Respect your parents and superiors. Go to school. Attend church. Learn a definite trade. Keep your word and especially your signature good at any price. Be true to yourself, your fellowman and your God."

Anything that you, Mr. Editor and lodge brothers can do towards making my dear old friend's beautiful sunset of life even more beautiful will be greatly appreciated. Visit or write to: Grandpa, % Lawrence Johnson, Route No. 2, Crystal Falls, Mich., or

Yours very truly,

CHRIST JOCHUMSEN,
Crystal Falls, Mich.

The Boiling Pot

By
A. GRAVESEN
Askov, Minn.

Niels M. Jensen, 10925 Pulasky Rd., Chicago, Ill., was killed by a train near his home on the 4th of May. He was born at Kraghede pr. Bronderslev, Denmark, in the month of March, 65 years ago. At the age of 22 he emigrated to the United States. He was a long-time member of D. B. Lodge No. 35 and of the Southside Men's Association. He is survived by his wife, children and a sister, Mrs. A. C. Olsen, 2517 Fullerton Avenue.

Gunnar D. Nielsen, 1231 Monroe, Racine, Wis., a member of D. B. Lodge No. 4, died April 13, in the St. Mary's hospital after a long and hopeless illness. He was one of the young sailors that came to Racine in 1940. He was born in Esbjerg, Denmark, and was employed in Racine by the Borden Milk Company. Nielsen is survived by his wife, two brothers, Leif in San Francisco and Knud in Denmark, and his mother in Denmark. He was a congenial young man who in the few years he lived in Racine, won a host of friends.

In the William Lind's will, Racine, Wis., was a codicil requesting his administrator to arrange a festival in commemoration of his life among his many friends in Racine, and to invite all and sundry of his friends to attend. All expenses to be charged against the estate. This festivity was held in April this year in the D. B. hall. The administrator of the estate had invited about 150 ladies and men to the

commemoration fete. Several of the decedent's friends delivered brief talks honoring their departed comrade.

Lodge D. B. No. 227, Detroit, Mich., is contemplating buying a tract of land on which to start an Old People's Home. Viggo Mikkelsen, who is president of the committee in charge, proposed at a lodge meeting in April to buy the estate, "Diane Acres," a plot of land with buildings on, ideal for the purpose, located 2½ miles west of Rochester on the Pontiac road. The lodge members were requested to go out and look it over. There is a mansion and several other buildings on the 120 acres that with some alteration and repair would be well suited for such a home.

Mrs. Helga Budtz, Minneapolis, well known in D. S. S. and D. B. circles, as well as a correspondent to Danish papers in America, left the latter part of April for a three months trip to Denmark. With her were her daughter, Mrs. George Dobis, and her granddaughter, Karep.

D. B. Lodge No. 227, Detroit, has named four Danes who have been visiting in Detroit during the winter months but who are now back in Denmark, honorary members of their lodge. They are Fritz Jons, Aalborg; Charles Adelørn, Aarhus; Sophus Eriksen, Aarhus; and Sten Sten Blicher, Nakskov.

Anders Jensen, president of D. B. Lodge "Cimbria," New York, celebrated his sixtieth birthday on April 18, and as his sixtieth birthday will never return he decided to make it a day to be remembered and gave a party for a large number of his friends at Peter Søndergaard's restaurant in Fords, N. J., whose food and service are renown far and wide. The dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by both guests and host. Many congratulatory speeches with Elmer Jensen as toastmaster were given. The evening closed with dancing which continued into the small hours of the morning.

The D. B. lodges of Oregon held their semi-annual district meeting at Astoria the latter part of April. There were delegates from Junction City, McMinnville, Astoria and Portland. The future welfare of the Brotherhood lodges was discussed pro and con. The Astoria lodge had arranged well for the meeting. On the arrival of the delegates a delicious lunch was served and after the close of the meeting the delegates sat down to a savory dinner in Club Thirteen

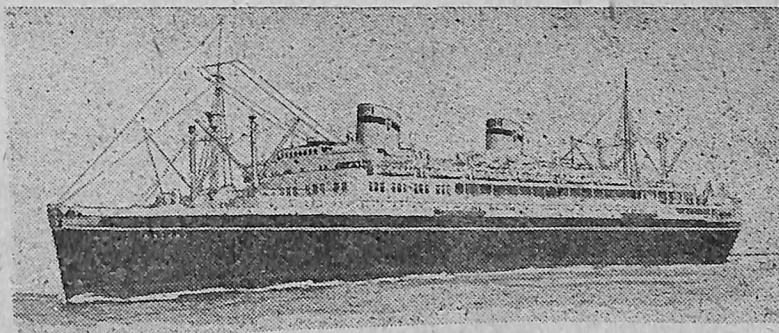
on 13th Avenue following which they all went back to Odd Fellows Hall and played a game of cards. Later in the evening coffee, cake and smoked salmon and beer were served.

April 20, D. B. Lodge No. 167, Portland, Ore., celebrated its 45th anniversary at a party in Dania hall. The festivity began with the showing of moving pictures by Melvin Pihl, after which a delicious lunch was served. Andrew Jensen was toastmaster of the evening. He called on several members for short talks and all responded. All agreed that they had spent a very enjoyable evening, thanks to the committee for the excellent way in which it had arranged the program.

At a meeting of D. B. Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr., at the suggestion of Oscar Lawson, it was decided to invite D. B. Lodge No. 74 and Lodge No. 195 and the Danish Odd Fellows lodge, the Rebekahs, the Danish American Club and the Danish churches in Omaha to arrange and take part in a Memorial day service at

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the Danish cemetery. Lodge No. 1's president, Gunnar Engberg, was requested to appoint a committee to work out a program.

Wednesday, May 5, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Christensen of Mound, Minn., celebrated their silver wedding anniversary surrounded by numerous friends who had arranged a pleasant surprise for them in their home. Mr. Christensen is an esteemed member of long standing in the Danish Brotherhood lodge.

Gordon E. Mikkelsen, owner of the Spa Inn, 2300—17 Avenue, Racine, was instantly killed April 29, when his automobile collided with a lamp post on the highway between Racine and Kenosha. He was a member of D. B. Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wis., where he had his home. He was only 34 years old.

Hans Adolph Hansen, Seattle, Wash., a member of long standing in D. B. Lodge No. 29, died April 26 from a stroke. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1877. Both he and his wife have been very active in the Danish lodges and clubs during the years. His funeral was conducted from Columbia funeral chapel with Rev. Jens Christian Kjaer officiating. The chapel was crowded to the last place by his many friends and the offering of flowers was profuse. The president of D. B. Lodge No. 29 concluded the ceremonies by reading the Brotherhood's funeral rites in a dignified manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Nielsen, who live at the Old People's Home in Racine, Wis., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on the 4th day of May with open house at their apartment in the evening. Their children and many of their friends called to congratulate the venerable couple. Both were born in Thisted, Denmark, and they were married at Fjaderslev; after that they lived for 20 years in Aal-

borg where Nielsen was driving a mail coach; they came to Racine in 1912, there they have had their home ever since. Their son, Niels Nielsen, lives at Spencer, Iowa, and their daughter, Mrs. Kathrine Nelson, has her home at 938 Cleveland Avenue, Racine.

Golden Wedding In Junction City

Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Bodtker celebrated their golden wedding April 22, with open house at their home. About 50 people called during the afternoon.

In the evening the Lutheran church congregation gave a dinner in their honor at which well over 200 were present. With Arnold Bodtker, a nephew of the honored guests, as master of ceremonies, the evening was spent in song, speeches and the opening of gifts by the bridal couple. A special feature was a musical number by three of the grandchildren.

Peter Bodtker was born in Jutland in 1867 and came to this country as a young man. He met Marie Jacobsen, a native of the Faroe Islands, while both were working in Chicago. They were married April 22, 1898. They came to Oregon in 1903 and bought a farm on Dane Lane, near Junction City and have lived here since that time.

All descendants of the couple were present. There were three sons, two daughters, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Two grandsons, Willard Bodtker and Gerald Rasmussen, are attending Grand View College and came out by plane. A daughter, Christine Jensen, her two sons and two daughters with their husbands and four children came up from California.

Mr. Bodtker is a charter member of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 268. He has always been very active in the lodge as well as taking a live interest in the welfare of the community. His three sons are all members of the lodge.

Mrs. Bodtker is a charter member of Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 122. She now has one daughter and three daughters-in-law in that lodge.

We all join in wishing this grand couple many more happy years together.

—E. C.

The Friend Who Stands By

When trouble comes your soul to try,
 You love the friend who just "stands by."
 Perhaps there's nothing he can do,
 The thing is strictly up to you;
 For there are troubles all your own
 And paths the soul must tread alone;
 Times when love cannot smooth the road
 Nor friendship lift the heavy load.
 But just to know you have a friend
 Who will "stand by" until the end,
 Whose sympathy through all endures,
 Whose warm handclasp is always yours,
 It helps, some way, to pull you through
 Although there's nothing he can do.
 And so with fervent heart you cry,
 "God bless the friend who just "stands by."
 —Author Unknown.

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