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That's our  
greeting to  
you in this  
happy season.

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## Julehilsen

Loge 318 i København sender sine hjerteligste Ønsker om en god Jul samt et lykkeligt Nytaar til alle Brødrene i D. B. S., og samtidig en velment Tak til Brodersamfundsbladet for Aaret der svandt, for den Velvillie vi har nydt fra Bladets Ledelse, som altid redbon har modtaget vore beskedne Bidrag til Bladets Spalter. Paa den Maade har vor Stemme kunde lyde i det store Orkester.

Med broderlig Hilsen,  
P. L. V.  
ALBERT PETERSEN, Sekr.

## Julens Forsonede Aand

Dette er hvad jeg føler at maatte skrive om i vort Blad, som det kommer indenfor vore Hjem i Julemaaned. Nu er det ganske vist saaledes, at Aarets største Højtid ikke favner enhver af os i sin sarte Stemning af Næstekærlighed. Lidet nytter det at grunde herover, for ogsaa her støder vi mod forskellige Opfattelser indenfor Religionernes og Traditionens Domicil. Istedet for det almene Begreb Næstekærlighed vil jeg nævne Broderkærlighed, det Ideal der belyses af Julens altforsonlige Indflydelse paa det modtagelige Sind. Maa jeg have lov til at tro, vi Brødre — ladende alt andet ude af Betragtning — kan forenes i Ønsket om Idealets Virkeliggørelse. Unødigt haarde Ord er, særligt i Aarets sidste Halvdel, udtalt i Samfundsbladet; disse maa glemmes. Fra min Side vil de blive det. Livets Erfaringer har skolet mig i at have Respekt for, hvad andre anser for Ret, og bedst egnet til Fremme af dette eller hint Formaal. Uden at vige et Haarsbred fra mine egne ofte erklærede Synspunkter i Sprogsagen kunne det aldrig falde mig ind at underkende Opponenters ligesaa grundærlige Motiver. Hvad Kritikken af mit danske Sprog angaar, finder jeg samme interessant, Untagelsen forekommer mig altid saaledes, men derudover har jeg intet at bemærke. Derimod beklager jeg, at vi i vort Brodersamfund, som i over en Menneskealder har været bebyrdet med en Sprogsags bitre Fejde, der til Tider lejrer som truende Skyer over Harmonien, saa betingende for vor Organisations Velfærd i en uoverskuelig Fremtid.

Glædelig Jul Brødre!

AAGE TABEL.

## Notice

Notice is hereby given to all lodges, whom it may concern, that as of Oct. 1, 1948 Lodge No. 107 is now located at 10413 Michigan Ave., and that all correspondence be sent to the secretary as follows:

H. P. RASMUSSEN,  
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## Address Changes

#### Secretary:

183—Harry Jensen, 454 Eighth Avenue, N. Troy, N. Y.

#### Treasurer:

(This is a new treasurer for Lodge No. 134).  
134—L. S. Nelsen, Ringsted, Iowa.

# HONOR ROLL

## LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1948
242.	Erie Pa. ....	36	110
184.	Hayward, Calif. ....	28	49
4.	Racine, Wis. ....	22	565
84.	Lincoln, Nebr. ....	22	27
318.	Copenhagen, Denmark ...	20	194
126.	Los Angeles, Calif. ....	19	312
323.	Alhambra, Calif. ....	16	39
49.	San Francisco, Calif. ...	15	427
230.	Arcata, Calif. ....	14	27
29.	Seattle, Wash. ....	11	373
116.	Newark, N. J. ....	11	202
331.	Detroit, Mich. ....	10	33
113.	Enumclaw, Wash. ....	9	54
39.	Oakland, Calif. ....	8	254
143.	Petaluma, Calif. ....	8	118
164.	New York, N. Y. ....	8	54
20.	Manistee, Mich. ....	7	74
42.	Spokane, Wash. ....	7	60
70.	Greenville, Mich. ....	7	96
*202.	Warren, Pa. ....	7	41
*306.	San Diego, Calif. ....	7	49
314.	Hartford, Conn. ....	7	177
332.	Ripon, Calif. ....	6	28
10.	Council Bluffs, Iowa ...	5	142
17.	Chicago, Ill. ....	5	162
37.	Bridgeport, Conn. ....	5	96
*45.	Minneapolis, Minn. ....	5	242
190.	Schenectady, N. Y. ....	5	149
*195.	Omaha, Nebr. ....	5	61
255.	Selma, Calif. ....	5	64
263.	Askov, Minn. ....	5	153

\*Added this month.

## LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender and Location	New Members Enrolled
184.	H. A. Sundby, Hayward, Calif. ....	21
323.	C. F. Petersen, Alhambra, Calif. ....	16
242.	Ole C. Beck, Erie, Pa. ....	14
230.	Curtis Larsen, Arcata, Calif. ....	11
84.	Chris Block, Lincoln, Nebr. ....	9
113.	Johannes Moldrup, Enumclaw, Wash. ...	9
84.	S. C. Sorensen, Lincoln, Nebr. ....	7
126.	Andrew Nielsen, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	7
20.	Robert C. Johnson, Manistee, Mich. ....	6
332.	Arthur J. McIntosh, Ripon, Calif. ....	6
242.	John Andersen, Erie, Pa. ....	5
242.	James A. Nielsen, Erie, Pa. ....	5
255.	Hans M. Andersen, Selma, Calif. ....	5
126.	Carl Christensen, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	4
143.	John V. Jensen, Petaluma, Calif. ....	4
1.	Axel Skelbeck, Omaha, Nebr. ....	3
4.	Niels Sorensen, Racine, Wis. ....	3
4.	Carl Heindorff, Racine, Wis. ....	3
42.	N. P. Jensen, Spokane, Wash. ....	3
43.	John M. Beck, Spokane, Wash. ....	3
*70.	Oluf Feldt, Greenville, Mich. ....	3
84.	Martin A. Sorensen, Lincoln, Nebr. ....	3
116.	M. C. Christensen, Newark, N. J. ....	3
152.	Martin Mikkelsen, Wilbur, Nebr. ....	3
190.	C. B. Christensen, Schenectady, N. Y. ...	3

195.	Walter Jacobsen, Omaha, Nebr. ....	3
*202.	Einar Christiansen, Warren, Pa. ....	3
242.	Mads Christensen, Erie, Pa. ....	3
*306.	Lehmann Cook, San Diego, Calif. ....	3
318.	John Christensen, Copenhagen, Denmark...	3
318.	Julius Larsen, Copenhagen, Denmark ...	3
331.	Paul J. Blinkilde, Detroit, Mich. ....	3

\*Added this month.

## ... NEW MEMBERS ...

Booster	No. of Lodge	Location	New Member
Ras. Rasmussen	4	Racine	Peter C. O. Larsen
T. F. Frederiksen	29	Seattle	Harly Christiansen
H. Hansen	32	New Haven	T. E. Jensen
H. Hansen	32	New Haven	Erik S. Lindrup
M. A. Thomsen	39	Oakland	K. A. Mikkelsen
Jacob Jensen	39	Oakland	A. Christiansen
Max Graah	45	Minneapolis	J. C. Nielsen
Oluf Feldt	70	Greenville	John Hansen
Milo Petersen	70	Greenville	L. H. Petersen
Peter Olsen	84	Lincoln	Lavern P. Olsen
Anton Petersen	90	Port Reading	A. Miller
C. A. Nielsen	90	Port Reading	Horace Baker
Andrew Nielsen	126	L. Angeles	S. M. Christiansen
Christ. J. Nyberg	126	Los Angeles	P. E. Glarsøe
Paul Petersen	164	New York	H. Gottschalk
Henry Lassen	171	Jamestown	Merle Lassen
Henry Lassen	171	Jamestown	Fred Jensen
John L. Petersen	182	Waukegan	C. L. Petersen
H. A. Sundby	184	Hayward	M. A. Mikkelsen
H. A. Sundby	184	Hayward	E. DeFrenchi, Jr.
Iver Paulsen	184	Hayward	Esben Jensen
Anton Sorensen	195	Omaha	Albert Larsen
Anton Sorensen	195	Omaha	Burton Yahnke
James C. Nordine	202	Warren	Robert N. Jensen
E. Christiansen	202	Warren	B. E. Bigelow
Martin Jaspersen	202	Warren	Karl E. Petersen
Ole C. Beck	242	Erie	Niels P. Nielsen
Victor V. Hansen	261	Fowler	John Garner
Hans Mosbaek	263	Askov	Virgil Jensen
Carlo Klitgaard	278	Salt L. City	H. Gugliehmetti
K. E. Jorgensen	278	Salt Lake City	E. Thomsen
Peder Jensen	306	San Diego	Fred Busching
Amos Smith	306	San Diego	R. J. Klitgaard
Lehmann Cook	306	San Diego	H. B. Hansen
Lehmann Cook	306	San Diego	Kurt E. Nielsen
Lehmann Cook	306	San Diego	H. Jorgensen
L. H. Aspelund	318	Copenhagen	Holger Hansen
Marius Tensen	318	Copenhagen	N. K. R. Dreier
Aage Tensen	318	Copenhagen	G. J. Keenz
Carl Olsen	318	Copenhagen	C. K. Petersen
C. F. Petersen	323	Alhambra	K. H. Hansen
C. F. Petersen	323	Alhambra	Cecil H. Stater
C. F. Petersen	323	Alhambra	N. C. Johnson
C. F. Petersen	323	Alhambra	O. E. Paulson
N. Mikkelsen	331	Detroit	W. E. Mickelsen
S. E. Larsen	331	Detroit	Richard Rasmussen
Arthur McIntosh	332	Ripon	Andrew Larsen

Accidents are reported as the leading cause of death among school children, although safety education in American schools has been credited with saving more than 25,000 child lives in the past ten years.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Loge 318, København

OCTOBER 31, 1948

### Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1	\$519,985.44
Assessments	10,826.84
Interest of bonds	11,185.34
Bonds sold, 150-M	150,000.00
Premium on bonds sold	667.12
	<u>\$692,664.74</u>

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$ 7,141.86
Bonds purchased	630,659.56
Interest accrued on bonds	3,881.40
Investment expense	10.00
Rent of safe deposit vaults	198.00
Collection expense, bond interest coupons	5.25
Balance on hand, October 31, 1948	50,768.67
	<u>\$692,664.74</u>

### General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1	\$ 25,254.21
Received in October	688.29
Dues and per capita tax	168.00
Interest on bonds	125.00
	<u>\$ 26,235.50</u>

Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 114.80
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	131.66
Rent and lights	148.50
Printing and mailing official publication	336.04
Salary to officers and employes	1,907.80
Traveling expenses	657.31
Employers S. S. and Unemployment taxes	21.18
Miscellaneous office furniture	213.75
Collection expense, checks of non-par banks	1.90
Balance on hand October 31, 1948	22,702.56
	<u>\$26,235.50</u>

### Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1	\$ 7,154.43
Relief assessments	25.00
Relief payments returned	11.78
Relief payments repaid by beneficiaries	126.04
	<u>\$ 7,317.25</u>

Disbursements:	
Relief payments (regular)	\$ 2,077.26
Relief payments (special)	500.00
Postage	8.00
Balance on hand October 31, 1948	4,731.99
	<u>\$ 7,317.25</u>

### Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$3,679,145.54
Relief fund investments	165,000.00
General fund investments	15,000.00
Cash in bank	\$78,306.91
Less: Employes federal taxes	103.69
	<u>78,203.22</u>
Total assets	<u>\$3,937,348.76</u>

Man læser jævnlig i Brodersamfundsbladet en Bekendtgørelse, der fortæller, at den eller hin loges Medlemmer har fejret et højt bedaget Medlems Fødsel eller anden Mærkedag ved Besøg med velkomne Gaver og til Lejligheden passende Taler; det har ofte bragt min Fantasi i Bevægelse. Dette at man i det hektiske og kraftigt pulserende Land virkelig havde og gav sig Stunder til at hædre og glæde en ældrende Mand eller Kvinde, der tiltrods Hastigheder og Rekordjageri faar Lov til at nyde sit Otium og ikke er glemt og gemt; det er maaske overmodig af mig at karakterisere noget saadan som typisk Dansk. Nuvel, hvis dette netop er Tilfældet, maa det vel forudsættes, at vi ogsaa i given Tilfælde praktiserer denne menneskelige Skik i Moderlandet, og det gør vi nu ogsaa, naar Anledning byder sig.

Den 4. September fyldte et af vore Medlemmer 90 Aar, hans Navn er Carl Taube, af Profession Smed. Nu forestiller man sig et jættestor Mand med Skuldre som en Skibsdæk, og saa er gamle Taube, det man benævner lille og Vaagen, men har ogsaa trukket et fint Lod i Livets Lotteri. Taube har beholdt sit Helbred og Forstand; han bor i en af Københavns fineste og bedst udstyret Aldersrenteboliger beliggende i Omegnen af Byen ved Roskildevejen, ogsaa kaldet Hovedvel Nr. 1. Han inviterede flot de af Logens Brødre, der havde Tid, Lyst og Lejlighed til Fæst; og det var en, eller rettere, blev en Fæst. Der var festlig dækket Kaffebord, derefter blev der serveret Frugt til et Glas Vin. Gæsterne havde egentlig ingen Besvær med at holde Stemningen oppe, absolut ikke, for det sørgede den 90-aarige Taube selv for, han kan baade synge en Vise og deklamere adskillige Vers paa en saadan Maade, at de yngre Aargange maa misunde saadanne Evner. Og tro ikke, at det var Værten, der først brød op; ja, Gæsterne selv maatte takke af.

Det er en lykkelig Følelse at vide, at naar Solen gaar ned og Arbejdsdagen er til Ende, at man da kan hvile i Tryghed i Bevistheden om, at hvis man ikke har evnet at sanke i Lade, at man da med let Sind kan modtage den Plads i Hvilehjemmet, som nu gamle Taube. Der er en overvældende og iøjefaldende Forskel paa den sociale Forsorg nu og for en Menne-skealder siden. Trods mange Arter af Genvordigheder og Vanskeligheder findes der dog Lyspunkter og Forbedringer; men hvorfor skal Menneskene dog ogsaa gøre Tingene saa svære for hinanden.

Se det jeg kaldte typisk Dansk er jo saa herligt overført til vore Stammevrænder i U. S. A. Heldigvis er Kærligheden til ens Næste eders Motto og vises ogsaa i Praksis. Hvor vilde det være uendelig svært at blive gammel derovre i det store Land, hvis det var anderledes, derfor er vi her i Danmark stolte af, at vore Stammevrænder i U. S. A. er typisk dansk, naar det gælder Forsøg for gamle og svagelige.

Med broderlig Hilsen,

ALB. PETERSEN,  
Sekretær, Loge 318, Danmark.

Here are the latest available figures on accident totals in 1947: Approximately 100,000 deaths, 10,500,000 injuries and some 380,000 disabling injuries. (These injuries, classified as permanent impairment, range from partial loss of use of a finger to blindness and complete crippling).

## Last But Not Least

Did you read the article under that title in the October issue of the D. B. Magazine, written by Brother Svend Petersen? If not read it now, if you did read it, read it again and—think.

Some years ago I attended a mass initiation of over fifty members into a lodge. I watched these newcomers closely and thought they constituted as nice a bunch of future members in the D. B. S. as could be wished for, but I also noticed the tired expression of disgust that showed on many of the faces as they were forced to stand up on the middle of the floor for over an hour and a half, while some long winded talks were delivered to them and I wondered if that was the proper method to use when greeting newcomers into our society. A couple of years later I asked the secretary of that lodge, how many of the class initiated at the time, were still members of our order? His answer was, he thought three of them were still paid up members.

When I was given an opportunity to make a few remarks, later on, I remember suggesting ways and means to keep new members interested in our society, by making them feel at home and use real fraternal methods inside the lodges, to leave out selfish bickerings and desires for individual honors or benefits, to make all newcomers feel they are now truly members of a real Brotherhood of country men who will share sorrows, joys and helping hands in all matters with one another. My talk on that subject did not go over so well, some thought I had used poor judgment in trying to tell them how to run their own lodge, but nevertheless I know, that every lodge of the D. B. S. we have, could benefit by taking stock of themselves on that score and devise ways and means whereby every member could feel that this was their own lodge and their own Brotherhood they belonged to as equals, one member as good as another when in the lodge room.

We exert great efforts in many instances to enroll new members, after they are in we do very little to keep them as members, if one gets behind in paying the dues or the insurance rate, we promptly drop him from the rolls instead of having brothers call on the delinquent member and have a heart to heart talk with them about paying up and if his financial condition is so it works a hardship on him for the time being to pay his debt, we as his brothers and fraternal buddies should be more than happy to help him for the time being, and insure the lodge against losing a member. A sharp letter to a delinquent will drive him out of the fold, but a friendly visit by either an official or a committee appointed by the lodge will keep him in, nine times out of ten.

Another thing we are lax in as fraternal brothers is visiting our sick and ailing members. It is so easy to imagine an excuse for not taking time to visit the sick, still we would all have a better feeling in our hearts and a clearer conscience after going to a sick brother and cheering him up to the best of our ability.

It is not enough that we exert our efforts to acquire new members, the big thing is to keep them so interested in our ideals that they will always remain as such. Imagine any other society such as the Masonic fraternity, dropping members from their rolls almost faster than they are accepted. We in the D. B. S. should have more to offer our members

than most any other society, but we must first clear our own hearts of the old inherent desire for self advancement, petty jealousies, small bickerings and seeking of selfish gains through our Brotherhood. We should also try to make our meetings more interesting by bringing up subjects for general discussion and enlightenment, intelligently and in a friendly spirit, seek to get everyone interested in these meetings, rather than just pass through a dull ritual and hurry up so we can get into a game of cards or something else. Now that Christmas is approaching, let the theme of our desires be, that we are not so much interested in getting in new members as we are in keeping what we have for Christmas and let us remember the story about the Shepherd who left the Ninety and Nine safely in the fold and went out into the wilderness, bringing back the one lamb that had strayed and was lost.

"A Merry Christmas to you all."

JUL. ANDERSEN.

## Clinton, Iowa

The 3rd Sunday in October, D. B. Lodge No. 11, Clinton, Iowa, celebrated its 65th anniversary with a supper in their hall, 3rd Ave. No. and 4th Street. Ex-Supreme President John Hansen was there and spoke about his trip to Denmark late last summer. He, together with Brother Boy Hansen of Davenport, Iowa Lodge, had been visiting down in Slesvig and studied the refuge problem. Wish many more had been there to hear him. Though it is a tragic situation in Slesvig, it is very interesting to listen to, when a man like John Hansen is telling it right after coming back from there.

The 23rd of December the Sisterhood of Clinton Lodge is celebrating its 60th anniversary. I gather from these figures that we are among the oldest of Lodges. In late years we haven't progressed. I am one of the youngest (53 years) but through the records I have found something which may indicate that these two lodges have made somewhat of a record. Brother L. L. Ries was the first supreme treasurer for the Sisterhood and also supreme president for the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood has furnished two supreme presidents, namely Sister Hansine Madsen and Sister Henriette Capion.

The language in our lodge is of course English, which I think is in its place, but when I attended a lecture of Dan Chr. Andersen in the D. F. S. hall recently, then I felt glad and light of heart, that we yet can attend an all Danish lecture. Og Dan Chr. Andersen udtalte ogsaa, at det var med en vis Længsel, han imødesaa den Aften da han for Indbydelse skulde tale i D. F. S. Hall i Clinton. Hver Gang han skulde Tale paa Dansk, syntes han selv det var ligesom at standse ved en Oase. Den Mand har rejst meget og oplevet meget. Der er ingen der vil fortryde, hvis de sender ham en Indbydelse.

HANS GERTSEN, Sec.,

D. B. Lodge No. 11, Clinton, Iowa.

Deaths as a result of motor vehicle accidents decreased about 4 per cent in 1947. In 1946 the total was 33,411, in 1947, the total dropped to about 32,000. (Figures are from the National Office of Vital Statistics).

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE NEWS

by  
Hilmar W. Hansen, 846 Ramona Ave., Salt Lake City 5, Utah

## Utah and Idaho General Committee

The General Committee's executive officers of Utah and Idaho D. B. Lodges accepted an invitation to visit Pocatello Lodge No. 264's meeting Saturday, Nov. 6. The usual lodge business was rushed through in order to give the visiting brothers an opportunity to express themselves.

The president, Brother Jensen, first called on Supreme Trustee Hilmar W. Hansen, who as always gave one of his inspirational pep talks which received spontaneous applause. The president then asked Brother Hilmar to conduct the meeting and to introduce the other visiting brothers, which he did and first called on Brother Henry E. Andersen, president of the General Committee, who expressed his thanks for the invitation and satisfaction of being with the Pocatello Lodge. Brother Kjeld Jorgensen and Correspondent M. Rasmussen from Brigham City also made some fine remarks for the occasion and last but not least our silver-tongued orator, Soren J. Jespersen, spoke and was cordially applauded. After the meeting the Sisterhood lodge served an excellent lunch which was very much enjoyed by everybody. During the lunch a short program was presented; a couple of new songs, recently from Denmark, was sung by Brother Karl Nelsson, treasurer of the Pocatello lodge, sung as only he can sing them, and a comic reading by Sister Thomas was also one of the highlights of the evening. After the program dancing commenced and when you dance in Pocatello you don't quit at 12 o'clock. The visiting brothers stayed overnight and made the 180-mile trip back to Salt Lake City the next day, having enjoyed every minute while away. Many thanks to the brothers and sisters in Pocatello for their hospitality.

MARIUS RASMUSSEN, Correspondent.

## Scrap Notes:

Which was your best Christmas? That is rather an odd question and it may be hard to answer, yet I am sure that to most of us there has been one particular Christmas which for some reason or other made it more outstanding than the rest. It was better in some way and the memories of it will linger with us always. The reason it seemed better was of course due to circumstances surrounding it. Let's for a moment look into different circumstances and see if we can find one which may fit our own life.

Just imagine now that we are gifted with some special psychic power, or that we possess one of those well-known Fakir's Crystal Globes so we can see into the unknown; or to make it plain, look into some of the circumstances which would cause people to claim a certain Christmas for the best.

The first picture we see is that of a child most happy in its belief in Santa Claus or St. Nicholas, of how he comes driving his reindeer on Christmas Eve, his sleigh loaded with all the things hoped for, expensive toys for the rich child, for the less fortunate child, food, clothing and a cheaper toy. In

either case the child's faith has not been in vain, every little item hoped for, every wish has come true. Is it not very logical and natural that to claim such a Christmas for the best.

Then as we look further we find a young married couple. Their idea of the best Christmas is different. They claim the year they helped their baby celebrate its first Christmas was the time. Everything around the home seemed so happy, complete and peaceful. There was humbleness and joy in their hearts, a feeling never experienced before. It seemed as though they better understood just what Christmas meant, the birth of Christ. Like the shepherds, they thanked God for their best Christmas ever. Here again we must agree it could easily be accepted as the best Christmas.

Now let us turn the Crystal a little more and what do we see? A group of families claiming that their best Christmas was the year when their sons and daughters had just come home from the World War and from the battlefield where the last couple of Christmases had been spent under most unpleasant conditions. Their first Christmas away from home, they tried to make it as near to Christmas as possible under the circumstances. So a small group of boys searched the vicinity to find a Christmas tree and finally settled for a dried up branch of some sort of a tree. They cut up tin cans and utensils from their messkit for decorations, also hung a few sticks of gum and some cigarettes on the dried branch, gathered around and sang a Christmas hymn and silently said a prayer with hopes of spending the next Christmas at home; but the second Christmas on the battlefield did not turn out as hoped for. Being close to the enemy's territory, there was no time for celebration; but their company commander had made a special effort to have some extra good chow for them on Christmas day. This chow was all ready to be consumed when the enemy decided to change their plans and made a sneak attack and of course ruined their Christmas and those who survived considered themselves lucky and thanked God for being alive. There were many other experiences; but I am sure we can agree with these families that having their sons and daughters home where all is quiet and the welcome sound of the church bells announcing Christmas, would make that the best Christmas for them.

In conclusion let us turn the Crystal globe once more, and let's see if we can understand why these people under entirely different circumstances can claim their Christmas for the best. Here we find a poor family, everyone undernourished and appearing sad because of lack of necessities, the father being out of work, (a depression you know) there was very little hope for a merry Christmas, all the members of the family, yes, even the children, knew the hard time their folks were having, so actually little was expected. However, a few days before Christmas their friends, neighbors and members of the Danish Brother lodge, of which the father was a member, came and put an end to their gloomy outlook on things, because they brought with them baskets with food, fruit, candy; besides they left a purse with money enough to buy Mary a doll and

Bill a pair of skates, coal for the stove and for other things needed. Here was a case where fraternity had an opportunity to prove its worth, a charitable act, exercised without embarrassment to anyone. As we watch the mother and father of this little family and notice a tear of happiness on their cheeks after their friends had left their house, we can very well understand why this was the best Christmas, not only to this little family, but to the givers as well. Their hearts too were filled with happiness because of being able to help a family in distress.

While the Crystal keeps turning we have witnessed a few circumstances which exist. But regardless of which has been the best Christmas to you or I, we can still make this a good Christmas. We are members of a fraternity, our aim is to help those less fortunate and to spread happiness regardless of our means. We can all do our share, large or small, also remember, sometimes a kind word to a lonely soul is worth a lot more than money.

As our journey for 1948 comes to a close, may I express my sincere thanks to our members of our Brotherhood for their interest in our fraternal work and send you and your family my sincere wish for the best Christmas ever. May the New Year bring you health and happiness and peace to the world.

## Sprogspørgsmaalet

Walter C. Nelson i Rochester, N. Y., beviser baade paa den Maade han nu staver sit Navn og fra hans Artikel i vort Brodersamfundsblad for November, at han er en god naturaliseret Amerikaner.

Det er nu gudskelov den almindelige Regel for Danske som kommer til Amerika for at bosætte sig at blive amerikansk Borger og ikke en Undtagelse.

Diskussionen om hvorvidt det amerikanske eller danske Sprog skulde være det officielle i Logerne har gaaet for sig i mange Aar, og lad os haabe mange endnu. Naar den holder op kan vi næsten se Tæppet gaa ned over sidste Akt af D. B. S. Saa lad os haabe at vor Redaktør Petersen og hans mange Efterfølgere i Fremtiden, altid vil give Plads i deres Spalter for dette særlige Emne.

Hver enkelt Broder maa spørge sig selv hvorfor han til hører D. B. S. Majoriteten, født i Danmark, vil sikkert svare, fordi han godt kan lide at samles en Gang imellem med Landsmænd. Anden Generation maa have en medfødt Trang til at opholde sig i en hjemlig dansk Atmosfære, ellers er der da nok amerikanske Loger for ham at vælge imellem. Det er derfor hovedsagelig Trangen til noget der er dansk som samler os i D. B. S. Logerne over hele Amerika og det synes logisk at de der kan tale dansk foretrækker at gøre det, da det maaske er den eneste Lejlighed de har dertil.

Det er jo netop i en Loge at Mænd samles for at kunne gøre nogle af de Ting de ikke gør til dagligt og hvis de ikke kan tale dansk i en dansk Brodersamfundsloge, saa synes det som Grundstenen for vort Samfund løsner sig.

Det daglige Sprog talt af Danske, som har boet her i nogle Aar, maa hovedsageligt være amerikansk. Alle normalt intelligente, selv uden Eksamen fra Københavns Universitet, vil næppe tabe noget af hans Sprogkundskaber ved en lille dansk Sludder en Gang om Maaneden naar han besøger Logen.

Desværre er den hovedsagelig Grund til mange Dansk-Amerikaneres Modvilje til at tale dansk et vist Mindreværdskompleks, som de har lidt af fra den Dag de satte deres Ben i dette store Land efter at have forladt lille Danmark, skønt faa vil indrømme det. Forøvrigt vil den almindelige indfødte Amerikaner finde det besynderligt at fornægte sit Modersmaal, da det vilde være det sidste han selv vilde gøre, hvis han levede i et fremmed Land.

Saa lad os holde paa det danske Sprog saa længe vi kan, for det vil vise sig som en yderligere Egen-skab der vil, hjælpe til at skabe os ind til den ægte Amerikaner.

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

The lodges' attention is drawn to the following list of visits to the lodges by our district president, Brother Hans M. Andersen, for the purpose of paying the respect of the General Committee to the California membership, as well as for the purpose of installing the officers for the ensuing term:

Bakersfield, Lodge No. 319, Tuesday, January 4.  
 Del Rey Lodge No. 188 and Selma Lodge No. 255, Wednesday, January 5, joint installation.  
 Oakland Lodge No. 39, Friday, January 7.  
 Petaluma Lodge No. 143, Saturday, January 8.  
 Ferndale Lodge No. 95 and Arcata Lodge No. 230, Monday, January 10, joint installation.  
 San Francisco Lodge No. 49, Wednesday, Jan. 12.  
 Hayward Lodge No. 184, Thursday, January 13.  
 Modesto Lodge No. 332, Friday, January 14.  
 San Diego Lodge No. 306, Tuesday, January 18.  
 Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, Thursday, January 20.  
 Alhambra Lodge No. 323, Friday, January 21.  
 Long Beach Lodge No. 329, Saturday, January 22.  
 Fresno Lodge No. 67, Thursday, January 27.  
 Santa Barbara Lodge No. 322, Friday, January 28.  
 Solvang Lodge No. 299, Saturday, January 29.

The cooperation of the lodges in adhering to the above schedule will be much appreciated by Brother Andersen. As you know, it is no easy job to flitter about a state like California, where there is 1,000 miles between San Diego No. 306 in the south and Arcata No. 230 in the north. Any correspondence in connection with the visit of Brother Andersen should be sent directly to him, his address being: Route 1, Box 260, Parlier, Calif. May I ask each secretary to write him that the visit is in order.

Just as I am writing this article, news reached me that Brother Andersen was taken to the Selma hospital on November 15, where he was with due ceremony initiated into the very large "Society of Scarbellies." In other words, Brother Andersen had his appendix removed. From personal observation, I know this is no laughing matter and we all wish our president a very speedy recovery.

Relative to installation of officers, Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco has arranged for a dinner to be held at 6 p. m. on the evening of installation. As you must make reservation if you wish to attend, please make your reservation with Brother Axel Jacobsen before January 6. New members will be given the dinner free. This is a joint affair with Margrethe Lodge No. 24 of the Sisterhood. The dinner will consist of a full course chicken dinner with cocktails and wine and will be served in the Banquet Hall of Druids Temple. The cost of the dinner will be \$1.75.

Another event in No. 49 will be the election of officers on December 8. Refreshments will be served that evening. The annual Christmas tree festival, with the other Danish Lodges, Danmark and Helga of Dania, Thyra of Dannebrog and Margrethe of the Sisterhood, will take place at Druids Temple in the evening of December 18. List your children and/or grandchildren now with the lodge secretaries.

The Santa Barbara Lodge issues a most informative little pamphlet once a month called the "Danish Grapevine" giving all the latest news from the Danish colony and lodge doings. From it we learn, that

the Santa Barbara lodges are planning a large Christmas party, but no date is given in the last bulletin. From it we also learn, that Brother and Mrs. Carl Brunsgaard, charter member of the Brotherhood lodge, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. From it we further learn that Brother Nels P. Christensen, one of the old work horses of the lodge had to enter Cottage hospital to undergo eye surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. Brother Otto Nielsen, supreme trustee, was recently in Santa Barbara, he was on his way home to Renton, Wash., enroute from Denmark where the summer was spent along with Mrs. Nielsen, his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Højland.

Of past events we can report, that in the Alhambra Lodge No. 323 they initiated four new members on October 22. After the meeting a very fine "potluck" dinner was held in the beautifully decorated banquet room. About 50 were present. A number of fine talks were given under the toastmastership of Brother F. C. Petersen, secretary of the lodge, and one of the highest ranking membership go-getters in the country. At the party Brother and Mrs. Gotfred Olsen were introduced. They had been married 55 years, as well as Brother and Mrs. Thorvald Frandsen married 45 years. And speaking about married life, Brother C. F. Petersen and his good wife recently celebrated their 38th anniversary by taking a trip to San Francisco, together with his brother and sister-in-law who came out from Connecticut for the occasion. Whilst in San Francisco, besides Top of the Mark, and the Star Room, they also visited the Danish Old People's Home "Aldersly" in San Rafael, and returned to southern California by way of Sacramento, Fresno, Parlier and Bakersfield.

During the month we have had an interesting letter from the new secretary in the Long Beach Lodge, Brother Hans Christian Andersen. A fine card party was held on November 6, and afterwards refreshments were served, and dancing to Danish phonograph music. Of future events particular attention is drawn to the Christmas tree party to be held in the lodge hall on December 17.

Brother C. W. Hansen, who for years was secretary, has resigned this post to devote his entire time to his Restaurant Department in the Greyhound Bus Terminal in San Pedro. As you know, Brother Hansen was one of the founders of the Long Beach Lodge and also served the Brotherhood as president of the General Committee. We wish him a lot of luck in his business venture.

For the lodge presidents and secretaries who are trying to think of something interesting for the coming meeting nights during the winter months, here is an idea which might be useful. A number of fine Danish films can be had by applying to C. H. W. Hasselriis, Danish Information Office, 15 Moore Street, New York. Here are some of the titles: "Danish Maternity and Child Welfare," "Care of the Aged in Denmark," "Health Insurance and Hospitals in Denmark" and "Danish People's Holidays." These films are educational and informative of the way of life in Denmark. Perhaps we could learn just a little bit from the little land across the sea!

# News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

It is good to hear from some of the lodges we have not heard from lately. I am sure that many brethren will be interested to hear that in Westbrook, Maine, we have a lodge with only 10 members, but they are all active members. They have their meetings in the homes of the different brothers and are really having a fine time of it. The last meeting was held in Gorham in Brother Aron Nielsen's home. Nine brothers were present and it was a real fine meeting.

Of course it gives the ladies a chance to come too and that is just what they do. They all gathered around a fine table for refreshments after the meeting. A birthday was celebrated this evening, the secretary, Brother Rudolph Hansen, was the honored one and many songs were sung to him and a good time in general was had.

A special thanks to Mrs. Nielsen for good things to eat. We hope to hear from you again and wish you the best of luck.

From GREEN MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 294 in Barre, Vt., comes word again that they had a fine meeting November 6.

Members of the lodge were instructed to report on a final drive for new members in 1948, at the meeting in December.

At this meeting, election of officers will also take place and cards have been mailed to all members to this effect. Plans were made for a Christmas party the first part of December so it really looks like a busy month in Barre, Vt.

## From Schenectady, N. Y., No. 190

The business meeting in H. C. Orsted lodge Sept. 22, was a short one due to the fact that important company was expected.

At 9 o'clock sharp, Bill Christensen and his Viking guards, marched into the hall, accompanied by Col. A. J. Rinaldi, chairman of the Sesquicentennial Festival.

The Colonel was introduced by the president and he then spoke about the celebration and informed the members of No. 190 that although they were the smallest group represented, they won the largest prize for the beautiful float. He presented the lodge a big two-foot trophy with a ship on top.

After the presentation, the floor was cleared and all sat down to enjoy the first smoker of the season. Many short speeches were heard for the good of all who had helped to win this beautiful trophy.

The bowling is going fine in Schenectady, the members are really enjoying these Tuesday evenings. The teams have received their fine gray shirts with their sponsors names on them.

Twenty Danish women have formed a bowling league called Club 142. They are bowling on Monday evenings at the Woodlawn Bowling alleys. They have adopted the following names for their teams: The Dishes, The Spoons, The Forks and The Knives. They are really going to town and mean business.

A fishing trip was made October 3, to Saratoga Lake by 18 brothers. Arriving at the lake, they

found, I believe, that the water was wet or something, for it seems that only one man dared go fishing. The day, however, was not spoiled, everyone spent a most enjoyable day playing cards, etc. Of course the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Niels Nielsen, provided some delicious clams and hamburgers and everything else that goes to make such a trip successful.

Oh yes, they do know how to enjoy themselves in Schenectady.

The new hall is coming along fine and Saturday, Nov. 20, the lodge will have its annual turkey raffle. It is hoped that the hall will be finished near enough for that evening so that a real large crowd may participate. Tickets are in the hands of all members and proceeds from this party goes to the welfare fund.

## The Special Meeting in Providence

To all who are interested, this is to inform you that the special meeting in No. 102 will be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 11.

The supreme president, Bysted Christensen, will be present. All the officers of the G. C. have been invited and they have promised that they will be there.

Invitations to attend have been sent to all neighboring lodges, but we do hope that those who will not be present at their meetings, may see this and take advantage and come to. We would be especially interested to see brothers from Massachusetts come to this meeting.

We promise you that you will not be disappointed and good refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The meeting will start at 7 o'clock sharp and it is at 48 Snow St., Odd Fellows Hall, off Washington St., Providence.

**BROTHERS IN PROVIDENCE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**—The regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 15, is cancelled.

## 45th Anniversary in Troy, N. Y., Lodge No. 183

Saturday evening, Oct. 23, the lodge in Troy celebrated its 45th anniversary with a banquet and dance at the Dania Hall in North Troy. About 150 guests attended the affair. It was a delicious homemade ham dinner served by the ladies from Troy with Sister Anna Langerman as chairman. The president, Magnus Rasmussen, bid all welcome and Brother Elmer Rasmussen, city court judge, acted as toastmaster and a good one he is.

He first introduced the charter members of which five are still alive, but only four were present. They are A. Madsen, J. Bork, P. Christensen, Carl Nielsen and Thorvald Lauridsen, the last named brother was absent. They were all called upon to express their feelings or ideas and Brother Christensen explained that in 1949 in September he has been in the clothing business in Chatham, N. Y., for 50 years. He will

then celebrate in great style, the building where his store is will be painted red and white (the Danish colors) and everyone is invited to help him celebrate. Perhaps he will regret that he made this invitation.

Many guests were called upon and we name only a few: The president from the Schenectady lodge, H. Hansen; president of the Sisterhood lodge in Troy; president of the G. C. of D. S. S. in the East; Brother Andrew Thomsen from New Haven, trustee in the G. C.; George V. Petersen from Providence and several other brothers and guests. Last but not least, the supreme president, C. B. Christensen, from Schenectady. Of course an affair in Troy would not be complete without Bysted being present.

All in all it was a splendid affair. The committee deserves a lot of thanks for a job well done. Dancing followed the banquet.

We say thanks to Troy for a real nice evening.

## Ramblings From Troy

You may be interested to hear a little more from Troy, N. Y. You will note in the report from the anniversary that Brother Elmer Rasmussen was the toastmaster. Well as we were nearing election time and Elmer was running for judge again, we were wondering how he made out. I am very glad to have heard from Troy that he did win and I hereby send him my heartiest congratulations and when I again visit Troy I will not have to worry too much about where to park my car. Well Elmer is a fine fellow and he is a most likeable fellow too, he is Past Grand Master of the Odd Fellows of the state of New York. He is quite active in the Danish People Society and the Brotherhood in Troy too.

A brother from Troy informed us the other night that there are two Danish artists traveling around this country at the present time, they are Kjeld and Jorgen Jorgensen, now showing with the Loot Rio Circus. Their aerial act is one of the greatest ever seen.

These two boys have been in the U. S. the past 11 months and their parents and family are at home at Indianapolis, Ind.

They have shown in Boston with the Shrine circus and in Troy also with the same. It is hoped that many will see them and we certainly wish them good luck while they are here.

## Long Island Lodge No. 325

Our Anniversary dinner this year was in celebration of our 22nd year of growing success. Our members and their many friends spent a most enjoyable evening at the Park Inn Night club at Valley Stream. A good chicken dinner and jovial companionship was well arranged by our Berg Jensen, who managed everything from soup to nuts. A good floor show and dancing kept us all there till the wee hours.

Friday night, Nov. 12, we held an open meeting at our lodge hall and members' families and their friends were invited to participate in the festivities. The night was the occasion of the drawing for a television set, the proceeds to go to the sending of delicacies to the children of Copenhagen Lodge No. 318 for their Christmas tree party. For this contest, we must give credit to our president, John Jorgensen, for his confidence in sponsoring the chance-selling

for the television set and of course, the grand cooperation we received from our members.

The lucky winner was Leonard Olsen of Manor Parkway, East Hempstead, L. I.

The evening was enjoyed by showing motion pictures directed by Brother Svend Beyer of "Modersmaalet" lodge in Brooklyn. Refreshments were served and good coffee made by our grand old lady, Mrs. Isak Isaksen and Mrs. Harry Rasmussen.

After a lot of good music and dancing, we all parted, looking forward to another gay evening together.

## Newark Lodge No. 116 Honors Its Ex-Presidents

The regular meeting of the lodge had been set aside November 13, to honor all ex-presidents of the lodge. This has become a regular custom in Newark every year at our November meeting and it is a real pleasure to see the response of the ex-presidents to the special invitation. It shows, that even if many of them are well up in years, they still have the interest of the Brotherhood at heart.

After the regular business had been taken care of President Brother Jack Svane, proceeded to call the names of all the ex-presidents. Twenty-four responded to roll call and were escorted in front of the altar, where the president expressed his pleasure at the wonderful response, with the hope for their continued help and interest in our Brotherhood.

After the closing of the meeting, the refreshment committee took over and invited everyone to be seated at the tables where a most delicious spread of Danish sandwiches disappeared in nothing flat. A special thanks to our ladies, who are always so willing to do all this work. Without them, the meetings would not be so well attended. Brother Jens Mortensen acted as toastmaster for the evening, and many of the "oldtimers" expressed their appreciation of belonging to the Danish Brotherhood, and especially to No. 116. Brother Paul Petersen, president of the Eastern General Committee, was present, and in speaking for the General Committee expressed his thanks to the ex-presidents for their work in the Brotherhood and agreeing with the idea of Newark lodge paying tribute to the brothers who did the work in years past. It costs so little and pays wonderful returns.

We are looking forward to our 50th anniversary. It will be celebrated April 2, 1949 at the Ivanhoe in Irvington. All plans are completed and we are looking forward to seeing many visitors from neighboring lodges. Our supreme president, Brother C. B. Christensen, has accepted our invitation to be here, so mark the date down on your calendar, Saturday, April 2. There will be a good dinner, Danish music, not too many speeches and a real good get-together for everyone, young and old. CHRIS MADSEN.

## Hilsen

Broder Cai Adolph Hansen, mangeaarig Medlem af Chicago Logen, nu Medlem af Loge Nr. 318 i København, Danmark, fylder 50 Aar den 27. December og sender mange Hilsener til gamle Venner i den store By.

Med broderlig Hilsen,

ALB. PETERSEN,  
Sekretær, Loge Nr. 318.

# The Boiling Pot

By  
A. GRAVESEN  
Askov, Minn.

Otto Nielsen, Renton, Wash., supreme trustee, and his wife returned from their trip to Denmark early in November. They left for their vacation in March via Los Angeles, Omaha and New York where they boarded the Gdynia-America liner "Batory." They had a wonderful vacation according to Mrs. Nielsen and enjoyed themselves every minute, both in Denmark and going and coming. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holmes, their son-in-law and daughter.

The D. B. Lodge of Petaluma, Calif., had nomination of officers for the ensuing year at a recent meeting. The following were nominated: Sigfred Hansen, president; Jack Brodersen, vice president; John Vinding, secretary; Sofus Larsen, treasurer; Hans Toft, trustee; John Jensen, conductor; Harald Jensen, inner guard; Charles Thomas, outer guard. Paul Paulsen was named representative on the central committee. A committee to serve with delegates from the other three Danish lodges in arranging a Christmas tree festival was appointed.

At a recent meeting of D. B. Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., two new members were initiated, one being Kenneth Mikkelsen, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mikkelsen. Kenneth was born August 11, 1932, being the youngest member of Lodge No. 39; the other new member was Aage Christiansen, who is a newcomer from Denmark. He has secured employment in one of the Hagstrom's stores. Hagstrom is widely known among the Danes in Oakland and he is always glad and willing to give a helping hand to a Dane and to everything Danish that is worthwhile.

Christ M. Nielsen, 1743 West Blvd., Racine, Wis., died November 6th in St. Mary's hospital at the age of 65. The deceased was born in Thy, Denmark, in 1883. He came to Racine in 1909 and was for several years storekeeper in Racine. Later he held a position with the Harvey Manufacturing Company. He held membership in D. B. Lodge No. 4 for many years. He is survived by his wife and a brother and a sister in Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel I. Johnsen of West Seattle celebrated their golden wedding on November 14, in Washington Hall. Both are members respectively of the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood.

D. B. Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis., held its first smoker of the winter season Wednesday, Nov. 10. After a short business meeting the committee in charge went to work setting the tables with a delicious repast for circa 100 people. Meanwhile the brothers took a look at the new barroom in the cellar. The dinner consisting of roasted ducks with all fixings was exceedingly well prepared and thoroughly enjoyed. The program was directed by Vice President Peder Jensen who after some short remarks, called on the president of the lodge, Alfred Petersen, for a speech, who among other things informed the

attendance that the lodge had voted unanimously to confer a life membership on N. K. Rasmussen who on January 1, 1948, had served the lodge as secretary for twenty-five and one-half years. Then a number of talks and songs were given in honor of N. K. Rasmussen. A number of visitors were present among whom were members of "Brage," the singing society from Kenosha, and two of Jens Hovgaard's brothers from North Dakota who were visting at Kenosha, also Henry Nielsen from Los Angeles who was back from a trip to Denmark and had stopped over in Racine to visit old friends, and P. Rasmussen, a member of the D. B. Lodge in Menoninee, Mich., and last but not least, Christ Holmen the blacksmith from Newell, Iowa, well known among Danes and members of the Danish Brotherhood. The meeting closed with a short talk by Brother N. K. Rasmussen extending a heartfelt thanks to the members of Lodge No. 4 for the great honor bestowed on him.

D. B. Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr., had a well attended meeting on the evening of November 2 in spite of being the same date as the general election. There were visitors from both Lodge No. 74 and Lodge No. 195, because they had advance notice that Oscar Lawsen would speak on a plan of the possibility of having all the Danish societies in Omaha form a central committee and to elect a committee to work out rules and regulations for same. After the meeting refreshments were served. While enjoying the lunch the conversation generally fell on the outcome of the general election and there seemed to be general satisfaction of the indicated results when the returns from the state began to come in, especially regarding the Nebraska governor, Val J. Petersen, whose re-election seemed to be assured. Governor Petersen is a member of D. B. Lodge No. 84 of Lincoln.

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D. B. No. 140, "Københavnserlogen," Chicago, Ill., celebrated its anniversary date Saturday, Nov. 6, in Grønlunds Vikingsesal where Mrs. Dagmar and her able staff served a delicious dinner. President Laurson directed the program which was very short. Mrs. J. Ziegler sang two pretty songs accompanied by Joan Laurson. Lodge No. 17's president, Mr. Toft, put in a lick for No. 17's New Year's festival. A telegram sent earlier in the day to Soren Petersen, who celebrated his 80th anniversary, was read by President Laurson. A group of young girls and boys were also

in attendance; they were asked whether they belonged to No. 140 or to No. 70. They answered, "no, we belong to Gus Larsen's company."

On the 22nd of October the D. B. and D. S. S. lodges of Santa Barbara, Calif., gave a turkey dinner followed by entertainment and a dance. On the committee of arrangement the following members served: Anna and Niels Christensen, Dagmar and Edward Aasted, Paul Lindwall, Fred Widstrup and Mrs. Chris Christensen from Ojia. Every one had a

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good time and enjoyed themselves immensely. The Santa Barbara lodges will have their Christmas festivities on December 18. Dagmar Aasted and Leonard Petersen are in charge of arrangements.

D. B. Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, Calif., held a well attended meeting Saturday evening, Oct. 23. After the close of the business meeting they all retired to the spacious hall where all those whose birthdays had been during July, August and September threw a little party for the member brothers. It started with a cocktail followed by a delicious lunch. R. C. Rasmussen, president of the committee of arrangements, after bidding the assembly welcome stated that the committee had decided to collect from each of the celebrants the amount of five cents multiplied by the number of years they had lived, whereupon he proceeded to ask each of them when and where they were born. Those penalized were Jack Brodersen, Ralph Colin, R. C. Rasmussen, C. P. Sewaldsen, Hans Toft, Martin Jorgensen, Chris Petersen, Harvey Rasmussen, Hakon Hansen, Carl Hansen, Niels P. Nielsen, John Winding, R. P. Petersen, Peter Grove, Niels Herrup and Carl Hyldahl. All agreed that it was a very successful party.

D. B. Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis., opened its winter season with a Halloween dance October 23. Adolph Swendsen, president of the committee in charge with the aid of the other committee members, had decorated the hall in grand Halloween style. The affair was quite a success. There were visitors from Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine and vicinity and all had a good time. The next on the program will be the Dramatic Club staging a play entitled, "The Family Upstairs" on December 4, portraying the home life of an ordinary family in which several of the younger set will take part.

D. B. Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., has under consideration starting a bloodbank for use of the members of the D. B. and D. S. S. lodges in case of illness where transfusion is needed. As a start they already have a liter of blood in storage at the Alta Bates hospital which was saved from the serious

operation that Mrs. Mary Belle Jensen underwent to which several of the brothers donated blood. Fred Jensen conceived the idea of preserving the blood and the lodges are now requesting others to donate blood so the bloodbank may continue to grow.

At a well attended meeting of D. B. Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif., two new members were initiated active members of the lodge, namely: Paul Glarøe and Samuel R. Christensen. The lodge will have its Christmas festivities on December 16 in the Danish Auditorium at 1359 W. 24th Street.

About 50 ladies and gentlemen took part in a pot-luck supper served in Redmen Hall, 533 W. Main Street, Alhambra, Calif., on October 22, by the Sisterhood lodge. C. F. Petersen acted as toastmaster of the evening. He presented to the gathering Mr. and Mrs. Gotfred Olsen whose 55th wedding anniversary it was and also Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Frandsen, it being their 45th wedding day. Both couples were present and they were given an ovation. Next the toastmaster called on Viggo C. Hansen for a few remarks. He responded and closed with saying that he was glad that he again could take part in those friendly gatherings. At the business meeting, which followed, three new applications were read and four new members were initiated, namely: Norman Johnsen, Orvald Poulsen, Cecil Sater and Knud Hansen. The lodge will have its Christmas tree celebration on the evening of December 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel T. N. Johansen, 2144 Hallick SW, Seattle, Wash., celebrated their golden wedding at a festivity in Washington hall November 14 with their family and a selected number of close friends. Mrs. Johansen is a long time member of the D. S. S. and Mr. Johansen became a member of the Salt Lake City D. B. lodge in 1900, where he from time to time has held all offices from guard to president, until he in 1918 came out to Seattle. In Seattle he served as chief chef in the Meves store cafeteria until they a few years ago moved out in the country to start a chicken farm. They are now back in their home in Seattle again.

### DEATH CLAIMS PAID

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	JOINED YEAR	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Oct. 16	Anders N. Kudsk	83	Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1896	Chronic myocarditis	\$1,000.00
Aug. 31	Rasmus Rasmussen	80	Ikast Sogn	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1903	Cardiac exhaustion	802.12
Oct. 14	James H. Willadsen	65	Wyoming	148	Cheyenne, Wyo.	1908	Myocardial failure	967.65
Oct. 24	Jens P. Petersen	91	Gstermark, Den.	66	St. Paul, Minn.	1896	Cardiac failure	325.18
Sept. 6	Otto Hassert	67	Copenhagen, Den.	102	Providence, R. I.	1912	Broncho pneumonia	500.00
Oct. 20	Arthur Jacobsen	42	Sioux City, Iowa	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1927	Uremia	1,500.00
Oct. 20	Thorvald Svendsen	75	Horslund, Maribo	73	Albert Lea, Minn.	1908	Uremia	450.96
Oct. 17	Niels T. Petersen	70	Denmark	95	Ferndale, Calif.	1904	Pneumonia	952.73
Oct. 5	Arthur F. Funder	64	Aalborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1918	Coronary occlusion	250.00
Sept. 27	Carl Madsen	67	Copenhagen, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1925	Coronary artery disease	500.00
Aug. 28	Christian Nielsen	73	Gunderup, Den.	73	Detroit, Mich.	1920	Pneumonia	1,000.00
Sept. 17	Charles Christensen	53	Pennsylvania	281	Cincinnati, Ohio	1924	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Oct. 29	Niels Clausen	65	Bjergebro, Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1905	Cerebral hemorrhage	963.27
Oct. 23	John G. Hansen	72	Davenport, Iowa	3	Davenport, Iowa	1901	Coronary occlusion	864.05
Sept. 30	Peter M. Godske	76	Mors, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1897	Cardiac dilatation	811.63
Oct. 20	Peter S. Lund	91	Lolland, Denmark	103	Waterbury, Conn.	1898	Heart disease	1,000.00
Oct. 20	Andreas Andreasen	76	Møllback Sogn, Den.	106	Trufant, Mich.	1908	Unknown	450.96
Oct. 24	Anton Chr. Dahl	73	Gedis, Denmark	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1900	Not given	435.15
Oct. 19	Louis Kofod	70	Kallundborg, Den.	257	New York, N. Y.	1914	Unknown	1,000.00
Nov. 10	Louis Lauridsen	80	Herring, Denmark	34	Dwight, Ill.	1908	Cerebral thrombosis	880.83
Nov. 4	Peter Burkall	59	Hagelem, Vested Sogn	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1912	Heart disease	500.00
Oct. 20	Magnus Olesen	58	Fredericia, Jylland	210	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1937	Adenocarcinoma of stomach	250.00
Nov. 9	Peter J. Henningsen	66	Fredsville, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1903	Heart disease	950.90
Oct. 31	Louis Boisen	74	Omaha, Nebr.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1901	Coronary thrombosis	856.32
Aug. 28	Julius L. Lindskog	80	Randers, Denmark	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1906	Chronic myocarditis	204.98
Sept. 22	Christian Marcussen	81	Denmark	157	Audubon, Iowa	1907	Cardiac decompensation	865.74
Nov. 7	Svend Svendsen	87	Copenhagen, Den.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1910	Cardiac decompensation	278.49
Aug. 16	Frank C. Lisberg	53	Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1924	Bronchial pneumonia	500.00
Oct. 7	A. C. Hansen	74	Slesvig	4	Racine, Wis.	1924	Unknown	Social
Nov. 6	Christ M. Nielsen	65	Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1938	Unknown	Social
Sept. 27	Thomas McEntee	59	Chicago, Ill.	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1948	Unknown	Social

## I N M E M O R I A M

"Som Stjerner, der funkle,  
hans Minde skal staa,  
hvad engang har levet,  
kan ikke forgaa."

During the early afternoon of November 24, 1948 the "Grand Old Man" of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Brother H. H. Vogt, in his sleep passed peacefully to the Great Beyond in Seattle, Washington at the age of 89.

Brother Vogt was born in Østerholm on the Island of Als on July 2, 1859. At the age of 17 he migrated to the United States arriving at Dexter, Iowa, to work on a farm. After working on the farm for a couple of years he moved to Davenport, Iowa where he engaged in the wholesale fish business until around 1900 when he went into the field of insurance and real estate. About 8 years ago he retired and from then on he spent his time alternately in Davenport and Seattle.

He was preceded in death by his wife who died in June, 1919 and a son, Harry, who died in 1935. Surviving is a son, George, of Seattle, Washington, and two grandchildren also of Seattle.

Thus read the cold facts about a man who did so much for the Danish Brotherhood and for whom the Danish Brotherhood meant so much. He joined our organization on September 24, 1881, in Davenport while we were still "De Danske Vaabenbrødre." He was a real charter member of D. B. S.

He was very active in Davenport in the preliminary work in changing the name to Dansk Brodersamfund, together with such men as P. N. Poulsen, N. F. Hansen and C. Byskov.

In 1893 he was elected as Supreme Trustee and in Minneapolis at the 1896 Convention he was elevated to the high office of Supreme President, a position he held until the convention in Fresno in 1910.

In 1925, during the Danish Brotherhood Excursion to Denmark, he was knighted by King Christian X. Never has a nobler man been thus honored.

He attended all of our National Conven-

tions from 1893 including the last one in Seattle in 1947.

He was untiring in his efforts to futher the cause of the Danish Brotherhood. He spent much time and effort in preparing us for changing our insurance to the legal reserve basis. The foundation for many progressive moves within our organization was laid during Brother Vogt's administration.

Delegates to the National Convention will perhaps best remember Brother Vogt as the very able and efficient leader of the Brotherhood, but we here in Davenport knew "Dad" as he was affectionally called by all, as the friendly, kind and lovable family man that he really was. We remember him as a man to whom we could turn for sympathy and council when we were in need of it. Few people understood human nature better than "Dad."

No man enjoyed greater respect and friendship in business circles than "Dad" did.

He was a great supporter of the English Lutheran Church and served on its Board of Directors for more than a generation.

Few men have served society, community and church better than "Dad." He gave lavishly of his time and effort to further the cause of his fellow men.

When a man lives to be almost ninety years of age we cannot say that death comes unexpected and yet to us it was a great shock to learn of "Dad's" passing. We feel sure that all of "Dad's" friends in the Brotherhood throughout the land share our grief.

It is difficult for us to realize that we shall never again have "Dad's" wonderful, kind personality among us. We do, however, find consolation in our firm belief that "Dad" has gone to his Maker for the beautiful reward which we feel he so justly deserves. To the survivors we extend our greatest sympathy.

JOHN HANSEN,  
Davenport, Iowa

## Items From Spokane

**SATURDAY, DEC. 4: Election of officers in Spokane Lodge.**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 18: Christmas Tree.**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 1: No meeting.**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 8: Installation of officers.**

The sound film, "Wings Over Viking Land," was shown through the courtesy of American Airlines at our Old People's Home Week celebration.

It can truthfully be said that a better film from Denmark never has been shown in Spokane. Perfect photography, but more than that! It is produced by an artist who has succeeded in portraying the many scenes from the homeland in such a life-like manner that one's attention is entirely engrossed—sure, you are sitting in a large hall, 25 per cent overloaded with spectators, but you forget that—for a short span of time you are "over there," as one scene after the other, in the most gorgeous colors, roll up before your eyes, bringing back many memories of days gone by. You are having a glorious foretaste of what a visit to "the old sod" would bring you.

Also much enjoyed were the beautiful pictures from our brother-countries, Sweden and Norway.

It is a film for which every Danish Brotherhood lodge should endeavor to secure a showing.

As remarked to this scribe by our city commissioner, Kenneth Lawson, who, together with Mrs. Lawson, was in the audience: "It is indeed a fine picture." Commissioner Lawson, incidentally is of Danish descent, his parents hailing from the old Danish town of Ribe.

The sale of refreshments, the wherewithals for which were gracefully donated by the Sisters, brought in enough so we could dispatch a neat little sum to the Assistance Fund of the Northwest Danish Old People's Home.

N. B. NELSON.

## Old People's Home, Detroit

Et Par Ord angaaende vort nye Danske Alderdomshjem. Vi haaber inden kort Tid, at Hjemmet vil være færdigt til Beboelse. Som tidligere meddelt var det nødvendigt at gøre forskellige Omforandringer, saasom Installering af nye Badeværelser og Toiletter, og mange andre Ting, og naar nu Dagen er nær hvor vi kan sige nu kan vi flytte ind, da er der nogle Spørgsmaal, som vi gerne vilde have at enhver skulde vide og forstaa.

Først, enhver Mand og Kvinde som er af dansk Afstamning og over 65 Aar gammel, kan indsende Ansøgning om Optagelse paa Hjemmet.

Der er forskellige Maader, man kan betale for sit Ophold paa Hjemmet. Prisen er jo et meget vigtig Spørgsmaal og særligt nu Tildags med høje Priser paa alt hvad der skal til for Livets Ophold. For Dem som ønsker at betale maanedligt vil det koste \$75 pr. Maaned. De kan flytte naar som helst de ønsker det, og blive saa længe de ønsker det, dog maa de betale de første 4 Maaneder forud. For dem

som ønsker at blive paa Hjemmet for Livstid (Life Members) er det jo ikke saa lidt billigere, circa \$55 pr. Maaned, men de maa betale hele Beløbet forud, som foreksempel Statistikken siger, at de vil Leve 5 Aar endnu, saa vil det totale Beløb blive circa \$3,300. Skulde de overleve Statistikkens Beregninger, vil det blive dem tilgode; skulde de ikke udleve Statistikkens Beregninger vil det komme Hjemmet tilgode. Hjemmet er ansvarlig for "Life Members" i Sygdom og Død. Beløbet kan betales Kontant eller med Værdier.

Folk foruden Midler vil blive betragtet som Maanedsgæster, de kan ansøge Staten om Stats Pension, som for Staten Michigans vedkommede beløber sig til saa højt som \$45 om Maaneden pr. Person, det resterende beløb maa fremskaffes enten fra "Social Security check," eller anden Indtægt, eller Familie som er villig til at betale det resterende beløb.

Det er dog ikke nødvendigt at være fuldstændig uden Midler for at Ansøge Staten om Stats Pension. Staten Michigans Love siger at de maa have ialt \$1,250 i Kontanter og Egendele, skulde de have mere end overnævnte Beløb da maa de betale for dem selv saa længe de kan, og naar Tiden kommer at de ikke kan, da kan der Ansøges Staten om Stats Pension. Vi haaber senere at være istand til at gøre meget mere for dem som er uden Midler men til at begynde med er vi ikke "Financially" istand dertil.

Vi har nu prøvet paa at give Dem et Indblik i, hvad det vil koste at være Gæst paa vort Hjem. Hjemmet maa ikke betragtes som et Fattighus eller et Hotel, men en Plads, hvor enhver betaler med hvad de har at betale med, og da Hjemmet er en "non-profit organization" vil hvad der kommer Hjemmet tilgode, vil ogsaa komme dens Gæster tilgode.

Fra Hjemmets side vil der blive gjort alt for at de gamle vil finde sig tilfreds med Deres Ophold paa Hjemmet i de smukke Omgivelser. Skulde nogle være interesseret vil vi gerne høre fra Dem.

Paa Board af Trustees Vegne,

VIGGO MIKKELSEN, Chairman,  
15816 Parkside, Detroit, Mich.

## NOTICE

On account of a last minute change in the general make-up of the Magazine it became necessary to omit the Resolutions; they will appear next month.

EDITOR.

## DECEMBER ASSESSMENT

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

## “Enhver til sin Lyst”

If the only object in the life of the author of “Danish or English” (D. B. Magazine for November) is to “bring home the bacon” (an expression presumable analogous to accumulating a consummate pile of “potatoes”) and if the reading of Aage Tabel’s contributions in the Danish language in any way retards him in that noble, soul-stirring objective, then I say to him: “Skip it!” By all means, spend all your spare time practising English.

Many of the rest of us enjoy Tabel and wish for more. We would also like to hear oftener from Brother Albert Petersen in “318.”

Strange to relate, I have sat in a meeting listening to a debate in which a Københavner, a Vestjyde, a Fynbo and a Bornholmer took part, in the Danish language.

It went off fine and we did not use any United Nations assembly earphones either.

N. B. NELSON.

## Denmark “Something Special”

(From Woodstock, Ill., Journal, 9-30-48)

(Editor’s Note: Before John Strohm departed from London for Saudi Arabia last week, he sent this letter “back home” about his visit to Denmark.

Strohm, publisher of Northern Illinois Publications, Inc., found Denmark a welcome contrast after his visit to Berlin. John will be home soon to tell all of us his impressions of Europe on this “two years later” trip he is currently making for the State and Army departments, for Country Gentlemen and CBS.

This is his fourth international trip. His

last one to Europe was made in 1946, and this trip is a look-see at most of the European countries he visited at that time).

COPENHAGEN—After Italy, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Germany—well, Denmark is something special.

I just had my first glass of milk since I left home. The people here joke and laugh—something else I’ve missed since leaving Woodstock. And a string band is playing outside my hotel as I write this, hoping the guests will drop nickels out of the window to them. The tune: “She’s Too Fat For Me.”

I DON’T WANT my Danish friends in McHenry county to get too puffed up, but I really believe Denmark is the one country in Europe that can teach us something about good farming—and good living.

I spent several days visiting farmers on the Island of Fyn. One farmer on a 30-acre farm complained that his wheat wasn’t too good this year. It made only 67 bushels to the acre, he said. I was on one farm where they said the wheat made 88 bushels this year, but they told me that this was a little above average. They expect about 75 bushels to the acre. Yes, it’s wheat I’m talking about.

Their Red Danish cattle are excellent and uniformly good. This farmer’s herd of 10 milking cows averaged 425 pounds of butterfat last year. It tested about 4.3.

They do a fine job of raising the long Land Race hogs, too, but because Denmark can’t buy imported oil cake and rough grain, their hog enterprise has gone way down.

THESE LAND RACE sows farrow about 12 pigs each, and the farmer told me he saved an average of 10 pigs per sow, which he fed to 200 pounds in six months. That’s the size England wants for her bacon.

The big problem in Denmark is imported oil cake and rough grain. They have the money to buy it—but the money is in Danish crowns and not in dollars. So they can’t produce the pork and poultry and dairy products they could easily produce—if they were just given the opportunity of buying these raw materials. The Marshall Plan is going to help the situation some.

Good living? Yes, they have that, too. Their whole rural culture is based on the folk high schools. Average child in the rural areas goes to school from 1 to 14.

Then, when the boys and girls are 19-20, they usually go back to a folk high school for a year’s course in Danish history, literature, religion, and general culture. This year gives them the inspiration for better living and better citizenship.

GO INTO A HOME on 20 acres, and you will see three or four oil paintings on the wall. After harvest each year, there’s a four-day celebration in most communities with speeches on economics and religion, with music from symphony orchestras made up of farmers and workers, and with players—both local and from the Royal Theater in Copenhagen.

Yes, Denmark is a wonderful country. Democratic, too. Even the King is tattooed with anchors on his arms—the result of his days in the Navy.

Regards,

JOHN STROHM.

In one out of every five fatal motor vehicle accidents, the driver’s vision was obscured. About two-fifths of these accidents were caused by rain, sleet or snow on the windshield.

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