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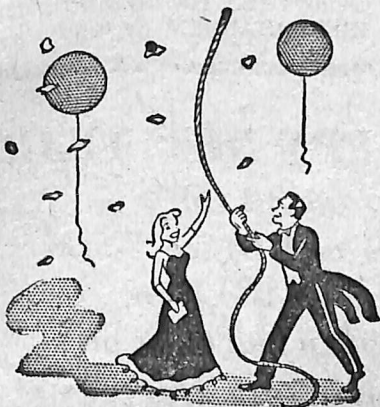
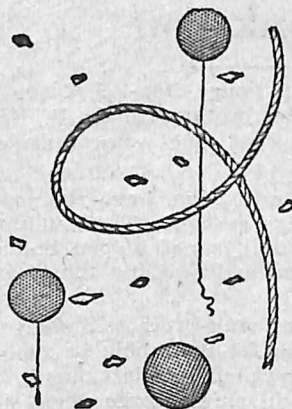
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melody foretells.



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Year.

# 1950

Sincerely yours,  
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J. P. Andreasen, H. W. Hansen, Otto Nielsen.

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January, 1950



Dear Editor:

I have read with interest the controversy as to whether Danish or English should be spoken in the lodges. It seems to me that English will of necessity be the answer since a considerable number of our members do not speak Danish well and some not at all.

However, English should not be exclusively used. It seems odd to me that any Dane should speak of his native tongue as funny foreign sounding.

We Danes in America are respected not only because of ourselves, but because Denmark is an orderly progressive country, peopled by intelligent self respecting people. The importance of Denmark in the family of nations is out of all proportion to its size.

I was but nine years of age when we came to this country. On one occasion when I came home from school I asked my father if I were a Dane or an American. His answer was, you are a Dane, that is your nationality, nothing can change that. But we are all Americans. America is not a nation but an ideal. The ideal of free men in a free land.

Although I am now along in years and do not

often get an opportunity to meet with other Danes, Danish does not sound funny or foreign to me.

It is possible to be a good citizen of your community without despising your immediate family.

We can be good Danes, proud of our heritage, without diminishing our love and loyalty to the ideal that is America.

We can best contribute to our adopted land by exemplifying in ourselves the qualities that have made Denmark a great nation, not in size but in successfully maintaining a high civilization in a world influx. It would be, I believe, most unfortunate if we Americans turn to extreme nationalism and rather ridiculous. No, America is much more than that. We Danes have contributed much to America and America has rewarded us in proportion.

Loyalty to our country and its ideals need not lessen our love for the land of our birth.

Let us hear no more of foreign in relation to Danish or Denmark in the Brotherhood. The very fact that we are members makes that absurd.

CHRISTIAN GRONBECK,

Cypress, Florida.

Member Lodge No. 112, Portland, Maine.

## Thank You

The sisters of Ingrid Lodge No. 169, Clear Lake, Iowa, wish to thank the brothers of D. B. No. 219 for their many kindnesses since our organization two years ago.

Through their cooperation, we have succeeded in making our lodge a huge success. Their willingness to participate in all activities has helped immensely in gaining new members and swelling the treasury's receipts.

We especially wish to thank Brothers Stanley Oredson and Chris Caspersen for their help in auctioning off parcel post packages at our sale last month. With this sort of help we will surely forge ahead in the years to come.

DOROTHEA HANSEN, President.  
IRENE HANSEN, Secretary.

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# Financial Report

# . . . NEW MEMBERS . . .

NOVEMBER 30, 1949

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand Nov. 1	\$16,731.21
Assessments	11,017.06
Interest on bonds	8,099.45
	<u>\$35,847.72</u>

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$14,954.47
Collection expense on bond coupons	5.95
Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1949	20,887.30
	<u>\$35,847.72</u>

## General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand November 1	\$17,076.59
Received in November	805.86
	<u>\$17,882.45</u>

Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 8.30
Printing and mailing official publication	341.18
Rent and lights	148.50
Traveling expenses	19.28
Miscellaneous personal taxes of Brotherhood	18.30
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	31.99
Salary to officers and employes	915.00
Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1949	16,399.90
	<u>\$17,882.45</u>

## Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand Nov. 1	\$ 7,148.76
Assessments	4.00
Interest on bonds	377.50
	<u>\$ 7,530.26</u>
Disbursements:	
Relief payments	\$ 55.38
Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1949	7,474.88
	<u>\$ 7,530.26</u>

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand Nov. 1	\$ 16.57
Assessments	2.26
	<u>\$ 18.83</u>
Disbursements:	
Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1949	\$ 18.83
	<u>\$ 18.83</u>

## Assets

Mortuary Fund investments	\$3,756,145.54
Relief Fund investments	178,000.00
General Fund investments	25,000.00
	<u>\$3,959,145.54</u>
Cash in bank	\$44,939.08
Less: Federal taxes	189.91
	<u>44,749.17</u>
	<u>\$4,003,894.71</u>

Booster	No. of Lodge	Location	New Member
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Carl Heindorff	4	Racine	Henrik V. Randrup
Lars Norholm	4	Racine	Thomas P. Jaspersen
Tony V. Madsen	16	Minden	Alvin Christensen
L. Mortensen	29	Seattle	L. Mortensen, Jr.
C. M. Skafgaard	29	Seattle	Bernhard Nielsen
John Petersen	29	Seattle	Svend A. Pedersen
John A. Hansen	29	Seattle	R. Glen Axelson
Edmund S. Olsen	29	Seattle	Thyge Hansen
O. F. Pedersen	36	Milwaukee	K. R. Nielsen
N. Dan Andker	39	Oakland	D. S. Kuykendall
N. Dan Andker	39	Oakland	G. J. Kindle
N. Dan Andker	39	Oakland	B. J. Spitznagle
Ben Nelsen	39	Oakland	Kai Waidtlow
Ben Nelsen	39	Oakland	A. R. Nelsen
Arnie Nielsen	39	Oakland	C. R. Andersen
Leslie C. Cave	39	Oakland	N. E. Bodholdt, Jr.
John M. Beck	42	Spokane	N. P. Rasmussen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Henry J. Krogh
H. E. Eskildsen	71	Penn Yan	H. S. Mickelsen
H. E. Eskildsen	71	Penn Yan	H. Christensen
H. E. Eskildsen	71	Penn Yan	C. Christensen
Holger Nelsen	85	Rochester	Alf Jensen
Walter H. Jensen	116	Newark	Karl G. Jensen
Andrew Nielsen	126	L. Angeles	F. H. Mortensen
Christ J. Nyberg	140	Chicago	James A. Jensen
J. B. Mortensen	140	Chicago	James A. Jensen
Carl E. Bogsted	164	New York	Erik K. Viker
Hans M. Petersen	170	Rocky River	C. Christensen
O. L. Rugaard	184	Hayward	M. D. Lysdale
Sven A. Jensen	190	Sche'ctady	E. Christoffersen
E. Estergaard	219	Clear Lake	Arnot R. Hansen
Van Egeberg	233	Toledo	A. A. Brotherson
Van Egeberg	233	Toledo	Ove P. Kilgren
Van Egeberg	233	Toledo	Paul A. Rasmussen
John M. Pearson	242	Erie	Anton Larsen
John M. Pearson	242	Erie	Arthur P. Cooke
John M. Pearson	242	Erie	Andrew Chris Larsen
George Hansen	257	New York	F. Seyersdahl
M. Christensen	300	Oneonta	M. C. Maloney
J. F. F. Larsen	318	Copenhagen	H. P. Henriksen
J. F. F. Larsen	318	Copenhagen	H. Thomsen
J. F. F. Larsen	318	Copenhagen	S. H. Jacobsen
J. F. F. Larsen	318	Copenhagen	H. J. Henriksen
Aa. Willumsen	318	Copenhagen	A. K. H. Moller
Hakon Nielsen	318	C'hagen	M. R. S. Nedergaard
P. C. Bjerrehus	321	W. P. Beach	T. J. Jensen, Jr.
John Gaden	325	Nassau Co.	O. B. Andreasen
Axel Puett	325	Nassau Co.	W. Bertelsen
A. W. Jorgensen	325	Nassau Co.	Felix Jensen
T. Christensen	330	Prince George	A. Rasmussen
T. Christensen	330	Prince George	A. Petersen
N. Mikkelsen	331	Detroit	R. E. Feldborg

Due to lack of space we have not been able to print the list of new members each month. Those listed above are the ones most recently submitted. On the following page will be found a list of those that should have been printed in previous issues.—Editor.

In discussing human organs, most people forget that the skin is counted as one of them. It is the largest, too, for it comprises about 16 per cent of our weight.

## . . . NEW MEMBERS . . .

Booster	No. of Lodge	Location	New Member
Goodheart Nielsen	1	—Omaha	—Melvin Hansen
N. C. Nielsen	4	—Racine	—Otto E. Tonnesen
N. C. Nielsen	4	—Racine	—Albert J. Jensen
N. C. Nielsen	4	—Racine	—Albert Jensen
N. C. Nielsen	4	—Racine	—Bert Jensen
N. B. Sorensen	4	—Racine	—Charles R. Quinn
N. B. Sorensen	4	—Racine	—Lloyd E. Sorensen
Ivar Jorgensen	4	—Racine	—Christ N. Pedersen
Ivar Jorgensen	4	—Racine	—Corey Thoen
Albert Lutz	4	—Racine	—Melvin A. Lutz
Louis Back	4	—Racine	—Howard Kosterman
V. J. Petersen	4	—Racine	—Ted C. Olsen
Fred Petersen	10	—Council Bluffs	—D. S. Boylan
Tony V. Madsen	16	—Minden	—Wilholm M. Aabel
Tony V. Madsen	16	—Minden	—Andy W. Anderson
Tony V. Madsen	16	—Minden	—B. G. Christensen
Tony V. Madsen	16	—Minden	—Lloyd C. Johnson
Tony V. Madsen	16	—Minden	—Andy F. Anderson
Kristian Poulsen	17	—Chicago	—Poul Poulsen
A. P. Larsen	17	—Chicago	—Frank Larsen
A. P. Larsen	17	—Chicago	—Einer Petersen
Wm. E. Petersen	29	—Seattle	—Nels Nedergaard
H. M. Rasmussen	29	—Seattle	—Ole Kirk
H. M. Rasmussen	29	—Seattle	—Knud H. Nielsen
H. M. Rasmussen	29	—Seattle	—John Christensen
A. M. Lauridsen	29	—Seattle	—Ernest W. Lauridsen
Martin V. Hansen	29	—Seattle	—P. H. Christensen
Fred Bigandt	29	—Seattle	—Herman Knudsen
John Hill	29	—Seattle	—Gordon H. Pedersen
H. B. Nielsen	29	—Seattle	—Rudolf E. Hansen
Chris. P. Jensen	29	—Seattle	—James P. Jensen
H. G. Linkback	30	—Muskegon	—S. M. Petersen
Paul H. Miller	35	—Chicago	—A. N. Sorensen
Otto F. Petersen	36	—Milwaukee	—S. M. Petersen
Otto F. Petersen	36	—Milwaukee	—Ralph Petersen
Otto F. Petersen	36	—Milwaukee	—Olaf Petersen
Otto F. Petersen	36	—Milwaukee	—Peter Petersen
Otto F. Petersen	36	—Milwaukee	—A. E. Peterson
Otto F. Petersen	36	—Milwaukee	—P. C. Peterson
Otto F. Petersen	36	—Milwaukee	—P. C. Paulsen
John Jacobsen	36	—Milwaukee	—H. E. Jorgensen
John Jacobsen	36	—Milwaukee	—T. E. Jorgensen
Edward Juel	36	—Milwaukee	—N. P. Johnson
Anton C. Roge	36	—Milwaukee	—Ralph Karsten
Norman D. Anker	39	—Oakland	—I. J. Hansen
Norman D. Anker	39	—Oakland	—William R. Rivers
H. Fredericksen	43	—Denver	—Paul G. Wibeck
Elmer Hansen	45	—Minneapolis	—Alex Herreborg
Axel Jacobsen	49	—San Francisco	—Rolf Larsen
Axel Jacobsen	49	—San Francisco	—H. S. Hansen
N. C. Larsen	51	—Ludington	—F. A. Behrendt
Aage O. Hansen	56	—Kansas City	—Niels Hansen
Peder Pedersen	64	—Rockford	—Harold Jensen
Carl Kronvold	64	—Rockford	—Sofus Sorensen
Richard West	65	—Duluth	—Ernst V. Bach
Milo Petersen	70	—Greenville	—Milo L. Petersen
Milo Petersen	70	—Greenville	—M. A. Petersen
Milo Petersen	70	—Greenville	—Albert Petersen
Peter Larsen	70	—Greenville	—John W. Kraft
Albert Thompson	71	—Penn Yan	—Morris J. Nielsen
H. Eskildsen	71	—Penn Yan	—John P. Jensen
P. M. Jorgensen	78	—Salt Lake City	—C. Pedersen
P. M. Jorgensen	78	—Salt Lake City	—P. K. Nielsen
P. M. Jorgensen	78	—S. Lake City	—F. H. Hundrup

J. Hyllested	78	—S. Lake City	—K. Mikkelsen
J. Hyllested	78	—S. L. City	—K. G. Rasmussen
Hans Fredricksen	92	—St. Charles	—Morris J. Jensen
G. M. Petersen	102	—Providence	—Harold Hosbond
L. C. Winters	106	—Trufant	—Louis C. Winters
Chris Madsen	116	—Newark	—John C. Madsen
Andrew Nielsen	126	—Los Angeles	—Knud Brandt
Andrew Nielsen	126	—Los Angeles	—A. Christensen
Andrew Nielsen	126	—L. Angeles	—H. P. Christensen
Andrew Nielsen	126	—Los Angeles	—A. S. Scarsten
Thorvald Jensen	126	—Los Angeles	—P. L. Norgaard
Andrew Nielsen	126	—Los Angeles	—H. Peterson
Andrew Nielsen	126	—Los Angeles	—C. D. Birkholm
L. B. Laurensen	139	—Viborg	—Alfred Madsen
Paul H. Petersen	164	—New York	—Ernst Petersen
Paul H. Petersen	164	—New York	—A. C. Stefansen
Chris Petersen	167	—Portland	—John Degn
Henry Lassen	171	—Jamestown	—S. W. Kofod
Ole Hansen	190	—Schenectady	—H. M. Fritze
Earl S. Jensen	195	—Omaha	—Edward W. Larsen
S. Jorgensen	227	—Detroit	—Kristian L. J. Kusk
John M. Pearson	242	—Erie	—Paul C. Swenson
John M. Pearson	242	—Erie	—Harvey B. Swenson
John M. Pearson	242	—Erie	—John C. Rasmussen, Jr.
John M. Pearson	242	—Erie	—Walter J. Hickey
John M. Pearson	242	—Erie	—Arthur Christensen
John M. Pearson	242	—Erie	—Homer D. Mosier
John M. Pearson	242	—Erie	—Geo. M. Lobouderger
John M. Pearson	242	—Erie	—Jakob Overgaard
C. G. Andersen	242	—Erie	—John E. Freeburg
M. Christensen	242	—Erie	—Arthur E. Greishaw
Niels Grods	257	—New York	—Peter Madsen
C. R. Linville	261	—Fowler	—Roger T. Jensen
R. M. Teilborg	261	—Fowler	—Louis J. Nelson
R. M. Teilborg	261	—Fowler	—H. A. Christensen
Winther Bodtker	268	—Junction City	—S. Louvring
C. E. R. Klitgaard	278	—Salt Lake C.	—I. H. Bendtsen
P. R. Pedersen	300	—Oneonta	—Hans K. Hansen
A. Vestergaard	306	—San Diego	—Louis T. Miller
Hans Hansen	306	—San Diego	—G. O. Hermansen
J. L. Andersen	314	—Hartford	—W. Williamson
Viggo Stenderup	319	—Bakersfield	—Wayne Paul
J. P. Andreasen	319	—Bakersfield	—Carl Nielsen
C. F. Petersen	323	—Alhambra	—Holger Hansen
C. F. Petersen	323	—Alhambra	—Andia Thorie
C. F. Petersen	323	—Alhambra	—W. Kromphardt
Axel Plett	325	—Nassau Co.	—A. Brinkman
John Gaden	325	—Nassau Co.	—C. Thygesen
S. Andersen	328	—Vancouver	—Walter Jensen
E. H. Braathen	330	—Prin. George	—S. Christensen
H. Andersen	330	—Prince George	—W. D. Stone
Roy Rasmussen	331	—Detroit	—C. W. Schmidt Jr.

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## LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1949
4.	Racine, Wis. -----	29	560
71.	Penn Yan, N. Y. -----	26	67
242.	Erie, Pa. -----	24	151
29.	Seattle, Wash. -----	18	372
323.	Alhambra, Calif. -----	15	45
126.	Los Angeles, Calif. -----	14	320
318.	Copenhagen, Denmark ----	14	206
36.	Milwaukee, Wis. -----	13	111
39.	Oakland, Calif. -----	12	249
233.	Toledo, Ohio -----	12	35
16.	Minden, Nebr. -----	10	36
43.	Denver, Colo. -----	10	111
78.	Salt Lake City, Utah ----	9	55
190.	Schenectady, N. Y. -----	9	144
70.	Greenville, Mich. -----	8	98
84.	Lincoln, Nebr. -----	8	46
164.	New York, N. Y. -----	8	183
49.	San Francisco, Calif. ----	7	416
147.	Newell, Iowa -----	7	62
257.	New York, N. Y. -----	7	84
261.	Fowler, Colo. -----	7	48
195.	Omaha, Nebr. -----	6	65
202.	Warren, Pa. -----	6	48
219.	Clear Lake, Iowa -----	6	68
300.	Oneonta, N. Y. -----	6	47
306.	San Diego, Calif. -----	6	54
*325.	Nassau Co., N. Y. -----	6	102
*184.	Hayward, Calif. -----	5	83
186.	Luck, Wis. -----	5	74
278.	Salt Lake City, Utah ----	5	32

\*Added this month.

NOTE: We have had a very large number of applications approved for initiation the past month. All secretaries are requested to forward the applications to me as soon as possible after the initiation so that we can tabulate the lodge winners of "Call Bells" and get these beautiful prizes ready for distribution.

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Supreme Sec.-Treas.

## LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
242.	John M. Pearson, Erie, Pa. -----		19
323.	C. F. Petersen, Alhambra, Calif. -----		15
71.	Herman Eskildsen, Penn Yan, N. Y. -----		11
16.	Tony V. Madsen, Minden, Nebr. -----		9
36.	O. F. Pedersen, Milwaukee, Wis. -----		9
126.	Andrew Nielsen, Los Angeles, Calif. -----		8
39.	Norman Dan Andker, Oakland, Calif. -----		6
43.	Sam Hansen, Denver, Colo. -----		5
71.	Laurids S. Pedersen, Penn Yan, N. Y. -----		5
147.	Jens P. Pedersen, Newell, Iowa -----		5
*318.	Julius F. F. Larsen, Copenhagen, Den. -----		5
4.	N. C. Nielsen, Racine, Wis. -----		4
4.	Carl Heindorff, Racine, Wis. -----		4
70.	Milo Petersen, Greenville, Mich. -----		4
184.	Harold Sundby, Hayward, Calif. -----		4
186.	Chris J. Bach, Luck, Wis. -----		4
233.	James Thomsen, Toledo, Ohio -----		3
4.	Julius Borup, Racine, Wis. -----		3
4.	Niels B. Sorensen, Racine, Wis. -----		3

29.	Martin H. Rasmussen, Seattle, Wash. -----	3
42.	Fred Martin, Spokane, Wash. -----	3
43.	H. Fredericksen, Denver, Colo. -----	3
71.	Harry Seashore, Penn Yan, N. Y. -----	3
78.	Hilmar Hansen, Salt Lake City, Utah ----	3
84.	M. A. Sorensen, Lincoln, Nebr. -----	3
172.	John A. Petersen, Philadelphia, Pa. -----	3
190.	C. B. Christensen, Schenectady, N. Y. ----	3
195.	Chris C. Larsen, Omaha, Nebr. -----	3
202.	James C. Nordine, Warren, Pa. -----	3
227.	Sigfred Jorgensen, Detroit, Mich. -----	3
233.	Fred Thomsen, Toledo, Ohio -----	3
233.	James Thomen, Toledo, Ohio -----	3
255.	Hans M. Andersen, Selma, Calif. -----	3
261.	Richard M. Teilborg, Fowler, Colo. -----	3
278.	Carlo Klitgaard, Salt Lake City, Utah ----	3
306.	Alfred Vestergaard, San Diego, Calif. ----	3
325.	John Gaden, Nassau Co., N. Y. -----	3

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Since last month's issue there have occurred a few changes in the schedule of our president, Brother Norman Andker's list of visits to the lodges during the current month.

Lodge No. 146, Petaluma, will have installation on January 14, but inasmuch as Brother Andker will that evening be in Long Beach, his official visit will take place on February 25.

Lodge No. 299 in Solvang will have installation and visit of Brother Andker on January 22.

Bakersfield Lodge No. 319 has changed its installation from January 28 to February 11.

We are also informed that the installation in San Diego by Brother Andker will be preceded by a very fine turkey dinner in the Vasa Club Building, 3094 El Cajon Blvd.

May I again urge you to keep in mind the various installations during the month of January. Few of you realize the tremendous undertaking it is to travel from one end of California to another visiting and installing officers, so let us show our appreciation to the president of the General committee by being present at these installations. In nearly every instance your lodge has gone to great length in order to make it a very pleasant and memorable evening. We'll be looking for you.

Just before this went to press, we had the sad news that our old friend, Brother Alfred Th. Jørgensen, former supreme vice president, had passed away. Brother Jørgensen was born in Denmark on March 20, 1861, and would have been 89 years at his next birthday. He joined the Danish Brotherhood on February 26, 1900, and would have been a member 50 years in about two months. He was one of the early workers for the General Committee. Until about two years ago he held office in his beloved Lodge No. 39 in Oakland. During the past couple of years his health had not been too good, but whenever there was something special that took place in No. 39, some good brother was sure to take Brother Jørgensen to meeting.

On November 22, Fresno Lodge No. 67 lost one of its beloved members in that Brother Andrew Jørgensen passed away suddenly. Brother Jørgensen's passing is a severe loss, not only to his family, but to the Danish Brotherhood as well. Brother Martin Hansen, secretary of No. 67, writes that Brother Jørgensen always held some sort of office within his lodge, he was and had been for many years a trustee. Also that he was one of those remarkable members who never declined when asked to go on a committee and consequently was always on some committee. He had been a member of No. 67 since 1914.

He, too, was an early worker for the General Committee and for a number of years held the office of treasurer. This writer has attended every convention since 1926 and does not remember Brother Jørgensen missing one either. We, too, shall miss him in the General Committee. The General Committee extends to the families of the two brothers our heartfelt sympathy.

I have just received a letter from Brother Henry Schack Eriksen in Copenhagen. In this column he read about Brother Harry Roddick who, besides being

a good member of the Brotherhood also holds the exalted position of "Overgøgler" in Gøglerforeningen in San Francisco. Brother Eriksen states that the last time he saw Brother Roddick was in San Pedro in 1922 and hence wanted his address. Same has been furnished. It is nice to know that this little column was the instrument of getting two pals together again.

Brother Viggo Andreassen of No. 49 was recently installed as Junior Warden in Balder Masonic Lodge in San Francisco. This lodge is composed almost entirely of Swedes, Danes and Norwegians. At the present time its Senior Warden is also a Dane, Oswald Christensen, a potential member of the Brotherhood. It is nice to notice when our countrymen are honored.

Our Sister organization here in California, "Dania," celebrated its 70th anniversary on December 11 with a very fine affair in Oakland. This organization has 22 branches in California and Nevada and its membership is about double that of the Brotherhood in California. One of its oldest and most honored members is Brother Sophus Hartwick, former owner and editor of the Danish newspaper *Bien*. The success of the Danish organizations in California is without doubt, primarily due to Brother Hartwick's untiring work for them during their early years. Brother Hartwick has written a classic record of the Danes in California and Nevada in his book, "Danske i Californien," and recently wrote a booklet called "Erindringer." It is but natural that Brother Hartwick was more or less the center of the celebration.

We understand that Brother and Mrs. Axel Swanholm, ex-president of the General Committee, are on a trip to New York and other eastern states, where they lived a good many years before becoming "native" Californians. Lykke paa Rejsen.

And Brother and Mrs. Dan Christian Andersen have just returned from Denmark and will now be permanently located in the city by the Golden Gate. Brother Andersen's first action upon his return was to get himself elected an officer in No. 49. Congratulation—also to No. 49. It will undoubtedly be remembered that the Andersens visited most of the Danish colonies last winter, showing his fine film of Denmark. We understand he is contemplating entering business here.

This writer, and I am sure many more, was extremely happy to notice Brother N. B. Nelson's appeal in last month's issue, for the forming of a General Committee in the Northwest. By that is meant the lodges in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. Personally I have often wondered why these good brothers, coming from a progressive stock—so to speak—and living in fine progressive states, have held back for so many years. Brother Nelson knows whereof he speaks, in that he has visited the California conventions many times, and has as a former supreme president, seen the work done not only by our General Committee, but also the General Committees in all other parts of our country. So good luck to you good brothers in the Northwest; may your efforts be crowned with success.

All the officers of the General Committee extend best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## Detroit Old People's Home Dedication Song

Melodi: Der er et Land, dets Sted er højt mod Norden.

Som Dagning gennem Morgenluften skrider,  
en Tanke skrider gennem Tiden frem,  
De nye Tanker fostre nye Tider  
og nye Tider forstre nye Hjem.  
Det nye Hjem hvor vi idag os samle  
blev elsket frem af Danskes Energi,  
og dette Hjem skal være for de Gamle  
som trætte blev paa Livets haarde Sti.

Hvad er saa skønt som Alderdommens Dage  
naar vi kan hvile i en sikker Havn?  
Hvad er saa bitter som en Oldings Klage  
i Skumringstimen fuld af Sorg og Savn?  
Og sig mig hvem blev større Glæde givet  
end den som jævned Vejen lidt for dem,  
som stred og kæmped gennem hele Livet  
og stod som Gamle uden noget Hjem!

Velan da Landsmænd, lad os Løfte give,  
At vi vil sammen staa om fælles Værk,  
at vi vil holde dette Hjem ilive  
og huske paa at "Enighed gør stærk".  
Og han som følger os i Fryd og Møje  
og styrker os paa Livets Vandring frem  
Gud Fader, giv os Kraften fra det Høje,  
Du signe og bevare dette Hjem.

C. R. L.

(Contributed to the dedication ceremonies for the Home February 13, 1949, Detroit, Mich.)

Houseflies may transmit more than 20 diseases of human beings.

## Racine-Ramblings

Lodge No. 4's anniversary, the 68th, takes place Saturday, January 14, 1950. Rev. Hurst, pastor of Holy Communion church, will be the speaker of the evening. Music for the dinner as well as for dancing will be furnished by Gerhard and his orchestra, with dancing until 1 o'clock. The banquet is scheduled for 6:30 o'clock. Community singing, both Danish and American, will highlight the banquet. The committee consists of Robert Lassen, chairman; Jim Simonsen, Alfred Hyldegaard, Bert Vium and Otto Swendsen. Robert Lassen has been assigned as toastmaster. The dinner will consist of roast young tom turkey with all the trimmings, served family style (boarding-house-reach-one-foot-on-the-floor). Please make your reservations not later than Wednesday, January 11, 1950.

The election of officers held December 7, resulted as follows: President, Alfred Pedersen; vice president, John Jensen; secretary, Viggo K. Nelson; treasurer, Carl Olsen; conductor, Erik Raahauge; trustee for three years, Niels Vestergaard; guards, Russell Jensen and Louis Petersen. At the same meeting President Alfred Pedersen presented Brother Hans Clausen of Sturtevant with the 50-year emblem.

Remember the annual masquerade set for February 25, 1950.

In conclusion the officers of Lodge No. 4 wish to take this opportunity to extend to each and every one of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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## Introducing

By Jul. Andersen

I was rather attracted to a news item, appearing in Veterans' publications throughout the nation, about one of our good members of the D. B. S. living in the state of Wisconsin, although I have never had the honor of meeting him, I have heard and know, quite a bit about him and his work in America and no doubt it will interest our readers to hear a little about Marcus A. Hansen of Marshfield, Wis.

As a young man he lived in Copenhagen and served his apprenticeship there as a coppersmith. After acquiring his diploma as a journeyman he traveled considerably throughout other European countries and desiring to visit the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, immigrated to the U. S. and stayed here to become an honored citizen and a good American.

He joined the third Wisconsin Volunteers in 1898 and saw service in Porto Rico and other islands during the Spanish-American war and after his honorable discharge from that conflict settled in Marshfield, Wis., and shortly afterwards married a girl there, named Marie Nielsen Ørvig.

In 1903 he entered the United States Postal Service as a mail carrier and continued in that service until his retirement as assistant postmaster about 10 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen are the proud parents of two sons and two daughters and eight grandchildren.

He has been a faithful member of the Danish Brotherhood for many years and helped our society when and where he could, gave free lectures in Danish with chalk illustrations around the district where he lives, as well as in the English language and also appearing on the local radio station on several occasions, giving both humorous and serious talks and anecdotes.

As a citizen of Marshfield he has served the community on several occasions in a public spirit, giving his best freely, as clerk of the school board and member of the county board for many years.

As his patriotic duty he served on the board of the OPA during the last war and several other capacities. It was though, the Veterans of the Spanish-American war who admired his ability and patriotism. The news item referred to at the beginning of this article told us, that Marcus A. Hansen had been chosen by the Veterans at their encampment in the month of June, as the Department Commander of the State of Wisconsin, the highest office any state can offer to a member of that organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen will celebrate their golden wedding September 27, this year. We all join in wishing them many more happy years together and the best of luck for the future.

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## RESOLUTIONS

### THOMAS JENSEN, Duluth, Minn.

In memory of our late brother, Thomas Jensen, who passed away October 27, 1949, the following resolution was passed by Lodge No. 65:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 65, Duluth, Minn.

Roland Hansen, Secretary.

### JORGEN JENSEN, Duluth, Minn.

In memory of our late brother, Jorgen Jensen, who passed away November 12, 1949, the following resolution was passed by Lodge No. 65:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 65, Duluth, Minn.

Roland Hansen, Secretary.

### ANDREW MOLBECK, Portland, Maine

In memory of our brother, Andrew Molbeck, who passed away November 22, 1949, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 112:

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

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

Clarence Adriance, President.  
Soren Jensen, Secretary.

### SOREN PETERSEN, Austin, Minn.

In memory of our late brother, Soren Petersen, who passed away December 2, 1949:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of our brother and hereby 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 Als Lodge No. 11, Danish Brotherhood, Austin, Minn.

Kenneth B. Nelson, President.  
Otto M. Andersen, Secretary.

### JACOB SOGAARD, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Jacob Sogaard, who died November 27, 1949, this resolution was adopted by Kronborg Lodge No. 298, at its regular meeting December 13, 1949:

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

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

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

### NIELS M. JENSEN, Los Angeles, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Niels M. Jensen, who passed away November 16, 1949, this resolution was adopted by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif.:

Resolved, that we regret the loss of our brother and hereby wish to express our sincere 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 Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 126, Danish Brotherhood, Los Angeles, Calif.

Lars Westerskov, President.  
Fred K. Holm, Secretary.

### ALFRED NELSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Alfred Nelsen, who left us on November 13, 1949, and was a brother of Minneapolis Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn., the following resolution was adopted at its meeting November 25, 1949:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and

loyal brother and that we extend to the bereaved the deepest and sincere sympathy.

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

In behalf of Minneapolis Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn.

Swan G. Faaborg, President.  
Carl E. Gustafson, Secretary.

### JENS WOLFE, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Wolfe, who left us on November 22, 1949, and was a brother of Minneapolis Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn., the following resolution was adopted at its meeting November 25, 1949:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother, and that we extend to the bereaved the deepest and sincere sympathy.

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

In behalf of Minneapolis Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn.

Swan G. Faaborg, President.  
Carl E. Gustafson, Secretary.

### HARRY THOMPSEN, Warren, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, Harry Thompson, who passed away December 5, 1949, the following resolution was adopted by P. Willimos Lodge No. 202:

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

James C. Nordine, President.  
Henry S. Petersen, Secretary.

### JOHANNES P. OSTERGAARD, Warren, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, Johannes P. Ostergaard, who passed away September 22, 1949, the following resolution was adopted by P. Willimos Lodge No. 202:

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

James C. Nordine, President.  
Henry S. Petersen, Secretary.

### CHRISTEN JENSEN BECK, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our brother, Christen Jensen Beck, who passed away November 22, 1949, Erie, Pa., Lodge No. 242 adopted the following resolution at its regular meeting November 25, 1949:

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 our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days; that this resolution be printed in the D. B. Magazine and incorporated in the minutes, also a copy sent to his family.

Soren Melgaard, President.  
J. A. Nielsen, Secretary.

### KARL KRISTIAN MADSEN, KØBENHAVN, DANMARK

I Anledning af Broder Karl Chr. Madsen er afgaaet ved Døden den 22. November, vedtog Loge Nr. 318 af København følgende Resolution:

At vi dybt beklager Tabet af en god og agtet Broder; at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder vort Charter med Sørgefior for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, og at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol, samt indrykkes i Samfundsbladet, samt en Kopi tilsendes den addødes Efterlaatte.

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## Items From Spokane, Wash.

At the election held December 3, the following were elected: Ernest Wales, president; J. B. Gram, vice president; Svend Kaufmann, secretary; N. P. Jensen, finance secretary; Fred Holm, trustee; Lawrence Chenaski, conductor; Bob Hoegh, inside guard; "Billy" Garras, outside guard; Dr. Kermit D. Petersen, physician.

The nominating committee blossomed out with a real printed ballot that surely will save lots of time in casting the ballot, as soon as the members are fully informed of the method of voting that way. The Sisterhood lodge elected officers the same evening and while we can not give a complete list of the officers-elects we can state that Mrs. Sofia Martin was elected president, succeeding Mrs. June Eskeberg. To Mrs. Eskeberg, as well as to our outgoing president in the Brotherhood lodge, we should like to say a few words of appreciation, but we have an idea that we would be using far too much space, so we shall wait elaborating until next month.

And here is a challenge to every lodge in the Danish Brotherhood in America and including Denmark and Canada!

We in the Spokane Sisterhood are proud to have as a member a dear old lady, "Grandma Larsen." She has for ever so many years been the secretary of our Sisterhood lodge. Her son-in-law, Fred Martin, is just going out as president of the Brotherhood lodge and will be our sitting past president; her daughter, Adelaide, was elected (re-elected in fact) as financial secretary and daughter Sofia was elected president of the Sisterhood lodge. Now for the Brotherhood: Grandson Lawrence Chenaski will be our next conductor; grandson Bob Hoegh our next inner guard and Billy Garras, a third grandson, our next outguard. That makes SEVEN members of the same family as our officers for the coming year. Beat it if you can!

President-elect Ernie Wales was instrumental in providing a genuine treat when he induced Mr. Gilbert A. Scriven to be present and to speak after our usual after-the-meeting luncheon. Mr. Scriven is general agent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway Co. at Great Falls, Mont. Prior to coming there Mr. Scriven spent a number of years in India. He not alone knows his subject when he speaks of conditions in that interesting country, but has the faculty of presenting his observations in a particularly "easy-to-listen-to" manner, that brought earnest attention and, at the conclusion, sustained applause from the listeners. Our lodge could use more of the same kind.

Our brother, Niels Jacobsen, passed away and brothers of our lodge assisted in placing the remains at final rest. The Rev. W. Wilson Rasco delivered a thought-inspiring sermon. The Brotherhood funeral rites were pronounced by President Fred Martin, supported by Brothers John Jørgensen and Chris Eskeberg, whereupon the brothers present passed the mortal casket, placing thereupon a sprig of evergreen, symbolizing our determination of keeping forever green the memory of our departed brother.

The lodge at its last meeting elected Rasch Paulsen and Ingvard Eskeberg as members of the constituting committee for "Pacific Northwest Lodges of Danish Brotherhood" an organization that will have for its purpose to increase our membership and also the holding of a yearly meeting in the Pacific Northwest. Words were received that the Portland lodge elected Peter Pihl and Henry Swensen to the same committee.

This scribe enjoyed a most pleasant visit from Brother John A. Hansen, Seattle, who was in Spokane for a couple of days attending a convention of the Washington Milk Distributor's Association. It sure was nice to hear about all the friends in "the big city."

N. B. NELSON.

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— By —

A. Gravesen, Askov, Minn.

(The following items were left out last month on account of lack of space).

Mathias Freese, one of the first Danish pioneers to settle around Salinas, Calif., died early in November at the age of 84. He was born in Alting-Kirkeby, Denmark, and came to Salinas more than 50 years ago. For many years he was sexton in the Danish church in Salinas, always at his post, in a cheerful mood and well liked by all that he came in contact with both in the lodge and the church. His funeral was conducted from St. Ansgar church, Rev. Svend Kjær officiating with burial in the Garden of Memories cemetery.

The Danish colony in Los Angeles is enjoying a steady growth. A short time ago Mr. and Mrs. John Christensen from Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived. Mr. Christensen is a member of D. B. Lodge No. 205 and he attended No. 126's meeting on November 9. The beauty and the climate of the country have now so captivated them that they have decided to remain.

D. B. Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., added seven new members to its roll at a meeting held on November 18, at which occasion the amusement committee in charge of Hans Godtfredsen served an extra allowance of refreshments.

D. B. Lodge No. 241, "Blaavandshuk," New Jersey, has chosen December 17 for its annual Christmas tree celebration. As usual it will be held in the P. H. N. hall, South River. The committee requests that all members reserve the day to take part in the always successful Danish Christmas festivities.

Hans W. Larsen, Minneapolis, Minn., passed away lately at the age of 69, his funeral was conducted from the St. Peder's Danish church with interment

in Sunset Memorial Park cemetery. For the past 32 years Larsen has been employed as a gardener in Armory Garden. He was a member of D. B. Lodge No. 45. Surviving him are his wife, Karen, a son, William, and a granddaughter, all of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jensen, 259 Jones Street, Racine, Wis., celebrated their golden wedding October 25 with open house at their home on Wednesday evening. Mr. Jensen is a member of many years standing of D. B. Lodge No. 4. They were the recipients of many gifts, beautiful flowers, congratulations and good wishes for the days to come. They have eleven children, five sons: Louis, Harold, Rueben, Irving and Russel; and six daughters: Mrs. Aage Østergaard, Mrs. R. G. Hoffert, Mrs. Arthur Petersen, Mrs. Gordon Lehman, Mrs. Lowell Klees and Mrs. Fred Aceto; all domiciled in Racine. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are highly esteemed and liked by all with whom they come in contact.

Five members of D. B. Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Ill., and five ladies were honored at a "welcome home" party at Odin hall by their lodge as a meeting Friday evening, October 21. The party was well attended and all had a real good time. The returned Denmark travelers were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Hansen, Alma Kjær, Fred Petersen and Chris Mortensen. The ladies were each presented with a "mum" tied with silver ribbons and the men received a cigar each, but what a cigar, at least a foot long and two inches in circumference. The guests in whose honor the party was given related some incidents from their trip and impressions received of conditions in Denmark. Lunch was served after which the hall was cleared for dancing.

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	JOINED YEAR	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Nov. 4	Jens P. Skoug	88	Allinge, Denmark	53	Atlantic, Iowa	1904	Intestinal intoxication	\$177.73
Oct. 29	Niels C. S. Kruse	88	Skelby Sogn, Den.	PD	Omaha, Nebr.	1896	Arteriosclerosis	797.86
Nov. 9	Viggo Frederiksen	63	Copenhagen, Den.	64	Rockford, Ill.	1907	Myocardial failure	1000.00
Nov. 2	Victor C. Rasmussen	64	Copenhagen, Den.	54	Dannebrog, Nebr.	1910	Coronary artery disease	987.55
Nov. 18	Alfred Chr. Sorensen	59	Copenhagen, Den.	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1924	Coronary occlusion	500.00
Nov. 7	Valdemar Johansen	79	Copenhagen, Den.	164	New York, N. Y.	1907	Arteriosclerosis	880.41
Aug. 24	Christian Petersen	57	Denmark	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1931	Carcinoma	1250.00
Nov. 22	Andrew Jorgensen	68	Udby pr. Holbæk	67	Fresno, Calif.	1914	Heart failure	250.00
Nov. 22	Andreas Molbeck	76	Skanderborg, Vrold S.	112	Portland, Me.	1903	Uremia	857.13
Oct. 19	Einar E. Jorgensen	47	Grayling, Mich.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1941	Not given	125.00
Nov. 22	Christian J. Beck	57	Thisted Amt, Den.	242	Erie, Pa.	1911	Multiple hemorrhage	500.00
Nov. 27	Niels P. Jensen	83	Denmark	74	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	764.29
Dec. 3	August Kyhl	56	Ringsted, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1917	Carcinoma	1000.00
Nov. 12	Martin Christensen	77	Denmark	185	Madison, Wis.	1916	Hypertensive disease	250.00
Oct. 31	Jens A. Lund	76	No record	11	Clinton, Iowa	1899	Not given	825.22
Nov. 23	Nels C. C. Graver	75	Aarhus Amt, Denmark	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1899	Arteriosclerosis	843.43
Dec. 5	Niels P. Jacobsen	79	Denmark	42	Spokane, Wash.	1914	Cirrhosis of liver	486.41
Nov. 12	Jorgen P. Jensen	71	Tvingstrup Sogn, Den.	65	Duluth, Minn.	1899	Coronary thrombosis	445.94
Dec. 4	Christen P. Frandsen	84	Glumstø pr. Præstø	106	Trufant, Mich.	1899	Uremia	379.25
Nov. 16	Niels M. Jensen	55	Randers Amt, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1921	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Dec. 6	Marinus Thorup	56	Aalborg, Denmark	74	So. Omaha, Nebr.	1920	Coronary occlusion	1000.00
Dec. 7	Ferdinand Holding	85	Trolleborg Sogn, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1894	Cerebral hemorrhage	725.96
Nov. 13	Kristian F. Jensen	69	Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1909	Coronary occlusion	239.22
Nov. 13	Alfred N. Nelson	52	Northfield, Minn.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1927	Cerebral hemorrhage	3000.00
Nov. 27	Jacob Sogaard	59	Skallerup, Mors, Den.	298	Chicago, Ill.	1916	Cerebral thrombosis	500.00
Nov. 18	Jens Jensen	85	Denmark	54	Dannebrog, Nebr.	1890	Pneumonia	357.97
Dec. 2	Anders C. Andersen	83	Slagstrup, Thisted A.	PD	Omaha, Nebr.	1906	Cerebral thrombosis	389.40

D. B. Lodge No. 126 will have its Christmas tree festivities in Dansk Auditorium on December 26. Lodge D. B. No. 323 will meet to celebrate its Christmas tree on the 23rd of December.

On Sunday, October 2, D. B. Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield, Calif., held a dinner party for members and their families at Weeds Patch Grange hall which was well attended. Following the dinner there was initiation of two new brothers, namely: Carl Nielsen from Tulare and Wayne D. Paul from Bakersfield.

The secretary of D. B. Lodge No. 184, Hayward, Calif., A. B. Christensen, proudly wore a diamond pin on his lapel. It was granted to him by the Leslie Salt Company for which firm he has just completed 31 years of service.

Chris Baltersen from D. B. Lodge No. 239, Lake Forest, Ill., was enjoying an auto trip to points in California this fall. While in Los Angeles late in October he attended a meeting of the local D. B. lodge there especially for exchanging greetings with several friends whom he had acquired some years ago when he visited there. While in Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Baltersen were guests in the home of Andreas Nielsens.

D. B. Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash., is evidently under the sign of ascendancy. Hardly a meeting goes by that there is no initiation of new members. At an October meeting three new members were added, and several are in waiting for admission at following meetings.

D. B. Lodge No. 35's and D. S. S. Lodge No. 11's festivities in Odin hall, Chicago, commemorating their sixtieth anniversary day became a great success. The hall was filled to capacity. President Soren H. Miller extended welcome to all present and Carl B. Meyer was toastmaster. After an excellent dinner, served by Hans Nielsen's restaurant was enjoyed, the program of the evening started. Soren H. Miller spoke for the D. B. lodge and Mrs. Agnete Petersen spoke for the D. S. S. lodge. Mrs. Jenny Miller, supreme secretary of the D. S. S. lodges, stated that the Sisterhood now has more than 7,000 enrolled members, and Soren H. Miller, among other things, stated that Lodge No. 35 was at its height in membership in 1929 when it had 455 members and that during the past 60 years the total enrollment has been 1,148. Other speakers on the program were Supreme Vice-President N. C. Nielsen from Racine, Henry Hansen and Chris Brix. One charter member of each lodge was in attendance, namely: John F. Hansen of No. 35, now belonging to the St. Charles lodge; and Mrs. Camille Foss of No. 11, both were given an ovation. Mrs. Jenny Miller tendered the golden emblem to Mrs. Anna Petersen, and N. C. Nielsen on behalf of the Brotherhood, presented the 50-year emblem to Brother Herman Jensen. This was followed by dancing until late in the evening.

Former master baker, Rudolf Hansen, South River, N. J., died October 18, after a brief illness. His funeral was conducted from his home on the 21st of October. Nearly all of the members of the "Blaavandshuk" Lodge No. 241 gathered the evening before the funeral to honor the deceased by reading

the Brotherhood's funeral rites. Survivors are his wife, Karen, and his son, Frank.

## Alhambra Celebrates Anniversary

Alhambra Lodge No. 323 celebrated its silver anniversary on Friday evening, December 9, with a ham dinner including all trimmings with about 100 in attendance. Noted among our many guests were our state president, Norman Dan Andker from Oakland, and also "Lille Bror" Victor Nielsen, vice president of our state committee, and his attractive wife from Santa Barbara. From the Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, where the writer attends meetings quite frequently, we can always get those fine brothers to attend our festivities, came President Lars Westerskov and his wife and that always genial and smiling vice president-elect, Svend Jensen, and the congenial and always good company Pioneer Reporter Thorvald Jensen and his wife, Molly, also Paul Christiansen the well known restaurateur and outside guard in our state committee, and his wife Margaret and many more. In attendance were also several members of the Dania lodges from Los Angeles and Pasadena. Seated beside me was a brother from Waterbury, Conn., a member of Lodge No. 103, Charles Madison, and his wife, Ethel. I have known this brother for 42 years and he is now located at Inglewood. Also seated beside me were Brother Fred Petersen, former supreme trustee, accompanied by wife and daughter from Council Bluffs, Iowa, a member of Lodge No. 10, now located at Glendale.

Our committee did a swell job and deserves a lot of credit, namely: Vice President Paul Christensen, Treasurer Walter Kaysen and our orchestra leader, William Jessen.

Our first president of 25 years ago, Buron Thorlielsen, and his wife also attended the gala affair, where many evening gowns prevailed. Peter Bolle-rup sang two Danish songs and received tremendous applause. Dancing until 12:30 a. m. to our own six-piece Jessen orchestra. This anniversary will remain in our memories for many years.

Sincerely,

C. F. PETERSEN,  
Secretary of No. 323 D. B.

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# News From The Eastern Lodges

— By —

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

## Denmark Lodge No. 37, Bridgeport, Conn., 60 Years Young

On Saturday, Dec. 3, Bridgeport lodge celebrated its 60th anniversary with a dinner and dance at the White Eagles Hall in Bridgeport, Conn.

The dinner started off with a short welcome speech by the president of the lodge, Brother Elmer Nelson, who introduced Viggo Nielsen as toastmaster for the evening. Invocation was given by Rev. Viggo Hansen, pastor of the Danish church in Bridgeport.

The speakers were in turn: Honorable Mr. McLevy, mayor of Bridgeport; N. A. Nielsen, secretary of the lodge, who gave a short history of Denmark lodge; presentation of 50-year emblems to several members by Ex-President James Jorgensen; greetings from representatives from out of town lodges, they were No. 32, New Haven, 314, Hartford, 41, Derby, 50, Port Chester, 103, Waterbury, 46, Perth Amboy, 102, Providence, 116, Newark, 164, New York, 172, Philadelphia, and 190, Schenectady. Mrs. Wm. Nielsen sang "God Bless America." The president of the Danish Sister lodge in Bridgeport presented a beautiful basket of flowers; the president of the General Committee, Harry Madsen, from Erie, brought greetings from the General Committee; also the president of the Hand in Hand Society, many telegrams were read and the full board of officers of the General Committee were presented before the gathering. Supreme President C. B. Christensen then spoke and the Rev. Hansen finished off the speaking list. "Der er et yndigt Land" was sung and the guests then enjoyed themselves with dancing until 12 o'clock and everyone seemed to have a very wonderful time. There were about 300 guests. The committee in charge was Viggo Nielsen, chairman, assisted by James Jorgensen and Andrew Nielsen.

As stated before, the board of officers of the General Committee were all present as they had had a meeting in the afternoon, but not being finished with their business they had to continue Sunday morning. Several visitors took the occasion to attend church in the morning and after the services where the new minister was installed, a dinner followed.

It was really a wonderful dinner and whoever was in charge of that deserves a lot of credit for their fine work.

Several speakers were heard there: Rev. Hansen and Mr. Jensen of Des Moines, Iowa, president of the Danish church synod, gave a most interesting speech. Also heard from was the minister from Hartford.

We say thanks for a fine time in Bridgeport.

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

On Friday, the 2nd of December, a golden wedding party was held in the Danish hall in Schenectady honoring Mr. and Mrs. Niels Nielsen who were married in Copenhagen Dec. 3, 1899.

The president of the Brotherhood and the presi-

dent of the Sisterhood, escorted the honored guests to their seats and about 80 friends of the couple were present. A Virginia ham dinner was served and Supreme President Bysted Christensen was the toastmaster for the evening.

The president of the Brother lodge presented the couple with a fine chair in behalf of the lodge and a beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented from the Sister lodge. Many telegrams from all over the world were read and many speeches of good cheer were heard.

In the morning 15 brothers gathered at the Nielsen home at 7 o'clock to awake the celebrants with Danish songs.

A Christmas party will be held in the hall December 26, and a real New Year's eve party on New Year's eve with dancing, eating, etc. We know they will have a good time there.

## Newark, N. J., No. 116

The meeting on December 10, should have been a busy one as we note there will be election of officers, also a discussion on whether the meeting place and time should be changed. A discussion by the Old People's Home Ways and Means committee which has to raise the small sum of \$20,000 here in the East will be before the house also, and then the Christmas party.

On the 26th the regular large Christmas party will be held.

Brother Otto Miller, who served many years as secretary for the lodge, celebrated his 75th birthday on November 25. He had invited the ex-presidents to meet at his home that day and 21 showed up.

He joined the lodge in 1912, was elected secretary in 1916 and served until 1932 and then financial secretary for several years. Many of us here in the East have had the pleasure of working with Brother Miller and we know him well, congratulate him on his 75th birthday and trust he shall have many more birthdays to celebrate with the brothers in Newark.

Another brother in Newark recently celebrated his birthday, but it was only 65. Brother K. P. Christensen recently retired from the telephone company where he had been employed for the past 25 years.

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He was honored by the company with a dinner at the Newark Athletic club and also by a party of his co-workers. He and his wife are planning a trip to Denmark next summer and we all wish them a very enjoyable trip.

As the year comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity again to thank the brothers in the several lodges who so kindly now and then send me a word for our Magazine. It has been a rather good and pleasant year and I wish to say that it is a real pleasure to report a little here from the East each month. I do, however, wish that more lodges could find a little more to write about.

I feel, however, that in the coming year there will be quite a lot to write about that should be of interest to all of us, as there will be law committees appointed all over to revise, or rather try to find something to talk about at the convention in Detroit in 1951.

Let these committees get to work early and let

us really have something to discuss in our lodges and in the paper too.

The winter is here and perhaps will keep many of us home for some time, but let us try to get together at lodge meetings in the different towns occasionally and believe me, that is really where you may get some ideas to bring back home.

Wishing all the brothers the land over a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE.

Please do not forget our special meeting in Providence the 14th of January. It is on a Saturday and we will have guests from out of town. Brother George Cortsen from Philadelphia will be here to install the officers and the Sisters will have installation at the same time and place. Remember you are welcome in Providence, R. I.

## THE BOILING POT

— By —

A. Gravesen, Askov, Minn.

D. B. Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif., has elected the following members to serve on the board of directors for 1950: George Andersen, president; Sven Jensen, vice president; Paul Glarsøe, trustee for three years; Paul Brogaard, conductor; Jim Nielsen, secretary; Mr. Scarsted, inner guard; Lars Vesterskov, past president.

In Alhambra Lodge No. 323 of the D. B. the following members were elected to serve as officers during the ensuing year: Jens Peter Andersen, past president; Paul Christensen, president; Norman Johnson, vice president; C. F. Petersen, secretary; Viggo C. Hansen, treasurer; Louis Holst, trustee; Henry Johansen, conductor; and Herbert Christensen, inner guard.

D. B. Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Calif., at its general assembly elected the following members to serve on the board of directors for 1950: Past president, Hans Madsen; Emil Sorensen, president; Niels E. Bodholdt, vice president; Norman Dan Andker, secretary; John Andersen, finance secretary; Arne Nielsen, treasurer; Hans Godtfredsen, trustee; Cecil Hendricks, conductor; Sidney Nielsen, inner guard; and outer guard, Jacob Jensen.

Fred Halding, a member of more than 50 years standing of D. B. Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis., died after a brief illness at the Danish Old People's Home at the age of 83. He was born on the island of Fyn, Denmark, and was for many years farming in the vicinity of Sommers, Wis. His wife, children and grandchildren survive him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Grobeck, 3604 Valley Street, Omaha, Nebr., celebrated their golden wedding with open house at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Carrie Fuss, 1017 No. 33rd Street, Sunday, November 27. J. P. Grobeck was for many years in the employ of

the Burlington Railroad Company. The celebrants are members of many years standing of the "Pella" church whose members, together with their numerous friends and acquaintances and the large Grobeck family, took occasion to call and congratulate the popular couple and bring them numerous gifts. Past president of D. B. No. 1, Gunner Engskov, on behalf of the lodge, presented them with a special gift in appreciation of Mr. Grobeck's long and faithful service in the lodge.

D. B. Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Ill., has elected the following members to serve as officers of the lodge for 1950: S. H. Miller, president; John Jensen, vice president; P. J. Andersen, secretary; Paul Miller, treasurer. Other officers to serve on the board are Ed Christensen, Peter P. Haa, Roger Larsen and Francis Dally.

Carl Fauersø at Newman celebrated his 70th birthday with a party on December 4. The Fauersø's have been quite active in the Danish societies in California for many years. In 1935 he was supreme president of "Dania" and his wife, Mrs. Maren Fauersø, was supreme president of "Dannebrog" in 1946. Fauersø has also been very active in the Danish Brotherhood being a delegate to the D. B. convention in St. Paul, Minn., in 1915 and again at Omaha, Nebr., in 1927. The Fauersø's are planning a trip to Denmark in the near future.

Aage Ketelsen, Canoga Park, Calif., died Sunday, November 13, at his home. He was born at Moldrup near Viborg, Denmark, in 1895. In 1924 he emigrated to this country and settled at Sarasota, Fla., where he stayed until 1927 when he moved to New York; a year later he came to Detroit, Mich. He became a well liked and esteemed member of the Danish colony there where he became a member of D. B. Lodge No. 227. His profession was tool maker and he was instrumental in founding the American Society of Tool

Engineers. In Detroit he was married to Dane Berg and they made their home there until he moved to California in 1944. Aage Ketelsen is survived by his wife, Dane, two sons, John, 14, and Frederik, 11, a brother, Tage Ketelsen, 14620 Westwood, Detroit, and three sisters in Denmark.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olsen, managers of the D. B. building on Fullerton Ave., Chicago, held a party celebrating their amber wedding the evening of November 19, with a full house of friends. Andrew Olsen bid the guests welcome and named Paul Hoff Kunst master of ceremonies and invited all to partake in a turkey dinner which was very delicious. At the table toast followed toast in unbroken succession honoring the celebrants for their unselfish service during the past ten years. The celebrants received a wealth of gifts and congratulatory telegrams from near and far. Mr. Olsen then expressed his and his wife's appreciation for the happy evening their friends had brought them, making the day one never to be forgotten.

Shoemaker Rasmus Jorgensen and wife, 315-24 Avenue So., Seattle, Wash., members respectively of the D. B. and D. S. S. lodges, celebrated their golden wedding on November 16 at their home in company with family and friends. Mrs. Jorgensen has been ill and confined to her bed for the past several years, but both are remembered as willing workers by their friends.

Verner L. Nielsen, Seattle Wash., a son of the former supreme president of the Danish Brotherhood, now deceased, passed away on November 9 at the age of 45 after a lingering illness. He was a vice president of the Gladding McBean Co. and has been stationed at several of the firm's offices. A few years ago he was assigned to the company's office at Hono-

lulu where he expected to remain for a length of time and so he canceled his membership in the Seattle D. B. Lodge. However, his stay at Honolulu was shorter than anticipated and a couple of years ago he tried to regain membership but was disqualified by the doctor's report on his health. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and by two brothers, S. P. and Peter Nielsen.

A bus load of brothers from Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash., attended D. B. Lodge No. 113 at Enumclaw at its meeting on the 26th of November. The Seattle brothers chartered a Greyhound bus for the purpose.

Jens Wolfe, 425 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn., died November 22 in General hospital where he was hospitalized because of a broken hip. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, 75 years ago and came to the United States in 1902. He held membership in D. B. Lodge No. 45 and was also a member of "Dania." A brother in Denmark survives him. His funeral was conducted from Rainville Funeral Home with burial in Hillside cemetery.

## Swimming Coach Turns Author

Minneapolis, Nov. 25—A veteran University of Minnesota swimming coach has turned author to write the story of his peasant boyhood in Denmark which was published November 16, as "Peter Nielsen's Story" by the University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minn.

Niels Thorpe, the author, is an associate professor of education and long-time swimming coach at the University. In his book, his first writing venture outside the field of swimming techniques, "Coach" Thorpe relates the poignant story of his own childhood and pictures vividly the rugged life of Danish peasants.

At the time Thorpe was growing up, the life of a Danish peasant child could be a happy one although often marred by harshness. Thorpe deals with the rigors of starvation and of the inhumanity of some landlords for whom his father worked, but he tempers this with such simple happy moments as those coming with the gift of a new pair of skates.

Thorpe, 57 years old and a member of the University faculty since 1920, was a small youngster when the landlords and businessmen of Denmark engaged in a lockout against the peasants and workmen.

## Boca Raton Will Open Jan. 5

Harry F. Hermansen, Lake Geneva, Wis., writes as follows:

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