

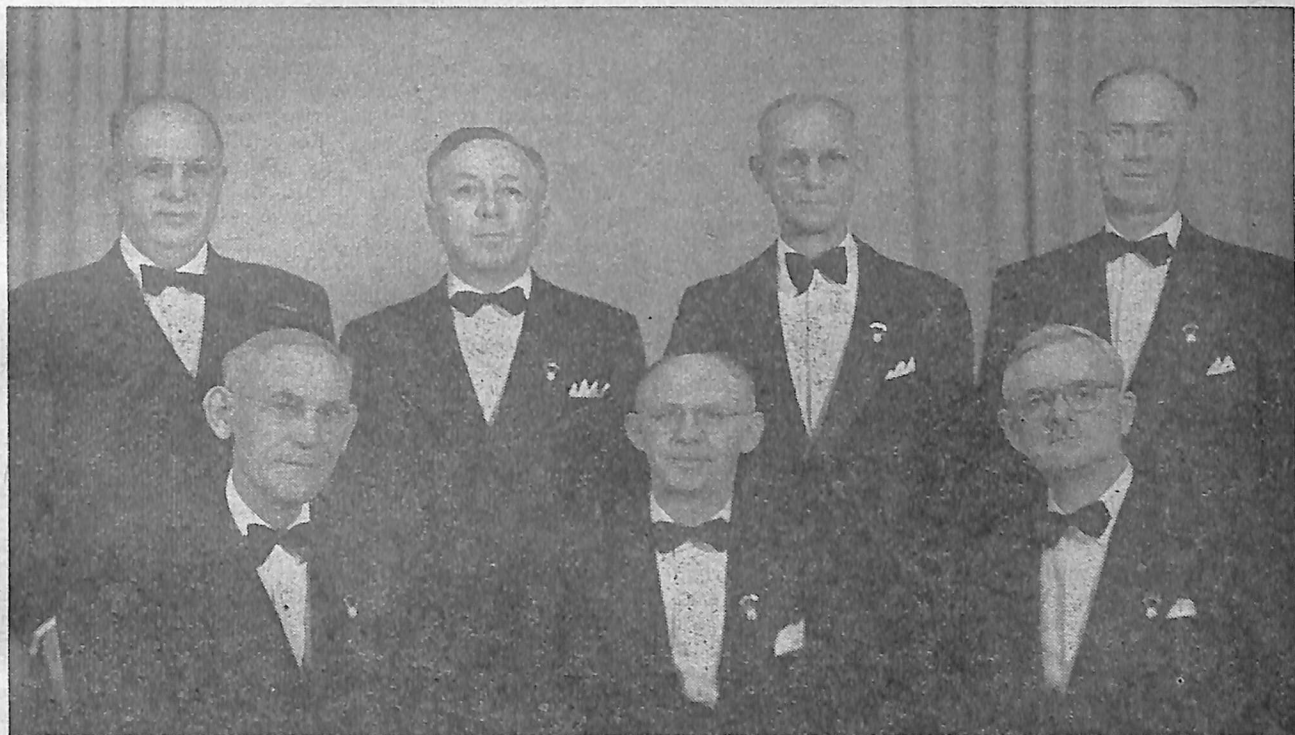
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The Supreme Officers



The official photograph of the 1951 new Supreme Board was delayed until the March, 1952, meeting.

Seated above are from left to right: Otto Nielsen, Supreme Vice President, Seattle, Wash.; Svend Petersen, Supreme President, Askov, Minn.; Hilmar W. Hansen, Second Supreme Vice President, Salt Lake

City, Utah; standing, left to right: Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, Omaha, Nebr.; Viggo E. Mikkelsen, Supreme Chairman of Trustees, Detroit, Mich.; Hans Norregaard, Supreme Trustee, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Hans M. Andersen, Supreme Trustee, Parlier, Calif.

News From The Eastern Lodges

To The Secretaries And Members Of The Eastern General Committee Lodges:

As you have noticed of late, we have not had much news from the Eastern General Committee lodges the last few months.

The reason for this is that our correspondent, Brother Ernie Christensen, has been ill for a long time—and passed away on March 11.

I would like at this time to extend to his family, in behalf of the Danish Brotherhood and the Eastern General Committee, our most sincere sympathy.

On March 8, at the 48th anniversary celebration of Schenectady Lodge No. 190 I asked Brother George V. Petersen of Providence if he again would take over the writing job for the magazine, in case that

Brother Ernie's illness should prevent him from doing same—and George promised me that he would. It gives me pleasure now to officially appoint George V. Petersen as our corresponding secretary as of April 1.

We all know that George is very capable of doing this job and I sincerely hope that all you secretaries will cooperate by sending him your news items.

There surely was something missing in our magazine when our page "News From The Eastern Lodges" was not in there; so please, brothers, when you have something worth while, be sure to send it to George V. Petersen, 20 Maywood Drive, West Warwick, R. I.

Fraternally yours,

ANDREW THOMPSEN, President.

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May, 1952

Good Bye "Dansk Tidende"

We were very much disappointed to receive the "final" issue of "Dansk Tidende," Chicago's one and only Danish weekly. Chris Brix, editor of "Tidende", has surely been giving the "Windy City" Danes a good live newspaper, which we have read with interest for many years. We fail to understand how the Chicago Danes can afford to let such a publication fall by the wayside.

Mr. Brix, however, will continue to keep the Chicago Danes posted on what is going on in the big city as he has accepted the job of representing "Den Danske Pioneer," Omaha, and is editor of their Chicago page.

Best wishes to you, Brother Brix, and the Danish Pioneer.

SVEND PETERSEN, Supreme President.

Nation Must Rebuild Blood Bank Supplies

Blood is still needed by the Red Cross—for the armed forces, for the usual demands of accidents, disasters and disease, and for a stockpile for civilian defense. The heavy fighting in Korea used up reserves normally kept for civilian use; the need for a reserve supply was then clearly seen. In addition, the Office of Civilian Defense is attempting to establish a blood bank to use in time of disaster. Said Howard A. Rusk, M. D., of Bellevue hospital, "Blood is life-saving medically. It could be nation-saving in the event of all-out war."

Everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 is eligible to give blood every ten weeks. A physical examination makes certain that donors are able to give.

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Make an appointment at your local Red Cross Blood Donor's Center or Bloodmobile now. Your lifestream is a lifeline and it can help fulfill the nation's plans for defense.

New Danish Publication

A new Danish publication, taking the name, "Kirke og Folk", has now appeared in three issues. As known to most of the readers of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, the publication "Dannevirke" which had served many Danish-American homes through many years, ceased to appear last October. It is well known, that many foreign papers have had hard sledding through these latter years, due much to the sharp increase of publication cost. A second factor is naturally the constant decrease of the number of people of Danish descent who can read the Danish language.

However, as soon as "Dannevirke" had ceased its publication, the Committee on Publications of the Danish Lutheran Church decided to do something about a smaller publication which in some measure could be a substitute to the large number of Danish-Americans who still would like to have a Danish paper to read.

The first issue appeared on March 10th. "Kirke og Folk", appears in an 8 page 8in.x10in. format, and is published twice a month. Rev. Holger Strand-skov, editor of "Lutheran Tidings" is the temporary editor, and will edit the paper until the annual convention of the Danish Lutheran Church to be held in Omaha, Nebr., August 12-17 will take final action on the publication of the paper also electing an editor for same.

The paper brings articles of interest to all Danish-Americans written by men and women in this country, some articles appearing from writers in Denmark. One page is devoted to "News" items from the various Danish American settlements.

Anyone interested in seeing a sample copy or who would like to have the paper sent on a trial subscription the next three months, should write to the editor and business manager, Rev. Holger Strand-skov, Kimballton, Iowa.

Register Of Jubilee Celebrations

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha	May 3
Lodge No. 67, Fresno	May 3
Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Washington	May 3
Lodge No. 255, Selma	May 10
Lodge No. 314, Hartford	May 24
Lodge No. 149, Luverne	June 5
Lodge No. 263, Askov	June 14
Lodge No. 173, Kansas City	Aug. ?
(Exact date will follow.)	
Lodge No. 227, Detroit	Oct. 18

Financial Report

MARCH 31, 1952 Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1952 -----	\$ 82,209.56
Assessments -----	11,047.84
Bonds called -----	19,000.00
Interest on bonds -----	6,904.25
	\$ 119,161.65
Disbursements:	
Death claims -----	\$ 24,954.72
Collection expense on bond coupons -----	9.60
Bonds purchased -----	56,722.84
Interest accrued on bonds purchased -----	69.47
Balance on hand March 31, 1952 -----	37,405.02
	\$ 119,161.65

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1952 -----	\$ 7,206.80
Received in March -----	807.56
	\$ 8,014.36
Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery ----	\$ 9.25
Postage, express, telephone, etc. -----	83.79
Printing and mailing official publication	368.03
Lodge supplies purchased -----	11.90
Rent and lights -----	168.60
Office supplies -----	10.55
Repairs to typewriter -----	3.25
General office expenses -----	50.00
Travel expenses, board meeting -----	1,424.79
Employer taxes, S. S. -----	12.30
Salaries to officers and employees -----	1,142.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1952 -----	4,729.90
	\$ 8,014.36

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1952 -----	\$ 3,342.59
Assessments -----	26.50
Interest on bonds -----	325.00
	\$ 3,694.09
Disbursements:	
Relief payments -----	\$ 712.71
Balance on hand March 31, 1952 -----	2,981.38
	\$ 3,694.09

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1952 -----	\$ 463.82
Assessments -----	35.03
	\$ 498.85
Disbursements:	
Balance on hand March 31, 1952 -----	\$ 498.85
	\$ 498.85

Assets

Mortuary fund investments -----	\$3,843,986.80
Relief fund investments -----	200,000.00
General fund investments -----	25,000.00
Cash in bank -----	45,615.15
	\$4,114,601.95

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan.1, 1952
328.	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	21	112
263.	Askov, Minn.	14	138
113.	Enumclaw, Wash.	10	64
92.	St. Charles, Ill.	9	94
126.	Los Angeles, Calif.	8	306
314.	Hartford, Conn.	8	173
330.	Prince George, B. C., Canada	8	42
* 4.	Racine, Wis.	6	546
* 14.	Kenosha, Wis.	6	216
*242.	Erie, Pa.	5	176

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
113.	Norbert E. Grove,	Enumclaw, Wash.	10
92.	Gerhart Rasmussen,	St. Charles, Ill.	8
263.	Svend Petersen,	Askov, Minn.	7
263.	Jens Krogh,	Askov, Minn.	7
330.	Sam Stevens,	Prince George, B. C., Can.	6
4.	Arne Sondergaard,	Racine, Wis.	3
*103.	Robert L. Humiston,	Waterbury, Conn.	3
*242.	Thos. Larsen,	Erie, Pa.	3
301.	Ejner Madsen,	Akron, Ohio	3
314.	Holger G. Esbesen,	Hartford, Conn.	3
328.	J. Bergman,	Vancouver, B. C. Can.	3
*328.	Charles Jensen,	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	3

* Added this month.

How To Become A Citizen Of The United States

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3,420 boys and girls under 15 years old were killed in traffic accidents last year.

Minutes Of The Semi-Annual Meeting Of The Supreme Board, March 17-20, 1952

Monday, March 17

The semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America convened at the Home Office, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska, Monday, March 17, 1952. All officers were present: Svend Petersen, President; Otto Nielsen, First Vice-President; Hilmar W. Hansen, Second Vice-President; Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer; Viggo Mikkelsen, Chairman of Trustees; Hans E. Norregaard, Trustee; and Hans M. Andersen, Trustee.

Svend Petersen presided and called the meeting to order at 9:00 A. M. A list of business to come before the meeting was read, including a brief outline on policy-forming subjects previously assigned each member of the Board, to come up for further discussion later.

Many messages extending wishes for a successful meeting were read. Among them were greetings from former Board members: John Hansen, C. B. Christensen and N. C. Nielsen.

The president gave a report on the activities of his office since the last meeting of the Board. It had been a busy period and the extensive report was well received.

The comprehensive Annual Statement, and Valuation Statement, for 1951, as filed with the various States' Insurance Department, was now reviewed and discussed in detail. The work involved in gathering and handling the statistics was also reviewed. Svend Petersen said that time spent on these reviews is constructively spent. It gives each member of the Board a clear picture of the Brotherhood's Insurance Division and an insight into the tremendous amount of work our understaffed Home Office is faced with for several months each year, in addition to the regular workload. As circumstances are, he said, we must consider the necessity for acquiring labor-saving equipment and more trained help for the Secretary-Treasurer.

A letter from Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California asked if it would be possible to issue Fifty Year pins for presentation when a lodge celebrates the Brotherhood's Seventieth Anniversary on March 29, although the members in question will not have fifty full years of membership until later in 1952.

Viggo Mikkelsen moved that an exception be made during 1952, our Seventieth Jubilee Year, and grant special permission to present Fifty Year pins, at the time a lodge celebrates the Brotherhood's Seventieth Jubilee, to members who will complete fifty years of membership during the calendar year of 1952. Duly seconded the motion carried.

A communication signed by William Svendsen, delegate from Lodge No. 205, Brooklyn, New York and Elmer W. Jensen, delegate from Lodge No. 257, New York City, was read. These delegates contended that the Supreme Board's decision to admit members with insurance on evidence of insurability other than that of a medical examination constitutes an attempt to usurp the prerogative of the Conven-

tion to make our laws and that to carry out this decision would be illegal.

Each member of the Board expressed himself and it was the unanimous opinion that the laws now in effect give the Supreme Officers authority to prescribe the type of evidence of insurability to be furnished, and the manner in which it shall be submitted, to the Home Office.

It was therefore moved by Hans M. Andersen: That the secretary be instructed to write delegates William Svendsen and Elmer W. Jensen that the Supreme Board gave their communication time and consideration, and in the reply set forth that the Board interprets the action of the 1951 Convention, in amending the laws as they now read, to give the Board authority to prescribe the type of evidence of insurability an applicant must furnish, and the manner in which such evidence must be submitted to the Home Office. Further, that the Board stands by the decision previously made. Seconded, the motion was adopted.

A resolution for general use by a lodge, at the death of a member, was adopted in the form of an "In Memoriam" folder. These standard resolutions to be available at the Home Office.

Tuesday, March 18

Session called to order at 9:00 A. M. with all members present. Svend Petersen presiding.

In response to invitation to bid on the editing, printing and mailing of The Danish Brotherhood Monthly Magazine, the bids set out below were received, now opened and considered. All bids based on the specifications listed in the call for bids published in February, 1952 issue. The price quoted is per monthly issue:

Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska -- \$364.00
American Publishing Co., Askov, Minnesota -- 368.00
Arctcraft Printers, Eureka, California ----- 495.75

Svend Petersen volunteered the information that he has a financial interest in the American Publishing Company and is an officer of the firm. He asked to be excused from the meeting while the bids are being considered. This request being agreeable to the Board, Vice-President Otto Nielsen presided in the interim.

Hans Norregaard presented the following motion: Due to the fact that the American Publishing Company's bid stipulates that it is based on a four year term, and the lowest competitor, the Lutheran Publishing House, does not state the term of the contract; Further that the four year contract seems advantageous for us, we therefore accept the bid submitted by the American Publishing Company, per specifications in the call notice. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

Through Ex-President, John Hansen, was received a letter from one Harold Olsen, Valby, Denmark concerning assistance in raising \$2,000.00. This amount to be used as prizes in a Danish lottery for the purpose of raising funds for building a Danish school at Mysunde, South Slesvig, Germany.

It was duly moved by Hilmar W. Hansen, seconded and carried, that we extend John Hansen our regrets that we have no available resources on which we can draw for this purpose, although much in sympathy with the deserving cause.

Axel Skelbeck reported for the Finance-Committee that the securities portfolio of the Brother-

hood was in excellent condition, and Funds well invested. There is at present some cash available in the Mortuary Fund for investment, but the Committee expects to take care of it shortly, at which time a detailed report will be sent to the Board members.

Axel Skelbeck reported on the Scholarship Fund established by the 1951 National Convention. A favorable decision was received from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C. Contributions were held to be deductible by donors, for Federal income tax purposes. It was announced, too, that Ex-Supreme Presidents, John Hansen and C. B. Christensen each had given \$500.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Ways and means of building up the Scholarship Fund to a sufficient working balance was discussed at length. Otto Nielsen moved that we make an appeal through the columns of our Magazine, for the time being, between now and the next Board Meeting, further, that we write into the minutes of this meeting a fond appreciation to John Hansen and C. B. Christensen for their generous gift to the Fund. Duly seconded and carried.

Svend Petersen announced that Postal Laws and Regulations provide that forms of application for membership must include provisions for subscription rate of our Monthly Magazine.

It was by general consent agreed to include this provision in the application forms when new supplies are printed.

Final decision on a large number of General Relief applications filed under Section 78.1 in the By-Laws, for the April 1, 1952 distribution, was pending and came up for consideration at this time.

Several applications for Special Relief were at hand, filed under Section 78.5 in the By-Laws, and acted upon at this time. An ultimate amount of \$1,392.00 was thus allowed on a monthly basis for Special Relief purposes.

Lodge No. 324, San Mateo, California submitted an application for permission to surrender the Charter and merge with Lodge No. 184, Hayward, California. Upon due study of the reasons given for this move, and of the letter of consent submitted by Lodge No. 184, the request was granted, by motion of Otto Nielsen, duly seconded.

Svend Petersen reminded the meeting that, for a few years past, it had been customary to allow a Christmas remembrance to the Home Office employees. This was overlooked last Fall, however, and not discovered until just a few days before the Holidays. Being brought to his attention, he had authorized payment of a \$25.00 Christmas gift to each of the employees. Further, he recommended that we here, and now, adopt it as a policy for the remainder of the term of the present Board to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to extend a similar gratuity to the employees at Christmas time.

It was moved by Viggo Mikkelsen that we ratify the President's action and adopt his recommendation. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

At this point Viggo Mikkelsen said that he should like to revert to Svend Petersen's comments yesterday concerning more trained help, equipment, and so on, for the Home Office. Having given the matter much thought, and seeing the type of work there is to do, he felt, he said, that it would not be an easy matter to hire assistants, but we certainly could get some up-to-date equipment to ease the situation.

He proposed for the Board's consideration: That the Secretary-Treasurer be given full authority to buy dictating equipment and such other types of office machines and equipment that he needs. Also to reverse working conditions and office procedure in whatever manner he deems it advantageous and labor saving.

The proposal presented by Viggo Mikkelsen was adopted, by motion of Hilmar W. Hansen, duly made and seconded.

Wednesday, March 19

All members present.

The major part of the day was spent in the Safe Deposit Vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha, checking, auditing and taking inventory of the securities in which the society's funds are invested. The interest coupons coming due for payment during the period from April 1 to, and including, the month of September, 1952 were detached and segregated by month of their due date. When this job was completed the meeting re-convened at the Home Office later in the day.

At this time the Trustees submitted the following certification: "This is to certify that we, the undersigned Trustees of The Danish Brotherhood in America, assisted by other officers, have this date checked and audited the bonds deposited in the vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha. We found the total face value of such securities to be in accord with the Brotherhood books." Dated March 19, 1952 and signed by Viggo Mikkelsen, Hans Norregaard and Hans M. Andersen.

This certificate was incorporated in the minutes of this meeting, by motion of Axel Skelbeck, duly made and seconded.

An invitation to the Supreme Board to attend the opening of the Danish Sisterhood's 13th National Convention, September 29, 1952, at the Statler Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, was received from Supreme Secretary, Jennie Miller, and read.

The Secretary was instructed to thank Mrs. Miller for the cordial invitation and reply that as many of our Board members, as possibly can, will endeavor to attend. Each member will later advise Mrs. Miller, for himself, as to whether he can attend.

A letter signed by member Van W. Harman Jr., in behalf of several local members, was discussed at this time. It stated a proposal to erect an Old People's Home on the site of Vennelyst Park in Florence (suburb of Omaha) on a tract of land pledged by the Society owning the Park, and asked about the possibilities of receiving the support of the Supreme

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

Board on this project. Opinions expressed were all in sympathy with the cause, and comments praising the project were plentiful. The secretary became instructed, however, to reply to Mr. Harman the conclusion that, unfortunately, it is not possible for us to support the deserving project. The main reason for this action is, of course, that we have no resources on which we can draw for the intended purpose and, even if so, the investment clause in our laws would prohibit it.

An exchange of letters between the Secretary and Christian H. Jensen, delegate from Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut was reviewed. Mr. Jensen, for Lodge No. 32, asserts that the procedure used at the National Convention to amend the laws, raising the age limit for insurance to 60 years, did not conform to rule and thus cannot legally be adopted.

A motion was duly made by Hans M. Andersen, seconded and carried, that the Board finds that the laws were legally amended to permit insurance to age 60 years, on a voluntary basis between the 50th and 60th birthday. That the Secretary's explanation to delegate Jensen is adequate and complete in detail.

The Secretary reported that the L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriters, Inc., had extended the use of a typewriter during the convention week in Detroit. At the adjournment of the convention the typewriter was supposedly returned through the same channels it was received, however, it apparently did not get back to the Company. A thorough investigation failed to locate the machine and the Company had filed a claim for payment. The matter was negotiated and a compromise settlement could be made with the payment of \$55.00 to the Company. Upon motion by Hilmar W. Hansen, duly seconded, it was decided to pay the L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriters, Inc., the amount of \$55.00 to close the case.

Thursday, March 20

Called to order at 9:00 A. M. with all members present.

First on the program was the discussion on the 1955 Convention City. As mandated by the 1951 convention, the Supreme Officers had called for invitations in several issues of the Monthly Magazines. The following invitations were received and read. From:

1. **San Francisco, California**—by Lodge No. 49, supported by Mayor Elmer E. Robinson, the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Tourist Bureau.
2. **Racine, Wisconsin**—by Lodge No. 4, supported by Mayor John E. Gothner and the Chamber of Commerce.
3. **Erie, Pennsylvania**—by Lodge No. 242, supported by the Chamber of Commerce, the Richford Hotel and the Lawrence Hotel.

It was generally agreed, after serious contempla-

tion, that Paragraph 35.1(b) authorized the Supreme Officers to secure invitations for the 1955 convention, but does not empower the officers to select the convention city.

The subsequent prolonged discussion resulted in a motion, duly made by Hilmar W. Hansen, that the invitations received be submitted, ad verbatim, to a vote of all delegates seated at the 1951 National Convention. Seconded the motion carried.

To establish a time limit for the voting, Hilmar W. Hansen moved that the limitation for return of the ballot be thirty days from date of mailing from the Home Office. The postmark for date of mailing and date of return to govern the time limit allowed for voting. Duly seconded the motion was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Lodges No. 49, 4 and 242 of the action taken by the Board.

A petition to establish a lodge at Port Alberni, on Vancouver Island, British Columbia with 28 signatures of prospective members was received through Mr. George Andersen of that city.

The matter was given careful study and by motion of Hans M. Andersen it was decided to grant a Charter to operate as a Social Lodge presently. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

The Supreme President designated Otto Nielsen the instituting officer of the new lodge at Port Alberni.

A committee consisting of Hilmar W. Hansen, Viggo Mikkelsen and Hans M. Andersen reported on their selection of songs submitted in response to a call for new songs suitable for use at local lodge meetings. The committee recommended that the selections be published in booklet form, along with those now in use, and made available for the local lodges at cost. The recommendation was adopted by motion, duly made and seconded.

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The secretary reminded the members that a reward for juvenile applications was in effect during the pre-convention membership campaign from January to September 1, 1951 and recommended that a reward of \$1.00 for each juvenile application be paid, retroactive to September 1, 1951. The recommendation was adopted by motion of Viggo Mikkelsen and being duly seconded.

The possibility of writing insurance to members in Canada came up for discussion next. It resulted in the following motion by Hans M. Andersen: That the Secretary continue his investigation of this problem and that he be authorized to go to Ottawa for a conference with the Canadian Insurance Authorities in order that a full report of all details involved may possibly be ready for the next meeting of the Board. Duly seconded the motion carried.

Anticipating a deficit in the General Fund before the 1952 Per Capita Tax is collected, the Secretary-Treasurer presented an estimate of income and expenses for the Board's consideration.

By motion duly made and seconded, it was decided to borrow from the Relief Fund an amount sufficient to pay current expenses if, and when, a deficit in the General Fund should actually occur before the 1952 Per Capita Tax is paid.

In an effort to develop plans which ultimately will serve the lodges and the Brotherhood ideally, with welfare and progress in mind, each member of the Board now talked on a divisional subject previously assigned by the President, as follows:

1. Svend Petersen, Activities.
2. Otto Nielsen, Insured members in Canada.
3. Hilmer W. Hansen, Suspended members.
4. Axel Skelbeck, Juvenile members.
5. Viggo Mikkelsen, Attendance at meetings.
6. Hans Norregaard, Additional Insurance for members.
7. Hans M. Andersen, Drive for new members.

It was agreed to publish more material, along with reprinting items now in use, in a form suitable for inserts with correspondence. Suggestions for copy for new material of this type, submitted by Viggo Mikkelsen and Hans M. Andersen, was adopted.

A renewal of the lease on the space occupied by the home office was signed at an increase in rent of \$13.50 per month, making the monthly rental \$179.50, effective June 1, 1952.

The annual meeting of the board became scheduled to begin on Monday, September 22, 1952 at 9 a. m., at the home office.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 10 p. m., upon motion by Otto Nielsen.

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Sec.-Treas.

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Omaha Celebrates Anniversary

The seventieth anniversary banquet of The Danish Brotherhood and Lodge No. 1 in Omaha March 15 proved to be one of those never to be forgotten events we so often hear about.

Of course with all of the Supreme Board members being present and in formal attire, how could the celebration help becoming a success?

Nebraska's Governor Val Peterson, a member of Lodge No. 84 in Lincoln, Nebraska, with his charming wife was also present having arrived late in the afternoon by plane from a speaking campaign in the western part of the state.

As is customary at such occasions flowers and festoons decorated all tables. As another highlight of the event Mrs. Evelyn Skelbeck Warner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Skelbeck entertained with Danish and English violin solos.

Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck with understanding and artful knowledge conducted the toastmastership.

A short resume of the speeches follows:

Welcome by Pres. of Lodge No. 1, Goodhart Nielsen.

Benediction by Rev. Marius Krog, pastor of Our Saviors Danish Lutheran Church.

Hon. Governor Val Peterson: "Thanks to the Danish explorers of old, the islands of Iceland and Greenland were protected against possession by foreign powers through the centuries, resulting in the fact that they today with the help of the United States stand as fortresses against aggression from the powers behind the iron curtain."

Danish Vice Consul, and former Supreme Secretary Frank V. Lawson never judge an initiation by its size but measure it by its deeds and manner of conducting business.

The Danish Brotherhood has through its 70 years demonstrated what can be accomplished by exemplifying good will and helpfulness toward others.

Mrs. Kristine Miller, Supreme President, The Danish Sisterhood: "Greetings from The Danish Sisterhood, and thanks for the wonderful example set by the brothers, inspiring the DSS to go out and do likewise."

Supreme President of The Danish Brotherhood, Svend Petersen: "Thanks for the fond memories received in Omaha, first at the 1927 convention, and later at the various board meetings and lodge meetings, and thanks to the pioneers who started The Danish Brotherhood, and the officers and committees of the present day who so dutifully perform their tasks with love and understanding. Praise be to our institutions, Danish Høflighed, Hospitality, Church and Culture, we Danes have it all, inspiring us to make every member a better citizen and consequently the U. S. A. a better place in which to live."

First Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen presented the 50 year emblem to Brother Johannes Andersen, and in well chosen words commended Brother Andersen and other 50 year members for pioneering the spirit of brotherhood.

Some 50 year members were present, and with escorts occupied honor seats directly in front of the speakers table and were all presented for the assembly, as were the Supreme Board members and

representatives of other local Danish organizations. After the banquet and the singing of a song composed by Mr. Carstin Hoffmann and presented by his Lodge No. 195, the guests continued the celebration with dancing after Harry Petersen's orchestra and so passed another milestone in the annals of our beloved brotherhood.

AXEL OLSEN.

Santa Barbara, California

Under the leadership of Otto F. Pedersen, this year's president, Santa Barbara lodge is enjoying an active year. Plans are under way for the state convention to be held September 11-13. Our vice-president, Frank Bader is chairman for this event. We extend a cordial invitation to brothers in all parts of the country to attend. We are proud of our beautiful city and our Danish lodges here. On April 25 we will initiate seven new applicants, this meeting will be preceded by a potluck supper.

On April 9, fourteen brothers drove to Solvang to attend the initiation of new members in Lodge No. 299, evidently quite an affair, according to the reports.

On May 3, the convention committee is serving a dinner, followed by a dance for the benefit of the Convention Fund.

Already this year we have had several enjoyable affairs. In January we had the installation of officers; Nels P. Christensen had charge of a dinner honoring the visiting officials. In February Otto F. Pedersen had charge of the "Fastelavns Gilde," which was an exceptionally fine evening with many good costumes. "Slaa Katten of Tønden" was very much enjoyed followed by coffee and "Fastelavns Boller" and dancing. In March our lodge's twenty-eighth anniversary was observed at a pleasant "after the meeting" coffee table which also featured "Smørrebrød og Øl," in charge were Aage and Emil Miller.

Already now, the committee for the 4th of July Parade is planning the float, which we all hope will surpass all others and bring home a first prize for the third year in succession.

It may be of interest to some that our congenial president, Otto F. Pedersen, is a former member of the Milwaukee Lodge, and a past-president of the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Lodges. Your loss—our gain.

J. H. JENDRESEN,
Publicity Chairman.

No. 18 Celebrates Anniversary

At our last meeting we of Lodge No. 18 celebrated the Brotherhood's Seventieth Jubilee with a "Smorgasbord" and entertainment. This was held on April 9th, 1952.

Two of our brothers, President Holger Hansen, and Brother Jens Hagedorn are going on a trip to Denmark, so we took this opportunity to wish them a very happy journey. We had a good time, with song and several speeches.

JOHN SCHMIDT.

Twenty-five per cent of all drivers involved in fatal automobile accidents in the U. S. last year were under 25 years old.

New Members

Booster	No. of Lodge	Location	New Member
John Jensen	4	Racine	Baldwin Jensen
Paul C. Nielsen	4	Racine	Harry N. Sorensen
Wm. G. Krogh	14	Kenosha	Charles E. Krogh
Carl Olsen	14	Kenosha	William Johnson
Jens Haugaard	14	Kenosha	C. C. Christensen
John Gillert	14	Kenosha	C. J. Zimmerman
John Gillert	14	Kenosha	H. E. Zimmerman
Otto Nielsen	29	Seattle	Hans Jensen
John Petersen	29	Seattle	Thorkild B. Poulsen
Chris Pedersen	32	New Haven	Erik Tolboe
Andrew P. Nielsen	34	Dwight	Marvin L. Madsen
Andrew P. Nielsen	34	Dwight	Melvin R. Olsen
Peder J. Pedersen	34	Dwight	Leo Andraesen
Niels Christensen	41	Derby	Kenneth A. Johnson
Emil Jensen	92	St. Charles	Erik Jensen
Gerhart Rasmussen	92	St. Charles	Nels P. Hansen
Hugh W. Emerson	103	Waterbury	R. L. Humiston
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Karl H. Koch
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Chris Jensen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Jens A. Sorensen
E. B. Danam, Sr.	126	Los Angeles	E. B. Danam, Jr.
Leo C. Christensen	181	Sidney	Frank L. Hansen
L. W. Andersen	202	Warren	E. L. Andersen
L. W. Andersen	202	Warren	T. W. Andersen
Johan Emanuelsen	227	Detroit	Ib Johansen
Johan Emanuelsen	227	Detroit	H. E. S. Hammerum
Viggo Mikkelsen	227	Detroit	Jens B. Larsen
Thos. Larsen	242	Erie	Verner T. Jensen
Thos. Larsen	242	Erie	Elmer N. Christensen
Thos. Larsen	242	Erie	Paul B. Nelson
Soren Melgaard	242	Erie	Robert Brookhouser
Soren Melgaard	242	Erie	Closs F. Gollobitz
Jens Krogh	263	Askov	Martin Brant
Einer Priskorn	314	Hartford	Soren Chr. Justesen
Harry C. Y. Larsen	325	Nassau Co.	Aage Rasmussen
C. Jensen	328	Vancouver	W. E. Anderssen
George Ambell	328	Vancouver	Peter Schiott
J. V. Thorsen	328	Vancouver	H. C. Willesen
S. A. Johansen	328	Vancouver	R. C. Jensen
E. H. Braather	328	Vancouver	E. V. Albrechtsen
E. H. Braather	328	Vancouver	Sven B. Jensen
Paul J. Blinkilde	331	Detroit	Robert N. Holm II

Around Enumclaw DBS

Two newly made brothers were initiated at our March meeting: Jens A. Sorensen, Junior; and Karl H. Koch. Honor of proposing these new members goes to District President Carl N. Grove and National Convention Delegate Bent Espersen. Following the initiation, several Brothers urged the newcomers to attend regularly and to participate in committee work.

Several members respond each month to our appeal for their "Birthday Buck" in behalf of the Northwest Danish Old People's Home special Christmas fund. They never miss the dollar and once a year these old timers benefit many fold. So how about

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it, Brothers, it's a worthy cause. When your birthday rolls around, why not let the congratulatory message you'll receive from No. 113 be your cue to send along a boost for a program that's worth boosting. Here are the May babies: Paul Jensen, Ellery Einess, Jens Andersen, Bent Espersen and James Tedrick. Ad to each of them—the best of Birthday Wishes. Also belated greetings to Jens Sorensen, Junior, who was born on April 10, 1917.

Not since July twenty-eighth of last year, have we had the unpleasant duty of executing a death report, write up a resolution, and take care of the necessary last rites of a Brother. It is with deep regret, that we mention the passing of Hans Nielsen on Sunday afternoon, April 6, 1952. Spending several weeks at Enumclaw's Community Memorial Hospital, Hans suffered a heart attack and was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery in charge of DBS No. 113. Among the pallbearers were Treasurer Andrew Hansen and Northwest President Carl Grove—long time friends of the deceased. Bro. Nielsen was born at "Glud pr Horsens, Danmark" and was a bookkeeper in the old country but took up the carpenter trade in his new land, America. Born on September fifteenth, 1869, he joined the Brotherhood on February 5, 1892 and demitted to our Lodge on May 14, 1904. Although our departed Brother had reached an advanced age, he will be missed as a Trustee at our meetings—a true Dane long to be remembered.

If you want to give something from your heart, donate to your local Blood Bank.

NORBERT E. GROVE, Secretary.

Albert Lea And Austin Celebrate

Ausin Lodge No. 111 and Albert Lea No. 75 joined hands in celebrating the 70th anniversary of our society at a fine banquet in the V. F. W., hall at Albert Lea on April 19.

A delegation of 23 visitors from Minneapolis and Hopkins added much to the festivities. Many of them were called on for after dinner speeches and they responded with many good suggestions for the future welfare of the Brotherhood. Austin was of course well represented and Bert Godfredsen was the spokesman for their group. Others called on were S. Ove Hermansen, Askov, president of the United DBS lodges of Minnesota; and Mrs. Laughlin, Austin, ex-president of the Minnesota Sisterhood lodges; and words of welcome by Brother Mayor Nelson of Albert Lea. Lars Rasmussen of Albert Lea was an able toastmaster.

The climax of the after-dinner festivities was the address by Supreme President Svend Petersen from Askov. The evening terminated with dancing.

Sunday morning most of the out-of-town visitors gathered at the spacious lake home of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Bonderrup for "frokost", with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorensen as co-hosts and assisted by a number of local ladies.

All in all, it was a very fine celebration that will be highly appreciated by one and all.

In 1951, 290,660 pedestrians were injured in U. S. traffic accidents.

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Eureka, Calif.—The Arcata and Ferndale, Calif., Brotherhood Lodges, The Danish Ladies' Club of Arcata, and The Danish Sisterhood Lodge from Ferndale have united with 6 other Scandinavian lodges in this community and have formed what is known as the SCANDINAVIAN MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION. This Association will hold its second annual festival at Scotia Park, Scotia, Calif., June 21 and 22, 1952. All of you are cordially invited to come and join with us in this gala event. There will be dancing Saturday night to the famous Heiser's orchestra from San Leandro and on Sunday beginning at 10 a. m., the sports events and races for children will be held, followed by lunch at 12 noon. Coffee and cream will be served by the Association. At 1 p. m., the dance contest will start. About 8 lodges will compete in this contest, as there is the "Cy Bendorf" perpetual trophy to vie for. The adult group will dance the "Schottische" and the junior group the "Rye Waltz." This will be followed by a program sponsored by the various lodges, who will be attired in their native costumes. Many dignitaries have been invited, among them our own Danish Consul, Mr. Paul Ryder. Again, let me say that everyone is most welcome to attend this festival.

Come and spend the week-end in our beautiful redwoods.

L. L. S.

Alhambra, California

March 21 was an eventful evening and one that will not be forgotten for some time. After a sumptuous potluck dinner prepared by our wives we celebrated the birthdays of two of our most prominent members. Our president, Godfred B. Olsen, has now reached his 81st year and our treasurer, Thorvald Frandsen, his 75th year. After feasting of all the wonderful Danish food a beautiful birthday cake was presented to the birthday babies. After many a "skaal" and birthday wish, Otto Kiertzner and his wife sang a song written by Mrs. Kiertzner especially for the birthday boys. After dinner a short business meeting was held, and then we all spent an evening of singing and dancing to the music of Alene Torkelsen. Among the visitors were Paul Herskind, president of Los Angeles No. 126 Lodge and Paul Christensen, vice president of No. 126. Mrs. Margaret Christiansen and Irene Zeiss were also present. A wonderful evening was had by all.

After our meeting April 18, the members of our grand little lodge gathered with our wives in the dining room of our hall and celebrated the birthdays of two more of our members: Lauritz F. Holst and Walter C. Kaysen, our secretary. Coffee and cake were served by our wonderful supporters, our good wives. A pleasant evening was spent in gossiping and playing cards.

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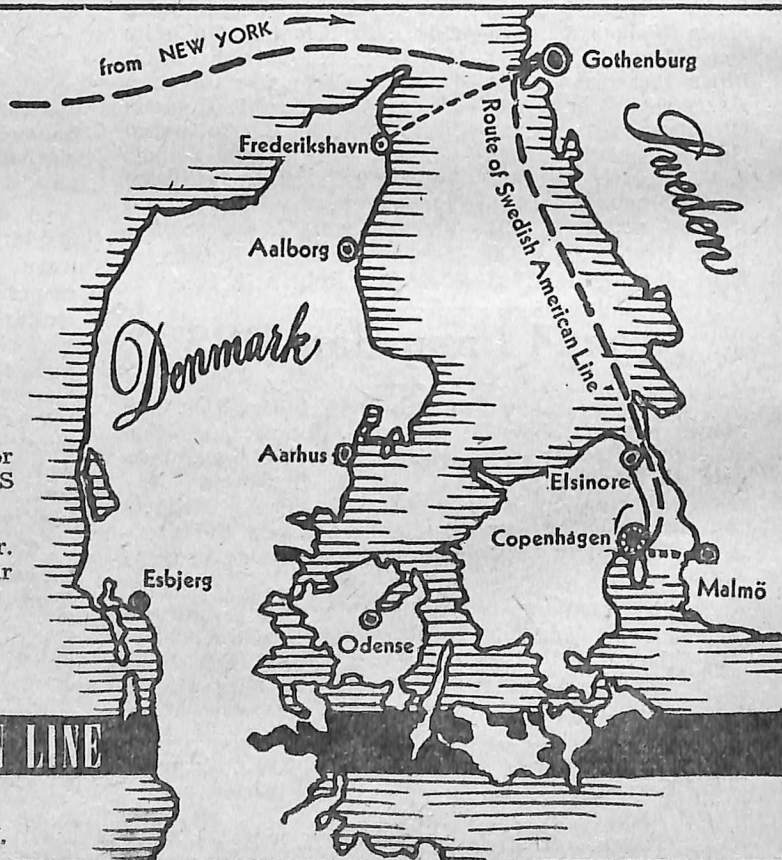
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Convention Of The Eastern Lodges

This year Godthaab Lodge, No. 183, Troy, N. Y., is host to the 28th Annual Convention of the Eastern Lodges which will be held on August 30, 31, and Sept. 1, 1952.

The past years these conventions have become one of the highlights of the Eastern Lodges because of their increased success, creating better understanding of the Danish Brotherhood organization. Also as an opportunity for the members of the different lodges to see old friends and to make many new ones.

Here at Troy we are progressing very well with the plans for the 1952 Convention. We shall do our utmost to make this convention a success. This may also be assured by your attendance and participation at the convention here at Troy, N. Y. Begin now to make your plans to attend.

More detailed information to the Lodges very soon.
I. JENSEN, Convention Secretary.

Are You Lucky?

How lucky are you?

One good way to find out is by studying the 1951 story of traffic accidents in the United States just published by The Travelers Insurance Companies of Hartford, Conn. This latest edition of their annual series is called, appropriately enough, "Lucky You."

They make the point with facts and figures that if you were not involved in a serious auto accident last year, you are indeed lucky.

If you are a speeder, for example, the 1951 record will show you how lucky you are to be alive and well. Nearly 14,000 persons were killed and more than half a million were injured last year by drivers who were exceeding the speed limit. One out of every three drivers involved in 1951's serious accidents was speeding. Last year, as in 1950 and previous years, excessive speed was far and away the most dangerous mistake in driving.

How lucky will you be this year?

Newark Lodge No. 116

Our good brother, Ernest Christensen, passed away on March 11 after a long illness. He will be missed not alone by his lodge brothers but also by the brothers from the Eastern states where he had made many friends. He very seldom missed a convention or an opportunity to visit other lodges. Ernie had the Brotherhood at heart and never refused an opportunity to serve. He was a past president and held some kind of an office ever since he joined the Brotherhood. For the last two years he was our treasurer.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Lily, in her sorrow.

C. J. I.

Saturday is the most dangerous day of the week in traffic.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE No.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Mar. 2—	Jorgen P. Hansen	75	Nellemose, Haarby	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1906	Arteriosclerosis	\$454.07
Mar. 11—	Hans Chr. Hansen	77	Jyderup	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1905	Arteriosclerosis	443.50
Feb. 28—	Hans Peter Krogh	95	Ogen Mølle	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1904	Fracture of Neck	655.07
March—	Jens Jensen	72	Langeballe	49	San Francisco, Calif	1906	Not Given	922.42
Mar. 18—	Aage Hjalmar Hansen	77	Copenhagen	49	San Francisco, Calif	1906	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
Feb. 20—	Jens P. Nielsen	83	Granlev Sogn, Aalborg	28	Badger, S. D.	1902	Carcinoma	807.21
Mar. 10—	Christian Andersen	87	Denmark	154	Withee, Wis.	1902	Arteriosclerosis	759.29
Mar. 15—	Anders I. Madsen	88	Skodsborg Sogn	183	Troy, N. Y.	1903	Carcinoma	375.56
Feb. 18—	Hans Pedersen	66	Karise, Sjælland	214	West Point, Nebr.	1905	Coronary Thrombosis	498.82
Mar. 20—	Walter L. Thompson	82	Neenah, Wis.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1892	Arteriosclerosis	1000.00
Mar. 9—	John Jensen	87	Gerlev, Viborg	17	Chicago, Ill.	1895	Cerebral Hemorrhage	735.55
Mar. 6—	N. Nielsen Kyed	84	Norup Sogn	35	Chicago, Ill.	1894	Chronic Myocarditis	380.00
Mar. 17—	Laurits W. Nielsen	86	Fogstrop pr Aarhus	238	Juhl, Mich.	1906	Chronic Myocarditis	389.39
Mar. 5—	Peter J. Johansen	88	Bonsvig, Praestø	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1897	Lobar Pneumonia	727.14
Jan. 31—	Lars Peter Christensen	90	Denmark	194	McMinnville, Ore	1904	Coronary Occlusion	724.93
Mar. 25—	Charles H. Smith	91	Slesvig, Haderslev A.	264	Pocatello, Idaho	1907	Coronary Sclerosis	855.95
Mar. 15—	Julius Thompson	85	Nordenbro, Majleby	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1897	Coronary Thrombosis	757.97
Mar. 9—	Johan Christensen	74	Skive	41	Derby, Conn.	1900	Cerebral Hemorrhage	439.52
Mar. 24—	Louis Larsen	96	Helsingør	17	Chicago, Ill.	1896	Chronic Myocarditis Bal.	575.32
Mar. 20—	Andrew Andersen	83	Børglum Sogn	4	Racine, Wis.	1908	Cardio Respiratory Failure	250.00
Mar. 18—	Carl W. Larsen	84	Denmark	234	Woodstock, Ill.	1909	Cerebral Hemorrhage	445.16
Mar. 24—	Weis Hansen	72	Ribe	107	Chicago, Ill.	1919	Hypertensive Heart Disease	500.00
Mar. 9—	James Sorensen	81	Jetsmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Cerebral Hemorrhage	1000.00
Jan. 23—	Hjalmar E. Lutzhoff	75	Copenhagen	171	Jamestown, N. Y.	1899	Cerebral Hemorrhage	1000.00
Mar. 4—	John Juel	84	Aaker Sogn, Bornholm	171	Jamestown, N. Y.	1906	Cerebral Hemorrhage	402.01
Apr. 3—	Frederik Frederiksen	70	Raaby, Møen	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1912	Carcinoma	1000.00
Mar. 17—	Peter K. Johnson	86	Lolland, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1895	Lobar Pneumonia	745.07
Mar. 27—	Charles V. Hansen	67	Holbæk, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1916	Coronary Thrombosis	1000.00
Mar. 9—	James Nielsen	91	Karrebæk, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1893	Pneumonia	705.37
Mar. 30—	Chris Sorensen Duus	82	Ansager, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1902	Not Given	204.57
Mar. 16—	Martinus Hansen	87	Lønstrup, Den.	167	Portland, Ore.	1904	Heart Disease	766.15
Mar. 21—	Peter W. Thompson	50	Sisseton, S. D.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1944	Heart Disease	2000.00
Mar. 27—	Carl M. Beck	82	Jylland	157	Audubon, Iowa	1905	Cardiac Degeneration	416.39
Mar. 18—	Carl M. Petersen	86	Hallund, Jylland	59	Menominee, Mich.	1900	Congestive Heart Failure	1000.00
Mar. 30—	Martin Aagesen	85	Rønne, Bornholm	121	Tyler, Minn.	1905	Pneumonia	198.54
Apr. 2—	Mads J. Glinthorg	54	Nykøbing, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1942	Yellow Jaundice	250.00
Apr. 4—	Bernhard Andersen	70	Thisted	50	Byram, Conn.	1916	Coronary Thrombosis	500.00
Apr. 3—	Carl A. Schudbert	77	Dragør, Den.	116	Newark, N. J.	1910	Arteriosclerosis	250.00

The Boiling Pot

ANTON GRAVESEN

Brother Anton Gravesen died Monday, April 14, after just one week of illness, and was laid to rest in the Danish Lutheran cemetery, Askov, Minn., April 18. Mrs. Gravesen died June 21, 1941.

Brother Gravesen was editor of "The Boiling Pot" since its inception, Jan. 1, 1941. There has been 3 or 4 times where the Boiling Pot has not appeared, but that was due to lack of space; Mr. Gravesen's copy for every issue has been on hand and on time for eleven consecutive years for which the writer has been very thankful.

Gravesen, as he was called by everyone, came to USA in 1892 landing in Oakland, Oregon, attended Drain Normal at Drain, Oregon, for 3 years; and Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, 1896 to 1899; was an instructor at Danebod Folk School, Tyler, Minn., and later went into business at Tyler operating a general store, and incidentally the writer worked for him as clerk in his store back in 1907 and 1908. He came to Askov in 1911 to help organize the First State Bank and served as cashier and president until 1933. For the past 19 years he has been in the insurance and real estate business, being located in the American building. Thus he rounded out 40 years of business on Main street in Askov and died, practically as he wished: With his boots on at the desk in his office.

His counsel was sought by many and freely given to those needing it. He was quiet, peaceful and unassuming and had a large circle of sincere friends who deeply mourn his loss and join in extending sympathy to the family.

SVEND PETERSEN, Supreme President.

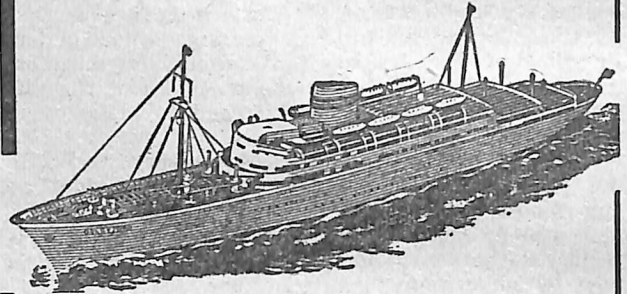
Golden Wedding Anniversary

At the Spruce Point Grange Hall about 6 miles south of Eureka, Calif., on March 15th, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Morris P. Frey celebrated their golden wedding anniversary by holding open house. About 300 people called during the afternoon and evening. They were assisted by their daughters, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. The Freys have two daughters, Mrs. Jens Nielsen of Loleta, Mrs. Walter Bukala of Stockton, and one son, Curtis Frey, of Fortuna, Calif.

On Tuesday, April 8, Gimle Lodge, Ferndale, Calif., entertained for their brother and family. Cards were played with many winning prizes being won. Later adjourning to the beautifully decorated dining hall, the couple was introduced by the president, Peter Jacobsen, who also presented the honored guests with a lovely luncheon set. The following program was arranged by the committee: A song by Eunice Jacobsen, accompanied by Rigmor Sovndal. The three little Chance girls and Linda Sovndal sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"; Rigmor Sovndal read an appropriate poem. Several other members and visitors were called upon and offered their felicitations. Mrs. Frey retaliated by introducing her family and thanking the lodge for the wonderful party and delicious refreshments.

L. L. S.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco 8, California

There is very little to report this month relative to the activities in Santa Barbara. I had hoped to receive certain data, but at this writing it has not arrived. However, one thing is certain and that is, that the good brethren in Santa Barbara are busy, because on April 26th a class of candidates was initiated.

On Saturday evening, April 12th, our ever popular member of the Supreme Board, Brother Hans Andersen and his good wife, Clara, celebrated their 25th anniversary. The details of the festivities have not as yet reached this part of the state, but I feel sure that the good people in Parlier, Selma and Del Rey as well as Fresno celebrated in good style. We wish Hans and Clara many, many more happy years together.

And speaking of silver weddings, Brother and Mrs. Frode Christiansen in San Francisco will celebrate this event on the evening of May 3rd. Brother Christiansen was president of No. 49 several years ago. He is manager of the appliance department in the new Sears Roebuck store in San Francisco. They will also be moving into their fine new home in Lakeside, one of the better suburbs of San Francisco. Lots of luck to you in your new home and we hope to be invited for your golden wedding.

Well I am really sorry to report, that since my last article we have missed one of our lodges in California. After many years of struggle, San Mateo Lodge No. 324, decided it was best to join in with another lodge and on April 10th, the members of No. 324 were accepted as members of Lodge No. 184 in Hayward.

The lodge was organized on May 2, 1925, and I was present when Brother Carl Mygind instituted the lodge, and the lodge received the name of Mygind Lodge No. 324. It was formed as a result of the activities of the then fairly recently organized General Committee. If I remember correctly Brother Ingvar Sørensen was the first president of the lodge. In 1930 the General Committee held what has perhaps been one of the most successful conventions ever held. We were honored that year with the presence of Brother John Christensen, Supreme President, and this writer had the honor of being installed President of the General Committee by Brother Christensen. It was discovered afterwards that he had installed me as "Supreme President" of the Danish Brotherhood. However, as there was no way in which it could be undone, it remains that this humble person was once, momentarily at least, Supreme President. Yes, those were the good old days when we still had life and vitality in our order. We wish every good wish to the brethren of 324 in joining Lodge No. 184.

During the past few weeks we have had a good deal of activity here in Northern California, and which was also repeated elsewhere. I have in mind the visit out here of Mr. Axel Dessau, Director of the Danish National Travel Office in New York, and the visit of the "Galathea" a Danish naval vessel on a scientific expedition.

A luncheon was held on April 4th in "Little Sweden" to which a number of people in the travel business, which included myself, prominent visitors

and others interested in Denmark were invited.

Mr. Dessau proved to be a most charming gentleman and an interesting speaker, and he gave us a good deal of news relative to trips in Denmark which can now be arranged through the travel bureau here or in Denmark. Mr. Dessau was ably assisted by his equally charming wife. Of those present, who were not in the travel business, one might mention our very popular Consul General, Mr. Paul B. Ryder, Mr. Jean Hersholt, who had come all the way from Hollywood to act as Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Emil Hagstrom, Mr. Kai Johansen, Press attache at the Embassy in Washington, Mr. Hakon Mielche, the prominent Danish author, who is the liaison officer of the "Galathea." We also met Mr. Niels Klostergaard who is the correspondent for Bien in Denmark, Mrs. C. M. Redsted, publisher of Bien and of course, the ever present Bro. Sven Stribolt, editor of Bien, as well as representatives of the local press.

As a man who has spent many years in the travel business perhaps it might not be amiss to say a few words relative to Danish tourist activities. I dare say that the first one who really started talking about the Danish tourist trade was the late Halvor Jacobsen, who foresaw the day, when the Scandinavian American Line would have to cater to the American tourist in order to exist. His work was ably taken up by his successor, Mr. Helge Petersen, as General Manager of the Danish Line in New York, and for many years this work was carried on entirely by the Scandinavian American Line. In those days, no one in Denmark seemed to be very interested in this particular type of business, which has since become the third largest business in Denmark. This writer was at the time, General Passenger Agent for the Scandinavian American Line, and beginning in 1928 and ending at the time the old line decided to quit, I traveled almost constantly every winter, giving lectures and showing pictures of Denmark in order to promote this work, and the expenses were borne entirely by the old Danish Line.

Many of us remember that when the Danish Line decided it could no longer continue without a helping hand from the Danish people, that our organization protested bitterly against giving up this tie with the old motherland. But the Government at that time in Denmark was apparently not interested. Apparently it is beginning to realize the importance of the American tourist dollar, since it has opened an office in New York. As one of the old timers in this particular type of business, I wish Mr. Dessau all the success possible in bringing Denmark to the attention of the American traveler.

In speaking of steamship lines, how many realize that the Italian government is now completing two fine new boats, built and paid for by the Marshall Help. Could Denmark not have done likewise? Was someone asleep at the top?? One of these will sail between Italy and New York.

The Central Committee of San Francisco arranged for an evening of dancing and entertainment for the officers and men and well as the scientist for the "Galathea" whilst in San Francisco, this affair was held in conjunction with Lodge No. 49 and ap-

parently it was a huge success. We were informed that the sailors on the ship were paid the sum of 2 Kroner per day and of course, on such magnificent pay they were not able to "slaa til Søren" or whatever it is a sailor is doing when ashore. Hence everything was for free for the boys of the "Galathea." From what I could see the boys were up to their old tricks of a girl in every port. They liked the place and wanted to come back—or so they told the girls—I am told.

As this is written our Ex-president in No. 49, Brother Dan Andersen is winging his way back to San Francisco after a very quick trip to Denmark. But he wanted to be back here for our Torskegilde on the 30th of April.

Resolutions

WEIS HANSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our late brother, Weis Hansen, who passed away on March 24, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Steen Steensen Blicher Lodge No. 107 at its regular meeting on April 9, 1952:

Be it resolved that we deeply mourn the loss of a true and loyal brother of our order for whom we had the greatest esteem, that we extend to his widow and family our sincere sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

Be it further resolved that we drape our charter in mourning for a period of 30 days, and this resolution be entered in the minutes of the lodge, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family in behalf of Steen Steensen Blicher Lodge No. 107.

Jack Hansen, President.
Thomas Jensen, Secretary.

JENS P. NIELSEN, Buckley, Wash.

In memory of our late brother, Jens P. Nielsen, who passed away July 1, 1951, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 113:

Be it 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.

Fred Weston, President.
Norbert E. Grove, Secretary.

STEFFEN JENSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Steffen Jensen, who passed away March 16, 1952, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting March 28, 1952:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and hereby express to his family our deep sorrow.

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

Holger Nielsen, President.
Carl E. Gustafson, Secretary.

JOHN JUEL, Jamestown, N. Y.

In memory of our dear departed brother, John Juel, member of Lodge No. 171, the lodge has adopted the following resolution:

That we deeply regret the loss of a good brother, that this resolution be published in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy be inserted in our record and a copy be sent to his family and that we drape our charter for a period of 30 days.

Sigurd Flyger, President.
Merle Lassen, Secretary

CHRIS. SORENSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Chris. Sorensen, who passed away March 30, 1952, in Lomita, Calif., this resolution was adopted by Seattle Lodge No. 29, at our meeting held April 9, 1952:

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

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

On behalf of Seattle Lodge No. 29.

Wm. E. Petersen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

PETER KRISTIAN JOHNSON, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Peter Kristian Johnson, who passed away March 17, 1952, in Richmond, Calif., the following resolution was adopted by Seattle Lodge No. 29:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and good brother, a most loyal worker for our lodge, before leaving Seattle. We hereby express our most sincere sympathy to his family.

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

Seattle, Washington, April 9, 1952.

Wm. E. Petersen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

CHARLES VALDEMAR HANSEN, Seattle, Wash.

The following resolution was adopted at our meeting held April 9, 1952, in memory of our departed brother, Charles Valdemar Hansen, who passed away March 27, 1952:

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

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

Seattle, Washington, April 9, 1952.

Wm. E. Petersen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

PETER N. BODTKER, Junction City, Ore.

In memory of our departed brother, Peter N. Bodtker, who passed away March 31, 1952, Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 268, Junction City, Ore., at its regular meeting April 1 passed the following resolution:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of our brother and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his widow and family.

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for 30 days in his memory and send a copy of this resolution to his widow and family and also have it inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

S. M. Fries, President.
Fred Petersen, Secretary.

CARL LARSEN, Woodstock, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother and president, Carl Larsen, who passed away March 18, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 234 at our regular meeting:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother, and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

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

Jens Mikkelsen, Secretary.

ROBERT HOULBERG, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our late brother, Robert Houlberg, who passed away on February 20, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 140, at its regular meeting on March 19, 1952:

Be it 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 we drape our charter 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.

In behalf of Dannebrog Lodge No. 140, of Danish Brotherhood in America.

John Olsen, President.
Soren Henningsen, Secretary.

LAURITS WILHELM NIELSEN, Juhl, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, member of Lodge

No. 238, the lodge adopted the following resolution:
 That we deeply regret the loss of a good brother, that this resolution be published in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy be inserted in our record, and a copy be sent to his bereaved family
 On behalf of Lodge No. 238, D. B. S.
 Johannes Ravn, President.
 T. O. Jacobsen, Secretary.

LARS PETER CHRISTENSEN, McMinnville, Ore.
 In memory of our departed brother, Lars Peter Christensen, who passed away January 31, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 194:
 Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family.
 Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent his family.
 Peter Rasmussen, President.
 Otto C. Larsen, Secretary.

HANS NIELSEN, Enumclaw, Wash.
 In memory of brother, Hans Nielsen, who passed away April 6, 1952, be it resolved by Lodge No 113, that we deeply feel the loss of our departed brother, and hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his family.
 That our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days in his memory and that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy be sent to his family.
 Elmer Boysen, President.
 Norbert E. Grove, Secretary.

CLAUS JENSEN, Dagmar, Mont.
 In memory of our departed brother, Claus Jensen, who died April 7, 1952, Dagmar Lodge No. 283 adopted the following resolution:
 Resolved, that our lodge deeply regrets the loss of a true and loyal brother, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days and that the lodge hereby extends its sympathy to the bereaved family, and that this resolution be in our minutes and also printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.
 Chris Christensen, President.
 Kenneth J. Kaae, Secretary.

Immigration & Naturalization Questions and Answers

Question: My husband became a citizen on February 7, 1946. I applied for my second papers four weeks ago. We have two children, a girl of twelve and a boy of twenty. Both were born in Denmark. What is the citizenship status of our children?

Answer: As long as you yourself are not a citizen of the United States, both your children are aliens. If you become a citizen before your daughter reaches the age of eighteen, she will derive citizenship by the naturalization of both parents, provided she was legally admitted as a permanent resident of the United States. Your son, being over eighteen years of age, must apply for citizenship himself. If he entered the United States as a permanent resident when he was under sixteen, he may be naturalized without taking out first papers when he reaches the age of twenty-one, provided he petitions for naturalization before his twenty-second birthday.

(If you have an immigration or naturalization problem on which you need help, write to the Common Council for American Unity, 20 West 40th Street, New York 18, N. Y. It will be glad to help you).

Question: I have been in this country for four years. A few months ago I became ill with scarlet fever and was admitted to a public hospital where I

stayed a few weeks. Now a friend tells me that since I have been a public charge and am an alien, I could be deported. Is he right? And if so, what can I do?

Answer: If you were admitted to the United States for permanent residence, you have nothing to worry about. It is true that an alien who becomes a public charge within five years after entry is deportable, but this regulation does not apply when the alien can prove he became a public charge from causes arising after his arrival in this country. Since your admission to a hospital was the result of an illness which you contracted only recently, there seems to be no doubt that you are not deportable on the grounds of having been a public charge.

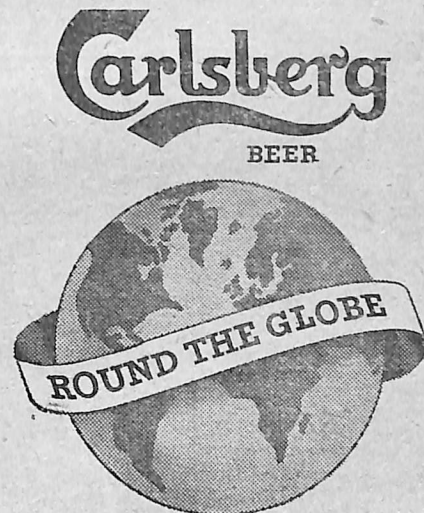
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Thought

By Jul. Andersen

Several years ago when I was on the speakers' list of the YMCA, I used the topic of "Thought" before a congregation in my sermon. Seemingly it proved satisfactory as I received several requests for a repetition of it in other churches. A few of the highlights of these talks may be of interest to our readers.

Thought is the mental reflection inherent in humanity whereby we have the ability to reason and meditate upon subjects, events and our lives within ourselves. It is one of the greatest gifts bestowed upon us by our Creator, yet we seldom realize the



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importance of what it means to us. We accept this gift as a natural condition, yet it is the medium of the intellect and the power that rules our earth. It produces and develops our entire existence, our ability to produce wealth, unity of action in developing the necessities of life, our homes and our very lives.

In practically every instance, and in everything that transpires and takes place in life, the beginning is in one person's thoughts. The creation of industries, inventions, founding of countries, wars and conquests, have their beginning in one person's brains and ideas. An idea will spread, perhaps slowly, but when there are sufficient adherents to the idea or scheme, the thought develops into a must in the minds of other people, and continues to grow until men are willing to sacrifice all they have, even their lives, to carry the thought through to reality, even though eventually it will be to their detriment and the detriment of others.

Thought is the basis of civilization. It creates memories, which we retain during our entire existence. It creates power in mankind as well as among all other living creatures. Fish, insects, birds and all animals have the gift of thought in proportion to their brains and nature. Some may call their intelligence instinct, but it is all derived from their ability to remember where they were first born, how to build their homes or hives, nests or dens.

Thoughts are the fastest of all the gifts of the Creator. In one split second we can flash them from the beginning of life to the end, and from where we are to thousands of miles away, yet we often have difficulty in controlling these thoughts. All of us have at times tried desperately to remember either a name or an event, without being able to do so, and then at a future time have the name or event flash into our mind, without even trying to think about it. However, it is in our power to control our thoughts to a large extent, to constantly endeavor to think about the best things of life, the blessings our Cre-

ator has provided for us, the happiness we have experienced in life, and the good deeds we have endeavored to perform in life. We should always try to banish evil thoughts from our minds, to forget the injuries we think others have committed against us, and the failures we have had or made out of our lives. Do this constantly and you will have a happier and healthier life.

In the course of human education, we have failed to impress upon our children and our youth the importance of thinking right during their school or college days. The minds of our coming generation are mainly filled and trained on how to make easy money, how to get the best of our fellowmen, how to excel in sports and business and how to get something for nothing. We should train our youth and practice sincerely ourselves to think hard and to think right, and not altogether upon the material aspects of life but upon the higher and spiritual subjects in the world. We would all live a freer and happier life if we did.

Selective Service Question And Answer

Question: I came to this country in 1951 under the Displaced Persons Act. In Europe I was a physician, but at the present time I am employed in a factory. A friend of mine recently told me that physicians under 50 years of age have to register with their local draft boards. I wonder whether this requirement applies to me, since being an alien, I am not allowed to practice medicine in the State where I am living.

Answer: Under an amendment to the Selective Service Act of 1948, approved last year, all male alien physicians, dentists and veterinarians who have received degrees from institutions of learning here or abroad are liable for registration and for training and service in the Armed Forces if they are under 50 years old. This requirement applies to such persons regardless of whether or not they are qualified to practice their professions under any of our State laws. January 15, 1951, was the date of the original registration required under the law. Physicians, dentists and similar specialists who have entered the United States since that date must register with their local draft boards **within five days** of their entry, if they have not reached their fiftieth birthday. At the time they register, physicians and dentists may say whether or not they would like a commission in the U. S. Medical Corps. If found physically and professionally qualified, and if their training meets Army standards, they may be commissioned in the Medical Corps.

Secretary Changes

New Secretary:

Lodge No. 298. Carl Paulsen, 7931 So. Manistee, Chicago 17, Illinois.

Secretary Change of Address:

Lodge No. 183. Carl A. Swanson, 10-116 Street, North Troy, New York.

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May, 1952

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