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Installation Of New Lodge In Canada



Front row: C. Jensen, treasurer; N. Tedemansen, vice president; Ken Hansen, president; A. K. Andersen, secretary; Otto Nielsen, supreme vice president. Back row: Aksel Schmidt, outer guard; Oluf Hansen, conductor; Poul Sorensen, inner guard; Kaj Sorensen, L. Simonsen and Villey Andersen, trustees.

It was a bright sunny morning, May 31, when we drove onto the ferry that was to take us up to Victoria and from there in my car to Port Alberni, about 135 miles north of Victoria. I am more and more convinced that this great Pacific Northwest is one of the finest and most beautiful spots in America. Sailing out through the Puget Sound with its many islands and inlets, just has to be seen to be fully appreciated. We landed in Victoria 11:50 a. m., and here you feel more than any other place in Canada a bit of old England. The English traditions are kept alive and practiced; a beautiful city, and a proud people living there.

Driving up through the heavily wooded island for 135 miles is a pleasure and joy to one's eyes; a really scenic drive. Arriving in Port Alberni about 5 p. m., a committee of young Danish immigrants were on hand to greet us and bid us welcome to this most westerly point where a lodge of the Danish Brotherhood was to be born and installed that evening.

A delegation from the Vancouver lodge led by their energetic president, Brother Plambeck, was present to give a helping hand and lots of moral support, and I want to say thanks to them all for so generously spending their time and money to make this occasion as festive and impressive as it turned out to be.

At 7 p. m., the meeting was called to order and 24 applications were at hand, approved by our home

office; however, 8 more applicants were on hand and wished to become charter members of Lodge No. 335, and I granted them that privilege.

The initiation was done by Brother Plambeck and all the chairs were filled by brothers from Vancouver, a very impressive ceremony. After the initiation I had the privilege to install the lodge as well as their officers with John Hansen from Seattle as the installing conductor. A job and a duty I was very proud to perform. Here, in a city carved out of the forest, about 150 miles west of Vancouver, a lodge of the Danish Brotherhood came into being and its members are all young Danish immigrants, full of vigor and determination and high hopes for a future in this great America. Only a social lodge, but I hope in the near future, that we can take them in as active lodges.

With the many thousands of immigrants who have come to Canada since the war, I feel strongly that many lodges can be organized in the Western Provinces. I fully realize it is going to cost the Brotherhood some money, but I also fully believe it is going to pay in the future; a field we should not ignore.

And to lodge 335, I say thank you for the hospitality that I so immensely enjoyed and the best of luck and greetings to all brothers far and near.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

OTTO NIELSEN,
Supreme First Vice President.

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The Declaration Of Independence

The History of a Parchment

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That, to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

These words from the Declaration of Independence, whose 176th anniversary we celebrate this Fourth of July, are imperishable. And by application of modern methods of preservation, the precious parchment on which they are written is now nearly as imperishable as the principles it proclaims. But the rough handling it received in the early days of the Republic, and later, arouses wonder—and gratitude—that it ever reached its present place of exhibition—the marble and bronze Shrine in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

The parchment was first entrusted to the Secretary of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. The new-born country, however, was already deeply engaged in fighting for the independence it had so boldly proclaimed on July 4, 1776, and in December of that year, the Congress had to move to Baltimore to escape the British. The Declaration went with it in "a light wagon," in which it remained for two months before returning to its first home. Thereafter, it followed a harried Congress to York, Pennsylvania; to Annapolis, Maryland; to Trenton, New Jersey, and in 1785, to New York.

Four years later, when the national government had begun to function under the Constitution, the

Declaration was transferred to the Department of State and the next year was taken once more to Philadelphia, the temporary capitol. In 1800 it was carried to the new and permanent seat of government, the Federal City of Washington, as it was first called.

When British troops threatened Washington in the War of 1812, the Declaration was hurriedly packed in a linen bag and placed overnight in an idle grist mill on the Virginia side of the Potomac River. From there it was removed by carriage to a house in Leesburg, Virginia, where it remained concealed until the period of danger was over. It was then carried back to the national capitol and placed in the Patent Office. Some years later it was placed on exhibition there, and for thirty-seven years hung on a wall facing a tall window where it was exposed to "the chill of winter and the heat and glare of summer." In 1877, it was reclaimed by the State Department. The text had long since begun to fade and the parchment to deteriorate, but seventeen years passed before the State Department removed it from its exhibition place in the departmental library, wrapped it carefully, and put it in a steel case.

The repose of the Declaration was undisturbed until 1921, when President Harding, in sympathy with the wishes of many Americans to see the documents that proclaim and secure liberties, directed the transfer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, which had not previously been exhibited, to the Library of Congress on Capitol Hill. Shortly thereafter the two most treasured documents in American history were carried by Library of Congress employes to the Library's mail-wagon, placed upon a pile of leather United States mail sacks, driven to Capitol Hill and put in a safe in the office of the Librarian of Congress.

Three years later the Shrine in which the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States are on view today, was solemnly dedicated. But even here, they are found to need further protection, and on last September 17—Constitution Day—they were sealed in specially designed new cases in which, it is hoped, they will be indefinitely preserved. But they will not be long in their present position. In accordance with the laws governing the records of the United States government, they are to be transferred to the National Archives building before the end of the year, and facsimiles will take their place in the Library of Congress.

The Declaration of Independence, still on view in the Library of Congress this July 4, is a copy in beautiful penmanship by Timothy Matlock—as ordered by the Continental Congress for signature, after slight changes had been made in the original draft written by young Thomas Jefferson. The date of the signing was August 2, 1776. Actually, only John Hancock affixed his signature on July 4—as a token signature to make the document official. Yet the people of the United States are justified in celebrating "the Glorious Fourth" as the birthday of their country, for on that day the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress and on that day the bell in the Philadelphia State House peeled its brave and joyous message of "liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof."

Financial Report

May 31, 1952

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1952	
Assessments	
Interest on Bonds	
Bonds Sold or Called	\$ 9,373.46
Premium on Bonds Sold	10,437.15
Interest on Certificate Loans	2,967.22
Premium on Currency Exchange	103,000.00
	8,500.00
	22.10
	66.18
Disbursements:	
Death Claims	
Cash Surrender	\$134,366.11
Bonds Purchased	
Actual Fee	\$ 20,239.27
Balance on hand May 31, 1952	179.21
	104,000.00
	350.00
	9,597.63

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1952	\$134,366.11
Received in May	
	\$ 3,670.15
	943.19
Disbursements:	
Adv. Ptg. & Stationery	\$ 4,613.34
Postage, Exp. Tele. & etc.	
Rent and Lights	\$ 158.17
Ins. Dept. License & Fees	49.55
Ptg. & Mfg. Off. Pub.	169.60
Traveling Expenses	20.00
General Office Expenses	395.72
Legal Fees	73.92
Dictating-Machine Installation	50.00
Salaries to Officers & Employees	75.00
Employer's Taxes	559.33
Balance on hand May 31, 1952	1,142.00
	12.30
	1,907.75

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1952	\$ 4,613.34
Assessments	
Relief Payments Returned	\$ 11,527.60
	695.00
	4.05
Disbursements:	
Relief Payments (Special)	\$ 12,226.65
Balance on hand May 31, 1952	\$ 116.00
	12,110.65
	\$ 12,226.65

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand May 1, 1952	\$ 541.29
Assessments	49.41
Disbursements:	
Balance on hand May 31, 1952	\$ 590.70
	\$ 590.70
	\$ 590.70
Assets	
Mortuary Fund Investments	\$3,887,349.30
Relief Fund Investments	200,000.00

General Fund Investments	25,000.00
Cash in Bank	24,206.73
	\$4,136,556.03

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1952
328.	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	31	112
299.	Solvang, California	15	33
263.	Askov, Minnesota	14	138
314.	Hartford, Connecticut	14	173
113.	Enumclaw, Washington	12	64
* 42.	Spokane, Washington	11	66
*322.	Santa Barbara, California	11	99
330.	Prince George, B. C., Can.	11	42
92.	St. Charles, Illinois	9	94
126.	Los Angeles, California	9	306
301.	Akron, Ohio	7	36
*322.	Ripon, California	7	39
4.	Racine, Wisconsin	6	281
14.	Kenosha, Wisconsin	6	216
227.	Detroit, Michigan	6	281
34.	Dwight, Illinois	5	92
39.	Oakland, California	5	225
103.	Waterbury, Connecticut	5	38
*107.	Chicago, Illinois	5	176
242.	Erie, Pennsylvania	5	176

Juveniles included in the above.

*Added this month.

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
113.	Norbert E. Grove,	Enumclaw, Wash.	12
92.	Gerhardt Rasmussen,	St. Charles, Ill.	8
263.	Svend Petersen,	Askov, Minn.	7
263.	Jens Krogh,	Askov, Minn.	7
328.	Charles Jensen,	Vancouver, B. C., Can.	7
330.	Sam Stevens,	Prince George, B. C., Can.	6
299.	Niels Petersen,	Solvang, Calif.	6
* 42.	Ingvard Eskeberg,	Spokane, Wash.	5
103.	Robert L. Humiston,	Waterbury, Conn.	5
107.	N. O. Hansen,	Chicago, Ill.	5
299.	Chris Madsen,	Solvang, Calif.	5
301.	Ejner Madsen,	Akron, Ohio	5
227.	Johan Emanuelsen,	Detroit, Mich.	4
*322.	Jorgen H. Jendresen,	Santa Barbara, Calif.	4
328	J. Bergman,	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	4
*328	J. Glenstrup,	Vancouver, B. C. Canada	4
*332	Axel Petersen,	Ripon, Calif.	4
4	Arne Sondergaard,	Racine, Wis.	3
183	Andrew Nielsen,	Troy, N. Y.	3
242	Thos. Larsen,	Erie, Pa.	3
255	Hans M. Andersen,	Selma, Calif.	3
314	Holger G. Esbesen,	Hartford, Conn.	3
*314	Christian M. Lonstrup,	Hartford, Conn.	3
*314	N. Skipper Nielsen,	Hartford, Conn.	3
*322	Nels P. Christensen,	Santa Barbara, Calif.	3

Juveniles included in the above.

*Added this month.

Minnesota State Convention At Askov

Two obligations, a moral obligation as well as a financial one, are owed to their members by the lodges of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Axel Skelbeck, supreme secretary-treasurer of that organization, told a state convention banquet gathering in Askov Saturday night.

The financial obligation is being well taken care of, he added, but more stress can be placed on the moral obligation. After inviting a potential member to join the Brotherhood, he said, get him interested in the organization and make him feel at home; welcome visiting members, help members who are ill and in need, and perform the duties of the lodge to those who have lost a loved one. The obligation is there, but do the members always deliver, the speaker asked.

Anniversaries Marked

Here from Omaha, Nebr., to help Askov Lodge No. 263 mark its 45th anniversary and to take part in a 70th Jubilee program of the Brotherhood as a national organization, Skelbeck also had the opportunity to greet members from other Brotherhood lodges of Minnesota meeting here Saturday and Sunday for their annual convention.

In commenting on the 70th anniversary Skelbeck compared the Brotherhood to a sturdy oak tree, its roots firmly anchored and its branches spreading widely. He pointed out that the organization has survived several wars, depression years, and years of plenty, and still has a long, long future ahead. He complimented the Askov lodge for its work with the program and convention and ended by stating that he would like to return here for similar occasions.

Svend Petersen of Askov, supreme president of the Danish Brotherhood served as toastmaster for the Saturday evening banquet, held in the school auditorium, and the assembled guests were greeted by Martin Dietz, president of the Askov lodge.

Guests Introduced

Guests of the evening were introduced by the toastmaster, greetings to Askov were extended by Mayor Harold Fisher, and short talks were given by Mrs. Ellen Hojrup, Minneapolis, national treasurer of the Danish Sisterhood in America; Mrs. Dorothy Berger, Albert Lea, president of the state Danish Sisterhood lodges; and S. Ove Hermansen, Askov, state president of the state Brotherhood lodges.

Musical numbers were by the Askov Male chorus, Mrs. Paul Jensen, accompanied by Miss Joyce Lunde; the Six Canceled Stamps, and the DSS Baker's Dozen, the latter a ladies' kitchen band. A dance in the Danish Brotherhood hall, with Johnsen's orchestra furnishing the music, concluded the evening.

Rev. Jensen Speaks

Following the church services Sunday morning, conducted by the Rev. Alfred Jensen of Des Moines, Iowa, president of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a potluck dinner was enjoyed in the Danish Brotherhood hall. An outdoor dinner and program had been planned for the village park, but inclement weather forced the gathering indoors.

A concert by the Askov high school band under the direction of Richard Laursen opened the afternoon's program. This was followed by community singing, led by Mrs. John Meier with Miss Betty Rasmussen at the piano; folk dancing by a group of youngsters directed by Miss Karen Krogh, and square dancing by another group under the direction of Viggo Nielsen. The numbers were announced by Svend Petersen, master of ceremonies. Axel Skelbeck also was called upon for a few words in which he thanked the community for an enjoyable stay here.

Giving the main address of the afternoon, the Rev. Alfred Jensen opened his talk in discussing some of the work of the Danes in this country. He stated that it was his observance that there has been disunity among the Danes here, an unwillingness to cooperate with each other. As one example he pointed to the Danish War Relief of some years ago, stating that we could have done more.

Scholarships

The speaker congratulated the Danish Brotherhood on its anniversary and on the work that organization is doing. He told of the old people's homes established by the Brotherhood and scholarships that have been set up for Grand View college in Des Moines, Iowa, and Dana college in Blair, Nebr.

In discussing Grand View college, Rev. Jensen traced the growth of that institution from its establishment in 1896 to the present day. It is an excellent junior college, he said, providing a good home for the young folks attending, with a background of the Danish culture and heritage, an intangible asset making it hard to explain exactly what Grand View is. A small college, such as Grand View, he added, is more helpful to the young people, closer to the students. The cost of attending is low, but there is a continuous need for donations, as there has been in the past, from the various congregations and members of the synod.

Askov Men On Staff

Rev. Jensen mentioned two Askov men now on the staff at the college, Harry Mortensen, in charge of sports, and Marvin Jessen, instructor in biology. Dr. Johs. Knudsen, former pastor of Askov, and later head of the college, is now in Denmark with his family, the speaker said, gathering material for a biography of N. F. S. Grundtvig. It is an important and fruitful mission, he added.

In closing, Rev. Jensen urged the young people to give serious consideration to Grand View college in considering their future education after leaving high school. Information on courses and other matters are available and would be mailed on request of those desiring same.

At the close of his talk Chris Henriksen in behalf of the Askov congregation thanked Rev. Jensen for his part in the afternoon's program and the thoughts that he had brought out in his address.

A coffee hour and social visiting concluded the day's events.

Picnic in Minneapolis

No. 45, Minneapolis, will have their annual picnic at Birch Bluff, Lake Minnetonka, on Sunday, Aug. 10. Details next month.

Two Firsts In Akron, Ohio



Walter and Chris Madsen, ages 14 and 11

D. B. Lodge No. 301, Akron, Ohio, held its regular meeting on May 7th. The President, Chris Back, was very busy and happy. He had initiated 3 new members at our March meeting and now had two more, a father and son combination (the first time has happened here) plus the FIRST TWO Juvenile members. Thus a double FIRST.

The attendance was good, and refreshments on ice, so Brother Chris did not waste any time. After a nice efficient initiation and introduction of the new father and son combination, Howard Robinson, Sr., and Jr., he asked the conductor to escort in the

new Juvenile members, Walter Madsen (14) and Chris Madsen, (11) years. They received a big hand and were invited to sit-in for the balance of the meeting.

Howard Robinson, Jr., is 17 years old and one of the members taken in in March was 22 years old; so brothers, there are still young fellows available—just go out and get them.

Our Ex-Secretary, Carlo Christy, is responsible for the picture, above.

E. MADSEN, Sec.

First Paid-up Policy

Paul E. Christensen of Lodge No. 323, has the distinction of being the first member in our Brotherhood to own a fully paid-up insurance Benefit Certificate at the age of 36. The age limit for insured membership was lowered to 16 years of age effective January 1, 1932. Paul Christensen became the first such member when he joined Lodge No. 69, Cleveland, Ohio, in February of that year with a Twenty-Year Benefit Certificate. Brother Christensen completed his payments on this certificate in January of 1952. He transferred to Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, California, in May 1946.

Register Of Jubilee Celebrations

Lodge No. 173, Kansas City	-----	Aug. ?
(Exact date will follow.)		
Utah-Idaho Lodges at Salt Lake City	-----	Sept. 1.
Lodge No. 15, Des Moines	-----	Sept. 20.
Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vt.	-----	Oct. 4.
Lodge No. 227, Detroit	-----	Oct. 18.
Lodge No. 35, Chicago	-----	Nov. 9.

It is a good idea to begin at the bottom in everything except in learning to swim. —By Alcott.

Jubilee and 35th Anniversary In Hartford No. 314

As was expected, our 35th anniversary banquet and ball and the celebrating of our Brotherhood's 70th anniversary turned out to be a big success. Our hall was filled to capacity and we had the pleasure of having many guests from our neighboring lodges, namely New Haven, Derby, Waterbury, Bridgeport, Providence, Schenectady and Troy.

Naturally we had a lot of speakers and Brother Frank Petersen performed the job of toastmaster very fine.

Two of our charter members Brother Anton M. Mose and Brother Niels S. Jacobsen were present. Two members, John Christiansen and Holger Larsen, had their 25-year membership button presented to them by Supreme Ex-President, C. Bysted Christensen.

After a fine turkey dinner the speeches started. The president of the Eastern Lodges General Committee, Brother Andrew Thomsen was first and he spoke convincingly about fraternalism and friendship. President Nielsen of the Sisterhood Lodge No. 153 congratulated from the sisters. Charter member and our first secretary, Brother Anton M. Mose, gave us a little of the history of the lodge and nobody can do it any better as Brother Mose has been in the harness for No. 314 all these 35 years.

Supreme Ex-President Bysted Christensen spoke for the Brotherhood which he so ably can and he mentioned some of the highlights in the Brotherhood's history.

Our Danish pastor, Willard Garred, spoke about the good friendship between church and lodge. Representatives from the visiting lodges congratulated. Our own members on the General Committee, Aage C. Jespersen, who is trustee, was of course with us, never seen Aage miss yet.

The big surprise of the evening came when the president of the board of directors for our building corporation, Brother Alfred P. Stark had the floor. Brother Stark gave a brief resume of the progress of the corporation since 1932 when we bought our home. With very fine leadership and good management it had not only improved the property over 100 per cent; paid off all mortgages and built up a good reserve, but was now able to present the lodge with a birthday gift to the tune of a \$10,000.00 U. S. Savings Bond. Well that sorta set off a nice applause. President N. Skipper Nielsen, who received the certificate, was so surprised that words failed him for a minute, but he recovered and thanked for the fine gift. After the banquet we danced and although it was a warm night it was remarkable to see how everybody danced and had a good jolly time.

The committee deserves lots of thanks for the fine arrangement and the decoration of the hall.

We are making good progress in our membership campaign, on May 21 we initiated a class of six, namely: John Hansen, Borge Lyhne, Axel Beckert, Edward Jacobsen, George Christensen and Paul Paulsen. John Hansen is the grandson of charter member Christian Hansen, his father, Fred Hansen is also a member. Our ex-president team performed again under the splendid leadership of Brother Aage Jespersen. The last time the team initiated our youngest and only American born member, ex-president Frank Petersen was in the president's chair, this time we

had one of the old timers, namely: Anton M. Mose, charter member and ex-president, he also knows the little black book by heart.

A fine evening with 40 members attending. Brothers, let's not forget our goal: 35 new members in 1952. At our last meeting we received one more application, so now we have 15. Keep up the good work; some of you have prospects on the string, so bring them in soon.

Fraternally yours,

EINAR M. NIELSEN, Secretary.

Luverne Celebrates Golden Anniversary

The 50th anniversary of Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 149 was celebrated in Luverne, N. D., on June 5.

A banquet was enjoyed in the Lutheran Church basement with decorations in red and white, bouquets of peonies and a large tiered anniversary cake. The table was set for 100, which included local lodge members, their families, guests from Hunter, Kensal, St. Paul, and our Supreme President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Svend Petersen from Askov, Minn. Chris Christensen, president of the local lodge and member for 37 years, acted as toastmaster and Svend Petersen was the guest speaker during the banquet.

A program, consisting of a violin solo, reading, vocal and piano solos and history of the lodge, was presented during the banquet. Gold pins were presented to the charter members, A. C. Paulsen and Anton Jacobsen by the Supreme President, congratulation cards and telegrams were received from many friends. The Danish Sisterhood presented the honored lodge with a bouquet of red and white carnations.

Following the dinner, guests and members spent the evening in the Danish Brotherhood Hall, which was beautifully decorated in red and white, displaying the U. S. Flag. The time was spent visiting and dancing with lunch served at midnight. It was a celebration enjoyed by all.

We would like to send greetings to all who were once members of Lodge No. 149; and especially thank Mr. and Mrs. Svend Petersen for being our special guests.

CHRIS CHRISTENSEN.

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Fourth Of July In Denmark

The American Independence Day Festival, held every year in the Rebild National Park, near Aalborg in Jutland, Denmark, will take note of the 40th Anniversary of these celebrations this coming July 4th.

King Attended Dedication

The late King Christian X attended the dedication of the Park in 1912 (when a committee of Danish-born Americans had bought a stretch of several hundred acres of heather-covered hills—the famous "Rebild Bakker"—and deeded it to the Danish Government in mutual agreement that the Park should be reserved for an American Independence Day celebration every July 4th. These festivals have been kept up—except for the war years—and have been attended by audiences of upwards of 40,000 people including several thousand Danish-born Americans. The principal moving spirit in the project was the late Dr. Max Henius of Chicago, distinguished chemist and fermentologist and for many years President of the Chicago Public Library Board. Of the original committee only a couple of members are still living, including Georg Lober, N. A., Danish-born American sculptor, Secretary of the Municipal Art Committee of the City of New York, who will attend the jubilee.

In 1934 a **Lincoln Log Cabin** was dedicated. It was built altogether of logs cut in American forests by Danish pioneers and transported to the Park. It houses a Danish Emigrant Museum.

Rebild is rich in historic memories. It was from there that the thousands of Cimbric gathered 2000 years ago and battled their way across Europe to the very gates of Rome.

The forthcoming celebration on July 4th in the afternoon will be unique in many ways, although following traditional dignified lines. The flags of Denmark and the United States will be flown from two high masts, up to which will lead an avenue of flags of the 48 states of the Union, and the band will lead the singing of the Danish and the American National Anthems. The program will include a welcome by Holger Bladt, President of the Rebild National Park Board, and speeches by Prime Minister Erik Eriksen, American Ambassador Eugenie Anderson and Jean Hersholt, Vice President of the Park Board.

Other features of the celebration will include a prologue by C. H. W. Hasselriis, of New York, Secretary of the Board, read by Johannes Fonss of the Royal Danish Opera; solos by members of the Royal Opera, the singing by the audience of Danish and American songs, and a Children's Ballet.

The whole program will be carried by the Danish State Radio, and the festival will be continued in the evening in the nearby city of Aalborg.

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News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

Summer is pretty well on the way and we hear mostly about outings, etc., that several lodges are planning. One that sounds especially good is the one from Lodge No. 41 in Derby, Conn. Here is what one brother writes:

YES, BROTHER WE ARE!

When I attended the banquet at the Sister's Eastern General Committee Convention, I overheard a brother ask: "Is Derby going to have a picnic this year?" Before his proud friend could reply, I said, "Yes, Brother, we are. You and all the members and friends of D. B. S. and D. S. S. are invited to attend. I do not know the details now but they will be in the July issue of our magazine, so watch for them, please."

Well, here is the July issue and these are the details:

Derby Lodge, D. B. S. No. 41 and Rebecca Lodge, D. S. S. No. 26, will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, August 3, at the White Hills Coon Dog Club in Shelton. Admission will be 25c per adult, children free. Come as early as you want and stay as late as you want. There will be arrows marked "Danish Picnic" from the center of Shelton right to the picnic grounds.

Danish and American music for dancing, plenty to eat and drink, horse shoe pitching, cards, bingo and games for the kids. By the way this affair is held rain or shine as there is plenty of shelter.

The coming convention for the Eastern General Committee to be held in Troy, N. Y., is taking shape and they inform us that they are making special plans for the ladies and visitors who are not delegates. The Hudson Hotel will be headquarters for all, but the convention proper will be held in the Danish Hall in N. Troy.

Make your reservations early, write to the Secretary Carl A. Swanson, So. Lake Ave., Troy, N. Y.

The Secretary of the Convention Committee is I. Jensen, 38-113th St., Troy, N. Y.

We had the pleasure of attending a meeting, or rather the social affair after the meeting of the Sister lodge in Boston a few days ago. This was a very special affair as they celebrated the birthday of all members who were 70 or over; a most beautiful gathering it was. All the honor guests were placed at tables nicely decorated with flowers and a program in red and white placed at each plate, the ladies, with red flowers for a corsage. Our own brother, H. Marker, who is a member of the Sister-lodge, also was an honor guest. Present were members from Woburn, Providence and Worcester lodges, and Supreme Trustee Edith Seidell from Worcester. The President of the lodge, Sister Lilly Sallander, called on all the honor guests and the visitors. Several songs were rendered and a real fine time was had by all. It was really wonderful to see all the ladies so very beautiful.

But we do appreciate that we had an occasion again to say hello to Marker and find him looking so well. We hope to see many of you here in Providence on September 20, to our 55th anniversary.

Golden Wedding In Barre, Vt.

Brother and Mrs. Neil Olsen of 30 Beech St., Barre, Vt., celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on May 27.

Open house was held all day and visitors were many during the day, all wishing the popular couple good luck. Many telegrams, cards and presents were received.

Brother Olsen, who has been treasurer of the Barre lodge for many years, is now retired from active business, but is still very active around the home, he takes his daily long walks and follows his hobbies of raising rare flowers and doing fancy work. Gardening and stamp collection also occupy his time.

We wish this happy couple many more years of happiness.

The Barre lodge intends to celebrate their 40th anniversary in conjunction with the Brotherhood's 70th anniversary, on October 4. Please keep this in mind.

Acknowledgment From Racine, Wis.

May 31, 1952

Mr. Svend Petersen, Supreme President
Lock Box 155
Askov, Minn.
Dear Svend:

Lodge No. 4 gratefully acknowledges your letter of 5-20-52, ordering the 1955 National Convention of The Danish Brotherhood be held here in Racine, with Lodge No. 4 as host.

You, The Supreme Board, as well as the members of The D. B. S. generally, may feel assured, that Lodge No. 4 will utilize all its energy, facilities and resources to warrant the confidence shown us and we certainly are determined to make the 1955 convention the best ever.

On behalf of Lodge No. 4, and with my best personal regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,
GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN, Sec.

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

The Lodge In The Redwoods

Many lodges are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Brotherhood; we just want to remind you that No. 230, Arcata, Calif., was one of the first to celebrate the event. We have a program started to get a lodge of the Danish Sisterhood; we do have a Danish Ladies Club, "Enighed," as an auxiliary to our D. B. lodge. It is most outstanding in its support to us both financially and morally.

This year marks the 25th anniversary since we moved into our home, The Danish Hall. It was a big job to undertake, to raise the necessary money and get it all in order, and here the Ladies Club did more than their share in paying for the debt we had on the building when we started. It is all paid for long ago and stands as a monument for what a small group can do when there is harmony and cooperation.

At the beginning of each year when new officers are installed it is like a transfusion and we all wish them success in their term. Our president, Don Schuler, became a member by virtue of being married to a woman of Danish descent.

June 4 we had a special meeting to initiate into our order Harold Moulton, Major in the U. S. Army, who was enroute from Korea to the state of Alabama. Our president and the other officers put on the initiating ceremony in as good a manner as we have ever seen it here and the remainder of the evening was spent as the Danes like it—around very lovely decorated tables, it being also a farewell party for Major and Mrs. Moulton. Don Schuler was toastmaster and many short, peppy speeches were given by the members, with compli-

ments to the committee in charge and good wishes to the Moultons on their journey. We were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Soren Holgersen, from Oakland, with us. The evening terminated with dancing.

Let us go out and sell the Danish Brotherhood to the people who are eligible to join, because as a fraternal organization it rates right at the top with the many other fraternal in the USA. If we all do our share we can have a Danish Brotherhood forever.

Fraternally yours,

GUNNAR LADEFOGED.

Anniversary Party In Selma

The 70th anniversary of D. B., the 45th of Selma Lodge No. 255 of D. B. and the 30th of Martha Lodge No. 159 of D. S. S. were celebrated May 10, in the Selma D. B. hall near Parlier. Members from Fresno and Del Rey lodges joined in the celebrating. Numerous fine speeches were delivered by several of the diners after partaking of a delicious fried chicken dinner. After the dinner, card playing and dancing filled out the evening of festivities. About an hour before dinner time, a committee composed of President Ed Jepsen, Trustee Hans Jensen and Brother Chris Simonsen of Selma Lodge, with Supreme Trustee Hans Andersen, paid a visit to the bedside of Brother Chris Jensen, and, on behalf of D. B., presented to him a fifty year's membership pin, which Brother Chris gratefully accepted and seemed pleased to receive it.

H. A.

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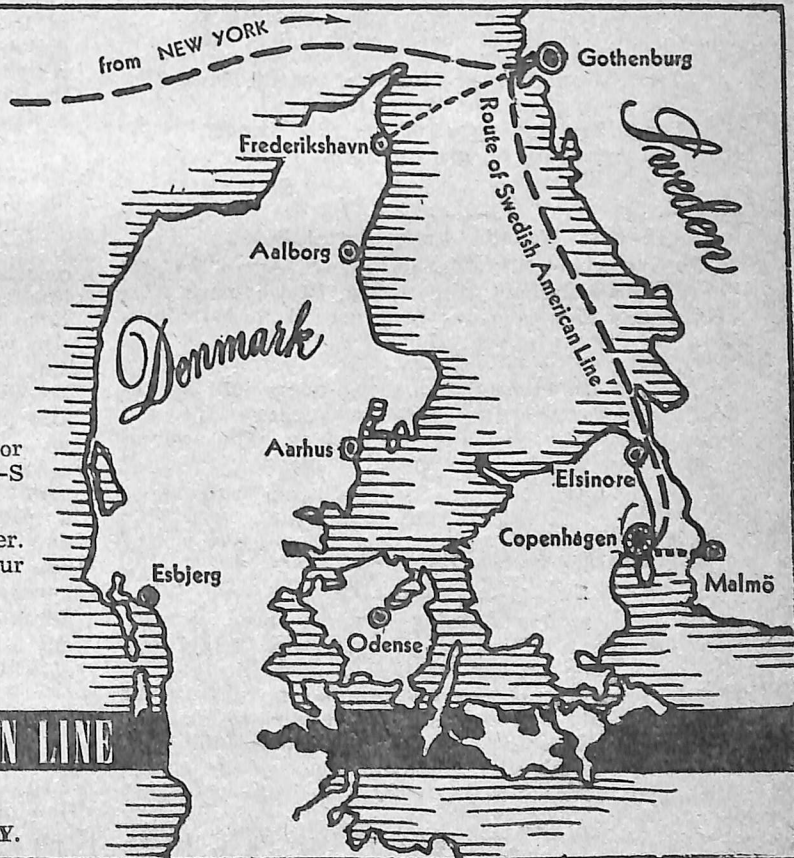
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A New Song Folder Is On The Way

In accordance with the mandate from the Detroit convention we have been working on a new song folder. Supreme Vice President Hilmar W. Hansen was chairman of the committee appointed to be in charge of that task, and I feel that he has done an excellent job in making proper selections from the various contributions received as well as preparing the copy for the printers. Brother Hansen will tell you more about this folder in a following issue.

It is expected that the new addition will be ready for distribution in about 3 weeks, the cost will be 10 cents per copy, and I am sure you will agree that it is well worth that price.

One of the contributions, which did not get into the folder, was submitted by Brother S. P. Hoy, a member of Spokane Lodge No. 42, who recently became a resident of the Old People's Home at San Rafael, Calif., at the age of 85.

We are pleased to present Brother Hoy's contribution, as well as his brief explanation.

SVEND PETERSEN,
Supreme President.

Mit Fædreland, du er en yndig Have
Og lykkens Stjerne smiler dig imod.
Hav Tak for hvad du gav i Vuggegave,
Hav Tak for Ledetraaden for min Fod.

Du haabets Land, som vinked i det fjærne,
Du er min Fryd, mit Virkefeldt paa Jord.
Du er den stærke Arm paa Livets Bølge,
Du er mit Haab, du er min anden Mor.

Vort Samfund er en Blomst af tvende Have,
Udsprungen af vor dybe Hjerterod.
Jeg elsker dig, og vil dig stadig væрге,
Gud signe dig og giv dig Kraft of Mod.

S. P. HOY.

(Svensk Melodi: Langt bort i Dalen.)

Jeg skrev det lille Digt for mange Aar siden, det var da Sønderjylland kom tilbage til Danmark. Og det er den Sag, som jeg hentyder til med Ordene: Lykkens Stjerne.—S. P. Hoy.

We feel confident that a great many will appreciate this contribution, and we suggest that you write to Brother Hoy and tell him so. His address is 326 Mission Ave., San Rafael, Calif.

—Svend Petersen.

From Hayward No. 184

Looks like our housing troubles are over—at least for the time being. We are now firmly entrenched in the Carpenters Hall on Soto St., and B. The building committee assures the members that we have plenty of room here, so be sure to come to meetings; besides the social committee will have something special after each meeting—a little something, and maybe a little dancing, so bring your girl friends.

The picnic is now definitely set for July 27

in the Zoo Gardens on 98th and Oakland; we have a section reserved. There will be refreshments, etc. Free coffee will be served. Mrs. Anthony is in charge for the Sisters. There is a coffee committee, refreshment committee, etc., and besides, of course, all the animals, miniature railroad, and especially "Effie", the baby elephant. The children will have plenty to do. Remember the date: July 27.

Our next meeting will be held on July 10; there will be reports from the various working committees; and we hope, initiation of two new members. We also have election of delegates to the state convention in Santa Barbara, so don't miss this meeting.

Let's be seeing you.

C. HANSEN.

Viborg Celebrates Jubilee

The morning of the Danish Brotherhood picnic at Swan Lake of Lodge No. 139, Viborg, Sunday, June 8, came out extremely hot, but by 11 a. m., time set to meet at the hall, it had cooled off, and the afternoon was very comfortable. The committee had secured the Baptist Retreat at the lake for the day, which has ample room and facilities for such an event. At about 12:30 dinner was served, cafeteria style, an abundance of choice eats was brought, as is usual where Danes gather. Coffee and ice cream was furnished by the lodge.

The highlights of the day was our guest speaker, Supreme President Svend Petersen and his charming wife. Meeting was opened by Brother Niels Hansen with fitting remarks, introducing the speaker, who gave us an inside look of the vault and the immensity of the investment of Danish Brotherhood insurance and securities, and the function of the Supreme Board, which we never had heard before. He also stressed the economy with which these millions are handled compared to other like capital investments, in salaries and otherwise. In short, he gave us a most interesting and humorous entertainment for—well the minutes went so fast we didn't realize the time passing, in closing his address, he was asked to give us a little of his own family history, which he nicely outlined for us, mentioning his brother, Hjalmar Petersen, who spent a couple years in Viborg, around 1905 or 6, at the Viborg Enterprise (weekly news) and was then a member of the band and orchestra, and played 2nd baseman in the ball team. Brother Jim Rasmussen, who then played first baseman, was also present. Hjalmar was remembered by many of us. The speaker then requested some one to give some early history of Viborg, to which one of the older members responded briefly, same party also put in a plea for support of the Danish Pioneer and the new Solvang Lutheran Home for the aged. An hour was spent visiting, meeting old friends and acquaintances, after which lunch was served before everybody departed for their respective places. It was a pleasant and successful day to go down in the history of 139.

N. A. JORGENSEN.

Change Of Meeting Dates

Lodge No. 184: From 1st and 3rd Thursday to 2nd Thursday.

NICOLAI MICHAEL PEDERSEN, McMinnville, Ore.

In memory of our departed brother Nicolai Michael Pedersen, who passed away Dec. 29, 1951, 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 the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy be sent to his family.
 Peter Rasmussen, President.
 Otto O. Larsen, Secretary.

JOHAN ALFRED SORENSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Johan Alfred Sorensen, who passed away June 13, 1952, the following resolution was adopted at Lodge No. 14's meeting June 17, 1952:
 Resolved, that we regret the loss of our old brother, and hereby extend our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days, that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, in the D. B. Magazine, and a copy be sent to his family.
 In behalf of Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis.
 Miller Sorensen, President.
 Carl Olsen, Secretary.

CARL S. CHRISTENSEN, Viborg, S. D.

In memory of our departed Brother Carl S. Christensen, who passed away May 26th, 1952.
 Be it resolved that we deeply regret the loss of our Brother and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

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, inserted in the Viborg Enterprise and the D. B. Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.
 In behalf of D. B. Lodge No. 139,
 Soren Simonsen, President.
 Niels Hansen, Secretary.

BORGE W. TRONBAK, Viborg, S. D.

In memory of our departed Brother Borge W. Tronbak, who passed away May 24, 1952.
 Be it resolved that we deeply regret the loss of our

Brother and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.
 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, inserted in the Viborg Enterprise, and the D. B. Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.
 In behalf of D. B. Lodge No. 139,
 Soren Simonsen, President.
 Niels Hansen, Secretary.

CARL ANDERSEN, Clinton, Iowa

In memory of our departed Brother Carl Andersen, who passed away June 3, 1952, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 11.
 Resolved we regret the loss of our Brother and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family, that our Charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory, and this resolution be printed in the D. B. Magazine, entered in the minutes of our lodge, and a copy be sent to his family.
 Ole Jorgensen, President.
 Fred Nelson, Secretary.

CARL LARSEN, Buffalo, N. Y.

In memory of Carl Larsen, who passed away May 25, 1952, age 72 years.
 Be it resolved by Lodge No. 315, 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 sent to his family.
 Sophus Olsen, Sec.-Treas. of 315.

JENS PAULSEN

In memory of our late brother, Jens Paulsen, who passed away May 4, 1952, be it resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of our brother and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family;
 Be it further resolved, that our Charter be draped in mourning for 30 days and this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.
 J. G. Nordestgaard, Secretary.

THOMAS CHRISTENSEN, Prince George, B. C.

In memory of our late brother, Thomas Christensen, who suddenly died in his office 10 a. m., May 16th, 1952:
 Be it resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF Death	AMT. PAID
Jan. 18	Hans Gyde Tang	50	Brørup Jylland	Den. 164	New York, N. Y.	1945	Asphyxiation	\$1000.00
May 4	Jens Poulsen	66	Aalborg Amt.	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1928	Coronary Occlusion	250.00
April 22	August V. E. Hansen	59	Denmark	249	Pierre, S. D.	1912	Arteriosclerosis	500.00
April 20	Jens Chr. Aggerbeck	78	Ringkøbing	140	Chicago, Ill.	1914	Broncho pneumonia	967.97
April 24	Algot Swanson	87	Sweden	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1906	Not Given	328.56
May 12	Peter Andersen	76	Baagø Assens	307	Astoria, Ore.	1905	Cerebral Hemorrhage	224.02
May 18	Valdemar Hansen	68	Jellinge Vejle	96	Jackson, Minn.	1908	Coronary Occlusion	967.65
April 20	Jens J. Thomsen	71	Borris	268	Junction City, Ore.	1920	Not Given	250.00
March 31	Peter N. Bodtker	85	Lintrup Sogn	268	Junction City, Ore.	1908	Anteriosclerosis	436.97
May 19	Chester Olson	30	Williston, N. D.	260	Williston, N. D.	1945	Auto Accident	1000.00
May 24	Peter Sorensen	84	Kragelund, Viborg	211	Grand Island, Nebr.	1905	Coronary Occlusion	807.35
May 21	Peter Madsen	80	Hjørring	128	Avoca, Iowa	1914	Coronary Sclerosis	966.01
May 14	Harvey J. Sindahl	57	Neenah, Wis.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1920	Rheumatic Heart Disease	1000.00
May 10	Andrew W. Petersen	72	Bornholm	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1916	Arteriosclerosis	1000.00
May 14	Lars Petersen	90	Præstø Amt	29	Seattle, Wash.	1901	Pulmonary tuberculosis	358.49
May 5	Archie D. Johnson	59	Superior, Wis.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1911	Heart Disease	500.00
April 24	Johannes Johansen	66	Aarhus	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1926	Not Given	250.00
May 20	Jens J. Ravn	84	Vejle	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1900	Cerebral Hemorrhage	392.51
May 19	Jorgen C. Nielsen	72	Slagelse Saro	107	Chicago, Ill.	1907	Chronic Myocarditis	937.30
May 16	Christen Holmen	77	Hjørring	147	Newell, Iowa	1915	Cor. Arteriosclerotic Heart	973.16
May 25	Carl A. Nielsen	88	Jylland	17	Chicago, Ill.	1908	Cerebral Thrombosis	1000.00
May 27	Jens Peter Jensen	75	Eaton, Wis.	12	Green Bay, Wis.	1900	Heart Disease	435.15
May 9	Charles T. Johnson	86	Chicago, Ill.	65	Duluth, Minn.	1906	Empyema of gallbladder	778.79
June 1	Jorgen Rasmussen	71	Aalborg	327	Harlan, Iowa	1919	Pneumonia	250.00
May 29	William S. Petersen	84	Lyngby Sogn	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1907	Cardio Vas. Renal Dis.	500.00
May 26	Carl Christensen	80	Aarhus Amt.	139	Viborg, S. D.	1900	Cerebral Thrombosis	206.09
May 30	Lars Jensen	68	Jerslev, Hjørring	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1912	Coronary Occlusion	495.92
June 7	Anders Chr. Nielsen	76	Vorgod	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1913	Cerebral Hemorrhage	481.10
May 24	Borge W. Tronbak	34	Denmark	139	Viborg, S. D.	1951	Cerebral Hemorrhage	500.00
June 8	Kaj E. Jorgensen	37	Aarhus	184	Hayward, Calif.	1940	Duodenal Ulcer	1000.00
June 5	Knute B. Petersen	51	3rorup	116	Newark, N. J.	1947	Adrenal Tumor	125.00
May 16	Thomas P. Christensen	58	Sindal, Jylland	330	Prince George, B. C.	1944	Not Given	Social

for 30 days and we deeply regret the passing our Brother Tom. He was a fine and hard working brother for the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 330 and was the one who organized our lodge, the second lodge in Canada, and always was ready to work for us as well as entertain the members. He will long be remembered and the members extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and family. Brother Tom was a charter member and a past president of our lodge.

J. K. Nielsen, President.
N. Sorensen, Secretary.

WILLIAM S. PETERSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

In memory of our departed Brother William S. Petersen, who passed away May 29, 1952, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting June 3, 1952.

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

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 be sent to his family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis.
Miller Sorensen, President.
Carl Olsen, Secretary.

LOUIS PETERSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our late brother, Louis Petersen, who passed away May 14, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Seattle Lodge No. 29:

Resolved: that we deeply regret the passing of a true and loyal brother who has been a member of our lodge over 50 years, we extend to his family our sincere sympathy.

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

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

ARCHIE D. JOHNSON, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Archie D. Johnson, who passed away in Richmond, California, May 5, 1952, the following resolution was adopted by Seattle Lodge No. 29.

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

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

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

LOUIS DALSGARD, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Louis Dalsgard, who passed away April 16, 1952, Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 281, passed the following resolution:

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

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

Simon Simonsen, President.
William Schmidt, Secretary.

GRANT DISSING, Colman, S. D.

In memory of our departed Brother Grant Dissing, who passed away June 6, 1952, our Lodge adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our Brother, President of Lodge No. 259 at the time of his death, that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy.

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 259, Soren Madsen, Sec.

Tenth Member Receives Insurance At 96



Above we present the picture of Brother Cornelius Rasmussen of Lodge No. 95, who was 96 years old on March 8, receiving his check from Lodge President, Peter Jacobsen.

To follow our custom to pay a member the value of his Benefit Certificate on his 96th birthday, Brother Rasmussen also received his check and became the 10th member so honored.

Brother Rasmussen was born at Søvang, Høist Sogn, Tønder Amt, Denmark and became a member of Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, California, May 26, 1896, where he always retained his membership.

President Jacobsen presented the check and extended congratulations and best wishes in behalf of Lodge No. 95, the entire membership of the Brotherhood and the Supreme Officers. We hope that good fortune will attend Brother Rasmussen in the days to come.

Notice

We have been contacted by Mr. E. J. Boile, Attorney, Burlington, Wisconsin, concerning one Einer Mikelson, about 58 years old, who was recently found dead on a street in Chicago.

It is suspected that he was robbed and met death by foul play. His billfold and identification papers were missing when his body was found.

Mr. Mikelson is reported to be a member of our Brotherhood, most likely in New York. Will the Secretaries and Treasurers of our local lodges kindly search their records to see if he is, or has been, a member of your lodge. If so, please let us have any information you can give concerning him or possible relatives.

AXEL SKELBECK.
Supreme Sec.-Treas.

Husk at gaa til Møde i Loge No. 318 naar du er i Danmark paa Besøg. Logen møder paa Sct. Knudsvej 26, København, den 1, og 3, Mandag i hver Maaned, Klokken 7:30 Aften.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

It would be an understatement to say that we here in California were a bit disappointed in not being favored with the National Convention in 1955. Whilst, of course, the invitation sent to the Supreme Board was sent from San Francisco, nevertheless, the invitation was backed by all the lodges in California, as we felt, and I think rightfully so, that we were entitled to the convention, if one is permitted to use such an expression. Not only does a large percentage of the Brotherhood membership live in California, but we have persistently worked for our organization through our General Committee. And we should like to know of any other section of the country where they have done the work for the Brotherhood as has been accomplished here.

Another thing which we thought was in our favor was, that we have the facilities for holding a convention. Does Racine have such facilities? Many of us also question the method by which the selection was made, but undoubtedly the powers to be, knew what they were doing. But I am sure many of us would like to have an explanation.

Well, the dice have been cast and we wish Racine success in its undertaking.

Speaking about conventions, perhaps it would not be amiss to call our California Lodges' attention to our own convention in Santa Barbara, September 11, 12 and 13th. This will be our 31st convention and will undoubtedly be just as successful perhaps better — than last time we were in this beauty spot on the Pacific Coast. Perhaps it is a bit early to talk about next year's convention, but let me remind the lodges that, according to our By-Laws, "the lodge wishing to invite to convention must do so in writing to the Secretary not less than 60 days before the convention." So let us have a few invitations, the sooner the better. Information relative to Hotel reservations, will be in the August issue.

Also according to our By-Laws, proposals for amendments or additions to the By-Laws may be made by members or lodges, in writing and forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer, not later than 35 days prior to the first day of the ensuing convention.

On May 28th Lodge No. 49 had arranged, in conjunction with Lodge No. 24 of the Sisterhood, a very fine "Medisterpølse" dinner, cooked by our Axel Jacobsen and served by a staff of willing sisters and brothers. From all reports it was an excellent dinner, after which, through arrangement of Dan Andersen we were shown a very fine film from our sister Nation to the south—Mexico. From the various expressions shown afterwards, it was the desire of our membership to continue to have these evenings with educational films. Our guest of honor that evening was none other than Brother Walter Hansen, who had recently been decorated by the King of Denmark. Brother Hansen expressed his delight at being present, and recalled the earlier years within Lodge No. 49. Brother Hansen was President in 1916.

Another evening of note was the Ex-President evening on June 18th. Special invitation was sent out to all the living Ex-Presidents and 15 responded.

The two oldest living brothers who served the lodge many years ago, Brother Peter Jørgensen in Berkeley and Bro. C. J. Clemens in Hayward were unable to be present, but Bro. Jørgensen did send his regards to the lodge. The next in line was Brother James Miller, who recently left for Denmark with Sister Miller, and if I am not mistaken the two youngsters will be celebrating their 55th anniversary in Aalborg at "Rebildfesten."

Brothers Carl Mygind and John Keldsen are next in line. I dare say Brother Mygind has not missed many meetings since he was President in 1910, and Brother Keldsen never misses these annual affairs. The star of the evening, however, was none other than Brother Louis Quist, who held the office as President in 1918. During the evening he took the office as President, and one would think he had done nothing else all his life and the members responded with applause when the meeting was over. Others who participated were, Axel Jacobsen as Ex-President, Sven Jacobsen as Vice President; John Keldsen as Chairman of Trustees; Al Christensen as Conductor and Fred Bakke as Guards. After the meeting the Social Committee served fine sandwiches and beer.

These evenings are very nice in that they bring to mind the work which these bretheren did in years gone by. Brother Al Christensen came all the way from Santa Rosa to be with us, as this is one meeting he does not wish to miss. From Hayward Lodge came Brothers A. B. Christensen, the secretary; Brother Jensen, who was formerly a member of the Boston Lodge—which was discontinued, and Brother John Sørensen, who was secretary of the San Mateo Lodge which amalgamated with Hayward Lodge. We also had the pleasure of having Brother Mathisen, a member of Omaha Lodge No. 1, and now living by the Golden Gate.

The affair held in Golden Gate Park on June 8 commemorating the Danish "Grundlov" was a huge success. The music which was sent over by the municipality of Copenhagen was beautifully played by the San Francisco Municipal Band. We had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Sylvia Brunckhorst sing for the first time at any of our Danish affairs and she won the hearts of everyone present with her beautiful singing and charm. We trust we shall hear her often. The speaker for the Danish Constitution was our Danish Consul General, Paul B. Ryder, who as usual, won every one by his charm.

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The Master of Ceremonies was Bro. Sven Stribolt, and no one can do a better job. A group of the Danish Folk Dancers performed to great delight of all the old timers.

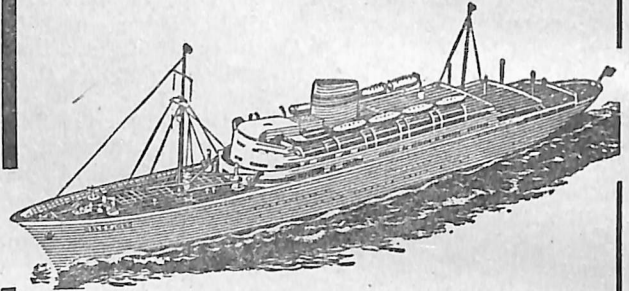
On July 9, Brother Vernon Olsen, President of the General Committee will install the officers of 49. Brother George Hansen will be the new President on whose shoulders the responsibility will rest for the next term. This installation will be just a little different from the rest we have had, in that Bro. Carl Mygind will not be installed as usual as treasurer. After 31 years in this office Brother Mygind decided not to accept re-election primarily due to his health. However, I am sure we shall continue to see Brother Mygind at our meetings as 49 and the Brotherhood is part of his very existence. Brother Dan Andersen will be installed as treasurer.

At this time of the year our thoughts go over to Denmark where they will celebrate our 4th of July for the fortieth time. It is safe to say, that this is most unique when another country celebrates America's independence day. But how many Americans really know this? Not very many. Why? It would seem to this writer that here is something we Danes ought to shout from the housetops and let every American know about it. One wonders why this has not been publicized by the Danish Tourist Office. Is this not more important than what the Danes eat or drink—or showing the pictures of prize bulls? Prior to the war the celebration was broadcast direct from Denmark. Would this not be a good time to tell Americans again that here is a country that is in full harmony with the principals for which we stand in this country of ours? I let the question go further and hope someone can answer it.

For some reason or other, this column for the month of May created some interest, and this writer has received quite a number of letters including some from Denmark. Perhaps it was the reference to the old Scandinavian American Line that created memories in some. Also my reference to the Italian Line now building a fine new ship for Marshall help. However, it must not be forgotten, that if Denmark had really had the initiative and interest that she could have had a line today. After the war the Danes could have purchased all the ships they needed in this country for a song—almost, and with the help in the Danish shipyard could have, for very little money, reconditioned a ship for passenger service. For instance the Home Line, which was organized in Italy after the war, purchased the Matson Liner "Matsonia," which sailed from San Francisco to Honolulu, for little money and since that time has made millions of dollars for Italy.

Shortly after the war this writer was invited to a reception for one of the high officials over here from Denmark. Naturally I asked what Denmark was doing about a Danish Line. His answer startled me with its stupidity. It was this, that Denmark really could not start a Danish line or build a ship for the American trade without asking Sweden and Norway. This was from a high official who was supposed to look after the interest of Denmark and not some other country. One wonders if the Swedish or the Norwegian Lines have asked Denmark permission to build the two new ships now under construction. Both built undoubtedly, with an eye on the Danish trade. How stupid can the Danes be? I will let someone else answer this question.

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I. Eskeberg	42	Spokane	Joe R. Shook
I. Eskeberg	42	Spokane	Jack W. Eskeberg
I. Eskeberg	42	Spokane	Donald J. Durkee
I. Eskeberg	42	Spokane	Henry A. Briggs
Peter A. Briggs	42	Spokane	H. M. Woodcock
Peter A. Briggs	42	Spokane	H. W. Gilbert
Rasch Paulsen	42	Spokane	Alvin Paulsen
Rasch Paulsen	42	Spokane	Fred W. Paeper, Jr.
Jens P. Borup	42	Spokane	Selmer C. Sorensen
N. P. Jensen	42	Spokane	Ronald Allan Miller
Nels Andersen	45	Minneapolis	J. Nikolaisen
Waler Arnstrup	49	San Francisco	T. Frandsen
Viggo H. Wheaton	59	Menominee	James Heckel
John Olsen	78	Salt Lake City	R. Nielsen
S. C. Sorensen	84	Lincoln	Carl A. Jensen
Einar Danielsen	92	St. Charles	V. M. Danielsen
N. O. Hansen	107	Chicago	Walter Bollman
N. O. Hansen	107	Chicago	Marius E. Miller
Otto M. Andersen	111	Austin	John McMichael
G. Godfredsen	111	Austin	F. P. Godfredson
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Hans Vodder
John Jensen	143	Petaluma	Clarence Hansen
J. Winding	143	Petaluma	Dan Jorgensen
Chris Hansen	152	Wilbur	Arthur Hansen
Chris Hansen	152	Wilbur	Andy Hansen
Svend Gommesen	152	Wilbur	Frank A. Kunz
Ed Hirsch	167	Portland	Harry H. Pollen
William Thomas	181	Sidney	Richard L. Thomas
William Thomas	181	Sidney	Gary Alan Thomas
Curtis M. Larsen	230	Arcata	Warren H. Moulton
Chester Lindville	261	Fowler	A. J. Christensen
Chris. Frederiksen	261	Fowler	Sven Johansen
Edward Nielsen	262	Cozad	Svend V. Brauner
Edward Nielsen	262	Cozad	C. G. Christensen
C. V. Nielsen	299	Solvang	Hans Sorensen
Niels Petersen	299	Solvang	Elmer J. Lunde
Niels Petersen	299	Solvang	J. J. Nielsen
Chris Madsen	299	Solvang	H. Christophersen
Chris Madsen	299	Solvang	John O. Christensen
Otto Christensen	299	Solvang	S. C. Christensen
Ejnar Madsen	301	Akron	Howard Robison, Jr.
Ejnar Madsen	301	Akron	Howard Robison, Sr.
Victor Jacobsen	314	Hartford	E. J. Jacobsen
Frank H. Petersen	314	Hartford	John F. Hansen
Alfred P. Stark	314	Hartford	Axel Beckert
Christian Lonstrup	314	Hartford	G. E. Christensen
N. Skipper Nielsen	314	Hartford	P. L. Paulsen
N. Skipper Nielsen	314	Hartford	Borge Lyhne
Nels Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	P. Lindwall
Nels Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	W. Lindwall
Nels Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	K. A. Mueller
Nels Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	J. Christensen
J. H. Jendresen	322	Santa Barbara	H. Andersen
J. H. Jendresen	322	Santa Barbara	H. P. Madsen
J. H. Jendresen	322	Santa Barbara	B. Rasmussen
J. H. Jendresen	322	Santa Barbara	A. C. Sears
Otto F. Pedersen	322	Santa Barbara	J. Lauritson
Otto F. Pedersen	322	Santa Barbara	L. Pedersen
Edward Aasted	322	Santa Barbara	D. C. Aasted
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 John F. Robinsen ---334---Geneva ---H. C. Christensen
 Juveniles included in the above.

Delayed

This is a delayed note of an eventful meeting for Lodge No. 329 of Long Beach, Calif. Our ladies played cards during our meeting after which we joined them. During the games the ladies prepared refreshments the Danes like and they know so well how to prepare. After the games we retired to the dining room to celebrate the birthday of Brother Nels L. Nergaard and the big event for all was the presentation of Golden Jubilee or 50 year pin to Brother Paul S. Andersen, who originally joined Lodge No. 138 of Butte, Mont., March 19, 1902. Paul is our ex-secretary only because of a heart attack, but he is picking up wonderfully well for such a young fellow. Toastmaster Ex-President Walter Pedersen appointed our brother and one of the Ex-President's of California General Committee as well as a delegate to Denver and Seattle conventions, C. W. (Bill) Hansen, to present the 50-year pin.

For the information of our friends who may visit us we have moved to new quarters at K. of P. Hall, 1316 Island Ave., Wilmington.

HANS C. ANDERSEN, Sec. 329.

Geneva Celebrates First Anniversary

The evening of April 4, 1952, was a great event for the members of Finger Lake Lodge No. 334, Geneva, N. Y. It marked the first anniversary of this growing lodge and gave the few, who had worked so hard to organize it, an opportunity to sit back and relax and be complimented on the fine job that had been done.

To properly mark this important date, a great banquet was given; great in the fact that it was all put on by the lodge itself, with Ernest Jacobsen as chief; the ladies assisted in the kitchen and the daughters acted as waitresses. On each table rested a bottle of wine, donated by our first president, Herman Eskildsen.

We had the pleasure of having with us two of the officers who installed the lodge one year ago, namely Past President C. B. Christensen and Chris Madsen of the Eastern General Committee. Mr. Christensen and Mr. Madsen both gave short talks, telling how happy and proud they were to be able

to help celebrate the first anniversary of the lodge, which they had installed.

After the banquet, at which nearly 200 Danes from Geneva, Penn Yan and Rochester had their fill of broilers with all the trimmings and apple pie, the ladies were installed in their own lodge; a task they had worked extremely hard at in order that they might be installed on our first anniversary and the 70th Jubilee of the Brotherhood.

Geneva has always been called the "Heart of the Finger Lakes," now it can be called the "Heart of the Danes of this Area." We are extremely proud of what we have accomplished in one year and hope to have the future prove even more eventful.

We sincerely hope that any brother or sister who may happen to be in this area on the first Friday of the month will stop in and visit us.

ARTHUR CHRISTENSEN, Sec.

Peter Nielsen Gets 50-Year Pin

After the regular meeting of Peace Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill., the members retired to the dining room where the good Sisters had prepared refreshments. After enjoying the lunch Ex-President Arthur Nielsen called Brother Peter Nielsen to the front and in appropriate manner presented him with the solid gold 50-year membership pin, who then responded in well chosen words and also told about conditions when he joined 50 years ago. We had initiated Elmer Jacobsgaard into our order at the regular meeting and Brother Nielsen told the new member that he hoped he also would be thus honored 50 years from now.

It was a thrill to sit back on the sidelines and see the gleam in Brother Nielsen's eyes when he was presented with the pin which he is so rightfully proud of.

LEO PEDERSEN, Sec.

Along The Trail

Norbert Grove, 205 N. Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, Wash.

If the Secretaries of each of the local Pacific Northwest Lodges will drop a note to this writer whenever their group has an event of interest to the rest of us, we will try to maintain a regular column under the title of "Pacific Northwest News." This District comprising 11 Lodges have well over 1000 members with the following newly elected officers:

Past President—Carl N. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.
 President—John A. Hansen, Seattle, Wash.
 Vice President—Ingvard Eskeberg, Spokane, Wash.
 Secretary-Treasurer—Norbert E. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.

Conductor—Ed Hirsch, Portland, Ore.
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Trustee—William Petersen, Seattle, Wash.
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 Inner Guard—Svend Gommesen, Wilbur, Wash.
 Outer Guard—Peter Rasmussen, McMinnville, Ore.

(Continued next month)

Invitation To Convention Of The Iowa United Lodges

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 EDWIN C. ESTERGARD, Sec.-Treas.

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