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April 1953

Shall We Admit Ladies As Members?

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a Straw Vote Ballot for recording the vote of the members in your lodge. The subject for discussion during the second quarter of 1953: "Shall We Admit Ladies as Members?" should prove very interesting and it is hoped that all lodges will enter into the spirit of this new venture: namely to discuss matters of vital importance to the future welfare of the Brotherhood.

This subject, like the first one, will create many questions. Some will want to now all the details before they vote. That is not the object of the project. The main thing is to discuss these matters and record your vote: for or against. Then if it is found later on that there is sufficient interest in the matter we can start to formulate a sound proposal and discuss the various details.

If ladies were admitted as members, should they be social members, insured members, honorary members, auxiliary members, or what have you. Those are the details we can discuss later on if the first ballot shows that there is sufficient interest. It might be stated here that the various local lodges could work out their own rules and regulations and it would be optional for each lodge to determine whether or not they would recommend lady applicants. The future membership of each lodge depends entirely upon the attitude of the present members of the lodge. No one can become a member unless the lodge gives a favorable vote.

It should also be remembered that we already have lady members. Ladies may join the lodge in Denmark.

Several years ago when Axel Skelbeck first proposed at a Supreme Board meeting that we admit ladies as members I recall that it nearly flooded

me. I just could not see it at that time. Since then I have weakened considerably and will certainly be happy to hear the various arguments for and against it.

Some may jump to the conclusion that it would be detrimental to the Sisterhood if we admitted ladies in the Brotherhood. Don't be hasty in your conclusions, it might be just the "pill" we need to revive both organizations.

There is ample time to discuss this Second Quarter Subject, so talk it over and try to get out a representative vote of your lodge. You have April, May and June in which to discuss it. Send in the vote of your lodge any time before July 12, 1953.

SVEND PETERSEN,
Supreme President.

Let Us Be Builders

By Jul. Andersen

During the years I have written many articles pertaining to our Brotherhood and have used subjects I felt would be of interest to every reader of the society rather than to a few. If I at any time now or in the future should in my writings touch upon the same subject I have previously written about, I hope our readers will understand that a building cannot be completed with one brick but that it takes many of the same kind to complete it, hence you can be assured, that my thoughts and meanings are solely for the best interest of every member and that I am just trying to do my best to help build a better and lasting structure for all of us.

Our Supreme President deserves credit for his suggestion about a straw vote ballot as reported in the February issue of our Magazine, it will promote interest in every lodge and every member to feel they are given the opportunity to show how they feel about the future welfare of our organization and I sincerely hope and pray all of you will seriously consider what you think and feel is necessary to accomplish for the future growth and existence of the DBS.

In my opinion we must realize that conditions have changed so greatly during the last years, that it will be impossible for us to increase our membership unless we take drastic action in the near future for admitting new members who will and can help us build a bigger and better society, we must therefore seriously consider to admit Ladies into the society, either active or social. Without a doubt, many of them will be proud to subscribe to our insurance plans and it will open new fields for the admission of their children into the insurance which we know is as safe and good as any insurance obtainable, so let us open the door and admit both our lady friends and the youths, and have more sociability in our organization which they will bring to us. Let us be builders.

A railroad in the northwestern United States is adding geiger counters to the equipment of its trains in a search for possible sources of uranium and other radio-active ores. The devices will be used in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Wyoming and the upper peninsula of Michigan.

Financial Report

FEBRUARY 28, 1953

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand February 1, 1953 -----	\$ 60,440.44
Assessments -----	9,668.58
Interest on bonds -----	8,022.65
Premium on Currency Exchange -----	36.74
	\$ 78,168.41
Disbursements:	
Death claims -----	\$ 14,794.83
Cash surrender -----	564.59
Collection expense -----	7.00
Balance on hand February 28, 1953 -----	62,801.99
	\$ 78,168.41

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand February 1, 1953 -----	\$ 13,381.61
Received in February -----	760.50
	\$ 14,142.11
Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery ----	\$ 31.06
Postage, express, telephone, etc. -----	69.05
Rent and lights -----	181.94
Printing, mailing official publication ---	401.34
Insurance Department license and fees ---	195.00
Membership rewards -----	66.00
Special Typing -----	25.00
Photostats for Annual Statements -----	39.00
General office expenses -----	50.00
Employer's Social Security taxes -----	22.59
Salaries to officers and employees -----	1,068.00
Balance on hand February 28, 1953 -----	11,993.13
	\$ 14,142.11

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand February 1, 1953 -----	\$ 17,047.84
Assessments -----	27.00
Interest on bonds -----	112.50
Relief payment repaid by beneficiary ---	56.38
Relief payments returned -----	5.68
	\$ 17,249.40
Disbursements:	
Relief payments -----	\$ 252.50
Balance on hand February 28, 1953 -----	16,996.90
	\$ 17,249.40

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand February 1, 1953 -----	\$ 1,138.74
Assessments -----	84.99
	\$ 1,223.73
Disbursements:	
Balance on hand February 28, 1953 -----	\$ 1,223.73
	\$ 1,223.73

Assets

Mortuary fund investments -----	\$3,865,649.30
Relief fund investments -----	200,000.00

General fund investments -----	25,000.00
Cash in bank -----	93,015.75
	\$4,183,665.05

Coming Events

The above caption will appear regularly each month—if you will make use of it. The idea is to plan your events well in advance and then give it publicity under Coming Events. Don't go into all the details, just mention the date and the place and the event. Like this:

Lodge No. 440. Jacksonville. Fish dinner. Sept. 17, 1953.

That will give your members an opportunity to plan accordingly. It will also be helpful to many other members who may be planning a visit to your community.

District Convention dates are of course also wanted.

Mock Turtle Coming Up

Valley Stream, New York—The most recent meeting of Long Island Lodge No. 325 saw the return from the war of a fellow member, Peter Christoffersen. Brother Christoffersen served in the army from March 1951 to February of this year with 17 months in Germany. While in Germany he made two visits to relatives in Denmark, one of these being over the Christmas holidays.

The next meeting, April 10th is an open meeting being designated "Ladies' Night." John Jorgensen (Den lange Dreng) has obtained colored motion pictures of "Denmark Day at the New York World's Fair" and also films in color of the Danish countryside. All members are urged to bring their wives to this meeting.

The annual "Dansk Frokost" will be held Sunday, April 19 at the Masonic Hall in Williston Park, Long Island. Members of other lodges may obtain tickets for this affair from the local lodge secretary. We, in Long Island would welcome our brothers from the other lodges.

Mock Turtle, does this conjure up dreams of the Far East, dance of the seven veils, essence of incense? It doesn't! Well, you must be a viking who never ventured further south of the Bay of Biscay; perhaps you are a member of Lodge No. 325 who attended the spread put up by Tom Hansen, restaurateur par excellence a couple of years ago at his famous Island eating spot, The Norden, specializing in Danish cuisine. Brother Hansen treated the members of the lodge to a dinner with a main course consisting of mock turtle. Well, never mind no matter what it brings to mind, Hansen again cordially invites all the members of Lodge No. 325 to a mock turtle dinner. Aply assisting in preparation of the dinner will be Tom Hansen's maitre de, Brother Schoenberg.

The March meeting was well attended, it is gratifying to the writer and President Johnny Johnsen, to see the members taking an active interest in their lodge. See you at the next meeting.

Around The Pacific Northwest

By Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer
205 North Tacoma Avenue, Tacoma, Washington

May I remind you that all members of the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood Lodges everywhere are most cordially invited to attend on May 15, 16, and 17, our Fourth Annual District Convention of the Pacific Northwest. Capacity crowds are expected on this occasion to renew acquaintances, make new friends and visit in remembrance of earlier years in Denmark as well as to promote and sustain the interest in our fraternity. Outstanding programs of talented performers, excellent speakers with fine platform manners, dancing for all ages, and the usual satisfaction to our culinary desires will occupy the three day festival. To advance the cause of our great Brotherhood, come one, come all, and make up your mind to have a delightful time in a delightful place with delightful people.

Very often, I reread an issue of our DB Magazine, having them all on file here in my real estate office. And since our total membership throughout these United States is shrinking despite our constant efforts to revive renewed interest in our organization, I sincerely suggest each and every one of you who read this column to "dig" out your September 1952 edition and absorb the lines written on page six by a 1902 Entrant under "The Cold Facts." Perhaps a little enthusiasm on your part might be born. It is also advisable to digest the periodical words of Brother Jul. Andersen.

It is encouraging to hear from so many Brothers that they enjoy this column. However, if I am to continue being the correspondent for the Pacific Northwest, I must have your cooperation in sending me your activity items on or before the fifteenth of each month. It was a pleasure the other day to receive a nice letter from Brother Jens P. Thim in Westfir, Oregon, who is hoping that leg treatments at Kitchen Springs will improve his long illness and we are glad to hear it.

Perhaps our Juvenile Insurance is the answer to our depleted original source of membership. There would be no finer graduation, confirmation, birthday or Christmas present from Father to Son or from Grandfather to Grandson, than a Benefit Certificate of \$500, \$1,000 or \$1,500. See your local secretary and learn how simple the application is and how low the rates are for this new plan. Do it today.

As this is written, we are nearing the date of our Seattle Convention with Lodge No. 29 as host and unfortunately, some of you secretaries have neglected to write me relative to the names and addresses of your delegates and alternates for this session. Please do so at once and enclose your membership dues long since billed your Lodge. Look for the program on another page of this publication.

Brother Jens C. Jespersen, a member of Enumclaw's Lodge No. 113, but who lives at 156 Twentieth Avenue in Seattle, is still having trouble with his heart and blood pressure. Mrs. Grove and I called on the retired minister while Mrs. Jespersen was having an operation in a local hospital. Joining the Brotherhood back in the Middle West shortly after the turn of the century, Jens has earned his

fifty year honor pin and membership emblem which he will proudly wear.

First Supreme Vice President Otto and Mrs. Nielsen had "Enumclaw Night" at their beautiful home in Renton one evening last month. All attending reported a delightful social gathering, a delicious banquet, and highly praised these wonderful hosts. Among those present were Ex-District President Carl and Mrs. Grove.

Happy Birthday this month to Brothers Axel Nissen, Black Diamond; Stanley Thuesen, Montana; Marius Madsen, Seattle; Edward Hickenbottom, Renton; Jens Holm, "Brabrand"; Jens Fredriksen, Pacific Highway; Albert Nielsen, Chicago; and the Jens Sorensens, Junior and Senior. Don't forget the "Voluntary Birthday Club", a feature of our Danish Old People's Home for Oregon and Washington.

On March 28, Seattle's Danish Brotherhood celebrated its 65th year anniversary with a fine selected dinner and evening dance at their Washington Hall at Fourteenth and East Fir Street. Brother William E. Petersen was the program toastmaster and while Brother Anton Jessen spoke in behalf of Lodge No. 29, Brother Edmund S. Olsen responded with remarks for America. Featured speakers were Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen and Richard Trudeau. Especially created for this "Stiftelsesfest" was a four stanza song by Danish Pioneer Correspondent Chris P. Jensen.

Tacoma's DB Lodge No. 33 celebrated its 64th anniversary on March 3, as the Sisterhood joined with a delicious home-baked birthday cake presented by the wife of their new president, Marinus Laursen. Visiting District Secretary Norbert Grove had the pleasure of being master of ceremonies. President Laursen is determined to put Lodge No. 33 back on the map and would like very much to see an increase in membership this year. Starting with 24 Brothers on March 9, 1889, they now have 48 members, however, the roll has been as high as 175 in years gone by. Helping Marinus, are the following duly elected officers for 1953: Ex-President Niels Christensen, Vice President Chris Andersen, Secretary and Treasurer C. Fred Christensen (who has held that office as long as many can remember), Conductor Nels Teige, Trustee Chairman Chris Fredriksen, Trustee Andrew Andersen, Inner Guard Thorvald Mortensen and Outer Guard Peter Thompson.

Secretary Immanuel Jensen of Seattle Lodge No 29 is presently recovering from an operation, the results of an automobile accident dating back to December 2, 1952. Be that as it may, Brother Jensen is still keeping up with his heavy load of duties which included arrangements for a DBS hard time dance on February 28.

Brother-in-law of our very active member and currently our conductor at Enumclaw, Brother Oswald Pedersen, Joe Delisa died on March 1, leaving a wife and three small children. May we extend this column's sincere sympathy to the family and to Kamilla Jensen, mother-in-law, and also a very active member of the Sisterhood.

Brother James P. Henriksen would soon have been 86 years old if he had not been called "to take his chamber in the silent halls of death" on January 17. Member of Lodge No. 33, Brother Henriksen was the brother-in-law of several members of both Tacoma and Enumclaw. Pleasant dreams, J. P.

Our Brothers at Spokane were paid a visit by the

most welcome Supreme First Vice President Otto Nielsen, accompanied by District President John A. Hansen and Convention Chairman William Petersen at their last regular meeting. Their ladies were also present including a Supreme Trustee of the Sisterhood, Kristine Hansen. Everyone reports a very interesting and informative meeting combining both the social and business sides beautifully. From Wilbur's Lodge No. 142 came Secretary Svend Gommesen, Treasurer Martin Mickelsen and several others.

Pacific Northwest District Convention

The committee for the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Pacific N. W. District are now about through making the program and most arrangements for the convention to be held in Seattle May 15, 16 and 17.

We are asking the secretaries in the district, both in the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood, to assist us by taking orders for hotel rooms and meals as will be served during the convention. Secretaries will be furnished with forms to take care of Hotel reservations, meals, and banquet, but—be sure that names only appear on one form.

Members living in distant places from their lodge, or out of the district, and all local members must either write or phone I. Jensen, Secretary, 1849 King St., Seattle 44, Wash. Phone: FRanklin 5450, and sign up for Hotel, Banquet, and Meals. Please.

The New Washington Hotel is the hotel recommended by the committee. It is located on Second Avenue and Steward Street. Phone Main 7070. Rates are: Single rooms from \$5.50 to \$7.50, double rooms from \$8.00 to \$10.00, twin bedded rooms from \$10.00 to \$12.00. Hotel reservation must be made before May 1, 1953.

Friday, May 15, a committee will welcome delegates and visitors at Hotel New Washington, from noon on. The committee will assist you, and show you the way to our own "Washington Hall," located at 153, 14th Ave., Phone: EAst 9647. Transportation from Hotel to Washington Hall, if needed by delegates and visitors, will be taken care of by the committee.

Washington Hall is open all day. Delegates and visitors will register there and make themselves feel at home. Afternoon coffee will be served by the Sisters free; there are other refreshments, but—

A fine dinner will be served at the Washington Hall at 6:30 p. m., at \$2 per person. After the dinner, a few minutes for talking to late arrivers, followed by a fine entertainment, arranged by Mrs. Elfrida Pedersen. D. S. S. "Evergreen" Lodge No. 40 will give an exhibition of their fine drill.

Saturday, May 16: One and all will take care of their own breakfast, eat wherever you like.

Meetings

Members of the Danish Brotherhood meet at the Washington Hall, 153 14th Ave. Meeting from 9:30 to 12 noon. Lunch and rest period from 12 noon to 1:30 p. m. Lunch is served at the Washington Hall at 75 cents. Meeting from 1:30 p. m., with installation of new officers, and initiation of new members. Please remember to make reservation for the lunch.

Members of the Danish Sisterhood meet at the New Washington Hotel, 2nd Ave. and Steward Street. Meeting from 9:30 to 12 noon. Lunch and rest period from 12 noon to 1:30 p. m. Lunch served at New Washington Hotel at popular prices. Please make reservation. Meeting from 1:30 p. m., with installation of officers.

At 6:30 p. m. cocktails will be served, 7 p. m., dinner will be served, and at 9 p. m., dance. This will take place in the New Washington Hotel, all for \$5 per person.

Remember: One and all must sign up for this banquet not later than May 10, 1953.

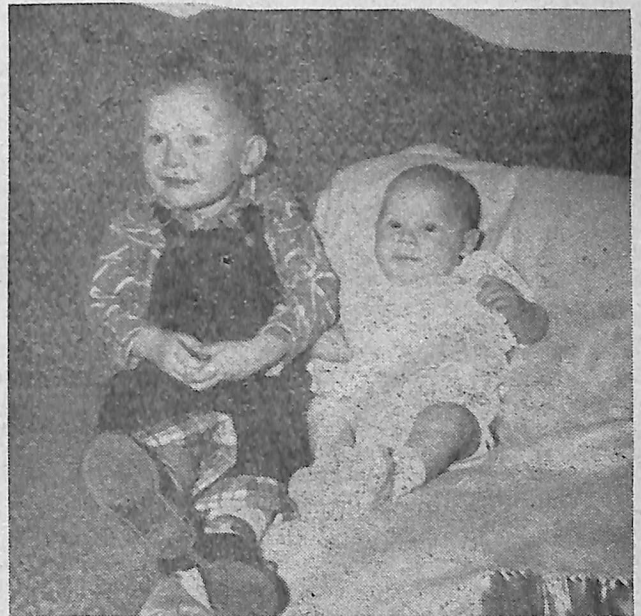
A fine menu will be served, the toastmaster will be Mr. Wm. Petersen, but only a few will be called on. Hon. Mayor of Seattle, Allan Pomeroy, will be invited to attend the dinner and dance.

Sunday, May 17, breakfast will be served to delegates and visitors at the Washington Hall free of charge. Please sign up for that too.

That will be the end of the 1953 convention, and we will say goodbye and many thanks because you visited us.

I. JENSEN, Sec.

Grandsons Of Supreme Vice President Are Juvenile Members



Michael Nielsen, the big fellow of course, has been a Juvenile member for two years, and the little fellow, James Frederick Hoiland, became a member last December, the 6th to be exact, in the Seattle lodge, at the age of just 6 weeks. Needless to say, Otto and Anna (grandpa and grandma) as well as the parents are proud of these youngsters and the Brotherhood is very happy to have them as Juvenile members.

There are upwards of a hundred thousand more throughout USA who are eligible for membership; but it is up to you to sign them up.

Charter Member, Lodge No. 306 Passes On



Egelund Mathisen, aged 70, charter member of Lodge No. 306 in San Diego, Calif., passed away on March 8, 1953.

Brother Mathisen was a native of Norway and came to San Diego in 1907. He was a retired motorman for the San Diego Electric Railway Co., now the San Diego Transit System and was employed by that company for 29 years.

Brother Mathisen was not only a charter member of Lodge No. 306, which he helped organize in 1914, he also organized the Sons of Norway lodge in San Diego and had, during his 41 years membership, held every office in that organization including District Organizer. He was also a Charter member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in San Diego.

One of the hardest working members inside the Brotherhood he has from time to time held office in the San Diego Lodge. He was always the first to volunteer to serve on the various committees, and has gotten many members into the Brotherhood. He was delegate to several State Conventions and to the National Convention in Seattle.

He has through his many years of fraternal work, won many, many friends and acquaintances in San Diego and throughout the state of California. He was a true and beloved Brother.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his good wife, Emma, and his two daughters, Mrs. Louise Christensen and Mrs. Minnie Hansen.

L. C.

Husk at gaa til Møde i Loge Nr. 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. I Maaned-erne Juni og Juli dog kun den første Mandag.

Erie Brother Breaks Bowling Record

Paul Jensen, member of Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa., shattered some records in the Danish Brotherhood League at the Calabrese Club but, sadly enough, he missed qualifying for the 700 Club by one pin and missed hitting a 300 game by 21.

Jensen, rolling with the Crossley Machine quint against the Jensens' Collision Auto Co., banged out games of 211, 209, 279. He had a big split in the first game but finished with five strikes and, in the second game, likewise had a big split but linked four strikes.

And, in the big third game, he smashed solidly into the pocket for nine straight strikes before he got tapped and left one ugly maple standing in satanic glee.

Paul has been bowling only two years, which makes his feat all the more remarkable, but even in his first season he fired 243 at the Sharpshooters Club and a 622 series at the same place.

Don Jensen previously held the series record while he and Eynor Sorensen shared the one game record.

Paul's big series aided his team to a clean sweep and into a tie with Joyce Meats for third place.

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History Made in 1952 in No. 230

Lodge No. 230, Arcata, Calif., has the honor during the year 1952-1953 to have the two presidents of the California General Committees, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Larsen. As I recall it, then it is the first time that a man and wife combination have held these responsible positions at the same time. Their visits in the various lodges have been highly appreciated.

They started out January 3 at Ferndale and then continued throughout the state, the round trip totaling some 4,000 miles, and needless to say, there were many outstanding installation parties enroute.

February 14 they were back home to install the officers of Lodge No. 230 which turned out to be a gala affair with a long list of prominent guests from neighboring lodges. The installation was preceded by a delicious ham dinner and followed by singing and dancing. The dinner tables as well as the hall were beautifully decorated. The committee in charge, Mr. and Mrs. Don Shuler, Jens Hansen, Earl Kjer and Gunnar Ladefoged, received many compliments for a fine evening.

The new chapter of the Sisterhood, sponsored by Lodge No. 230, is about in the launching state. I hope they make it as we have our own building and it would give us one more time each month to get together. Our Danish Ladies' Club, "Enighed," as an auxiliary, have given us wonderful support.

Best wishes for a bigger and better Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

GUNNAR LADEFOGED, Sec. No. 230.

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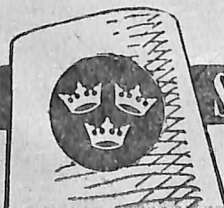
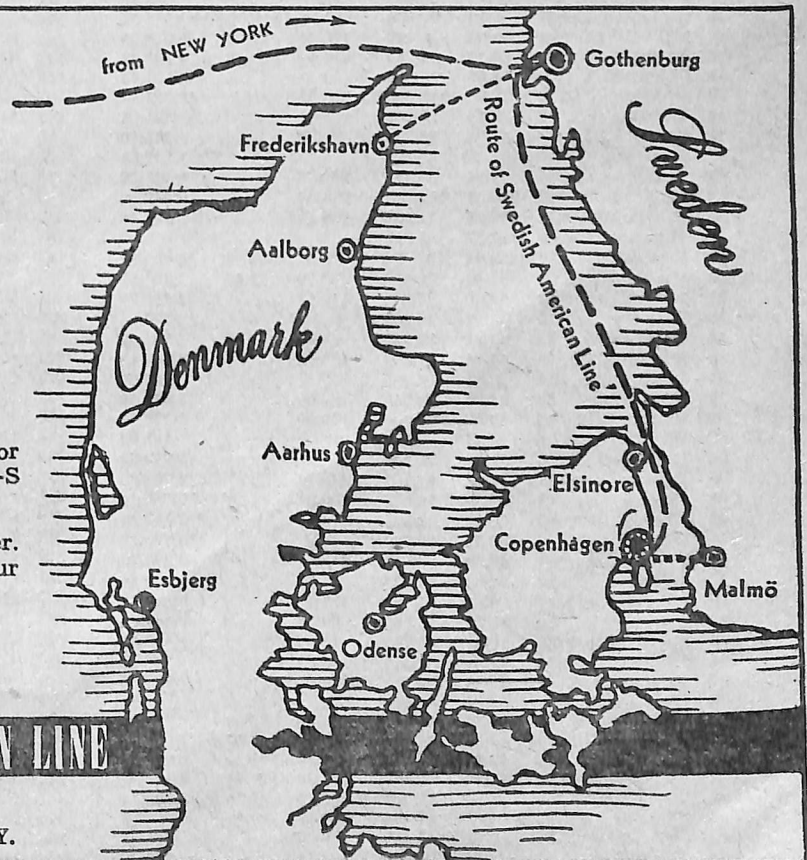
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Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Assessment	Total Insurance	Sick Benefit Paid	Extra Help Paid	Total Assets
1	Omaha	287	\$334.61	\$224,250	\$1,685.82	\$	\$ 14,650.68
2	Neenah	51	55.49	46,750	205.00	5.00	3,239.00
3	Davenport	29	45.69	28,250	24.00		4,468.87
4	Racine	537	497.11	270,750	1,765.00	711.80	176,760.18
5	Moline	14	8.14	6,750			88.28
7	Cedar Falls	25	23.26	18,750	267.29		2,650.42
9	Oshkosh	29	28.49	21,750	175.68		2,156.00
10	Co. Bluffs	117	98.84	79,375	274.16		15,928.29
11	Clinton	46	43.39	32,125	50.00		5,645.55
12	Green Bay	29	19.47	19,625	72.00		956.13
14	Kenosha	216	152.59	110,500	1,897.25	178.20	59,675.81
15	Des Moines	59	61.68	41,625	80.00		6,757.66
16	Minden	41	44.48	26,250			559.34
17	Chicago	204	199.85	140,625			108.59
18	Chicago	50	60.07	44,875		147.00	1,465.24
20	Manistee	44	37.51	28,500			5,603.87
26	Fremont	47	45.21	37,375	155.00		1,083.34
28	Badger	13	12.60	10,500			487.70
29	Seattle	384	345.22	208,375	1,694.00	200.00	47,579.13
30	Muskegon	58	61.08	39,375	100.00		3,083.72
32	New Haven	73	63.70	45,500	329.32		4,548.48
33	Tacoma	45	41.71	31,750	84.00		5,754.41
34	Dwight	94	86.42	59,625			1,803.16
35	Chicago	116	101.72	71,000	938.85	315.00	29,013.00
36	Milwaukee	113	74.06	56,000	276.00	10.00	5,931.09
37	Bridgeport	81	80.15	54,250	414.00	162.00	4,983.77
38	Laramie	21	24.54	16,500			2,881.75
39	Oakland	212	227.07	149,000	1,015.04		42,621.28
40	Rawlins	12	9.10	8,000			221.85
41	Derby	57	42.81	30,375	82.00		3,855.50
42	Spokane	75	89.22	45,500			1,550.50
43	Denver	105	77.94	66,125	303.06		8,907.00
45	Mpls.	252	246.45	154,750	974.56		9,048.06
46	P. Amboy	117	107.89	81,750	713.00		6,552.46
48	R. Springs	9	10.57	7,000			
49	S. Fran'sco	367	289.64	193,625	3,529.02	564.04	19,689.82
50	Byram	55	54.47	36,625	330.00	50.00	3,587.41
51	Ludington	98	67.89	48,875	111.43		6,616.30
53	Atlantic	15	15.76	10,500			109.23
54	Dannebrog	25	25.64	20,250	50.00		630.00
56	Kansas City	78	80.46	64,500	175.00		2,789.49
57	Lexington	11	10.33	9,500			157.20
59	Menominee	88	83.90	70,750	50.00		3,400.00
62	Sioux City	47	46.86	32,000	42.00		3,138.75
63	W. B'lington	6	4.51	3,750			122.62
64	Rockford	53	52.41	39,500			1,312.90
65	Duluth	51	49.86	40,125	285.00		3,147.00
67	Fresno	65	49.27	29,625	100.00		2,756.64
69	Cleveland	47	35.22	29,375	377.14	80.00	2,599.24
70	Greenville	109	110.91	58,625			13,700.38
71	Penn Yan	124	142.56	79,625	240.00		3,571.22
73	Alden	29	37.66	26,875	39.00		1,502.69
75	Albert Lea	87	79.23	61,750	126.00		6,317.51
77	Turin	16	12.25	13,250	36.00		47.37
78	Salt Lake C.	52	77.51	38,750	18.00	32.75	1,418.51
84	Lincoln	50	79.44	37,375	125.00		983.77
85	Rochester	19	16.51	10,500			576.94
88	Elba	11	12.00	8,500			51.90
89	Superior	27	12.94	10,125	36.00		746.23
90	Pt. Reading	20	17.64	14,000	60.00	40.00	1,054.72
91	St. Paul	84	71.38	49,500	450.50		2,093.50
92	St. Charles	93	95.48	49,125	376.00	140.00	2,741.39
95	Ferndale	47	40.30	31,000	160.03	35.76	9,302.13
96	Jackson	35	21.08	15,875	60.00		932.76
102	Providence	35	36.09	19,250	149.00		665.54
103	Waterbury	41	59.34	31,000	256.14		760.80
108	Trufant	76	69.50	49,750	64.00		2,329.70
107	Chicago	77	78.02	49,125	547.00		3,269.18
109	White	8	6.53	5,750			178.35
110	Winside	24	24.27	15,750		70.00	
111	Austin	68	49.51	37,375	145.00		2,522.37
112	Portland	57	46.95	35,750	707.00		4,035.58
113	Enumclaw	76	66.73	38,000	129.25		
114	L'ke Benton	18	16.41	13,000			15.00
116	Newark	176	158.88	89,500	437.50	189.68	6,335.00
117	Plainview	62	86.33	46,250			370.17
119	Pueblo	7	9.59	6,125			269.46
121	Tyler	43	42.23	30,500	102.13		1,948.96
123	Clifton	9	8.08	5,500			337.05
125	We'p Water	33	23.09	18,000			1,202.85
126	L. Angeles	312	350.68	192,625	1,962.89	192.00	25,337.40
127	Reinbeck	14	14.54	7,750			349.86
128	Avoca	20	9.83	11,000	80.00	25.00	877.41
134	Ringsted	57	50.51	44,625	191.43		381.00
*136	Story City	5	3.34	3,000			
139	Viborg	71	40.64	32,000			10,501.16
141	Irene	11	8.74	7,750			232.95
143	Petaluma	118	107.51	61,750	439.37	29.00	9,248.69
144	Dike	16	18.50	13,250		260.00	1,929.38
147	Newell	62	60.78	37,250			890.14
148	Cheyenne	16	33.36	19,000			198.49
149	Luverne	53	43.14	26,750			256.65
150	Rorbeck	14	8.95	7,500			
151	Escanaba	11	9.32	6,250			157.37
152	Wilbur	43	48.69	26,750	80.00		1,147.53
153	Dannevirke	17	19.61	15,000			108.57
154	Withee	40	53.85	38,250	72.00		3,434.73
155	Bellingham	19	27.01	14,500			248.47
157	Audubon	15	13.00	10,250			
159	Kennard	5	4.20	3,500			50.00
160	Underwood	14	9.33	8,500			2,282.58
161	Ruskin	21	17.53	14,125			1,200.66
163	Edmore	32	32.69	20,000			2,553.63
164	New York	162	164.09	92,500	820.00	180.00	4,611.84
167	Portland	170	125.70	74,625	350.70		5,693.46
*169	Hubbard	17	10.41	8,000			
170	Rocky River	41	44.26	28,500	265.74		3,606.59
171	Jamestown	38	33.54	21,875	148.54		1,998.49
172	Phila'phia	96	87.46	50,000	463.00	168.00	2,633.48
173	Kansas City	54	54.83	41,375	228.00	20.00	777.88
175	Jacksonville	14	12.69	10,500			325.38
177	Cordova	30	27.32	20,500	210.00		478.58
181	Sidney	59	57.54	34,750			2,489.74
182	Waukegan	92	89.02	56,875			25,811.34
183	Troy	87	81.98	42,875	475.00		3,946.13
184	Hayward	79	82.72	42,750	277.85		3,286.76
185	Madison	16	12.46	7,250			152.00
186	Luck	62	48.66	28,750	56.00		4,295.04
188	Del Rey	31	20.39	12,250	41.72		4,983.28
189	Barronett	5	5.14	5,000			500.00
190	Schen'tady	149	172.36	89,625	1,064.50	320.00	61,427.40
191	St. Louis	20	10.54	8,250			1,426.64
194	M'Minnville	19	15.39	13,000			1,235.08
195	Omaha	61	73.33	45,625	114.00		1,052.63
198	Kenmare	16	13.41	10,500			380.00
202	Warren	50	37.31	29,750	72.00		1,855.81
205	Brooklyn	60	50.17	33,625	628.00	208.00	2,630.22
206	Blair	28	23.48	20,000			123.73
*207	Grayling	8	9.34	7,500			
*210	Gr'd Rapids	20	12.03	10,750			
211	Gr'd Island	23	20.00	13,875			155.00
212	Waterloo	46	36.76	24,750	264.29		1,948.88
213	Ord	18	17.11	14,000			928.65
214	West Point	8	5.62	4,500		2.00	38.80
215	Battle Creek	23	15.60	10,375			1,955.77
217	Humboldt	17	14.80	10,000		60.00	397.02
219	Clear Lake	78	84.88	44,500	331.00		3,019.48
221	Latimer	15	10.07	7,000		65.00	425.00
222	Corry	7	5.39	4,250		11.00	346.66
225	Canton	27	34.87	17,125	60.00		1,193.09
227	Detroit	297	229.91	145,500	2,513.18	502.50	111,260.97
228	Indianapolis	19	21.66	15,250			111.45
230	Arcata	37	19.98	13,875		20.00	5,463.27
233	Toledo	36	37.96	20,875	84.00		2,516.61
234	Woodstock	14	16.18	11,375	35.00		715.13
238	Juhl	28	21.42	17,375			106.87
239	Lake Forest	30	20.83	16,125		134.86	2,161.42
240	Rochester	39	20.37	13,625			897.85
241	Sayreville	66	51.34	31,250	516.25		448.17
242	Earie	174	156.84	79,375	679.00	625.00	12,891.45
*243	Fargo	6	5.30	4,750			
245	So. Bend	35	38.23	22,250			1,270.85
248	New York	19	15.69	12,250		60.00	1,442.15
249	Pierre	9	6.78	6,250			45.65

251 Devils Lake	11	8.13	6,500			595.38
253 Ruthton	5	7.57	4,500			170.68
*254 Brush	22	13.85	13,750			
255 Selma	68	54.88	33,500	104.29		6,322.89
257 New York	80	65.73	38,750	445.00	56.94	1,594.42
259 Colman	17	11.11	10,250	40.00		998.35
260 Williston	18	24.44	13,500			263.99
261 Fowler	59	49.74	25,250			2,046.69
262 Cozad	16	13.25	8,875			26.50
263 Askov	140	160.92	90,125	559.00	435.00	4,440.32
264 Pocatello	36	44.72	21,000			772.73
267 Brigham	14	14.57	8,500			112.23
268 Ju'tion City	68	40.49	25,125	130.00		5,047.56
269 Oregon	7	8.33	5,250			
273 Dillon	42	37.48	23,875	146.00		1,185.94
277 Kensal	7	7.97	5,250			35.00
*278 Salt Lake C.	33	29.19	16,750			376.94
279 Hunter	14	18.79	11,000			952.33
281 Cincinnati	21	17.35	14,250	60.00		5,486.98
283 Dagmar	133	78.57	55,875	538.00		85.80
288 Cotesfield	13	15.01	10,500			
*291 Ogden	5	2.75	2,500			1,545.51
294 Barre	35	36.34	26,250	112.00		481.76
296 Galveston	7	3.83	4,000			2,615.76
298 Chicago	57	52.74	37,250	603.45		2,761.02
299 Solvang	49	64.53	34,000	415.00		1,763.06
*300 Oneonta	56	53.96	25,500			1,441.03
301 Akron	39	34.11	24,250	194.50	230.30	128.16
306 San Diego	49	26.90	13,375	150.00		
307 Astoria	10	1.60	1,250		15.00	
*308 McCabe	21	19.55	12,500			19,048.69
311 Sidney	8	8.11	6,000			250.00
314 Hartford	195	186.11	89,000	964.00		203.98
315 Buffalo	7	9.05	5,500			
317 Spencer	7	3.83	5,250			
318 Copenhagen	160					1,071.94
319 Bakersfield	32	29.21	15,125			1,074.02
321 W. Palm B.	24	20.35	11,750	78.00		5,239.83
322 S. Barbara	101	109.87	53,500	228.22		512.39
323 Alhambra	21	32.22	15,500		10.00	6,600.05
325 Nassau Co.	101	92.34	50,750	540.00		10.00
326 W. Branch	23	11.70	6,750	25.00		222.97
327 Harlan	11	14.11	8,250			6,223.15
328 Vancouver	163			340.00		622.54
329 Long Beach	24	12.01	5,875			
330 Pri. George	60					602.83
331 Detroit	24	28.84	17,500			1,322.41
332 Ripon	40	80.43	32,750			790.67
334 Geneva	42	78.32	26,750			186.29
335 Pt. Alberni	31					
600 Pay directs	267	237.45	184,500			

(*) The report for 1952 is not yet received from the lodge or has been received too late to be included. The figures used are taken from our records. Secretaries who find an asterisk (*) in front of their Lodge Number, are requested to mail their 1952 reports to the undersigned as soon as possible.

At the close of the year we find 205 adult lodges with a membership of 12,300. The total monthly assessment for all lodges amounts to \$11,174.46 with a combined amount of insurance of \$7,124.875 excluding insurance carried on an Extended Insurance Basis.

The average age of all members with insurance as of December 31, 1952 is 56.22 as compared with 56.45 on December 31, 1951.

ALL LODGES HAVE IN 1952 PAID: -

In Sick Benefit to members	\$ 41,189.09
In Extra Help to members	\$ 6,520.83
Cash and other assets of all lodges as reported amounting to	\$1,049,873.99

Fraternally yours,

AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

For the first time in U. S. history, there are more homeowners than renters. The National Association of Home Builders reports that 53 per cent of homes are now owned by those who live in them. In 1890, the figure was only 33 per cent.

Resolutions

LOUIS RUNGE, Petaluma, Calif.
In memory of our late brother, Louis Runge, who passed away March 11, 1953:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 143, Danish Brotherhood, Petaluma, California.

Harvey P. Rasmussen, President.
J. Winding, Secretary.

EGELUND MATHISEN, San Diego, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Egelund Mathisen, who passed away March 8, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting March 11, 1953:

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.

Hans J. Hansen, President.
Leshman Cook, Secretary.

NELS F. SORESENSEN, Albert Lea, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Nels F. Sorensen, who passed away March 9, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 75:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our good brother and that we 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, that this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

Soren Sorensen, President.
Donald H. Nielsen, Secretary.

PETER C. WESTERGAARD, Viborg, S. D.

In memory of our departed brother, Peter C. Westergaard, who passed away February 27, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting March 5, 1953:

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, inserted in the Viborg Enterprise and the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

Anton Jacobsen, President.
Niels Hansen, Secretary.

PETER C. CHRISTENSEN, Viborg, S. D.

In memory of our departed brother, Peter C. Christensen, who passed away February 16, 1953, this resolution was adopted by the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 139:

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 published in the Viborg Enterprise and the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

D. B. S. Lodge No. 139.

Anton Jacobsen, President.
Niels Hansen, Secretary.

HANS PETER NIELSEN, Milwaukee, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Hans Peter Nielsen, who passed away March 11, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting March 24, 1953:

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 be sent to his family.

John Jacobsen, President.
Edward Juel, Secretary.

News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

Hans M. Marker Passes On

Brother Hans M. Marker from Boston, died on February 3 and was buried from the Charles Messer funeral home on February 26.

This is a passing of a truly good and beloved brother, a man who in the latter years did not have much chance to visit lodges of the Danish Brotherhood which he loved so much. Due to old age and bad legs he did not attend many meetings, but we did occasionally see him in Portland, Maine, and always was he present at the meetings in the Sisterlodge in Boston, of which he was a member.

So many people in the country know Brother Marker as he had been delegate to several national conventions and he was secretary for the first 8 or 9 years of the General Committee here in the east.

He was born on Bornholm and came to this country in 1884 and had the privilege to visit Denmark several times.

He was a charter member of Boston Lodge No. 87 and was the organizer of Lodge No. 112 in Portland and Worcester Lodge No. 192, also of the lodge in Maynard, Mass. He was also an instigator of Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I., 312 and 314, Springfield, Mass., and Hartford, Conn.

Brother Marker will long be remembered by many here in the East and our sympathy goes to his children who are left behind.

G. V. P.

49th Anniversary In Schenectady

On Saturday, March 7, the lodge in Schenectady celebrated its 49th anniversary with a dinner and dance.

As usual the dinner was prepared by Nina Bukke and her staff, a delicious dinner it was, and Henry Bukke acted as toastmaster for the evening. After the dinner the President of the lodge bid all welcome and several speakers were introduced. As there were not too many we name them here, first the President of the Sisterlodge in Troy, Bess Thomsen; President of the Sisterlodge in Schenectady who presented a Danish flag as a gift to the lodge; Aage Jespersen, Vice President of G. C.; Brother Zepp, President of Schenectady lodge; treasurer of G. C. Carl Christensen; Mr. Connelly, postmaster of Schenectady; George V. Petersen, Providence, R. I.; Brother Niels Muller of Lodge No. 190 and Past Supreme President C. B. Christensen.

Following the dinner dancing was enjoyed until early morning and a fine time was had by all. We were informed that the 50th anniversary of course will take place a year hence, and believe me, we are looking forward to this.

We were also informed that the Sisters in Schenectady had a most enjoyable "Fastelavnsfest" the week before, a great many really beautiful and fine costumes were on the floor and it was real hard

for the judges to say who was going to get the first prize.

A great success it was.

We are indeed grateful to the lodges who send in their monthly news sheet, both here in the East and the one from Santa Barbara, California. In Santa Barbara we note the many activities they have there and certainly congratulate them on their spirit. They have bowling teams, Danish language classes, Secret Sister party, masquerade, etc. Knowing many of the sisters and brothers there, we can well understand all their activities and sometimes wish it was not such a long distance from Providence.

From Philadelphia we note the loss of a very good brother and certainly appreciate to hear the fine things this brother had done and how it was appreciated by the members of the lodge. Also it was interesting to read about the party in honor of Brother Charles Philipsen, who on February 7 celebrated his 85th birthday. From the many speeches for Brother Philipsen it must have been something real unusual and our congratulations goes from here to Brother Philipsen too.

The annual convention of the G. C. will be held Labor Day week-end at the home for the aged in Metuchen, sponsored by Lodge No. 116 in Newark and letters have already been sent to the lodges regarding this. Please remember to make your reservations early for this event as we know there will be a large gathering. As this will benefit the home, we urge you to attend.

The chairman for the affair, we understand, is Chris. Madsen, former Secretary and President of the G. C., so we know it will be good.

Make your plans and attend.

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Correction

In the secretary list published last month the meeting night for Lodge No. 239. Lake Forest, Ill. is given as the 3rd Saturday. Please change that to read the Third Friday.

ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with statutory provisions we are herewith printing the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Income

Balance from Previous Year	\$4,124,105.71
Assessments on Adult Insurance	132,257.51
Assessments on Juvenile Insurance	668.97
Assessments for Relief	10,920.00
Membership Fees	470.00
Dues and Per Capita Tax	23,077.50
Change of Certificate Fee	50.84
Interest on Bonds	142,045.43
Sale of Lodge Supplies	609.77
Advertising in Magazine	1,080.68
Premium on Bonds Sold	16,439.11
Discount on Bonds Purchased	584.10

\$4,452,309.62

Disbursements

Death Claims	\$ 210,575.89
Relief Fund Payments	5,570.16
Cash Surrender	2,503.18
Salaries to Officers and Employees	14,912.92
Traveling Expenses	4,113.78
Bond Coupon Collection Expense	98.70
Insurance Dept. License and Fees	224.50
Rent and Lights	2,108.74
Adv., Printing and Stationery	1,289.10
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	884.74
Lodge supplies	1,489.11
Printing and mailing official publication	4,578.02
Miscellaneous expenses	1,227.48
Furniture and equipment	660.59
Social Security, State Unemployment and Federal Excise Taxes	212.09
Legal Expenses	75.00
Membership Prizes	874.00
Actuarial Fees	350.00
Employees Income Tax	1.90
Premium on Bonds Purchased	12,731.10
Balance on hand December 31, 1952	4,187,828.62

\$4,452,309.62

Assets

Book Value of Bonds and Stocks	\$4,098,362.50
Certificate Loans	986.80
Bank Deposits	88,479.32
Interest Accrued on Bonds	32,810.49
Amortized value over Book Value	60,850.62
Market Value of Stocks over Book Value	687.50
Assessments Accrued	10,997.00

Total Admitted Assets \$4,293,174.23

Liabilities

Death Claims, reported under adjustment \$	3,742.52
Death Claims, incurred in 1952, reported in 1953	12,552.37

Miscellaneous Accounts due	192.08
Employees Social Security and Federal Income Taxes	181.40
Security Valuation Reserve	15,745.34
Reserves on American Experience and 3%	3,223,913.61
Relief and Expense Funds	257,152.01
Special and Contingency Reserves	413,484.91
Balance Unassigned	366,209.99

\$4,293,174.23

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA,
by AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Sec.-Treas.

VALUATION EXHIBIT

In conformity with statutory requirements, we are publishing herewith a valuation made by our actuary, Mr. B. B. Gribble, of the certificates in good standing on December 31, 1952. This valuation is not to be regarded as a test of the financial solvency of The Danish Brotherhood but is made to determine the amount the Society should have on hand in order to pay its future death losses as they mature, without change in the number or amount of assessments. The valuation was made on the American Experience Table of Morality and 3% interest assumption.

Assets—Actual and Contingent

1. Admitted Assets (net)	\$4,035,648.74
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Liabilities—Actual and Contingent

2. Present Value of benefits promised	\$3,373,587.48
3. Less Liens on Certificates	149,673.87
Balance	3,223,913.61
4. Additional reserve to protect benefit certificates	413,484.91
5. Security valuation reserve	15,745.34
6. Death claims reported but settlement not effected	16,294.89
7. Total	\$3,669,438.75

Ratio of Line 7 to Line 1, is 109.98 per cent.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

The regular readers of this magazine know that I have been trying to keep my column as interesting as possible during the past few years. I usually wait until the deadline, usually in the forlorn hope that some of the various lodge secretaries will take time and tell me a bit about next month's doings in their lodge. As a result, this writer usually has to hurry like the devil in order to get it out. Well, such was the case last month, and consequently I slipped on a banana peel, or as we say in Danish "traadte i spinaten". And did it pour in on "mit syndige Hoved". Letters from Miami, Los Angeles and elsewhere. Some of the writers had the grace to sing their names to their letters and others had not. Some corrected me in kind words, and others told me in no uncertain terms that my ignorance was appalling. And yet others told me I should not try to write, when undoubtedly my trade was that of ditchdigging.

It will perhaps be remembered that I wrote about the passing of Brother Sophus Hartwick, who was the real founder of the Danish paper "Bien" in San Francisco; and in one paragraph I had made the terrible slip of the "pen" in writing: "It must be remembered that in those days, Norway was a part of Denmark." I dare say I know my history as well as the next fellow and perhaps a bit better, but there it was in black and white, a glaring error to some and an unforgivable sin to others. Of course, some of the writers were in error themselves, in that some stated Norway and Sweden were united in 1890, and one stated in 1907. However, in order to keep our Danish history straight, it was due to the fact that the Danish King Frederik VI bet on the wrong horse, a horse named Napoleon, that Denmark lost Norway at the "Kielerfreden" Jan. 14, 1814, to Sweden, after the two countries had been united for 450 years. Denmark at the same time lost Helgoland to England. It was in 1907 that Norway got its independence and selected the Danish Prince Carl as King, the present Kong Haakon of Norway.

In connection with this, I should like to quote what His Grace Bishop Axel Rosendahl of Roskilde recently said: "Sig nogle gode, rosende Ord i Stedet for en latterlig kold Kritik."

Fresno Lodge No. 67 can boast that it has one of the oldest members of the Danish Brotherhood, in that Brother Lars Andersen, who became a member of Lodge No. 67 on August 20, 1896, will celebrate his 100th birthday on May 19. Our heartiest congratulations goes to this good brother of No. 67.

Another brother of Fresno Lodge recently made the headlines, in that Brother and Sister Andrew Brodersen celebrated their 68th anniversary. They were married in Denmark on January 23, 1888, and have lived in Fresno for more than 60 years, and have lived in the same home for the past 47 years. At 87 this old viking still operates his vineyard. The Brodersens had 12 children, and at last count had 15 grandchildren and the great grandchildren have not been counted for some time. Brother Brodersen has been a member of Fresno Lodge since February 2, 1896. Our best wishes goes to this fine couple.

And speaking of Fresno, may I again call your attention to the coming convention which will be held next fall. As you know, the General Committee will help celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Fresno Lodge, and from all reports it will be a gala affair. I have just received a very fine report from Brother Hjalmar Sondberg, who is Publicity Manager of the convention committee. In Brother Sondberg's report we are informed that the committee is hard at work and that meetings are held regularly, in the various homes. The committee has constituted itself with Brother Ray Nielsen as chairman, Sister Meta White, secretary, and Sister Ida Sondberg as treasurer. The committee has also assured its assistance from other lodges in the neighborhood, and has appointed members of these lodges in a consultat capacity. For instance, Brother Hans M. Andersen, Supreme Trustee and his good wife,

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Jan. 28	Ole W. Johnson	78	Stegge, Møen, Den.	117	Plainview, Nebr.	1904	Chronic myocarditis	\$ 500.00
Feb. 10	Jens C. Jensen	90	Jylland, Den.	9	Oshkosh, Wis.	1896	Apoplexy	717.32
Feb. 19	Hans P. Godtfredsen	70	Svendborg, Den.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1906	Cardiac failure	956.37
Jan. 24	Alfred J. Hollister	65	Brovst, Den.	202	Warren, Pa.	1915		1000.00
Feb. 23	Anders Henriksen	85	Holbæk, Den.	144	Dike, Iowa	1907	Coronary occlusion	865.74
Feb. 11	Rasmus Jensen	68	Svendborg, Den.	51	Ludington, Mich.	1905	Coronary occlusion	980.99
Feb. 23	Hans M. Marker	91	Bornholm, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1895	Arteriosclerosis	722.50
Feb. 18	Axel V. Folkmar	74	Odense, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1910	Heart disease	1000.00
Feb. 9	Ejner Hansen	66	Copenhagen, Den.	35	Chicago, Ill.	1914	Carcinoma	1000.00
Feb. 28	Hans Ole Petersen	74	Ringsted, Den.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1907	Heart disease	929.96
Feb. 21	Anton S. Larsen	86	Faaborg, Fyen, Den.	183	Troy, N. Y.	1907	Chronic myocarditis	861.04
Jan. 26	Edward I. Nielsen	71	Egede, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1909	Carcinoma	1000.00
Feb. 16	Michael Jensen	82	Gjording Sogn, Den.	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1912	Senility	939.42
Dec. 2	Anton Jensen	96	Denmark	228	Indianapolis, Ind.	1906	Chronic myocarditis	637.57
Feb. 16	Peter C. Christensen	66	Hjørring, Den.	139	Viborg, S. D.	1909	Cerebral hemorrhage	989.84
Feb. 27	Peter C. Westergaard	70	Hjørring, Den.	139	Viborg, S. D.	1905	Cerebral thrombosis	477.23
Feb. 25	Hans Nielsen	87	Thistrup Sogn, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1894	Heart failure	743.75
Mar. 3	Laurits Vestergaard	50	Høgsbro, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1937		250.00
Feb. 13	Anders J. Nielsen	68	Maale, Den.	164	New York, N. Y.	1917		500.00
Mar. 12	Chris Andersen	53	Holbæk, Amt, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1919	Addisons disease	500.00
Mar. 3	Leonard Andersen	54	Rorslev, Fyen, Den.	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1925	Heart disease	250.00
Mar. 9	Harry Hansen	62	Omaha, Nebr.	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1914	Coronary occlusion	1000.00
Mar. 5	Christen Christensen	84	Viborg Amt, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1903	Cerebral hemorrhage	814.06
Mar. 1	Cornelius Rasmussen	97	Søvang, Tønder Amt.	95	Ferndale, Calif.	1898		\$social

Sister Clara Andersen, treasurer of the Sisterhood General Committee, will represent Selma Lodges and Brother Hans Iversen, the Del Rey Lodge on the convention committee.

The next big affair for the convention committee will be a dinner dance to be held in the Parlier hall on April 18. All you good people in the San Joaquin Valley please reserve that date and attend the affair, thereby helping a very good cause.

We are informed that the committee will raffle off a beautiful luncheon set of Copenhagen porcelain. There are 53 pieces in the set and it is "Maagestellet." The drawing will take place on the evening of the Grand Ball at the convention. Hope you all try to buy that winning ticket.

As usual I received the very interesting "Danish Grapevine" published by the Santa Barbara Lodges. Unfortunately the last issue was not too clear, (not ink enough on the stencil, I guess) but I gathered that they have something doing all the time in that beautiful city. On March 27 the Brotherhood lodge celebrated its 29th anniversary, with dancing and entertainment. The good people in Santa Barbara are taking their bowling very seriously, and after the bowling tournament between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles on March 22, they had a "Buffet Supper", and with this they served "Dansk Snaps og Øl," all for the sum of \$2. How do they do it. Brother Herbert Helseth is, as you probably know, in charge of all the bowling arrangements for the General Committee. The Santa Barbara lodges also conduct classes in the Danish language, under the direction of Sister Marie Jendresen. If I am not mistaken Sister Jendresen is born in this country and deserves a lot of credit for her work.

On several occasions I have reminded you members of the Danish Brotherhood in California that, if you are interested in making an extra dollar you can do so by writing a letter to me, telling me how we can improve our Danish Brotherhood. Bro. Paul Herskind, the president of Lodge No. 126 in Los Angeles has donated \$50 in prizes for the best letters sent me on this subject. Get busy with that brain of yours and let us have your idea.

For Danes in Los Angeles and vicinity, please remember the Danish "Revy" that will be staged in the Danish auditorium on April 11. This affair is for the benefit of the building fund of the Danish church in Los Angeles, a worthy cause, that needs your support and have a good time too.

For years I have advocated discussions of various subjects in the lodges and I was very happy to see the Supreme Board now make the same suggestion. The first subject discussed was an interesting one and I had in mind saying a few things about it, but neither space nor time permits in this issue, but undoubtedly I will say something in the May issue. I have a few figures on the McCarran Act, which I think will be of interest. These figures will also be in the May issue. And speaking about the McCarran Act, do you know, that if you are a naturalized citizen of this great country of ours, you are now only a second class citizen? I think it is about time we second class citizens get a bit aroused about what goes on in Washington. Personally, I earned my citizenship by being a volunteer in the army during the first World War, and I am good and sore about it. What about you?



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Secretary.

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Laramie, Wyoming Celebrates

There was a good attendance at our Sixty-Third Anniversary of Blicher's Lodge No. 38 in Laramie, at the Connor Hotel, March 7.

The evening began with a social hour between 6 and 7 o'clock, followed by a "smorgasbord."

James M. "Sunny Jim" Christensen presided as master of ceremonies for the program in the absence of Robert Christensen, president of the lodge, who was called to Nebraska by the illness of his mother. C. B. Jensen, chairman of the committee on arrangements, welcomed the guests.

Mrs. Christine Bachman, president of the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 13 of Laramie, responded to the welcome.

Mrs. Lona Holt, past supreme trustee of the Sisterhood, who held that office for 18 years, spoke briefly.

Hilmar W. Hansen, of Salt Lake City, supreme vice president of the Danish Brotherhood, was guest speaker for the meeting.

An evening of games, cards, and "just visiting" followed the program.

Visitors from Cheyenne Lodge No. 48 were Mrs. Nels Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vosler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen.

Messages of congratulations and good wishes were received from many notables, friends, and former members of the local lodge including Mrs. Christine Linderud, Supreme Treasurer of the Danish Sisterhood; former Governor and Mrs. Nels Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cluster,

Denver; Mrs. Gayle Drexler, New York; Svend Petersen of Askov, Minn., Supreme President of the Danish Brotherhood; Alex Skelbeck, Omaha, Supreme Secretary of the Brotherhood, and Skerner Rasmussen, secretary of Lodge No. 40 at Rawlins.

The committee arranging the anniversary celebration included Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Olsen and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Andersen.

C. B. JENSEN.

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Spokane, Washington

I am writing you on behalf of members of Lodge No. 42, who would like to see in your magazine news items from Spokane, the home of former Supreme President of the Brotherhood, N. B. Nelson.

Lodge No. 42 has expressed this desire—remembering the interesting bits of news and information our esteemed Brother N. B. used to contribute. However, I hardly expect to equal his standard in this by a long way, but the lodge has become quite active in recent years both in attendance and sociability and would like to let “the world” know about it, that is, to see it in print.

A great deal of this interest has been created by forming the Federation of Danish Lodges—known as the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges and their yearly conventions for which Brother Nelson put forth so much effort. Last year the P. N. convention was held in Spokane and this year it is slated for Seattle under the sponsorship of Lodge No. 29. Date is set for May 15, 16 and 17. We are all going, I think.

We were fortunate in having Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen, Brothers John A. Hansen, President of the Danish Old People’s Home in Seattle and Wm. Petersen, chairman of Convention Committee, make us a visit at our last meeting, March 7. We were given a lot of information relative to plans for the convention and entertainment of delegates and visiting brothers. With these distinguished guests from the coast were Mrs. Otto Nielsen, Mrs. John Hansen and Mrs. Wm. Petersen. As the Danish Sisterhood lodge meets the same evening in the same building as we do, we join with the sisters after the meetings in a light lunch of sandwiches and coffee. These joint meetings generate a lot of sociability (as always happens when Danes get together). Mrs. John Hansen, who is a supreme board officer in the Sisterhood reported to the Sisterhood Lodge on her recent attendance at a Supreme Board meeting in Chicago.

There were five members of the Wilbur Lodge present. It was kind of them to come that distance to meet our visitors from the coast.

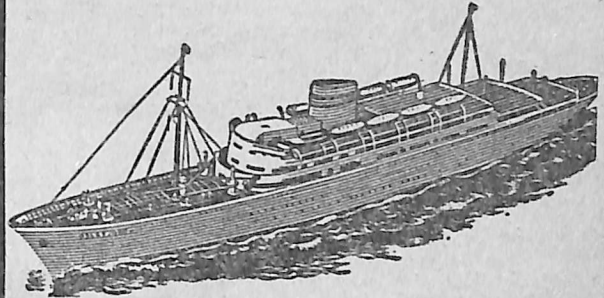
There are two members of Lodge No. 42: Julius J. Danielsen (86) already eligible for 50-year membership emblem and Lars Nielsen who will have reached that time on March 30. We expect to decorate them both at our next meeting, April 4.

Fraternally yours,

L. MORTENSEN,
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Resolutions

RASMUS JENSEN, Ludington, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Rasmus Jensen who passed away February 11th, 1953, in St. Louis, Michigan, the following resolution has been adopted:

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 30 days, and that this resolution be entered in the Lodge minutes, a copy sent to his family, and a copy inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Ludington Lodge No. 51,

Elmer Fredericks, President.
Earl G. Jensen, Secretary.

OLE W. JOHNSON, Plainview, Nebr.

In memory of our departed brother, Ole W. Johnson, who passed away January 28, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting February 12, 1953:

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.

Meldy Johnson, President.
Dale M. Johnson, Secretary.

MICAEL JENSEN, Avon, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Micael Jensen, who passed away February 16, 1953, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 170:

Resolved, that 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 that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, inserted in the minutes of our lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

Niels P. Jensen, President.
J. G. Nordestgaard, Secretary.

LAURITS WESTERGAARD, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother Laurits Westergaard, who passed away March 3, 1953, the following resolution was adopted:

lution was adopted by Seattle Lodge No. 29, at our regular meeting March 11, 1953.

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 D. B. Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

Anton Jessen, President.
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

HANS HANSEN, South Bend, Indiana

The following resolution was adopted at our meeting on March 10, 1953:

In memory of our departed brother, Hans Hansen, who passed away February 20, 1953:

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

In behalf of Assens Lodge 245.

Raymond Cordtz, President.
Louis A. Kasa, Secretary.

New Members

	No. of	Lodge Location	New Member
Howard J. Nielsen	10	Council Bluffs	C. L. Nielsen
John Gellert	14	Kenosha	W. A. Rasmussen
John Gellert	14	Kenosha	Hans Nielsen
J. Zimmerman	14	Kenosha	J. H. Zimmerman
Christian Pedersen	32	New Haven	A. Graversgaard
Christian Pedersen	32	New Haven	Peter Gramm
Erik Garde	37	Bridgeport	K. C. Garde
Erik Garde	37	Bridgeport	Arne R. Garde
John V. Jensen	143	Petaluma	Robert G. Jensen
John Christensen	225	Canton	Niles P. Jacobsen
John Christensen	225	Canton	John A. Carpinelli
John Christensen	225	Canton	David A. Jacobsen
Johannes Jaeger	299	Solvang	Svend B. Hausted
Johannes Jaeger	299	Solvang	Knud Jacobsen
Johannes Jaeger	299	Solvang	Karl Erik Stuck
Paul J. Iversen	299	Solvang	Hans Petersen
Oskar Jensen	306	San Diego	Robert N. Jensen
Einer Lerche	314	Hartford	Erik Lerche
Einer Lerche	314	Hartford	Svend Lerche
J. Tonnesen	314	Hartford	John A. Sivertsen
N. Skipper Nielsen	314	Hartford	Thomas B. Larsen
A. P. Rasmussen	332	Ripon	F. L. Callsen
Alvin N. Olsen	332	Ripon	Clair M. Peterson
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