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No. 5

We Introduce



Craig Lynn Nielsen

young son of Howard Nielsen, a member of Lodge No. 10, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Craig was born on February 7, 1953. His application was submitted to his lodge on February 10 and became effective on March 1, thus to become the youngest boy in whose behalf we have processed an application. This is rightfully so, because the young fellow's father, a right hand man at the home office since August 1947, is a tireless worker for our Brotherhood as a whole, but for our Juvenile Department in particular. Hold on to your hats fellows: This is the eleventh boy sponsored for membership by Howard Nielsen. The grandfather, Erik Nielsen, can well be proud of the boost he has given our Brotherhood through his three sons (beside Howard there are Hans and Aage) and now three grandsons.

Discussion Subject Straw Vote

The tabulation on the front page of the April issue appears to be correct except for one lodge, No. 202 advises that their vote was the reverse of what was stated: it should be NO: 6; YES: 10. Making this change the final total will be NO: 434; YES: 515.

Since publication of the April issue 6 more lodges have sent in their vote which is as follows:

LODGE	"No"	"Yes"
10. Council Bluffs, Iowa	11	0
28. Badger, S. D.	0	10
46. Perth Amboy, N. J.	0	13
184. Hayward, Calif.	0	10
188. Parlier, Calif.	0	14
300. Oneonta, N. Y.	0	14
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Totals carried from	11	61
April 1 issue	434	515
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Final totals 445 576

The 445 "NO" votes means that they want our laws to remain as is, and thus retain compulsory insurance. And the 576 "YES" votes are in favor of making a change and thus have the insurance clause voluntary. This straw vote shows the "grass roots" opinion and should be a guide to the delegates at the Racine convention. It is a simple matter to change the law in this respect; if the delegates so desire.

Sixty-nine lodges took part in the straw vote. It will be observed that 29 voted "NO", and 40 voted "YES." A constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote to carry. Thus on a lodge basis it would have failed to carry by 6 votes. Nevertheless, it is interesting to learn what the present trend is; and it surely is food for further thought and study.

SVEND PETERSEN,
Supreme President.

Midwest District Convention

The Midwest District of the Danish Brotherhood in America, organized last fall, and comprising lodges from Illinois, Upper Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin will hold its annual convention September 5th, 6th, and 7th, (Labor Day Week-end) in Menominee, Michigan. Representatives from our neighboring districts, such as Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa are cordially invited to participate. The good brothers of Lodge No. 59, Menominee, are planning to make this Midwest District meeting one of the best ever, and I know, judging from past experiences, Menominee is a perfect host. Summer is just around the corner, and now is the time to plan for vacations and trips. Menominee, Mich., beautifully located on the shores of Green Bay, where Wisconsin and

Michigan meet, on the fringe of the north woods, is an ideal place to spend a few days, and at the same time meet old and new friends, and discuss our Danish Brotherhood's welfare. This meeting promises to be an outstanding event in every respect, and Menominee awaits YOU with open arms. For reservations contact Brother Hans J. Reuss, Secretary of Lodge No. 59, at 1901—10th St., Menominee, Mich. Hoping to see every lodge in the midwest represented and a big gathering of friends and visitors.

I am, sincerely and fraternally yours,
GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN
District Secretary,
710 Grand Ave., Racine, Wis.

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The Blood Supply

There is a constant appeal on the radio and in the press for blood donations. There is a tremendous demand every day for blood of all types.

Many people are willing to donate blood regularly, and do. But, there are additional millions who would like to give but do not have an opportunity, for the simple reason that they are located in areas where the necessary facilities are not available.

To overcome this the National Fraternal Congress of America is sponsoring a Bloodmobile Project. This is an excellent project. Most of the fraternal organizations in USA belong to the National Congress. The National Congress provides Bloodmobiles and all necessary equipment for collection of blood in rural areas just as fast as money is made available for the project. Several Bloodmobiles have been provided but many more are needed.

The Danish Brotherhood In America has joined with the other fraternal societies in this worthy project. And here is how it works:

Each individual lodge gives just ONE DOLLAR. That is not very much. But it is realized that some of the real small lodges will fail to give their dollar, therefore we ask that the more substantial lodges give \$2 or more. Anyhow, we have pledged ourselves to give \$1 for each lodge we have and have already advanced the money to the National Fraternal Congress.

Therefore, when you send in your next assessment to Omaha, please insert in the blank line at the bottom of the statement:

Bloodmobile Project ----- \$-----

Just add it onto your other remittance. Or if you wish make a separate check for it, but make the check payable to The Danish Brotherhood.

We are depending on every lodge treasurer to take care of this matter in his respective lodge.

SVEND PETERSEN, Supreme President.

Recognition

At the March meeting of the Supreme Board it was decided to give an extra reward to the three brothers who secured the most "Insured Members" during 1952.

Accordingly checks in the amounts of \$15, \$10, and \$5 have been issued to the winners, namely: John Christensen, Lodge No. 225, Canton, Ohio, first; Gerhart Rasmussen, Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Ill., second; and Alfred P. Stark, Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn., third.

In addition to the cash award I would like to add my personal thanks and appreciation to ALL the brothers who secured new members during the year. New members is the life blood of our organization, and we certainly need new members. In spite of the fine work by the many boosters we still had a slight decrease in total membership; the principal cause of which is suspensions.

It might be of interest to quote a few figures on membership all of which are for the full year of 1952:

New Members:

With Insurance -----	295
Social -----	190
Juvenile -----	73
Reinstated, insured -----	9
Reinstated, social -----	1
Total admitted -----	568

Members Lost:

Deaths, insured -----	326
Deaths, social -----	46
Suspended, insured -----	182
Suspended, social -----	84
Suspended, juvenile -----	1
Total lost -----	639

The difference between the two totals show a net loss of 71. Not so bad, of course; BUT, it should be the other way around.

So far 1953 is not any better than 1952; so, let me again suggest that we all pitch in and do our part toward rebuilding our membership.

SVEND PETERSEN,
Supreme President.

MAY ASSESSMENT 647

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE LODGE
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May 1, 1953

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

June 1, 1953

Members failing to pay as per above will be
considered in arrears.

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

Financial Report

MARCH 31, 1953

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1953	\$ 62,801.99
Assessments	10,737.25
Interest on bonds	7,539.25
Bonds matured	5,000.00
	\$ 86,078.49

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$ 16,962.14
Cash surrender	104.78
Collection expense on bonds coupons	7.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1953	69,004.57
	\$ 86,078.49

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1953	\$ 11,993.13
Received in March	1,015.20
	\$ 13,008.33

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 287.10
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	57.63
Rent and lights	181.14
Printing and mailing official publication	391.62
Travel expenses	1,361.58
Lodge supplies purchased	15.12
Per capita tax refunded	1.00
Special typing	55.00
General office expenses	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	942.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1953	9,666.14
	\$ 13,008.33

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1953	\$ 16,996.90
Assessments	30.00
Interest on bonds	325.00
Relief payments returned	9.49
	\$ 17,361.39

Disbursements:

Relief payments	\$ 265.50
Balance on hand March 31, 1953	17,095.89
	\$ 17,361.39

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1953	\$ 1,223.73
Assessments	86.88
	\$ 1,310.61

Disbursements:

Balance on hand March 31, 1953	\$ 1,310.61
	\$ 1,310.61

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$3,860,649.30
Relief fund investments	200,000.00
General fund investments	25,000.00
Cash in bank	97,077.21
	\$4,182,726.51

New Members

Booster	No. of Lodge	Location	New Member
Arne Sondergaard	4	Racine	Axel Petersen
Sam Frederiksen	29	Seattle	John G. Ahlers
Martin J. Hansen	67	Fresno	A. S. Hansen
Paul Herskind	126	Los Angeles	E. Jorgensen
Paul Herskind	126	Los Angeles	Einer Jachel
Niel Urup	139	Viborg	Evald S. Jensen
Henry W. Swensen	167	Portland	Lawrence Cook
Thor. Mouritsen	182	Waukegan	R. Petersen
Thor. Mouritsen	182	Waukegan	V. Marcussen
James H. Johnson	283	Dagmar	Hans J. Larsen
Vivian J. Thuesen	283	Dagmar	Lloyd Anderson
Vivian J. Thuesen	283	Dagmar	Donald Thuesen
Vivian J. Thuesen	283	Dagmar	Leslie Andersen
Vivian J. Thuesen	283	Dagmar	Leo P. Jensen
Hardy Hanson	300	Oneonta	Fred P. Friis
Richard Olsen	300	Oneonta	Jack Olsen
N. Jensen	319	Bakersfield	Ray. Sprehn
Henry A. Johansen	323	Alhambra	T. J. Jepsen

No. 62 Celebrates Anniversary

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges, No. 62 and No. 34, respectively, celebrated their anniversary on March 17. The affair started out as usual with a lovely dinner prepared by the sisters. We were pleased to have a number of guests from Homer, Nebr.

We had a short meeting, followed by singing and speeches. One of our newest members, Ted Carlsen, put on a jolly program entitled "Truth and Consequences."

We are now beginning to look forward to the annual state convention which is to be held here in September. We are only a few, but we will do our best to make it enjoyable for everyone.

Greetings and best wishes from

CHAS. BOULDEN, Sec. No. 62.

KRISTINE RASMUSSEN, Sec. No. 34.

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What's What Is

As you open up this month's issue of our Danish Brotherhood Magazine, you are by necessity thinking of our Annual District Convention of the Pacific Northwest Lodges only a few days hence—May 15, 16 and 17. Seattle, your host city, and Lodge No. 29, your host lodge, a combination which long ago welcomed the incoming pioneers to this new Western Country, is the same friendly and hospitable people today and anxiously await your participation in this splendid affair. We know that much good will be accomplished for our Brotherhood in the sessions we will have but also our fraternal bonds shall strengthen and sustain themselves. Perhaps the greatest news item relative the convention of next week-end is the announcement of not one, but two Supreme Officers joining First Vice President Otto Nielsen in the three day festivity—Guess Who.

And speaking of Number 29 in Seattle, those Brothers who could not be present at their Sixty-fifth Year Anniversary were indeed denied a wonderful evening of fine fellowship. A great lodge, a proud lodge and a friendly lodge celebrated their milestones in first class fashion with a record number of members and others from not only this city but from neighboring towns in attendance. Ex-President William E. Petersen, President Anton Jessen, Past President Edmund S. Olsen and Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen all gave us of their wisdom and guidance as we drank, ate and danced to their plans for the future. Norbert Grove brought greetings and congratulations from Enumclaw's Lodge No. 113 and Tacoma's Lodge No. 33. Richard Trudeau "Good-will Ambassador for Denmark", who as I understand needs no introduction in Danish circles, was the main speaker of the event.

Space does not permit me to chronicle their achievements, but Seattle's DB definitely inspires leadership with respect and acclaim—a goal which the other lodges must strive to attain. Their success surely is an inspiration for all of the thirteen lodges in our great Pacific Northwest.

Astoria, Oregon, Lodge No. 307, has now affiliated themselves with our district organization and we are mighty proud to welcome Secretary Thomas Jorgensen and his nine fellow Brothers into the Northwest group which makes a one hundred per cent participation for Washington and Oregon. Attention: Port Alberni Lodge No. 335—you are next. We would like very much to see full cooperation from the entire Pacific Coast and Canada.

Once again, it becomes my sad duty to make out an obituary and the solemn official details thereto as we speak of the late Hans F. Weston, Senior—a faithful, loyal and devoted member of both Enumclaw's Brotherhood Lodge No. 113 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 75. Brother Weston was born on February 1, 1868, and passed away in Seattle's Swedish Hospital on April 1, 1953, after a very short illness and emergency operation. The vacant chair of this old retired carpenter is conspicuous these days as Hans always attended lodge, rain or shine. Among the many, many Westens and Westons around this part of the state who are all surviving relatives, six nephews were his pallbearers. Closest kin is Past President Fred Weston, his blood brother. Funeral services were conducted by Ex-President Elmer Boy-

sen in proper DBS custom and burial was made on April the fourth in the Evergreen Cemetery. Initiated into our lodge on March 24, 1900, H. F. was also a life member of our Old People's Home to which organization, he bequeathed a thousand dollars and the Memorial Hospital was likewise remembered.

In behalf of the thirty Brothers and Sisters who rode the Special Bus to Portland, week-end of April eleventh, to help celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of DB Lodge 167 at their Heathman Hotel, I am to thank Brother Ed Olsen for the superb arrangements. Among the celebrants were Supreme Vice President Otto and Mrs. Nielsen, District President John A. and Mrs. Hansen (Supreme Sisterhood Trustee Kristinne), Ex-President Carl and Mrs. Grove, and Convention Chairman William and Mrs. Petersen. Liquid refreshments were served followed by a good roast beef banquet dinner with all the trimmings. "Many thanks" from Seattle and Enumclaw to President Elmer Swensen, Toastmaster Chris Petersen, Past District President Peter Pihl, Treasurer Otto Astrum, Secretary Henry Barreth, Committee Chairman C. R. Christensen and all the other wonderful Portlanders who made the event so very enjoyable. "Tickling the humor tumor" a hearty applause and cheering laugh was heard when the Mt. Hood Sisters of Portland graciously presented Lodge No. 167 with an electric coffee maker which the Sisterhood also expected to use. Telegrams were read from Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, from Junction City Lodge No. 268, from Tacoma's Lodge No. 33, from Santa Barbara's Lodge No. 322 and from Brother Melvin Pihl (Pete's son presently in the Service). Clearing the dining room, another expert performance of Portland's Sisterhood Drill Team was witnessed as the ladies, beautifully dressed in champagne taffeta gowns, presented a lovely red rose to each of the Past Presidents of Lodge No. 167. An excellent time was had by all and the dance music was of the very finest. Sunday morning breakfast in Dania Hall was as usual, simply delightful.

Congratulations to Supreme President Svend Petersen and to all his grandsons who are now Juvenile Brothers of our Danish Society. In the same token, best wishes to Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen and his grandsons. May we repeat: "Action speaks louder than words." Let us see some more Juvenile Members for 1953. You and I belong to the greatest organization of its kind in the world—the friendly fraternalism which we together share is out of all proportion to the financial contribution we make for its support. Let's in turn share our benefits with the coming generation. To be convincing on any subject, we must be informed on that subject, and this is particularly true of insurance. As good DBS members, it is our job to sell our sound juvenile insurance to our sons and grandsons. If you need help, see or write your Secretary.

Brothers Paul Jensen, Ellery Einess, Jens Andersen, Bent Espersen and James Tedrick will be the recipient of a "Happy Birthday to you" song at our regular monthly May meeting in Enumclaw. No, we won't tell you their ages, but we will tell you that Paul has been a DBS member for over fifty years—Ellery and James are new young members and have offices in the order—Bent is active as a Director of our Old People's Home and Jens lives over in the Republic, Washington, so we don't see much of him these days. Remember your Birthday

Buck, Brothers. Thanks so much to all you others for your fine response to our pleas.

We are happy to announce that Brothers Jens A. Christensen and Louis Nielsen are up and around again and we are pleased that they can once more attend lodge each month. Also improved in health and we hope for always is Brother Paul Fisher who came down from Kent to show us his most interesting film slides of a recent five month tour through Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France and Switzerland. Spokane's secretary of No. 42, Brother L. Mortensen, informs us that former secretary Svend Kaufmann's wife, Hilda, passed away suddenly.

Saturday, April 18, 1953, was Old Timer's Night in Enumclaw in conjunction with the regular quarterly Board meeting of the Northwest Danish Old People's Home Directors. Session was called to order at 3 p. m., in the Danish Hall, cold lunch refreshments followed, and then the balance of the day and evening was spent in honoring all old members but especially the eightieth birthdays of Brothers Rasmus Christiansen, Fred Weston and Martin Jensen. In addition, fifty year membership and honor pins were presented to Brothers Jens C. Jespersen, Hans P. Nielsen, Martin Jensen and Rasmus Christiansen. A committee, headed by Directors Andrew Hansen and Bent Espersen, perfected all arrangements to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of these Old Timers.

With the assistance of Brothers Elmer Boysen and Roland Espersen. I have been re-appointed to head the Membership Drive for Lodge No. 113. In consequence, we started the year right by initiating two more young men into the Danish Brotherhood of America. Donald D. Holm and Raymond R. Grove took the obligation and we congratulate you both and sincerely welcome you into our folds.

Other committees appointed by President John L. Rieck include Investigating Chairman Carl N. Grove, Ingvald Nelsen and John Hansen; Entertainment Chairman Ellery Siess with help from Brothers Soren Petersen and Andrew Hansen; Publicity Chairman Henry Herchert and Brothers Andrew Drost and Oswald Petersen; and Trail Days Chairman Soren Eriksen and Nis Hansen. The latter activity is a yearly civic undertaking and the DBS will take an active part along with other fraternal entries.

Andrew Hansen and wife, Rosamond, recently attended an insurance convention in California and reported a successful trip. While in the South, Treasurer Andy made it a point to visit several DBS Lodges and as always advertised the Pacific Northwest Brotherhood to our neighbors. At Enumclaw's last meeting, he brought greetings to us from them. That's all, folks.

Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood

NORBERT E. GROVE,

District Secretary-Treasurer.

205 North Tacoma Avenue,
Tacoma, Washington.

The first locomotive to run on rails in America was built by John Stevens in 1825 and operated experimentally on a half-mile circular track at Hoboken, N. J.

American purchasers of new life insurance in 1951 amounted to \$29,148 million, almost three times those of 1940.

Festive Rebild Poster

The annual Rebild Festival in Denmark celebrating the American Independence Day is visited by an increasing number of Americans who tour Denmark and the Continent and want to celebrate the Fourth of July in a festive way.

The Rebild Park Commission, in cooperation with the National Travel Association of Denmark, has introduced a very festive poster, sketched by Thelander, which is really a symphony in color and gives you an impression of the multitude in the heather covered hills. Around the border of this poster are the 48 American flags which wave side by side in Rebild Park—which is said to be the only place in the world where one can see this unique sight!

Posters are now being sent out by the Danish National Travel Office in New York to travel agents all over the United States.

Donations To Children's Homes

Christmas 1952

No. 95, \$10.00; No. 219, \$10.00; No. 319, \$5.00; No. 62, \$5.00; No. 233, \$5.00; No. 185, \$2.00; No. 172, \$10.00; No. 26, \$5.00; No. 319, \$5.00; No. 52, \$1.00; No. 5, \$1.20; No. 12, \$10.00; No. 38, \$5.00; No. 60, \$0.20; No. 121, \$4.20; No. 125, \$3.30; No. 169, \$5.00; No. 170, \$5.00; No. 175, \$2.50; No. 213, \$1.80; No. 298, \$5.00; No. 53, \$2.00; No. 73, \$5.00; No. 85, \$2.00; No. 128, \$3.00; No. 182, \$10.00; No. 327, \$1.50; No. 2, \$5.10; No. 14, \$25.00; No. 34, \$8.00; No. 63, \$2.00; No. 127, \$2.00; No. 144, \$5.00; No. 153, \$1.70; No. 194, \$3.00; No. 198, \$2.00; No. 206, \$2.50; No. 225, \$5.00; No. 239, \$4.00; No. 249, \$2.00; No. 277, \$1.00; No. 311, \$1.75; No. 315, \$1.00; No. 331, \$3.00; No. 62, \$5.00; No. 119, \$2.00; No. 149, \$5.00; No. 160, \$3.00; No. 183, \$10.00; No. 190, \$10.00; No. 202, \$5.00; No. 4, \$50.00; No. 7, \$3.00; No. 28, \$3.00; No. 89, \$5.00; No. 109, \$2.00; No. 139, \$15.00; No. 177, \$5.00; No. 214, \$2.00; No. 224, \$1.00; No. 251, \$2.00; No. 306, \$5.00; No. 314, \$10.00; No. 9, \$3.00; No. 54, \$2.75; No. 64, \$5.00; No. 75, \$10.00; No. 92, \$9.00; No. 123, \$2.00; No. 147, \$6.50; No. 185, \$2.00; No. 191, \$8.00; No. 221, \$1.50; No. 222, \$2.00; No. 228, \$2.50; No. 234, \$2.00; No. 238, \$3.00; No. 266, \$0.80; No. 269, \$0.80; No. 296, \$2.00; No. 301, \$4.00; No. 317, \$5.00; No. 67, \$6.70; No. 29, \$45.00; No. 41, \$10.00; No. 43, \$10.00; No. 65, \$5.00; No. 84, \$5.00; No. 171, \$5.00; No. 253, \$2.00; No. 281, \$5.00; No. 299, \$4.00; D. S. S. No. 10, \$12.00; No. 15, \$5.00; No. 32, \$10.00; No. 69, \$5.00; No. 116, \$5.00; No. 186, \$7.00; No. 216, \$1.00; No. 217, \$3.00; No. 227, \$30.00; D. S. S. No. 6, \$5.50; No. 1, \$25.00; No. 111, \$5.00; No. 3, \$5.00; No. 205, \$5.80; No. 233, \$5.00; No. 233, \$15.00; No. 321, \$5.00; Peter Johnsen of Lodge 139, \$1.00; No. 10, \$10.00; No. 56, \$15.00; No. 110, \$5.00; No. 113, \$10.00; No. 157, \$5.00; No. 260, \$2.00; No. 261, \$10.00; No. 112, \$5.00; No. 95, \$10.00; No. 263, \$15.00; No. 245, \$5.00; No. 37, \$10.00.

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Notes From Spokane

Thursday, April 16th, was proclaimed Hans Christian Andersen Day for Spokane by Mayor Arthur Meehan. The occasion being the arrival by Stratoliner of the new Musical Wonderfilm of Hans Christian Andersen, the renowned Danish story-teller.

In connection with the arrival of the film there was a rather impressive gathering of our Danish people of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges here, arranged to enhance the ceremony and planned by Sam Goldwyn, the producer, and H. B. Sorensen, chief burgomaster of Copenhagen. The procedure was about as follows: A gift and a scroll which arrived on the same plane was presented to Mayor Meehan by Ingvard Eskeberg, V. Pres. of the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges Federation and it read as follows: "I, H. B. Sorensen, chief burgomaster of Copenhagen, invite you and the people of Spokane to visit the land of Hans Christian Andersen and as a token of good will send this gift to Mayor Arthur Meehan of Spokane from the people of Denmark. Dated this 15th day of April, 1953."

The gift was a signed plate of Royal Danish china, showing a Copenhagen harbor scene, that of the Mermaid resting upon a rock.

At our last meeting, April 4th, our entertainment committee knew that we members with birthdays in the month of April were coming so—baked us a cake. The cake was two feet by four feet and plenty deep (I ought to know, I had to cut it). The cake was served at our joint luncheon after the business meetings of Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

"Let Us Be Builders"

What a splendid phrase, Brother Julius Andersen. It set me thinking and by talking about it with a few of the brothers there developed the question as to what and where to get the type of material best suited to build the lodge.

Of course, in the months to come we have been invited to discuss the advisability of admitting ladies to our fraternity. At the moment I have reached no conclusion to that question. I have however, given a lot of thought as to how we can get more of our young sons to take an interest in the things we do in connection with lodge meetings.

In order to discuss this problem it might be well to consider the objects of the fraternity at the time of its birth. Its purposes were to promote sociability, security and to maintain the memory of our mother country, Denmark. Today, however, many of our members were not born in Denmark, but in America. Those of us who were fortunate enough to grow up in a community where there were Danish churches, schools and gymnasiums joined the lodge more readily than those without this background.

Now, however, our young sons know very little or nothing of Danish traditions and are not particularly interested in joining us because they see very little connection with what goes on at our socials and public activities and the projects in which they take part through their school groups or "neighbor-

hood gangs." What are they interested in? It isn't the playing of cards, which so many of our older members like to take part. It isn't in our dinner socials or smorgasbord that mean so much to our older members' sociability. Dancing, perhaps, some. But, have you ever known a boy that didn't go in for modeling and flying small model airplanes? Or take part in soap box derbys, midget car racing, hot rods and mechanics in general?

Well, if we can find some way whereby our lodges can help our sons promote their hobbies, then certain of our members can pal up with these boys and give them an evening now and then in our lodge quarters, where they can come and display their handicrafts, get acquainted with one another, discuss their ideas and inventions, then I believe we would have a much easier time to sell them membership in our institution when they arrive at the age of eligibility.

Why not bring this matter up for discussion at our district conventions?

Next month I plan to discuss some ideas relative to those young members we have induced to become members but who reluctantly attend our meetings. We must also find some ways of interesting them in our affairs so that they do not drop out later.

L. MORTENSEN, Sec. Lodge No. 42.

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California Suggestions

Paul Herskind, one of the spark plugs of Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, gets out a very neat sheet entitled "President's Message." From the April issue we select the following item:

Our Supreme President, Svend Petersen, asks for suggestions in the Brotherhood magazine. Rudolph Olsen of San Francisco is waiting for your suggestions and has prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 available. Here is your chance of earning a little money, but more important, of helping the Brotherhood. Personally I can think of a dozen suggestions, but I would like to have you offer them. Here are a few hints: "What about modernizing our rituals?" Goodness knows they need to be revised or shall we say re-juvenated. Another hint: "Does the General Committee of California deserve to be recognized by the Supreme Lodge?" "Does the General Committee do anything constructive for the local lodges under their supervision?" or are they present in a body only at the State convention. "Does the General Committee watch that the supreme by-laws are adhered to in the local lodges as well as in their own organization?" I could go on, but put your opinion on paper and mail it to Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco. These letters will be read over carefully before our next General convention in October in Fresno, and the best three letters get a prize. You are doing something for your brothers, giving them food for thought, beside competing for a money prize.

Write it in Danish or English.

"Modersmaalet" No. 164, New York, Has Golden Anniversary

The efforts of an efficient committee was crowned with success and showered with thanks for the fine Golden Anniversary celebration at Danish Athletic Club (in Brooklyn) by a capacity attendance on Friday evening, April 10.

An elaborate dinner was preceded by a cocktail hour and followed by greetings from many visiting groups. The official speakers for the evening were Hon. Sigurd Christensen, Consul General; Svend Petersen, Supreme President; Paul Thofner, President of General Committee; Robert Holmer, President of Danish Athletic Club; Carla Larsen, President D. S. S. No. 79; Henry Bungard, President D. B. S. No. 164.

The evening terminated with social visiting and dancing.

Paul Brown was chairman of the committee and Paul Petersen officiated as Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Kirkegaard Jensen from Perth Amboy, gave the invocation and John K. Lysen was the speaker of the evening for the lodge.

It was a grand and glorious affair which will be long remembered.

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Pacific Northwest District Convention

It is May 15, 16, and 17 that the District Convention of the Pacific Northwest Lodges will be held in Seattle; the about complete program you, I expect, read in the last issue of his Magazine.

The committee did ask you to sign up with your local secretary for hotel reservations which closes about May 1, so if you by this time have not made this reservation, better either tell your local secretary, or write direct to I. Jensen, 1849 King St., Seattle 44, Washington, in order to have this matter taken care of.

In regard to the meals: The dinner in Washington Hall Friday, the lunch Saturday, and the banquet, must also be taken care of, do not delay any of it, and give us a few days to complete the final arrangements, last day to sign up for meals is May 10, 1953.

The entertainment will be better than expected, because Greta Larsen went to work after the committee asked her to make arrangements for a play. She got members of the Senior League, seven of them, to put over the most enjoyable play "WOMEN WILL GOSSIP." They are now working on the play, with Greta in one of the leading parts. The members of the Senior League have been before the foot light many times, and are well worth looking at.

The D. S. "Evergreen" Lodge No. 40's well known drill team will perform some of their most outstanding exhibitions in the line of drill. We all know it is a fine and well trained drill team, and with their fancy maneuvers will be a fine part of the entertainment.

Both the play and drills will be the entertainment for Friday evening at the Washington Hall.

Saturday, May 16, the meetings will be held in the Washington Hall from 9:30 to lunch period; then again meeting from 1:30 on and on. There will be initiation of new members and installation of new officers.

Same time as the brothers, the sisters will meet at the New Washington Hotel, and the time for their meetings will be about the same as the brothers.

At the New Washington Hotel will be served cocktails at 6:30 p. m., and the banquet will start at 7 p.m.

Among the specially invited guests are Hon. Allen Pomeroy, Mayor of the City of Seattle; Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer of the Danish Brotherhood; H. M. Andersen, Supreme Trustee, D. B.; and our own Otto Nielsen, Supreme First Vice President of D. B.; and last but not least, also our own Kristine Hansen, Supreme Trustee, D. S. S. To have such outstanding people with us, should be enough alone to make a visit worth while, so join us in making this convention a success.

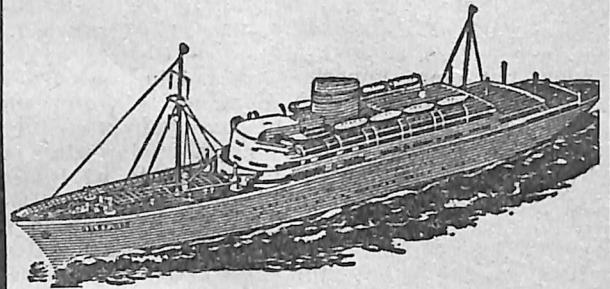
If your time does not allow you to take part in the meetings, then sign up for the banquet before May 10.

At 9 p. m., dance until midnight. During Saturday evening the drawing for the TV set, and the wrist watch will take place. A fine evening is guaranteed one and all, but remember you must sign up.

From 9 a. m., to 11 a. m., breakfast is served to delegates and visitors at the Washington Hall. Then good by, until we meet again.

I. JENSEN, Secretary.

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Resolutions

RASMUS PETERSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Rasmus Petersen, who passed away March 10, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting March 13:

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 Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis.

Carl Gustafson, Secretary.

JENS N. PETERSEN, McMinnville, Oregon

In memory of our departed brother who passed away March 21, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Vest Kysten Lodge No. 194:

Resolved that we deeply mourn the loss of a good, true and most loyal member of our order; for many years our treasurer; that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

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.

Peter Rasmussen, President,
Jens C. Pedersen, Secretary, pro-tem.

Sv. Aa. LAURITZEN, København, Danmark

Med sorg maa meddeles at vor broderkæde atter er brudt. Den 5. marts 1953 afgik Broder Sv. Aa. Lauritzen ved døden efter kort tids sygdom. Loge 318 vil derfor beklæde sit logealter med sorgeflor for et tidsrum af 30 dage og indrykke denne resolution i Brodersafundsbladet, hvorefter kopi sendes til efterladtes Hustru. Ære være hans minde.

K. Lindahl, President,
Alb. Petersen, Sekretær.

HERMAN F. LARSEN, Ludington, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Herman F. Larsen, who passed away March 21, 1953 at Veteran's hospital in Saginaw, 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.

O. H. B. CHRISTIANSEN, Waterloo, Iowa

In most sincere memory of our brother, Oscar Christiansen, who passed away March 13th, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting April 10th, 1953.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of a good and loyal brother and hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of Waterloo Lodge No. 212.

Sam Jensen, President,
Kristen Hansen, Secretary.

HENRY HANSEN, Rochester, N. Y.

We are deeply saddened by the death of our Brother, Henry Hansen. He was a man's man. He was simple and unpretentious. He never whimpered or whined when fate occasionally went against him. He brought humor and good cheer with him wherever he went and our lodge will miss him sorely.

Henry was a successful man, the father of five sons

and two daughters, to all of whom he lent his assistance, financially and otherwise. He leaves a priceless heritage to his children, for in their veins is the blood of an honest, generous man and a steadfast friend. While still in love with life and absorbed in many plans and preparations for the future, he was struck down and passed to silent dust. But the memory of him will live forever in the hearts of his friends.

Be it resolved, that we, the members of the Danish Brotherhood, do hereby express our deep feeling in the death of our brother, Henry Hansen, and that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days in his memory, and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, entered in our minutes, and also sent to his bereaved family.

Paul Otto Peters, Secretary, No. 240.

CHRISTIAN PEDERSEN, Waterloo, Iowa

In most sincere memory of our brother, Chris. Pedersen, who passed away March 20th, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting April 10th, 1953:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of a good and loyal brother and hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of Waterloo Lodge No. 212.

Sam Jensen, President,
Kristen Hansen, Secretary.

HARRY HANSEN, Omaha, Nebr.

In memory of our departed brother, Harry Hansen, who passed away March 9th, 1953:

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

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

Lawrence Hansen, President,
Chris Jensen, Secretary.

NIELS L. HOLM, Milwaukee, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Niels L. Holm, who passed away on March 31, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting April 14, 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 30 days; that this resolution be entered in our minutes, published in the D. B. Magazine and a copy be sent to his family.

John Jacobsen, President, 36,
Edward Juel, Secretary, 36.

HANS F. WESTEN, Senior, Enumclaw, Wash.

In memoriam of our faithful, loyal and devoted brother, Hans F. Westen, Senior, who passed away April 1, 1953, Enumclaw Danish Brotherhood No. 113 resolves:

That we deeply regret the loss of our good member and that we extend to his kin our most sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be properly draped in mourning for thirty days, this resolution be entered in our regular lodge minutes, inserted in our Magazine, and a copy sent to his blood brother.

John L. Rieck, President,
Norbert E. Grove, Secretary.

ANDERS K. PEDERSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Anders K. Pedersen, who passed away March 26, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting March 27, 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.

Carl Gustafson, Secretary.

News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

Philadelphia, Penn., Lodge No. 172, Enighedden

We note that the date for the 50th anniversary of Enighedden Lodge, will be Saturday, June the 6th. The secretary of the committee is Gunnar Froelick and I am sure he will be glad to hear from you. A souvenir program is being made for the occasion and several committees are formed so that the affair will be run off in a fine manner.

We note that Brother Hoyer was the winner of an award for his stamp collection. Congratulations, Brother Hoyer.

A most successful card party was held in January, jointly sponsored by the brother and sister lodges there and another was held again April the 11th.

We also note that George Cortsen from now on will have a lot of time on his hands, now we will be seeing him to meetings, etc. all over, good luck to you George and come and see us some time.

The home in Metuchen has again been favored by a good brother. Brother Anthony Lawrence, who recently passed away, has left \$1,000.00 to the home. Certainly no better place could be found and I am sure it is appreciated much.

Wendia Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y.

Wendia Lodge, in the heart of the Finger Lake region in western New York, celebrated its annual dinner and dance at the American Legion Home in Penn Yan on Friday, March 27th.

The tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and places were set for 130 persons.

The guest speaker for the evening was Paul Thofner, President of the G. C. and Superintendent of the home for aged in Metuchen.

The toastmaster allowed him only 15 minutes for his speech; but can do it in such a way that he in that short time could and did give a splendid talk on the home also on the G. C. and the coming convention to be held at the home.

After the dinner, dancing was enjoyed to the music of the Lilyes orchestra and a fine time was had by all present.

Long Island Lodge No. 325

Valley Stream, N. Y.—A gathering of over 90 people met Friday, April 10, at the open meeting of DBA Lodge 325. The gathering was treated to three reels of motion picture.

Two reels were about the New York World's Fair of 1939. One reel concerned itself chiefly with Denmark Day, June 5, 1939. Shots of the Crown Prince and Princess were seen. Many DBA members were there in person and they were also seen. The movies brought back pleasant memories. The

other reel showed scenes of the Danish countryside, a Danish wedding, the fishing fleets, the rich verdant farm land, the simple ways of a happy folk. The films were shown through the cooperation of Brother John Jorgensen.

The members of the lodge were eagerly looking forward to the following events, the Danish Breakfast and the mock turtle dinner at the Norden Restaurant on Long Island which will have taken place by time of this edition. More will be said in the next edition about these affairs.

The attendance of as many of its members as possible is being sought by the lodge. The next meeting is Friday, May 8, in the VFW hall, Merrick road, Valley Stream, Long Island, at 9:00 P. M. See you there!

Meeting in Rosenborg Lodge No. 102

At the April meeting in Providence, R. I., election was held for delegate and alternate for the convention in Metuchen. Vice President Fred. Mortensen was elected delegate and George V. Petersen, alternate.

During the meeting the secretary read a short history of Rosenborg lodge from the day it was started to its present day.

This was written by Brother George V. Petersen, taken from the old records. It was most interesting to hear just how your lodge got its start and how it had progressed. Of course, in Providence, not many Danes have ever resided there, and the largest membership ever, was 54, now it is 34. Many brothers expressed their appreciation for this. The Sisterhood is again having a bean supper, we know from the last, that it will be well worth coming to.

We receive regularly the monthly paper from Newark Lodge and Schenectady, this month is no exception; but we find a lot there of interest to members only of the respective lodges and therefore do not feel we should print it here.

We do note however that both lodges each month print the name of brothers who will celebrate their birthday in the month the paper comes out, we add our congratulations to all of them. To those who are ill and not able to come to meetings, etc., we send our sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery for all.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

The April issue of our National Magazine was very interesting in many respects. To begin with it carries the statistics of all our lodges, and by comparing this year's issue with the April issue of 1952, (presuming you did not throw it away) you will notice how much your own lodge gained, or converse, how much it lost during the year. The Brotherhood as a whole lost 133 members. The total membership as of January 1, 1953 is now 12,300, which of course, includes all types of members, such as social, juvenile and active members. During the year the lodges paid out more sick benefit than last year. You may not agree with me, but to me, it is through help we can give our members when sick and sometimes needy, that we really show the spirit of Brotherhood. Our insurance is on a hard cash basis and we can expect very little here. But when a lodge, as I have seen time and again, decides to keep a brother in good standing when the member is unable to do it himself, that too is a true expression of Brotherhood.

As usual, Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco paid out more sick benefit than any other lodge, in that it paid out \$3,539.00, which is a mighty tidy sum of money for a lodge to pay out. It is close to \$10.00 per member. And we must say, it was well done.

May I suggest to all you members who are contemplating traveling to keep the March number of the Magazine, as you will find listed all our lodges, as well as the meeting nights and names and addresses of secretaries. Some years ago, when I was traveling 6 months out of the year, the March issue was always in my brief case. And some night when in a strange city and you are wondering if there is a lodge handy, take a look and you will soon find out.

In last month's issue I mentioned something about the McCarran Act which has been imposed upon us. It will perhaps be remembered that this act was passed over the veto of President Truman, who realized that the act perpetuated injustice of long standing in that it retains the worst features of the 1924 act. Here is a chart which is illuminating to say the least.

Country	Population	Immigration
		Quota
Great Britain	50,000,000	65,721
Germany	67,000,000	25,957
Ireland	2,990,000	17,853
Italy	46,000,000	6,524
Sweden	7,000,000	3,314
Norway	3,230,000	2,377
Denmark	4,230,000	1,181

I have not listed the other countries as I feel above will suffice as an illustration. But there is about 150,000 immigrants permitted to enter this country annually and of these 109,531 are allotted to Great Britain, Germany and Ireland. To boil it down to how it looks on a percentage basis, here is how it works:

- Ireland: One out of every 167
- British: One out of every 760
- German: One out of every 2,581
- Italian: One out of every 7,932

And so down the line. Is it any wonder that meetings are held all over the land trying to repeal this act. As the San Francisco Chronicle recently said, it is a slur to the vast majority in this country who are not of Irish extraction. Here are some more figures which according to the act shows the value of each Irish immigrant in comparison to others:

- 4 times each British immigrant
- 15 times each German immigrant
- 47 times each Italian immigrant
- 79 times each French immigrant and so forth.

And when may we expect a change in the immigration laws? That is hard to say, but there certainly will be no change unless we, together with the other nationalities discriminated against, take some concerted action. Until then, the immigration question will continue to be a political football.

All of the above leads, of course, to something, and that something is the interesting question which was recently debated in our various lodges. Albeit, at the suggestion of the Supreme Board. The result as listed in the April issue, is also interesting. Our late Brother Martin Cramer of 49 used to say that: "Man stikker Fingeren i Jorden og lugter til den, saa ved vi hvor vi er." Well, perhaps that was the idea with the discussion, the Supreme Board "stak Fingeren i Jorden og lugtede til den." Undoubtedly all this is political wise, there are so many things to be considered at the next convention. But no one so far has been able to show me, just what we gain by taking away our insurance and let members join as social members. Exactly what would our organization be? And such members could certainly not expect to be able to hold office, vote on matters pertaining to insurance and/or sick benefit in the lodges that have such arrangement. What would the lodge gain? Some have stated that we can get new blood into the lodge, but certainly not through immigration, until such time as we are able to change the unfair law. Our laws at the moment allow for the joining in our organization of any white man who is married to a Danish woman and/or of Danish descent. And if all the men married to Danish women could be persuaded to join, we could maintain our membership for many years to come.

And this brings me down to a gripe I have against the Supreme Board. As the Supreme Board is similar to the directors of a regular insurance company, we have a right to assume that they will be able to assist the membership in selling its insurance. It is expected that each member at sometime or another will be able to secure a new member and as such each member is assumed to be an insurance salesman. What working tools do we have? None that I know off. Not a single piece of literature to place in the hands of prospective members. Some years ago a little pamphlet was printed, with a list of the lodges when started and other statistics, but not a sales piece at all. Is the Supreme Board so economy minded, that it cannot see the necessity of printing a few good folders to be distributed to the lodge members in order to assist them in selling our stuff?? And mind you, we have good insurance to sell, speaking from

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Supreme Board

Monday, March 16

The semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America convened at the Home Office, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha, Nebraska on Monday, March 16, 1953. All officers were present, as follows: Svend Petersen, President; Otto Nielsen, First Vice-President; Hilmar W. Hansen, Second Vice-President; Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer; Viggo E. Mikkelsen, Hans Norregaard and Hans M. Andersen, Trustees.

Svend Petersen presided and called the meeting to order at nine o'clock in the forenoon. He opened the first session with a hearty welcome to everyone and announced the agenda for the meeting.

The secretary read greetings from C. B. Christensen, John Hansen and N. C. Nielsen, former members of the Board, and from many others.

The President gave a verbal report on the many activities of his office since the last Board meeting. The report included comments on lodge visits in many areas. There are serious problems facing us, if we are to go forward, and it is necessary to find ways to interest more members to expend efforts to boost our membership, here at home, he said. And continued: We are thankful to the handful of members who are doing the job so well.

Time was here consumed in an exchange of comments and opinions.

The President then designated an unbroken afternoon session today to the subject of extending insurance to members in Canada, so that this important matter will get first and undivided attention. Lesser business was given attention during the balance of the forenoon.

A number of requests for contributions to worthy purposes comes to the Home Office from time to time, which in the past were either ignored or handled by the Secretary as a personal matter. By motion duly made and seconded, an amount up to \$100 annually was allotted for such purposes, at the discretion of the Secretary-Treasurer.

The probable benefit which advertising in the Danish Press in the U. S. A. could have for our Brotherhood was debated next. It was felt that, although past experience produced inquiries only from sections of the country where we have no lodges and thus not prepared to serve a prospective member adequately, advertising could have great merit.

It was moved by Hilmar W. Hansen, duly seconded and the motion adopted: That we endeavor to exchange advertising with the Danish Pioneer, published in Omaha by the Sophus F. Neble Publishing Company.

An "In Memoriam" card to be made available for the use of local lodges, when sending condolences to the family of a deceased member, was proposed by Hilmar W. Hansen, pursuant to a decision at a previous meeting. The card now proposed was well received and was unanimously adopted with minor changes. An initial supply of 750 cards was authorized.

Continuing the meeting after lunch recess, Otto Nielsen was given the floor to report and comment in respect to the writing of insurance in Canada. He said that he and Axel Skelbeck had exchanged

ideas on the subject since our last meeting, but there is nothing new beyond the report on which the Board took action last September and which now is of record. In fairness to everyone concerned, he said, it is difficult to know what else can be done before this question again is reviewed and decided by a national convention. I strongly feel, he continued, that there is a field for a Fraternal Benefit Order in Canada and I believe that we would be proud to function as a link among Danish Immigrants there, if we can possibly find a way to do it. While we probably can not go any further at this time in the way of deciding the issue, I am sure it will help matters along if our secretary could come out to the Pacific Northwest to talk the matter over with our members there, in as much as it is the lodges there which sponsored this bill at the 1951 national convention.

The discussion which followed resulted in a motion by Otto Nielsen, duly made, seconded and adopted:

"Resolved that by an act of the Supreme Board at this meeting. Axel Skelbeck is hereby instructed to attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Lodges to be held in Seattle, Washington, May 15-17, 1953 for the purposes now set forth: 1. To inform the membership of the Dominion Insurance Department's regulations for issuing benefit certificates in Canada. 2. To advise them of the Supreme Board's action in this matter up to this point; and 3. To discuss the possibilities for local lodges of our Brotherhood to function in Canada with insurance, under Canadian regulations.

Further resolved: That Axel Skelbeck hereby is instructed to offer Vancouver Lodge No. 328 to attend a meeting of Canadian members, to be held in the City of Vancouver, B. C., at a time to coincide with the PNL meeting, and preferably on May 13, for the same purposes as stated under points 1, 2 and 3 in the first part of this resolution; provided, however, that such meeting can be arranged and is desired by the members."

Tuesday, March 17

The meeting convened at 9:30 a. m., in the safe deposit vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha, with all members of the Board and the bookkeeper participating. The time was spent in taking inventory of the securities owned and clipping the interest coupons coming due in the period from April 1 up to and including the month of September 1953. The coupons were sorted and segregated by month of due date.

The meeting reconvened at the Home Office later

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the insurance angle alone, not to mention the social and racial idea behind it. And if I may be permitted to be a bit vulgar, I would say—come on you guys and get off the pot, and let us spend a few dollars in order to save our organization from going to pieces.

As this is written, our Brother Dan Chr. Andersen, and His Imperial Highness, Akihito, the Crown Prince of Japan, are sailing on the Queen Elizabeth from New York, each with a party of about 50. Whether or not Dan and Akihito will have an Old Carlsberg together is of course problematic. But if I know Dan right, he will return with some good shots in his movie camera of the Prince and other interesting passengers. Mentioning Old Carlsberg reminds me, that when I was in New York some months ago, the Chief Stewart on the Queen Elizabeth told me that they sold more Carlsberg Beer in Cunard Ships than any other beverage.

Next month I hope to have some data from Fresno, our next convention city. Remember the days, October 15, 16 and 17.

Anniversary Celebrated

Albert Lea Lodge No. 75 and Austin Lodge No. 111 had a joint celebration of their anniversaries at the V. F. W. hall in Albert Lea on April 25.

There was a capacity attendance at the banquet where Bert Godfredsen of Austin was master of ceremonies, calling on several visitors as well as the presidents from the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges. Outside guest speakers were S. Ove Hermansen, Askov, president of the United DBS lodges in Minnesota, and Supreme President Svend Petersen.

The evening terminated with social visiting and dancing.

Coming Events

Midwest District Convention, Menominee, Mich., September 5, 6, 7, 1953.

Secretary And Treasurer Changes

New Secretaries:

Lodge No. 278, L. A. Kolby, 57 Richards St., Salt Lake City 1, Utah.

Lodge No. 330, Aksel Rasmussen, Box 2209, Prince George, B. C., Canada.

New Treasurers:

Lodge No. 206, Chris K. Bendorf, Blair, Nebraska.
Lodge No. 227, Ib Johansen, 11934 Indiana, Detroit 4, Michigan.

Lodge No. 330, Niels J. Stjerngaard, Box 2232, Prince George, B. C., Canada.

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in the day at which time the Trustees submitted a written report on the audit of the investments of the Society:

This is to certify that we the undersigned Trustees of The Danish Brotherhood in America have this date checked and audited the bonds deposited in the vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska. We found the total face value of such securities to be in agreement with the Society's books. Dated: March 17, 1953 and signed: Viggo Mikkelsen, Hans E. Norregaard and Hans M. Andersen, Trustees.

While most of the General Relief Applications for the 1953 distribution, effective April 1, were decided previously, 31 remained for final decision. Thereafter the Secretary reported that 214 applications were approved for this year's distribution.

Several applications for special relief, in amounts recommended by the member's lodge ranging from \$50 to \$300, were also given attention at this time.

Wednesday, March 18

Meeting called to order at 9 a. m.

On the several subjects to come before this meeting for general discussion, Hilmar W. Hansen took the lead in this session with a number of written observations in respect to the deflationary effect on our membership, caused by the suspension of members for non-payment. He went on to show that close to 40 per cent of memberships lapsed from all causes were due to suspension. The reason for this particular type of loss is hard to determine, he reported, but could probably with good reason be attributed to carelessness to a great extent, rather than for lack of money in these affluent times and under the special circumstances under which we can handle such needy cases. Brother Hansen enumerated a four-point program which he felt would be a preventive measure and a help to reduce the large percentage of these losses.

Next followed Axel Skelbeck with a paper on the Juvenile Department. It was made clear that there is a steady, progressive growth in the juvenile memberships. To date there has been no losses by death and only three withdrawals. Also to date there has been a 100 per cent graduation to adult membership of those so eligible. Some of the ideas mentioned at previous meetings were put into effect in the interim, and from all indications have proven satisfactory. Several thoughts in respect to the promotion of juvenile memberships were discussed and recorded for use in the immediate future. It was interesting to note that approximately 90 per cent of new inquiries coming direct to the Home Office are from mothers and usually include request for information concerning insurance on girls.

Viggo E. Mikkelsen dealt with the subject of lodge-meeting attendance. He concluded that meetings could, and should, be made lively and interesting. One sure way to build for this type of meeting, he said, is to encourage larger attendance at the meetings. He recommended that a program for

allowing attendance prizes to the local lodges be tried.

A discussion of Mikkelsen's recommendation brought a motion from Otto Nielsen: That an amount up to a maximum of \$250 be allowed for the purpose stated and that Viggo Mikkelsen be left in full charge of the details in connection therewith.

Hans M. Andersen presented a treatise on the subject of securing new members. He strongly emphasized the importance of keeping the good name of our Society out in public and constantly in front of those eligible for membership. The liberal use of folders, envelope stuffers, and the like, was mentioned as having been neglected. He recommended that it be tried. He also recommended that the system of cash prizes be continued again in 1953, but, in addition, those of our members who had shown outstanding results in securing new applications should be further rewarded with special competitive prizes, not to exceed three in number and provided the results obtained would merit it. This could best be determined at the end of the year. As an example it was mentioned that three special prizes for the year 1952 could probably be awarded at this meeting. The Board would then decide at the Spring 1954 meeting whether similar prizes can be awarded for 1953 results.

It was agreed by general consent to provide advertising material in the form of folders suitable for envelope enclosures, as suggested by Brother Andersen.

Further action in this respect took the form of a motion from Axel Skelbeck: That cash rewards for securing new adult members in 1953 be allowed at the rate of \$1 for each \$250 of insurance becoming effective, with a minimum of \$1 per member. The \$1 rate to apply also in respect to social and juvenile members. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

Also a motion by Viggo Mikkelsen, duly made, seconded and adopted: That three membership prizes be awarded for meritorious efforts to the three members who secured the most insured members in 1952. A first prize of \$25; a second of \$15 and a third of \$10.

Next, the Secretary reported that our supply of "Rebild Platten" was sold out. A net income of \$239.97 was realized, not counting the clerical labor involved.

Upon motion by Viggo Mikkelsen, duly seconded and carried, the net income from the sale of "Rebild Platten" was paid into the Scholarship Fund.

The amount of \$1,729.79 remaining from the 1947 Denmark Excursion was transferred from our commercial account to an interest bearing account in the Omaha Loan and Building Association, by unanimous decision awaiting further development for the use of this money.

Hilmar W. Hansen recommended that the use of the new song books be encouraged, and suggested that a sample copy be permitted to be sent gratis

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to the lodges which would like to see them. It was so decided by general consent.

The thought of using Radio programs as a medium of advertisement had been investigated and found too prohibitive in cost and was thus abandoned at this time.

Axel Skelbeck reported on the requirements prescribed in the new California Insurance Code, called to our attention by the Insurance Department for California, in respect to Benefit Certificates intended for delivery in that State. Of the many changes to be met, the one which most seriously affect us (in so far as costs are concerned) is the provision for new rates and non-forfeiture values. Our efforts to get permission to continue with the American Experience Table of Mortality and 3 per cent interest assumption, on which our present assessment rates and certificate values are based, failed because this table does not meet the new standards for writing insurance in California. The new California Law prescribes that assessment rates and certificate values must be based on an Experience Table which will produce results similar to those produced by the Commissions Standard Ordinary Table and 2½ per cent interest. Due to a point yet in dispute, time for having the new certificate—and application forms designed, printed and approved by the Department of Insurance for California was extended to September 21, 1953.

Duly considering the fact that our only other alternative would be to withdraw our license to issue Benefit Certificates in California, it was recommended by Axel Skelbeck that we, in all respects, meet the California requirements for delivering Benefit Certificates in that State, if we possibly can. It was so moved by Hans M. Andersen, duly seconded and carried.

By reason of the decision just made in respect to writing insurance in California, it was moved by Axel Skelbeck: That we adopt the Commissioners

Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality and 2½ per cent interest (CSO & 2½ per cent) for general use effective January 1, 1954. Duly seconded the motion carried.

Thursday, March 19

The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m.

The film referred to in the minutes of the meeting in September of 1952 as the "1938 Denmark Excursion Film" was shown before a group of members at a meeting in lodge No. 195 Wednesday evening. The general opinion is that the film would have little interest for showing in the lodges as originally intended.

Upon motion by Hans M. Andersen, duly seconded and carried, the Secretary was instructed to return the film to Ex-Supreme President, Brother John Hansen with our best thanks for giving us a chance to inspect them.

The form for use in applying for General Relief for next year's distribution was revised by mutual efforts.

The informal ballots received to date on the 1953 First Quarter subject, suggested for discussion in the lodges, were reviewed. The response was gratifying and beyond expectations and found worthy for publication in the monthly Magazine.

By motion of Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded and carried, it was decided to transfer \$6,230.49 from the Mortuary Fund, as authorized in effect by section 49 in the by-laws, for the 1952 calendar year.

On the discussion of this subject, it was found advisable to prepare for the 1955 National Convention expenses by setting up a reserve for that purpose. It was subsequently moved by Hans M. Andersen that an amount of \$5,000 from the General Fund be set aside for aforesaid purpose.

A report in behalf of the Finance Committee was made by Axel Skelbeck, covering the activities since the last meeting of the Board. In the interim the Committee had handled only such bonds as had

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
March 9	Niels F. Sorensen	84	Ulsted, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1899		\$ 789.93
Feb. 20	Hans Hansen	79	Karum, Fyn Den.	245	South Bend, Ind.	1909	Coronary Occulusion	458.42
March 11	Hans P. Nielsen	85	Ormslöv, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1900	Arteriosclerosis	392.51
March 8	Egelund Mathisen	71	Hammerø, Norway	306	San Diego, Calif.	1914	Arteriosclerosis	247.72
March 19	John P. Schoer	67	Copenhagen, Den.	291	Ogden, Utah	1924	Coronary Thrombosis	500.00
March 4	Peter A. Doctor	80	Svendborg, Amt., Den.	167	Portland, Oregon	1904	Cerebral Thrombosis	1000.00
March 13	Oscar H. Christiansen	61	Fjerritslev, Den.	212	Waterloo, Iowa	1936	Heart disease	250.00
March 20	Christian Pedersen	75	Horsens, Denmark	212	Waterloo, Iowa	1916	Coronary heart disease	250.00
March 17	Christ T. Salmonsén	73	Hundborg, T. Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1904		461.21
March 18	Jan Jansen	83	Copenhagen, Den.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1913	Broncho pneumonia	250.00
March 17	Soren Larsen	90	Sommering, S., Den.	206	Blair, Nebr.	1905	Cerebral hemorrhage	900.00
March 27	Alexander A. Kalsen	51	Richmond Hill, N. Y.	116	Newark, N. J.	1921	Coronary Occulusion	250.00
March 21	Jens N. Petersen	85	Nykjøbing Morsø, Den.	194	McMinnville, Ore.	1900	Broncho pneumonia	785.03
March 19	Jess P. Bundesen	66	Denmark	154	Withee, Wis.	1915	Broncho pneumonia	1000.00
March 17	Hans F. Hansen	75	Fairplan, Mich.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1919	Uremia	1000.00
March 20	Lorentz L. Boysen	67	Slesvig, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1913	Hypernephroma	500.00
March 25	Niels Nielsen	92	Skanderborg, Den.	238	Juhl, Mich.	1902	Pemicious Anemia	353.51
March 10	Rasmus Petersen	83	Krogshølle, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1907	Bronchiectasis	1000.00
March 21	Erik Jensen	83	Ringkøbing, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1904	Coronary thrombosis	1000.00
March 21	Herman Larsen	61	Ludington, Mich.	51	Ludington, Mich.	1910	Cerebral Hemorrhage	250.00
March 29	William Bay	68	Copenhagen, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1927	Carcinoma	500.00
Jan. 25	Oscar Peterson	77	Copenhagen, Den.	65	Duluth, Minn.	1909	Heart failure	928.54
March 14	Oscar F. Wilson	91	Aalborg, Amt., Den.	160	Underwood, Minn.	1903	Carcinoma	362.12
March 30	Jens M. Jensen	69	Hørbyepr, H. Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1923	Cerebral Hemorrhage	250.00
March 19	Magnus Hauschildt	68	Denmark	154	Withee, Wis.	1912	Coronary Thrombosis	997.90
March 18	Christian L. Nielsen	71	Roskilde, Denmark	263	Askov, Minn.	1919	Not given	250.00
Jan. 12	Niels C. Lohn	88	Hylleholt, S., Den.	198	Kenmare, N. D.	1908	Arteriosclerosis	217.81
March 26	Andrew Skow	62	Omaha, Nebr.	88	Elba, Nebr.	1923	Coronary Sclerosis	500.00
April 10	Mads Hansen	84	Vejle, Denmark	2	Neenah, Wis.	1904	Carcinoma	1000.00
March 5	S. A. Lauritzen	55	Copenhagen, Den.	318	Copenhagen, Den.	1944	No report	Social
March 11	L. Runge	85	Slesvig, Denmark	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1925	No report	Social

matured or were called for redemption. The report was accepted by motion of Hans M. Andersen, duly seconded and carried.

The President reported in respect to the Scholarship Fund established by the 1951 National Convention. He said that the response to appeals for contributions to this fund were disappointing, to say the least. He said we shall soon face the unpleasant fact of deciding whether or not this fund shall be abolished for lack of funds and refund to the donor of contributions so far received.

For the time being it was decided to continue to give the Scholarship Fund publicity, and make appeals for support, in the columns of our monthly Magazine.

A communication was at hand from Mr. Fred K. Holm, Chairman of the Law-Committee for Lodge No. 126, asking for a ruling on the question as to who may install the officers in a local lodge.

Upon discussion of this matter the secretary was instructed to advise Brother Holm that in as much as the laws of the Brotherhood are silent on this question, there would seem to be no authority on which to base the instructions on page 76 of the present book of rituals. Therefore the Board will rule that any lawfully elected and functioning officer of a local lodge may install the officers in his own lodge or any other local lodge of our Brotherhood. This rule to remain in effect until regulations governing the installation of local lodge officers can be decided by a national convention.

As Advertising Manager of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine Axel Skelbeck asked the Board to consider the question as to whether it would be advantageous for us to broaden our field of advertising. A contact was had with a prominent member of our Brotherhood with experience in that line of work. A substantial amount of continuous advertising from firms in Denmark could most likely be secured

through that channel. The consensus was that we would not want to enlarge our advertising field in the foreseeable future.

All insured members who receive payment of their insurance on their 96th birthday will henceforth be considered Honorary Members of our Brotherhood, without payment of dues or taxes to the Home Office, pursuant to a motion made by Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded and adopted.

A communication was read from the National Fraternal Congress of America in which notice is given that The Congress has embarked on a program to appeal to all Fraternal Societies for contributions at the rate of \$1 for each local lodge in the Society. The funds so collected will be used for the purchase of fully equipped Bloodmobiles to be donated to the American Red Cross in the name of the Societies which have contributed. In order that every fraternal lodge in the country may have a chance to participate in these humanitarian efforts it was suggested that the Home Office underwrite the total and thereafter assume the responsibility of making the local collections.

It was moved by Otto Nielsen that our Brotherhood participate in this program and that we hereby allow an amount from our General Fund which will equal \$1 for each lawfully functioning lodge as of December 31, 1952, and then appeal to each lodge to reimburse the General Fund on a voluntary basis. Duly seconded and carried. (The contribution amounted to \$205.00).

The financial statement as filed with the various Insurance Departments for the year 1952 was reviewed in the greatest of detail. Total admitted assets at year-end is \$4,035,648.74 against \$3,987,445.00 on the same date of 1951. A very satisfactory increase in asset value.

An invitation was read from the Nebraska General Committee to attend the 1953 annual meeting to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Saturday, September 19. The secretary was instructed to respond that as many as possible will attend, but the Supreme President is designated to officially represent the Board.

Upon motion by Hilmar W. Hansen, duly seconded and adopted the next regular meeting of the full Board became scheduled for September 21, being the third Monday in September, 1953.

There being no further business to transact, this meeting of the Board was adjourned at 5:50 o'clock in the afternoon.

Svend Petersen presided at, and all members attended all sessions of the meeting.

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.

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