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## *Who Is This Little Fellow?*



This is not a guessing contest. That would not be fair, for I am perhaps the only D. B. member who knows him—and I have not known him very long.

No, he is just an average American "live wire" boy.

But, he can not become a member in our Juvenile Insurance Department because he is NOT of Danish Descent.

But, he can become a member of our society when he grows up—if he gets married to a woman of **Danish Descent**. There are millions more like him in our land.

The point that I wish to call attention to is the words: "Danish Descent." What does Danish Descent embrace?

Our general information circular states as follows:

Any honorable and respectable white man, between the ages of 16 and 50 years, who is of Danish descent or who has obtained Danish

citizenship or who is married to a woman of Danish descent, may become an insured and full benefit member subject to the provisions of the by-laws.

(The last convention increased the age limit to 60 years, and made the insurance clause optional from age 50 to 60.)

Then the folder goes on to say:

This is all correct and according to our by-laws. **BUT**, is it right. If you are in good health then you must take out life insurance. If you can not pass a satisfactory medical examination, then you may become a "Social Member."

It seems to me that we should be able to adopt a more simplified requirement for membership in our society.

New members are the life blood of our organization.

Fraternally yours,

**SVEND PETERSEN,**  
Supreme President.

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## Membership Replacement

Under the above caption "The Danish Brotherhood News," lodge No. 4's monthly newspaper, carries the following excellent editorial. (It is to be remembered that Lodge No. 4 is the largest in our organization and Racine is our host city just 27 months from now.)

One of the most discussed problems at our meetings is—and have been for a number of years—how to replace deceased, dropped and resigned members. Several lines of thoughts are dominant. Some believe that our juvenile department will act as a good "membership feeder," if we would get behind this project and eventually set up some sort of recreational activities for our juvenile members to catch their interest. So far our lodge cannot point too proudly to our efforts in getting juvenile members. Others think that by admitting members without requiring life insurance would swell our membership. This was the discussion subject for February as submitted by our Supreme Board and has been discussed thoroughly at several meetings. Those favoring non-compulsory insurance say, "Let's sell membership, not insurance, most prospects have enough insurance and want no more." The opposing side point to the fact that compulsory insurance has held our present members from dropping out. They point out, that other Danish Fraternal Orders that eliminated compulsory insurance have not gained in membership, but quite to the contrary, have declined in number. Another group have expressed the thought that we could take members into our lodge, with the required minimum insurance, but with reduced lodge dues and with no claim to sick benefit. Then there are those who say in effect, "We have done our duties as a Danish fraternal order. We lived up to and beyond all our obligations. We served well when service was required. We have a glorious past but now we have outlived

our usefulness. Let us work together as long and as peacefully as possible and maybe the future will bring a solution." And not a few of our members are of the opinion that as long as we have our building and club facilities, operated as now for non-members as well as members, and supported mostly by non-member activities, why worry too much about getting new members? Eventually, they say, instead of being eligible for membership by merely being married to a Danish woman, a person will be eligible by being sponsored or proposed by a member, regardless of nationally or marriage connections, brought about by a necessity, not at presently envisioned nor acceptable, and there may be those of still other opinions. In addition to above mentioned lines of thought, come the problems of what to do for our juvenile and teen-age members and is fact, how best to hold our present membership intact; to awaken, build up and stimulate their interest in Lodge No. 4 particularly and the Danish Brotherhood generally. Some would forget that Lodge No. 4 even with all its own advantages is but a part of the Danish Brotherhood in America, and bound and limited by the national convention directives. But our greatest problem is this: **our present source of membership supply is practically depleted.** Those few arriving from Denmark, who are interested in becoming members and many of them are not, is but an eyedropper application to each of our lodges spread over our vast country. Such is our membership problem. Has anyone the solution? Our various ideas and opinions must eventually be molded into one formula acceptable to the majority. Ours in a democratic organization, the most difficult of all organizations to administrate intelligently because it depends for its success and development on the judgments and decisions of so many of us. But judgment and decision depend on information and understanding and a respect for your lodge brother's opinion, just as you would have him take notice of your opinion. When the heat of a debate has been subjected to the cooling process of collective reasoning, a satisfactory solution can usually be found. It is proper to expect our Supreme Board as well as our local officers to accept their responsibility and obligation by truthfully informing our members of all the facts, so we can have the tools of good judgment and wise decision. Membership replacement is a vital problem now, and for the future. It is a challenge to us. A challenge and an obligation to every loyal member, which he should accept and accept now, without evasion or procrastination, but with a feeling of responsibility and a knowledge of the implications involved.

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When an industrial worker in the United States spends an hour's pay at the grocery store, he gets more than five times as much as a Russian worker spending an hour's pay for food in a Moscow State store, according to a Department of Labor report.

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The earliest authenticated strike of workers in the United States in a single trade occurred in 1786 when Philadelphia printers gained a minimum wage of \$6 a week.

# Financial Report

APRIL 30, 1953

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand April 1, 1953 -----	\$ 69,004.57
Assessments -----	10,189.22
Bonds called -----	22,000.00
Premium on bonds sold -----	60.00
Interest on bonds -----	8,113.45
Interest on certificate loans -----	2.40
Premium on currency exchange -----	8.02

\$ 109,377.66

Disbursements:

Cash surrender -----	\$ 974.84
Death claims -----	14,431.36
Bonds purchased - 81 M -----	71,695.00
Premium on bonds purchased -----	251.47
Interest accrued on bonds purchased -----	816.86
Collection expense on bond coupons -----	5.00
Balance on hand April 30, 1953 -----	21,203.13

\$ 109,377.66

## General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand April 1, 1953 -----	\$ 9,666.14
Received in April -----	937.31

\$ 10,603.45

Disbursements:

Adv., Ptg., and Stationery -----	\$ 43.71
Postage, exp., tele., etc. -----	62.13
Ptg., and mlg., official publication -----	428.46
Rent and lights -----	180.74
Membership rewards -----	55.00
Travel expenses -----	238.30
Towel service -----	4.50
Bloodmobile donation -----	205.00
General office expenses -----	50.00
Employer taxes paid, S. S. and unemp. -----	20.83
Salaries to officers and employees -----	971.25
Balance on hand April 30, 1953 -----	8,343.53

\$ 10,603.45

## Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand April 1, 1953 -----	\$ 17,095.89
Relief assessments -----	9,011.00
Interest on bonds -----	187.50
Relief payments returned -----	16.54

\$ 26,310.93

Disbursements:

Relief payments -----	\$ 1,901.76
Postage -----	6.00
Bonds purchased -----	20,000.00
Balance on hand April 30, 1953 -----	4,403.17

\$ 26,310.93

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand April 1, 1953 -----	\$ 1,310.61
Assessments -----	88.78

\$ 1,399.39

## Disbursements:

Balance on hand April 30, 1953 ----- \$ 1,399.39

\$ 1,399.39

## Assets

Mortuary Fund investments -----	\$3,919,649.30
Relief Fund investments -----	220,000.00
General Fund investments -----	25,000.00
Cash in bank -----	35,349.22

\$4,199,998.52

# Honor Roll

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1953
328	Vancouver, B. C. Canada	13	163
4	Racine, Wis.	9	537
322	Santa Barbara, California	9	101
283	Dagmar, Montana	8	133
225	Canton, Ohio	6	27
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	6	174
334	Geneva, New York	6	42
49	San Francisco, California	5	367
301	Akron, Ohio	5	39
306	San Diego, California	5	49
314	Hartford, Connecticut	5	195

(Juveniles included in the above.)

## LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
225	John Christensen,	Canton Ohio	6
242	Wylie S. Hansen,	Erie, Pennsylvania	5
334	E. W. Christensen,	Geneva, New York	5
49	Jacob C. Friedrichsen,	San Francisco, Calif.	4
283	Vivian J. Thuesen,	Dagmar, Montana	4
301	Johannes Pedersen,	Akron, Ohio	4
4	Arne Sondergaard,	Racine, Wisconsin	3
75	Donald Nielsen,	Albert Lea, Minnesota	3
106	Edward C. Hansen,	Trufant, Michigan	3
126	Paul Herskind,	Los Angeles, Calif.	3
283	Roy Rasmussen,	Dagmar, Montana	3
299	Johannes Jaeger,	Solvang, California	3
322	Nels P. Christensen,	Santa Barbara, Calif.	3
322	O. F. Pedersen,	Santa Barbara, Calif.	3

(Juveniles included in the above.)

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## DBS Soundings

The Fourth Annual District Convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood held in Seattle on the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth of May with Lodge No. 29 as host, expresses its sincere appreciation to all those who made the event a success. The weather was fine and the welcome was first rate. Seattle's DBS and DSS are to be congratulated for their hospitality, refreshments and good will during the three day gathering which enabled everyone to thoroughly enjoy themselves—the most congenial spirit and atmosphere prevailed. What better proof of a successful convention could we have than the fact that there were approximately 300 delegates and visiting members present, we initiated 3 new Brothers into our Order, and we were indeed happy in having 3 of the 7 Supreme Board with us as we transacted our association business—First Vice President Otto Nielsen, Renton, Washington; Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, Omaha, Nebraska; and Trustee Hans M. Andersen, Parlier, California. Each of these distinguished men expressed complete satisfaction with the events of the occasion. probably one of the most experienced committee chairman in the entire Brotherhood, Secretary Immanuel Jensen, was "Charge de Affaires." In behalf of the other District Officers, I say to all of you who came from so far away, "Our gratefulness is genuine."

All in all, our sessions proved to be very interesting meetings where many questions concerning the welfare of our organization were discussed at length. Aply assisting President John A. Hansen in charge, were several Brothers including William Petersen, Ed Olsen, John Peterson, Martin Rasmussen and the Supreme Officers with their unlimited knowledge and wisdom of Brotherhood details. It is most fortunate we have such a Brother as our own "Otto" in our midst to dispense with his able assistance when needed. Not like most speakers who amble along to the accompaniment of thousands of words of mediocre uninspiring oratory, all our speeches were short and to the point. Invited to the banquet and dance was the Honorable Allan Pomeroy, Mayor of the City of Seattle—it was educational to hear his message.

Still groggy from an overdose of "chickenitis," I must say that the Saturday Night Banquet of "one-half large roast spring chicken with chestnut dressing and avocado salad" was of the very, very best. However, no better than similar spreads for lo, these many years that Mr. and Mrs. Hening Nielsen have mastered their culinary arts, was this climax to that day's program. Many of you who read this were there so I am writing for the benefit of all who missed the grand finale—we honestly feel sorry for you who had to miss it.

A bang-up program of excellent entertainment was on hand both Friday and Saturday with a play entitled "Women Will Gossip" staged immediately after dinner. Seen and heard were the cast of Greta, Inger and Margaret Larsen, Harriet and Anna Falck, and Barbara Richards. Three of Seattle's lovely Sisterhood ladies gave us a sample of their vocal talents. Next we had an exhibition of the DSS Evergreen Lodge No. 40 Drill team. Everyone also enjoyed our dance at the New Washington Hotel, Second Avenue and Steward Street.

Now that the annual convention and banquet is over and our 1953-54 district officers have been installed, we will get back to the humdrum life of our regular routine of our individual lodges which will not be at all humdrum if the plans of our new President Ingvard Eskeberg work out as he anticipates. It appears that he has some untried ideas in getting new members and we are back of him one hundred per cent. Each lodge in the district will undoubtedly be visited by Vard during the coming twelve months but meanwhile we should take heed of the several important actions taken up at the convention—all looking to the improvement of our great fraternity. That part of our business meets which dealt with progress showed advances in every field and had reached new levels of accomplishment.

Yes, Washington Hall at 153 Fourteenth Avenue in Seattle swelled and throbbed with Brotherhood these three days as a beehive of activity. The PNW of the DBS in America and Canada were once again brought together as one big happy family. Every committee knew what its particular job was and each Brother of No. 29 virtually became a "host at large." I am sure that not one visitor left this convention who cannot truthfully say that he or she did not have the time of their life and never did they see a finer example of the friendliness of friendly fraternalism.

Special thanks were voted by the membership to the Treasurer of Lodge Number 29, Andrew Hansen, who prepared the arrangement for Enumclaw's Old Timer's Night to which honorary affair about seventy-five attended; to Old People's Home Director Bent Espersen for his plan of having the quarterly meeting of the Board on the same date, April eighteenth; and to the Sisterhood who had a crew of faithful workers in charge of the refreshment preparations. All the Rasmus Christiansen family were present as were most of the Fred Weston clan in honoring their DBS standard bearers. Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen, District President John A. Hansen and Resident Manager of the Home, Arne Nielsen, as well as their wives, took an active part in the celebration. Thanks to all you Sisters and Brothers for each little act you put forth in making this night on to be remembered by our foundation members, our Old Timers—some of the finest descendants of Denmark's Vikings. Commemorating the eightieth birthdays of Brothers Rasmus and Fred together with Brother Martin Jensen, honor and tribute were also given to four old faithful members who have earned their fiftieth year membership pin—Brothers Jens C. Jespersen, Hans P. Nielsen, Martin Jensen and Rasmus Christiansen. Jens was initiated on December 3, 1902 and Rasmus on April 25, 1903.

I have just read the "President's Message," an official publication from Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 by President Paul Herskind. Next, I picked up Enighed Lodge No. 172's organ "Lurbladet" put out by Brother John H. Nissen and Secretary Gunnar C. Froelich of Philadelphia. To say merely that I enjoyed every word of these Sister Lodges would be far from sufficient praise—they are to be highly complimented for a job well done. Each pamphlet urges the same slogan "Attend Lodge Meetings Regularly." It is too bad that every DBS Lodge cannot have a nice little newspaper such as these to publicize the news items of a local nature—our National Magazine could then be used for only larger scale exchanges and brainstorm of our Brothers for few

peoples surpass the Danes in the composition of eulogies and poetry.

You California Brothers who have not read and digested the very complete and unabridged report of your Thirty First Annual Convention of the DBS General Committee by your very efficient Secretary-Treasurer Rudolph Olsen should do so by all means. It is a masterpiece and comprehensive in every detail. Brother Olsen spent many an hour on the typewriter—the least you can do is to spend a few minutes to read it. Thanks for sending me a copy, Rudolph, and in behalf of your Brothers to the North, we would like to congratulate you on your twenty-fifth year as an Officer on the General Committee.

Vind's Lodge No. 42, our DBS in Spokane, has a KKKK (Kards, Kage and Koffee Klub) organization. Unlike the KKK who have gained unfavorable comment in various parts of our country, the main activity of the Spokanians is "pinocle." Be that as it may, playing cards is not all our Brothers do in Spokane—recently, several of the boys helped promote a presentation of a gift and proclamation from the Mayor of Copenhagen to Mayor Meehan of Spokane in behalf of the film "Hans Christian Andersen." Participating in this promotion were the very active Brothers Ingvard Eskeberg and L. Mortensen who rounded out quite a number of Danes for the Geiger Field Air Port and City Hall ceremonies.

Past District President Carl Grove's "Voluntary Birthday Club" for the benefit of our Old People's Home is growing month after month. This new "dollar a year" plan helps in a large measure to make the last Christmas holidays of many of our aged brothers and their wives more pleasant. Take the family for a drive some Sunday to show them what the Danish Brother and Sisterhood is doing and at the same time let the old folks know that they are not forgotten—address: 10010 Des Moines Way, Seattle. June Birthday greetings to Brothers Chris Nielsen, Helmer Grove, Martin Petersen, Hans Vodder and John Jokumsen, who are marking their birthdays this month. May the years ahead be filled with health and happiness for you all.

Among the many who are making a summer trip to Denmark this season are Mr. and Mrs. Carl N. Grove, Mrs. Chris Andersen of Paulsbo, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mortensen from Seattle, and Head Trustee of No. 29 Mads Mauridsen and family who all leave on June the eighth via plane. It is Dad and Mother's first trip back to Fredericia since 1919 and after about a three month's vacation, they will return to Detroit for a new automobile before heading West once more.

We are just getting "under the line" as Editor Svend Petersen goes to press—more about our Fourth Annual Pacific Northwest Convention next time. May we close this month's column by sending congratulations and best wishes to Philadelphia's Brotherhood No. 172 who will celebrate their Golden Jubilee, on June the sixth.

NORBERT E. GROVE,  
District Secretary-Treasurer  
Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood  
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## A Memoir

The death of Brother Peter Johnson, charter member and first president of DBS Lodge No. 139, Viborg, S. D., came suddenly on Sunday afternoon, April 12th, at Bethesda Home for the Aged, Beresford, S. D., where he had had his home and been well cared for the last eighteen years of his life. He had attended chapel services in the forenoon, as was his custom. At about 2:00 p. m. he was taken ill and died soon afterwards. He was 89 years, 7 months and 12 days at the time of his death. He is survived by a niece and nephew at Viborg and by relatives in Wisconsin and in Denmark. He never married. The young woman of his choice died of T. B. in the early part of the century and he remained a confirmed bachelor ever since.

Peter Johnson was born at Aabybro, Denmark, on August 20, 1863, the son of Jens S. and Karen Christensen. He came to the U. S. A. in 1888, and lived in Racine, Wis., three years before moving to the then new town of Viborg in South Dakota, where a sister and her family resided. Here he made his home until 1935 when, because of failing health, he took up his residence at the Bethesda Home.

For many years he worked at his trade as a stone-mason and plasterer. Later, when Viborg had grown to maturity, he joined the merchants there as a hog buyer. And he was successful in business as he had been in his trade.

Being always a booster for the DBS, he, with a few others, in 1906, promoted the erecting of a fine DBS hall, spacious and adequate enough to serve the lodge and the fast growing town. But, as often happens, the cost of the project went far beyond the original estimate. And it took years of planning, hard work and ingenuity before the incurred indebtedness was cleared.

But P. J. was among those who shouldered more than his share of the obligation. He was for many years the hall manager. And he handled the business and the finances as he would have his own. He knew from personal experience the value of a dollar. And every penny he handled was duly accounted for.

To help lift the lodge out of the red, he promoted, among other things, a rollerskating rink in the hall, which for a time became a popular recreation center for the people of Viborg and vicinity.

He was a man of clean habits and of absolute integrity, tall of stature, quiet of manner but unique of character. His dry, occasionally subtle, humor and unpredictable witty retorts will long be remembered in the communities where he lived. Much could be written about our brother in regard to his uniqueness of character. But as this writer knew him for only the short span of sixty years, he feels himself utterly unqualified to do justice to the task. Only a couple illustrations shall here be attempted.

After an especially busy forenoon in the stock yards and much haggling with the farmers, P. J. finally found time to go to a nearby restaurant for a meal. A farmer who was sitting at the lunch counter asked if he was going to join him for a cup of coffee and a sandwich. "No," said our friend, "I'm tired and hungry and want a full meal." "Oh sure," said the man, "you can well afford the best when we farmers pay for it." P. J. gave no reply. But when

he had finished his dinner and paid the check, he walked up to the man, shook his hand and thanked him politely for the meal.

When the first airplane was seen over Viborg a group of very excited people stood in the street watching it. One man said: "I would surely hate to be up there with that contraption." P. J. looking up said: "I'd hate to be up there without it."

It is with deep regret that we witness the passing, one by one, of the early members of our fraternity. They were among the pioneer builders of many localities. Their achievements through thrift and frugality, often despite hardships and privations, have been a real asset to our country. May their memory be an inspiration to the generations that follow!

Peter Johnson's funeral was held at the Bethany Lutheran church in Viborg. He was laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery.

N. A. JORGENSEN  
Salem, S. D.

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## Portland, Oregon Celebrates 50th Anniversary

In the March issue C. R. Christensen had an article about the coming of our Fiftieth Anniversary on April 11; well that is but a memory now, and a very pleasant one.

First we want to say thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters from Seattle, Enumclaw and Junction City, who came to Portland to help us celebrate. We extend our thanks to the Supreme Officers, all the Lodges, to Private Pihl, who wired us telegrams and letters of congratulations. We appreciated them all very much.

The banquet at the Heathman Hotel was a huge success, first a cocktail was served to all, then dinner. Brother Chris Petersen was toastmaster for the evening. To make a long story short, I will just name a few of the many that gave speeches: Our President, Elmer Swensen; First Supreme Vice President, Otto Nielsen, Seattle; President of Northwest District, John Hansen, Seattle; Past President of the Northwest District Carl Grove, Enumclaw; Pete Pihl, Magnus Esrom, and the President of the Sisterhood in Portland, Mrs. Margaret Esrom, who presented No. 167 with a large coffemaker from the Sisterhood and their drill team.

After the dinner the Sisterhood Floral Degree Drill Team of Portland performed a couple of drills (thanks again ladies). Then the dance commenced, to Bob Fuller's 5-piece orchestra, enjoyed by young and old the rest of the evening.

Sunday morning breakfast was served for the out of town guests before they departed for their respective homes.

Here is another item from Portland, that I would like to mention; now that I am in the mood of writing, which doesn't happen very often, sorry to

say. On April 20th our Bowling League finished the season with some real good scores. Nielsen Jewelers won with 50 games to their credit, Columbia Creamery 49 games, Yamhill Bakery 47 games and Liberty Transfer 46 games. That is the kind of scores that makes bowling interesting, either team could have come out on top or tied for first place on the last evening we played.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY BERRETH.

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## Straw Vote Ballot

**Discussion Subject For The Second Quarter Of 1953:**

Shall we admit ladies as regular members, under the same rules and regulations as apply for men?

Result for vote in Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

YES.....

NO.....

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary.

Send this, or a similar report, before July 12, 1953, to

The Danish Brotherhood in America.  
908 W. O. W. Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr

## Resolutions

### H. HJERNOE, Duluth, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, H. Hjerno, who passed away May 12, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting:

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.

Roland M. Hansen, Secretary.

### FRED BREUNING, Woodstock, Ill.

Med Sorg maa meddeles, at vor Broderkæde atter er bruddt. Den 24de April afgik Broder Fred Breuning ved Døden efter kort Tids Sygdom.

Lodge Nr. 234 vil derfor bekæde Logens Charter med Sørgeflor for et Tidsrum af 30 dage og indrykke denne Resolution i Brodersamfundets Blad og en Kopi sendes til hans Hustru.

Ære være hans Minde.

Lars Jensen, Præsident  
Jens Mikkelsen, Sekretær.

### PETER M. HAVMILLER, Byram, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Peter M. Havmiller, who passed away May 9, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting May 9 1953:

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.

Vilhelm Larsen, President  
Allan Josty, Secretary.

### CHRISTIAN NIELSEN, Arcata, Calif.

In memory of our departed Brother, Christian Nielsen, who passed away on the 21st day of April, 1953.

The following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 230. Be it resolved that we deeply regret the loss of a loyal and true member who was a charter member of our lodge and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his wife and family.

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 230.

Peter Iversen, President  
Gunnar Ladefoged, Secretary.

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**JACOB JACOBSEN, Austin, Minnesota**

The following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting in memory of our departed brother and charter member, Jacob Jacobsen, who passed away April 19th, 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 in mourning for 30 days and this resolution be inserted in our minutes, the D. B. Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

Carl Thomsen, President  
Otto M. Anderson, Secretary.

**ANDERS K. PEDERSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.**

Brother Anders K. Pedersen of Minneapolis Lodge No. 45 passed away March 26, 1953. Brother Pedersen was born in Fruestviborg, Denmark, December 19, 1890. He joined Lodge No. 45 April 7, 1910.

Brother Pedersen was a Past President of the lodge and one of the hardest working members within the Brotherhood. He was an officer of the United Lodges of Minnesota.

Lodge No. 45 extends its deepest sympathy to his wife and family. He was a true and loyal brother and will be sadly missed by everyone.

Carl Gustafson, Secretary.

**MARTIN J. C. CLAUSEN, Seattle, Wash.**

In memory of our departed brother, Martin J. C. Clausen, who passed away April 9, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 29 at our regular meeting April 29, 1953:

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

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

Anton Jessen, President  
Immanuel Jensen, Secretary.

**PETER JOHNSEN, Viborg, S. D.**

In memory of our charter member, Brother Peter Johnsen, who passed away April 12, 1953, 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 our minutes, inserted in the Viborg Enterprise and the Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

In behalf of Viborg Lodge 139,

Anton Jacobsen, President  
Niels Hansen, Secretary.

# News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

On Saturday, May the 2nd, we attended a meeting of the officers for the G. C. Had a most enjoyable afternoon, where all of interest to the D. B., and the E. G. C. especially, was discussed. Present also was Past Sup. Pres. Bysted Christensen. It is gratifying to hear these fellows discuss our Brotherhood and hear their enthusiasm for same; the coming convention, to be held at the home in Metuchen, was of course also discussed.

In the evening we took part in the banquet the Sisters had to top off their annual convention which had been held there in New Haven the three days previous. It was a beautiful affair with tables decorated in a beautiful manner; the dinner was fine and the several speakers were all short, but really to the point. The main speaker for the evening was Sup. Pres. for the Sisterhood, Marguerite Christensen from Newark; Sup. V. Pres. Edith Seidel was also present. The President of the G. C. Paul Thofner and the full board of officers were present as was the Past Sup. Pres. of D. B., C. B. Christensen. Dancing followed the dinner, it was a nice party.

From New Haven, Conn., Lodge No. 32, we hear that on June the 10th at the regular meeting, invitations have been sent out to neighboring lodges, we know visitors will be present and expect to be there too, in person, hope to see many good friends and brothers that evening.

Godthaab Lodge No. 183 in Troy, N. Y., wishes to let it be known that on October 24th, 1953, they will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a dinner and dance at the Dania Hall, 112th St. in Troy.

A committee has been appointed and is working hard to make this affair an outstanding one, several notable speakers will be invited and knowing the folks in Troy, we are sure you will not be disappointed if you mark this date on your calendar and come to Troy.

You will hear more about this affair as the time goes on.

## Derby, Conn., Lodge No. 41

The meeting in April in Derby, Conn., was called a Paul Thofner night. The President of the G. C. with members from his lodge in Byram was there, also visitors from Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury.

Waterbury even brought with them a candidate for initiation into the Brotherhood and Paul Thofner with the help of other visiting brothers initiated the new brother into the D. B.

It was a real booster night for the Conn. lodges and the brotherhood in general. Hoping that more of these meetings will take place, you note of course that New Haven is on the way in June.

I am sorry, I did not get the name of the new member, but I believe he came from Canada recently.

From Newark, N. J., No. 116 we hear that Brother Hans Nielsen with family is leaving for Denmark on a vacation trip, we wish them a pleasant trip and trust Hans will not miss a meeting in Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen. Hans, bring my greetings to them there. At the last meeting in Newark, 4 new applications were received, one was brought in by Brother John Hansen, his 50th candidate. More power to you John.

In Schenectady Lodge No. 190 a birthday party was had at the last meeting in April, the party was in honor of Fred. Andersen, Whit Larsen, Clarence Hansen, Jack Marx and Chris. Biering, delicious Bøf med Løg was served and it was really a fine supper.

Another birthday party will be held at the meeting on May the 20.

On June the 3rd a Tri-City get-together meeting will be held. Bysted Christensen and his committee has promised a fine meeting, lots of entertainment and refreshments will be on hand.

The bowling league held its annual banquet on Sunday, April the 19th in the hall after a most enjoyable cocktail hour, a fine roast beef dinner was served with all trimmings.

The President of the league, Harold Hansen, presented trophies to John H. Petersen, Inc., and to Christensen and Nielsen for their fine support to the league. Also trophies to the several high scorers for the season.

Sportsmen's awards were presented to Bill Christensen and Henry Bukke.

## Peter M. Howmiller from Port Chester, Passes On

Many brothers here in the East will remember Brother Howmiller from Port Chester, or rather Byram. Peter came to U. S. in 1906 and resided in Byram until 1928; moving then to Greenwich where he made his home until 1935. For the past 13 years he resided in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is survived by his wife and 5 children, also his father who lives in Denmark. For the past few months he was living with his daughter in Warwick, R. I., it was my good fortune to have a few visits with him before he passed on, he died at Kent Memorial Hospital on Saturday, May the 9th.

He was a member of Lodge No. 50 in Byram, Conn.

In connection with the joint meetings being held of the Connecticut lodges, it is pleasant to report that in Byram Lodge No. 50 they will invite to a joint meeting on Saturday, August the 8th. The meeting will take place at their regular meeting place at 8 o'clock, make a note on your calendar for that day and be sure to attend.

Today I received from Santa Barbara their 1953 year book, a most interesting little booklet containing the names of all Sisters and Brothers who are appointed in the several committees for the entire year, also all the events that are to take place during the year. Reading through this little book, you

really find that in Santa Barbara they must have what you really call Sister and Brotherhood.

I am sure many lodges would benefit from it if they could only see, of course, if they could come to Santa Barbara and be with them there for a few days, they would see the reason for all the activities there.

From Philadelphia we find in Lurbladet that plans are now completed for the coming 50th anniversary to be held on June the 6th. The party has been switched to the Adelphia Hotel, 13th and Chestnut St. It is too late here to tell you to make reservations, but if you still are in want of tickets, take a chance.

Here is a little note I find at the bottom of Lurbladet, I think it could fit in most any lodge.

When you plan that vacation trip, try scheduling your drive so as to include a visit or two at Danish Brotherhood lodges, in other parts of the country. You know how thrilled we are when we have visitors. Believe me, it is still more thrilling to step into a room full of friends far from home.

Valley Stream, New York—Lodge 325 welcomed a new member to its fold at its last meeting, Friday, May 8th. He is Ejvind Petersen from Great Neck, Long Island. He is a carpenter by trade and a fine

fellow by nature. Approximately 85% of the members of Lodge 325 are in the construction line following the "square head" tradition of craftsmanship. Brother Petersen was born in Copenhagen after the turn of the century. It is somewhat disappointing to report that membership recruiting has fallen off to the point where it is nearly non-existent. Brother John Gaden was responsible for the induction of Brother Petersen.

April 24th saw the lodge invited guests of Restaurateur Tom Hansen, owner of Nordens, for a mock turtle dinner. Only some twenty odd members were there to make the most of an opportunity to partake in Brother Hansen's most cordial invitation. The host was disappointed at the meager showing but this did not dampen his hospitality. The food and drink were more than abundant and good fellowship prevailed.

All active members urge and wish welcome to our meetings all (which number quite a few) our inactive members. We're tired of talking amongst ourselves, come on out and get in the swing of things. The lodge's goal is to try to get fifty members out, only one-third of our total membership. Won't you be one of them?

## New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Oswald A. Petersen	4	Racine	William A. Huhn
Arnold Bertelson	4	Racine	James A. McCray
Alf Martinsen	4	Racine	Hans Clausen
Arne Sondergaard	4	Racine	Jens Jensen Bach
Arne Sondergaard	4	Racine	Viggo C. Petersen
Bernt Vium	4	Racine	Wilfred J. Holz
G. H. Rasmussen	4	Racine	William J. Heilscher
John Jensen	4	Racine	George E. Vikes
Thorvald M. Jensen	26	Fremont	Jens R. Jensen
John A. Hansen	29	Seattle	Willy E. Brandal
Sig Pedersen	29	Seattle	Sigurd E. Jensen
Sig Pedersen	29	Seattle	Gunnar W. Hansen
Frederick C. Zeis	37	Bridgeport	R. R. Langdon
Leslie C. Cave	39	Oakland	Walter R. Hansen
Leslie C. Cave	39	Oakland	John Mottoros
Norman D. Andker	39	Oakland	Dan Theron Andker
Henry Anderson	41	Derby	Richard T. Anderson
Olav Grand	45	Minneapolis	Hans R. Paulsen
Jacob Friedrichsen	49	San Francisco	P. Christensen
Jacob Friedrichsen	49	San Francisco	D. Petersen
Jacob Friedrichsen	49	San Francisco	Bent Larsen
George Hansen	49	San Francisco	H. Jensen
Donald Nielsen	75	Albert Lea	D. H. Nielsen
Donald Nielsen	75	Albert Lea	Charles Nielsen
Donald Nielsen	75	Albert Lea	Robert Nielsen
Peder N. Petersen	78	Salt Lake City	Per Petersen
Peder N. Petersen	78	Salt Lake City	C. R. Petersen
George R. Hansen	90	Port Reading	G. Hansen, Jr.
Hans K. Hansen	103	Waterbury	Anton M. Jensen
Edward C. Hansen	106	Trufant	James Wilson
Edward C. Hansen	106	Trufant	Lester Larsen
Edward C. Hansen	106	Trufant	Manus E. Norton
N. O. Hansen	107	Chicago	Louis C. Brinkman
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Raymond Grove
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Donald D. Holm
Carl Hansen	116	Newark	Alf Svantemann
John Hansen	116	Newark	Carl C. Hansen

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Hans Nielsen	116	Newark	Preben Wendt
Hans C. Iversen	188	Del Rey	Jens G. Larsen
S. M. Oredsen	219	Clear Lake	Earl Lambert
E. M. Christensen	219	Clear Lake	Leif C. Juul
Roy Rasmussen	283	Dagmar	Carl Holmgaard
Roy Rasmussen	283	Dagmar	Norman S. Jensen
Roy Rasmussen	283	Dagmar	Wilbur Anderson
Johannes Pedersen	301	Akron	James Hunter
Johannes Pedersen	301	Akron	Albert M. Jensen
Johannes Pedersen	301	Akron	Gerald Petersen
Johannes Pedersen	301	Akron	James C. Hunter
Einar Madsen	301	Akron	Brenton C. Mohr
Marius C. Frost	314	Hartford	Peter Gadegard
Henry F. Kjeldsen	318	Copenhagen	Leif Sorensen
J. H. Jendresen	322	Santa Barbara	J. Woods, Jr.
J. H. Jendresen	322	Santa Barbara	N. A. Anderson
O. F. Pedersen	322	Santa Barbara	C. J. Gangskov
N. P. Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	M. Hammel
N. P. Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	H. Paulsen
N. P. Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	C. Paulsen
John Gaden	325	Nassau Co.	Ejvind Petersen
E. N. Andersen	328	Vancouver	Ole Borg
Holger Sorensen	328	Vancouver	Holger Olsen
James Nielson	328	Vancouver	Jarl Louis Flindt
Paul Krogh	328	Vancouver	Stefan Olenik
Paul Krogh	328	Vancouver	Aage Pedersen
Ove Jacobsen	329	Long Beach	E. Dietrichson
N. J. Stjernegaard	330	Prince George	R. Rasmussen
N. J. Stjernegaard	330	Prince George	J. B. Laursen
Fred Rasmussen	335	Port Alberni	H. C. E. Jensen
Ken Hansen	335	Port Alberni	P. Christensen
Oluf Hansen	335	Port Alberni	Douglas Nielsen
John Christensen	225	Canton	Carl M. Johnson, Jr.
Chris Andersen	227	Detroit	Louis Nielsen

# CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

It was my very good fortune to be able to go to Fresno, California and attend the dinner party given by Lodge No. 67 on its 60th birthday in the evening of May 3rd and held at the Danish Brotherhood Hall.

Brother Gus Holt, President of No. 67 bid the gathering welcome and appointed Brother Julius Hansen, an Ex-President of the General Committee, as toastmaster for the evening, a job he did very well indeed. The dinner was excellent and with it was served delightful wines. As you know Fresno is right in the center of California's large wine industry and needless to say the best was put on the table. Besides the writer, a number of out of town guests were present such as, Brother and Sister Hans M. Andersen, our Supreme Trustees, and Brother and Sister George Hansen of Belmont. Brother Hansen is a Trustee in the General Committee. We also had the pleasure of have Brother and Sister Vernon Olsen from Sacramento. Brother Olsen is our youngest Ex-President in the General Committee.

After the inner man was well fortified Brother Julius Hansen called on many of the lodge's "old timers" who recalled the early days of the lodge. The guests from out of town were given a chance to say a few words and none were too long winded, with the possible exception of the writer. The Fresno Sisterhood Lodge also celebrates its birthday on the same day, and Sister Karen Petersen, who had come to Fresno with her family from the Mid-West and started the lodge, told us of the early days struggle in getting the lodge started. After the speech making was over the balance of the evening was given over to the convention committee which had arranged for Bingo Game for the benefit of the committee.

I forgot to mention that the table was beautifully decorated. Among the flowers I saw one with which I was not familiar and it turned out to be a "Pomegranate Flower." Of course I knew, that pomegrates grew in Fresno County, but honestly I did not know the trees bore flowers, they were rather large and reminded most of all of a beautiful carnation, it is red-white in colour and as such was certainly very apropos of the evening.

As I am on the subject of Fresno, may I again remind you of our annual convention which will be held in this beautiful city during the days of October 15, 16 and 17th, at the Fresno Hotel. That is the Fresno Hotel will be our headquarters, but all the affairs will be held just across the street in the Odd Fellow Building which the Convention Committee has rented for the duration. The building has, of course, all the necessary facilities such as, halls for the meetings of the two conventions, halls for entertaining and dance as well as the banquet which will also be held here. The committee is working hard in order to make it an outstanding success. Brother Hjalmar Sonberg the committee's publicity expert keeps me well informed about the committee's work and from what he writes the committee is really having a wonderful time all the while they are working for the convention. That is the proper way for a committee to work and it is sure to bring results. Brother Sonberg informs me that

they are getting wonderful cooperation from the lodges in Parlier and Del Rey.

Two of the committee members will be away for the Summer in the Brother Gus Holt and his family will steam away from New York in the Oslofjord on June 2nd, and Brother Christ Jensen and family will sail from New York in the Queen Elizabeth on July 1st. We wish these families a very enjoyable trip to old Denmark.

When I first came to Fresno about 30 years ago it was but a small city of about 25,000 population. According to the latest statistics Fresno now has a population of close to 92,000. During the period of 1940 to 1950 it increased by 51.1% which shows the growth of the city.

The word Fresno is Spanish for ash, and like the many Spanish names remaining in California is a legacy of the Mexican era. The portion of the San Joaquin in which Fresno County lies was known only to Indians and occasional trappers prior to 1835. Then in pursuit of a band of marauding natives who had been raiding settlers' homes in the coast valleys, Lieutenant Gabriel Moraga and a company of Mexican soldiers traversed the central plain, and incidentally named many of the places they came to.

Fresno County was formed in 1856 out of the then huge Mariposa territory. At that time, as a consequence of the '49 gold rush, a number of mining camps had sprung up near the upper reaches of the San Joaquin River. Coarse Gold Gulch was the most prominent of these settlements, others being Texas Flat, Brub Gulch and Temperance Flat.

Millerton, on the San Joaquin River, remained the county seat from 1856 until 1874, when the coming of the railroad finally killed it. The population almost to a soul moved to the new site they had voted on, now covered with the City of Fresno, but then merely a wilderness point on the new Central Pacific Lines. (Now Southern Pacific). There was nothing around the townsite out of which to fashion homes, so the first Fresnans brought their houses with them from Millerton.

In the late Brother Hartwick's book, "Danske i Californien" there is a whole chapter on Fresno and Fresno County and he tells us that in Millerton there were several Danes who went to Fresno, such as Georg Geiersen, Gustaf Taaffe and Otto Frølich. There was another Dane by the name of Charles A. Henry, who was born in Copenhagen, although his parents came from Scotland, came in 1870 and later on was appointed a special agent for the colonies in Fresno and went back to Copenhagen where he opened an office and apparently persuaded many people to go to Fresno. He later started a Danish paper in San Francisco known as the "Valkyrien."

Perhaps the one Dane who helped to make Fresno what it is today more than any other was the late Brother Ingvarrdt Teilman who was a civil engineer and laid out several of the irrigation projects in the county. In the meanwhile Fresno county had started to grow vines and of course not all grapes could be used for wine and hence some were made over to raisins. In 1912 the late James Madison started a cooperative known as "Raisin Growers Association"

which is still in existence and markets the well known "Sun Maid" raisins. Robert K. Madsen was another Dane active in this industry and was for many years President of "Parlier Winery and Packing House."

In 1893/4 Brother I. Teilman and others started a small creamery known as "Danish Creamery" which today is one of the largest and best in the State. Our Brother Julius Hansen has been attorney for this firm for many years. Of other early pioneers one must mention Halvor Jacobsen, P. E. Ludvigsen and Christian Jørgensen, Hans Graff and many others, such as Dr. D. P. Kjerby who was very active in the Brotherhood, George Larsen—den glade Smed, Andrew Jørgensen, Niels Fugelsang—all active in our Danish Fraternal organizations.

It is to this delightful place we will gather in October. Brother Hans M. Andersen has promised to furnish from his winery, the wines for the banquet, and who would care to sit down at a banquet table without a delightful California wine before him. It adds zest to your dinner and a mellow glow to your enjoyment. Skål vi h ve glasset?

Here are a couple of recipes which you may wish to try sometime. The first one is really an old one which is known as "Rudy's Special" in these parts. I understand someone stole it from here and is now used elsewhere under other names, but here it is: Take a bottle of good California White Port and place it in the refrigerator until iced. Use cocktail glasses in which put about 3 or 4 dashes of Angustura Bitter, then pour the wine into the glasses and serve. It makes a delightful drink before dinner and—only one in about a hundred can tell you what the drink consists of. Try it sometime.

Here is another one which you will find handy in the warm Summer days coming on—we hope. The drink is known as "Joe's Special." Use highball glasses and put in the usual ice cubes, fill about half with a good California RED port and then fill glass with "Seven Up" or similar beverage. You will find it just hits the spot.

For those around the San Francisco Bay area remember "Grundlovsdagen" in Golden Gate Park on June 7th. The municipal band will play Danish music sent over from Denmark for the occasion. The day is under the sponsorship of the Danish Central Committee, representing all the Danish organizations in San Francisco.

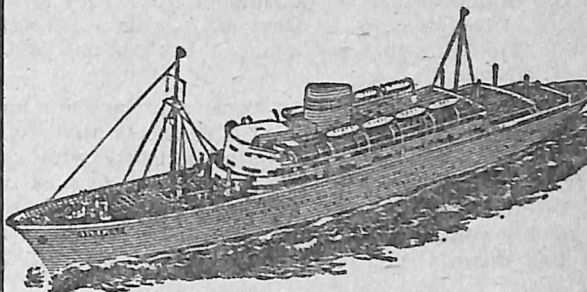
A "Yearbook" has just come in from Santa Barbara. As usual the two lodges have done a fine job. The book contains the list of officers, Chairmen of the standing committees, program chairman and coffee committees. It shows the two lodges have planned ahead. Let us hope your lodge has done likewise.

In last month's issue Brother Svend Petersen had printed an extract of the excellent Bulletin sent out by Brother Paul Herskind, President of No. 126 in Los Angeles, and in which he gives a few ideas on which to write me, relative to what can be done to improve our lodges. Let us have your idea, it might be worth \$25. Write it in Danish or English.

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## Notes From Spokane

Many of us have just returned from the PND Lodges Convention in Seattle and what a time we had! Accomplishments, too, you bet! One just can't attend one of these gatherings without getting a lot of good out of it.

Tage and Trine Fredricksen, Seattle, who have joined numerous lodge excursions to Spokane, recently, on their way to Denmark, brought sunshine for a few hours into the home of Brother and Sister N. B. Nelson.

DON'T LOOK NOW, but there may be something important brewing in No. 42. It seems that some of our members are not quite satisfied with our present lodge quarters for several good reasons not to be mentioned here. This could mean an effort is probably going to be made to build our own quarters. If this materializes, I shall be glad to give you the details.

Oh, yes, we have another juvenile member enrolled in Lodge No. 42—Steven Irving Durkee, age 4, whose folks are Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Durkee. Don was delegate from Spokane and Winnie was elected third trustee of the PN sister lodge.

With further reference to having our young sons and daughters take an interest in lodge affairs, here is a suggestion that came from a Portland, Oregon resident (who happens to be my daughter). "Maybe the lodge could start a project of having children or young people write to Danish children of their own age. English is no doubt taught in many of the Danish schools. It would not only awaken an interest in things Danish but it would also be a good neighbor policy for the future. Even if the Danish children couldn't read or write English, it would be good practice for the Danes here to brush up on their Danish and surely there would be lots of Danes in Denmark who could translate the English into Danish. Possibly the Brothers could be induced to write to the officials of their respective home towns or the school authorities. It could be a school project. We had it in our eighth grade when I went to school and we had a list of names of children from Vancouver schools from which I chose a name to write to and

I have kept in touch with my correspondent for 22 years. We finally met when she and her husband came to Portland on their honeymoon."

### "Let US BE BUILDERS," continued

Having had favorable comments on the previous article perhaps it is fitting for me to outline a few ideas relative to increasing the interest in our meetings of those young members whom we have succeeded in getting to join, but who seem to drift away after an attendance or two. Possibly a committee could be appointed to look into various types of entertainment. I have in mind such things as a Dramatic Club, a Historic Club, a Travel Club, a club for Folk Dances and perhaps something in the line of science.

It would be the responsibility of this committee to arrange evenings of entertainment or round table discussions. Films can be rented on all of these subjects. We have a member who is quite well posted on lens and telescope making who would be delighted to demonstrate and explain the process.

A questionnaire could be sent out by the Lodge Secretary to find out what subjects the younger members are interested in. At the same time older members who have special hobbies might contribute as helpers and put their shoulders to the wheel in an attempt to make the Danish Brotherhood a multi-purpose organization of interests to young and old alike.

Sincerely,

L. MORTENSEN, Sec., No. 42

1519 W. Augusta, Spokane 12, Wash.

TB kills more people in the U. S. than all other infectious diseases combined; it is sixth among all causes of death. It kills 2,500 people every month in this country.

TB of the lungs is responsible for 92 per cent of all TB deaths, but TB can attack almost any part of the body, including the brain, spinal cord, skin and eyes.

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Mar. 27	Oluf K. Christensen	56	Kolding, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1936	Leukemia	\$250.00
April 14	Lars Jensen Larsen	78	Aaby Sogn Hjorring A.	157	Audubon, Iowa	1903	Coronary thrombosis	874.35
April 3	Henry Hansen	71	Holsted Ribe Amt.	240	Rochester, N. Y.	1906	Pulmonary embolus	236.74
April 22	Hans J. Christiansen	75	Nykjobing, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1918	Cerebral hemorrhage	1000.00
April 13	Rasmus C. Jorgensen	69	O. Ulslev, Denmark	12	Green Bay, Wis.	1909	Not given	978.85
April 9	Martin J. C. Clausen	77	Kolding, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1902	Suicide	500.00
Mar. 26	Anders K. Pedersen	62	Viborg Amt., Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1910	Arteriosclerosis	1000.00
April 17	Peter Christiansen	81	Jylland, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1906	Cancer	857.10
April 27	Soren Thomson	74	Kolding, Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1911	Cerebral thrombosis	239.32
April 19	Jacob Jacobsen	87	Sorø Amt., Denmark	111	Austin, Minn.	1898	Cardiac failure	377.20
April 28	Martin Nielsen	70	Hjorring Amt., Den.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1907	Coronary occlusion	477.27
April 24	Fred J. Breuning	83	Copenhagen, Den.	234	Woodstock, Ill.	1906	Heart disease	832.78
April 1	Hans F. Westen	85	Broager Sogn, Sonder.	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1900	Cerebral vascular	196.26
April 29	James B. Hansen	60	Marinette, Wisconsin	59	Nenominee, Mich.	1912	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
April 4	Christian T. Andersen	76	Thorning, Viborg, Den.	215	Battle Creek, Iowa	1905	Coronary thrombosis	904.54
April 12	Peter Johnsen	89	Aalborg Amt., Den.	139	Viborg, S. D.	1900	Heart disease	184.81
April 16	Anders P. Howmoller	78	Karby, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1906	Uremia	889.54
April 21	Christian Nielsen	84	Tjæreborg, Denmark	230	Arcata, Calif.	1898	Coronary occlusion	782.04
Feb. 11	Peter A. Lauritzen	84	Viborg Amt., Den.	50	Byram, Conn.	1902	Heart disease	403.60
April 20	Niels P. Thers	89	Slagelse, Denmark	2	Neenah, Wis.	1896	Coronary thrombosis	900.00
May 1	Soren Larsen	79	Hjorring, Denmark	57	Lexington, Nebr.	1892	Not given	721.68

## In Memory Of Soren Larsen

1864 - 1953

Soren Larsen was born in Brovst, Jutland, Denmark, July 17, 1864. Died in Cozad, Nebraska May 1, 1953. He was a charter member of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 57 in Lexington, Nebraska, established in 1892. He was confirmed in the Lutheran Faith in Denmark. Was married to Mariana Jensen in Denmark in 1886. Came with her to Lexington, Nebraska immediately afterwards. Worked on farms around Lexington, later for the Laughlin Elevator Co., now the Lexington Mill and Elevator Co. Bought a farm in the north hills in Dawson County, established a home there and lost it in the "dry nineties;" immediately set out, made and paid for another home; reared 12 children to maturity where of five have preceeded him in death. Mrs. Larsen died in 1946. Three boys, four girls, a host of grand, and great-grandchildren, with intangible values, survive him here.

We, the members of Lodge No. 57 and No. 262 in Dawson County, Nebraska join in paying this tribute to a great father, a real Christian, a loving neighbor, our Brother, Soren Larsen.

While our President Lincoln was freeing all the slaves, When Gettysburg resounded his speech from new made graves,

A baby boy was born in Jutland by the sea.  
That boy was Soren Larsen, he helped to keep us free.

With noble love of loving and bride he came across  
The great Atlantic Ocean and soon his family rose  
To heights few has attained in this great land of ours,  
Where immigrants and prairie grow into World Powers.

The Brotherhood and Unions such early pioneers  
Established will be standing throughout the coming  
years

As Bulwarks for the freedom our country will receive.  
There is no death for people of Soren Larsen's belief.

Your Brother in Brotherhood,  
EDWARD NIELSEN,  
Lodge No. 262.

## Pocatello, Idaho

Members of Pocatello, DBS No. 264 and DSS No. 114 were privileged to attend the Golden Wedding celebration of our esteemed charter member, Hans Sorensen, and his devoted wife, Sister Thyra Sorensen, also a charter member of her lodge and it's treasurer for many years. The event was marked with a family reunion and open house the afternoon and evening of April 15, during which approximately 200 friends called with gifts, congratulations and good wishes. Sister Sorensen wore the gown in which she was married, and it's quaint styling and beautiful simplicity evoked admiring comment from her guests. A three-tiered wedding cake centered the serving table, and beside it was displayed the top layer of the wedding cake of fifty years ago. The gift of the Brother lodge to the honored couple was a handsome anniversary clock, and the Sisters presented them with a lovely serving tray. Each was engraved with a suitable inscription, to mark the occasion. A musical program included a song composed in Danish by Brother Marinus Jensen, and dedicated to

Brother and Sister Sorensen. Colored movies of Denmark and Norway were shown, and brought back fond memories of the home land. Brother Sorensen was born in Keldeng, Denmark, February 21, 1870, and Sister Sorensen was born in Rynkely Skovfyen, Denmark, March 1, 1879. He came to the United States in 1890, she in 1900; they became acquainted in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and when she moved to Pocatello, Idaho in 1902, he soon followed, and they were married April 15, 1903. They had three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Katherine) Bilyeu, Mrs. LeMoyne (Myrtle) Howard, and Anna Marie, who died at the age of 11. There are five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Brother Sorensen was a painter by trade, is now retired, and has served his lodge in most of the official chairs. He is still one of it's most active members and loyal boosters. We wish for these fine folks many more happy years of companionship.

MARINUS JENSEN, Secretary.

## Take It Easy

More than two million casualties, the worst automobile accident toll in the nation's history, were recorded in 1952, according to figures released today by the Travelers Insurance Companies.

Last year's traffic deaths totaled 37,600, an increase of 500 over the 1951 mark. The injury count soared to 2,090,000, more than 127,000 over 1951, the Hartford firm reported.

The most dangerous mistake in driving last year was excessive speed. Speed killed 13,430 persons and injured nearly 600,000, according to the report. Drivers under 25 years old were involved in almost 25 per cent of the year's fatal accidents although they constitute only about 15 per cent of the total of all drivers.

More than 15,000 persons were killed and nearly 750,000 hurt in week-end crashes in 1952. Forty per cent of the deaths and 36 per cent of the injuries occurred on Saturdays and Sundays last year.

It was the second consecutive year of improvement in the pedestrian record. Figures show that pedestrian casualties were reduced by more than eight per cent in 1952. Crossing between intersections, "jay walking," still is the chief cause of pedestrian deaths and injuries.

Three out of four 1952 auto accidents happened to passenger cars driving in clear weather on dry roads.

Eighty per cent of vehicles involved in fatal accidents were traveling straight ahead.

Saturday was the most dangerous day of the week to drive.

1952 was the third consecutive year of increase in the death toll.

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MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION OF YOUR GREAT SOCIETY IN THE BLOODMOBILE PROJECT OF THE NFC. THIS HUMANITARIAN MOVEMENT IS ATTRACTING NATIONWIDE ATTENTION AND WILL DO MUCH TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF FRATERNALISM.

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ERNEST R. DEMING, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL FRATERNAL  
CONGRESS OF AMERICA.

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Paa grund af ombygning af vore logelokaler paa St. Knudsvej 26 vil vore møder finde sted i Berejstes Hus Emiliegade 7. en sidevej til Wodroffsvej.

Mødedage er for dette tidsrum ændret til Onsdage i stedet for Mandage, og paa her anførte datoer og maaned:

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i juli den 8de

i august den 12, & 26de

Mandag den 7de september vil vi atter være tilbage paa vort gamle mødested St. Knudsvej og fortsætter der med møder paa den 1, & 3, mandag i hver maaned.

Jeg vil benytte denne anledning til at erindre om at vi med glæde gerne ser besøgende hos os.

Med broderlig hilsen  
paa Lodge 318, vegne

ALB. PETERSEN, Sekretær.

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If you move then write your name and new address in the space provided. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to DANISH BROTHERHOOD MAGAZINE, ASKOV, MINN.  
Also notify the secretary of your lodge of your new address.

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I belong to lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_  
June 1953  
My number in the lodge is \_\_\_\_\_

LUTHERSK UGEBLAD  
FEV. P. C. JENSEN  
BLAIR, NEBR.

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