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May the old fashioned  
Christmas spirit  
of peace and joy embrace your  
home this glorious  
holiday season. And may the  
richest gifts—health,  
happiness and good will come  
to you and your  
dear ones.

## *Greetings* of the SEASON

*From Your Supreme Board*

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## Twenty Points

During the past few months I have attended district conventions and special meetings as well as regular meetings in Menominee, Mich., Lincoln, Nebr., Salt Lake City, Utah, and Fresno, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Solvang and San Francisco in California.

At several of these meetings I spoke on some of the things which I believe are needed within our society to awaken interest and give us something to do and work toward. This "Program" has now become known as the Supreme President's Twenty Points. I printed up a hundred copies to hand out to those who were interested. They went like hot cakes. I printed up another hundred and they are gone. And requests for more keep coming. In view of this, I will print these Twenty Points in the January 1st issue of our Magazine and give some of my reasons for sponsoring such a program.

Sincerely yours,

SVEND PETERSEN, Sup. Pres.

## Discussion Subject For The Fourth Quarter

The Straw Vote Ballot is printed elsewhere in this issue. Refer to it now and then make sure that your lodge sends in a vote. The vote must be by actual count of members present and voting. Not just that your lodge is for it or against it. Inasmuch as the Attendance Contest is in full swing now, we should have a real representative vote on this all important matter.

It is the duty of every lodge president to bring this matter up for discussion and a vote. It is the

duty of the lodge secretary to send the result of the vote to Omaha not later than January 12—we would like to have them in early so we can print the partial result in next month's issue.

A new Discussion subject will appear in the January 1st issue for the First Quarter of 1954.

A few lodges have already sent in the result of their vote on the Fourth Quarter Subject (District Division) and it is interesting to note the trend in the different localities. The total vote of those lodges who have reported so far is YES: 110; NO: 65.

Fraternally yours,

SVEND PETERSEN,  
Supreme President.

## Free Booklet

Clubs, churches, lodges, civic organizations and other groups that would like to serve snacks or meals to improve attendance at meetings, attract new members or raise funds can obtain a new booklet, crammed with practical information, free of charge by writing to the Paper Cup and Container Institute, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York.

"Serving Successful Snacks and Meals" is a valuable guide to food service for any social or fraternal group. Its thirty-two pages include facts and tips about: the equipment you need, attracting attendance, simple planning methods, making up a budget, cooking in quantity, guaranteeing good service, and what prices to charge. Cartoon illustrations, charts and photographs explain how to buy the right quantity of food for 25, 50 or 100 guests; what quantity of each type of food makes a satisfactory portion; and how to schedule preparation and service.

Emphasis throughout the booklet is on simplicity and practicality. Information was obtained from organizations that have served food successfully and from professional caterers and experts on group feeding. More than 100 organizations in 38 states varying in membership from 50 to more than 1,500 were queried by the Field Research Division of the Paper Cup and Container Institute about all aspects of the meals they served, the purposes, menus, methods and results, including profits. Authorities in the field of group feeding were interviewed, book reports and statistics were studied and the experience of successful organizations analyzed.

## D E C E M B E R A S S E S S M E N T 654

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December 1, 1953

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January 1, 1954

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

## Financial Report

OCTOBER 31, 1953

### Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1, 1953	\$35,527.17
Assessments	10,024.73
Interest on bonds	12,455.30
Premium on currency exchange	7.78
Bonds matured and called	4,000.00
Premium on bonds called	30.00
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	\$62,044.98

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$20,420.93
Cash surrender	308.81
Collection expense on bond coupons	6.50
Certificate loan	62.58
Rent safe-deposit box	168.00
Bonds purchased 25M	24,830.05
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	122.05
Investment expenses	4,796.24
Balance on hand October 31, 1953	11,329.77
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	\$62,044.98

### General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1, 1953	\$21,406.32
Received in October	959.59
Investment expenses	4,796.24
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	\$27,162.15

Disbursements:	
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	\$ 51.33
Attendance contest	105.59
Advertising, printing and stationery	84.55
Petty cash	15.00
Bonds purchased	10,000.00
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	47.50
Membership reward	54.00
Printing and mailing official publication	397.17
Rent and lights	180.50
Surety bond, officers and employees— 3 year premium	415.02
Supreme Sec.-Treas. 30 year anniv. gift.	135.00
Towel service	4.50
Typewriter repair	3.50
General office expense	50.00
Employer's taxes paid S. S. and Unemp.	56.27
Salaries to officers and employees	1,192.00
Balance on hand October 31, 1953	14,370.22
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	\$27,162.15

### Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1, 1953	\$11,042.19
Relief Assessments	5.00
Interest on bonds	187.50
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	\$11,234.69

Disbursements:	
Relief payments, regular	\$ 1,387.20
Relief payments, special	179.50
Postage	6.00
Rent safe-deposit box	30.00
Balance on hand October 31, 1953	9,631.99
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	\$11,234.69

### Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1, 1953	\$ 1,913.49
Juvenile assessments	103.43
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	\$ 2,016.92

Disbursements:	
Balance on hand October 31, 1953	\$ 2,016.92
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	\$ 2,016.92

### Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$3,961,631.88
Relief fund investments	220,000.00
General fund investments	35,000.00
Cash in bank	37,348.90
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	\$4,253,980.78

## Coming Events

Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis., Jan. 9, 1954—72nd Anniversary Banquet.

Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis., Feb. 27, 1954—Fastelavnsgilde.

Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis., April 24, 1954—Cabaret and dance.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa., Dec. 20, 1953—Danish Club Kiddies Christmas party.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa., Jan. 24, 1954—Torskegilde (limit 150).

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 27—Christmas Tree party.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J., Dec. 27, Christmas party, 5 p. m.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I., Dec. 11, Christmas party.

## "Free Christmas Songbooks"

"A Christmas song book covered with the Danish flag and containing Danish and American Christmas songs is now available. The Christmas song book is especially designed for Christmas parties at homes, churches, or societies. By personal call or by letter to nearest office of the Norwegian America Line Agency, Inc., or its agents, these Christmas song books are available in quantities without any charge.

Ten or 12 of them in the average home comes in very handy when you want to sing a few Christmas songs during the happy holiday season.

A hundred of them or even two hundred is very nice to have at your Christmas party to hand out to those interested.

We should all sing more during Christmas and this little booklet is a wonderful help.

They are absolutely free and you can get them merely by writing to the Norwegian America Line Agency, Inc., 24 State St., New York 4, N. Y.; or to any of the branch offices, Minneapolis, Seattle, San Francisco, Montreal. Write, telephone or call in person, but do it right away so you will be sure to have them for your Christmas party.

A Danish post office clerk, Einar Holboell, first thought of using a special Christmas Stamp to raise money to fight disease. Funds from the first special Christmas Seal Sale in Denmark were used to help children suffering from tuberculosis.

## Pacific Northwest DBS Manes and Tales

Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer  
711 North Eye, Tacoma, Washington

A very Merry Christmas to everyone everywhere from the great outdoors of the upper North Section of these United States and the adjacent peoples of Southern Canada. May our Supreme Officers be blessed with the best of holiday happiness for their untiring efforts in maintaining the DBS standards set before them. The future of our fraternal organization, the future of our strong insurance company and the future of our mutual interests all rest in their wise decisions and in the cooperation of all of us. The DBS will only continue to succeed if the entire membership, old and young alike, accepts the challenge that it offers and resolves to make it a success.

Vind's Lodge No. 42 in Spokane is buzzing with activity, sociability and new business these days. Special attractions of film showing, card parties and singing are the highlights of each well attended meeting—District President Ingvard Eskeberg's Danish classes, bingo and other features are added incentives to your needed presence. Every lodge in this district is doing their utmost to make a good showing on the records of Supreme Trustee Viggo Mikkelsen's attendance contest.

I have been asked by several of the Old People's Home directors to express their thanks to Portland's DBS No. 167 for their fine hospitality at the last quarterly meeting held in that city. And speaking of our OPH, don't forget your birthday dollar when your anniversary rolls around. This month, the special fund's author, Carl N. Grove, will present Resident Manager Arne Nielsen with the collected Christmas cheer.

Enumclaw DB Treasurer Andrew Hansen's wife Rosamond, is laying plans for an old fashioned pot-luck supper and Julefest party for the children on Sunday, December the thirteenth. Expressly urging all Brothers and Sisters and their invited friends to attend this 6:30 informal dinner, bringing one hot or cold dish, the annual evening when the little ones may enjoy the familiar tree and decorations will follow. Each adult is to bring a fifty cent exchange gift marked "lady" or "man" to give an added spice to the occasion. Remember the date and also our regular monthly meeting the night before.

Indications are that the next district convention will be one of the most outstanding affairs ever undertaken by No. 113. Various sub-committees are meeting periodically in various homes and are systematically reporting to General Chairman Carl Grove on their progress. Brother Martin Peterson is Food Chairman, Andy Hansen will head up Registration, Conductor Oswald Peterson has the title of Lubrication Chairman, John Hansen is to worry about parking, the entertainment committee headed by President John Rieck promises the best, Trustee Andrew Drost is already bending over backward to see that the welcoming committees will make the event a memorable occasion, and other departments are likewise busy under the guidance of Publicity Chairman Henry Hergert, Hotel Chairman Elmer Boysen and Decoration Chairman Jens Christensen.

Brother Jens C. Nielsen and his ever faithful wife

observed their golden anniversary Sunday, November the first, with a family dinner for twenty-two. Jens came to Washington from South Dakota in 1923 and has made many friends in the Osceola district and elsewhere. In behalf of the Danish Brotherhood and this column, may we belatedly say "Congratulations."

Mads A. Johansen was initiated into the Brotherhood last month as another link in our grand old chain. Once again, Enumclaw officers at their respective stations, recited their rituals and once again the members listened with interest. Methinks that lodges who do not initiate new blood into their order, should occasionally go through the regular performance in order to remind the Brothers of our motive, duty and responsibility. During this holiday season, we may wish to think about our great objectives. Supreme Secretary Treasurer Axel Skelbeck has just completed a dandy little pamphlet that will help us to know the facts and to create new interest in our friendly organization.

### Dansk Nytaar 1954

"Dansk Nytaar 1954" is an improved continuation of "Dansk Almanak" which has been published the past 34 years. Paul C. Nyholm is the author.

"Dansk Nytaar 1954" is and will be an annual publication in the Danish language, to be published each year by Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebr.

The current edition is now available at many book dealers and can of course also be secured direct from Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebr. The cost is \$1.00 prepaid direct to you. Paper binding, 170 pages.

"Dansk Nytaar 1954" is brim full of excellent reading matter, not only suitable for Christmas time, but throughout the year. The 1954 edition (available now) contains contributions by most of the best Danish writers in U. S. A. There are more than 30 contributors, such as Ambassador H. Kauffmann, Washington, D. C.; Anton Kvist, Chicago; August L. Bang, Cedar Falls; Dr. Hans C. Jersild, Blair; Dr. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines; Dr. J. Christian Bay, Chicago; Geo. P. Jensen, Chicago; Dr. Johs. Knudsen, Des Moines; C. M. Videbeck, Atlantic; Georg Strandvold, Decorah; etc., etc.

It makes an excellent Christmas present for anyone who can read Danish, and it is worthy of a place in anyone's library.

SVEND PETERSEN, Sup. Pres.



## A Resume

As I was driving home, through the redwoods, from the most eventful week in my life, which was the DBS and DSS General Committee Convention held in Fresno, Calif., this year, I reviewed the past five years in my mind.

The convention in Oakland, when I was elected to outer-guard of the DBS General Committee was a great thrill and honor to me. Then going to the various places to convention and renewing friendships and making many more new friends among the good brothers and sisters.

During this time, I also had the pleasure of attending the National Convention in Detroit.

The second big thrill came when my wife, Astrid, and I were installed as presidents in 1952 at the convention in Santa Barbara. Words cannot express my utmost appreciation to the brothers who aided me in reaching the top rung of our California ladder. Their faith, kindness and goodwill toward me and my family will always be cherished in my memories.

In January, our vacation month, we installed the following lodges: Ferndale, Hayward, Oakland, Bakersfield, San Francisco, Alhambra, Del Rey, Selma, Santa Barbara, Ripon, San Diego, Petaluma, and Arcata. We were received and entertained in these localities with true brotherly spirit.

To climax these years, I presided during the convention of 1953 in Fresno, and there, to act as the installing officer at the installation, was our Supreme President, Brother Svend Petersen, of Askov. It has been a number of years since California has had the privilege to have so many of the Supreme officers attend our conventions. These men are, First vice-president, Otto Nielsen of Renton, Wash., and our own Supreme Trustee, Hans Andersen of Parlier, Calif. From very good authority, I learned that Brother John Christensen, of Cincinnati, was the first Supreme president to visit us in 1929. At that time, Brother Rudolph Olsen, our invaluable General Committee Secretary, had the honor of being installed as General Committee president. Brother N. B. Nelson of Spokane, Wash., visited us several times during his term. Our informant also tells me Brother John Hansen of Davenport, Iowa, visited us several times as well as Brother C. Bysted Christensen of Schenectady, who visited us twice.

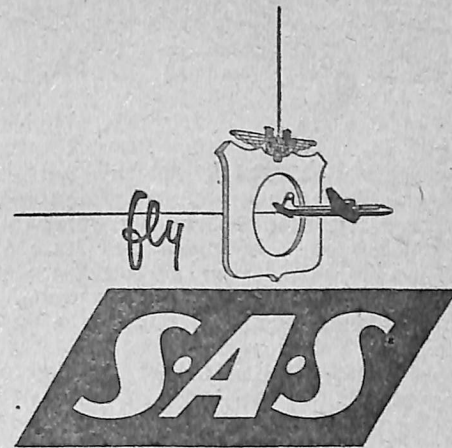
I'm certain that all those who heard Brother Svend Petersen will never forget the words he spoke, when he presented Brother Rudolph Olsen with a gift in behalf of all the lodges in the state and also with a certificate from the Supreme Board for his 25 years of outstanding service as Secretary of the General Committee of the State of California.

To you, Brother Petersen, my sincere "thank you" and to you Brother Rudolph, I congratulate you. I know that, without your capable assistance, I could not have completed such a successful term.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all my officers of the General Committee for my beautiful watch, and my good wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

CURTIS LARSEN, Ex-President.



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## Et Møde

i Cozad, Nebraska Loge Nr. 262, den 13. November 1953

Fredag den 13. November var Mødeaften—som sædvanlig hveranden Fredag Aften i hver Maaned. Der var ikke mange til Stede, men alligevel tænker jeg, det var Begyndelsen for noget nyt indenfor vor Loge. De fleste af os i Brodersamfundet er jo hvad vi kalder gamle nu. Krigens Aar hvor al Udlands Indførsel var forbudt har sat sit Præg paa vores, som alle andre Broder Loger i Amerika. Nogle af vores Kvinder i Søstersamfundet som holder Møde samme Aften i samme Sal, kom i Tanke om at prøve en Slags Underholdelse for at interessere de unge paa Egnen. Fredag den 13de var saa bestemt for min Hustru og mig at finde et Program, saa vi inviterede Hr. og Fru Ole L. Olesen fra Gothenburg, Nebraska, vor Naboby her paa Platteflodsdaalen. Ole er Begravelsesbesørger (Undertaker) i denne svenske By hvor Ole siger der bor eleve Danskere og fire hundrede Svenskere og Ole siger (that makes them even) de er ligesom Molboerne i Danmark taler ligs.

Tilbage til Mødet eller rettere talt efter Mødet viste Ole Farvebilleder fra hans Besøg i Danmark for 2 Aar siden. Billederne var storartet, men Ole's Forklaring af dem var henrivende. Vi havde Gæster helt fra Dalbyover, Jylland, Danmark. Gaardejer-Enkemand Jens Kragh som er paa Besøg for Tiden ved hans Svoger of Søster som lige er bleven optaget i vores Loge, Hr. og Fru Boy Jessen, Lexington, Nebraska, der avlede 11 Børn alle bedre end de. Ægteparret der har gjort to af de ringeste Gaarde her paa Omegnen til to af de mest frugtbare i Platteflodsdaalen. Familien Jessen der i de 25 Aar siden de kom fra Danmark med fælles Flid er berømt alt over Verden siden de kom til Amerika. Hvor danske Navne nævnes vil I høre Jessen's. Boy Jessen har lige udgivet en Bog paa dansk—Under Tre Flag. Hvis nogen af I Danskere nogensinde kører gennem Nebraska paa Highway 30, kør saa en halv Mil Nord for Hovedstaden i Dawson County, Lexington, der paa Postkassen ses Navnet Boy Jessen. Stands der og se lidt paa Arealet, Hjemmet, Haven og Udbygningerne. Se ud over Markene fyldt med Alfalfa og Majs, Svin og Fedekreaturer. Saa tænk jer tilbage 20 Aar da Jessen flyttede ind havde disse Marker kun avlet Udkrudt siden Verdens Skabelse. Køb en Bog af Jessen—Under Tre Flag. Saa hvis I fortsætter Vest kommer I næst til Cozad hvor min Hustru og Jeg bor i en lille fattig Rønne med to Soverum og et Badekammer, men er fuldt af Kærlighed. I behøver jo ikke at blive længe, men Stop og sig Halo, for der er Hjemmet og der er Mor og Himlen sig hvælver foroven. Her er ogsaa Henry Nielsen, Møbelhandler; M. L. Christensen og Gina, vor dansk-fødte Borgemester og hans Moder; Arthur Jensen, Carl Andersen og mange andre Danskere der har sat sit Præg paa Amerika. Næst til Vest er Byen Gothenburg, en dejlig By med Sø og Land. De fleste der ender op ved Ole Olesen, men hvis I gør det vil jeg garantere eder, I vil aldrig have seet bedre ud i eders Liv. Ja vi havde en fornøjelig Aften. Vi sendte Lykønskninger til to af vores Medlemmer: Kaj Refslund som nu arbejder paa Jens Jensen's Vaskeri i Omaha ogsaa Svend Brauner som er i New York nu og indfører Kunstsmykker fra Danmark. Kaj kom fra Danmark for fire Maaneder siden og Svend for fire Aar siden. Vi sluttede Aftenen med Kaffe og Smør-

rebrød, mens min Hustru sang "Skagen" til Ære for vore Gæster, Ole er nemlig født i Frederikshavn. Jeg skrev Sangen da vi var i Danmark i 1947 til Tonen "Jeg lagde min Gaard i den rygende Blæst." God Nat Brødre—stop and see us.sometimes.

Your Broder and friend,

EDWARD NIELSEN.

## Skagen

(Jeg lagde min Gaard i den rygende Blæst)

Skagboerne de er jo ud af et Æt  
der aldrig vil dø eller glemmes,  
For Fiskerne der har en krævende Ret  
der drager dem hjemad med Baade og Net  
naar til Havn og til By der skal stemmes.

I Klitten har Fiskernes Digter sin Grav  
og Skagen hans Værker til Huse,  
Langs Kysten der findes det fineste Rav  
og Fortidens Kunstner har malet dets Hav  
Med Billed af Trane og Kruse.

Dets Fyr kaster Lys i den mørkeste Nat  
hvor de mægtige Have mødes.  
Det varsler til Sømænd hvor Revlen er sat,  
Det varsler om Vejret og alt er parat  
Til Redning om Redning behøves.

Naar Stormene pisker Nordspøen til Skum,  
naar Klitten om Kirken den højnes,  
da er det at Skagboen kigger sig om  
og ser over Havets det mægtige rum  
om nogen i Havsnød kan øjnes.

Og ser han en Skude paa Revlerne fast,  
da kalder han ømt paa sin Kvinde.  
Han siger, tænd Lys og giv Ilden en Knast,  
jeg kommer tilbage, jeg haaber i Hast,  
men ikke før alle er inde.

EDWARD NIELSEN.

Husk at gaa til møde i Loge 318 naar du er paa besøg i Danmark. Logen møder paa St. Knudsvej 26, København, V. I Juni og Juli dog kun den 2, Fredag.

Bemærk ændret Mødedage.

## Important Notice

TO ALL MEMBERS

Have you recently inspected your membership certificate to see that the proper beneficiary is named therein?

If a change is required, such as by reason of death, marriage or divorce, or by any other intent, you should forward the certificate to your local lodge secretary properly filled out and signed in the space provided for this purpose.

Many members overlook the grave importance of this suggestion, resulting in much delay and often a great expense before the insurance can be paid.

## Midwest District

Several more replies concerning the proposals taken up at our Menominee convention have been received. However, those voicing no new ideas, I will not tire you with. Against the division into districts as set up in the discussion subject comes one from a lodge who have always favored this proposition before. They want to know before hand just how the proposed set-up will be. They are not quite willing to give our supreme board a blank check. Details as to the number of delegates, number of votes per district and number of votes per lodge, and the matter of financing this set-up they believe should be thought out before hand. Another very active member thinks, that district division now comes too late to be effective; it will come automatically anyway, as more and more lodges become too small to be represented at our national convention. Again another member feels that we have served our purpose, and served well. In as much as immigration restrictions makes it impossible to supplant our deceased and delinquents, why should we worry about what happens 10-15 years from now.

In regards to Proposal No. 3, that our mortuary fund should carry the expense of our national convention, the opinions all seem to be favorable; however, most brothers are skeptical about the legality and would like an opinion on this, and other proposals referring to the mortuary fund, from our supreme board. It is a fact, of course, that because we are incorporated as an insurance fraternity under the state of Nebraska, we must hold a convention every fourth year to comply with the laws of Nebraska, but can the mortuary fund remain solvent if the national convention expenses are taken out of this fund?

Proposal No. 4, as stated by supreme President S. Petersen at Menominee, that a member who solicits and secures a new member, shall be compensated financially about the same as old line life insurance agents. The delegates favored, that 75 per cent of the first year's premium be returned to the soliciting member.

Proposal No. 5: Each lodge shall have a membership solicitor, who shall be trained and instructed in selling our insurance and other values. The delegates tabled this proposal. Who should do the training, and who should pay for this introduction?

Proposal No. 6: A promotional department shall be established in our home office. The delegates also tabled this proposal, but we should thank supreme President S. Petersen to detail this proposal for us.

Proposal No. 7 and 8: We should have our own office building in Omaha, with office space for rent, and where our national convention would be held. The delegates favored this proposal. Some voiced questions, though, as to the financial soundness of this: Would such a building be self-sustaining? Or is the present set-up adequate, safer as to our future, and perhaps cheaper in the long run? The idea of always having the convention in Omaha was proposed at our last national convention, but did not get anywhere, although the idea is sound, and Omaha certainly is very centrally located.

I sincerely hope that the membership will pen their ideas to me on above mentioned proposals, before the next issue of our Magazine.

Our lodges are widely separated, but each has ideas to contribute. A little more understanding and a little less sectional preference can do much to bring us closer. What we do to-day, effects the future. Therefore, if you are satisfied TO-DAY, with the course of our Brotherhood, there is no need to make any changes. But if you believe TO-DAY, that changes are necessary in order to survive, then voice your opinion, and help charter our future.

In conclusion, the officers of the Midwest District extends their wishes to our Supreme Board and all the lodges for a very "MERRY CHRISTMAS" and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Awaiting your opinions and suggestions, I am, fraternally and sincerely yours.

GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN, Secy.-Treas.  
710 Grand Ave., Racine, Wis.

## Pay For Delegates

In the November issue of our paper is an article by Jul. Andersen as to payment for delegates to the conventions. He seems to think that each delegate should pay for his trip. Now listen, please. If such a law came into effect, that would mean, in some instances, if not all, that the delegates would consist of the rich guys who could afford such trips on their own account. Maybe every lodge has no such fortunate man. Then what? Would that lodge be without representation at the meeting? Would there not be a danger of changing the annual meetings into a group of rich members, while the poor, but maybe just as faithful members, would sit at home and read the report of the meeting, how the "wealthy brothers" celebrated?

It sometimes may be permissible to separate "The sheep from the goats", but in this case it seems quite evident: "Who would be the GOATS." Who wants to be the goats??

Yours for the good, faithful members, whether they are rich or not. In Brotherhood is it not QUALITY rather than CAPITAL that counts? ?

SIGURD PEDERSEN,  
Ruthton, Minn.

## Thank You

May I use this means of conveying to the many individuals and lodges, who remembered me on my recent birthday with telegrams, cards and letters, my sincere and deepfelt thanks.

Faithfully yours,

RUDOLPH OLSEN.

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## Resolutions

### ANDERS JACOB HANSEN, Penn Yan, N. Y.

In memory of our departed Brother, Anders Jacob Hansen, who passed away November 28, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y.:

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

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

GRANT CHRISTENSEN, Pres.  
MARVIN E. KOEK, Sec.

### A. M. NEERGAARD, Kenosha, Wisconsin

In memory of our departed Brother, Achton M. Neergaard, who passed away October 31, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by members of Lodge No. 14:

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 inserted in our minutes, in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy be sent to the family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 14.

MARTIN JENSEN, Pres.  
CARL OLSEN, Sec.

### JULIUS B. JENSEN, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

In memory of our departed Brother, Julius B. Jensen, who passed away on November 10, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting November 10, 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 Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy be sent to his family.

JOHN JACOBSEN, Pres.  
EDWARD JUEL, Sec.

### CHRISTIAN MATHIESEN, Dwight, Illinois

In memory of our departed Brother, Christian Mathiesen, who passed away October 1, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Peace Lodge No. 34.

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

THEODOR LUND, Pres.  
LEO PEDERSEN, Sec.

### CHRISTIAN MADSEN, Providence, R. I.

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of one of our charter members, Brother Christian Mad-

sen. That we extend to the bereaved our sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that we insert this resolution in the Brotherhood Magazine and a copy of this be sent to the bereaved.

HAROLD HASBOND, Pres.  
JENS SORENSEN, Sec.

### CHRISTIAN FREDERIKSEN, Lincoln, Nebraska

In memory of our departed Brother, Christian Frederiksen, who passed away October 20, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting November 14, 1953, by Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Be it resolved that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal Brother of our order and hereby wish to extend to his family our sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days in his memory, that this

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resolution be inserted in our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy sent to his family.

CHRIS BLOK, Pres.  
PETER OLSEN, Sec.

#### SVEND TRØST PETERSEN, Detroit, Michigan

In memory of our departed Brother, Svend Trøst Petersen, who passed away October 31, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting.

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

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 Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.

JOHN EMANUELSEN, Pres.  
SIGFRED JORGENSEN, Sec.

#### MARTIN OLSEN, Detroit, Michigan

In memory of our departed Brother, Martin Olsen, who passed away October 5, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting.

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

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 Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.

JOHN EMANUELSEN, Pres.  
SIGFRED JORGENSEN, Sec.

#### HANS P. RASMUSSEN, Chicago, Illinois

In memory of our late Brother, Hans P. Rasmussen, who passed away on October 17, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by the Steen Steensen Blicher Lodge No. 107, at its regular meeting on October 28, 1953:

Be it resolved that we deeply mourn the loss of a true and loyal Brother of our order and we extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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

KENNETH NIELSEN, Pres.  
TOM JENSEN, Sec.

#### MARTIN JENSEN, Bellevue, Washington

In memory of our late Brother, Martin Jensen, who passed away September 29, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 113:

Be it resolved, that we regret the loss of our Brother, and we hereby extend to his family our sincere sympathy.

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

JOHN L. RIECK, Pres.  
NORBERT E. GROVE, Sec.

To prepare for a happy old age, the smart person will acquire interests and skills that will interest him long after his active career has ended.

## Lower Michigan and Upper Ohio District Convention

The 27th annual district convention was held in Detroit, September 12 and 13, by both Sister and Brotherhood, and as usual, our host admirably entertained us from beginning to end, and of course, the "eats" were excellent to say the least.

Convention officially opened at 3 p. m. with officers and 18 delegates present, plus a number of visitors.

Lively discussion for our Brotherhood developed on the 15 point agenda, the same as used in the Menominee convention. There were certainly some good suggestions, and as the 15 points will be further discussed in our paper, we will not go into detail at this time.

At the banquet Saturday night, we were bid welcome by the Detroit Lodge No. 227. Chairman Armand Larsen, and our genial brother, Axel Lohman, took over as toastmaster. He in turn introduced Amanda Kraft, President of Lodge 125, who also bid us a most sincere welcome to the convention. Short talks were given by Milo Mason, District President from Greenville, and Sister Nora Feldt, State President from Greenville. First Supreme Trustee, Viggo Mikkelsen of Detroit, and Supreme Trustee Thea Madsen both reported on "News" within our respective organization. George Everson, Danish Vice Consul, was the speaker of the evening on the subject "Future Outlook," a speech we all enjoyed, but the question now is, what are we going to do about it? Let's get busy and go to work for our beloved Brotherhood and the future will take care of itself.

A motion picture from Denmark, and a group of songs by an excellent group of singers, were the highlight of the evening, and sincerely appreciated.

New officers elected as follows:

Ex-President, Milo Mason, Greenville.  
President, Armand E. Larsen, Detroit.  
Vice President, Karl Pedersen, Toledo.  
Secretary, Chris Jensen, Muskegon.  
Treasurer, Norman Christensen, Sidney.  
Trustee, Earl Jensen, Ludington.  
Trustee, Manus Norton, Jr., Trufant.  
Trustee, Oluf Feldt, Greenville.

The 1954 convention will be held at Greenville.

After lunch Sunday we started for our home, tired, but extremely happy. Once again we have enjoyed "EN GOD DANSK VISIT."

CHRIST JENSEN, Dist. Sec.

## Bloodmobile Fund

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following additional contributions:

37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	\$ 2.00
69	Cleveland, Ohio	5.00
102	Providence Rhode Island	1.00
147	Newell, Iowa	5.00

Acknowledged in November issue ----- \$ 13.00  
\$326.00

Total Received to Date ----- \$339.00

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

# News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

## Godthaab Lodge No. 183, Troy, N. Y., Celebrates 50 years

Invitations to the 50th anniversary of Troy lodge had been sent out in good time and well advertised in several notices so therefore it was no wonder a goodly crowd was there. On Saturday, October 24, about 270 people gathered in Dania hall to sit down to a fine turkey dinner, prepared as usual in Troy in a real fine manner by a very able committee. The tables were nicely decorated and the president of the lodge bid all welcome and introduced Brother Elmer Rasmussen as Toastmaster. Elmer is very well known for his fine mastering of this job and in presenting the speakers always has just the right remarks for each person; he takes time out to get the background for each speaker. After singing "God Bless America" and the dinner was beginning to digest, the toastmaster gave a short history of the lodge and first introduced the Hon. E. A. Fitzgerald, mayor of Troy, who in his speech of welcome, truly praised the Danes for what they are in Troy. Mrs. Gunging, Assistant Editor of Nordlyset, gave greetings from her paper. Aage Jespersen, President of the G. C. spoke for the G. C. Introduced were the Treasurer of G. C., Carl Christensen; Ex-President Paul Thofner; the President of Schenectady lodge who presented a bouquet of flowers in behalf of his lodge; the President of the Sisterlodge in Schenectady. A bouquet of flowers also was presented by the President of the Sisterlodge in Troy; Geo. V. Petersen, correspondent for the eats; Einar M. Nielsen from Hartford; and representatives from the following lodges, No. 41, 50, 102, 116, 164, 190, 300, 314 and 325, also Lodge No. 1.

The President of the Home in Metuchen spoke in behalf of the Home. The President of the lodge, Donald Zeph, was then called upon, and he in behalf of his lodge, presented the only living charter member, Thorwald Lauridsen, with a Life Membership Certificate and a 50-year pin. Brother Lauridsen responded in a very fine and appropriate speech, reminiscing a little on times past and recalling that the lodge had been started just exactly 50 years ago this date to the hour and in this very same hall; it was a beautiful speech and he got a lot of applause. Carlo Christensen, member of the Danish Embassy in Washington, then spoke about the first Danes coming to U. S. A. and very appropriate it was as Troy was mentioned a lot in this respect. Past Supreme President Bysted Christensen was called upon and the speaker for the evening was Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, who gave a lot of information regarding our organization that we were very glad to hear.

Dancing followed the dinner to Ebbe Nielsen's orchestra.

The chairman of the committee with his fellow workers were presented for the gathering. They received quite an ovation for their work well done. We certainly say many thanks for a fine evening.

During the hours after the dinner, we had the privilege of talking to several members from the staff of the Home in Metuchen. The committee for the Christmas Seals had with them the new seals for 1953. They are now in your hands and we would like, at this moment, to emphasize the importance of you buying these stamps. We know that the money coming in for these stamps goes to the most worthy cause we could have and the folks who are working so unselfishly deserve that we help them to the best of our ability. If you do not get these seals, send a note to the Secretary of the committee and he will be glad to send you some. He is Henry Lauritsen, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn 1, New York.

## Lodge No. 116, Newark, New Jersey

We now have several new sheets from lodges here in the East and we give you the following information, should you be in the neighborhood of these lodges when these events take place we know you will be welcome. In Newark, New Jersey, Lodge No. 116, will celebrate a Christmas party on Dec. 27, at 5 p. m. It will be held at the Slovak Sokol Hall, 358 Morris Ave., Newark. It will be a real Christmas party for the children and free for children under 16 years.

## Lyngblomsten Lodge in Erie

From Lyngblomsten in Erie, Pa., the regular Social party, usually held on the 4th Friday in the month, will be held in December on the 2nd Friday. The emphasis on this evening will be the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Brother and Mrs. Marinus Christensen. There will be a big cake and the Sisters are furnishing the rest of the refreshments, sandwiches, etc.

The annual Christmas party for the kiddies will be December the 20th. There will be a Christmas tree, movies, and Santa Claus will provide presents. On January 24th a Torskegilde is being planned.

Lyngblomsten presents a new active member in their lodge, he is Egon C. Olsen. We say welcome to him too.

It was a pleasure to read in your notice that Elsie Nielsen appeared on television on the (Famous Cooks) program. She described the Danish Klejner and also the club got in a little attention.

When next visiting in Erie, you will find a map of Denmark on the wall in the club, you will there be able to see from whence you came.

## Birthday Party

The H. C. Orsted News tells us that at the last meeting they had a birthday party given by Magnus Fritze, John Smith, Wm. Christiansen, John Johansen and Erwin Kniskern. "Bøf med Løg" was served and greatly enjoyed. Present at the meeting was, among others, Supreme Secretary Axel Skelbeck.

## Rosenborg Lodge No. 102

To the members of Rosenborg Lodge No. 102 in Providence, R. I., we like to mention that at our meeting in December the 11th, Friday, we are invited to a Christmas party, this party will be for children and will be at 6:30. You will receive a card as we are going to elect officers that evening also. Bear in mind that we were 11 at the meeting in November, which is good. Please try to come a little more for the December meeting; you see, we would like to win a prize for attendance and we think we have a good chance.

At this meeting we had an unusual little party. One of our brothers, Thomas Andersen, was 92 years on this day and our good Sisters had provided sandwiches and coffee and Sister Viola Petersen had a large delicious birthday cake with many candles. The table looked beautiful and when Brother Andersen was escorted into the hall everybody was singing: Happy Birthday To You. A card with all the names of those present and an envelope containing a sum of money was given to him. Several good wishes were expressed and we were indeed glad to see Brother Andersen with us. In fact, he is a very faithful member and comes to almost every meeting.

We wish Brother Andersen good health and many more years of joyous life and we say thanks to the Sisters for helping us out again.

It was a pleasure to read the report in the papers from the California convention in Fresno. We know they had a real time and we would like to add our congratulations to Rudolph Olsen.

We know Rudolph and know he deserves all you can do for him; so Rudolph, accept my heartiest congratulations on your re-election as Secretary again and on the fine spirit the delegates and visitors showed you in Fresno. . . . .

The next letter here from Long Island Lodge shows what a wonderful group of members they have there and it also shows that they know how to enjoy themselves, which is so important in ours as well as any other group.

From Long Island Lodge No. 325:

November 7, 1953—Valley Stream, New York—This Saturday evening witnessed the twenty-seventh anniversary of Long Island Lodge No. 325. Sixty-six persons were present at the Williston Masonic Club for a dinner-dance in commemoration of the event.

President Johnsen had left for Denmark two days before the dinner to be with his mother on her seventy-fifth birthday. Filling his place as genial host was vice president, Hans Jorgensen, with his winning wife. Serving as toastmaster and master of ceremonies was Arthur Jorgensen, who appears to be well stocked with jokes and witticisms for all occasions. Brother Martin Schaefer served as chairman with Ernest Christoffersen as co-chairman.

Music by a four piece band from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. was provided. An excellent roast beef dinner preceded the dance at 8:30 p. m. with everyone enjoying it immensely. All will be talking about the flavorful onion soup served with the meal, Helge Pedersen, steward at the club tells of selecting the finest onions and preparing them for many hours; the results bear him out.

Quite unusual circumstances surrounded the door prizes, a bottle of rye and a bottle of scotch. Mr. Stefensen won one bottle and Mrs. Stefensen the other, all present commented upon this in a ribbing and good natured manner. By the time the Stefensens had given all those who wished a drink, the bottles were empty but the stomachs were full. Two more generous persons could not have won.

To add to the spirit of fun a balloon dance was held. In this dance a balloon filled with air is tied to the ladies' legs. They dance with their partners while the other men dancing try to break the balloons on the partners of the other men. The remaining four couples were awarded prizes. The balloons were popping like shot guns until the final four couples remained. The women were given compacts and evening bags as prizes. This novel dance was introduced by Mrs. Schaefer.

As the people present left the club they were thinking ahead to the next anniversary dinner-dance where once again a wonderful evening is in store.

A very Merry Christmas to all.

G. V. P.

## Attendance Contest

By this time the Attendance Contest is in full swing. Did you, or are you going to help your lodge get off to a good start? You know, once in the lead, you have a better chance.

We want everyone to join in the contest, old and young, large and small Lodges. You all have a fair chance. Our Supreme President, Svend Petersen, said in the October issue of our Brotherhood Magazine: "Attendance is vital to the welfare of any organization." And we know he is right. I would like to remind you of the pledge you made when you were initiated into our Brotherhood which reads in part: "I further pledge myself to attend the meetings of the Lodge as often as it lies in my power." Have you been doing just that? I am sure we all have an opinion on what could be done to awaken interest in our Brotherhood and our meetings. So why not attend the next meeting and voice your opinion on the problems that confront our Brotherhood, there are plenty of them and they are yours as well as your Supreme Officers. We must pull together, we must go forward. Don't be a stay at home and let the other fellow look after your troubles and then blame him if they are not taken care of the way you would like it.

I was happy to receive this morning, November 7, 1953, the first Attendance Report card, from Lodge No. 112, Portland, Maine. Lodge meets but once a month, on the first Monday. Lodge has 51 members, at start of contest; 9 members attended meeting. Thanks, Brother Bertel L. Luja, Secretary, for your promptness in replying. Hope you have better attendance next meeting.

Fraternally yours,

VIGGO MIKKELSEN,

Chairman, Supreme Trustees.

Even elephants have tuberculosis. The descriptions of diseases of elephants in old Hindu literature show that TB was frequent among the giant pachyderms in India as far back as 200 B. C.

## Donations to Children's Homes

Nearly all lodges contribute an average of 10 cents per member toward the Children's Homes each year with their November or December assessment remittance. That is just fine, but do you realize that the dime of today is worth only about one-half of what it was ten years ago.

By all means send the dime as usual, but if you can, then add a little bit extra to it as it goes to a very worthy cause: our Danish Children's Homes.

## A Special Treat For Utah-Idaho Lodges

For most of the Brothers out here in the Intermountain West, the Supreme President is a sort of fiction they only read about once in a while, but never see.

Therefore when he really materializes in flesh and blood, things are going to happen. Brother Hilmar W. Hansen, who knew that Svend Petersen was going to California in October convinced the latter that he should stop over in Salt Lake City and meet the Brothers here.

As soon as Hilmar Hansen received a confirmation on his proposal, he called the General Committee together and suggested that we hold a special informal meeting for all the lodges in this area together with the Sisterlodge No. 69. The meeting took place in Lodge No. 78s "home" in the Tramster

Building's big auditorium on October 13, and a nice representation of Brothers and Sisters joined in, several of them after traveling up to 200 miles. The main event of course was Svend Petersen's speech.

Though long it was, we could have listened to him twice as long, as it was a very interesting and spiritual speech. The main topic was a series of suggestions to build up and strengthen the Brotherhood. Some may think they were quite radical and maybe they are. But whatever they are, these suggestions show us that we have a man by the rudder of our organization, a man with ideas, with courage and with a glowing interest in the Brotherhood. Thank you for that Brother Svend, it was very inspiring for us to listen to you.

After the speech the ladies, under the able leadership of Sister Hazel Steward and Keld Jorgensen, the president of the General Committee, served sandwiches and drinks and coffee—for free even.

During this feast Mrs. Gunhild Kragh and her sister, Mrs. Marie Antoinette Nielsen sang and played for us as well as we had a nice short? flat is, nice but short speech by Soren Jespersen.

As your correspondent is far from an expert in reporting celebrities, he hopes he has not forgotten anything of special interest, and can conclude this report with thanks to the creator of this meeting, to those who worked hard and long hours to make it a success, but first and last "Thank you" to Svend Petersen and his lovely wife.

BORGE KRAGH, Lodge No. 78.

### Correction

In my last report I made a mistake for which I apologize. The name of the director for Lodge No. 278 is Brother C. C. Andersen. BORGE KRAGH.

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMT PAID
Oct. 1—	Christ Mathiesen	78	Ribe Denmark	34	Dwight, Ill.	1911	Coronary Occlusion	\$ 470.36
Oct. 9—	Peter Ludvig Larsen	82	Copenhagen, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1911	Heart Disease	500.00
Aug. 31—	Harry Jeppesen	62	Minneapolis, Minn.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1924	Cerebral Thrombosis	250.00
Oct. 4—	Sophus M. Clemensen	66	Aarhus, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1912	Cerebral Thrombosis	1000.00
Oct. 6—	Carl Jensen	66	Horsens, Denmark	65	Duluth, Minn.	1911	Hypertensive Cardio	499.32
Sept. 21—	Frantz Nielsen	74	Aarhus, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1909	Carcinoma	945.72
Oct. 9—	Peter Frandsen	79	Fuglse, Sogn, Den.	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1905	Cerebral Thrombosis	877.18
Sept. 3—	Christian Kollgaard	68	Stubberup, Den.	300	Onenota, N. Y.	1909	Coronary Thrombosis	500.00
Oct. 19—	James M. Moller	83	Randers, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1896	Pulmonary Edema	781.46
Oct. 9—	Christian H. Miller	91	Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1899	Cardiac Failure	712.16
Sept. 17—	Simon Madsen	70	Bregninge, Den.	308	McCabe, Mont.	1914	Hypertension	994.65
Oct. 11—	Jens C. Jensen	59	Faarup, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1914	Carcinoma	1000.00
Oct. 17—	L. Fred Rasmussen	83	Ore, Denmark	9	Oshkosh, Wis.	1894	Carcinoma	778.23
Oct. 5—	Martin Olsen	54	Aalborg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1926	Sarcoma	1000.00
Oct. 20—	Niels Albert Bruns	62	Portland, Maine	112	Portland, Maine	1909	Coronary Thrombosis	1000.00
Oct. 24—	Hans P. Rasmussen	59	Astrup, Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	1926	Carcinoma	250.00
Oct. 29—	Rasmuss S. P. Hansen	71	Vindinge, Denmark	59	Menominee, Mich.	1906	Ulcer	1000.00
Oct. 30—	Niels Jacobsen	91	Fredericia, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1899	Coronary Thrombosis	800.00
Nov. 2—	Julius M. Due	81	Holeby, Denmark	9	Oshkosh, Wis.	1903	Cerebral Hemorrhage	847.08
Oct. 28—	Einar P. Jensen	57	Hjorring, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1919	Carcinoma	250.00
Oct. 20—	Christian Frederiksen	90	Aabenraa, Amt., Den.	84	Lincoln, Nebr.	1910	Coronary Sclerosis	457.64
Oct. 25—	Jens Peter Hansen	80	Haldagermagle, Den.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1900	Coronary Thrombosis	416.40
Oct. 28—	Anders J. Hansen	88	Odense, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	1893	Myocarditis	366.02
Nov. 5—	Niels Peter Johnsen	78	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1906	Cerebral Hemorrhage	1003.00
July 19—	Niels T. Petersen	66	Hagedsted, Denmark	164	New York, N. Y.	1921	Arteriosclerosis	1030.00
July 27—	Andrew P. Jensen	78	Hjorring, Amt., Den.	263	Askov, Minn.	1913	Coronary Occlusion	961.31
Oct. 31—	Robert Petersen	58	Hjorring, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1929	Chronic Myocarditis	500.00
Oct. 24—	Niels Thomsen	87	Agersund, Denmark	222	Corry, Penn.	1905	Cerebral Hemorrhage	390.35
Oct. 29—	Frederick Tonessen	66	Livermore, Calif.	255	Selma, Calif.	1915	Coronary Occlusion	1000.00
Oct. 31—	A. M. Neergaard	79	Randers, Amt., Den.	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1897	Rupt. Aortic Aneurysm	822.16
Oct. 26—	Martin Kalsin	78	Randers, Denmark	38	Laramie, Wyo.	1904	Coronary Thrombosis	220.40
Nov. 2—	John B. Olsen	77	Dannebrog, Nebr.	148	Cheyenne, Wyo.	1897	Chronic Nephritis	841.76
Sept. 29—	Martin Jensen	82	Ringkøbing, Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1903	Carcinoma	418.28
Oct. 26—	James S. Petersen	69	Hjorring, Denmark	202	Warren, Penn.	1904	Coronary Occlusion	968.41
Nov. 6—	Jacob Jessen	80	Vilslev, Sogn, Den.	184	Hayward, Calif.	1903	Coronary Thrombosis	857.13

## Luck, Wisconsin Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Two hundred people were present at the 50th anniversary dinner of the Danish Brotherhood last Friday evening. A delicious goose dinner was prepared and served by Mrs. Ed Ditlefsen and a staff of helpers and waitresses.

Following the dinner there was a program highlighted by a talk by Supreme President Svend Petersen of Askov, Minnesota.

The program was emceed by Chris J. Bach, treasurer of the Luck Lodge. Mrs. Edward Rawn and Mrs. Raymond Johnson led the audience in community singing of America and a Danish song.

M. H. Nelsen, president of the Luck Lodge, spoke a few words of welcome to the large crowd, after which Mr. Bach introduced the speaker and the officers of the local lodge.

In a short ceremony in which he praised the lodge for its long life here, Supreme President Svend Petersen presented Hans Petersen of Luck and Hans T. Nelson of Milltown, only living charter member of the lodge, with 50-year pins. The two men had been members of the lodge since it was organized in 1903.

After a Danish solo by Mrs. Edward Rawn, President Petersen gave a talk, delving into the affairs of the supreme lodge and explaining something of its financial status and of the problems it was con-

fronted with in the nation. Primarily the problems were with its insurance and investments in various states, and with problems within the lodge to meet with the requirements.

Mr. Petersen also outlined a number of his views in connection with the Supreme Lodge's affairs, suggesting various other forms of insurance for its members, methods of keeping up interest in the lodge, a change in policy to allow membership of people not of Danish descent, and a way of furnishing money on loan from the Supreme Lodge to local lodges for buildings, etc.

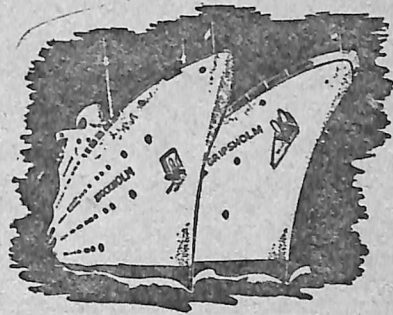
Following Mr. Petersen's talk, Mrs. Raymond Johnson sang a Danish solo.

Rev. Harald Petersen of West Denmark gave the invocation and table prayer and asked the benediction.

Dancing followed the dinner and program.

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

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At our convention in Fresno in October, our Supreme President told us that, one question he usually asked when visiting one of the various district conventions was this: How often are the lodges in your district visited by your officers? He was good enough to say, that he realized we in California visited all our lodges. May I humbly point out, that we in California have done so during the past 32 years, as it is one of the specific duties of our President to do so, or to arrange for someone to visit the lodges. In this respect we have a very fine record in California, that we can point to with pride. The coming year will be no exception and I am happy to give you below the program of our President, Brother Paul Christiansen, for his official visits to the lodges, at which time he will consider it an honor to be permitted to install the officers elected for the ensuing term:

Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, Thursday, January 7.  
 Santa Barbara Lodge No. 322, Friday, January 8.  
 Bakersfield Lodge No. 319, Saturday, January 9.  
 Solvang Lodge No. 299, Wednesday, January 13.  
 Alhambra Lodge No. 323 and Long Beach Lodge No. 329, with joint installation in Alhambra, Friday, January 15.

San Francisco Lodge No. 49, Wednesday, January 20.

Oakland Lodge No. 39, Friday, January 22.  
 San Diego Lodge No. 306, Saturday, January 30.  
 Hayward Lodge No. 184, Friday, February 5.  
 Ripon Lodge No. 332, Saturday, February 6.  
 Petaluma Lodge No. 143, Wednesday, February 10.

Some of the lodges Brother Christiansen will not be able to visit at this time, but will visit later during his term. He has accordingly arranged for Ex-President Curtis Larsen to install officers in the following two lodges:

Ferndale Lodge No. 95, Tuesday, January 12.  
 Arcata Lodge No. 230, Tuesday, January 19.

In Fresno, Selma and Del Rey Lodges Brother Christiansen has arranged for Brother Vernon Olsen, Ex-President of the General Committee to install officers as follows:

Fresno Lodge No. 67, Wednesday, January 13.  
 Selma Lodge No. 255 and Del Rey Lodge No. 188, Thursday, January 14.

Place to be decided upon by the two lodges.

May I ask the lodges to be good enough to let Brother Christiansen know as quickly as possible that the date set will be accepted by the lodges. The Secretary should write direct to Brother Paul Christiansen, 4007-6th Avenue, Los Angeles 43. It is sincerely hoped, that should the date set not be just suitable, that the lodge does everything possible in order that the program may not be altered. The Brethren must realize, that in a program such as this, it is not easy for our President to make a change. The lodges and Brethren must also bear in mind, that Brother Christiansen has set the dates according to his own business schedule, after all his business must also be taken care of during the month of January and part of February. Let us work together in this work, and it will be a success.

As you know, Brother Christiansen's good wife, Sister Margaret Christiansen, is President of the

Sisterhood General Committee and as such will accompany him on his trip, and install the Sisterhood Lodges. Permit me to suggest that, we all turn out in good number on the evening of installation. You won't regret it, and at the same time you will show our visitors that their visit is appreciated.

Usually, at this time of the month when this is written, I am tearing my hair for something to write about. This is not the case this month, when I have almost too much.

After our Convention in Fresno, our Supreme President, Brother Svend Petersen, made a number of visits to our lodges here in California. He made a visit in Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, and in San Francisco Lodge No. 49. In both places Brother Petersen dwelt upon the business side of our Danish Brotherhood, our finances and our future, and relative to the latter, read his 20 points as outlined in Fresno and other places. Brother Petersen is a forceful speaker, and was able to put his points over with force and understanding. In Lodge No. 49 he received a rousing ovation.

The same evening (October 28th), we had the pleasure of viewing Bro. Dan Chr. Andersen's latest films, taken during his trip to Denmark and Europe during the past summer. The consensus of opinion was this, that it was the best film shown as yet of Denmark. It was, of course, in color and it was easy to see that Bro. Andersen is an expert photographer. I trust that many other lodges and organizations will take advantage of Brother Andersen's offer to show it. It is really worth while.

On November 7th, Lodge No. 49 held its annual birthday party in the Rose Room at the Palace Hotel. It was truly a distinguished gathering and the whole atmosphere of the place lent dignity to the occasion. It was a very happy evening. The dinner was a gastronomic joy—and the speeches were few and short. Brother Sven Stribolt, Editor of *Bien*, was Toastmaster and as usual did an excellent job. Among the speakers were, the Danish Consul General in San Francisco, Brother Paul B. Ryder, a member of 49; Brother and Sister Paul Christiansen, Presidents of the two General Committees, Brother Leo Bjeld, President of No. 49; and others. Many of the distinguished guests were introduced after which there was dancing until 1 o'clock. The flower decorations were by Brother Leo Bjeld, and a particular appropriate decoration was the work of Brother and Sister George Hansen. The floral piece was a large replica of the Golden Gate Bridge, with words on one side "D. B. S. Golden Lodge No. 49." Our thanks to these fine people for their contribution to a fine evening. Brother F. J. Bakke was chairman of the arrangement committee and he and his committee did, as usual, a beautiful job.

The following week, on November 14th, Hayward Lodge No. 184 celebrated its 50th anniversary with a banquet and dance in the Hill and Valley Club in Hayward. The writer, his good wife, and Dan Andersen started out from San Francisco about 4 p. m., in the afternoon, and had hoped to reach Hayward about an hour later, in order to enjoy a cocktail party at the home of Harold and Margaret Sundby before the dinner. Well—this was not to be, and without

going into the details of Brother Andersen's Plymouth, or its actions when going to a gay party, we finally "efter mange Genvordigheder" made the Banquet Hall by 8 p. m., an hour after the dinner had started. Well, better late than never, and being hungry we dove right into a delightful dinner prepared by the good ladies of Hayward Lodge under the direction of Sister Hoyer.

Brother A. C. Christensen, also known as ABC, was toastmaster, a job he did just as well as being Superintendent of the Leslie Salt Works. The various speakers included the Danish Consul General, Bro. Paul B. Ryder, Supreme Trustee Hans M. Andersen, Supreme Trustee of the Danish Sisterhood, Margaret Sundby and her good husband, Harold Sundby, the two presidents of the California General Committees, Paul and Margaret Christiansen, most of the officers of the General Committee were present and were called upon, including little me; The Grand Secretary of Dania, Brother Emanuel Jurvig. There was an unusual array of officers past and present from both General Committees who had come to Hayward in order to celebrate. For instance, Brother and Sister Curtis Larsen, Ex-President had come all the way from Arcata in Northern California, while Paul and Margaret Christiansen had come all the way from Southern California, a distance of about 500 miles in either direction. Oakland was well represented from both organizations as were San Francisco. The Hans Andersen had come from Parlier, about 250 miles away and of course, Ripon, was well represented.

In the midst of the celebration it was discovered that two of the Ex-Presidents of the Sisterhood General Committee, Sisters Margaret Nielsen and Jean Andker were celebrating their birthday the same evening.

The Lodge had hoped they would have three charter members present to be presented with 50-year emblems. Unfortunately one brother passed away on November 6th and another was unable to come due to illness. However, Brother Marinus Petersen, one of the charter members was present, and Brother Leslie Brown, Past President of Hayward Lodge presented him with his emblem. Brother Petersen was very proud of his emblem, and as he is a youngster, he was only 19 when he joined, he will probably be around when the lodge will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Of necessity I have had to cut down in my reporting of these fine affairs, but I would suggest you read *Bien* where you will find a much better report.

I have just received the "President's Message" from Los Angeles and from which I note that 126 has sent out to all its members a copy of the Supreme President's 20 points. And from a convention report I have received from Brother Helseth in Santa Barbara, their members have also received a copy. By the way, Bro. Helseth has written a fine report of the convention.

It is hoped that each member in California will soon get a copy of the 20 points as mentioned above. If your lodge has not been able to send a copy to your members and is interested please write me.

All the Officers of the General Committee joins me in sending each and every one of you our best wishes for a real "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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# Straw Vote Ballot

## DISCUSSION SUBJECT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1953:

Shall The Danish Brotherhood In America be divided into official districts, similar to those now in existence; each district to elect up to 5 delegates to a National Convention every fourth year on a membership basis; under such rules and regulations as shall be established by the Supreme Board for the first division and representation?

Result of vote in Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary.

Send this, or a similar report, before January 12, 1954, to  
The Danish Brotherhood in America.  
908 W. O. W. Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr

## Danish Silver 2-Krone

For the occasion of the drive in Denmark for a Greenland anti-tuberculosis foundation 150,000 new "silver 2 kroner" were issued. The price of these coins is \$1.00 a piece, which includes cost of delivery. The proceeds goes to the Foundation. Danish-Americans have shown considerable interest in these coins, and since there is a small quantity left over, arrangement has been made to the effect that Danish-Americans, upon addressing Danish Brotherhood In Amer-

ica, 908 W. O. W. Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebr., can acquire these coins, which will no doubt be of historical interest. Orders should be accompanied by the amount of \$1.00 a piece.

The coin shows on one side King Frederik and Queen Ingrid in Profile, and on the other side is a map of Greenland. The coins carry the year 1953, the year of Denmark's new Constitution which made Greenland an integral part of Denmark.

Orders should be in no later than January 1, whereafter we will refer the total order from our readers to the Danish Information Office in New York for reference to the Royal Mint in Copenhagen.

## Change Of Officers

**Secretary:**  
Lodge No. 322, Harold Hansen, 1714 Villa Avenue, Santa Barbara, California.

**Treasurer:**  
Lodge No. 319, S. Stenderup, Route 6, Box 230, Bakersfield, California.

## Change In Address Of Officers

**Secretary:**  
Lodge No. 164, Paul H. Petersen, 601 West 164th Street, New York 32, New York.

**Treasurer:**  
Lodge No. 185, G. C. Lauridsen, 1315 Morrison Street, Madison 4, Wisconsin.



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