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Discussion Subject For The First Quarter Of 1954

“Shall future (after 1955 of course) national conventions be held in the city of Omaha under the supervision of the Supreme Board?”

Once upon a time we had more than 20,000 members who annually paid \$1.50 in per capita tax, making about \$30,000.00 or \$120,000.00 for the four years from one convention to another. The cost of operation and administration was not nearly as high in those days, nor was the cost of a national convention as great as it is now—regardless of where it was held. The result was that we had ample funds to meet running expenses as well as pay for the national convention.

During the past 10 or 12 years conditions have changed very much. Our membership has been decreasing while our running expenses have been increasing. The result was that we had to borrow money from the Relief Fund to pay for the national conventions and then levy an extra 50 cents per year against each member for the following four years to make up the deficit and still face the next convention with no funds to pay for same. The laws passed at the Detroit convention authorizes the Supreme Board to transfer from the Mortuary Fund to the General Fund such amounts of money as are

attributed to Mortuary Fund Expenses; likewise similar transfers from the Relief Fund to the General Fund. This has greatly improved the situation for the time being at least.

However, the fact remains that now we have less than 12,000 active members who annually pay \$1.50 in per capita tax, making \$18,000.00 per year and \$72,000.00 from convention to convention. It is needless for me to state that running expenses are much greater now than 15 years ago, in round figures I would assume that the cost of operation is more than double of what it was.

In view of these facts, it seems to me that we must give serious consideration to methods of reducing expenses. One place where we could save a considerable sum, I believe, would be to hold future national conventions (after 1955 of course) in Omaha, Nebr., in a suitable convention hotel, under the supervision of the Supreme Board, and then make the convention a business meeting, rather than a national social event. I do not have the exact figures, but as I recall it, then the Seattle convention cost \$36,500.00 and the Detroit convention cost \$21,300.00. It has been estimated that a national convention could have been held in Omaha for \$15,000.00.

A national convention of course creates a lot of interest and activity in the immediate vicinity where it is to be held, especially the last two years when the convention starts to stare the various committees in the face. However there is seldom any sizeable increase in the membership—it is mostly the current active members who have to shoulder the load.

There are of course many good reasons for having the national conventions in various parts of the country, just as well as there are good reasons for having it in the city of the home office. That is why we have selected this question for a Discussion Subject for the current quarter.

Talk it over, give it the discussion and consideration it deserves and after due notice take a straw vote on it in your lodge and send the results to the home office in Omaha. The straw vote on this subject must be in Omaha by the 12th of March so there is of course ample time to give it due consideration.

SVEND PETERSEN, Supreme President.

JANUARY ASSESSMENT. 655

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January 1, 1954
AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE
February 1, 1954

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

Fourth Quarter Discussion Subject Vote

"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?" The straw vote ballots received up to December 20, 1953, is as follows:

Lodge No.	Location	"No"	"Yes"
4	Racine, Wisconsin	0	54
17	Chicago, Illinois	0	13
29	Seattle, Washington	28	3
32	New Haven, Connecticut	3	18
36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	0	17
37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	0	11
38	Laramie, Wyoming	8	0
41	Derby, Connecticut	17	1
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	3	25
49	San Francisco, California	4	169
65	Duluth, Minnesota	10	0
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	0	13
78	Salt Lake City, Utah	8	3
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	15	0
102	Providence, Rhode Island	1	9
110	Winside, Nebraska	5	0
111	Austin, Minnesota	0	22
125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	9	2
143	Petaluma, California	5	11
152	Wilbur, Washington	14	0
153	Dannevirke, Nebraska	8	0
155	Bellingham, Washington	9	0
164	New York, New York	0	32
191	St. Louis, Missouri	8	0
195	Omaha, Nebraska	9	9
205	Brooklyn, New York	0	14
212	Waterloo, Iowa	5	0
214	West Point, Nebraska	6	0
217	Humboldt, Iowa	4	6
219	Clear Lake, Iowa	21	5
239	Lake Forrest, Illinois	11	1
240	Rochester, New York	6	1
255	Parlier, California	0	10
263	Askov, Minnesota	0	37
264	Pocatello, Idaho	14	0
267	Brigham City, Utah	6	0
281	Cincinnati, Ohio	8	0
283	Dagmar, Montana	21	3
288	Cotesfield, Nebraska	7	0
314	Hartford, Connecticut	0	25
319	Bakersfield, California	0	13
323	Alhambra, California	0	10
332	Ripon, California	0	11
		273	548

Only 43 lodges have reported so far; it is hoped that several more will report before the deadline, which is January 12.

On a total vote basis more than two to one favor the District Convention system; however, if the vote had been as it is in conventions where each lodge has only one vote, then the result would be different. Of the 43 lodges that have voted so far 20 voted "yes" and 22 voted "no", and there was one tie vote.

It takes a two-thirds majority vote at a convention to change the by-laws.

It is interesting to notice that in most cases, 28 to be exact, the vote is unanimous either for or against.

Fraternally yours,
SVEND PETERSEN, Supreme President.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
August Christensen	4	Racine	M. R. Christensen
Bent C. Vium	4	Racine	Henning Jakobsen
N. C. Tofting	4	Racine	Victor W. Olsen
Peter Jensen	4	Racine	Elmer F. Bornofska
Robert Karch	29	Seattle	Charles H. Parker
Robert Karch	29	Seattle	Fred Lee Bess, Jr.
Sam Frederiksen	29	Seattle	Soren Miller Jensen
Chirstian Pedersen	32	New Haven	Robert Sorensen
Chirstian Pedersen	32	New Haven	A. Sorensen, Jr.
Thomas Norgaard	35	Chicago	L. Valentine
John Jacobsen	36	Milwaukee	Harold Hansen
Viggo Nielsen	37	Bridgeport	Paul Anton Olsen
Leslie C. Cave	39	Oakland	Paul S. Holm
Clarence Andersen	39	Oakland	Hans Carl Hansen
Christian Andersen	41	Derby	Steven J. Gaidosz
Harold Hansen	48	Rock Springs	Peter Tronquet
Jacob Friedericksen	49	San Francisco	Morton Brunn
Hans J. Reuss	59	Menominee	R. F. Reuss
Hans J. Reuss	59	Menominee	Robert J. Reuss
Donald H. Nielsen	75	Albert Lea	James A. Nielsen
Otto A. Thompsen	75	Albert Lea	Herb. Thompsen
Otto A. Thompsen	75	Albert Lea	H. A. Thompsen
Edwin Jorgensen	91	St. Paul	Phillip J. Nielsen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Mads A. Johansen
Geo. Godthaab	116	Newark	Thor Johansen
Chas. M. Petersen	126	Los Angeles	J. V. Andersen
Chris J. Hansen	152	Wilbur	Roy Allen Hansen
Hans P. Jensen	167	Portland	Paul Persson
Marcus P. Pohl	167	Portland	Carl E. Jacobsen
Axel Nerstrom	182	Waukegan	Aage Nielsen
Paul Christensen	183	Troy	James D. Christensen
Hans C. Iversen	188	Del Rey	Arthur C. Miller
John Christensen	225	Canton	Edward E. Peterson
John Christensen	225	Canton	Robert Pedersen, Jr.
John Christensen	225	Canton	Vernon Christensen
John Christensen	225	Canton	John J. Johnson
John Christensen	225	Canton	Corien Harter
John Christensen	225	Canton	Gary S. Petersen
Oluf A. Jensen	227	Detroit	Jens Oscar Jensen
Martin J. Dietz	263	Askov	Donald M. Dietz
Dwain Thomsen	263	Askov	Darrell S. Madsen
E. Madsen	301	Akron	Russell C. Thayer
E. Madsen	301	Akron	Axel Nielsen
Harry D. Davis	319	Bakersfield	Jay L. Jennings
T. Frandsen	323	Alhambra	Don. Anderson
John Gaden	325	Nassau	H. A. Jorgensen
Paul Krogh	328	Vancouver	Hardy Hansen
Paul Krogh	328	Vancouver	Kurt O. Jacobsen
Paul Krogh	328	Vancouver	Bent Chr. Menck
Paul Krogh	328	Vancouver	Niels O. Mygind
Paul Krogh	328	Vancouver	Svend E. Hansen
Paul Krogh	328	Vancouver	H. P. C. Hansen
C. E. Juul-Hansen	328	Vancouver	Harry Isaksen
John Nielsen	328	Prince George	A. Petersen
Howard Saabye	332	Ripon	Roy L. Russell

(Juveniles included in the above)

Pacific Northwest DBS Manes and Tales

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

The New Year is Yours—Don't Waste a Day. Did you ever stop to consider when a new year rolls around, that you have in front of you 365 days to do exactly as you please? In reality, this year of 1954 is **YOURS**. It belongs to you, just as much as it belongs to your next door neighbor, to your friends and relatives. But what you **DO** with the 365 days ahead of you is another matter. Usually a lot of resolutions are made the first of the year but in a few weeks, if you are an average person like we are, these resolutions are broken and forgotten. Pardon the sermon but let's all resolve to make the most of every day and determine to do a little more towards our fraternity duties this year. Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters, the new beginnings of another year are a gift from Providence to help us do our tasks better.

Our fifth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest District with Lodge Number 113, Enumclaw, Washington, as host, is shaping up for next summer's session under the general chairmanship of Past District President Carl N. Grove. This fine little city of harmony is all out to bring success to our organization and the various committees under good chairmen will be waiting visitors from near and far. May I assure everyone that a splendid time is in store for all.

Midwest District Secretary-Treasurer Gerhard H. Rasmussen's full report of that organization's September convention which included "a shot in the arm" by visiting Supreme President Svend Petersen could well be given all districts and all lodges. It is indeed unfortunate that the office of our national president is not a full time position with compensation accordingly so that "shots" could be administered whenever and wherever needed.

Next twelve months will see Tacoma's No. 33 under the stewardship of the same officers as last year—Ex-President Niels Christensen, President Marinus Laursen, Vice-President Chris Andersen, Conductor Nels Teigen, Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen, Trustee Chairman Chris Fredriksen, Trustee Chris Petersen, Trustee Andrew Anderson, Inner guard Thorval Mortensen and Outer guard Peter Thompson. Like Astoria, Oregon's No. 307, both these old time lodges are determined to hang on to their charters come "hell or high water." Secretary Thomas Jorgensen of the latter sends greetings to all Brothers everywhere.

With apologies and respect to our late Brother A. Gravesen of Askov, Minnesota, a "Boiling Pot" in this district would this time include a new meeting place for Spokane's No. 42 after over thirty years; Convention Publicity Chairman Henry Hergert of Enumclaw's No. 113 becoming a grandfather; District President Ingvard Eskeberg's Danish Class including an Associated Press representative soon to be transferred to the Scandinavian countries; Enumclaw's Brother Soren Eriksen's wife receiving her

corsage each year along with other Gold Star Mothers from the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Seattle's Washington Hall staging another of their yearly real Danish Christmas parties for young and old and their many friends.

Honoring the mother of Brother Bonde, Karen Bondesen, on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday anniversary, was feted to an open house celebration on November the eighth. More than a hundred friends and relatives from the Northwest called to extend congratulations to this grand old lady whom everyone calls "Bestemor." Coming from Denmark in 1922, Mrs. Bondesen and her late husband celebrated their golden wedding in 1934.

It's time again, Brothers, to start another year's Birthday Club Fund for the Old People's Home—time for the active Christmas assistance organization which has just emptied its coffers for the holidays. Let's get in high gear and remember the old folks on your birthday—send this writer one dollar on your anniversary. Let them know that the DBS has not forgotten them and never will.

In commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Danish Sisterhood Number 75 in Enumclaw along with the National Sisterhood's Seventieth Jubilee, new President Myrna Mae Rieck announced a friendly joint celebration of the event on their next meeting night, January the ninth. DBS and DSS lodges from Seattle and Tacoma are especially invited together with any of the other chapters who can see fit to participate. In behalf of the District, this column's hearty felicitations to our beloved Sisters.

Selling our DBS insurance and social memberships can't work on a hit-or-miss basis. Arm yourself with a supply of membership applications, get a sheet of the new slightly revised rates, and a few of our Supreme Board's latest brochure compilation of Brotherhood facts, and then call on those prospects whom you have postponed for so many months. But know what you are talking about—a good salesman is only as strong as a good member who keeps his fraternal obligation or as weak as the Brother who breaks it.

The Rev. Elmer Laursen, who is the son of Tacoma's DBS President Marinus and of District DSS Secretary-Treasurer Anna, has just been officially installed as Resident Chaplain of Minneapolis, Minnesota's Fairview Hospital. Before spending a year in Boston, Massachusetts where Reverend Laursen received his Master of Sacred Theology, Elmer was for ten years employed by the army engineers and the veteran's administration. Married with three children, this very talented young man was born and raised in Tacoma and the Pacific Northwest is proud of his magnificent accomplishments.

Notice to all Secretaries in this District: Please remit your annual dues to yours truly. And just as important, let me know "whats cookin'" in your lodge.

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1953
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	24	163
4	Racine, Wisconsin	16	537
322	Santa Barbara, California	15	101
29	Seattle, Washington	14	364
225	Canton, Ohio	13	27
314	Hartford, Connecticut	10	195
301	Akron, Ohio	9	39
335	Port Alberni, B. C., Canada	9	31
227	Detroit, Michigan	8	297
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	8	174
283	Dagmar, Montana	8	133
39	Oakland, California	7	212
49	San Francisco, California	7	367
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	7	87
126	Los Angeles, California	7	312
299	Solvang, California	7	49
334	Geneva, New York	7	42
71	Penn Yan, New York	6	124
182	Waukegan, Illinois	6	92
330	Prince George, B. C., Canada	6	60
32	New Haven, Connecticut	5	78
113	Enumclaw, Washington	5	76
116	Newark, New Jersey	5	176
183	Troy, New York	5	87
263	Askov, Minnesota	5	140
306	San Diego, California	5	195
232	Ripon, California	5	40

(Juveniles included in the above)

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
225	John Christensen	Canton, Ohio	13
328	Paul Krogh	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	9
322	O. F. Pedersen	Santa Barbara, Calif.	6
334	E. W. Christensen	Geneva, New York	6
32	Chris Petersen	New Haven, Conn.	5
49	Jacob C. Friedrichsen	San Francisco, Calif.	5
242	Wylie S. Hansen	Erie, Pennsylvania	5
71	Laurids S. Pedersen	Penn Yan, N. Y.	4
75	Donald Nielsen	Albert Lea, Minn.	4
113	Norbert E. Grove	Enumclaw, Wash.	4
126	Paul Herskind	Los Angeles, Calif.	4
283	Vivian J. Thuesen	Dagmar, Montana	4
299	Johannes J. Nielsen	Solvang, Calif.	4
301	Johannes Pedersen	Akron, Ohio	4
301	Ejnar Madsen	Akron, Ohio	4
322	Nels P. Christensen	Santa Barbara, Calif.	4
335	Fred Rasmussen	Port Alberni, B. C., Can.	4
4	Arne Sondergaard	Racine, Wisconsin	3
29	John Hansen	Seattle, Washington	3
39	Leslie C. Cave	Oakland, Calif.	3
106	Edward C. Hansen	Trufant, Michigan	3
164	Paul Petersen	New York, N. Y.	3
182	Thorvald Mouritsen	Waukegan, Illinois	3
227	Johan Emanuelsen	Detroit, Michigan	3
283	Roy Rasmussen	Dagmar, Montana	3

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Old People's Home Gets Big Spread

Under date of October 3, 1953, The Pontiac (Michigan) Press devotes a full page of its daily paper to pictures and a story about the Danish Old People's Home, located just outside of Detroit, which is sponsored by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 227 in Detroit. The article, as written by Hazel A. Trumble, Press staff writer, follows:

Dedicated to the dignity of the "Golden Years," the Danish Old Peoples' Home at 2566 Pontiac Rd., near Rochester, is proving that "life can be fun in an old folks' home."

Founded in 1949 by the Danish Brotherhood, many different nationalities representing a "Little United Nations" live together in this 36-room old-fashioned farm house with its oaken beams and wainscoting, its high ceilings and four fireplaces to warm the "cockles of the heart" on cool evenings.

The Danish people, long advocates and practitioners of care for the aged, claim that they are only doing what generations of their forefathers in Denmark have done—take care of their elders.

"After all," says Lilly Rasmussen, director of the home and a resident of Copenhagen five years ago, "these people have made their contribution to society. In respect to their wisdom, their fine service to humanity, they deserve pleasant and comfortable years in homelike surroundings. Family situations after 65 years often make it necessary for people to live in this type of a home."

Ages at the home range from 65 to 93.

Although several Danish people beyond 65 live at the home, nationalities representing the Scots, the English, French, German, Polish and all the Scandinavian countries have equal status in the home.

The 110-acre farm with its acres of lawns, fields and gardens provides the physical exercise opportunities needed by men and women who have been active all their lives.

Built about 75 years ago, the colonial-type house has had new wings added to give extra housing space.

Three sitting rooms, each with a fieldstone fireplace, are furnished as nearly like these people's home as possible. Comfortable rocking chairs, couches, lots of reading lamps and other furnishings are used.

The dining room, with its new addition following the lines of the original house, has family-table space for nearly 40. House plants are in abundance in this room with its high-beamed ceilings and wide windows.

The kitchen has the old wooden cupboards used years ago, faced with white ceramic tile for the counters and work areas. Concession to the modern age is the stainless steel hood over the double-sized gas stove, and the triple-doored ceiling-to-floor refrigerators.

Home cured Danish meats are served prepared by Mr. Rasmussen. He also cares for the extensive grounds.

A new 13-bedroom wing, with three bathrooms

and a laundry room has recently been completed at the home. Demand for more residents at the home required this, said Mrs. Rasmussen, who pointed out the individual privacy possible with the new bedroom space.

"Private bedrooms give the individuals a feeling of their own home," she said, "and they have their own personal belongings there and can fix up their rooms to suit themselves."

A recreation room, with ceiling and walls paneled in oak, has a floor for dancing and one end for a large pool table.

The floor, an interesting pattern in oak squares, is waxed for the regular folk dancing sessions enjoyed by everyone now living there.

The former all-steel chicken house is now the "grand ballroom." On Sundays and on the Fourth of July everyone's family comes to visit. Part of the congeniality of the home comes from the mutual enjoyment everyone has dancing and singing.

A non-profit project, the Danish Old Peoples' Home tries to be self-sustaining. "It is not always possible," said Mrs. Rasmussen, "but the Danish Brotherhood lodge sponsoring the home is so interested in its growth they continue to give generously because they believe in the good it is doing."

In 1949, when the Home was started, only one person was a resident. Now there are 32, with a waiting list.

Getting along together is no problem, said a young lady of 89 years. "We all have our own opinions, and just before elections we become involved in some pretty heated discussions."

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 vej 26, København, V. 2. og 4. Fredag.

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.

Supreme President's Twenty Points

During the 18 years that I have served on the Supreme Board I have witnessed a slow but constant decline in our membership. This decline has not been due to lack of leadership. There has been able and willing men on the board and the Supreme Presidents during that period, N. B. Nelson, John Hansen and C. B. Christensen, have certainly given freely of their time and ability—every one at a financial loss to themselves. (You just don't make money when you are traveling around for the Danish Brotherhood). For seventy years it has been left to the membership of each lodge to secure new members to make up for those that drop out, are suspended, or die. That method has become obsolete as nearly every lodge has less members now than they had 18 years ago. We have tried various types of campaigns for getting members; and at times there seemed to be a slight revival but it soon died down again. Why is this? Well, as I see it, there is just one answer: LACK OF INTEREST. There is practically nothing to come to meeting for. Open and close the meeting; then a game of cards and coffee and lunch. That social hour was sufficient in olden days — but not today. We have too much competition. There are just oodles of things we can do and enjoy every evening that are much more interesting than a lodge meeting; and that applies to all kinds of lodges, not just the Danish Brotherhood.

Therefore, it is my belief, that the solution is: "Create Interest." To do this we must have a "Program." We must have "Objectives." We must have "Activity." And we certainly shall have that if the major part of my "Twenty points" are adopted.

This is not the Supreme President's recommendation to the national convention. This "program" is presented now so that all lodges will have ample time to discuss it and concrete motions can be formulated and prepared for the national convention in 1955 in Racine. Here it is:

1. I believe we should delay remittance of assessments about 4 months instead of as present, which is 2 months, and thus avoid many losses sustained by the lodges.
2. I believe we should raise the per capita tax to \$2.00 and out of that, 50 cents per member should revert to the District from whence it came for promotional purposes.
3. I believe the expense of conducting the national convention should be paid out of the mortuary fund; as only insured members are eligible to be delegates.
4. I believe the brother who is willing to go out and solicit new members should be compensated financially about the same as old line life agents.
5. I believe each lodge should have a membership solicitor who should be trained and instructed in selling our insurance and other values. And licensed in some states.
6. I believe we should have a Promotional Department in the home office in Omaha.
7. I believe we should have a home office building in Omaha with space for rent to other lodges and industries.
8. I believe all national conventions should be held in Omaha under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Board.
9. I believe we should continue to pay \$1.00 per member to the Relief Fund but with the provision that 50 cents out of each dollar shall go into the Scholarship Fund until that fund is built up to \$50,000.00. And only the interest from that fund should be used for scholarships, which would be about 10 scholarships of \$200.00 per student each year. Many students would return some of the money.
10. I believe the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer should devote all his time to the investment and supervision of the 4 million dollars we have in the Mortuary Fund and that his entire salary should be paid from that fund.
11. I believe that ½ of the office force devotes their time to the Mortuary Fund and consequently such salary should come out of the Mortuary Fund.
12. I believe the office of Supreme President should be a full time position with appropriate compensation and that most of his time should be spent in traveling and promoting the welfare of our society.
13. I believe we should arrange to insure our women and children on the same basis as our present Juvenile insurance but with appropriate policies.
14. I believe we should provide more modern life insurance policies.
15. I believe we should make our life insurance voluntary instead of compulsory.
16. I believe we should provide fire and windstorm insurance for our homes and business places.
17. I believe we should provide health and accident insurance.
18. I believe we should provide hospital and medical care insurance.
19. I believe we should provide automobile insurance.
20. I believe we should admit members regardless of nationality.

All this and much more can be realized only if the delegates at a national convention will make provisions for it in our by-laws.

The delegates at the next national convention as well as at all future conventions can determine

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whether we shall live and grow, or we shall remain dormant and die a slow death.

And then last but not least (I really should have put this in the Twenty Points) I believe the time has come when it will be beneficial for the Brotherhood to decentralize some power of authority. By that I mean that our present Districts must be given some power and authority; they must be made official; they must have something to do; they must be made part of the governing power. Otherwise they will become dormant and die. There is excellent social activity now in the District Meetings, but sociability is not sufficient for survival.

I have presented this program in person at various places from Menominee, Mich., to Fresno, Calif. I had many copies of it printed, but the supply was constantly insufficient, and many who have asked for a copy of same, have been disappointed because I failed to send same—now it is available for everyone to “shoot” at.

I have been highly pleased with the favorable reception my “Twenty Points” have received, where I have presented them in person.

Now it is my sincere hope that every lodge will study this “Program” in a constructive manner. My one and only reason for presenting it now is: That I believe such a program of activity WILL revive INTEREST. I not only believe that it is financially sound, but I am positive that it would be of mutual benefit—both the member and the Brotherhood would gain.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

SVEND PETERSEN, Supreme President.

Resolutions

FRED RITZMAN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Fred Ritzman, who passed away Nov. 10, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting Nov. 13, 1953:

Resolved that we deeply regret the loss of our brotherhood and hereby extend to his family our sincere sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days in his memory; that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and in the minutes of our meeting.

In behalf of Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minn.

STANLEY JENSEN, President,
CARL E. GUSTAFSEN, Secretary.

HANS C. HANSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Hans C. Hansen, who passed away December 13, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 14 at our regular meeting, Dec. 22, 1953:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our old brother, and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family. Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days, that this resolution be inserted in our minutes, and the Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy be sent to his family.

In behalf of Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis.

MARTIN JENSEN, President,
CARL OLSEN, Secretary.

VICTOR E. HANSEN, Hartford, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother Victor E. Hansen, who passed away November 28, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314 DBS.

Resolved that we deeply regret the loss of our good brother and hereby wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of Hartford Lodge No. 314.

MARIUS C. FROST, President,
EINAR M. NIELSEN, Secretary.

RASMUS HEMMINGSEN, Toledo, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Rasmus Hemmingsen, who passed away December 9, 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.

KARL PEDERSEN, Pres.
HANS SOE, Sec.

ALBERT N. JORGENSEN, Edmore, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Albert N. Jorgensen, who passed away Nov. 22, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge 163 at its regular meeting Dec. 15, 1953.

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

Be it further resolved that our charter be draped in mourning for 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.

J. P. JENSEN, Pres.
ALFRED STEFFENSEN, Sec.

JENS NICOLAISEN, Dagmar, Mont.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Nicolaisen, who died November 12, 1953, Dagmar Lodge No. 283 adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that our lodge deeply regrets the loss of a true and loyal brother, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days and that the lodge hereby extends its sympathy to the bereaved family, and that this resolution be in our minutes and also printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

OLUF K. PETERSEN, President,
KENNETH J. KAAE, Secretary.

ANTON ANDERSEN, Milwaukee, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Anton Andersen, who passed away on December 5, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting December 8, 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; and this resolution be en-

tered in our minutes, published in the D. B. Magazine and a copy be sent to his family.

JOHN JACOBSEN, Pres.,
EDWARD JUEL, Sec.

SIMON P. MADSEN, McCabe, Mont.

In memory of our departed brother, Simon P. Madsen, who passed away September 17, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by members of Lodge 308: Be it 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.

OSCAR SVENDSEN, President,
OTTO HANSEN, Secretary.

CHRIST HANSEN, Albert Lea, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Christ Hansen, who passed away Nov. 30, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge 75:

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

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

SOREN SORENSSEN, Pres.,
DONALD H. NIELSEN, Sec.

MARIUS RODBRO, Waukegan, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Marius Rodbro, who passed away November 16, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Dannevang Lodge No. 182 at its regular meeting held Nov. 27, 1953:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal member of our lodge, that we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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

LAURITS PETERSEN, Pres.
TONY JORGENSEN, Sec.

ANDERS NIELSEN, Albert Lea, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Anders Nielsen, who passed away November 25, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 75:

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

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

SOREN SORENSSEN, Pres.,
DONALD H. NIELSEN, Sec.

CHRISTIAN FR. ANDERSEN, Buffalo, N. Y.

In memory of our departed brother, Christian Frederik Andersen, who passed away November 30, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by the members of Lodge No. 315:

That we regret the loss of our brother and here-

by wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and entered in the minutes of our Lodge, and a copy be sent to his family.

HANS NIELSEN, Pres.,
RAY LARSEN, Sec.

JAMES S. PETERSEN, Warren, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, James S. Petersen, charter member of our lodge, who passed away October 26, 1953, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 202:

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

That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days in his memory and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

RAY CALDWELL, President,
HENRY S. PETERSEN, Secretary

JENS JORGENSEN, St. Charles, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Jorgensen, who passed away on December 5, 1953, the following resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Ill.:

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

GERHART RASMUSSEN, President
EINAR DANIELSEN, Secretary.

Omaha, Nebraska

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 17th, Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 1 held a Smoker honoring our 50 Year Members. There were nine eligible for this distinguished honor this year. Although only three fifty-year members were present, we have about thirty in the lodge at the present time.

Supreme Sec.-Treas., Axel Skelbeck presented the beautiful Supreme Lodge 50-Year pins, and gave a short talk commending these brothers on the long and faithful span of years spent in our brotherhood, and also stated that this brought to sixty-six the number of fifty-year pins issued to lodge No. 1.

Brother Jens Dahl reciprocated for the fifty-year members in a few well chosen words, and was given a big hand from the well attended meeting. Afterwards a fine baked ham was served, prepared by President Chris Larsen's sister, and Mrs. Emil Kellmann. Sports movies in color and sound were also enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday evening January 5th, Lodges 1 and 195 will hold joint installation of officers in Dannebrog Hall. State President Fred Jensen has been appointed the Installing Officer by unanimous requests. Lincoln Lodge No. 84 has been invited, and we would also like to see any brothers in the area to attend.

GUNNAR ENGSKOV Secretary No. 1.

News From The Eastern Lodges

By

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

Fiftieth Anniversary in Jamestown, N. Y.

Godthaab Lodge No. 171 celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner in the Lawrence Restaurant. The tables were decorated with white mums and red carnations, at each plate was a corsage for the ladies and flower for the men.

President Sigurd Flyger welcomed 40 brothers and sisters and Henry Lassen acted as toastmaster for the evening. The program started by singing America accompanied by Mrs. Harry Cullen, and Sister Alin Cullen led in prayer.

Following the dinner Mr. Petrus Peterson sang and played several songs. A special song, composed by Otto Svendsen, was sung by the entire group, accompanied by Mrs. Lassen. Several remarks were made by the guests and the main speaker for the evening was the Secretary of the General Committee, James Nordine, from Warren, Pa.

After the program at the Restaurant, the guests were asked to go to the lodge rooms where refreshments were served and an entertainment program was presented. The committee for this affair consisted of Henry Lassen, chairman, Mrs. Lassen, Mr. and Mrs. Matt. Nielsen and Sigurd Flyger. The committee got a great vote of thanks for a fine evening and everyone went home happy.

Really News From No. 37, Bridgeport, Conn.

After waiting so long to hear something from Bridgeport, we finally got a most encouraging letter from the secretary about their meeting and election of officers. In Bridgeport they have, according to what we have heard, been rather slow in coming to meetings; but encouraging it was to see 26 at the meeting for the election, and the 64th birthday of the lodge was also celebrated this evening with the tables covered with sandwiches, coffee and cake, etc. Viggo Nielsen, who was in Denmark last summer, acted as toastmaster and called upon the "old timers" especially and others in general.

At this gathering it was proper that several members were presented with the 50-year emblems; there were 4 eligible, namely: Knud W. Eicke, Andrew Sorensen, Louis M. Lund and Nis Iversen. Seven other members proudly wear their 50-year emblems. Brother Eicke was unable, on account of illness, to be present, but a delegation will visit him and present it to him as well as a Christmas donation from those present.

The new slate of officers elect will be installed on January the 13th by the G. C. President Aage Jespersen from Hartford and his staff. Why not make it a date to go to Bridgeport that evening and see a really nice installation, I hope I can make it.

It was a pleasure to hear from you in Bridgeport and I sincerely hope and trust that 1954 will be a most happy and prosperous year for you.

Thor Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N. J.

From the Past President of the General Committee we received a note about a most interesting meeting there in November. More than 30 members of lodge attended and from No. 325, No. 50, No. 172 and No. 205 several visitors were noted.

Past Supreme Trustee Henry Hansen, presented 50-year pins to Waldemar Mathiasen, Paul Jessen and Andrew Thostesen.

After the meeting delicious sandwiches were served with all other refreshments, prepared by Mrs. Mathiasen, Mrs. Nielsen and Mrs. Thostesen. Paul Thofner was asked to take over as toastmaster for the evening and several speeches were heard. Charles Christensen, past president of the lodge and past president of the Home for Aged, was given a good luck toast on his coming trip to Denmark for Christmas, his first since he arrived here more than 40 years ago. Say "hello" to your sister and Police Sargent Jensen in Aalborg from me Charles.

Thor lodge seems to be going ahead, the attendance is getting better and applications are coming in. The president, Harvey Mathiasen, had decided not to accept re-election to the high office; but pressure from the members made him accept again. Paul says, it was a wonderful evening and he says he shall long remember it.

Erie Is Active

From Lyngblomsten in Erie we have again received their monthly paper and it is so full of news about the lodge that I could not begin to repeat it here. I do wish however to let you know what the schedule for December was, you can then note for yourself what kind of a lodge they have there. The paper also gives a report of the times they have had and what kind to expect in the future, but here is the agenda for December: Tuesday, Dec. 1, Sisterhood card party; Dec. 4, semi-annual meeting of the building association; Dec. 6, Monthly Smorgasbord; Dec. 11, Golden Wedding celebration and election of officers, also birthdays and Christmas party on the same date.

Dec. 20, Danish Club, Christmas Kiddies party. Dec. 31, Danish Club, New Year Eve party and Sunday, Jan. 24, 1954, Torskegilde.

Schenectady, N. Y.

From Schenectady we hear that at the meeting Dec. 16th the annual Christmas party was held, lunch was served and presents distributed.

On Sunday, Dec. 27th the regular Christmas party will be held at 6 p. m. Toys, candy and ice cream will be given by the Sisterhood; coffee and pastry will be served to the bigger folks and dancing will be enjoyed after. New Year Eve party will be held at the Danish Building from 9 p. m. A fine Smorgasbord will be served at midnight; lots of favors and

noisemakers will be distributed and a first class orchestra will play for dancing. Have a good time and happy New Year to all.

Providence, R. I. No. 102 and Sister Lodge No. 158

At the last meeting we held a Christmas party for children again. It has been several years since we had the nerve to attempt it; but the Sisters were again on their toes and did a fine job. They were hosts to all the children and a goodly number showed up. A beautifully decorated tree greeted the children and they danced around it just like we used to years ago when we first arrived in Providence, presents were given to all of them and cookies, such as "klejner" and many other homemade cookies and hot chocolate was enjoyed by them; the larger folks enjoyed coffee and Danish pastry. After the celebration, we had our meeting and election of officers. We were 13 present at the meeting and had no trouble at all to fill the chairs. We certainly appreciate the fact that you are trying to come to our meetings. At the meeting in January, the 8th, we shall have as our guest the Past President of the General Committee, Paul Thofner, to install the officers. The Sisters have invited the Supreme Vice President, Edith Seidel, to install them and a supper is being prepared by the Sisters before the meeting, so please come and enjoy another nice evening in No. 102.

A very happy New Year to all Brothers all over the Land.

G. V. P.

Hvorfor Tourister

Hvor ofte hører vi ikke om tourister, baade her i landet og i Danmark, tale om deres indtryk og oplevelser af landet og steder de besøger og folk de kommer sammen med. Jeg tænker her nærmest paa danskere som besøger, os og danskfødte som besøger Danmark.

Vi har selv haft den glæde at besøge Danmark for et par aar siden efter ca. 30 aars fravær, og gav forskellige steder vores indtryk af vores besøg, baade landet og folk vi besøgte, og jeg vil her igen sige at der var overmaade meget som gjorde et særdeles godt indtryk paa mig og min hustru. Vi prøvede ikke at sammenligne vores kære fædreland med vores adoptive land; men fandt meget som gjorde at vi var om jeg saa maa sige imponeret.

Naar vi körte gennem Danmark og saa de forskellige landsdele saa smukke og overordentlig omhyggeligt vedligeholdte og vi saa de smukke landsbyer og de store byer med deres nye bygninger af velholdte haver o. s. v., kunde vi jo ikke andet end blive imponeret.

Vi har ogsaa haft besøg herovre af slægt og venner og det har været netop det samme tilfælde.

Derfor undrer det os ofte naar man hører eller ser nogle mennesker komme herover eller rejse hjem og saa fortælle os, at der er intet som paa nogen maade imponerer dem herovre, eller naar man læser i aviserne at folk rejser hjem til Danmark og saa kommer tilbage og fortæller os at i Danmark er alt uden nogen tænkelig grund saa langt tilbage at det er umuligt at forstaa at nogen kan finde sig til rette

der. Selvfølgelig er det maaske kun faa som har disse tanker; men de faa er for mange.

F. E. kan nogen tænke sig at en dansker kommer herover og finder, at der er ikke noget som imponerer ham, kan man F. E. köre paa Merritt Parkway uden at beundre denne vej eller "Penn. Turnpike" hvor man kan köre over 300 mile uden overkörsel, eller se Niagara Falls, köre over Rocky Mountains, gennem de store Red Woods i California, se Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park o. s. v., se New York City og köre gennem vores smukke New England. Kan nogen se noget af dette uden at blive imponeret?

Noget andet er ogsaa forholdene som vi lever under, herovre boer vi side om side ved alle nationaliteter og vi er alle som een.

Saa tales der meget om gæstfriheden i Danmark, ja det kunde ikke blive bedre; men herovre finder vi ogsaa at vi er gæstfrie, hvilket er bevist mange gange og paatalt af mange besøgende her fra Danmark.

Tourister, efter min mening, er folk som rejser for at studere og se andre lande, folk og pladser, som man ikke til dagligt ser, ikke for at finde fejl eller nedrive andres maade at leve paa. Derfor prøv at finde det bedste ved enhver Plads, som besøges, tag de bedste minder med hjem, glem de smaa ubehageligheder som naturligvis vil komme ens vej ogsaa. Det koster jo mange penge at rejse, saa hvorfor ikke prøve at faa saa meget ud deraf som muligt.

Alle som rejser til Danmark, haaber jeg vil finde at det er den bedste tur de kunde tage og det samme er tilfældet med alle som kommer herover paa besøg, vi prøver alle paa at göre vores bedste for at tourister skal faa det bedst mulige indtryk af os. Kom med en aaben tanke og alle vil faa fornøjelse af besøget.

Saa hvorfor er vi tourister?

GEORGE V. PETERSEN
W. Warwick, R. I.

Kidding on the Keys

Under the above caption, LIFE Magazine, Dec. 7 issue, gives a full page spread to Victor Borge, consisting of two excellent "action" pictures and the following story:

Victor Borge is one piano player nobody wants to shoot; the best he can do is fine, whether his playing is serious or sassy. This fall, after delighting a million fans on tour, the Danish-born musician booked his one-man show for four weeks into a Broadway theater but was received so warmly that he is staying on indefinitely.

Victor Borge's musical smorgabord is composed of wit, urbane charm, a running fire of gags and real musicianship—giving a skillful rendition of Franz Liszt's Liebestraum, Borge keeps telling the audience how he loathes it. All this moved the New York Times to call him "the funniest entertainer in the world."

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Rambling

By Jul. Andersen

After almost twenty years away from home, we decided (that was the wife and I) it would be nice to spend a Christmas at home. So in the year 1910 I got a trip over the ocean in the old Steamer, "Hellig Olav." On the ship I got on friendly terms with the purser, Mr. Petersen, who introduced me to one of the world's greatest explorers, Mr. Roald Amundsen. One day I asked him if he would object to me writing an article about him for the "Danske Pioneer," to which he said he had no objection. As that article was written long ago, it is doubtful if any of our readers either remember it or have read it. I shall not repeat what I wrote, except this one point: he admitted that the question of who discovered the North Pole was uncertain; whether Peary or Cook, but seemingly Peary got the credit for doing so. But Mr. Amundsen did say that discovery was not of any great importance to the world, just a spot a man could say he had stood upon. The greatest interest he had in his polar expedition was to ascertain all about the Magnetic Needles as it is termed, and the air and water circulation from the poles that may have great influence upon the rest of climatic conditions on our globe.

The life history of Roald Amundsen relates that he went to sea as a common sailor to study navigation. At the age of 26 he became vitally interested in polar explorations and devoted practically all his life to it afterwards.

He negotiated the Northwest Passage, 1903-06,

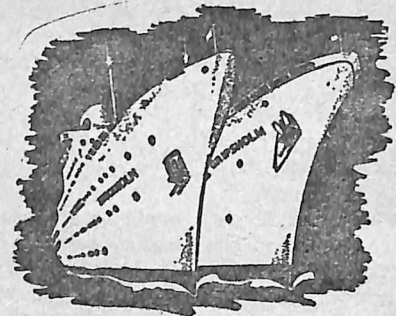
fighting his way through ice, and located the magnetic North Pole. On a trip to the Anarctic Ocean he made a base on the Bay of Whales, where by dog team and skis he discovered the South Pole on December 14, 1911, a month before the British expedition under Captain Scott.

Amundsen and five companions set out in a plane in 1928 to rescue Umberto Nobile—Amundsen's chief pilot who crashed in the dirigible "Italia" in the Arctic region. None of the group was ever heard from again.

Amundsen wrote several books about his most important polar expeditions. The most interesting he named "Our Polar Fight and My Life as an Explorer." Scandinavia has produced two great explorers, who's names will never die: Bering, the great Danish navigator who discovered what today is known as "The Bering Strait" and Roald Amundsen who stood upon both the North and South Poles. To me it is still a pleasant memory to have had the privilege to meet that great man.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

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

Since giving you our President's itinerary in the December issue of our Magazine, a number of changes have taken place and they are as follows: The installation in San Francisco has been changed to January 27th, at which time the Sisterhood Lodge will also have their installation. The Sisterhood installation has been changed from January 13th to coincide with the Brotherhood affair. Brother and Sister Paul Christiansen will do the installing.

The Oakland installation has been changed from January 22nd to January 29th. This will be a joint installation and as usual we may expect one of the finest installations in California.

The San Diego installation has been changed from January 30th to January 23rd. This will be a joint installation, and according to Brother Lee Cook, it will be a "bang up affair" with dinner, dance and all the trimmings to make it the best affair since our last convention, which says a lot. The installation will be at the Leisner Hall, 30th and Date Streets, San Diego. The installations will be by Brother and Sister Paul Christiansen.

In Fresno, the installation will now be Thursday evening, January 14th, and in Selma on Friday evening, January 15th. The Selma Lodges have invited Del Rey Lodge for joint installation. The installations as far as the Brotherhood is concerned will be done by Brother Vernon Olsen.

May I again urge all you good brothers to show up on the evening of your installation. You will be proud of your lodge and you will honor the visiting officers of the General Committee, as well as Supreme Officers who may be present.

For many years we have had a large advertisement in the Danish Newspaper "Bien," giving the names and addresses of the officers of the General Committee, as well as a list of all our lodges in California, listing the Secretary's names and address, the meeting night and place of the lodges. It is impossible for me to correct the list of Secretaries and other lodge data, unless you good secretaries will furnish me with this information. From a recent check up, it would appear the list contains some errors, and I would like to request the secretaries to check this list in Bien, to see if the advertisement is correct as far as your lodge is concerned. If not, please advise me at once so that it may be corrected. This is most important so please do it now.

At this time of the year all our lodges have elected a new set of officers to take care of the affairs of your lodge for the ensuing term. But please keep in mind, that these officers can do very little unless they have the full support of YOU as members. And the best way you can support your officers is by attending as many meetings as possible and take part in the proceedings of YOUR Lodge.

In the evening of December 9th Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco held its semi-annual election of officers. We have done this a good many times, but for once we had a decided change in our lodge officers. We have for many years had what was known as the three Musketeers, namely: Brothers

Carl E. Kemp as Secretary; Louis Jorgensen as Financial Secretary; and Carl Mygind as Treasurer. Well this time, Brothers Carl E. Kemp and Carl Mygind declined re-elections, and the two brothers retire from their offices after many years of service. As far as Carl Kemp is concerned he finishes 33 years as Secretary of Lodge 49, and as for Carl Mygind is concerned I believe it is over 35 years. I believe these records are outstanding within our organization. The two brothers can be justly proud of their achievement, and the lodge can be happy for the years they have served.

To take their places the Lodge elected Brother Axel Jacobsen as Secretary and Brother Walter Fredricksen as Treasurer.

After the meeting of the two lodges was over, we had our usual little Christmas gathering. The tables were beautifully decorated and after coffee and cake had been served, we had a very fine community singing of the dear old Danish Christmas songs. For those of us who were born in Denmark and had our schooling in that country, these songs were still familiar, and I dare say, that most of them remembered them by heart. Sister Else Rønberg was at the piano and Brother Carl Sørensen was

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the leader. Both rendered beautiful solos. It was truly an evening which was much enjoyed.

Another of the "Old Timers" in San Francisco has passed on, in that Brother Niels Andersen passed away on December 10th. Brother Andersen, who was 77 had been a member of No. 49 for many years, as well as member of other Danish organizations in San Francisco. I dare say, that his favorite organization was the Singing Society "Lyren" of which he had also been a member for many years. Right up to a couple of days before his passing he had attended to his Sterling Laundry route. We convey our sincerest sympathy to his two sons and other members of his family.

As this is written we have just heard from Brother Dan Andersen, who is on a quick trip to Europe in connection with his Excursion next May sailing on the Queen Elizabeth. He writes he is arranging for better Hotels, Buses and many other things. He is expected back at the old stand about January 1st, where in the meantime his good wife has taken care of the business. However, he states he can take care of only 15 more, so better join up now, while there is still space to be had.

As this is written the year is about ending. I should like at this time to thank all that have assisted me with this column, and the assistance of you good secretaries is necessary if the column is to be continued. In my daily work, I am an extremely busy man, and can only snatch a little news here and there, from various sources. Personally I would think that there is no better medium of advertising your various affairs than in this column which reaches every member of your lodge. Unfortunately I can not guess what goes on in the lodges, so PLEASE let me ask you again to lend me a hand, by sending your news items—but not later than the 20th of the month. If it comes after that date it becomes too stale.

The officers of the General Committee sends to each and every one of you, our very best wishes for the coming year. May it be filled with peace, happiness and contentment.

Four Get 50-Year Pins

On Wednesday evening, December 16, Partridge Lodge No. 263, Askov, Minnesota, celebrated its quarterly birthday party, but the main event of the evening was the presentation of the 50-year gold membership emblem to four active members, namely: George C. Jensen who joined the society at Albert Lea and later transferred to Hopkins and then to Askov; N. P. Nielsen who joined at Withee, Wis., then transferred to Minneapolis and later to Askov; L. A. Paulsen who joined at Tyler and then transferred to Askov; and Carl M. Madsen who joined at Sheffield, Ill., and then transferred to Askov.

Mr. Madsen moved away from Askov 17 years ago to live in the vicinity of Circle Pines, but he was here for the gala event and stayed two extra days to visit old friends and relatives. The committee in charge of the party had arranged for a nice program. There were many Christmas songs by the audience from a little song folder furnished by the Norwegian-America Line Agency through their local agent, A. G. Danielson.

Supreme President Svend Petersen presented the 50-year pins and as master of ceremonies called on the four honored members for remarks relative to the early days when they joined. With Viggo Nielsen as "caller" and Arol Hansen on the accordion a little dancing was enjoyed while others had a chance to do some social visiting.

The committee for the evening consisted of all those members who had birthdays during the last quarter of the year. They served at the lunch tables and also finished up properly by washing the dishes and cleaning up the kitchen.

A. A.

A long, beautiful car drew up to the curb, where a working girl was waiting for the bus. A gentleman stuck his head out and said, "Hello, I'm driving South."

"How wonderful," replied the girl, "bring me back an orange."

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Nov. 10—	Julius B. Jensen	77	Lyngby, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1901	Coronary Thrombosis	\$ 864.05
Nov. 8—	Niels Sorensen	92	Horsens, Denmark	50	Byram, Conn.	1897	Heart Disease	1000.00
Nov. 15—	Niels R. Jensen	80	Tovstrup, Denmark	54	Dannebrog, Nebr.	1910	Cardiac Failure	459.99
Aug. 16—	William P. Back	63	Præstø, Denmark	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1926	Chronic Myocarditis	250.00
Nov. 9—	Christian Just	85	Kolding, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1889	Subdural Hematoma	373.53
Oct. 31—	Svend T. Petersen	54	Stenderup, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1918	Coronary Thrombosis	500.00
Oct. 11—	William Hansen	80	Holbæk, Denmark	321	West Palm Beach, F.	1911	Coronary Thrombosis	233.01
June 20—	Hans Chr. Andersen	38	Kogsbølle, Denmark	1	Omaha Nebr.	1890	Arteriosclerosis	723.90
Nov. 10—	Joachim F. Ritzman	82	Ballum, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1900	Senility	815.30
Oct. 7—	Chas. O. Ringsted	61	Alford, Nebr.	43	Denver, Colo.	1932	Uremia	250.00
Oct. 23—	Karl J. Isaksen	77	Møn, Denmark	78	Salt Lake City	1907	Not given	454.03
Nov. 14—	Niels Rasmussen	84	Copenhagen, Den.	122	Bennett, Nebr.	1895	Cerebral Hemorrhage	385.28
Nov. 16—	Marius K. Rodbro	68	Klim, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Ill.	1909	Arteriosclerosis	489.43
Nov. 22—	Jens P. Poulsen	93	Denmark	106	Trufant, Mich.	1897	Senility	341.32
Dec. 2—	Niels P. L. Jensen	70	Holbæk, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1918	Suicide	500.00
Nov. 25—	Fred P. Hansen	85	Copenhagen, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1906	Arteriosclerosis	804.02
Nov. 14—	John Johnson	69	Akron, Ohio	301	Akron, Ohio	1927	Coronary Thrombosis	1250.00
Nov. 25—	Andreas Nielsen	79	Ulsted Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1913	Not given	956.35
Dec. 6—	Valdemar Christensen	78	Hjørring, Amt., Den.	128	Avoca, Iowa	1906	Coronary Thrombosis	889.54
Dec. 4—	Hans P. Kobberoe	77	Copenhagen, Den.	42	Spokane, Wash.	1916	Not given	250.00
Nov. 30—	Chris Hansen	82	Uldsted, Sogn, Den.	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1894	Arteriosclerosis	394.33
Dec. 5—	Anton S. Andersen	78	Horsens, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1898	Chronic Myocarditis	418.67
Oct. 20—	Louie Johnson	71	Atlantic, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1902	Cardiac failure	1000.00
Dec. 5—	Jens Jorgensen	53	Aalborg, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1925	Myocardiac Infraction	500.00
Nov. 20—	Soren P. M. Bertelsen	59	Hoboken, N. J.	164	New York, N. Y.	1916	Coronary Occlusion	1000.00

Smorgasbord at No. 334

The evening of Saturday, Dec. 6, saw the climax of several weeks work by the brothers of Finger Lakes Lodge No. 334, Geneva, N. Y.

The climax was a great Smorgasbord put on by the Brothers, with (of course) a good hand from the Sisters, without whom it would have been impossible and we owe them a great vote of thanks.

The dining hall was decorated in a Christmas theme with center pieces of snow covered pine needles, topped with a frosty pine cone with traditional red ribbon. The serving tables were laden with countless varieties of food, all served very attractively. There were trayfuls of Danish rye bread, each slice covered with leverpostej, rullepølse and many other kinds, which this English speaking secretary cannot pronounce, much less spell; nevertheless of excellent taste. The wife of Sam Petersen of Baltimore Lunch fame here in Geneva had charge of this section. Being a good husband and Brother, Sam was there also. The main dish consisted of frikadeller, rødkaal, fried chicken, etc., etc.

It was pleasing to see over 200 present, all of whom said the food was excellent and wanted tickets for the next similar affair. The Brothers of No. 334 take off their hats to the Sisters of Ingrid Lodge No. 172 for helping make this event possible. It was hard, indeed, to realize that the loads of food consumed that evening were prepared in the homes of the brothers, brought to the hall and kept hot during the serving.

It would be impossible to name everyone who helped in this, our first great undertaking. So the various committees of both lodges wish me to express their thanks and appreciation for the hard work done by each and every member, from the coffee pourers to the dish washers, for making this, which may be the first of many Smorgasbords, such a success.

With the cooperation that exists between the Brother and Sister lodges of Geneva, N. Y., we are making this our slogan for the coming year:

"Look to the Geneva Lodges for More in 1954."

We are having a big Christmas party on December 18 for the children of all ages and hope for a big turnout. **ARTHUR CHRISTENSEN**, Secretary.

Attendance Contest

I would have liked, at this time, to give you some idea as to who is leading in the Contest, in the different groups, but I don't believe I should—rather keep you guessing. That method, I feel, will maintain interest in the contest. And please remember, you have 3 more months in which to report and most anything can happen in that length of time. The official ending of the contest is March 31, 1954.

Brother secretary, if YOU have not sent in report cards, then get busy and do so, regardless of what you think, your lodge is entitled to representation.

A few secretaries have written to me stating that they are ashamed to send in their report cards because they had such a small attendance at their meeting that they know they would not have a chance for a prize; so what was the use of sending in the card. That is the wrong attitude, brother.

That is just the point we are trying to do some-

thing about. Yes, "DO SOMETHING," that should be our slogan for 1954. This is a New Year, let's get off to a good start. Most lodges will have new officers—new president, etc., down the line, who have accepted the great responsibility to carry out the duties of the lodge as prescribed in our by-laws and ritual. Your new officers will bring with them new spirit, new energy and new ideas. Here is hoping they have one good idea on how to get members to ATTEND MEETINGS. The officers will need cooperation to put their ideas to work, so how about all of us being good sports and give them all the support we possibly can.

VIGGO MIKKELSEN, Chairman of Trustees.

Fiftieth Anniversary at Cordova

D. B. S. Lodge No. 177 at Cordova, Nebr., celebrated its 50th anniversary Friday evening, Nov. 20. A banquet was served in the basement of St. Johns Lutheran Church by the Ladies' Aid of the church.

The lodge paid special tribute to Brother A. C. Christiansen, our only living charter member and Frantz Quelle, who joined about 3 months later. Our lodge was started August 22, 1903, but we delayed our celebration so that Brother Quelle could receive his 50-year emblem also. These were presented by Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, who along with Mrs. Skelbeck, Nebraska State President Fred Jensen and Mrs. Jensen, State Secretary Gunnar Engskov and Mrs. Engskov all came from Omaha to help make our party a success. During the program short talks were made by the brothers from Omaha and some of our local orators.

We wish to say thank you to the Supreme Board and Lodge No. 1 for the congratulatory telegrams received during the day.

Due to bad weather not all of our brothers were present but we went home with a feeling that we were just a little closer as brothers and friends.

BERNARD RASMUSSEN, Sec.

Bloodmobile Contribution

Since our last report we have received the following contribution to the Bloodmobile Fund:

110	Winside, Nebraska	-----	\$ 1.00
	Acknowledged in December Issue	--	339.00

Total received to date	-----	\$340.00
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Change of Officers

Secretary:

Lodge No. 298, James Petersen, 1436 Olive Avenue, Chicago 26, Illinois.

Treasurers:

Lodge No. 91, Hans M. Miller, 939 Barrett Avenue, St. Paul 3, Minnesota.

Lodge No. 334, Ernest Larsen, 294 William Street, Geneva, New York.

Change in Address of Officers

Secretary:

Lodge No. 153, N. P. Jensen, 2003 West 3rd Street, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Hartford Invites You

Hartford Lodge No. 314 will install its new officers Saturday, January 16, 1954.

This will be a joint installation together with "Frihed" Lodge No. 153 D. S. S.

Brother Aage C. Jespersen, President of the General Committee of Eastern Lodges, will install for the brothers.

At this time we do not know who installs for the Sisters, but it will be one of the officers from the East.

We extend a hearty invitation to all sisters and brothers from far and near to be with us at this affair.

EINAR M. NIELSEN, Secretary.

Greetings

Julen 1953

As usual I want to wish you and your readers a very merry Christmas and a bright, Happy New Year. Again I tell all my countrymen over there, that we here collect any kind of material pertaining to Danes and Danish activities in the U. S. A.; there is no doubt that many Danes of the older generation have material, which maybe some day will be thrown away as being of no interest, Such items ought to be sent to the Archives. Often an old, insignificant pamphlet is of more value than an expensive, bound volume.

Do not forget that the Archives need the help of all Danes over there. With kind, personal regards I am,

SVEND WAENDELIN, Archivist.
The Dan-America Archives,
Copenhagen, Denmark.

NEW ADDRESS

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.

January, 1954

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