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Future Members Of Santa Barbara Lodge No. 322



Under the able leadership of Nels Christensen, as chairman of the membership committee, Santa Barbara Lodge No. 322 took in 9 juvenile members and six adults during the calendar year 1953. That's a fine record, Nels. Keep up the good work.

In the picture above the nine juveniles are shown with a couple of supporting Dads. Some day when these little fellows take over as officers of No. 322 they will enjoy this picture a lot more than they do today.

Barbara Lodge has a special meeting once a year where all the juvenile members gather for a good

time; and they also have a picnic for them during the summer time.

On April 9 Anna and Nels Christensen treated the Sisters and Brothers to coffee and cake, etc., and of course a little wine. Everyone extended congratulations and best wishes to Nels—it was his 60th birthday anniversary. We would also like to add our best wishes, Nels and in addition say "Tak for sidst" to both of you for the very friendly visit at your home and elsewhere last October. We (my wife and I) have fond memories of the "little" dinner party you sponsored for us.

SVEND PETEREN, Supreme President.

REMEMBER:

Pacific Northwest Lodges District Convention—

It is at Enumclaw, Washington, on May 21, 22 and 23.

Lodge No. 113 bids you welcome and urges you to come.

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May, 1954

Editorial

It is not too far off until we hold our National Convention in Racine. We have but a few meetings left to determine just what to do about the future problems of The Danish Brotherhood. The various problems lie with each local lodge and the delegates they elect, not with The Supreme Board.

In the January, 1954, issue of The Danish Brotherhood Magazine, our Supreme President set forth many suggestions for the various local lodges to ponder over and voice their respective opinions. Please discuss these propositions and feel free to add or subtract any and all ideas.

Our insurance program is in the lime light, however, do not forget our relief department for the needy and deserving brethren in distress. To what better purpose can we contribute our dollar each year? We hope, as individuals, never to use this service, but if need be, it is ours and ours alone.

At our National Convention in Racine we should elect a member on the Supreme Board residing in the middle west or Iowa; close to our national headquarters to eliminate heavy traveling expenses. I do not want to participate in any elective post, but I will assure you of my complete cooperation as to the welfare of the Danish Brotherhood in my area and the middle west.

Most of us with a Danish background came to this great country of ours with no money, but with a will and a determination to succeed in our respective vocations. We have made ourselves, in the eyes of others, a most accepted group, and we of The Danish Brotherhood aim to strengthen the ties of friendship and fellowship to the people of the United States, and to support and abide by the laws of the land. If we follow these concepts we cannot help but to make a better citizen, a better brother, and a better man.

We have few salesmen in our organization. Each

one of us is the only salesman we have, and if we would and could take time from our daily chores to spread the light to our potential members, we would grow with leaps and bounds. We have the best and one of the strongest organizations in the world as compared with an impartial insurance competitive report.

I would like to open the gates a little wider to membership in our Danish Brotherhood other than just those of Danish blood and those married to women of Danish descent; for example, deserving friends, in-laws, etc. Let us try to figure something for the Racine Convention for the good of The Danish Brotherhood.

HANS E. NORREGAARD,
Supreme Trustee of D. B.

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1 1954
67	Fresno, California	10	70
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	10	185
263	Askov, Minnesota	9	130
4	Racine, Wisconsin	6	523
17	Chicago, Illinois	6	192
110	Winside, Nebraska	5	24
113	Enumclaw, Washington	5	78
126	Los Angeles, California	5	303
143	Petaluma, California	5	110

(Juveniles included in the above)

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
67	Julius Hansen, Fresno, California		8
113	Norbert E. Grove, Enumclaw, Washington		5
263	Jens J. Krogh, Askov, Minnesota		5
4	Arne Sondergaard, Racine, Wisconsin		4
143	John V. Jensen, Petaluma, California		4
17	August P. Larsen, Chicago, Illinois		3
35	Marius Pedersen, Chicago, Illinois		3
110	Thorvald Jacobsen, Winside, Nebraska		3
155	Hans F. Hansen, Bellingham, Washington		3

(Juveniles included in the above)

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For further information write:

KARL L. NIELSEN,
North Vassalboro,
Maine.

Financial Report

MARCH, 31, 1954
Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1954	\$31,785.06
Assessments	12,027.49
Interest on Bonds	8,010.50
Bonds matured	2,000.00
Interest on certificate loans	9.00
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	\$53,832.05

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$26,041.22
Cash surrender	355.04
Collection expense on bond coupons	7.50
Balance on hand March 31, 1954	27,428.29
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	\$53,832.05

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1954	\$ 9,768.38
Received in March	674.78
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	\$10,443.16

Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 122.40
Printing of benefit certificates	760.00
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	68.70
Rent and lights	181.54
Printing and mailing official publication	404.82
Membership reward	32.00
Travel expenses—Board meeting	1,587.05
General office expenses	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,192.00
Employer's social security taxes	16.50
Balance on hand March 31, 1954	6,028.15
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	\$10,443.16

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1954	\$ 8,722.67
Relief assessments	36.00
Interest on bonds	625.00
Relief payments returned	5.24
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	\$ 9,388.91

Disbursements:	
Relief payments	\$ 573.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1954	8,815.91
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	\$ 9,388.91

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1954	\$ 2,447.97
Assessments	135.43
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	\$ 2,583.40

Disbursements:	
Balance on hand March 31, 1954	\$ 2,583.40
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	\$ 2,583.40

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$3,952,631.88
Relief fund investments	220,000.00
General fund investments	35,000.00
Cash in bank	44,855.75
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	\$4,252,487.63

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
August P. Larsen	17	Chicago	Kenneth P. Larsen
Niels Pallesen	17	Chicago	E. L. MacLennan, Jr.
Marius Pedersen	35	Chicago	Peter Iversen
Marius Pedersen	35	Chicago	Clarence Schwinnen
Marius Pedersen	35	Chicago	Theo. Lorentzen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Mark N. Covey
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	David W. Hansen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Peter A. Hansen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Randall N. Cimmel
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Jeffrey R. Crimmel
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Thomas S. Jarvis
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Stephen C. Jarvis
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Christopher Covey
Herluf Christensen	84	Lincoln	Robert L. Stephens
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	John H. Olive
Hans F. Hansen	155	Bellingham	Craig F. Hansen
Hans F. Hansen	155	Bellingham	Peter Grimlund
Hans F. Hansen	155	Bellingham	Hans Hansen
Gunnar Nielsen	170	Rock River	Tom Nielsen
Paul Christensen	183	Troy	Theo. H. Christensen
L. Andersen, Jr.	190	Schenectady	G. E. Severson
Henry Bukke	190	Schenectady	E. S. Mikkelsen
John Christensen	225	Canton	M. M. Labriola, Jr.
Sigfred Jorgensen	227	Detroit	James J. Dryer
Viggo Mikkelsen	227	Detroit	James H. Nelson
Edward Nielsen	262	Cozad	David Christensen
Jens J. Krogh	263	Askov	Gene G. Nelson
Jens J. Krogh	263	Askov	Steven E. Nelson
T. Frandsen	323	Alhambra	D. A. Anderson
Borge T. Petersen	325	Nassau Co.	F. Christensen
Harry Rasmussen	325	Nassau Co.	Fred Wickel, Jr.
Jens Overgard	1	Omaha	K. T. Kristoffersen
Gerald F. Petersen	1	Omaha	Aage Jensen
Kaj Refslund	1	Omaha	Svend O. Greve
Kaj Refslund	1	Omaha	Eivind Pedersen
J. Christiansen, Sr.	17	Chicago	J. Christiansen, Jr.
August P. Larsen	17	Chicago	Richard R. Larsen
August P. Larsen	17	Chicago	Hjalmar Bertelsen
Kristen Jørgensen	29	Seattle	Martin D. Metzou
Lawrence Ritter	30	Muskegon	Paul E. Carr
Lawrence Ritter	30	Muskegon	Robert Bolhuis
Andrew Nielsen	34	Dwight	Arnold Feddersen
D. S. Kuykendall	39	Oakland	Thomas C. Miller
Fred Martin	42	Spokane	Hugo Dall
Bert Godfredsen	111	Austin	Peter Godfredsen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Emery Bremer
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Haakon Ipsen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	H. V. Sorensen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Karl F. Lind
John V. Jensen	143	Petaluma	Stanley Olsson
John V. Jensen	143	Petaluma	Oscar R. Larsen
P. N. Petersen	126	Los Angeles	Erik Petersen
Jorgen Mandrup	126	Los Angeles	Riley Luster
Niels Nielsen	167	Portland	Claude Fety
Walter M. Nielsen	185	Madison	Aksel Petersen
Chris Caspersen	219	Clear Lake	Armand Hanson
Thomas Larsen	242	Erie	Rex Nelson
Albert Thomsen	263	Askov	Maurice L. Ambers
Albert Thomsen	263	Askov	Carl Linge
Ernest Jorgensen	334	Geneva	Dusinus Jorgensen

(Juveniles included in the above)

Racine in 1955

Discussion Subject For The First Quarter Of 1954

"Shall future national conventions (after 1955) be held in the City of Omaha under the supervision of the Supreme Board?"

Herewith the result of the vote taken in the various lodges:

Lodge No.	Location	"Yes"	"No"
4	Racine, Wisconsin	82	0
7	Cedar Falls, Iowa	8	0
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	13	4
15	Des Moines, Iowa	19	0
16	Minden, Nebraska	18	0
17	Chicago, Illinois	18	2
29	Seattle, Washington	0	51
30	Muskegon, Michigan	17	0
34	Dwight, Illinois	12	0
35	Chicago, Illinois	15	0
36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	14	0
37	Bridgeport, Conn.	9	1
38	Laramie, Wyoming	11	0
39	Oakland, California	5	18
49	San Francisco, Calif	37	0
62	Sioux City, Iowa	13	0
64	Rockford, Illinois	13	1
67	Fresno, California	0	28
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	11	0
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	0	15
85	Rochester, Minnesota	9	0
110	Winside, Nebraska	10	0
111	Austin, Minnesota	16	0
113	Enumclaw, Wash.	9	10
147	Newell, Iowa	10	0
152	Wilbur, Washington	10	0
154	Withee, Wisconsin	11	0
177	Cordova, Nebraska	15	1
188	Del Rey, California	0	9
191	St. Louis, Missouri	8	0
195	Omaha, Nebraska	21	0
202	Warren, Pennsylvania	13	0
217	Humboldt, Iowa	9	0
219	Clear Lake, Iowa	10	9
233	Toledo, Ohio	8	0
239	Lake Forest, Illinois	11	0
240	Rochester, New York	11	0
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	27	0
255	Selma, California	1	9
261	Fowler, Colorado	0	20
263	Askov, Minnesota	33	0
281	Cincinnati, Ohio	0	8
301	Akron, Ohio	16	1
319	Bakersfield, California	13	1
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	24	0
325	Nassau Co., New York	1	26
332	Ripon, California	13	4
335	Port Alberni, B. C., Can.	0	17
Totals		624	235

Change Of Officers

Treasurer:

Lodge No. 194, Jens C. Jensen, 226 So. Evans St., McMinnville, Oregon.

Lodge No. 227, Lars C. Nielsen, 19745 Gaylord, Detroit 19, Michigan.

Discussion Subject

The members of Lodge No. 1 have asked me to write a short article for publication, giving the reasons why No. 1 did not vote on the Discussion Subject for the First Quarter.

Discussion Subject for the First Quarter of 1954 was: "Shall future conventions (National) after 1955 be held in the City of Omaha under the supervision of the Supreme Board?"

We in Lodge No. 1, located in Omaha, had a number of interesting and well contested discussions on this subject. There was a good deal of division in the members opinions, and rightly so. But when it came time for voting, it was the opinion of the lodge that we should refrain from casting a vote to be published in the Brotherhood Magazine, for these reasons:

1. If we voted predominantly Yes, then it could be said, "Sure they vote Yes, they want to promote Omaha and their lodge, and selfishly keep all the important business and National level functions in their city.

2. If we voted predominantly No, then it could be said, "Sure they vote No, they do not want the responsibility and the work of handling all the National Conventions, or the expense connected therewith.

So either way we would lay ourselves open to a lot of criticism, rightly or no. We do wish to convey to the membership that our discussions were very likely much like your lodges, and our opinions were divided much as your lodges were. There would be many things to take in consideration before such a move could be made at any rate. If a change should be made in Districts it would have a bearing, also if the Brotherhood should build a building instead of renting.

But, of this we are sure, that any good subject brought up in our lodges that will get us thinking, and active discussions that will liven our meetings are beneficial to the Brotherhood.

GUNNAR S. ENGSKOV, Sec.

Congratulations Bysted

Kong Frederik IX har udnævnt til Ridder af Dannebrog bygmester C. Bysted Christensen af Schenectady, New York, den tidligere overpræsident for Det Danske Brodersamfund i Amerika. Dekorationen blev overrakt den 19. april af ambassadør Henrik Kauffmann ved en lille højtidelighed i læsestuen paa Danish Information Office i New York.

Additional Donations To Children's Homes

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Lodge No. 301 ----- 21.00

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The United Evangelical Lutheran Church \$15.50
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Mid-West District Bowling Party

On Saturday, April 10, 1954, St. Charles, Ill., Lodge No. 92 was host to the annual Bowling Tournament of the Mid-west District. A total of 30 teams, 9 ladies' and 21 men's, five man teams. The men competing for the honor of taking home the fine traveling trophy presented to the district by the Supreme Board five years ago. This year the ladies were fortunate in also having a trophy for the winning team, because District President, Peder Nielsen, of Waukegan, Illinois, took it upon himself to personally provide the trophy.

The lucky trophy winners were the ladies from Lodge No. 298, Chicago, and the men from Dwight Lodge No. 34. In addition to the trophies there were also some cash prizes, contributed by the bowlers. Ladies second place winner: the ladies from No. 4, Racine, and third place winners: the ladies from No. 107, Chicago.

The men had five additional winners which are as follows: second, Racine Lodge No. 4, Special; third, Racine Lodge No. 4, team No. 3; fourth, Waukegan Lodge No. 182; fifth, Chicago Lodge No. 298; and sixth, St. Charles Lodge No. 92 team No. 1.

Besides the winners we had teams participating from South Bend, Indiana, Rockford, Illinois, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

After the Bowling a delicious banquet was served family style by the ladies and members of the Sisterhood Lodge for about 225 persons. Dancing followed the banquet.

Fraternally yours,
EINAR DANIELSEN.

Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Brother and Mrs. Chris Jensen, former residents of Omaha, Nebr., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at 807 East 48th St., Austin, Texas. They moved here 2½ years ago, having also resided in Chicago, Ill., and Kalamazoo, Mich.

They were pleasantly surprised by friends on their anniversary, March 30th. Their hostess for the evening was Mrs. H. E. (Anna) Nelson, only child born from their union.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen were married in Omaha in 1904, and resided there until 1927. They then moved to Chicago, and were in the Apartment Hotel business until their retirement.

Mr. Jensen is from Skive, Jylland, and came to Omaha in 1893 where he met Mrs. Jensen.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

In a recent article I mentioned the 60th anniversary of Margrethe Lodge No. 24, Danish Sisterhood in San Francisco. It turned out to be a beautiful affair, held in Simpson's Restaurant and about 200 participated. It started with a cocktail party and thereafter one of the best dinners I have ever had at a banquet, the main course being one of the best New York cut steaks I have had and with it was served a delightful California wine, served at just the right temperature, which of course added to bring just the right tempo to the banquet.

The speeches were short but interesting, and included the honor guests Sister Margaret Sundby, Supreme Trustee of the Danish Sisterhood, and Brother Paul B. Ryder, our Danish Consul General. Sister Margaret Christiansen, President of the Sisterhood General Committee, another honor guest was unfortunately unable to come, but her greetings were read by the Toastmistress, Sister Elsie Rønberg. And by the way, Sister Rønberg proved to be an extremely able Toastmistress and well capable of handling a San Francisco banquet, which of course, is saying a good deal.

Special honor was given to Sister Doris Freese, who was Secretary of the lodge for well over 30 years, as well as Secretary of the General Committee or many years. We also had the pleasure of hearing from Dr. Phil. Hakon Stangerup, a well known writer an educator from Denmark, here on a visit under the auspices of the U. S. State Department. Brother Dan Chr. Andersen entertained us at the piano and Brother Carl Sorensen with his fine singing. Unfortunately, the acoustic was very bad, and hence it became a bit noisy. However, it was an affair the ladies can be very proud of; the committee consisted of Sisters Margrethe Nielsen, Elsie Rønberg, Hedvig Kallerup, Dora Christensen, Marie Hansen and Anna Jensen.

I have just been informed that the next big event in No. 49, will be on Wednesday evening, May 26, when the lodge will have an Ex-President evening which will start off with a fine dinner for the members of both the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. I do not have the details as yet, but come to meeting and get the details. It should prove to be a very successful evening.

I have just received the Danish Grapevine, the monthly bulletin issued by the two lodges in Santa Barbara. As usual, it is filled with news items about the various members as well as the functions of the lodges. Brother Herbert Helseth, President of the Brotherhood Lodge, has a very fine message to the brethren. The lodges are to be congratulated for this fine medium of communication, which should be very stimulating to the membership. This particular number is dedicated to the memory of Brother John Bylling, who passed away March 27. Brother Bylling had been a member of the Danish Brotherhood for many years and if I am not mistaken was one of the charter members of the Santa Barbara Lodge. I have personally known him for many years and he was one of the finest men I have ever known. Brother Bylling was 86 years old and was in remarkably good

health right up to the last and I understand he was sick only 3 days before his passing. We extend deepest sympathy to his family.

From the same issue we also learn that Brother and Sister Jens Bylling will celebrate their Golden Anniversary on May 12th. Many happy returns of the day.

In my last article I mentioned something about a special bus to the convention in Solvang, and I contacted Brother Dan Andersen, who now gives me the following information:

A special bus can be had for the trip to Solvang, but at least 35 must sign up and purchase round trip tickets in order to make this possible. The bus will leave San Francisco at 7 a. m. and should arrive in Solvang during the afternoon, in good season for a little rest before the reception will take place. Various stops will be arranged enroute to Solvang. After arrival in Solvang and before departing again this bus will make a side trip over to Santa Barbara. The bus will leave Solvang again Sunday forenoon, and will arrive in San Francisco same afternoon.

The cost for all this? Only \$12.00 per person. Why not take advantage of this and drop Dan a note at 2330 Market Street, San Francisco and sign up right now.

As the convention approaches, may I remind the lodges that if it has not already been done, to be sure to discuss the 20 points raised by our Supreme President; before the convention so that your delegate may be able to present his lodge's view in this important matter. At the convention in Fresno a special committee was appointed to make recommendations to the convention in Solvang and it is hoped, of course, that the committee will bring in a good report. Brother Sigurd Nielsen, 49, is chairman of this committee. At the convention in Fresno a special committee was also appointed to look into the matter of establishing a Welfare Fund within the General Committee, and it would be well if this matter received consideration also by the various lodges. Brother Herbert Helseth of 322 is chairman of this committee.

It had been my intention to give you some information in this number relative to Solvang. However, this will have to wait until next month.

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Minutes Of The Semi-Annual Meeting Of The Supreme Board

Monday, March 15

The semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America convened at the Home Office, 908 WOW Bldg., Omaha, Nebraska, on Monday, March 15, 1954. All officers answered roll call: Svend Petersen, President; Otto Nielsen, First Vice President; Hilmar W. Hansen, Second Vice President; Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer; Viggo Mikkelsen, Hans E. Norregaard and Hans M. Andersen, Trustees.

Svend Petersen presided and called the meeting to order at nine o'clock in the forenoon. He opened the session with a hearty welcome to all present and also expressed hope that this meeting will be significant for our Society. The agenda was reviewed.

Several greetings from former Board members, local lodge officers, and others, were read.

Final decision on General Relief applications, previously acted upon, was given. Action was also taken on applications for Special Relief and allowed in amounts ranging up to \$300.00. Altogether about 238 applications for aid from the Relief Fund were acted upon, recorded and payment authorized.

Several local lodges had submitted by-laws for approval. These were given the required attention at this time.

The president gave an interesting report from his attendance at the California General Committee in Fresno last October where he presented Secretary Rudolph Olsen a Certificate of Merit in behalf of the Supreme Lodge. The first official stop had been at Salt Lake City, at a meeting of the lodges in that area with No. 78 as the host-lodge. Lodge meetings in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Solvang and San Fran-

cisco were also attended. Other Board members in turn reported on visitations since last meeting.

The comprehensive Annual Report, as filed with the Insurance Department of various States, was reviewed in detail. Excerpts from the statement were approved for publication under statutory provisions in the April issue of the monthly Magazine.

An invitation from Omaha Lodge No. 1 to attend a progressive meeting on Tuesday evening was received and accepted.

The new Benefit Certificates: Twenty-Payment Life Form No. 112 and Ordinary Life Forms No. 122 and 123 were reviewed. Deliveries of these certificates, pending in States other than Illinois and New York, had started and it could be expected that negotiations with the Insurance Departments for Illinois and New York would be completed in the near future. All actions taken by the Secretary and Actuary in respect to the new Certificate forms were ratified by motion of Otto Nielsen duly made, seconded, and carried.

The secretary called attention to special situations which frequently occur in respect to the 50-year membership emblems. This emblem is furnished the local lodges free when requisition is made. It has heretofore been the policy not to issue the emblem until a member has completed full fifty years of membership. A greater number of members become eligible for the emblem at different times during a given year and, because the occasion is worthy of recognition, the lodges usually make the presentation a special event; civility which should be encouraged. The governing policy, however, has a tendency towards the opposite due to the frequent occurrences in the older lodges.

Axel Skelbeck moved that our policy for issuing 50-year pins be modified so that these pins may be issued to all members who become eligible within a current calendar year if, and when, a lodge makes special festive arrangements for their presentation

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMT PAID
March 10	Laurits Bastrup	72	Aarhus, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1915	Cardio-Renal Syndrome	\$1,000.00
Feb. 14	Andrew Thuesen	89	Vejle, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1902	Senility	379.64
March 6	Lars Chr. Jensen	72	Holbaek, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1906	Carcinoma	1,000.00
Feb. 26	Frederik O. Rasmussen	72	Copenhagen, Den.	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1913	Cerebral Thrombosis	491.80
March 6	Claus N. Rasmussen	67	Burkal Sogn, Den.	95	Ferndale, Calif.	1919	Carcinoma	1,000.00
March 7	Niels Daugaard	83	Klakring, Denmark	77	Turin, Iowa	1901	Cerebral Hemorrhage	821.22
March 13	Nicholas Olsen	69	Ringkøbing Amt., Den.	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1903	Coronary Occlusion	986.99
March 16	Soren P. Sorensen	75	Viborg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Cerebral Hemorrhage	898.09
March 13	Herman Jensen	86	Silkeborg, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1899	Arteriosclerosis	779.84
March 8	James Sorensen	96	Gunderslev Sogn, Den.	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1896	Heart failure and cancer	330.75
March 3	Charles B. Jensen	65	Copenhagen, Den.	257	New York, N. Y.	1922	Not given	500.00
March 8	Ernst Andersen	85	Øster Gammelby, Sles.	184	Hayward, Calif.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	814.06
March 8	Soren P. Jacobsen	88	Aarhus, Denmark	53	Atlantic, Iowa	1902	Not given	1,000.00
March 20	Tom Nielsen	79	Copenhagen, Den.	111	Austin, Minn.	1908	Not given	914.51
March 15	Rasmus Madsen	88	Vissenbjerg, Den.	67	Fresno, Calif.	1896	Carcinoma	746.44
March 12	Lars Peter Larsen	88	Aarhus, Denmark	110	Winside, Nebr.	1902	Coronary Thrombosis	355.84
Aug. 30	Christian S. Petersen	80	Ringsted, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1907	Coronary Thrombosis	898.94
March 24	Emil C. Petersen	66	Copenhagen, Den.	300	Oneonta, N. Y.	1930	Coronary Occlusion	1,000.00
March 19	Peter J. R. Hansen	68	Denmark	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1906	Carcinoma	99.79
March 15	John Torp	82	Gravensten, Slesvig	191	St. Louis, Mo.	1909	Carcinoma	452.59
Feb. 17	Jens C. Pedersen	69	Vestbirk, Denmark	194	McMinnville, Ore.	1913	Carcinoma	249.98
March 25	R. P. Johnsen	91	Denmark	111	Austin, Minn.	1896	Senility	573.86
March 19	Otto Miller	94	Bornholm, Den.	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1902	Heart Disease	693.69
March 26	Niels Chr. Sorensen	87	Jerslev, Denmark	70	Greenville, Mich.	1894	Heart Disease	752.09
March 31	Wm. P. Johnsen	85	Helsingør, Denmark	111	Austin, Minn.	1898	Carcinoma	782.04
April 4	Jens N. Sorensen	79	Hjørring Amt. Den.	157	Audubon, Iowa	1914	Arteriosclerosis	968.62
April 2	Jens Jensen	79	Klakring, Horsens,	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1905	Coronary Thrombosis	443.50
Feb. 19	Jens C. Wulff	90	Ramm, Jylland, Den.	318	Copenhagen, Den.	1925	Not given	Social
March 13	Hans P. Caspersen	83	Copenhagen, Den.	318	Copenhagen, Den.	1926	Not given	Social

and so reports to the Home Office. Duly seconded and carried.

The secretary reported in respect to settlement of a number of unpaid death claims. The claims are pending because the designated beneficiary, or beneficiaries, died before the member and no new beneficiary had been named. It was moved by Otto Nielsen that further efforts be made to settle these claims before we resolve to drop them.

Tuesday, March 16

The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m. and adjourned to the Safe Deposit Vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha. With all members of the Board, and the bookkeeper, participating the securities owned were audited and an inventory taken. The interest coupons coming due in the period from April 1 and through the months of September, 1954, were detached, sorted and separated by month of due date.

This session continued at the Home Office later in the day where the Secretary-Treasurer's records were inspected. The Trustees submitted a written report, as below:

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

The Trustees report was accepted by motion of Otto Nielsen, seconded and carried.

The Finance Committee now reported by Axel Skelbeck in respect to its activities since last Board meeting. The report was accepted by motion of Hilmar W. Hansen, duly seconded.

The investment clause in the laws of the Brotherhood came up for discussion. It was resolved to take possible amendments under advisement.

Wednesday, March 17

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

A local lodge had petitioned that the Danish language initiation song "Et Broderhjem vi her til alle byde" be included in the Brotherhood Songbook. The petition was given much attention. Hilmar W. Hansen moved that this matter be tabled in as much as we have had only one request, and also because the wording is obsolete and not consistent with our Ritual. Seconded the motion carried.

The President, who is a member of the American Committee of the Rebild National Park Board, submitted a communication wherein attention is drawn to the financial situation of that body. The Rebild Park Board hoped to raise an estimated expense of \$1,000 by voluntary contributions. The communication, with a copy of the financial report attached, was offered for the Board's consideration. By motion duly made it was resolved to contribute \$100 to the general fund of the Rebild National Park Board, Inc., from funds left over from the 1947 Denmark Excursion.

A communication was received from a group of Danish citizens who have under consideration to establish, and operate, a Danish-American Passenger Line. The purpose would be to form a Corporation wherein shares would be offered for sale. An inquiry was made in respect to whether support may be expected through the Brotherhood. The presi-

dent had replied to the communication without promise of support. He advised them that a matter of this kind must be decided at a national convention and that the next convention is scheduled for September 1955.

The president's action was sanctioned by motion duly made.

A report was at hand from the United D. B. Lodges of Minnesota stating that at last year's meeting it was decided to appoint one or two members to visit the various lodges in Minnesota to help stimulate interest in getting members. The Supreme Board was asked to grant \$300 for the year 1954 for the purpose of paying the expenses of the visiting representatives. Any unused money at year-end would be returned.

By motion duly made the secretary was instructed to inform the Minnesota Lodges that the Board find their action to be an excellent idea and we approve of it. However, at this time we are unable to meet the request for a grant of \$300. The Board does not have control over any money which may be used for that purpose. It was suggested that the United Lodges of Minnesota submit a proposal to the 1955 national convention which would accomplish the intended purpose.

Herbert H. Helseth, Santa Barbara, California, proposed that efforts be made to re-establish a Danish Brotherhood Bowling League. He submitted a letter and questionnaire which it was intended should be sent to all lodges in an effort to find out if there is sufficient interest for bowling among the lodges. Brother Helseth offered his time and effort for this purpose.

Hans M. Andersen moved that we grant Helseth's request for permission to conduct a survey, in the manner suggested by the letter and questionnaire submitted, to find out if there is sufficient interest within our Society for a Danish Brotherhood nationwide Bowling League. Seconded the motion carried.

Thursday, March 18

Meeting called to order at 9 a. m.

To meet statutory requirements the following resolution was submitted for the Board's attention.

Resolved, that The Danish Brotherhood in America elect to hereinafter issue benefit certificates based on the Commissioners' 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of morality with an interest assumption of 2½ per cent, the issue of such certificates to begin in each of the states in which the Society is licensed to do business when and as soon as such certificates are approved by or accepted for filing in such states.

Be it Further Resolved, that at such time as such certificates are approved for issue in the State of Illinois, that all certificates thereafter issued in that State shall comply with the provisions of Sections 229.2 and 229.3 of Article XIV of the Insurance Code of that State, together with all other applicable provisions thereof.

It was regularly moved by Hans M. Andersen that the resolution be adopted, seconded the motion carried.

A lengthy, interesting and informative discussion was held on all aspects of the juvenile benefit certificates and the requirements for the issue of these certificates in the various states. Such requirements differ in important respect in the States where we

operate, to the extent that one certificate form can not be used generally.

It was moved by Hans M. Andersen, that Axel Skelbeck be given power and authority to do all things necessary to the end that juvenile benefit certificates can be issued in all states. Duly seconded and carried.

Also in respect to juvenile benefit certificates, it was suggested by Axel Skelbeck that we should consider to make several different certificates available, at least three, for the membership to select from. He reported on several types and each was given attention.

After a thorough discussion it was decided, upon motion by Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded and carried, to issue the following three types of juvenile benefit certificates if, and when, they are approved in States where we are licensed to do business:

1. Term to age 16 with full privilege to convert to any other type of benefit certificate issued by the Brotherhood, effective on the member's 16th birthday.
2. Twenty Pay Life, payable from date of issue.
3. Thirty Pay Life with 25 per cent of the face value of the certificate payable to the member on his 18th birthday, or ten years after date of issue, whichever comes last.

It was regularly moved by Axel Skelbeck that all present holders of juvenile benefit certificates be given the right to change to any of the new certificates, when such certificates are ready. Duly seconded the motion carried.

Proper transfers of funds as authorized in section 49 of the society's by-laws were ordered, by motion of Viggo M. Mikkelsen, duly seconded and carried.

The present lease on the Home Office quarters expires June 1, 1954. A new lease for a one or two year period at no increase in rent was offered by the Building Management. By motion of Hilmar W. Hansen, duly made and seconded, the secretary was authorized to sign a new lease on the present quarters for a one year period.

Viggo Mikkelsen reported on the lodge meeting Attendance Contest. He said that the results were rather disappointing, but he was hopeful that something was set in motion which would continue to gather momentum as times go by and which will result in much greater attendance at lodge meetings. The results of the contest will be published in the Magazine, he said.

Hans M. Andersen expressed his belief that we should continue the use of envelope stuffers, and moved that a new supply of "An Independent Comparative Report" be published as soon as the necessary statistics from the 1953 financial statement can be assembled for that purpose. Seconded and carried.

The General Committee of the Pacific Northwest Lodges had issued individual invitations to the members of the Board to attend the annual meeting in Enumclaw, Wash., May 15, and in a communication to the Board asked for one other Supreme Officer to represent the Supreme Lodge together with Otto Nielsen who resides in the territory served by the Committee.

Hans M. Andersen moved that Hilmar W. Hansen attend the meeting of the Pacific Northwest Lodges on his invitation from the Committee. Seconded the motion carried.

Hans M. Andersen made the following report: "About two years ago, our Supreme President instructed me to study the English grammar and phraseology employed in the framing and printing of the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-laws of The Danish Brotherhood in America and, to the best of my ability, to make corrections wherever and wherein it appeared to be necessary. In compliance with his request I have edited the attached typewritten pages and I respectfully submit them or your consideration."

The President, in behalf of the Board, thanked Brother Andersen for the time and efforts he had expanded on the task. It was a big job. He said that we shall review the manuscript submitted in time to give this matter further consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

An hour and forty minutes was spent in general discussions on matters of importance to the Brotherhood, specifically the 1955 national convention.

The date for the annual meeting of the Board next fall was left open.

There being no further business to transact, this meeting of the Board was adjourned at 4:40 p. m.

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

Wendia Lodge No. 71 Celebrates 60 Years

On the 12th of March, Wendia Lodge in Penn Yan, N. Y. celebrated its 60th anniversary at the Benham Hotel on Main Street in Penn Yan. A fine dinner was served and several speakers were present and the Mayor of Penn Yan gave the main speech.

Brother Nels Olsen showed a color film from Denmark, many members noting the familiar places where they were born and had their bringing up, most interesting, all agreed. Dancing followed to a very fine orchestra.

A cordial invitation goes out to all brethren to visit Penn Yan at their newly decorated lodge rooms in the Brotherhood building at No. 100 East Elm St., Penn Yan.

From Lodge No. 183 Troy, N. Y.

After the meeting on March the 18th a joint birthday celebration was held in honor of charter member, Thorwald Lauridsen and Carl Langermann, a very enjoyable time it was agreed by all.

Unfortunately, Carl Langermann was unable to attend as he was taken ill quite suddenly, but is back on the road to recovery.

As the party was arranged, Carl insisted that it went along without his presence.

On March 20th, the Sisters celebrated their 50th anniversary, this being held at the Sunset Inn in N. Troy. A large gathering had a most wonderful time of dancing, etc., to Ebbe Nielsen's orchestra.

The Brothers of Lodge No. 183 wishes the Sisters many more years of continued success.

Himmelbjerget Lodge No. 300, Oneonta, N. Y.

Even though we have not heard from Oneonta for some time, they want us to know that they have not been asleep during the winter, but they are just getting out of the snow and cold up there in the hills. A party was held some time ago when they (Slaa Katten af Tønden), the barrel was filled with apples, oranges, nuts, etc., and everybody was swinging the bat and the arms were kind of sore for a few days after. Coffee and cake was served and dancing was in order after all this.

Talk is going around in Oneonta that the convention of the Eastern lodges for 1955 will be held in Oneonta. Do not take this for granted; but we certainly would like to see this come through; we can so well remember the convention in 1946 in Oneonta and we will be looking forward to another one there.

At the coming convention to be held in Schenectady this year, the lodge in Oneonta will be well represented again. They will be bringing the gold cup, which they have won for 2 years. They expect to take it back home again and this time for keeps.

This should be an inducement for all other lodges to come to Schenectady in great strength. The sec-

retary, Jack Olsen, has been elected delegate for Schenectady.

At the meeting May the 8th the lodge has invited Schenectady and Troy lodges for a mass meeting and anyone else who would like to come is invited too. See you in Oneonta the 8th of May.

From Lurbladet in Philadelphia

From Lurbladet from Philadelphia we note that a proposal was brought forward that a degree team be organized in Philadelphia lodge. This would naturally stir up the interest in trying to get new members so that the team would get something to work for.

The idea was suggested by Brother V. P. Nissen and we certainly wish them success with the idea.

The Udvandrer Arkivet in Copenhagen was mentioned in Lurbladet where it was noted that the little bugle of Enigheden Lodge will have a place. Regarding this, the Archivist, Svend Waendelin, invites all Danes to send personal photographs and biographical data to be kept in the Emigrant Archives. Also, he requests all kinds of printed material pertaining to Danes and Danish activities, past and present, here in America be sent to him. The address is Udvandrer Arkivet, Kristianiagade No. 8, Copenhagen, 0, Denmark.

Newark, N. J., Lodge No. 116

A most interesting meeting night was held in Newark at the March meeting. It was short. After the meeting an interesting hour followed with Adventurer and Explorer Bob Danskin, coffee and cake was served and dancing followed.

At the meeting in April there will be a card party. Coffee and homemade cakes will be served.

A most interesting report was printed in the monthly news sheet from Newark, of the annual meeting of the Home for Aged in Metuchen. It is too long to repeat; but we note that the board decided to give up running the farm attached to the Home. All livestock and implements will be sold, but the land will be kept. The officers for the coming year will be the same as last year. Martin Schaeffer is the President and Paul Thofner will continue as Manager for the Home.

I think it is in order to remind the brethren here in this part of the country about the meeting in Bridgeport on May 12, we had a notice in last month's magazine, and I am sure it will be a meeting well worth attending. So all you Brothers in Connecticut and New York, too, please try to come.

We are waiting with great anticipation for the result of the attendance contest and I have often wondered why it is so hard to get a real good attendance to meetings. Some say that there is nothing of interest to bring the members to come; but have you really thought it over why there is nothing of interest. If we would show up in larger numbers, that in itself would surely add a great deal to make the meetings interesting. Try it and you will see.

Resolutions

LOUIS C. HANSEN, Des Moines, Iowa

In memory of our brother, Louis C. Hansen, who passed away April 9, 1954, Lodge No. 15 adopted the following resolution at our regular meeting April 12, 1954:

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

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for a period of 30 days.

Said resolution to be incorporated in our minutes and inserted in the *Botherhood Magazine*.

Carl Olsen, President.
Chas. A. Ried, Secretary.

JOHN BYLLING, Santa Barbara, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, John Bylling, who passed away March 27, 1954, the following resolution was adapted by Barbara Lodge No. 322 at our regular meeting April 8, 1954:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and that we extend to his family our most sincere sympathy; that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days; that this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the *Danish Brotherhood Magazine* and a copy sent to his family.

Herbert Helseth, President.
Harold Hansen, Secretary.

JOHN TORP, St. Louis, Mo.

In memory of our departed brother, John Torp, who passed away on March 15, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting, April 12, 1954:

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

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

Thorvald Olsen, President.
Albert Jensen, Secretary.

OTTO JENSEN. København, Danmark

Loge 318 maa med sorg meddele at have mistet en god og agtet Broder, idet Otto Jensen afgik ved døden den 19. marts efter længere tids svagelighed, og naaede ikke at fylde 50 aar. I respektfuld minde om afdøde Br. Otto Jensen vil logens alter være at beklæde med sørgeflor for et tidsrum af 30 dage, og denne resolution optages i maanedssbladet, hvoraf et exemplar bedes tilsendt afdødes Hustru.

K. Lindahl, Præsident.
Alb. Petersen, Sekretær.

CHAS. M. ANDERSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

We mourn the loss of a brother and friend,
Yet know that we shall meet again.

To you his dear ones, please may we say;
Accept our sympathy, this solemn day.
In behalf of Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis.

Martin Jensen, President.
Carl Olsen, Secretary.

FRED F. PETERSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

We mourn the loss of a brother and friend,
Yet know that we shall meet again.
To you, his dear ones, please may we say;
Accept our sympathy, this solemn day.
In behalf of Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis.

Martin Jensen, President.
Carl Olsen, Secretary.

LARS PETER LARSEN, Winside, Nebr.

In memory of our departed brother, Lars Peter Larsen, who passed away March 12, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of Thorvaldsen Lodge No. 110, Winside, Nebr.:

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 for 30 days, this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the *Danish Brotherhood Magazine*, and a copy sent to the family.

Martin Jensen, President.
Peter J. Jensen, Secretary.

JENS PETER JENSEN, Winside, Nebr.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Peter Jensen, who passed away Feb. 26, 1954, this resolution was adopted by Thorvaldsen Lodge No. 110:

Resolved that we regret the loss of our brother and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days in his memory, and that this resolution be printed in the *Danish Brotherhood Magazine*, entered in the minutes of our lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

Martin Jensen, President.
Peter J. Jensen, Secretary.

MARINUS NISSEN, Waterloo, Iowa

In sincerest memory of our brother, Marinus Nissen, who passed away April 9, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting April 9, 1954:

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

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

In behalf of Brotherhood Lodge No. 212.

Sam Jensen, President.
Kristen Hansen, Secretary.

TOM W. NIELSEN, Austin, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Tom W. Nielsen, who passed away March 20, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 111.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our good brother, and that we 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, and this resolution be entered in our minutes, and

inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Carl Thomsen, President.
Otto M. Andersen, Secretary.

WM. P. JOHNSEN, Austin, Minn.

In memory of our departed charter member, Brother Wm. P. Johnsen, who passed away March 31, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 111:

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

Carl Thomsen, President.
Otto M. Andersen, Secretary.

R. P. JOHNSEN, Austin, Minn.

The following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting in memory of our departed brother, R. P. Johnsen, who passed away March 25, 1954:

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

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for 30 days, this resolution be inserted in our minutes and in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Als Lodge No. 111, Danish Brotherhood, Austin, Minn.

Carl Thomsen, President.
Otto M. Andersen, Secretary.

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70-Year Anniversary In Chicago

On Saturday, March 27, Lodge No. 17 celebrated its 70th anniversary with a grand banquet and dance in the lodge building at 2517 Fullerton Ave., Chicago. About 180 members and friends met up for the occasion.

The party started at 6 p. m. in one of the smaller halls where the guests were served free cocktails and also delicious Hors d'ouvres prepared by the wife of our treasurer, Mrs. R. M. Laursen.

At 7 p. m. sharp, the banquet started in the newly decorated big hall. All the tables were decorated with beautiful floral centerpieces and the stage with palms and also a large floral gift, presented by the Danish National Committee of Chicago.

The president of No. 17, John Christiansen, extended a hearty welcome to all and introduced the toastmaster of the evening, Brother George Ugilt, the well known editor of the Danish Pioneer.

A very delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served and enjoyed together with different kinds of wine and beer, according to the individual preferences, while the re-inforced Northern Trio (4 on this occasion) played popular Danish and American dinner music. With the dinner over, the toastmaster introduced the main speaker of the evening, our popular and very efficient Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Axel Skelbeck, who in well chosen words spoke for the Brotherhood and its ideals, and then complimented No. 17 or its good

work during the 70 years, and on the number of brothers the lodge had furnished to serve on the Supreme Board. He also conveyed heartiest congratulations to the lodge from our present Supreme Board.

Next speaker was ex-president and former supreme trustee, Brother Gunnar Jensenius, who spoke for No. 17, reminiscing on high lights of No. 17's history, and paying tribute to departed members of the lodge, many of whom had been very active in local as well as national Brotherhood affairs.

It was the president's, John Christiansen's pleasure at this time to introduce new social members, Daniel Christensen and Hjalmar Bertelsen, and two 18-year-old active members, Richard Larsen and John Christiansen, Jr. Brother Christiansen also conveyed congratulations and greetings to the lodge from one of the former mainstays of No. 17, treasurer for many years, Brother Jim Andersen, who is now residing in Denmark.

Next speech was for America, and was delivered by a young member of No. 17, Edward MacLennan, who, although not of Danish descent, but a member of the Brotherhood through marriage, has shown lots of interest and willingness to work for the lodge. Brother Mac spoke forcefully about the possibilities for everybody in America, and for the liberty we have here to maintain fraternal and other organizations, regardless of nationality.

Next Mrs. C. Mogensen, president of No. 17 Ladies' Society, brought the Ladies' congratulations to No. 17, together with a check for 70 dollars, to match the age of the lodge.

Editor Christ Brix spoke for Denmark in Danish,

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and it was as always a pleasure to listen to Brother Brix extol the memories from the "old country." Brother Brix also spoke about the ideals Danish emigrants brought with them from Denmark, using same as foundation for the Brotherhood and other organizations. Brother Brix finished his speech by reciting some of Jeppe Aakjar's beautiful poems.

Next a number of guests were presented. Brother Peter Nielsen, Waukegan, brought congratulations from the Midwest District of the Brotherhood of which he is president, Hjalmar Bertelsen from the National Committee of Chicago, Brother Axel Jensen from Lodge No. 107, Brother Lund from No. 298, Brother Berg from Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, Iowa, and several others, locals as well as visitors from Denmark. Brother Hans Viggo Petersen had written a humorous song that was well received.

After the banquet the dance went on until the wee hours in the morning. The general concensus was that it was an all around wonderful party, and the committee in charge deserves a lot of credit for their accomplishment.

J. P. C.

National Bowling Tournament

Herbert H. Helseth, Sr., 1026 Chino Street, Santa Barbara, Calif., has offered to supervise a national bowling tournament, dates to be announced later on.

This is a big undertaking. Brother Helseth has considerable experience on a state wide scale, but to make it a national affair requires the cooperations of a great many lodges.

If, (and there is an IF involved) there is sufficient interest shown, then he will proceed with project.

In order to ascertain how many lodges will participate, every lodge interested is hereby requested to write NOW to Brother Helseth and merely state that they are interested and will take part in the tournament. IF sufficient replies are received during the next 30 days then plans will be formulated and submitted to those lodges who have signified their interest.

So, please write NOW to Brother Helseth, as per address above.

SVEND PETERSEN, Supreme President.

More From Geo. Petersen

From Lyngblomsten, Erie, Pa., we received, a little late, the monthly paper; but I am asking Svend if it is possible to get a little of the news in. As mentioned before, they are so active in Erie that we get only a little of it in. They have had their rummage sale, the Sisters anniversary party, smorgasbord, sisters and brothers bowling banquets (by the time you read this) and birthday parties are celebrated almost at each meeting. 25 and 50 year wedding anniversaries are also being arranged for anyone if it is brought to the attention of the committee. Everyone is being asked to notify the committee on these events as they do not wish to overlook anyone.

Something of interest to all of us, regarding recipes appeared too, and here is a recipe for preserving children, please read it.

Preserving Children

"Take one large grassy field; one half dozen children (all sizes) one dog, one long, narrow strip of brook.

Mix the children with the other ingredients and empty them into the field, stirring continually.

Sprinkle with field flowers, pour brook gently over pebbles; cover all with a deep blue sky and bake in hot sun. When children are well browned, may be removed—happy and ready to cool in a bathtub."

The lucky number, drawn at every meeting has not been won lately and at the meeting in May there will be \$16.00 for the lucky one, no wonder a good attendance is expected.

Ole Beck has been appointed treasurer for the group who is going to the convention in Schenectady over Labor Day week-end. He is collecting \$2.00 from each who will be going on the trip, a good idea and it will then be a little easier on the pocket-book for those who are going. Usually there is a real good crowd from Erie present at these conventions.

As the attendance to the parties at the club house is growing all the time, it has been decided to improve the kitchen facilities at the club. New equipment including a brand new portable steambath to be used when smorgasbord is being served and at other functions.

Today I also received from Santa Barbara the Grapewine, and most interesting reading it is. To read about the service they give their members in both organizations there is really wonderful.

In this pamphlet they let all their members know about whatever goes on among the Danes in Santa Barbara, birthdays, visitors from out of town or from Denmark and who travels and where they go.

Their bowling tournaments both among the men and women must be most exciting.

The Pres. Herbert Helseth, Sr., has a message to all the brethren, asking them to come to meetings and let themselves be heard, whether they have some real criticisms or something of interest, the meeting is the place and time to be heard.

Anyway, it is interesting to read about other lodges and I do appreciate you sending me your monthly Grapewine.

Notice

As I will be out of town May 15th to August 1st, will you please send all dues and correspondence to

DINES MILLER,
2648 N. Troy Street,
Chicago, 47, Illinois.

JOHN SCHMIDT,
Sec.-Treas., Lodge No. 18.

Last year was the fourth consecutive year of increase in the traffic death toll.

Pacific Northwest Lodge News

It is Easter Morning here in the great Puget Sound country and Mrs. Grove and I have just returned from a delicious breakfast following seven o'clock church services, both featured at St. Paul's Danish Lutheran, the Reverend John Petersen officiating. Tacoma Danes should be proud of that very fine choir directed by Mrs. Martin Rasmussen and organ accompanied by Mrs. Ed. Sorensen. After a brief chat with Brothers C. Fred Christensen, Andy Andersen and Niels Teigen, we returned to our typewriter and the column you are now reading.

I had another friendly evening with the "faithful baseball nine" of Tacoma's Lodge Number 33. Those same officers who strive so hard to keep alive that one-time very attractive organization, are to be commented on their trustworthy monthly attendance as President Marinus Laursen asks "Have we any applications for membership?" March the ninth was their sixty-fifth anniversary and Secretary Christensen spoke a few well chosen words for the occasion and urged good representation from his lodge to the May convention. The following day, I visited former Treasurer Karl C. Pedersen at St. Joe's hospital as he was enroute to the operation room for another chance at being well again.

Too late for last month's scribe was the fortieth wedding anniversary of Portland's Brother Chris Christensen who with his wife, Kirstine, were honored at a Dania Hall party; the several bowling league gatherings of Portland's Danish lodges where "medisterpølse" made by Brother Bakke was enjoyed by all; the silver wedding anniversary of Brother Aksel and Dagmar Andersen also of the Rose City with over a hundred celebrants; Lodge Number 167 celebrating their Fifty-first Commemoration, April seventh, including fifty-year pin presentations to Brothers Oresten Christensen, Lewis Larsen, Otto Nelsen, John Sorensen, Rudolph H. Hansen and charter member Jens Peter Mortensen from Klakamas, Oregon; the sudden passing of one of Tacoma's Brothers, Chris Thompson; and the belated trip to Denmark of Enumclaw's Brothers and Sisters via Carl C. Johansen's son Howard's slide films.

Informative — Interesting — that's how District President Ingvard Eskeberg describes the coming annual convention this month. "Well planned and fast moving" will be the three day event says Chairman Carl N. Grove. Lodge reports and discussions on various subjects will be led by supreme officers, district leaders and local delegates. Participation by our entire membership is an investment that will pay off in many ways. To quote the Sisterhood Secretary of Number 75, Ann Boysen — All roads lead to Enumclaw on May 21, 22, 23. Lodge No. 113 Bids You Welcome. Yes, from the humble organization on May 7, 1898, of that handful of Danish Pioneers who chartered No. 113 of the Danish Brotherhood in America, has grown the active group who this year is the host to the Oregon, Washington and Canadian lodges. Striving for 113 members because of having been given that charter number by the Supreme Office, Enumclaw's DBS has had its ups and downs these past fifty some years but while they never quite reached that membership total, they are out to make it now. A former member who became Enumclaw's

leading banker moved an old store building which had been purchased for \$100 to the present site—his fee, \$5. The original structure has been remodeled and enlarged many times including a complete rejuvenation this year. First meeting in various homes on Sunday afternoons and later meeting in the town's school house which was then the present site of our city police, the Danish Hall at 1706 Porter Street has long been the recognized chambers. Looking back over the old records, we learned that the lots on which our building rests were donated by another member. But we are not trying to live in the past as we nose in the hall's attic—we are instead looking to the future for a bigger and better organization and with that thought in mind, we welcome you all from near and far.

Brother Henry Hergert is slowly recuperating from a serious car accident encountered in the Puyallup Valley as he and his family were enjoying a Sunday drive through the daffodil fields. Besides completely demolishing his automobile, wife Gerda and son Colin were also hurt. Spending a week in the Enumclaw Community Hospital, we hope that the quiet convalescence in his home will bring him to his normal self again.

"Supreme Trustee Hans Andersen and his good wife, Clara, from Parlier, California, have been visiting Portland" writes the Correspondent from No. 167, Sigurd C. Nielsen. District Outerguard Svend Gommesen visited the convention city on March 27 (first time since 1917) and brought greetings from Wilbur's No. 152. And mentioning visitations, a delegation from Enumclaw of President Ingvald Nelsen, Vice President Oswald Peterson, Ex-President John L. Rieck, Treasurer Andrew Hansen, Committee Chairman Carl Grove, Hotel Chairman Elmer Boysen and Decoration Chairman Jens A. Christensen together with their active Sisterhood wives have been making the rounds in calling on neighborhood lodges.

Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29 in Seattle celebrated its sixty-sixth year anniversary on April the tenth with a well selected 6:30 p. m. dinner at Washington Hall, Fourteenth Avenue and East Fir Street, followed by dancing. Toastmaster for the evening was Brother Anton Jessen who called on Brother Kristen Jorgensen, Brother Joseph Matsen, Danish Consul Paul O. Nielsen and Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen during the course of the program. Good old Correspondent Chris P. Jensen as per schedule authored a song especially for Seattle's "Stiftelsesfest."

And speaking of the District's largest lodge, No. 29, several new candidates were initiated into the DBS at their last regular meeting. District President Vard hopes that that healthy condition is true throughout the Northwest. Enumclaw's No. 113 added five more Brothers to their rolls last month—Haakon Ipsen, Antonio Sartoris, Karl F. Lind, Herbert V. Sorensen and Emery C. Bremer—all born in and around the Mt. Rainier foothills with the exception of Haakon and Antonio, foreign born, the former from Vollerslev, Denmark, recently.

The growth of our Brotherhood in America, Canada and Denmark and the growth of our Pacific Northwest Lodges is a source of satisfaction to all of us who have the DBS in our hearts. This is true because of the kind of men we have as our leaders—Officers of the Supreme Lodge. When I wrote each one of these honorable gentlemen for their pres-

LOT. ERSK UGEBLAD
REV. P.C. JENSEN
PL. IR, NEBR.

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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

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Also notify the secretary of your lodge of your new address.

May, 1954

I belong to lodge No. _____ My number in the lodge is _____

NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ence at our Fifth Annual Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood Convention, I felt they would consider us a bit selfish in expecting more than our own good friend, Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen. Referred to the quarterly Board meeting at Omaha in March by Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, I am now happy to inform our readers that Supreme Vice President Hilmar W. Hansen of Salt Lake City will be on hand, come May twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third.

Among the many best wishes sent us in behalf of the convention, comes one from Prince George's No. 330 in British Columbia. President Holger Nielsen, Vice President Torben Lindstrom, Treasurer Bent Harder and Term Secretary Aksel Rasmussen are the 1954 leading officers of that lodge—the latter having been through Tacoma shortly before the first of the year. They are sorry to report that no one will be attending our gala week-end from there.

Our mutual old friend Ex-Supreme and Past District Secretary Brother N. B. Nelson has been ill the past few months and has now been admitted to the Jane O'Brien Hospital, 518 South Brown, Spokane, where he is undergoing treatment for several conditions. The Ingvard Eskebergs and the Rasch Paulsens report that he is gaining much lost weight, his color is good but N. B. is lonesome. Go to see him if you are in that part of the country or send him a card—remember the old adage "Giv mig en blomst mens jeg lever, saa hjærtet kan fyldes der ved."

Doing today what you might have done yesterday crowds tomorrow in its duty. Two good ways to be a good member — first, attend all meetings whenever at all possible — second, sign up a new candidate so that our fraternal order will continue to grow. Now is the time for all good Brothers to come to the aid of their lodge. Get a DBS application blank from your Secretary today.

The next National Convention will be held at Racine, Wisconsin, commencing on the third Monday in September, 1955 — that is just sixteen months from now. Among many subjects then to be discussed, is a juvenile protection plan. The next District Convention will be held at Enumclaw, Washington, commencing on Friday, May the twenty-first, 1954. That's this month, Brothers. Be there. Your local officers and this column solicits your ideas and suggestions from all members on changes, improvements and recommendations in the Danish Brotherhood. In addition, the DBS, the DSS, our business establishments and the City of Enumclaw stand ready to serve you and are looking forward to seeing all of you in a very few days. Detailed information about the convention has been sent to all Secretaries in time for you to make necessary reservations. Even though the month of May is a busy month—what with spring cleaning, painting, gardening—surely you can spare the week-end of May twenty-third for our Annual District Convention.

NORBERT E. GROVE.

Attendance Contest Results

Lodge No.	Location	Membership at start	Attendance Per cent	Prizes
Group One (11 to 50 members)				
234	Woodstock, Ill. -----	12	75	\$25.00
225	Canton, Ohio -----	29	66	15.00
38	Laramie, Wyo. -----	18	61	10.00
Group Two (51 to 80 members)				
117	Plainview, Nebr. -----	59	59	\$25.00
113	Enumclaw, Wash. -----	75	45	15.00
299	Solvang, Calif. -----	57	44	10.00
Group Three (81 to 125 members)				
325	Valley Stream, N. Y. -----	102	38	\$30.00
70	Greenville, Mich. -----	104	29	20.00
Group Four (126 to 200 members)				
328	Vancouver, B. C. -----	172	42	\$50.00
Group Five (200 and up)				
1	Omaha, Nebr. -----	257	18	\$50.00

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the winners of the attendance contest and hope that you in the future will have even better attendance at your lodge meetings. It has been a pleasure for me to conduct this contest and it has been most interesting.

I like to take this opportunity to thank the Secretaries of the lodges for their fine cooperation and their many personal greetings which I received from time to time.

Fraternally yours,

VIGGO MIKKELSEN,
Chairman of Trustees.