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Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Eastern Lodges

For the fifth time the convention of the Eastern Lodges was held in Schenectady under the sponsorship of Lodge No. 190.

In the beautiful building on Albany Street, the delegates and visitors started to arrive on Saturday forenoon. At noon a lunch was served and the convention was opened officially at 3 p. m.

Judge Campbell representing the Mayor, bid all welcome in a most friendly manner and we all felt as though we were at home again.

The chairman of the committee, John Petersen, bid us all welcome and the president of the lodge, C. B. Christensen then in turn in behalf of the lodge asked us to behave as if we were home. Then the president of the General Committee, Aage Jespersen officially opened the meetings and all members of the Brotherhood and delegates of course were asked to stay, others would then go shopping, etc. The officers all made their reports and committees were appointed and several questions were discussed, then it was announced that the Supreme President Svend Petersen had arrived and he was escorted to the President's chair and bid a hearty welcome. At a little later moment he was asked to say a few words and he did, we were sure then that it would be an interesting convention, because Svend informed us that he thought that his 20 points would be discussed. The meeting closed about 5 p. m., and was to reopen at 9 a. m., on Sunday morning.

A supper was served in the hall at 7 p. m., and dancing was enjoyed the rest of the evening, it appeared that all had a very good time, a goodly crowd was present already on Saturday.

On Sunday, the meeting started promptly at 9 and all delegates and officers were present. The several suggestions presented for the convention were discussed, the committees appointed reported and resolutions were adopted and then election of officers took place.

The following officers were elected: Ex-President, Aage Jespersen, Lodge No. 314; President Peter Christensen, Lodge No. 46; Vice President James Nordine, Lodge No. 202; Secretary Jack Olsen, Lodge No. 300; Treasurer Carl Christensen, Lodge No. 190; and Trustee John Rasmussen, Lodge No. 205.

Alternates are for Secretary, Paul Petersen, Lodge No. 164; Treasurer, Andrew Thomsen, Lodge No. 183; and for Trustee, C. Mortensen, Lodge No. 116.

The convention will be held in 1955 in Oneonta, N. Y., under the sponsorship of Lodge No. 300, where the convention was held in 1946.

The afternoon was given over to anyone's own enjoyment, and at 7 p. m., a picture was taken of the whole gathering in front of the Van Curler Hotel, which was the headquarters for the delegates and visitors. The banquet and dance was held at this hotel that evening and about 200 guests were present, a fine chicken dinner was served and Ebbe Niel-

sen's orchestra furnished the music both for the dinner and dance and it was good. The chairman, Brother John Petersen again bid all welcome and introduced as Toastmaster Carl Christensen. The invocation was given by Rev. Ray Hulmann, then an address by the Hon. Archibald Wemple, Mayor of Schenectady, America was sung by the gathering followed by an address by Aage Jespersen. The next speaker was supposed to be the Supreme President of the Danish Sisterhood, but she was unable to be present, but a nice greeting was read from her. Then a real fine speech by our Supreme President Svend Petersen and followed by C. Bysted Christensen, President of Lodge No. 190. Benediction by the Rev. Kulmann and singing of "Der er et Yndigt Land" closed the session at the tables and dancing followed and believe me, it was beautiful to see all the ladies dancing, of course the men were there too, but who pays any attention to them.

I did forget to mention that lunch was served in the hall on Sunday noon and it is a long time since we have seen a more congenial crowd on a Sunday noon, it was hard to get them to leave the hall, everyone was singing and had a wonderful time. It was especially enjoyable to see some of the old timers from Boston, among them Sofus Damm who is always ready and willing to entertain us with a song.

On Monday morning the meeting was closed with installation of officers by the Supreme President assisted by Paul Thofner, Metuchen, N. J. And then followed the famous Danish breakfast, of this we cannot say enough, therefore, let it be said again that the ladies committee Ninna Bukke and her staff, did such a wonderful job of serving us all during the convention so that we cannot thank them enough, the food was wonderful and there was plenty of it.

The convention also reappointed George V. Petersen as correspondent for the coming term, and again I appeal to all lodges to send a little news now and again, it does not have to be a long note, just let me hear a little of what you are doing, at least the members all around tell me they like to read the news from the East. It is gratifying to hear this and therefore we must do our best to give them something to read. Let us know what you are planning in the future and you will have more attending your affairs.

We all owe our Supreme President a great deal of thanks for taking time to come to our convention and we sincerely hope that we were not too disappointing to him, we did our best and according to hearsay, everyone enjoyed your presence here.

I nearly forgot, but the cup, which was started in Troy in 1952 and won two times by Oneonta lodge, this time was taken away by Troy Lodge No. 183. I did not get the number of visiting members from Troy, it is figured in percentage according to membership.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

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October, 1954

“Relief Now or Twenty Years Hence”

In a recent convention of the California General Committee, comprising the membership of California D. B. S. Lodges in California, a proposal was brought before the convention motivated by a desire to establish a \$50,000 fund for the purpose of assisting aged Brothers in obtaining residence in a Home for Aged. According to the proposal and statistical figures of membership in the California lodges it would require twenty years to reach that goal.

I stated in that convention that I am in full accord with our principle of brotherly love in the assistance of needy brothers. But I also said that I am not in accord with the establishing of additional “frozen” funds within our Brotherhood, and, irrespective of how much money we raise for the above purpose, the fact remains that we do NOT have the “Homes” accommodation available.

The shortage of Homes for our Senior Citizens is a known fact, regardless of where one lives. Here at the Solvang Lutheran Home we have applications on file to fill several more 8-room Units, but no money at the moment with which to build. Other worthy and well known Homes are at present overcrowded for lack of a “Home” within the Home.

We of the Danish Brotherhood of America apparently seem to take pride in “frozen” Funds. We have a so-called Relief Fund of \$235,000, frozen solid in Omaha. I am informed that this has no bearing upon our Mortuary (Insurance) Reserve whatever. Irrespective of what we do with this Fund, built up from our special assessments thereto, we can still remain over one hundred per cent solvent in reference to our insurance safety. I therefore believe that we should amend our Constitution

to the purpose of unfreezing this Relief Fund so that it will accomplish some good for our Order. In this day and age of Old Age Pensions, Social Security, private Pensions and Retirement Insurance, such a huge frozen Fund is entirely unnecessary.

Our Detroit Brothers have done an excellent job in and with the “Home” in Rochester, Michigan. Could they use additional Units for the Housing of Aged Brothers? Ask Brother Viggo Mikkelsen of Detroit. Whether or not the Detroit Lodge received assistance from the Brotherhood as such I do not know, but I do know that they struggled along valiantly to make it the fine Home it is today. Here in Solvang, when our third Unit will be completed in October with room for 9 more folks, we shall scrape the bottom of our Treasury.

I would like to see the Danish Brotherhood measure up to its brotherly love principle, upon which our esteemed Brotherhood was founded, and I therefore take the liberty of suggesting and recommending to the 1955 Racine, Wis., convention that:

1. \$100,000 be unfrozen for the purpose of starting the first Units of a Danish Brotherhood Home for Aged Brothers and/or Sisters.

Or

II. If found more expedient for instant relief in the work of Home for Aged, assist such worthy Danish Homes now operating in their expansion programs.

By putting our frozen Funds to work we will earn everlasting dividends in heartfelt gratitude from Brothers and Sisters in need of our help, and at the same time practice what we have preached these many years, “Brotherly Love,” and thus create hope and faith in many a worried Brother's heart.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

B. P. CHRISTENSEN.
 Solvang Lodge No. 299.

Change of Officers

Secretary:

Lodge No. 183, Alexander Gailey, 458 Eighth Avenue, North Troy, New York.

Change in Address of Officers

Treasurer:

Lodge No. 283, Alvin Johnson, 301 Howard Street, Plentywood, Montana.

Racine

September 1955

Financial Report

AUGUST 31, 1954

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1954	\$ 18,838.77
Assessments	9,194.05
Interest on bonds	8,529.35
Bonds called	43,000.00
Premium on currency exchange	1,312.84
Premium on bonds called	1,156.70

\$ 82,031.71

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$ 18,812.87
Cash surrender	544.15
Bonds purchased	39,154.15
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	151.67
Collection expense	6.00
Balance on hand August 31, 1954	23,362.87

\$ 82,031.71

General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1954	\$ 8,586.88
Received in August	17,135.98

\$ 25,722.86

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 12.75
Postage, express, telephone and telegraph	50.08
Rent and lights	180.50
Actuarial expense	15.00
Printing and mailing official publication	397.61
Insurance Dept. License and fees	2.00
Travel expenses	85.00
General office expense	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,192.00
Employer taxes, social security	16.50
Balance on hand August 31, 1954	23,721.42

\$ 25,722.86

Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1954	\$ 19,037.91
Relief Assessments	53.50
Interest on bonds	112.50
Relief payments returned	19.59

\$ 19,223.50

Disbursements:

Relief payments	\$ 265.50
Balance on hand August 31, 1954	18,958.00

\$ 19,223.50

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand August 1, 1954	\$ 3,079.64
Juvenile assessments	114.79

\$ 3,194.43

Disbursements:

Balance on hand August 31, 1954	\$ 3,194.43
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\$ 3,194.43

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$3,953,631.88
Relief fund investments	220,000.00
General fund investments	35,000.00
Cash in bank	69,236.72

\$3,277,868.60

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1954
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	25	185
67	Fresno, California	16	70
4	Racine, Wisconsin	14	523
113	Enumclaw, Washington	13	78
126	Los Angeles, California	10	303
227	Detroit, Michigan	10	317
263	Askov, Minnesota	9	130
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	8	234
17	Chicago, Illinois	7	192
107	Chicago, Illinois	7	72
194	McMinnville, Oregon	7	18
1	Omaha, Nebraska	6	273
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	6	206
190	Schenectady, New York	6	142
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	6	172
299	Solvang, California	6	60
35	Chicago, Illinois	5	111
39	Oakland, California	5	204
78	Salt Lake City, Utah	5	50
110	Winside, Nebraska	5	24
116	Newark, New Jersey	5	169
143	Petaluma, California	5	110
170	Rocky River, Ohio	5	39

(Juveniles included in the above)

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
67	Julius Hansen, Fresno, Calif.		14
113	Norbert E. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.		12
45	Chris W. Pedersen, Minneapolis, Minn.		7
107	N. O. Hansen, Chicago, Ill.		6
35	Marius Pedersen, Chicago, Ill.		5
170	Gunnar Nielsen, Rocky River, Ohio		5
263	Jens J. Krogh, Askov, Minn.		5
328	Paul Krogh, Vancouver, B. C.		5
4	Arne Sondergaard, Racine, Wis.		4
116	George Godthaab, Newark, N. J.		4
143	John V. Jensen, Petaluma, Calif.		4
227	Sigfred Jorgensen, Detroit, Mich.		4
1	Kaj Refslund, Omaha, Nebr.		3
17	August P. Larsen, Chicago, Ill.		3
84	Herluf Christensen, Lincoln, Nebr.		3
110	Thorvald Jacobsen, Winside, Nebr.		3
155	Hans F. Hansen, Bellingham, Wash.		3
190	Henry Bukke, Schenectady, N. Y.		3
194	Walter Hansen, McMinnville, Ore.		3
194	T. C. Jensen, McMinnville, Ore.		3
294	Fred M. Mekkelsen, Barre, Vt.		3
328	Anker Sorensen, Vancouver, B. C.		3

(Juveniles included in the above)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By Norbert E. Grove, District Sec.-Treas., Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood
711 North Eye, Tacoma, Washington

The Northwest Danish Old People's Home for Oregon and Washington, whose interests the DBS sincerely have at heart, has had another successful year according to an elaborate financial report prepared by Brothers John A. Hansen, Joseph Matsen and Immanuel Jensen. Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham, Portland, Spokane, Enumclaw, Wilbur, Astoria and Junction City Danes have all played an important part in this success. Owing to the fact that Brother Arent Nielsen, who has been the Home's caretaker the past ten years, would like to retire, the position is open for a Danish couple without children.

Hans Christian Andersen, 72, of 3720 North Ferdinand, Tacoma, died on July 26 after suffering a severe stroke following a lifelong illness. Born in Ryslunge, Fyn, Denmark, Brother Andersen had lived on the West Coast since 1905 where he was a paint and decoration contractor, a skill Chris had learned as an apprentice in his fatherland. Also a member of St. Paul's Evangelical church and the Scandinavian Fraternity, our departed brother will be missed as an officer of DBS No. 33. Left to mourn his passing is wife, Cora, and uncle, Mads Hansen in Oakland, Calif. Pallbearers included Brothers Neils Christensen, James Paulson, C. Fred Christensen and Chris Petersen.

Looking in at our various district lodges by remote control, we learn that Elsnor Park was the scene of Portland's DBS and DSS July picnic this year; August guests from California in the names of the Nicolaisen's visited Brother Christ Christensen and wife; District President C. Ed Hirsch and Helen vacationing around Crater lake happened in on a little settlement called Denmark, Oregon and secretly wished they could join our Brother to the south at their thirty-third annual convention in Solvang; Brothers Jens J. Fredericksen and Fred Petersen are improving with the help of various Seattle doctors; Brothers Soren Eriksen and James Andersen from Republic, Washington, have been presented with their fifty year membership honor pins; the younger couples of the Seattle lodges had one of their periodical get-together dances on Saturday, August 28; interest in our smart looking DBS lapel pin is steadily growing; President of Portland's No. 167, Henry Barreth and wife, Esther, with daughter, Clarice, all returned from Denmark in time for their DSS fiftieth anniversary on September 11 at which occasion, Enumclaw's Ex-President John L. Rieck and wife, Myrna, DSS President, also appeared; Lodge No. 42 initiated two new members in September, Brothers Sophus Nielsen and Gustav Karch; Vind's DBS will sponsor card parties on October 15 and on November 20; Anker Christensen (that's the Spokane Brother who was in charge of transportation between the hotel and convention headquarters at our third annual conclave in 1952) is Grandpa to little Susan Marie, daughter of Ensign R. J. C. Christensen in Hutchinson, Kansas; District Ex-President Ingvard Eskeberg's lovely home at Loon Lake entertained a rainy summer outing of the Pinocle club; Seattle Secretary Immanuel Jen-

sen's wife is much improved as is Past District President Carl N. Grove who has actually been in and out of the hospital all summer; Juvenile Members Owen Miller and Kenneth Bakke are now full-fledged active Brothers of our Portland lodge; No. 29 is planning a turkey bingo party following their first November meeting on the 10th; well over 100 Seattlites gathered to partake of a Smorgasbord table set with forty varieties of fish, fowl, meat and cheese, celebrating the 57th anniversary of their Danish Sisterhood; Christine and Brother Schwartz Petersen will celebrate their golden wedding on October 10; and Anna accompanied her husband, Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen, back to Omaha this trip for their regular fall session.

Richard Eriksen, grandson of Brother Soren Eriksen of Enumclaw, was the winner of an essay and speech contest for Renton Sophomores on "What the United States Means to Me." The contest was sponsored by the I.O.O.F., and Rebekah lodges and helps afford the "United Nations Pilgrimage of Youth Tours." Richard left Spokane on July 9 with 33 other delegates from Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, visiting many historical places along the route to New York City and Washington, D. C. Alberta, Lethbridge, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal, a boat trip down the St. Lawrence River, a cruise on the Great Lakes, and Yellowstone Park were all included in the itinerary. At the September regular meeting of Lodge No. 113, we were pleasantly surprised and entertained by Brother Soren's son, Harold's son, who reported on his travels in details supported by beautiful color slides.

Officers of No. 113 initiated five new members on Saturday, August 14, Brothers Lester Jensen, Ted Andersen, Hermen Pedersen, Walter Bruhn and Andy Pedersen. What can be accomplished by month's of practice, firm determination and kilocycles of energy could clearly be witnessed as President Ingvald Nielsen and his fellow associates together with Supreme First Vice President Otto Nielsen administered the obligation. Not only were they word perfect but with military snap and impressive dignity befitting the occasion, they gave our new members as well as our older ones, a lesson in Brotherhood which will long be remembered. A proposal to form a degree team and installing staff was informally put forward at a recent meeting of Enighedden, Philadelphia's No. 172 as part of a program to stimulate membership interest. It was pointed out that the application of a little more "formalism" in the conduct of business sessions and in the presentation of installations could very well result in a greater appreciation of the objectives of the Danish Brotherhood and thereby attract new members to our society. To that we say "Amen."

One of the highlights of that same Enumclaw meeting was the presentation of a loving cup to DSS No. 75 by Supreme Trustee Kristinne Hansen for obtaining the most new members in 1954. Each year,

this trophy will be rededicated to a district winner and before their next National Convention, that lodge, who has maintained their record more often, will be entitled to retain the lovely award permanently all of which Sister Kristinne hopes might kindle a keener interest in the growth of the Danish Sisterhood. Also present at this welcome visitation was Brother Herbert Helseth, President of Santa Barbara's DBS No. 322 and member of the California General Committee, promoting the national bowling tournament in our ranks. In addition to a few remarks from Old People's Home President John A. Hansen, our friend and Brother Otto Nielsen, as always, brought words of wisdom to all present and told them that there wasn't much wrong with the future of our DBS when we looked around at the marvelous attendance and spirit existing in the host lodge. Those who were privileged to attend this rather impromptu gathering found that it was an evening they will not soon forget as comments about Danish hospitality and the value of friendship in the smaller cities were unanimously enthusiastic. Immediately following a nice lunch by our grand Sisters, cards and dancing were to have been the modes of entertainment but everyone was having too good a time — just visiting.

Is your correct address on file with your local secretary? When you change your residence, be sure to contact your lodge and give your new address for that is the only way that you can be positive of receiving our Danish Brotherhood Magazine and other pertinent information.

Throughout our Danish Brotherhood, we are seeing a lot of younger men assuming more and more responsible positions in the many lodges and districts. That wonderful group of elder Brothers who organized and chartered our fraternity and then carried on through difficult years, are happy to have their exalted ranks reinforced and their actions stimulated by the young set. This new element has a strength of purpose which is badly needed in these times of critical decision and together, the young and the old will see to it that the DBS continue to grow and prosper. And don't forget to elect a law committee who will sincerely and intelligently consider the measures which one of them will represent at our National Convention in Racine only eleven months from now.

Another Pacific Northwest pioneer, Brother Louis (Laust) Nielsen, Enumclaw, passed away on Sunday, August 29, after a short illness. Brother Nielsen was born in Ringkobing, Denmark, and would have been 86 on September 5. A retired lumberman, he had been an active and faithful DBS member since 1900, a Past Master of his Masonic lodge, an ardent supporter of the Calvary Community church and a respectful and honorable citizen. Surviving is his wife, Mary K., his daughter, Mrs. Martin K. Weber, his

son, Walter Winfield, and five grandchildren. In memory of our late Brother, a Louis Nielsen Memorial Fund has been set up to provide emergency "ready money" primarily for children's dental and eye needs where their parents are unable to provide.

Just a word to let you know I am out of the hospital and well on the road to recovery. I received a large number of cards, flowers and visits from many friends throughout the country which helped greatly in speeding my recovery and I wish to send "Thanks" via this column until I have an opportunity to thank each one of you personally. That's all folks.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
A. C. Olsen	17	Chicago	C. Christensen
Christian Pedersen	32	New Haven	Stanley Lovig
John Andersen	39	Oakland	Svend A. Neldam
John M. Bech	42	Spokane	Gustav Karch
John M. Bech	42	Spokane	Sofus E. Nielsen
N. O. Hansen	107	Chicago	Walter M. Jensen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Ted R. Andersen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	A. S. Pedersen
Herluf Rasmussen	126	Los Angeles	Ivan Larsen
Emil Kalhange	126	Los Angeles	Egon Svangreen
Gunnar Nielsen	170	Rocky River	D. A. Kergaard
Gunnar Nielsen	170	Rocky River	C. A. Kergaard
Walter Hansen	194	McMinnville	R. A. Hansen
Walter Hansen	194	McMinnville	Fred Hansen
Walter Hansen	194	McMinnville	R. A. Hansen, Jr.
T. C. Jensen	194	McMinnville	K. E. Jensen
T. C. Jensen	194	McMinnville	R. N. Jensen
T. C. Jensen	194	McMinnville	D. E. Jensen
Henry Christensen	194	McMinnville	M. Christensen
Johan Emanuelsen	227	Detroit	Gunnar L. Jensen
Walter Kristensen	299	Solvang	Otto C. Sorensen
Christian Madsen	299	Solvang	Borge Christensen
Alton V. Nielsen	299	Solvang	Delbert Jepsen
Ed Anderberg	328	Vancouver	Erik D. Illum
Alfred Kristensen	328	Vancouver	M. J. D. Nielsen
Herman Eskildsen	334	Geneva	Holger C. Andersen

(Juveniles included in the above)

A 50 per cent reduction in decayed, extracted and filled deciduous teeth took place in children aged three to five years who participated in the Askov, Minnesota, dental demonstration from January, 1949, to September, 1952. The program is scheduled to cover 10 years.

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Convention in Utah and Idaho

On Sunday, September 5, at 1 o'clock, Brother Keld Jorgensen as president of the General Committee of Utah and Idaho Lodges, opened the yearly convention.

With Lodge No. 78, Salt Lake City, as this year's host, the meetings were held at Lodge No. 78's regular meeting place — the Teamsters Building — on State Street 63, and a nice representation from the four participating Lodges, No. 78 and 278, Salt Lake City; No. 264, Pocatello, Idaho; and No. 267, Brigham City, Utah; was present. After a few words of welcome and the roll call, our Supreme Vice

President Hilmar W. Hansen, as secretary for the G. C., read the minutes from last year's meetings. These, together with the reports of the directors of the respective lodges, showed to be a year of no special progress but with a promising activity in both fraternal and social matters within the lodges. At this time a very delicious luncheon was ready — prepared and served by Mrs. Weissenberg, the wife of one of our new members — and everyone enjoyed her "open-faced" sandwiches.

The meeting was continued with a service for the deceased brothers. Last year Brother Hilmar W.



HJEM TIL JUL!
To Storslaede Julerejser
Direkte til
KØBENHAVN

M. S. KUNGHOLM fra New York den 2. december direkte til København. Rejseleder: Erik Petersen fra vort Calgary kontor.

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Hansen created a very beautiful and dignified ceremony to honor the memory of our deceased members, a ceremony the G. C. adopted for the yearly convention. This year Brother Hansen, assisted by Brother Kragh as conductor went through the Memorial service in honor of Brother Fred Madsen of Lodge No. 78.

After this service a very important point was up for discussion. A committee was appointed at the last convention with the purpose to change some of our By-Laws in order to make them more clear. Brother Hansen, as chairman of the committee, read the different articles and explained the gains. After a thorough discussion all changes and additions were approved.

The treasury report showed a slight dip in the yearly balance compared with last year, but a bond will be mature next month, and the profit of the conversion into a new bond brought the finances up to last year's figures.

After communications were read and taken care of, election was the last point of a busy agenda. Only the president, Brother Chris Pedersen, of Lodge No. 78 was elected by written vote as all other officers were elected by acclamation. The new officers are: Ex-President Keld Jorgensen, Lodge No. 278; President Chris Pedersen, Lodge No. 78; Vice President Carl Nielsen, Lodge No. 264; Secretary Hilmar W. Hansen, Lodge No. 78; Treasurer Soren Jespersen, Lodge No. 278; Trustee Einar Ericksen, Lodge No. 78; Trustee Poul Gregersen, Lodge No. 264; Trustee -----, Lodge No. 267; Conductor Carlo Klitgaard, Lodge No. 278; Correspondent Borge Kragh, Lodge No. 78.

In short speeches the retiring president thanked his fellow-officers for cooperation and help, and the new president called for the same cooperation during his term.

While we had been busy at the meeting all the ladies had been entertained at Brother Edgar Hansen's home by Mrs. Ruth Hansen and Bodil Hundrup, but now everybody drove out to see the newly erected Danish part of "The International Peace-Gardens." A beautiful place was planned and built with help and donations from many good Brothers from the two Salt Lake City lodges and other Danish organizations.

We drove back to the Lodge hall for a social hour where everybody — 82 persons — had a wonderful time until the banquet started at 8 o'clock. An inviting dinner was served in the big auditorium and with Brother Hilmar Hansen as toastmaster, a good program followed. In between speeches by Brother Elmer Klitgaard, Brigham City, and Soren Jespersen, Salt Lake City, was shown dance numbers by children from Jenny Lee's Dance Institute. Song by Brother Peter Olsen and more speeches by Brother Edgar Hansen and Sister Mildred Ericksen. Finally about 11:30 p. m., Hilmar Hansen thanked everybody for helping in making this convention a success, not in pleasure alone, but in good work and good spirit, the two things that will keep the Brotherhood young forever.

BORGE KRAGH.

Racine in 1955



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Los Angeles Danish Colony will honor its most beloved citizen, Dr. Aage Emil Brix, M. D., member and doctor for Lodge No. 126, on October 10.

When Brother Louis Pryssing first expressed the idea of giving a testimonial dinner for Dr. and Mrs. Brix, his words were received with enthusiasm in an otherwise very dull meeting at the lodge.

Within a few days officials of other clubs and lodges such as Dania, The Copenhagen Club, DSS Lodge No. 168, Dronning Dagmar Lodge of Dannebrog and others met and decided to pay the beloved Dr. Brix and his nurse wife a fitting tribute at a testimonial dinner in the Los Angeles Breakfast Club on October 10.

Dr. Brix was born in Nebraska and graduated as an M. D., at the age of 22 — one of the youngest ever to receive the M. D. degree from the University of Nebraska. Dr. Brix spent ten years in Denmark when he was about five until he was 15 and graduated from Kathedratsskolen in Aalborg. In an examination for a job at the Pahl hospital in Los Angeles, Dr. Brix placed number two, and he has lived here since.

In spite of the fact that Dr. Brix has a large practice, he has never gotten rich — rich that is, in money — and that is because Dr. Brix always has put human values before anything else. During the past 30 years he has watched over the health of several Danish lodges, among them D.B. No. 126, and during these years, thousands of trips have been made to his office, but the first one has yet to pay for being healed either in body or in mind — and Dr. Brix is capable of doing both. He is the kind

of a doctor who always has time to listen to his patient's troubles and his advice is always valued.

Some day Dr. Brix may receive official recognition for his work and for his service, from the powers that be; but meanwhile his own people will gather and place a wreath of laurels around his neck and say, "Thanks, Dr. Brix, for what you have been to us." That perhaps is the highest tribute anyone can receive.

LEVI PERSSON.

NOTICE

The report from the Midwest District meeting as well as several other items had to be left out this time on account of lack of space. They will all appear next month. Sorry, but just can't help it.

SVEND PETERSEN, Editor.

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I have for many years been an admirer of Brother Jul. Andersen's Ramblings in our Magazine even though his ideas at times differ from mine.

But my esteem of the good Brother received a severe set-back when I read his article in the August issue of our publication under the caption "Just One Brotherhood", in which he makes the charge that some Brothers are still suggesting to **split** our order into districts.

Would anyone say that the 13 original United States were **split** when they founded this great country that we are privileged to call ours!

Would anyone say that the 35 states that since then have, of their own free will, joined the original 13 to form the greatest union of free men the world has ever known became that very thing by being **split**?

The answer is obviously NO.

Neither would our Brotherhood be split should the districts that have been formed by the Brothers of these, of their own free will, and their own desire, no doubt with the idea in mind of bettering the order, be given the right to elect from their districts men to govern and set the policies of our Order and it surely would be possible under such a system to have "representation according to taxation."

To me it is not a matter of cost but a matter of principle. I fail to see anything truly democratic in our present system.

No, it not because I belong to a big lodge that I feel this way. I was of that opinion when I many years ago transferred — for my convenience — from one of our largest lodges to one of our smallest and am still clinging to this belief after that little lodge has become medium size.

Do the larger lodges dominate the district? No, at least not in the California district. Proof — Before the formation of this district and during its early days but two Brothers became members of our Supreme Board, one from Lodge No. 39, and one from Lodge No. 49, both considered large lodges.

Since the California Brothers have come to know each other better through the district convention, three Brothers from California have been chosen to sit on the Supreme board, all three persons from the smaller lodges.

I doubt that all of the California lodges would have backed these Brothers for the Supreme Board chairs had they not seen them proven worthy of such honor by their work in the districts as its chosen leaders.

I had but little interest in our Order outside of my own little lodge and the orders and lodges provided protection, financial that is, until I attended a district convention and found that all members of the Danish Brotherhood are good and true Brothers and that the idea of **splitting** or **dividing** that good Order is farthest from their minds.

We can't all go to national conventions but we all, at some time or other, have a chance to partake in or witness a district convention and if you, Brother, have never attended one of these you have missed something, that besides being constructive, usually also affords a good time socially.

So let us not **split** or **divide** but let's use the

districts we have formed to make our Brotherhood more united by making it more democratic, and was not the desire to enjoy democracy responsible for many a Dane coming to these 48 United States that each has voice and vote, in proportion to its population, in our national government. If they can do it, why can't we?

A. B. CHRISTENSEN,
Lodge No. 184.

Any woman I've ever met will melt under a little flattery. Unless she gets in the flattery first — then I melt.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

From Lyngblomsten No. 242, Erie, Pa.

From the last issue of Lyngblomsten we find it quite nice way to mention a visitor and I greatly appreciate what you are saying and believe me, the lodge in Erie should be well proud of their editor of that paper, we also note that their family picnic, which was held on Sunday, August 15 was a great success, believe it or not; but about 2,000 people were present, with such a crowd how could you miss?

The paper mentions that convention fever is raging in Erie at the time the paper went to press, well the convention in mind is over as reported elsewhere in these pages; but I believe that in Erie another convention Fever is on, namely for 1956, Erie will celebrate its 50th anniversary that year and I believe the idea is to invite to the convention also in conjunction with the anniversary. I heard something to that effect when I visited there this summer and believe it is in order to mention it here. The report is that a good attendance was had at the meeting on August 13; but the number drawn for attendance price, the owner was not present, so therefore come to the next meeting. The bowling season has started again and Erie will be represented strongly again this season.

From Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.

From their monthly paper we note that Viggo Nielsen is back from his trip to Denmark, we trust Viggo that you had a nice trip.

The fall picnic at the home in Metuchen is being well talked about and it is hoped that the weather will be kind and that many will attend, there will be a playoff for the trophy in softball between D.A.C. in Brooklyn and the boys from 116, the President George Godthaab is captain of the team and he will see that all young members who can play, will be present. It takes only one more victory for 116 to make the trophy permanent in 116.

The Sisterhood is taking over after the October meeting, a card party has been planned and a large crowd is expected, so remember October 9.

The Christmas party committee has already decided that the Christmas party will be held at Slovak hall on Sunday, December 26, so keep this in mind.

Enighed Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.

The lodge announces that they have changed their place of meeting. The new hall is located at 3736 Germantown Avenue, second floor, it is Mosebacks Restaurant and according to the description given it is a real fine place to meet, there you can have your dinner if you wish, anything from a sandwich to a complete dinner with sea food a specialty and the prices are most reasonable.

They are looking forward to a large gathering at their meeting this coming month.

Providence, R. I., Lodge No. 102

The Brother lodge and Sister lodge in Providence celebrated their 57th and 34th anniversaries respectively on Saturday, September 18 with a dinner and entertainment at the Johnsons Hummocks on Allens Avenue in Providence, this has been an annual affair lately and it seems that we all enjoy coming together for this party, we are not inviting special guests, but do invite anyone who likes to be with us and we were about 40 present this time, which is an improvement even from last year.

The food at Johnsons is excellent and as we went along our President Fred Mortensen asked George Petersen to act as Toastmaster, he called upon a few speakers, namely the President of the Sister lodge, Mrs. Anne Lincoln; President Mortensen of Lodge No. 102, and our visitor from Bridgeport, Conn., Brother Erik Garde, also presented for the gathering Brother Hugo Heinemann, who for some time has been unable to express his ideas in words, as he has lost the power of speech, we trust this is only temporary and we will soon have Hugo with us again as a speaker in the lodge room. A young man, only a few years in this country and recently discharged from the army, was present and presented. We hope we may soon count him as a brother in No. 102.

Our good friend Herbert Lincoln then took over and showed us a talking film from Scandinavia. It was a beautiful film in color and I believe that many, after seeing this film will want to take a trip there. The film was a courtesy from Scandinavian American Airlines. It was a fine evening and all said they would like to come again.

Brother Erik from Bridgeport informed us that his lodge will celebrate their 65th anniversary on December 3, keep this in mind and come to Bridgeport that day.

An Appeal and a Reminder to the Ex-Officers Club of the G. C.

Several years ago the brothers who at one time or another held an office on the board of the General Committee in the East, formed a club.

This club has been working to the best of the ability of their elected officers and hold their meeting annually at the conventions. The purpose of this club is merely to in a friendly way hold us together and remember that we are all interested in our organization, also to bring a little cheer now and then to those who might need it or want it. We now have a membership of about 30 and of course each year new members are added.

Our dues are \$1 per year, or whatever you feel that you may send the secretary or the treasurer, we can assure you the money will be spent only for purposes worthy of whatever we do spend.

We appeal to you brothers to let us know if there

in any way is something we could do for you, or if you know of any of our members who are ill or dies or have a special birthday or anniversary which we would like to express our regards at.

Furthermore, we wish to say that we are ready and willing to be of assistance to the present board if they should desire our help at any time. We all feel that just because we are out of office, we are not out of the Brotherhood or neither are we through working for it.

So please Brothers, do not forget that you are a member of the Ex-Officers Club of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges.

The president this year is Paul Thofner, Box 51, Metuchen, N. J.; the treasurer, Paul Petersen, 601 West 164th Street, New York, N. Y.; and secretary, George V. Petersen, 20 Maywood Drive, West Warwick, R. I.

Colorado-Wyoming District

On August 28 last, the Colorado-Wyoming District of the Danish Brotherhood held its annual meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Lodges represented were Fowler, Brush and Denver from Colorado. Rawlins, Laramie and Cheyenne from Wyoming. We were very pleased to have Hilmar Hansen from Salt Lake City, Utah, representing the Supreme Board. A very interesting meeting was held and a lot of good suggestions came up. Some of the most important things were how to get new members into our organization and how to make our meetings more interesting so as to get more social and young members into the lodges. The following officers were elected: Ex-President Frank Christensen, Fowler, Colorado; President Niels Christensen, Cheyenne, Wyoming; 1st Vice President Walter Hansen, Brush, Colorado; 2nd Vice President Carl Vosler, Cheyenne, Wyoming; 3rd Vice President James Jensen, Fowler, Colorado; 4th Vice President Miller Jacobsen, Denver, Colorado; Secretary-Treasurer C. B. Jensen, Laramie, Wyoming.

After the meeting the Brothers and their wives attended a wonderful cocktail party and after that a very delicious dinner was served. Speaker at the banquet was Ex-President Frank Christensen and Oscar Beck, who made remarks about the Brotherhood. J. M. Christensen spoke about the ladies. Brother Hilmar Hansen spoke about the benefits the Danish Brotherhood offers and how to get new members. At the banquet a collection of \$41.25 was taken up which was sent to Eben-Ezer Mercy hospital in Brush, Colorado. After the banquet a dance was enjoyed and at 12 o'clock midnight sandwiches were served. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

Fraternally yours,
C. B. JENSEN, Sec.-Treas.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

Our 33rd Annual Convention held in Solvang is now "en Saga blot," but the memories of this fine gathering will linger for many years to come, thanks primarily to the good members of Solvang Lodge No. 299, their fine women folk and the good people in general in Solvang.

As we came from Buellton, where we turned off the main highway 101 between San Francisco and Los Angeles, we drove through beautiful fields of flowers being grown for seed purposes, then over a slight hill and just "hvovr Vejen slaar en Bugt" we came face to face with Solvang. First of all we saw the beautiful Danish church, built exactly like the country churches in Denmark, painted white with red tile roof and this sight, of course, was enough to make one in the right mood. Next we saw Danish and American flags all along the streets of Solvang. We passed by a place with a sign in front "Gæstgivergaarden" and we later found out they serve excellent Danish food. The Mrs. and I stayed at a place called Solvang Gaar, and a delightful place — new, modern — but built in the style of a Danish country farm house, even with "en Port." And it was located on Elverhøj Gade.

Many fine buildings have been erected since this writer was last in Solvang, and it was a delight to walk down Copenhagen Drive and look into the many fine shops, some of which had just as fine articles as you would find in either San Francisco or Los Angeles, or Fifth Avenue for that matter. Many restaurants serving excellent foods. A very fine Konditori serving some of the finest cake I have ever tasted.

Of course, the finest of all we found in Solvang were the people, most of whom are Danish or Danish descent and one is told that at least 90 per cent of the population speak or understand Danish. Solvang can also be proud of its Lutheran Danish Old People's Home, located right by Atterdag College. Yes, indeed, Solvang is worth paying a visit to and when you are driving along Highway 101 and you come to Buellton, tarry a wee bit and visit this delightful place.

What I really started out to write was about the convention, so please excuse me if I got off on a tangent, but really Solvang was so unusual and delightful that it is really hard to get away. And when you do leave you will always have an urge to get back some day.

From the social side the convention was a huge success right from the start, which was with a cocktail party at the Memorial Hall on Thursday afternoon. Thursday evening there was a large reception in the same place, and I would guess about 400 were present. Brother Frode K. Jensen, President of Lodge No. 299, was Master of Ceremonies, and Judge Arden T. Jensen bid us welcome on behalf of Solvang and its citizens. We also heard from Sister Margaret Sundby, Supreme Trustee of the Danish Sisterhood, Brother Hans M. Andersen, Supreme Trustee of the Danish Brotherhood, the two presidents of the General Committee, Margaret and Paul Christiansen, and many others. The writer read a letter he had received from Brother Carl

Mygind now in Denmark, conveying his greetings to the two conventions.

On Friday, August 27, the two conventions got under way, under the presidency of Sister and Brother Paul Christiansen. Inasmuch as I do not know what took place at the Sisterhood Convention I shall, of course, confine my remarks to our own convention.

The morning session was primarily occupied with seating the delegates and hearing the President's and Secretary's reports. However, we also had the pleasure of hearing from our ever popular Brother Hans M. Andersen, Supreme Trustee, as well as Brother Fred Petersen, of Lodge No. 10 in Council Bluffs and formerly Chairman of Supreme Trustees many years ago, and who is now receiving the blessings of heaven by living in California. (sic). Greetings were also received from most of the members of the Supreme Board, Brother Paul B. Ryder, former Consul General in San Francisco, Mr. Holger Bladt, President of the Rebild National Park Board and others. Telegrams were received from Grand Lodge of Dania of California and Nevada, the General Committee of the Northwest, Danmark Branch No. 2 of Dania in San Francisco, Vitus Behring Branch of Dania in Los Angeles, Mrs. Louis Quist and children, Den Danske Soldaterforening af Calif., Sisterhood Lodge No. 165 in Santa Barbara and Sisterhood Lodge No. 68 in Los Angeles and D. B. Lodges Nos. 49, 95, 126, 143, 230, 306, 319, 322, and 332, and others.

During the morning session we also heard a report from the Bowling Committee, which had been under the direction of Brother Herbert Helseth and from which it would appear, that Fresno Lodge No. 67, which had participated in the tournament for the first time had won the trophy for 1954. Brother Helseth will continue as head of the Bowling Committee again next year.

We also heard from the Committee which was studying the Welfare Fund idea for California Lodges. After a lengthy discussion this matter was turned back to the committee for further study.

A number of proposals were read by the Secretary; one from Barbara Lodge No. 322, which if adopted would entitle officers of the General Committee to pay when attending the convention. This proposal was turned back to the lodge as incomplete. Another proposal from Lodge No. 39, which would, if adopted, have made social members eligible to be elected delegates to the conventions of the General Committee and presumably also to hold office. This proposal was tabled. Another proposal from Hayward Lodge No. 184 was relative to Osteopaths being eligible to act as doctors for lodges who so desired. This proposal was turned back to the lodge as it was felt this proposal should be directed towards the National Convention next year in Racine.

The afternoon session was devoted entirely to the Supreme President's 20 suggestions. Although it had been suggested the lodges discuss these suggestions and instruct their delegates accordingly, it was found that a number of lodges had not discussed these points at all and hence the discussions went far afield from what the Supreme President had

intended them to be, I am sure. The long and short of it was that the matter be turned over to a committee, which would formulate proposals for the National Convention along the suggestions as outlined by the Supreme President and submit same to the lodges for approval or disapproval and those approved would be sent to the National Convention.

Late Friday afternoon we all went to a barbecue at Najoqui Park, and what a dinner it was. Steaks about an inch thick and barbecued just right — why they just melted in your mouth. To this was served a fine salad, Mexican beans, French bread with garlic sauce — delightful — why that evening one's breath was just a fragrance of garlic. The evening closed with a fine dance at Memorial Hall. During the evening we saw the Danish Folk Dancers in action, the finest I have ever seen — good enough to go on the stage almost.

Saturday morning was devoted to the selection of the next convention and election of officers. There were two invitations for convention next year. One was from Arcata Lodge No. 230, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1955, and the other from Hayward Lodge No. 184, the mother lodge of the General Committee. The lodge in Arcata won out and so we journey to Arcata next year. Arcata is the lodge farthest north in California and has never before invited to Convention. We are looking forward with great anticipation to this event, which I am sure will prove a great one in the annals of the General Committee and Lodge No. 230.

After a stiff fight for some of the offices we found the following elected for the ensuing year. Ex-President Paul Christiansen, Los Angeles Lodge; President Alfred C. Nielsen, Bakersfield; Vice President, Dan Chr. Andersen, San Francisco; Secretary-Treasurer Rudolph Olsen, San Francisco; Trustees, Herbert Helseth, Santa Barbara; H. C. A. Jensen, Fresno; Harold T. Jensen, Petaluma; Conductor, Lee Cook, San Diego; Inner Guard John V. Jensen, Petaluma; and Outer Guard Walter C. Kaysen, Alhambra.

From the above you will notice we have two Brothers elected, namely Harold T. Jensen and John V. Jensen, both from Petaluma. As far as I know this is the first time this has happened in California. By the way, Brother John V. Jensen won First Prize for taking in the most members, and now we have two Brothers really working in Petaluma we shall undoubtedly see a large increase in membership next year. Good luck to you both.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to joint installation of officers in Memorial Hall, and it was undoubtedly one of the finest I have ever seen. The installing officers were Sister Astrid Larsen, retiring Ex-President of the Sisters General Committee, ably assisted by Sister Jean Andker, Junior Ex-President. The Brothers had Brother Hans M. Andersen, Supreme Trustee, as installing officer, assisted by Brother Guy Bjerre of Ferndale Lodge. The installing officers were assisted by a drill team of beautiful girls of the Santa Barbara Lodge of the Sisterhood. The entire installation was beautiful and inspiring. Over 400 persons were present at the installation. The two outgoing presidents were presented with an Ex-President Emblem for Sister Margaret Christiansen, and Brother Paul Christiansen was presented with a fine wrist watch for his work during the past year.

The convention closed with a very fine banquet

Saturday night with about 450 participating. It was truly an experience because not only was the meal a delight, consisting of a very fine roast beef, to which was served a delightful wine. The dinner was served well and quickly. Brother Viggo Tarnow bid us welcome and asked Brother Sven Stribolt, Editor of *Bien*, to be toastmaster, a job no one can do better. The speeches were not too many or too long. Personally I got the biggest thrill out of the convention when I was finishing my few words, and all the good people from San Francisco stood up and cheered; and there were about 70 who had journeyed all the way from San Francisco to be present. Thanks a million to all of you.

In the above report from the convention I forgot to mention that during the reception evening we were entertained by Solvang Community Choir as well as violin solos by Mr. Henry Jensen.

During the whole convention we were entertained by the finest music I have ever heard at any convention, under the leadership of Mr. Eric Christensen and his fine orchestra. As I understand Mr. Christensen had just returned from Denmark with all the latest music. Mr. Christensen not only played the accordion exceptionally well but also had a delightful voice. He knows all the old "Revsange" from about 1910 right up to the latest now being sung in Apolloteateret, og ude paa Bakken. I believe it was a daring venture by the Convention Committee to import Mr. Christensen and his music, but I am sure it paid off well.

And thus ended the 33rd annual convention of our General Committee. Another link in our chain of memories. Thanks to you good people in Solvang for inviting us. We hope you will invite soon again. We will see you all in Arcata in 1955.

Alle Brodersamfundsmedlemmer er meget velkomme i Loge 318, under deres besøg i Danmark. Logeadressen er Sankt Knudsvej 26, København, V. Mødeaftner 2. og 4. de fredag Kl. 7,30, men venligst bemærk — i juni og juli maaned dog kun den 2. den fredag, henholdsvis i disse 2. maaneder.

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"Side Show" at the Eastern Lodges Convention



Elsewhere in this issue George V. Petersen tells about the annual meeting of the Eastern Lodges held in Schenectady over Labor Day week-end. It was an excellent meeting from start to finish.

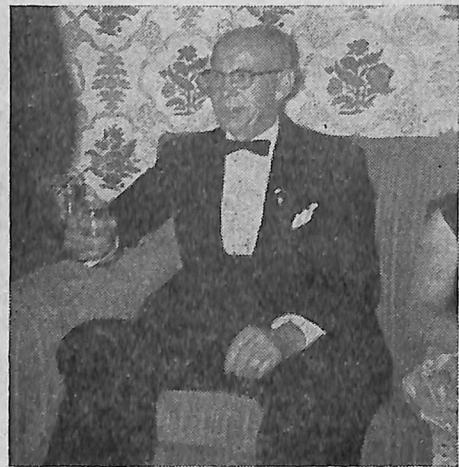
The picture above shows one of the many jolly incidents in various hotel rooms after the banquet Sunday evening. This particular scene was snapped by Miss Pearl Nielsen, daughter of the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Anders Nielsen, from Lodge No. 242, Erie.

John Lysen, No. 164, New York, was the shining light of the party in more ways than one, (besides the bald pate which he covers so beautifully with his seven black hairs that are now more than 70 years old), so it was decided that he should shine from top to bottom. John Rasmussen, No. 205, New York, newly elected trustee of the Eastern General Committee, immediately offered his services as a "professional" bootblack, and went right to work. Brother Rasmussen did a fine job and he soon had a line of customers waiting for their turn. A man's foot can be seen between Lysen's legs, the owner of that is George Nielsen and he is "next." The ladies foot below that belongs to Mrs. Agnes Christiansen, Penn Yan, and she is number two on the waiting list. Mrs. Elise Pedersen of Stanley has a foot up against Rasmussen's back "pushing" him to get going with the work instead of admiring his customer.

Soren Melgaard from Erie, Pa., and Mrs. Anders Nielsen, are behind and above Rasmussen and are enjoying the event just as much as their many guests.

Jack Olsen, No. 300, Oneonta, the newly elected

secretary of the Eastern Lodges, realized that it would be difficult for Brother Lysen to stand on one foot at that hour of the night (or morning) so he came into the picture at the extreme right and politely gave Lysen the counterbalance he needed by holding his left arm.



Among the many "distinguished" guests at the party was Svend Petersen, Supreme President, from Askov, Minn., who enjoyed the "shoe shine" stunt just as much as the others even though his picture above does not show it. At that particular moment he was guarding the dignity of his high office.

Resolutions

HANS N. PETERSON, Derby, Conn.

In memory of our late Brother Hans N. Peterson, who passed away July 30, 1954, the following resolution is adopted by Lodge No. 41, Derby, Conn.:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our Brother and hereby 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 the minutes, and inserted in the Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to the family.

HENRY ANDERSEN, Pres.
CHRIS ANDERSEN, Sec.

ALFRED LARSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Alfred Larsen, resident of San Jose, Calif., who passed away July 22, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 45 at our regular meeting August 13:

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.

CHRIS PEDERSEN, Pres.
CARL GUSTAFSON, Sec.

LOUIS NIELSEN, Enumclaw, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Louis Nielsen, who passed away August 29, 1954, this resolution was adopted by Enumclaw Lodge No. 113:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of Brother "Louie", and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family; that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days in his memory; and that the resolution be printed in the D. B. Magazine, entered in our minutes, and a copy be sent to his widow.

INGVALD NIELSEN, Pres.
NORBERT E. GROVE, Sec.

CHR. M. PETERSEN, København, Danmark

Med sorg meddeles at medlem af Loge 318, Br. C. M. Petersen er afgaaet ved døden den 4, august.

Br. Petersen var Veteran fra W. W. 1, paa Canadas side og blev alvorlig saaret, og var for resten af livet en mærket mand. De faa lyspunkter i hans tilværelse var hans datter nu bosiddende i Belgien, samt kammeratskabet i Veteransammenslutningerne og som medlem af vort Brodersamfund.

Loge 318, alter vil være beklædt med sørgeflor for et tidsrum af 30 dage, og denne resolution vil vi bede optaget i bladet, med et ære være hans minde. Afdøde Br. Petersens Urne er hensat paa Vester Kirkegaard i København.

Paa Loge 318 vegne,
K. LINDAHL, Pres.
ALB PETERSEN, Sek.

MAGNUS ANDERSEN, Milwaukee, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Magnus Andersen, who passed away on August 9, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting September 14, 1954:

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

Ernst Poulsen, Pres.
Carval Westerlund, Sec.

WALTER K. HANSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Walter K. Hansen, who passed away on August 29, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 45:

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 be sent to his family.

Chris W. Pedersen, Pres.
Carl Gustafson, Sec.

JOHN HANSEN, Hartford, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, John Hansen, who passed away August 31, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Aug. 9	Magnus Andersen	57	Milwaukee, Wis.	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1917	Carcinoma	\$1000.00
Aug. 7	Andrew Andersen	75	Waterloo, Iowa	263	Askov, Minn.	1909	Not given	945.72
Aug. 12	Bertram P. Bertramsen	67	Frørup, N. Slesvig	11	Clinton, Iowa	1916	Cancer of liver	1000.00
Aug. 15	Wilhem Zangenberg	76	Thisted Amt, Den.	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1906	Coronary occlusion	916.44
July 22	Alfred C. Larsen	90	Vester Norlund Hor.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1905	Senility	752.68
Aug. 17	Rasmus Vissendahl	88	Silkeborg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1896	Cardiac failure	762.46
Aug. 7	Chris C. Cramer	75	Jetsmark, Denmark	259	Colman, S. D.	1907	Adrenal insufficiency	929.96
Aug. 18	Niels Chr. Nielsen	78	Hjorring, Denmark	2	Neenah, Wis.	1914	Coronary disease	1000.00
Aug. 16	Rasmus P. Nelson	72	Veng, Denmark	39	Oakland, Calif.	1922	Uremia	1000.00
Aug. 13	Soren Andreassen	89	Vigerslev, Denmark	207	Grayling, Mich.	1907	Accident	855.92
Aug. 25	Frederik F. Madsen	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1901	Coronary occlusion	778.48
Aug. 24	Rasmus Petersen	82	Horsby, Denmark	20	Manistee, Mich.	1894	Broncho pneumonia	500.00
Aug. 29	Julius R. Werner	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1906	Corpulmonale	899.20
Aug. 22	Fredrick A. Beck	65	Lansingburgh, N. Y.	183	Troy, N. Y.	1907	Auricular fibrilladon	500.00
Aug. 29	Thomas Lonne	83	Gesing, Jylland	157	Audubon, Iowa	1896	Not given	394.82
Sept. 3	Laurits Jensen	81	Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1900	Coronary occlusion	1000.00
July 31	Laurits Lauritsen	94	Ballum Sønder Nyland	214	West Point, Nebr.	1905	Coronary thrombosis	347.92
Aug. 10	Thomas Petersen	79	Denmark	139	Viborg, S. D.	1931	Not given	Social

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October, 1954

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a good brother and hereby extend our 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 letter in memoriam sent to his family.

In behalf of Hartford Lodge No. 314.

John Christiansen, Pres.
Einar W. Nielsen, Sec.

JOHN L. ANDERSON, Hartford, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, John L. Andersen, who passed away August 5, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal brother and hereby extend our 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 letter in memoriam sent to his family.

In behalf of Hartford Lodge No. 314.

John Christiansen, Pres.
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As I See it, and I May be Wrong

We petitioned and Uncle Sam let us come here. With few exceptions we will remain here. We can join clubs, lodges, churches, etc., and send our children to schools with equal rights of the children of the American born. We become citizens and become absorbed in the melting pot. Wonderful.

The Danish Brotherhood had 23,000 members in 1923 when I became a member; now we are less than half that number in spite of all we have done trying to get new members. The reason probably is that we are not on the right track.

Our Danish churches have opened their doors and

become all American — and they are succeeding. Why should we be clannish when we know that we are not different from others. It will not work. It is not only D.B.S. that is going to pieces, it is all similiar groups. D.B.S. may be a little longer lasting than some, but in the end we are going to dissolve unless we alter our course.

We have a good organization now, something to start with, let us be all American, take in our American friends, they are like us, live for the same thing; perhaps even change our name. We can always say that we started something. We have many members now who are of other nationalities but are eligible to join because of marriage; they have brothers and relatives with whom they would like to share good things.

If we are going to be stubborn we will disintegrate, and the world will go on just the same. Let us get on the ball and have something worthwhile for future generations.

MARTIN A. SORENSEN,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

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