

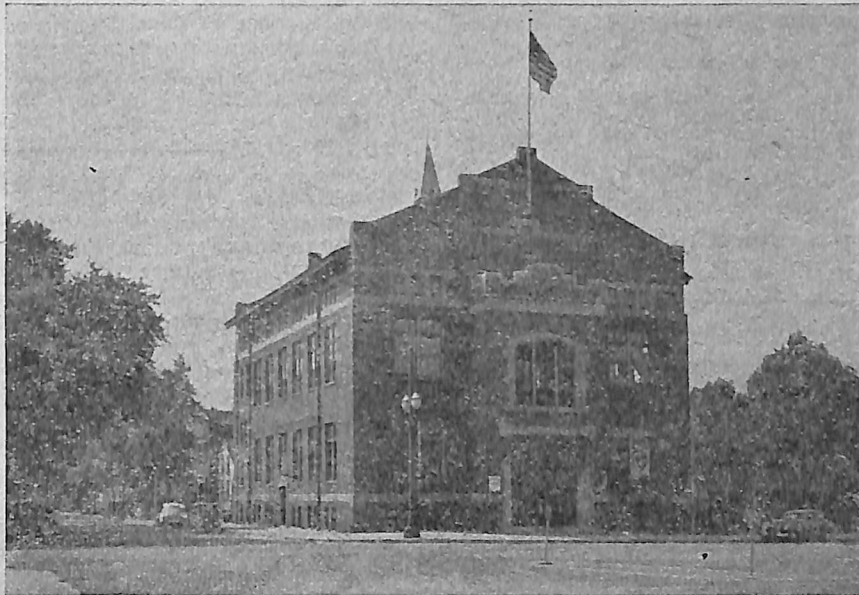
# Danish Brotherhood Magazine

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No. 11

## Home of the 1955 National Convention



This is the home of Lodge No. 4. A beautiful building, across from the city hall, corner of Washington Ave., and Grand Ave., in down-town Racine.

This is where our 1955 national convention will hold its meetings. The building has a grand ball room on the second floor, with balcony and stage. Meeting rooms, library, reading room, dining room, kitchen, bar and cloak room on the ground floor. Downstairs contains another meeting room with bar, bowling alleys, check rooms, committee room and rest rooms. All in all a magnificent building, and one, we are sure, the delegates will find to their liking, and where it will be a pleasure to meet and associate with your brother delegates.

One half of the entire adjacent block is a private parking lot for members and guests. This is a point to remember, for although Racine and Lodge No. 4 will do everything possible to make the delegate's stay in Racine a pleasant and memorable one, our hotel accommodations are somewhat limited, and participants from the middle west are urged to come by automobile and make use of our fine motels.

The corner stone for this beautiful club building, pictured above, was laid on August 6, 1910, and the building was formally opened on March 11, 1911, with what turned out to be one of the biggest social events in the history of Racine. Our first home was built in 1905, about three blocks away from our present building. This building burned to the ground on the night of December 11-12, in

1909. All inventory, library books, Christmas presents for the children, banners and lodge records were lost in this terrible winter night's fire, and the lodge suffered a tremendous loss, in as much as very little insurance was carried. However, this horrible setback only served to stimulate more efforts and driving power, and just two short years later, this new, magnificent club building, as pictured above, arose—as a lasting monument to the indomitable spirit of Lodge No. 4. YOUR host to the 1955 national convention!

G. R.

### Discussion Subject For The Fourth Quarter of 1954

"The annual per capita tax for all members shall be \$2.00, of which amount 50 cents shall be sent from the home office to the various District Treasurers to be used by the District Officers for promotional purposes."

Lodge No.	Location	"Yes"	"No"
36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	0	20
38	Laramie, Wyoming	6	0
41	Derby, Connecticut	0	22
77	Turin, Iowa	0	7
239	Lake Forest, Illinois	4	7
		10	56

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## Donations To Children's Homes

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

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

Lodge contributions may be remitted on the regular monthly assessment statement by the lodge treasurer. Individual member's contributions can also be forwarded by the lodge treasurer or sent direct to the Home Office, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

We should like to have all contributions reach us before Christmas.

AXEL SKELBECK,  
 Supreme Sec.-Treas.

## Dansk Nytaar — 1955

**DANSK NYTAAR** 1955 will be published about November the tenth. As this popular Danish annual was completely sold out last year, in two editions, within a few weeks, and many late orders could not be filled, it might be well to place orders early this year. The book has 180 pages and over one hundred pictures, some in four colors. It is again this year edited by Professor Paul C. Nyholm. It is an excellent Christmas gift for those who read Danish. It costs only one dollar, postpaid anywhere. It may be ordered from Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska.

## Notice

Complete and detailed instructions relative to the election of law committees as well as delegates and alternates, have been mailed by the home office to all lodges entitled to send a delegate to the national convention in Racine.

The laws are very specific on this matter and every lodge that wants to be represented at the convention with a delegate must observe the law. That's what we have laws for and the laws are made by the delegates.

Any lodge with eleven insured members who has NOT received these instructions should notify the home office at once.

The instructions are accompanied by a "Report of Election of Laws Committee" which must be filled out and mailed to the home before December 31, 1954.

## An Appeal

Brothers, I presume you are figuring on a delegate to represent you at the next national convention. Well, my advice to you is to select a quick thinker and a good speaker who in a few words can convey his ideas, as conventions are costly.

Also, I want you again to reopen the District idea to send one or two representatives to our national conventions instead of one from each lodge.

Also exempt social members from paying per capita tax; they have no voice and no benefits. They only belong because they are Danes.

I believe that either Omaha or Racine should be the convention headquarters for future conventions. We would save many dollars by meeting in a centrally located city; so whichever city can provide the best accommodations should be chosen.

I don't believe your delegate should be definitely instructed. Often discussions on the floor of the convention changes a persons ideas, therefore a clear thinker is what you should send.

Yours for a stronger Danish Brotherhood.

Fraternally,

PETER ANDREWSSEN, Stillwater, Minn.  
 Ex-Pres. No. 96, Jackson, Minn.

## Hjælpefondet

(Assessment Relief)

Medlemmer som ønsker at ansøge om Hjælp fra Hjælpefondet for det kommende Aar maa indsende Ansøgning derom til Logen i Tide. Nye Blanketter er tilsendt Logens Sekretær, saa henvend jer til ham og faa udleveret en Blanket, som maa udfyldes og returneres til Logens Sekretær snarest.

Samfundets Love bestemmer at Ansøgningerne maa være behandlet af Logen og indsendt til Hovedkontoret senest den 15. December. Ny Ansøgning maa indsendes hvert Aar, da Bevillinger kun gælder til den 31. Marts hvert Aar. Fordeling for næste Aar vil blive foretaget af Overbestyrelsen den 1. April, 1955. Medlemmer hvis Ansøgning tidligere har været godkendt af Overbestyrelsen er opbetalt til den 31. Marts, 1955, men de maa indsende ny Ansøgning til Logen hvis de ønsker at komme i Betragtning for næste Aar.

Med Broderlig Hilsen,

AXEL SKELBECK, Over-Sekretær.

# Financial Report

SEPTEMBER 30, 1954

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand September 1, 1954	-----	\$ 23,362.87
Assessments	-----	11,367.07
Interest on bonds	-----	11,648.10
Bonds sold	-----	239,000.00
Profit on bonds sold	-----	11,901.25
		<b>\$297,279.29</b>

Disbursements:

Death claims	-----	\$ 9,285.26
Collection expense on bond coupons	-----	8.50
Bonds purchased	-----	153,464.00
Investment expenses	-----	1,855.00
Balance on hand September 30, 1954	-----	132,666.53
		<b>\$297,279.29</b>

## General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand September 1, 1954	-----	\$ 23,721.42
Received in September	-----	7,253.62
		<b>\$ 30,975.04</b>

Disbursements:

To Relief Fund, third payment on 1951 convention expenses	-----	\$ 5,500.00
Advertising, printing and stationery	-----	4.25
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	-----	139.27
Rent and lights	-----	180.74
Printing and mailing official publication	-----	392.46
Travel expenses	-----	1,853.48
General office expenses	-----	50.00
Insurance department license and fees	-----	2.00
Salaries to officers and employees	-----	2,102.27
Employer taxes, social security	-----	16.50
Balance on hand September 30, 1954	-----	20,734.07
		<b>\$ 30,975.04</b>

## Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand September 1, 1954	-----	\$ 18,958.00
Assessments	-----	30.40
Interest on bonds	-----	625.00
Relief payments returned	-----	29.35
Relief prepaid by beneficiary	-----	324.18
Third payment on 1951 convention expenses	-----	5,500.00
		<b>\$ 25,466.93</b>

Disbursements:

Relief payments	-----	\$ 231.50
Balance on hand September 30, 1954	-----	25,235.43
		<b>\$ 25,466.93</b>

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand September 1, 1954	-----	\$ 3,194.43
Assessments	-----	140.35
		<b>\$ 3,334.78</b>

Disbursements:

Balance on hand September 30, 1954	-----	\$ 3,334.78
		<b>\$ 3,334.78</b>

## Assets

Mortuary Fund investments	-----	\$3,868,095.88
Relief Fund investments	-----	220,000.00
General Fund investments	-----	35,000.00
Cash in bank	-----	181,970.81
		<b>\$4,305,066.69</b>

# Honor Roll

## LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1954
328	Vancouver, B. C.	25	185
67	Fresno, California	20	70
4	Racine, Wisconsin	16	523
113	Enumclaw, Washington	14	78
227	Detroit, Michigan	12	317
126	Los Angeles, California	10	303
263	Askov, Minnesota	9	130
1	Omaha, Nebraska	8	273
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	8	234
17	Chicago, Illinois	7	192
107	Chicago, Illinois	7	72
170	Rocky River, Ohio	7	39
194	McMinnville, Oregon	7	18
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	6	206
116	Newark, New Jersey	6	169
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
143	Petaluma, California	5	110

(Juveniles included in the above)

## LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommnder	Location	New Members Enrolled
67	Julius Hansen	Fresno, Calif.	17
113	Norbert E. Grove	Enumclaw, Wash.	13
45	Chris W. Pedersen	Minneapolis, Minn.	7
107	N. O. Hansen	Chicago, Ill.	6
170	Gunnar Nielsen	Rocky River, Ohio	6
35	Marius Pedersen	Chicago, Ill.	5
263	Jens J. Krogh	Askov, Minn.	5
328	Paul Krogh	Vancouver, B. C.	5
4	Arne Sondergaard	Racine, Wis.	4
43	A. M. Jacobsen	Denver, Colo.	4
116	George Godthaab	Newark, New Jersey	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
48	Harry O. Thuesen	Rock Springs, Wyo.	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)

# GROVE'S DBS NOTEBOOK

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

Greetings and Salutations to all you wonderful people — Brothers of the DBS Lodges in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia — Members of any chartered DB organization throughout these United States, Canada and Denmark — Supreme Officers of our Home Office. Do you read your monthly magazine edited in Askov by none other than our Supreme President Svend Petersen? Each time this writer absorbs the contents of this periodical publication, he gets another enthusiastic boost to do better than the month before. It makes me very pleased to see our many lodges doing their best to keep astride these trying times and I for one, am immensely proud of reading about various endeavors and accomplishments as exemplified by our steady growth. It is my sincere hope that efforts put out by each one of our Supreme Leaders as well as by many individual members are not in vain and that great values in added inspirations will continue to bring results in our Order. The DB and DS chapters are a wonderful fraternity but not enough people know about it, therefore we must continually, through all available means, let the rest of the country know about us. To prove that we are worthwhile, we must constantly take part in civic and public affairs. Each lodge must become a builder and leader in its community — not just within the four walls of the lodge room but on the outside as a whole. If we can convince the public of Danish descent that our DBS really does things, then there is reason to believe that our membership can be increased through the third, fourth and fifth generation. I like to think of Past Supreme President N. B. Nelson and my predecessor as District Secretary-Treasurer, cultivating the lodges in the Pacific Northwest, fertilizing the member's minds from time to time and then planting the seed which has now blossomed into the formation of an area organization, our officially recognized district. Brothers, continue to irrigate N. B.'s dream so that the DBS and its good work may spread and prosper. Tell your eligible friends that today's DB is a blend of the old and the new generation, combining the perpetuation of Denmark's traditions and Danish gracious living with modern progress and modern thought. Do it today.

Svend Waendelin, Arkiver of Udvandrer-Arkivet in Copenhagen, is interested in collecting Danish Activity material in the United States. The Dan. American Archives, a monument erected in honor of Dane Emigrants, collects books, letters, photographs, biographies, pamphlets and all pertaining information which will perpetuate the old generation. The address is Kristiangade 8.

Proposed by Enumclaw Lodge Number 113 and passed by the Fifth Annual Convention of the Pacific Northwest District were the two resolutions which follow:

**WHEREAS:** The United States of America is founded on a pledge to the Stars and Stripes from a grade school's allegiance to the highest of all offices; and

**WHEREAS:** All DBS lodges now have Old Glory

in their chambers along with the Danish flag as a constant reminder of loyalty; and

**WHEREAS:** In the present times of investigations, secret meetings and freedom drives, our Order should be as forward as any fraternity in showing our colors.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That Lodge Number 113 adopt the standard flag allegiance pledge at the opening of all meetings and that same adoption be presented to the District and subsequently to the National Convention.

**WHEREAS:** Nearly every lodge, political subdivision, society, group or any gathering of fellowmen pays tribute to a Supreme Being before they embark on their business or social venture; and

**WHEREAS:** Our by-laws do not conflict with such a practice even though religious and political discussions are not tolerated within the lodge rooms; and

**WHEREAS:** The numerous times when a little reverence to God might bring us closer together in one great fraternity of Brotherly Love.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the important addition of a prayer to our recognized rituals be adopted by Enumclaw's Danish Brotherhood and subsequently by the associated thirteen lodges of the Pacific Northwest district, later to be presented to the National Convention in 1955.

Now it can be told. Before the Annual Meeting of our Supreme Board in September at Omaha, I prepared the following report with copies to each of our British Columbia Lodges on the subject of Active Insured Memberships in Canada:

"Pursuant to the voice of our Fifth Annual District Convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood held in Enumclaw, Washington, May 1954, and as a demanding climax to all previous negotiations, explanations and postponements on the captioned subject, I shall try to present to you, the exact wishes of our latest officially recognized delegation representing lodges in British Columbia, Oregon and Washington. I hereby report to you on this important matter and while I am in complete accordance with the majority with but one exception, I hope to give you a full understanding of the situation on this end. The exception referred to is the general contention that our supreme office has 'done nothing' in developing this major project and that of course is ridiculous. Since we were indeed fortunate in having with us both Supreme First Vice President Otto Nielsen and Supreme Second Vice President Hilmar Hansen 'observing business sessions from the side lines' as they termed it, I feel that if there are any 'cloudy details' in my letter, they will be on hand to explain."

"Preparatory to your Resolution of September 22, 1952, and new developments since, the convention realizes from several copies of correspondence that surely the Home Office knows exactly what must be done by the 1955 National Convention in order to give them a qualified, unquestionable and absolute power-of-attorney to act as they shall deem necessary. If it be the ma-

majority vote of the 1955 session that Canada should participate in our mutual insurance fund which is the complete desires of the Pacific Northwest Lodges, then the proper resolutions and adoptions must be prepared beforehand so that when presented on the floor, no 'hitches' will be experienced. We feel that the Omaha Office can execute these necessary documents from their already compiled information, even though a Delegate from one of our Northwest Lodges will propose the matter."

"Such irrelevant points as to the name of our fraternity, funds to be earmarked for promotional activities, and many other details which at the moment would only add to the confusion, must by necessity come under a general attorney-in-fact appointment on the part of our very capable Supreme Board. If such powers are not vested in the Supreme Trustee Chairmanship and his fellow associates, same should be included in the aforementioned document to be prepared by Omaha."

"Fraternal order carriers are a vital factor in the insurance business and while our system has been organized for the mutual benefit of the members and not for profit, we feel that if the proposed plan is at all feasible, decisive action must be taken by the 1955 National Convention as another four years of preliminaries would be a case of 'too little too late'. In fact, Canadian Lodges are on the threshold of severing connections with our Order and initiating their own jurisdiction within the Dominion. I personally feel that if you Brothers, who are the supreme governing body of our fraternal order, who are successfully guiding our national DBS affairs, and who should have the power to formulate the regulations of our organization including insurance contracts to be issued and the rates to be charged subject of course to the various State Actuaries, can see the sound possibilities in the great new country of Canada, technicalities should not prevent you from taking the final step. On the other hand, should the undertaking be advised impossible without suffering our heretofore healthy financial status, the whole matter should be 'dropped like a hot potato' notwithstanding the known fact that thousands of eligible Danes are entering Canada each year."

"It is not altogether amiss, that perhaps the 1951 National Convention knew what they were doing. At that time, you Supreme Officers were mandated to investigate the possibility of obtaining required licenses in Canada and to institute an insurance program if feasible. You have not been able to secure the license, neither have the investigations proved practicable to date. Now at the 1955 gathering, final directives must be given your good selves. In the same token as your constant efforts to secure new members here in the States, methinks we should welcome the opportunity of incorporating our Canadian Brothers — this again, I say with reservations as to your 'worthy business sense'."

"I am hopeful that you can draw a satisfactory conclusion from this report as it was on my motion to the District Convention, that I write the foregoing letter, incorporating all views expressed on the floor of the session, rather than formulate another resolution as was previously motioned. May I at this time, wish you all a pleasant discussion and in behalf of the Washington, Oregon and Canadian Danish Brotherhood Lodges, express

our genuine appreciation for your sincere and diligent efforts in the past on this and all matters for the benefit and general welfare of our Order. Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted."

The annual day of Thanksgiving established long ago by our Pilgrim forefathers is again to be observed with the usual feasting and family gatherings throughout Danish homes in the great Northwest; Brothers Peder Livingston and John Moldrup have taken turns all summer and fall, mowing the lawn and taking care of details for Past District President Carl N. Grove still "under the weather." Another Past Chairman, John A. Hansen of Seattle, together with Brothers Martin Rasmussen of Highline, and Paul Fisker Kent, were among the visitors at Portland's DSS Fiftieth Anniversary in September; I have just finished reading an interesting and full report of the Third Annual Convention of the Midwest District Danish Brotherhood by their Secretary-Treasurer Gerhard H. Rasmussen; Brother Jack Beck has been elected Vice Principal of the La Grande, Oregon, High School. Highlights of the October second meeting of Vind's Lodge Number 42 in Spokane were the entertaining reports of Brothers Anker Christensen and John Nord about their fishing trip to the ocean beach, and the educational account from Brother Nels Paulsen who had just returned from San Rafael, California, where he visited "Aldersly" the Old People's Home; I happened into the wives of Brothers John Ottesen and Ed Olsen in Seattle on October the second as they were preparing for their Annual Harmonien celebration. Brother Fred Weston, Past President of Number 113, and working on his eighty-third birthday, was the rural solicitor in Enumclaw's recent United Good Neighbors campaign; the Blitz Weinhart Brewery continues to draw a nice crowd of Portland's DBS and DSS members to their free beer and bingo games — visitors at their last fest were Brothers Otto Larsen and Pete Rasmussen from McMinnville. Joining Lodge Number 4 in Racine, Wisconsin, back in 1904, Brother John Sorensen was recently decorated with his fifty-year pin by President Henry Barreth of Lodge Number 167. A letter from Brother Holger Lyngbak of San Francisco's Number 49 informs us that Mrs. Lyngbak is presently in a local hospital; Chris Andersen of Marysville is now a member of Number 113 after having moved from South Dakota where he was once initiated into Colman's Number 259; and on October thirtieth, a Halloween masquerade with a mock wedding was an Enumclaw feature under the chairmanship of Ex-President John L. Rieck.

When McMinnville's Danish Brotherhood Lodge Number 194 does anything, it always spells a marked

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success. "Well managed" and "top-notch hospitality" were the comments of Portland visitors, as Toastmaster Peter Rasmussen adjourned the special meeting. On August the fourteenth, District President C. Ed Hirsch accompanied by Brothers Magnus Esrom, Sigurd Nielsen, Chris Christensen, Carl Holm and several other from Lodge Number 167 motored south to their neighbors, initiating Marvin Christensen, Robert Hansen, Kenneth Jensen and Fred Hansen. This column joints in welcoming these new members to our midst as well as to congratulate Brother A. C. Andersen who joined Number 134 in Ringsted, Iowa, fifty years ago and now received his honor pin from the Oregon Lodge to which he has belonged for nearly

as long. Discussion of forming a Sisterhood Lodge in McMinnville was the enthusiastic subject at the delicious luncheon table following. Gatherings such as this are fine events, bringing together as they do, Brothers and Sisters in a wholesome Danish atmosphere. Also, it affords those who attend, an opportunity to renew friendship acquaintances.

Do you know that as we write this, it is still October but you will read it in November and the following month will be Christmas — that's when our Special Voluntary Birthday Fund goes to work. Remember? Please send your birthday dollar for the OPH to me.

NORBERT E. GROVE.



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

The annual state meeting in Nebraska was held at Minden, Nebraska, Saturday, September 18.

A fine lunch was served by the committee at noon, which consisted of delicious Danish sandwiches.

The entire assembly, consisting of both the members of the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood, and friends were assembled after lunch. The mayor of Minden welcomed all.

We were very fortunate in having many dignitaries among us, and the following were introduced: Supreme President Svend Petersen, First Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, Chairman of Supreme Trustees Viggo E. Mikkelsen, Supreme Trustee Hans Norregaard, Supreme Trustee Hans M. Andersen, as well as the Supreme President of the Sisterhood, Marguerite Christensen of New Jersey, and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer of the Sisterhood, Christine Linderud of Omaha.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p. m. by the State President Fred Jensen. Roll call of delegates showed 28 being present. Sixteen lodges were represented.

In addition to the regular business at hand, some interesting subjects were discussed for the good of the Brotherhood. Some of these were as follows:

That the office of Ex-Supreme President be created, and possibly one or two Supreme Offices such as 2nd Vice-President or Trustee be discontinued.

That the Juvenile Insurance be revised and improved, and that this program be pushed forward, as it is the future of the Danish Brotherhood.

That some means be found for sending out Agents to help Local Lodges in signing up new members.

Also the question of a Social Member holding the President's Office in a local lodge was discussed.

These suggestions were greeted with lively discussion, and was no doubt aided by the presence of our supreme officers. As is the custom in Nebraska Meetings, no official action was taken, but ideas exchanged and discussed thoroughly.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Fred Jensen, Lodge No. 195, Omaha, Nebraska, President, re-elected. Gunnar S. Engskov, Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska, re-elected, Otto Petersen, Lodge No. 177, Cordova, Nebraska, Vice President.

After the meeting a tour was conducted through "The Pioneer Village," which depicting many styles through the years from 1845 to the present time, in everything from clothing, cars, to sod house and church, was very interesting and informative.

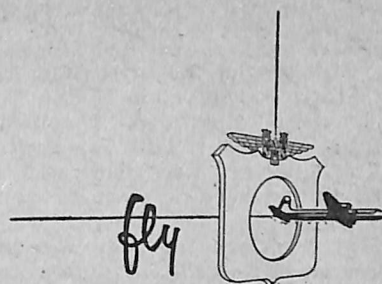
A banquet was held in the evening with nearly 300 present. Supreme President Svend Petersen was the main speaker.

A fine committee in Minden made this a very pleasant and successful meeting, and many thanks are owed to them.

The State Committee has also asked me to convey to members of the Supreme Board who attended this meeting, our sincere thanks for giving of your time and effort to make this State Meeting a success.

GUNNAR S. ENGSKOV, Sec.-Treas.

P. S. Nearly forgot . . . the next yearly meeting is tentatively set for Omaha, but the Omaha Lodges feel that if there is a Lodge in a smaller town that would like to have it next year, they should contact the secretary soon. We would prefer to have it in a more centrally located town.



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## Midwest District Convention

Delegates, Sisters and Brothers and Visitors to the Midwest District Convention of the Danish Sisterhood and Danish Brotherhood, assembled throughout the morning of August 28th for Registration at Convention Headquarters, the American Legion Hall. A most delicious luncheon was served at 12 o'clock noon.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the joint meeting of Sisters and Brothers was called to order by Brother Donald Mickelsen, President of Lodge No. 92. He extended a most sincere welcome to everyone present and introduced Emma Kusk, President of St. Charles Lodge No. 146, as well as the District President Margaret Pallesen. Mrs. Jennie Miller, Supreme Officer was absent because of illness and unable to attend, but her charming daughter brought greetings and best wishes to the convention. Mrs. Elna Sorensen, Racine, Ex-Supreme Officer was called upon and responded by expressing hope for a beneficial and fruitful meeting. Our Supreme President Svend Petersen, when introduced, thanked for the invitation to St. Charles in his usual inimitable way. District President Peder Nielsen voiced happiness for the good attendance, and expressed appreciation to St. Charles and everyone present. A telegram, hoping for a successful meeting was received and read from Armand Larsen, President of Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan. Brother Larsen has been in attendance to many of our previous conventions, and we regretted his ability to come to St. Charles. Next introduced was Mr. Robert Caldwell, President of St. Charles Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Caldwell expounded the virtues of the fair city of St. Charles, dwelled upon the significant part the Danes have played in its development and extended to all the official welcome from St. Charles.

At this time the opening ceremonies and official concluded. The Sisters retired to the Community Center for their meeting and our District President Peder Nielsen officially called the 3rd Midwest Convention to order. In exceptionally well chosen and sincere words he welcomed the delegates and called for roll call of Officers and Delegates. All officers, except Julius Larsen, Lodge No. 59, were present.

Lodges represented numbered fifteen. Lodges affiliated numbered sixteen. Lodge No. 2 Neenah was not represented, but had paid their obligations.

President Peder Nielsen called upon the Secretary for his annual report concerning our District. The Secretary, after giving a few pertinent facts and explanations, submitted to all delegates and officers a printed form containing data and facts concerning the districts, and showing the trend as to membership, their contributions and our comparison with the Brotherhood as a whole. This report was well received. Your secretary received praise for having compiled such material.

Our President under next order of business, asked the delegates to take final action on the proposals that the Menominee Convention had voted to submit to our next National Convention. He felt, that during the time since the Menominee convention, the local lodges had ample opportunity to discuss same proposals.

Proposal No. 1—Pertaining to delayed remittance of assessments: **This proposal was defeated.**

Proposal No. 3—"The National Convention ex-

penses shall come out of the Mortuary Fund." **This proposal was carried.**

Proposal No. 4—A member who solicits and signs up a new member shall, in return, receive 75 per cent of the first year's premium. **This proposal carried.**

Proposal No. 7 and 8—We favor having our office building in Omaha, with office space for rent, and where our National Conventions would be held. **This proposal carried.**

Proposal No. 9—We favor continuing \$1.00 in relief tax, but 50c out of this tax shall go into the Scholarship Fund. **This proposal carried.**

Proposal No. 10—The Supreme Secretary-Treasurer's salary shall come out of the Mortuary Fund, and he shall devote his time to the investment of our funds. **This proposal carried.**

Proposal No. 12—The National President's job shall be a full time position. **This proposal was rejected.**

During this discussion all the delegates had opportunity to be heard and to express their opinions. Our Supreme President Svend Petersen gave us his advice and information desired whenever asked. All these problems were discussed in Menominee and in the local lodges during the year, and the delegates voted along lines decided by their home lodge. The chair instructed the Sec.-Treas. to draw up the proposals carried, and have same submitted to the National office to be inserted into the book of new proposals for our National Convention in Racine. After a 15-minute recess the President called for the treasurer's report.

Under good and welfare, Brother Ejvind Petersen, Lodge No. 4, brought up what seems a most fundamental question; namely "Where do we want to go? What is it we want to do? Do we want to remain a Danish organization or do we want to open our doors?" Brother Petersen elaborated intelligently and his challenge was mainly this, "Shall we open our doors—or shall we remain in our nest?" His searching questions, recognized by all present, as being really of first importance drew great applause and comment including our Supreme President, whose proposal No. 19 — to admit any respectable man as member regardless of nationality seems to be one question we all are reluctant to decide upon.

Our Supreme President Svend Petersen was now called upon to address the convention. His talents as an intellectual, forceful and dynamic speaker held the brothers spellbound and fascinated. He touched upon our finances, upon the past and what we would like to see materialize in the future. Upon concluding his address he received a standing ovation.

Next followed a discussion by the delegates, about opening or not opening our doors. A discussion about our relief fund which most delegates felt was getting too big, and which some delegates felt should not be built up further for at least a period. The Scholarship fund, which, if built up could be used as a loan to deserving scholars. We heard from some of the lodges in regard to their activities and what they are doing for their members. Although very enlightening, this informal discussion resulted in no definite action, but good thoughts and ideas were brought out in the open and may bear fruit. The President appointed Carl Meyer, Einar Danielsen and John Jacobsen to serve as Resolutions

Committee. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 Daylight Savings Time, to convene again Sunday morning at 9 a. m.

#### Sunday, August 29

President Peder Nielsen called the meeting to order at 9:25 a. m. He took the opportunity to bid Brother Hans Soe, Secretary of Lodge No. 233, Toledo, Ohio, welcome. Brother Soe in responding, stated that the friendliness he had felt made him feel at home — that he had enjoyed his visit — and that he was especially pleased to have met and heard our Supreme President. Roll call concluded, the Secretary read the minutes of the Saturday session. These were approved as read. John Jacobsen, Lodge No. 36, on behalf of the resolutions committee, offered the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That we express our appreciation to Lodge No. 92 D. B. S. and Lodge No. 146 D. S. of St Charles, Ill., for arranging and conducting a fine and enjoyable convention. We acknowledge the cordial welcome given by Mr. Robert Caldwell, President of St. Charles' Chamber of Commerce. Attending on behalf of the Supreme Lodge was our Supreme President Svend Petersen, and our sincere thanks to him for his official message and personal appearance. We commend the officers for 1953 and 1954 for conscientious and able leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL B. MEYER, Lodge No. 35.

EINAR DANIELSEN, Lodge No. 92.

JOHN JACOBSEN, Lodge No. 36.

The resolution was adopted.

Trustees Aage Petersen and Hjalmar Bergenhausen reported the treasurer's report audited and found correct, and moved the treasurer's report be accepted as read on Saturday. Carried.

Petersen, No. 4, reminded the delegates of our National Convention in Racine, opening September 19, 1955, and invited all to attend.

Meyer, No. 35, brought up S. Petersen's Menominee proposal No. 14 in regards to Voluntary Insurance. Brother Meyer favored voluntary insurance; as did Christiansen, No. 298. Petersen, No. 14, was against. A Jensen, No. 107, agreed with No. 35. Our President wondered if the Insurance Commission would approve. Bergenhausen, No. 245, spoke against voluntary insurance, as did Ericksen, No. 17; Larsen, No. 182, wondered how we could classify such members. Danielson, No. 92, thought such a proposal would have to be worked out in detail. In his opinion the insurance was the backbone of D. B. S. The Insurance had built up our financial strength. The President called for a vote and voluntary insurance was defeated 5 for and 15 against.

Andersen, No. 4, moved that a 5c be levied on all members, as reported on the total membership each Jan. 1st from our Supreme Office, and which is reported in the April issue of our National Magazine. This would simplify work for the local as well as the District Treasurer. The District Treasurer would bill each affiliated lodge according to the April Magazine. This motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Petersen, No. 14, wondered about a raise for our Supreme President and asked for a discussion on this subject. Andersen, No. 4, asked for Svend Pet-

ersen's opinion. S. Petersen thought that the pay should be at least so that a small business man or a working man with good income could afford to take the job, and not just a well to do person. After a few opinions were heard — all favoring an increase in salary. Danielson, No. 92, moved that this district propose to the coming national convention that the Supreme President's salary become \$2,500 per year and taken out of the general fund. Petersen, No. 14, seconded and the motion carried,—none against. Danielson, No. 92, then moved that this district propose to the next National Convention that all Supreme board members be raised from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per day, when in session. Also seconded and carried, — none against.

Meyer, No. 35, and Petersen, No. 14, both suggested that our delegates work hard for all these proposals between now and the National Convention.



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Andersen, No. 4, suggested that Labor Day week-end 1955 be set as the time for our next District Convention. That particular time all new proposals and amendments to the National Convention would be in printed form and in the hands of all lodges. Petersen, No. 14, moved that our next District Convention be held Labor Day week-end 1955, the secretary seconded this motion and same passed,—none against.

Next order of business was election of officers. The election was carried out according to parliamentary rules and resulted as follows:

President, John P. Christiansen, Lodge No. 17. Vice President, Carl B. Meyer, Lodge No. 35. Secretary-Treasurer, Gerhard H. Rasmussen, Lodge No. 4. Trustees, Louis A. Nielsen, Lodge No. 14; John Jacobsen, Lodge No. 36; Ejvind Petersen, Lodge No. 4.

President Peder Nielsen, who declined nomination, thanked for having had the honor of serving as District President and extended thanks to his old officers, and wished the new officers success and luck in the coming year. Pete was given a big hand—both for his fine work and for his kind words.

Racine was selected as the 1955 District Convention city and a delegation dispatched to notify the Sisterhood as to time and place. Svend Petersen suggested joint installation with the Sisters in 1955, and it was regularly moved—seconded—carried to do so, provided the Sisters agreed. The installation of new officers was performed by our Supreme President, assisted by Einer Danielsen. It was performed with dignity and impressiveness—as only Svend can do it.—Thanks, Svend!

Upon assuming his new duties, John Christiansen

expressed appreciation to Svend Petersen, Peder Nielsen, to the outgoing officers, to the committee from St. Charles' Sisters and Brothers for having done a splendid job. Einar Danielsen, on behalf of St. Charles, voiced happiness that so many had come. He assured the gathering that St. Charles had done their very best. The meeting responded by giving Brother Danielsen a rousing round of applause.

Martin Jensen, No. 14, stated that he liked St. Charles; its beauty and most of all its hospitality. He lauded Brother Danielsen and his convention committee. He thanked Peder Nielsen, Past President, and the District Secretary for good work. He mentioned that Kenosha might have taken the next convention. Brother Martin Jensen thought we had accomplished a lot and that we were still very much alive, if we but get together. Ex-President Peder Nielsen moved, that the minutes be mimeographed and submitted to all the lodges; also that the Secretary-Treasurer be allowed expenses necessary to conduct the office in the interest of our district. This motion carried. Supreme President Svend Petersen in his concluding remarks, stated that he was much pleased by having had some of his program adopted and he urged the delegates to go home to their home lodges and talk the program up.

President John Christiansen once more thanked one and all for having made this St. Charles 1954 Convention a success in every respect, and adjourned the Convention at 11:30 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN,  
District, Secretary-Treasurer  
710 Grand Ave., Racine, Wis.

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Hayward, Calif.  
Lucerne 1-2111

## Nebraska Centennial Activities

The Danish American Club News, Omaha, gave the following report in their News Letter for September relative to the Nebraska Centennial festivities.

Members of the Danish Centennial Committee can be justly proud of their accomplishments, whether it be the Theme Center Stage program under the direction of Fred Jensen and co-chairman Chris Larsen, or The Pioneer Parade with the float depicting Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales, Mr. Emil Nielsen, editor of The Danish Pioneer as Hans Christian and grand-children of committee members as the various characters. Mr. Carsten Hoffmann was parade committee chairman and creator of the beautiful float, the result of several months' labor, dreaming and planning. Not to be overlooked are the folk dancers from the Central Lutheran Church, with Mr. Niels Rasmussen as chairman, and trained under the direction of Rev. M. Krog and his assistant Donald Holm, nor the Danish Drill Team under the direction of Mrs. Agnes Christiansen. The folk dancers as well as the drill team practiced all through the hot Summer months, and Carsten Hoffmann in addition to spending his spare time, countless hours, preparing various parts of the float, also with his assistants spent every evening of the week prior to the parade getting the float ready. Also to be commended for able assistance are:

Richard Nielsen for his tireless work on the float, Mr. Roy Rasmussen from Council Bluffs, Miss Clara Kjeldgaard and Miss Anna Jensen for their generous assistance to the folk dancers.

The limited space does not permit a complete report of the work performed by the various committee members but everyone has done his share to perfection. Approximately one-half of the funds collected have been used and until the final decision has been made the remaining funds are in good hands with the treasurer of the committee Mrs. Christine Linderud who is also Supreme Treasurer of The Danish Sisterhood.

## Coming Events

Schenectady Lodge No. 190 will have a turkey raffle at their hall on Nov. 20.

Warren, Pa., No. 202 will celebrate their 50th anniversary in November or December (definite date not available at this time).

Askov, Minn., No 263 will have a fish dinner (Torsk med alt Tilbehør) on Nov. 27. Visitors from Austin, Albert Lea, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Superior, Luck and other lodges are expected. Please advise secretary a week in advance how many are coming. Write to Alvin J. Jensen, Askov, Minn.

## Change in Address of Officers

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

When our convention was over in Solvang, our president, Brother Alfred Nielsen, asked when he should start on his itinerary for his official visit to our lodges and the installation of officers. My suggestion was that he start as soon as possible so the dates be given to the lodges in good season and arrangement be made to conform to his travel plans.

I am very happy to be able, already at this time, to give you Brother Nielsen's travel plan which is as follows:

Petaluma Lodge No. 143, Wednesday, Jan. 5.  
 Hayward Lodge No. 184, Friday, Jan. 7.  
 Ferndale Lodge No. 95, joint installation with Arcata Lodge No. 230, Monday, Jan. 10.  
 San Francisco Lodge No. 49, Wednesday, Jan. 12.  
 Oakland Lodge No. 39, Friday, Jan. 14.  
 Ripon Lodge No. 332, Saturday, Jan. 15.  
 Selma Lodge No. 255, joint installation with Del Rey Lodge No. 188, Wednesday, Jan. 19.  
 Fresno Lodge No. 67, Thursday, Jan. 20.  
 San Diego Lodge No. 306, Saturday, Jan. 26.  
 Alhambra Lodge No. 323, joint installation with Long Beach Lodge No. 329, Wednesday, Jan. 26.  
 Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, Thursday, Jan. 27.  
 Santa Barbara Lodge No. 322, Friday, Jan. 28.  
 Solvang Lodge No. 299, Saturday, Jan. 29.  
 Bakersfield Lodge No. 319, Saturday, Feb. 12.

It is my understanding that above plan has been worked out in cooperation with Sister Bessie Olsen, the President of the Sisterhood General Committee and hence it is hoped the plan will be suitable to the places where there is a lodge of each organization. You realize the travel plan of our two presidents has been made with a view to save time and hence it is important it be accepted by the lodges. May I ask the secretaries of the lodges to write to the respective presidents and confirm acceptance. The Brotherhood Secretaries should write direct to Brother Alfred Nielsen, 2531 H. Street, Bakersfield, and the Sisterhood Secretaries to Sister Bessie Olsen, 1104—38th Street, Sacramento.

The installation of officers in the Brotherhood Lodges in California is a big job, and is required of every man who aspires to hold this office. From the above you will notice that almost the entire month of January must be devoted by the President to travel from one end of the State to the other and considering there are 1,000 miles between Arcata Lodge No. 230 and San Diego Lodge No. 306, you will realize the bigness of this job. In other words, when a Brother takes on the job of President for the Danish Brotherhood in California it means he must devote one full month of the year to this work. It is not an easy task let me tell you, and the best way we can cooperate with our President is to accept his plan in toto; let us try to do it this year.

During the 33 years of our existence we have found this to be one of the best methods to stimulate an interest in our organization, as well as our yearly conventions. Let us continue this good work for our Danish Brotherhood and may I add for the Danish Sisterhood as well, because we have also found during the years that it is well to work and cooperate with our good ladies.

In reading our Brotherhood Magazine one sometimes finds that there are those who would belittle the work done by the General Committees within our organization. Every member of our organization has the right to his own opinion, thank God, but any criticism of the General Committees can only be based on ignorance. After a good many years of close working within the General Committee in California, my own opinion would be this, that without the General Committee there would be very little left of the Danish Brotherhood in California, with perhaps the exception of some of the lodges in the larger cities, such as Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco. It is true, of course, that our organization is losing membership, but so is every other organization of our type, and I firmly believe the intense work done by the General Committees have been like a shot in the arm. Even to this date we are only permitted to work for the Brotherhood, is it not about time we get some official recognition? I think so, and I think the next National Convention will do that very thing — in some form at least.

I am often reminded of our late Brother Henry Gylling, who used to say, "Violer til de levende." I was especially reminded of this when I read about Brother Dr. Aage Emil Brix, a member of many years standing in Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, who was recently honored by the Danes in Los Angeles for his many years devotion to his profession as well as to his countrymen in Los Angeles. A banquet was given in his and Mrs. Brix's honor in the Los Angeles Breakfast Club with over 400 participating. Brother Brix was born in Nebraska but his early youth was spent in Denmark and his education was started in Kathedrattsskolen in Aalborg. It must be wonderful for Dr. Brix to realize the place he has won in the hearts of his countrymen and it is also encouraging to know that his countrymen recognized his qualities and let him know about it while still in his prime of life.

Too often do we do honor to a brother or fellow countryman at the funeral parlor. I am reminded of a brother whose entire life was wrapped up in the interest of the Danes and who received "Ridderkorset" on his deathbed, which I think was just a bit late. So let us give "Violer til de levende."

Lodge No. 49 will as per usual celebrate its birthday on November 6, with a grand dinner dance at the Palace Hotel, and as per usual the affair is in the hands of that committee man par excellence, Brother Fred Bakke, and a splendid committee. No one can put over an affair of this magnitude like Brother Bakke, and if you have not already purchased your tickets get them now by calling him at WEst 1-2942, or any officer of the lodge.

It is really hard to realize, but before very long the lodges will again be electing delegates to the National Convention in Racine. Let us hope it will be a good convention and the best way to make it a good convention is to elect good delegates. Please keep that in mind when voting.

It should prove to be a convention with all sorts of possibilities, and particularly so with the Supreme President's 20 suggestions, which it would appear,

some of the good brothers are taking like the Gospel truth. Personally I like a good many of his suggestions, but on the other hand there are certainly some I should fight against if I were a delegate.

And speaking of the welfare of the Brotherhood, has it ever occurred to you that for 72 years the local lodges have acted as collection agencies for the Brotherhood, without receiving any compensation whatsoever. Since we are apparently on top of the pile when it comes to solvency, would it be too much to ask that the lodges begin to receive some sort of compensation for this work. For instance, during the years Lodge No. 49 has collected premiums for the Brotherhood it has paid out in salary its Financial Secretary roughly speaking about \$10,000 which is a lot of money even in our day. Such being the case I trust some lodge will sponsor a proposal whereby the local lodge may retain, say 10 per cent of the premiums collected, so that at least the Financial Secretary's salary is paid for.

Think it over brethren and you will see the fairness in this.

### "Compulsory" Insurance

It was a pleasure to read the remarks about our insurance being something we can be proud of, made by Brother Axel Jacobsen, of Lodge No. 49 in our August Magazine.

Our assessment rates are lower than those of the Sons of Norway, and their rates are lower than those of the N. Y. State Savings Banks, which do not employ agents and consequently are able to sell their life insurance at lower rates than old line companies.

With our present number of insurance assessments, and with the rates adjusted from time to time to reflect the interest rate received on our investments, D. B. insurance is sound and can be presented to a prospect as a definite bargain. But if a Brother when calling on a prospective member starts out by apologizing for our "compulsory" insurance requirement, the reaction will not be favorable, for nobody wants to be compelled to do anything. When a store advertises bargain sales it does not apologize for doing so but features the advantages to the prospective buyers.

Furthermore, let me point out that a prospective member, who took out other insurance 8 years ago or more, probably does not carry enough insurance, as it will be paid in 50c dollars; so such a prospect, who refuses to consider \$250 (or \$125) additional D. B. insurance, is not taking a realistic view of the matter.

Also, the more D. B. insurance a member has the less likely he is to drop out. A member without D. B. insurance has no concrete personal stake in the Brotherhood. Our social members join one year and drop out the next year.

WILLIAM SVENDSEN, No. 205  
Brooklyn, N. Y. Oct. 18, 1954.

## New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Oscar Fischer	1	Omaha	Egon Rosholm
Oscar Fischer	1	Omaha	John Rosholm
Nels Westergaard	4	Racine	Mark R. Bruno
Gerhard Rasmussen	4	Racine	Niels Miller
John Jacobsen	36	Milwaukee	Andrew N. Leisk
A. Miller Jacobsen	43	Denver	Ole V. Ebbesen
A. Miller Jacobsen	43	Denver	Gudmund Jensen
Harry O. Thuesen	48	Rock Springs	Walter Larsen
Harry O. Thuesen	48	Rock Springs	Otto Larsen
Martin J. Hansen	67	Fresno	Ingvard Hansen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Frederik Andersen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Kermit De Laurant
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Steven J. Lindstrom
Paul R. Chance	95	Ferndale	James S. Thomsen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Lester W. Jensen
Chris Madsen	116	Newark	Kaj O. Holm
Harold Anderson	170	Rocky River	H. C. Anderson
Gunnar Nielsen	170	Rocky River	Hugo Semberg
Morris Hansen	181	Sidney	Edward P. Hansen
Otto Jensen	227	Detroit	Otto E. Jensen
Armand E. Larsen	227	Detroit	Carl Sylvest
Leonard Hansen	273	Dillon	Marius Hansen
Nis M. Nissen	273	Dillon	Herbert W. Wheat
H. Dolleris	318	Copenhagen	A. G. P. Dolleris
Albert Tunsen	332	Ripon	William C. Childress

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

## Bridgeport Lodge No. 37 to Celebrate Sixty-five Years of Service

We have the information that on Friday, December 3, the lodge in Bridgeport will celebrate its 65th anniversary.

This will be held at the Wonder Bar Restaurant, 2135 Boston Ave., Bridgeport. A full course roast beef dinner will be served and dancing will follow; the price is only \$3.00. You may order your tickets by writing or telephoning Erik Garde, 50 Virginia Ave., Bridgeport 10, Conn. Phone Ed. 5-3838. Do this before Nov. 26.

They are expecting a good crowd, so get your reservation in early.

## Schenectady, N. Y. No. 190

Sympathy is extended to Brother Poul Ljunggren, who recently lost his wife. Poul and Anna had only been married a short while and we noted the happiness shining in the faces of both when we last saw them. Anna was a very active member of the Sisterlodge in Schenectady where she had served as president and for many years as secretary.

They are again going strong in Schenectady with different affairs, a clambake, October 10, turkey raffle, November 20, and the bowling league has started their 7th season and then of course comes the Christmas parties, etc.

## Newark, N. J. No. 116

An interesting evening is being planned for the meeting on November 13. It will be Ex-President Night and a short meeting will be held. There will then be an interesting speaker and moving picture. Of course, sandwiches, cake and coffee will be

served. Come in time. The meeting starts at 7:30 sharp. Come and bring a Brother with you.

## Golden Anniversary for Sisterhood in Newark, N. J.

We note that several special birthdays and other celebrations are in order in Newark in October: Brother K. P. Christensen was 70 years old Oct. 15; Engel B. Christensen and wife, Marguerite, Supreme President of the Sisterhood, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Oct. 12, and Chris. Madsen and Joan will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary on Oct. 26. Many hearty congratulations to all of you.

The Sisterhood in Newark will celebrate their 50th anniversary on December 4, with a banquet and dance at Hotel Douglas in Newark. The final details we do not have; but they promise it is going to be an outstanding affair, keep the date open.

## Celebrate Golden Anniversary

On October 1st Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Hansen, Jamestown, R. I., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in their home on the Island in a very quiet way; but on Saturday the 2nd, it was quite different.

A group connected with the St. Mathew's church had arranged an open house party in honor of Brother and Mrs. Hansen.

Over 150 people were gathered and it was really a surprise for them when they were escorted into the hall. They were taken out to dinner with some friends and on the return home should stop in the Parish house and it was a pleasure to see them come in. The Pastor of the church greeted them with a most hearty welcome and in behalf of the gathering presented them with an envelope contain-

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Aug. 30	—Knud A. Jepsen	—82	Boddum, Tisted, Den.	32	New Haven, Conn.	—1897	Arteriosclerosis	\$ 401.18
Sept. 3	—Einer Jorgensen	—58	Aalborg, Denmark	70	Greenville, Mich.	—1936	Seminoma	1125.00
Aug. 5	—Rasmus N. Andersen	—81	Løgten, Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	—1913	Arteriosclerosis	955.27
Sept. 3	—Peter Nielsen	—89	Præstø Amt, Denmark	106	Trufant, Mich.	—1898	Arteriosclerosis	370.97
Sept. 17	—Morten Benson	—84	Varde, Jylland, Den.	56	Kansas City, Mo.	—1901	Pneumonia	250.00
Aug. 29	—Louis Nielsen	—86	Borbjerg Sogn, Rink.	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	—1900	Cerebral thrombosis	392.52
Sept. 20	—Johan C. J. Holst	—96	Kerteminde, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	—1905	Not yet received	666.95
Sept. 22	—Peter Michaelsen	—88	Amager, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	—1908	Cerebral thrombosis	435.88
Sept. 16	—Ole P. Christiansen	—63	Flade Sogn, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	—1914	Cardio-vascular disease	250.00
Sept. 24	—Thor. H. Petersen	—57	Manistee, Michigan	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	—1920	Coronary occlusion	250.00
Sept. 15	—Henry J. Petersen	—71	Ribe, Denmark	233	Toledo, Ohio	—1914	Coronary occlusion	1000.00
Sept. 27	—Carl T. Krogh	—46	Dannebrog, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebr.	—1931	Acute pancreatitis	750.00
Sept. 23	—Martin Mortensen	—83	Vejle, Denmark	255	Selma, Calif.	—1912	Arteriosclerosis	235.12
Oct. 2	—Jens Peter Kudsk	—64	Knudstrup, Sogn	215	Battle Creek, Iowa	—1911	Coronary occlusion	500.00
Sept. 9	—Christ Sorensen	—75	Aarhus, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	—1905	Carcinoma	919.36
Aug. 28	—Walter K. Hansen	—46	Ruds Vedby, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	—1947	Metastatic can. of abd.	500.00
Aug. 29	—Hans P. Andersen	—79	Stubberup, Odense	254	Brush, Colo.	—1907	Arteriosclerosis	901.83
Sept. 23	—Morten Christensen	—84	Aarhus, Denmark	206	Blair, Nebr.	—1903	Pneumonia	206.39
Aug. 31	—Jens P. Jensen	—72	Tordenskjold	160	Underwood, Minn.	—1903	Carcinoma	468.23
Sept. 20	—Christian Christensen	—95	Jylland, Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	—1909	Broncho pneumonia	917.23
Sept. 18	—Hans M. Thomsen	—70	Copenhagen, Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	—1904	Coronary thrombosis	968.41
Aug. 4	—Christian M. Petersen	—64	Frederiksberg, Den.	318	Copenhagen, Den.	—1939	Not given	Social
Sept. 30	—Fred W. Eckhardt	—54	Chicago, Illinois	4	Racine, Wis.	—1952	Not given	Social

ing certain valuables. The president of the Sisterhood in Providence, Anne Lincoln, presented Mrs. Hansen with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and the president of Rosenborg Lodge, Fred Mortensen, presented the happy couple with another envelope in behalf of the two lodges. Fred made a most appropriate speech and all enjoyed the evening very much. Refreshments of all kinds were served and enjoyed. It was a lovely evening. We wish the Hansens many happy years together and hope that we may be able to enjoy their company soon again.

### **Peter Willimoes Lodge No. 202 Warren, Pennsylvania**

From Warren lodge we have received a letter which promises to be a regular monthly notice. In fact I received two letters, one from September and one from October. The September letter states that during the summer, meetings were not attended too good; but a much better attendance is hoped for in the coming months. The annual outing and a couple more picnics were held during the summer and the Brothers all wish to thank those who so willingly gave their place to use and the ladies who did all the work in preparing good refreshments. From now till next summer meetings will be held 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month and the Sisters say that after each meeting a fine lunch and coffee will be served.

Interesting movies will also be shown once each month after the meeting. The committee for the 50th anniversary is hard at work but no definite plan can be announced as yet.

We appreciate your letter from Warren and trust we shall receive them each month.

### **Convention Reports**

Now that the conventions in the several districts or whatever you may call them, are over, it is a pleasure to read about what has taken place and how these conventions are conducted.

I especially enjoy reading the reports I received from Herbert Helseth in California and Gerhard Rasmussen, Racine. The report from the Midwest District is nine full pages. I thank you Brothers, for sending them to me. From these reports it seems as though there should be many worth while questions for the 1955 Convention in Racine.

### **Green Mountain, No. 294, Barre, Vt.**

The 42nd anniversary of Green Mountain Lodge was celebrated on Friday evening, October 15. A large gathering enjoyed a covered dish supper, a beautiful anniversary cake was donated by Mrs. Henry Lunde.

Another celebration took place at the same party, namely the 48th wedding anniversary of Henry and Mrs. Lunde.

At the parties in Barre everyone has a grand time. You see, in Barre they are just like you were home, everybody knows one another. Wish we could have been there.

The speakers called upon mostly centered their talks on Brother and Mrs. Lunde, who are real standbys in Barre Lodge. We wish them many happy

returns. Paul Matson and wife had charge of the party and did a fine job.

### **Hartford Lodge No. 314**

Wednesday, the 6th of October, we attended a meeting in Hartford and it was a fine meeting with 45 members present. Of course, it was a little special that evening as a surprise was in store for Aage Jespersen, Past President of the General Committee.

After the meeting, tables were set up and covered with beautiful sandwiches, prepared by 10 Sisters. We all took our good share of these fine sandwiches and Einar Nielsen as toastmaster, presented several speakers so of course many good words were heard about Aage and his work for the General Committee, a lot of things we heard about that evening that we did not know before.

The climax was when Einar in behalf of the guests present, presented Aage and his wife with a beautiful silver coffee set. Aage in turn returned his thanks.

It was quite an evening for Mr. and Mrs. Jespersen and we congratulate them and we know that we shall see more of Aage in the future.

### **Resolutions**

#### **THOR. H. PETERSEN, Milwaukee, Wis.**

In memory of our departed brother, Thor. H. Petersen, who passed away on September 24, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting September 24, 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 D. B. Magazine, and a copy be sent to his family.

ERNST POULSEN, Pres.

CARVAL WESTERLUND, Sec.

#### **CHRISTEN JENSEN, Solvang, Calif.**

In memory of Christen Jensen, born Sept. 14, 1861, died Oct. 13, 1954:

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. 299, Solvang, Calif.

FRODE JENSEN, Pres.

C. V. NIELSEN, Sec.

#### **CHRIST CHRISTENSEN, Chicago, Ill.**

In memory of Brother Christ Christensen, Sr., who passed away on Sept. 20, 1954, the following resolution was passed at our regular meeting of Oct. 13, 1954:

Be it resolved, that we truly mourn the loss of a loyal brother of our Order and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

THOMAS JENSEN, Sec.

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### PETER MICHAELSEN, Milwaukee, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Peter Michaelson, who passed away on Sept. 22, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting Sept. 28, 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 D. B. Magazine, and a copy be sent to his family.

ERNST POULSEN, Pres.  
CARVAL WESTERLUND, Sec.

### HANS M. THOMSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of Brother Hans M. Thomsen, who passed away on Sept. 18, 1954, the following resolution was passed at our regular meeting of Oct. 13, 1954:

Be it resolved that we truly mourn the loss of a loyal brother of our Order and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

THOMAS JENSEN, Sec.

### WALTER HANSEN, Minneapolis, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Walter Hansen, who passed away August 28, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 45 at our regular meeting September 10, 1954:

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 W. PEDERSEN, Pres.  
CARL E. GUSTAFSON, Sec.

### KNUD A. JEPSEN, New Haven, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Knud A. Jepsen, who passed away August 30, 1954, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 32:

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.

KRISTIAN LARSEN, Pres.  
HOWARD W. JORGENSEN, Sec.

### HENRY J. PETERSEN, Toledo, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Henry J. Petersen, who passed away September 15, 1954, this resolution was adopted at our regular meeting Oct. 9, 1954:

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

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

KARL PEDERSEN, Pres.  
HANS SOE, Sec.

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