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Christmas Greetings

Our sincere wishes
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to contain loads of cheer and good will
for all our friends and neighbors.

Happy Holiday to all!

*Fraternally yours,
The Supreme Board*

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Let's Increase our Membership

The Supreme Officers have decided to encourage a contest between the lodges, during the six months beginning January 1, 1955 and ending June 30, 1955.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. Just to equalize the chances, between large and small lodges, a handicap is being imposed. To become eligible for consideration as a contestant, a lodge must first acquire 5 new members. Five new members must be added to the membership roll of the lodge, as of January 1, 1955, which sum will serve as a basis from which the percentage of increase will be calculated.

For instance: Lodge "A" has a total of 40 members, on January 1, 1955, and acquires 10 new members between then and June 30, 1955. Of the 10 new members, 5 are required to establish eligibility and are added to the original 40. The remaining 5 new members will be the increase upon which percentage will be credited to Lodge "A." The increase in this case would be 11.11 per cent.

The prizes that are to be awarded the winning lodges will be of a practical nature. The award for first prize will be described in the next issue of our Brotherhood Magazine.

If you have questions, regarding the contest, you may direct them to: Hans M. Andersen, 9537 South Mendocino Avenue, Parlier, California.

Five Points

The time for our next national convention draws nearer.

The lodges are electing Law Committees and delegates.

Many of our brothers are soaking their heads or raking their brains thinking up new proposals, that might be of benefit for the Danish Brotherhood, or

thinking of a new wording for old proposals, that didn't pass last time.

I should like to suggest the following five points or thoughts for your consideration and possible discussion:

1. Abolish our compulsory insurance and admit all white men as social members to our lodges. (We still have the use of the ballot box and can keep out any undesirables.)

2. Elect or appoint one member of the lodge to handle or sell our insurance to all new or old members. He should be compensated for his work by a commission to be paid from Supreme Lodge funds.

3. All members should have equal rights, to vote on all questions, to be elected to all offices in the lodge as well as delegate to state or district conventions, only exception as stated in point 4.

4. Eligibility for election as delegate to national convention to be limited to members with insurance in our order.

5. The lodge to stress sociability, friendship and fraternalism.

It is to be hoped that this coming convention can and will do something to remedy the uneven and unfair representation to the national convention, that we now have. The answer is of course division of the lodges and membership into districts, according to geographical location thereby giving each member equal representation on the Supreme Board.

CHRIS HANSEN.
 Hayward, Calif.

Frisk Luft

Bibliotekar Emeritus J. Christian Bay, som i en Menneskealder har været vor ledende Skribent i den danske Presse i Amerika, har lige faaet udgivet en udsøgt Samling bestaaende af 15 Fortællinger of Oplevelser om gamle Pioneerer paa Prærien. Bogen er udgivet paa De Unges Forlag i København, den er paa 149 Sider og koster \$2.00. Bestillinger kan indsendes til Bro. William B. Thorsen, 1822 School St., Chicago 13, Ill. Første Samling, som Forfatteren kalder "Frisk Luft," indholder Dr. Bays Portræt og Forord til den samlede Udgave, som vil fylde to Bind. Anden Samling vil udkomme i 1955 til omtrent samme Pris.

Bro. Thorsen, Medlem of Loge Nr. 17, som samler paa gamle Dansk-Amerikanske Tidsskrifter og Bøger af Danske Udvandrere, vil meget gerne købe Eksemplarer af Anton Kvists Digt-Samlinger og hans Bog "Den gamle Pioneer Fortæller."

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Financial Report

October 31, 1954
Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand October 1, 1954	-----	\$132,666.53
Assessments	-----	10,849.67
Interest on bonds	-----	11,441.79
Bonds sold or called	-----	38,000.00
Premium on bonds sold	-----	1,950.00
Profit on currency exchange	-----	76.59
Certificate loan repaid	-----	656.80
Interest on certificate loan	-----	14.44

\$195,655.82

Disbursements:

Death claims	-----	\$ 19,532.47
Cash surrender	-----	29.53
Collection expense on bond coupons	-----	6.50
Rent safe deposit box	-----	154.00
Bonds purchased	-----	165,882.16
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	-----	1,005.83
Balance on hand October 31, 1954	-----	9,045.33

\$195,655.82

General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand October 1, 1954	-----	\$ 20,734.07
Received in October	-----	992.20

\$ 21,726.27

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	-----	\$ 216.45
Bonds purchased	-----	5,000.00
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	-----	8.12
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	-----	25.00
Membership reward	-----	8.00
Rent and lights	-----	180.74
Printing and mailing official publication	-----	418.26
Travel expenses	-----	5.00
Insurance department examination	-----	77.45
Towel service, 3 months	-----	4.50
Employer taxes, social security and unemployment	-----	37.37
General office expenses	-----	50.00
Salaries to officers and employers	-----	1,212.00
Balance on hand October 31, 1954	-----	14,483.38

\$ 21,726.27

Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand October 1, 1954	-----	\$ 25,235.43
Relief assessments	-----	9.60
Interest on bonds	-----	187.50
Relief payments returned	-----	3.78

\$ 25,436.31

Disbursements:

Relief payments	-----	\$ 1,708.26
Rent safe deposit box	-----	27.50
Postage	-----	6.00
Balance on hand October 31, 1954	-----	23,694.55

\$ 25,436.31

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand October 1, 1954	-----	\$ 3,334.78
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Juvenile assessments ----- 150.12

\$ 3,484.90

Disbursements:

Balance on hand October 31, 1954 ----- \$ 3,484.90

\$ 3,484.90

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	-----	\$3,990,439.08
Relief fund investments	-----	220,000.00
General fund investments	-----	40,000.00
Cash in bank	-----	50,708.16

\$4,301,147.24

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"
15	Des Moines, Iowa	0	11
17	Chicago, Illinois	22	0
30	Muskegon, Michigan	8	0
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	0	12
126	Los Angeles, California	0	11
255	Selma, California	0	12
263	Askov, Minnesota	30	0
Totals		60	46
Previously reported		10	56
Totals thus far		70	102

"Free Christmas Songbooks"

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THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

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

Correspondent Sigurd C. Nielsen of Orchards, Washington, forecasts a promising season for Portland's Danish Bowling Teams; Did you know that it takes us about a month to write, print and go to press on this column? Brother Herbert V. Sorensen is now one of Enumclaw's Calvary Presbyterian Sunday School Teachers, having attended there himself as a child thirty-five years ago. Brother Axel Nissen, former watchman at the Ravensdale Sawmill, was attacked and robbed by thugs on the Green River Gorge Road and is now in the Harborview Hospital suffering from cuts and bruises and a badly injured eye; Brother Tom Hansen, although a busy man with his Undertaking Parlors, Barber-shop Quartets and Chamber of Commerce affiliations, is Enumclaw's United Good Neighbors Campaign General. The Ladies' Aid and Sunshine Circle of the Hope Lutheran Danish Church held their annual bazaar of fancywork, toys, aprons, baked goods, light refreshments and program on November fifth. Spokane's DB Number 42 has long been scouting for new talent to their yearly Christmas Programme for member's children or grandchildren; VFW Post No. 1949 has again remembered the Gold Star Mothers in annually pinning a corsage on the Veteran's Day honored ones which this year included the wife of Brother Soren Eriksen. Scandinavian Fraternity Lodge Number 240 celebrated their twenty-ninth anniversary with a successful dance on November twentieth and invited as guests, all members of "Den Danske Brodersamfund." King County Cattleman of 1954 and elected Cattle Feeder of the year is our own Pacific Northwest DBS Brother Carl C. Johansen, who was raised on a purebred livestock farm in Minnesota but who decided to take Horace Greeley's advice and go West in 1928. Plans for Enumclaw's potluck Christmas Evening and exchange of fifty-cent gifts are shaping up for the night of the twelfth.

Our Membership Committees have been doing good work and with the help of many of the Brethren in several of our district lodges, we will have more new classes shortly. Brother Jens P. Thim and daughter, Ethel, always have the coffee pot brewing down there at Westfir, Oregon, just in case you might drop in. Traditional Thanksgiving was a day of thanks and a day of feasting throughout Northwest Danish homes in recognition of the bounty provided by our land. Brother Andrew Bjerger Holm, a retired farmer who joined the Seattle DBS on March 2, 1903, is this month being belatedly presented with his membership honor lapel pin; and Seattle's Past President Martin Rasmussen's father-in-law, Brother Marius Madsen, has been very, very sick the past few months but is now on the mend, we are told.

Brother Jens Sorensen, owner and operator of Enumclaw's leading recreation parlors, is being interned in the Veteran's Hospital at Vancouver, Washington, for a possible twelve-month stay. Diagnosis of his left hip injured recently revealed an old World War Two wound from the South Pacific, improperly operated upon for a cyst but now found

to be tuberculosis of the bone. Although a mild stage of T. B., we sympathize with Brother Jens but rejoice that the ailment was caught in time.

1706 Porter Street in Enumclaw voiced happiness for the good attendance at the DBS party given in honor of fifty-year members, Brother Soren Eriksen and James Andersen, and eighty-year-old "Butcher" Chris Jensen on Saturday, October the sixteenth. In exceptionally well chosen and sincere words, Toastmaster Andrew Hansen paid tribute to not only these three Brothers but also to all our eighty-year youngsters and those who proudly wear an honor lapel pin representing fifty years of affiliation with the DB. Appreciation of their thoughtfulness and good attendance these many years were expressed by other members of our fraternity but especially by President Ingvald Nelsen. All reports received were indicative of a successful evening and to quote the Seattle and Tacoma invited Brothers and Sisters "Tak for god Behandling." Belated best wishes herewith are gratefully extended to all the men everywhere who have labored unselfishly so that our DBS might live and be enjoyed by us today.

Northwest Danish Old People's Home President John A. Hansen proclaimed the time of October twenty-third to November first as the official week this year for organizations to arrange bazaars, plays or dances in behalf of fund raising activities for the Home. The Directors have always had splendid cooperation from various sources and member participants from whom contributions and gifts have been obtained, and this twentieth annual proclamation is again bringing the desired results. Washington Hall sponsored a joint celebration to commemorate the event on November thirteenth. Any welcome monetary subscription should be sent to Secretary Immanuel Jensen, 1849 King Street, Seattle, and specified as "Old People's Home Week Donation."

Now that General Elections are over, December Meetings of all DBS lodges will set the ball rolling on another election — nominations for local lodge officers and delegates. And in that line of thought, it will be mighty interesting to hear and read the many reports representing conscientious and lengthy studies throughout our lodges in order to make the best possible recommendations on new Proposals to the National Convention in Racine come next September.

I would like to refer all Brothers to Page eleven of the September issue of our Danish Brotherhood Magazine so that you may re-read Minnesota's State Vice-President Arol D. Hansen's article which enumerates various resolutions as adopted by their latest convention. Absorb them and do a lot of thinking about them before our next National Conclave. Just four years ago, this same organization with Brother Don Nelsen as State Secretary, met in Austin for their 1950 convention and discussed similar matters of importance to come before the 1951 National Assembly in Detroit. In passing, I might recall our DB conventions in South Dakota many years ago when resort fishing and swimming was very popu-

lar — I was reminded of same when reading about the Minnesotans gathering at Bay Lake Resort.

Washington has lost one of its early day settlers with the death of Jens Julius Frederiksen on October twenty-fifth. Brother Jens was taken ill about a year ago with cancer of the throat, but had been recently improving before passing away at the Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle. Born in Denmark on April 12, 1875, he became a member of DBS Number 113 in January of 1900. Requested pallbearers were Brothers Henry Bruhn, Tony Sartoris, Graves Gravesen, Peder Livingston and Andrew Hansen. Surviving are his wife, Mary; two sisters, Mrs. Paul Jensen and Cena Osborn of Enumclaw; and three brothers, Peter of Black Diamond, Chris of Tacoma and Fred, Seattle.

Santa Barbara's President Herbert H. Helseth has just mailed me a copy of his birdseye view of Solvang's recent California State Convention. Thanks, Herb. Of course, we DB members in the great Northwest always read District Secretary-Treasurer Rudolph Olsen's column and keep pretty well up on the Sunshine State's activities. Since Arcata is the host lodge for the 1955 conclave, no doubt a number of Oregon, Washington and Canadian Brothers will be your visitors at that time. Coupled with Number 230's fiftieth lodge anniversary, the event will undoubtedly be a high success and we shall look forward with anticipation in rubbing elbows with our Southern Brothers and singing "Der er et Yndigt Land."

Portland's directors and boosters of the PNW Danish Old People's Home sponsored the quarterly meeting there this time on October the twenty-third with a good turnout. Dinner, a card party and dancing followed the business order with sandwiches and refreshments served at a late hour. A deep feeling of appreciation for this worthy cause put a lot of sincerity into both the preparation of the gathering and into the final greeting as Washington directors prepared to return North.

As another year draws to a close, we take this opportunity to pause and reflect the happenings of the past twelve months. Our Fifth Annual District Convention showed us another excellent example of the importance of working together, how in the final analysis the success or failure of any project lies in complete cooperation and pulling together. Our organization has always been a firm believer in this attitude. Whenever problems have become too complex for the Officers, be that Supreme, District or local, to successfully come up with the answers, a call has gone out for all members to suggest a solution; this time and again has proven to be the only safe and sane way to accomplish certain things which at the outset seemed beyond the realms of possibility. Let us always keep this fact in mind and remember the lessons which we have been taught regarding the importance of working together to accomplish any desired end. Good sound business operations, government and lodge activities are very similar in that all are successful due to the ever present need of full cooperation of everyone connected with them. Armies or ball teams, large or small, are all operated on the same basis. As long as each and every one of us puts out a helping hand to our Brother fellow worker or teammate, instead of pushing him aside to gain our own ends, we will come out the victor. Heed the constant reminder that in unity there is strength. Our

district has enjoyed a steady growth in 1954 and the enthusiasm for doing better has been kindled so that 1955 will burn even bigger and brighter. May 1955 hold for you and yours, peace and happiness to its fullest measure — and may you continue to enjoy good health and fortune in the days to come — for such is the true spirit of Brotherhood.

Membership in the Danish Brotherhood offers definite concrete benefits to every participant and these benefits cannot be told and repeated too often. Every new brother adds strength to the Fraternity and every new Brother receives added strength. It's a plain fact that membership in the DBS is the best investment an eligible candidate can make. Silence generally is considered a virtue, but don't be silent about the many favors that our fraternal insurance organization can bring a new member. Tell him about our Order and sign him up — he'll be appreciative of your interest in his welfare. The holiday season is the time for giving and one of the best presents that an eligible applicant can give to himself and his family is to complete an application for insurance with the Danish Brotherhood. He will benefit from his membership every day throughout the year and years to come.

In behalf of President C. Ed Hirsch and his fellow associate Officers of this District, may I wish everyone A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

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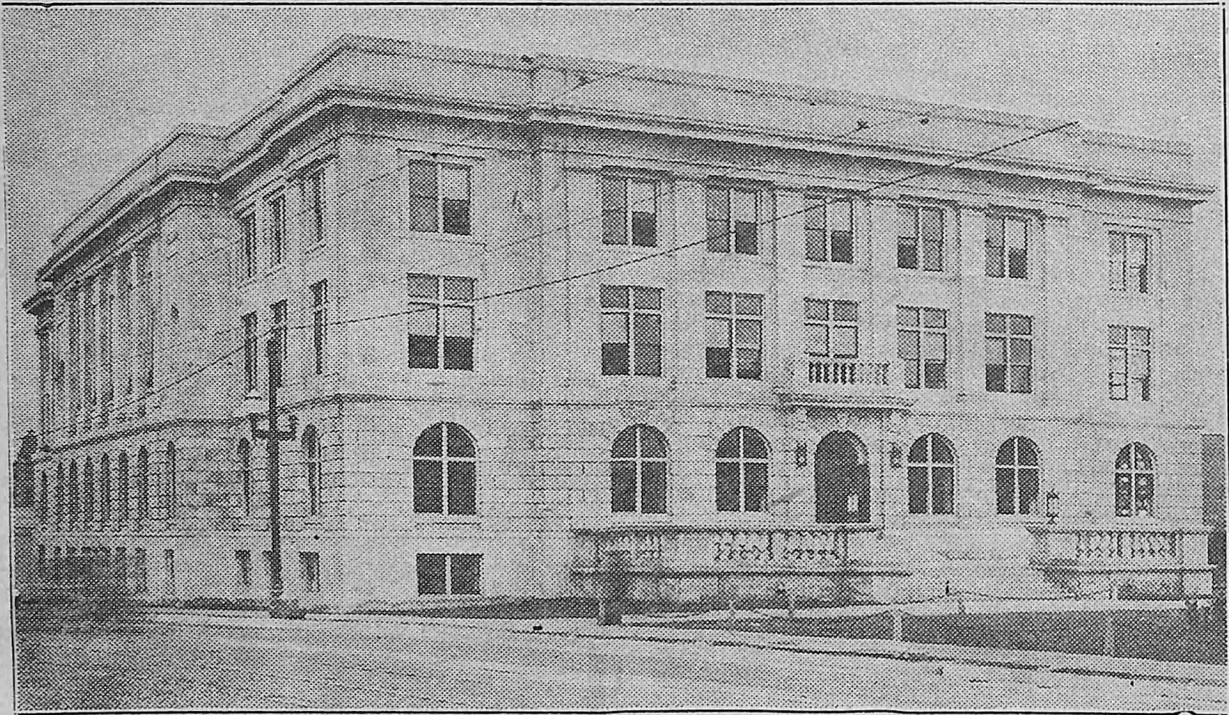
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Racine in 1955!



Racine's City Hall, dedicated in 1931, is located just across the street from our own stately Brotherhood hall, which we showed you in last month's magazine. In fact, the idyllic city hall park, with its flowers and lawns in the summer, and its snow blankets and holiday decorations in the winter, landscapes and picture frames OUR hall almost as much as the city hall itself. And just as our own home was built by Danish craftsmen, so was the city hall pictured here. The Bundgaard Construction Co. of Racine built this home of our city government, and Peter Bundgaard and nearly all his employees are Danish as can be, and most of them are members of Lodge No. 4. Yes, our city hall is another Racine lasting monument created by Danish craftsmen of skill and ability.

But — to retract a little — the "Civilizing" of Racine and the whole Wisconsin territory began when the lake boat skipper Captain Gilbert Knapp and three companions landed at the mouth of the Root River in 1828. That landing provided the inspiration which brought them back in 1834 to stake a claim of 141 acres; they named the settlement Port Gilbert, and the movement was on. As the river was full of roots, the French called the place "Racine" — and that became our present city. The Welsh and the Scotch came first and early; then the Irish and the Germans and the Czechs. And although Racine's population reflects the "melting pot" tradition, perhaps no immigrant story is so intimately associated with that of Racine as that of the Danes. Racine is known as "little Denmark" and as the Danish "Capital" of the U. S., with fully

one-third of her population of Danish origin or descent. West Racine is affectionately known as "Kringleville" after our favorite and famous Danish pastry. The first Danes came here as early as 1843 — but after 1864 and until 1914 they really came and conquered! They established an excellent reputation as craftsmen and they were warmly welcomed by the struggling Racine plants—yes—there was a period when the Mitchell Wagon Co. would hire ONLY Danes! And since those early days, the Danes have put their stamp indelibly on the life of Racine. Five Danish churches were established here. The two biggest lodges outside Denmark grew up in Racine — Lodge No. 4 — and Dania. Numerous Danish business firms and professional people — we may touch upon this subject another time. The Second national brotherhood convention was held in Racine in 1883, and the Eleventh national convention took place in Racine in 1902. And so we are expecting YOU — Delegates and Visitors — in 1955, come September. We think you will like our town and our ways. The tempo of Racine is quiet, steady, sociable and relatively unspectacular. We will try to make YOU feel at home here. We sincerely believe YOU WILL enjoy your stay with us! COME BY AUTO, if possible, so you may more fully enjoy our beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline, and our inland lake resorts. WE INVITE YOU, AND WILL WELCOME YOU, and we venture to predict, that YOU—too—will find a bit of "Little Denmark" right here in Racine — your 1955 convention city!

GERHARD RASMUSSEN.

Honor Roll

LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1954
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	28	185
67	Fresno, California	26	70
4	Racine, Wisconsin	17	523
113	Enumclaw, Washington	14	78
227	Detroit, Michigan	13	317
126	Los Angeles, California	11	303
263	Askov, Minnesota	9	130
299	Solvang, California	9	60
1	Omaha, Nebraska	8	273
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	8	234
194	McMinnville, Oregon	8	18
17	Chicago, Illinois	7	192
78	Salt Lake City, Utah	7	50
107	Chicago, Illinois	7	72
170	Rocky River, Ohio	7	39
190	Schenectady, New York	7	142
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	6	206
26	Fremont, Nebraska	6	47
49	San Francisco, California	6	357
116	Newark, New Jersey	6	169
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	6	172
35	Chicago, Illinois	5	111
39	Oakland, California	5	204
110	Winside, Nebraska	5	24
143	Petaluma, California	5	110
314	Hartford, Connecticut	5	198

(Juveniles included in the above)

LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
67	Julius Hansen, Fresno, Calif.		23
113	Norbert E. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.		13
45	Chris W. Pedersen, Minneapolis, Minn.		7
328	Paul Krogh, Vancouver, B. C.		7
107	N. O. Hansen, Chicago, Ill.		6
170	Gunnar Nielsen, Rocky River, Ohio		6
35	Marius Pedersen, Chicago, Ill.		5
227	Sigfred Jorgensen, Detroit, Mich.		5
263	Jens J. Krogh, Askov, Minn.		5
4	Arne Sondergaard, Racine, Wis.		4
43	A. M. Jacobsen, Denver, Colo.		4
116	George Godthaab, Newark, N. J.		4
143	John V. Jensen, Petaluma, Calif.		4
1	Kaj Refslund, Omaha, Nebr.		3
4	Gerhard H. Rasmussen, Racine, Wis.		3
26	Thorvald M. Jensen, Fremont, Nebr.		3
48	Harry O. Thuesen, Rock Springs, Wyo.		3
49	George Hansen, San Francisco, Calif.		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
190	C. B. Christensen, Schenectady, N. Y.		3
194	Walter Hansen, McMinnville, Ore.		3
194	T. C. Jensen, McMinnville, Ore.		3
294	Fred M. Mekkelsen, Barre, Vt.		3
299	Christian Madsen, Solvang, Calif.		3
328	Anker Sorensen, Vancouver, B. C.		3

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

The Anniversary Banquet of Lodge No. 49, in the Palace Hotel on November 6th, was as usual a gala affair. This year close to 300 participated in this annual dinner and from all reports the affair was one of the finest. Brother Fred Bakke and his fine committee can be very proud of the work done. Many dignitaries were present as usual; Brother and Sister Curtis Larsen came all the way from Arcata, they are both Ex-Presidents of the two General Committees. Brother Vernon Olsen, another Ex-President and his good wife, Sister Bessie Olsen, the President of the Sisterhood General Committee came from Sacramento. We had expected Brother and Sister Alfred Nielsen, the President of the General Committee, but according to a telegram were unable to be present on account of illness in the family. The New Danish Consul General, Mr. Frode Schøn made his maiden speech in San Francisco, and brought greetings from H. M. King Frederik of Denmark. Many out of town participants were present. All in all, it was another link in the chain of successful banquets given by No. 49, under the expert direction of Brother Fred Bakke.

In my last column I gave the list of dates for our President's visitation to the lodges. Lodge No. 49 is now preparing for the installation on January 12th, and I understand Margrethe Lodge No. 24 is also preparing for this yearly event to which we all look forward with so much interest.

And speaking of installations, I am just in receipt of a letter from Brother Lee Cook, Conductor in the General Committee and for many years secretary in Lodge No. 306 in San Diego, that his lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge will have joint installation Saturday evening, January 22nd at the Manor Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Bldg., San Diego. In this connection Brother Cook writes as follows:

"The San Diego Lodges have in the past few years gone all out to make this an outstanding affair in order to show their appreciation to the two presidents of the General Committees for the tremendous work they have undertaken; as well as giving their own officers a good boost for the coming year and this year will certainly not be any different. The installation will start with a banquet at 6:30 p. m., and joint installation and dance will follow. Music is to be furnished by Erik Christensen's Orchestra from Los Angeles. (The same orchestra which gave us such a wonderful time at the Solvang Convention)."

It is certainly nice to know that here is one lodge that appreciates the great work being done every year by our two presidents. And many of us who attended the Convention in Solvang and enjoyed the fine music from this fine orchestra will envy the good people in San Diego. For those in San Diego and Southern California who can attend please get in contact with Brother Cook and make your reservations now. His address is 6429 Edmonds Street, San Diego 14. Or you may phone him at Congress 4-3836.

In his letter to me Brother Cook pays glowing tribute to Denmark's Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Henrik Kauffmann, who made his first visit to

San Diego on November 13 and 14. A reception in his honor was held in the House of Denmark in Balboa Park, in San Diego.

Another lodge in Southern California has been very active lately, according to a letter received from Brother Walter C. Kaysen, for many years secretary of Alhambra Lodge No. 323, Brother Kaysen is also Outer Guard in the General Committee. At a party given in the evening of October 29th, the 50-year pin was given to Brother Julius Pedersen, who joined Lodge No. 87 in Boston on August 16, 1904. After coming to California, as all good people eventually do, he transferred to No. 323 in 1925. Supreme Trustee, Brother Hans M. Andersen made the long trip to Alhambra in order to honor our old Brother with this distinctive emblem of our Order. Brother Pedersen's wife and two daughters were present as well as other members of the family. Also present were Brothers C. W. Hansen, President of Long Beach Lodge No. 329 and Peter Petersen, President of Los Angeles Lodge No. 126, and many other visitors. A potluck dinner was served after the meeting.

Brother Kaysen also informs me, that the last charter member of the Lodge, Brother Gotfred B. Olsen, just passed away at the age of 83.

Brother and Sister Jacob Jensen celebrated their Golden Anniversary on November 14th, and the following day had "Open House," in the Danish Hall in Oakland, where close to 200 of their friends came to congratulate them. Brother Jensen has for many years been active in Lodge No. 39 and for several years past been the custodian in the Danish Building in Oakland. In his spare time, he is Oakland correspondent to the Danish newspaper "Bien" in San Francisco. If I am not entirely mistaken, Brother Jensen is the last of the six Brothers who formulated the General Committee of California, this was about 35 years ago, when Jack was somewhat younger than today. If my records are correct the first meeting was held in 1919 between 3 members from No. 39 in Oakland and 3 members from 49 in San Francisco. The Brotherhood had a lodge in Stockton in those years, and a meeting was held in Stockton in 1919, meetings were held again in 1920 and these meetings finally culminated in the formation of what is today known as the General Committee of California, in Hayward on September 10, 1921. The Danish Brotherhood owes a lot to Brother Jensen and we extend to those two young people many happy returns of the day.

For several years this writer has complained about not having any literature about the Danish Brotherhood, describing our Order and the benefits derived from its membership. At several of our conventions in California I have taken our Supreme Officers to task for this neglect, and in 1953 I was informed by Brother Hans M. Andersen that something was brewing — so to speak. Well — in a careless moment I let off steam to Hans and lo and behold by return mail I was sent a copy of a little pamphlet which had been published by the Supreme Board. I was further informed that a supply had been sent out to all the secretaries informing them to

distribute same and if more were needed to drop a post card to Brother Skelbeck.

At our convention held in Solvang I distributed several hundred of these little pamphlets but am not sure just what result was created. I understand there has been little or no response relative to additional copies from Omaha. Why? Did you secretaries place one or more of these pamphlets in the hands of your members? If not, why not? That is precisely why a supply was sent to you. If you have not already done so, please see to it that all your members are supplied with pamphlets, because they were written and intended to be a working tool in your hands. Hans Andersen did a very nice job, and it is hoped several other types will be printed. What about one devoted to juvenile insurance for instance and others describing the various types of insurance we are selling.

I have received a letter from Brother Carl Mygind, who is really enjoying his otium in Denmark, and for the present, at least, has raised his tent in the best city in Denmark — Aalborg, that is. We in California owe Brother Mygind an everlasting gratitude for his many years of devotion to the Danish Brotherhood. And now that Christmas is about here, why not drop a card to him, I know he would enjoy receiving it. His address is: Adrs. Elisa Mygind Sørensen, Vingaardsgade 22, Aalborg, Denmark.

All the officers of the General Committee send greetings to each and every one of you, as well as your dear ones, with the hope that you may have a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year will be filled with peace and contentment.

New Members

Lodge

Booster	No.	Location	New Member
G. H. Rasmussen	4	Racine	Aksel Geertsen
Tony Madsen	16	Minden	M. A. Jensen, Jr.
Tony Madsen	16	Minden	Peter M. Jensen
T. M. Jensen	26	Fremont	Ove H. Beernstrup
Ralph E. Mets	26	Fremont	Jason J. Gould
George Hansen	49	San Francisco	H. Schonewald
George Hansen	49	San Francisco	Robert Keldsen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Holger J. Madsen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Aage E. Mortensen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Andrew Andresen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Chris Forest
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Chris T. Sorensen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	James H. Jacobsen

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

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Rudolf Nielsen	78	Salt Lake	Laurits P. Nielsen
Hans C. Hansen	126	Los Angeles	N. H. Hansen
C. B. Christensen	190	Schenectady	Gunnar Hansen
Henry Christensen	194	McMinnville	E.L. Christensen
Sigfred Jorgensen	227	Detroit	Gary E. Halse
Lars P. Larson	260	Williston	Martin Jensen
Pete J. Jorgensen	281	Cincinnati	N. E. Simonsen
Christian Madsen	299	Solvang	Jacob Bjerre
Christian Madsen	299	Solvang	Bendt C. Fischer
P. J. Christiansen	299	Solvang	Jean E. B. Sorensen
Svend Norgaard	306	San Diego	Mogens O. Jensen
Lehmann Cook	306	San Deigo	Fred M. Weinrich
Einar M. Nielsen	314	Hartford	Erik Randlov
Viggo Stenderup	319	Bakersfield	Th. K. Sørup
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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

Lyngblomsten, Lodge No. 242, Erie

The last issue received from Erie of their monthly paper, called Lyngblomsten, was indeed a banner issue; 9 pages and with a picture sketch very nicely done. Of course, it covers a lot of information mostly for members of Lodge No. 242; but on page 3 and 4 is a section I would like to reprint here as I feel this is something every Brother should read and perhaps some benefit could be derived from it the land over. I think the writer of this paper deserves a lot of credit and I am sure his lodge appreciates him, too.

The article has a heading: A Dissertation on the Now Famous "20 Points." It goes on reflecting on the last convention of the Eastern Lodges. We hear the report, again and again of late, that it was a small convention. Upon further questioning, we learn that the business consisted of the same old thing. We learn also that it is fundamentally the same persons, except those passing to their reward, who show up from year to year; that relatively few new faces appear. Especially of the younger group. At least this is true with references to the more distant lodges. One might say that this has crystalized into sort of a homecoming for those who have made the convention a habit, that the biggest bit of business is to elect the officers for the coming year.

How can we expect anything else at the convention level of activity when the very same picture exists with reference to the individual lodges? We know that such statements might almost be considered sheer hearsay; but these are our honest thoughts and justifications for uttering them is given by virtue of the fact that we are going to try, and continue to try, to do something to correct this that we see. We do not know whether this thought has been expressed elsewhere, but, even if it has, it cannot be over-emphasized. Such things as poor attendance at meetings, delinquency problems, less-than-adequate results in obtaining new members and general apathy are merely symptomatic of something deeper and more fundamental; bluntly: Organization decay.

To minister to these symptoms, per se, or to minister to these symptoms themselves, is folly and completely erroneous way to correct our problems. The proper approach is to combat that which gives rise to these symptoms. We have been losing sight of that which once made for a much more vital and active participation.

This "thing" which has become more and more of an abstraction is "FRATERNITY." Fraternity, which may be described as a state of being Brothers, alone, properly pursued, is sufficient to get us going forward as we should. How can this be done? Purely and simply, it can be accomplished by a course of action called effective communication, in its broadest meaning. This is the key. Let us have more contact among Brothers of the individual lodges, between lodges, with the national office.

Let us create an awareness and an appreciation

of one another within our groups. Let us give and take, in the true spirit of cooperation, forgetting petty bickerings and jealousies which have no place here anyway. Let us approach the specific problems that we have, with one objective point in view, getting more and more Brothers to do those jobs for which they are best qualified and having ALL take part. If any one person can be singled out as holding the key to this, it is the secretary. Papers, such as ours may help; but a communique addressed specifically to another lodge, a card or note penned specifically to an individual works special wonders. It ties the knot much tighter, between lodges and between members, does away with imaginary incompatibilities. How often do we hear from another lodge directly? How often do we write another lodge? How often do we receive even a form letter directly from the Supreme President? Think about all of this for a moment and then reflect how much closer you would feel to the other entity had these letters been sent or received.

This in effect was what the writer in the news sheet said and more too. I personally feel that if you read this over a couple of times, you will get to thinking about it a lot.

The paper goes on to mention the many affairs they have had in Erie during the summer and especially in the Sommerlyst Park.

It also mentions many birthday parties both in the Brother lodge and among the Sisters.

Schenectady, Lodge No. 190

In Schenectady they report that the clambake was attended by about 50 members, more had been expected. It was arranged by a committee of all young people and all had a fine time.

Ex-Presidents' meeting was on Nov. 17th, all Ex-Presidents occupied the chairs and two proxies were awarded.

Turkey raffle on November 20 and there will be dancing, and door prizes will be awarded.

Hartford, Lodge No. 314

We were very happy to receive a note from the secretary of Hartford lodge informing us that at their meeting Nov. 3rd they had a visit from the newly elected trustee of the G. C., John Rasmussen. He also recently visited Erie. Brother Rasmussen is comparatively new in the Brotherhood, but a most active and interesting member they say; in Hartford they enjoyed his visit very much; another visitor from Providence lodge was present, namely Paul Nielsen, but he is getting to be quite regular in Hartford as he now lives there, but he attends meetings in Providence also.

Einar also informs us that on Dec. 27th there will be a Christmas party for the Brothers and Sisters, and on January 15th, 1955, which is a Saturday, there will be installation of officers.

This, too, will be a joint affair with the Sisters. The President of the G. C., Peter Christensen, has been invited to install the officers in Lodge No. 314.

Put a mark on the calendar for this date as this is always a fine evening in Hartford.

Rosenborg Lodge No. 102, Providence

At the meeting Nov. 12th it was decided that election of officers will take place at the meeting Dec. 10. At this same meeting election of a By-Law committee will take place and delegates and alternates for both national and G. C. conventions will be elected at the same time. You are therefore asked to do all in your power to come to this meeting. We were informed by the Sisters that they have decided to hold a Children's Christmas party on Dec. 28th, the party will be held in the large meeting hall, British Club No. 8, Greene St., Providence. Of course, we are going with them as a committee and ask you all to come.

News Sheets From Lodges 116, 172 and 202

From the above mentioned lodges we receive regularly monthly papers sent to all individual members of their lodges, therein we find quite a lot of interest for their members; but of course we cannot here mention all of it. However, in Warren, Pa., they are celebrating their 50th anniversary with a dinner and a social evening on Nov. the 16th. The speaker for the evening will be James Nordine the Vice President of the G. C., 50-year emblems will be presented to several charter members.

In Newark, N. J., the Sisters will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a dinner and dance on Dec. 4th in Hotel Douglas in Newark. Ex-Presidents' night was had at the meeting Nov. 13th and usually a fine crowd turns out for that night. Brother Kaj Holm was initiated into the lodge at the meeting in October; all bid him welcome to the lodge and the Danish Brotherhood. We are sure you will enjoy your membership in Lodge No. 116 Brother Kaj.

In Philadelphia the Brothers enjoyed their meeting in their new hall last October and had invited the ladies and friends to look them over. The visitors enjoyed card games, etc., during the meeting and after the meeting refreshments were served.

At the meeting in January the lodge will honor a Brother of the lodge who has been a member for 50 years. He is Brother Jens Arnold Andersen. Brother Andersen lives in Laurel Springs, N. J., and therefore has not been able to come to meetings too often. However, we will be glad to greet him at the January meeting.

When you are reading this, most likely the affair will be over; but I am sure you have heard about it anyway. John K. Lysen in New York will be honored at a dinner party at the Danish Athletic Club in Brooklyn on Friday, Dec. 3rd.

You all know John, at least here in the East we know him. He has, as far as I know, been Finance Secretary for Lodge No. 164 for so many years that it would be hard to try to say how many.

Anyone who reads "Den Danske Pioneer kender ham derfra," John has a column there almost every week.

We are sure there will be a fine gathering there and John will be very proud and we wish him the best of luck and many more happy years to come.

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50-Year Pins Awarded in Ringsted, Iowa

At a special meeting held in the Legion hall Monday evening, November 22, five members of Lodge No. 134, Ringsted, Iowa, were awarded gold 50-year membership pins.

M. S. Nelsen, president of the lodge presented pins to Armand Madsen, John Jensen and S. J. Lund, all three of whom were present. H. A. Gaarde of Estherville and Andrew Davidsen are also 50-year members of the lodge but they were not present to receive their pins.

The members of the Danish Sisterhood were present and singing by all present livened up the occasion. A 50-year song written by Mrs. S. J. Lund was appropriate to the occasion and much enjoyed.

"Scherwenzel" was played at seven tables. John Jensen received high prize for the men and L. A. Petersen, low. Mrs. Clara Petersen was high for the ladies and Mrs. Christina Nelsen was low, but Mrs. Nelsen collected double as she also was awarded the door prize.

Lunch was served to the fifty or more members present and it was late when the party began to break up.

DBS Lodge No. 134 was organized in 1900 and the first meetings held in the Nelsen hall over the present Petersen store. It was here the present 50-year members "road the goat." The Danish Sisterhood was organized here in 1901.

A. L. ANDERSON.

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 Dansk Nytaar, Blair, Nebr. The above is a re-print from the November 1 issue, but we wish to again call attention to this desirable book. It may be added that the printing was slightly behind schedule, but it is now available, so send your dollar or dollars now for as many copies as you may want. Send your orders direct to Dansk Nytaar, Blair, Nebr.

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Resolutions

EMIL C. PEDERSEN, Oneonta, N. Y.

In memory of our departed brother, Emil C. Pedersen, who passed away March 24, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Oneonta Lodge No. 300:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our beloved 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 Oneonta Lodge No. 300.

Jack Olsen, Sec.

LORENTZ PEHRSON, Oneonta, N. Y.

In memory of our departed brother, Lorentz Pehrson, who passed away September 25, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Oneonta Lodge No. 300:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our departed 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 Oneonta Lodge No. 300.

Jack Olsen, Sec.

PETER NIELSEN, Cincinnati, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Peter Nielsen, who passed away November 2, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 281:

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

Simon Simonsen, Pres.
William Schmidt, Sec.

WILHELM HANSEN, Petaluma, Calif.

In Memoriam of Wilhelm Hansen

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 Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 143.

Wayne Tharpe, Pres.
John Winding, Sec.

CARL W. JOHNSON, Kenosha, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Carl W. Johnson, who passed away November 4, 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. 14, Kenosha, Wis.

Martin Jensen, Pres.
Carl Olsen, Sec.

JENS HANSEN, Arcata, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Hansen, who passed away at the Trinity hospital, Arcata, Calif., on November 22, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at a special meeting held at the Danish hall, Arcata, November 22, 1954:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of our president and leader and a most loyal and true member of our order; that we extend to his family our most sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

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

In behalf of Humboldt Lodge No. 230.

Iver Simonsen, Vice Pres.
Gunnar Ladefoged, Sec.

WALTER L. LINKBACK, Muskegon, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Walter L. Linkback, who passed away November 11, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Muskegon Lodge No. 30:

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

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

Clayton Hansen, Pres.
Lawrence J. Ritter, Sec.

NEILS PETER JOHANSEN, Junction City, Ore.

In memory of our departed brother, Neils Peter Johansen, who passed away October 3, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting November 2, 1954:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 268, Junction City, Ore.

W. A. Jensen, Pres.
Fred Petersen, Sec.

JENS JULIUS FREDERIKSEN, Seattle, Wash.

In memory of our old brother, Jens Frederiksen, who passed away October 25, 1954, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and that we extend our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved.

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

On behalf of Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Wash.

N. Ingvald Nelsen, Pres.
Norbert E. Grove, Sec.

Golden Wedding at Lodge No. 107

On November 5th, an important day had been reached for Mr. and Mrs. Axel Jensen of 12018 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. It was fifty years ago that Axel and Bessie said "I do." This day had been looked forward to, not only by Axel Jensen and his family, but also by Lodge No. 107 of which Axel has been an active member for many years.

A banquet, sponsored by Lodge 107, was held on November 7th at Hans Nielsen's Banquet room on 79th and Western Avenue. The hall was filled to capacity, and it was a wonderful sight by which this couple could remember their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

After the guests had been welcomed by the president, Marvin Jensen, the Lord's Prayer was sung by Ellen Jensen, who is a daughter of the Golden Couple. The gathering then sang "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by the Danish National Song. At this time a delicious turkey dinner was served with all the trimmings. The tables were decorated with red and white carnations.

George Ugilt, the representative of the "Danish Pioneer" was appointed toastmaster, a job which he did with skill and humor. The first speaker was John Christiansen from Lodge No. 17, who spoke for the group from this Lodge, which was well represented. Brother Secretary Andrew Swendsen had written some very humorous songs as his tribute from Lodge 35, and Carl Meyer and Marius Pedersen spoke from the same lodge. Brother Einar Danielsen and Gerhardt Rasmussen spoke for St. Charles Lodge No. 92, which was very heavily represented. The Northern Trio worked overtime trying to please this group who knows countless songs of the past and present, and could sing them, and therefore got more request numbers than anyone else.

Martin Andersen from South Side Hundredman's society brought greetings from this organization,

and members from Axel Jensen's Mason's and Odd Fellows society expressed their congratulations. Thorvald K. Hansen (Treasurer) for Lodge 107 thanked Axel Jensen for good fellowship and cooperation on committee work and referred to Axel Jensen as one of the old workhorses who can still work. Thorvald Hansen also thanked each and everyone who helped to make this affair a success. We in this lodge were happy to see so many come out and pay Mr. and Mrs. Axel Jensen a sincere tribute, which they so genuinely deserve.

Ellen Jensen sang two beautiful songs as a tribute to her parents. Telegrams arrived and were read. The first was from our Supreme Lodge, signed by Brother Axel Skelbeck. Greetings arrived from friends and relatives in Denmark and many others here in the United States. A whole family from Battle Creek, Michigan, by the name of Rich had come out to honor Uncle Axel and Aunt Bessie. At last the floor was given to Brother Axel Jensen, who spoke for his family. He thanked each and every one who had come from far and near to help celebrate this happy occasion, for this is a day, he said, "which always will be looked back on as our big day as long as we live."

Gifts and flowers had been coming in to their home all week, and a sweet fragrance filled their home and their hearth.

The Northern Trio now swung into the favorite dance tunes and the first dance was led by the Golden Bride and Groom, and so we came to the end of a perfect day as well as a perfect celebration.

TOM JENSEN, Sec. Lodge No. 107.

Change in Address of Officers

Secretary:

Lodge No. 164, Paul Petersen, 1429 St. Laurence Avenue, Bronx 60, New York.

Treasurer:

Lodge No. 67, John Hjort, 3706 N. Anna Street, Fresno, California.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Sept. 17—	Fredrick Rasmussen	89	Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1894	Bronchial pneumonia	\$367.50
Aug. 4—	Martin J. Jensen	76	Hjørring, Denmark	260	Williston, N. D.	1915	Arteriosclerosis	978.19
Oct. 13—	Christen Olsen	66	Bjærsted, Holbæk	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1911	Cancer of larynx	250.00
Oct. 14—	Thorvald Jensen	90	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1898	Senile	730.91
Oct. 2—	Christian B. Lawson	80	Tøndal Amt., Den.	112	Portland, Maine	1903	Heart failure	866.41
Oct. 16—	Niels M. N. Bonde	87	Horne, Denmark	114	Lake Benton, Minn.	1905	Not given	794.17
Oct. 16—	Hans C. Jorgensen	75	Askov, Denmark	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1906	Heart disease	1,000.00
Sept. 30—	Reynhart Jens Vesgaard	39	Alta, Iowa	95	Ferndale, Calif.	1946	Drowning	250.00
Sept. 27—	Thomas Jensen	87	Snedsted, Denmark	39	Oakland, Calif.	1896	Suicide	1,000.00
Sept. 24—	Boy J. Hansen	51	Maasbøll, Lindholm	3	Davenport, Iowa	1939	Coronary occlusion	5,000.00
April 18—	Adolf Habersat	86	Thisted, Denmark	240	Rochester, N. Y.	1906	Heart disease	201.00
Oct. 13—	Rasmus Peter Rasmussen	86	Præstø Amt., Den.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1906	Senility	804.02
Sept. 26—	Niels T. Nielsen	86	Holtug, Præstø Amt.	95	Ferndale, Calif.	1896	Myocarditis	382.40
Oct. 26—	Christian Petersen	85	Haderslev, Slesvig	11	Clinton, Iowa	1903	Myocardial failure	1,000.00
Oct. 5—	Hans Carl Petersen	76	Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1915	Rheumatoid arthritis	978.19
Nov. 2—	Albert Ribbjerg	71	Marstal, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1906	Coronary thrombosis	956.37
Nov. 1—	Peder Hansen	71	Diernæs, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1910	Coronary occlusion	243.83
Oct. 25—	Wilhelm A. Hansen	73	Lolland, Denmark	143	Petaluma, Calif.	1907	Acute Pancreatitis	1,000.00
Feb. 27—	Chr. T. C. Lollich	94	Kolding, Velje Amt.	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1895	Arteriosclerosis	685.32
Nov. 8—	Jens N. Houborg	89	Højrup, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1890	Heart disease	361.95
Oct. 3—	Niels Peter Johansen	72	Denmark	268	Junction City, Ore.	1917	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Oct. 31—	Carl Nielsen	82	Næstved, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1907	Not received	444.06
Nov. 5—	Anton M. Petersen	70	Kolding, Denmark	2	Neenah, Wis.	1929	Carcinoma	250.00
Nov. 2—	Peter Nielsen	69	Hobro, Denmark	281	Cincinnati, Ohio	1927	Heart disease	250.00
Oct. 20—	Hans H. M. Jorgenson	85	Humle, Langeland	130	Henry, S. D.	1900	Coronary occlusion	397.77
Sept. 16—	Bernhard G. Tang	74	Copenhagen, Denmark	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1939	Not given	Social

Donations to Children's Homes

In last month's issue we made the annual appeal for contribution to the Children's Homes. It is with grateful appreciation in behalf of the orphan's homes that I hereby acknowledge receipt of contributions to date as noted below:

Lodge No.	Location	Donation
1	Omaha, Nebraska	\$25.00
2	Neenah, Wisconsin	4.10
4	Racine, Wisconsin	50.00
5	Moline, Illinois	1.00
9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	2.50
12	Green Bay, Wisconsin	10.00
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	19.90
26	Fremont, Nebraska	5.00
28	Badger, South Dakota	3.00
31	Exira, Iowa	.30
32	New Haven, Connecticut	10.00
34	Dwight, Illinois	7.80
53	Joliet, Illinois	2.00
54	Danebrog, Nebraska	2.10
56	Kansas City, Missouri	15.00
60	Nebraska City, Nebraska	.20
62	Sioux City, Iowa	2.00
63	Burlington, Iowa	2.00
64	Rockford, Illinois	5.00
67	Fresno, California	5.00
69	Cleveland, Ohio	5.00
73	Alden, Minnesota	5.00
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	10.00
85	Rochester, Minnesota	1.80
88	Elba, Nebraska	1.00
89	Superior, Wisconsin	3.00
92	St. Charles, Illinois	9.00
110	Winside, Nebraska	5.00
111	Austin, Minnesota	5.00
116	Newark, New Jersey	5.00
119	Pueblo, Colorado	2.00
125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	3.30
127	Reinbeck, Iowa	2.00
128	Avoca, Iowa	3.00
139	Viborg, South Dakota	15.00
147	Newell, Iowa	6.30
149	Luverne, North Dakota	5.00
151	Escanaba, Michigan	1.00
153	Dannevirke, Nebraska	1.50
160	Underwood, Minnesota	3.00
169	Hubbard, Nebraska	5.00
171	Jamestown, New York	5.00
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	10.00
175	Jacksonville, Iowa	2.50
186	Luck, Wisconsin	6.50
189	Barronett, Wisconsin	1.00
191	St. Louis, Missouri	5.00
195	Omaha, Nebraska	5.00
198	Kenmare, North Dakota	2.00
206	Blair, Nebraska	2.50
212	Waterloo, Iowa	5.00
213	Ord, Nebraska	1.70
217	Humboldt, Iowa	3.00
221	Latimer, Iowa	1.50
225	Canton, Iowa	5.00
227	Detroit, Michigan	35.00
228	Indianapolis, Indiana	2.50
234	Woodstock, Illinois	2.00

238	Juhl, Michigan	.10
239	Lake Forest, Illinois	4.00
249	Pierre, South Dakota	2.00
251	Devils Lake, North Dakota	2.00
253	Ruthton, Minnesota	2.00
263	Askov, Minnesota	15.00
268	Junction City, Oregon	5.50
269	Oregon, Wisconsin	.60
277	Kensal, North Dakota	1.00
279	Hunter, North Dakota	2.00
281	Cincinnati, Ohio	5.00
283	Dagmar, Montana	15.00
294	Barre, Vermont	3.00
298	Chicago, Illinois	5.00
299	Solvang, California	5.00
301	Akron, Ohio	1.00
306	San Diego, California	5.00
308	McCabe, Montana	1.50
311	Sidney, Montana	1.50
314	Hartford, Connecticut	10.00
315	Buffalo, New York	1.00
317	Spencer, Iowa	5.00
321	West Palm Beach, Florida	5.00
327	Harlan, Iowa	2.00
329	Long Beach, California	2.00
John Tolversen,	Neenah, Wisconsin	10.00

Total ----- \$475.20

I know that we will receive many contributions during the month of December which will be acknowledged in future issues of the magazine. We shall appreciate to have all contributions in time to make distribution to the Homes by Christmas.

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Sec.-Treas.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Monday, September 20

The annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the Home Office, 908 W. O .W. Building, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning Monday, September 20, 1954.

All Officers answered roll call. Present were: Svend Petersen, President; Otto Nielsen, First Vice President; Hilmar W. Hansen, Second Vice President; Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer; Viggo Mikkelsen, Hans E. Norregaard and Hans M. Andersen, Trustees.

Svend Petersen presided and called the meeting to order at nine o'clock in the forenoon. He announced that he had invited Ex-Presidents C. B. Christensen and John Hansen to come to Omaha at this time. Christensen could not come, but Hansen was present and accepted an invitation to sit in at the meeting. John Hansen responded that he was pleased to be here and it would be a great experience for him again to sit in on a meeting of the Board.

The president announced the agenda for the meeting. He stressed the fact that the March 1955 meeting would most likely be the last full Board meeting before the National Convention next September. It should be our purpose at this meeting to lay the foundation for a sound legislative program for the Convention's consideration.

The balance of the day was spent in panel discussions along these lines. Some of the points which became uppermost important were items such as: The prospects of success of an insurance program in Canada; The sponsorship of special lodge activities;

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Tuesday, September 21

The meeting convened at 9:30 a. m. in the Safe Deposit Vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha, with all members of the Board, and Ex-President John Hansen participating. The securities owned were audited and an inventory taken. The interest coupons coming due in the period from October 1, 1954 through the month of March, 1955 were detached, sorted and segregated by month of due date.

These duties completed, the meeting adjourned to the Home Office. The Trustees submitted a written report on the audit of the investments of the Society, as follows:

"This is to certify that we the undersigned Trustees of The Danish Brotherhood in America have this date checked and audited the bonds deposited in the vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska. We found the total face value of such securities to be in agreement with the Society's books."

By motion, duly made by Hilmar W. Hansen, seconded, the Trustees' Report was incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

Proposed new by-laws for the Utah-Idaho General Committee came up for attention at this time. They were approved by motion of Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded. It was the general opinion that the General Committee be commended for the clarity of its by-laws.

Wednesday, September 22

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

Otto Nielsen presented the matter of license in the State of Washington. The question was thoroughly discussed. It was found that it could be of great advantage to have jurisdiction in that State. It was moved by Otto Nielsen that we proceed to obtain

a license in the State of Washington and that the Secretary-Treasurer be given authority to do all things necessary to obtain such license. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

At this time a meeting was held with Mr. Robert F. Bender of the Wachob-Bender Corporation, local Investment Bankers, with regard to investment policies, in view of the present securities market.

Next followed a meeting with the Societys Actuary, Mr. C. D. Spangler of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Hilmar W. Hansen recommended that efforts be made to revive the use of members' badges at the lodge meetings. Because of the almost prohibitive cost of having a new supply of the present style badge made, he proposed that we look into the possibilities of adopting a new type of badge of a circular or oblong shape and made of plastic, or similar type of material. The discussion on the subject brought a motion, duly made by Viggo Mikkelsen, seconded and adopted, that the secretary be authorized to have some enlarged sketches of various types made to submit to the next National Convention for consideration.

As a member of the Committee to review the Society's rituals and make recommendations for betterments, Hilmar W. Hansen presented a new adaption of the initiation rituals. Being too complex a job to handle satisfactorily without first having had an opportunity to study the copy, it was moved by Hans M. Andersen: That each Board member be furnished with a copy of Hilmar W. Hansens adaption of the initiation ceremony for consideration and report at the next Board meeting. Seconded and carried.

Viggo Mikkelsen, also on the Committee, said that he had the "Open and Closing of the Meeting" section to review. That he could find no need to amend this section and recommended that no changes be made. The recommendation was accepted by motion of Hans M. Andersen, seconded.

Hans M. Andersen said that he would like to have our various advertising folders distributed in a more effective manner, so that we could bring them into the hands of members who do not attend meetings in their lodge. Several ideas and methods were debated. To use the folders as inserts in an issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine became a motion duly made by Otto Nielsen and, seconded, was adopted. The cost was estimated at \$150.

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