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## Another beginning

*Here comes another brand new year...  
May it prove richly rewarding to you and yours  
good health, happiness and the fulfillment  
of your most dearly cherished desires.*

*Fraternally yours,  
The Supreme Board*

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January, 1955

## Right Now is the Time to get Those New Members

Begin by getting five new members, thereby making your lodge eligible to compete for first, second or third place in the Brotherhood membership contest, scheduled for the six months, January 1 to June 30, 1955.

Winners, will be the lodges placing first, second and third highest, in percentage of increase, above that of their membership total, as of January 1, 1955, plus five new members.

Every new member benefits you, himself, the lodge and the Brotherhood. There are no losers.

So, members everywhere, help your lodge to increase its membership, by introducing potential members to the many advantages and benefits of being a member of your lodge and the Danish Brotherhood.

Let us make a special effort to prove to ourselves and to all other, that members and lodges of the Danish Brotherhood really can produce results, when they earnestly try.

To the lodge, winning first place, will be presented an American flag and a Danish flag, both, size 3 foot by 5 foot, with fringes, cords and tassels, on an 8 foot staff and with a tripod stand. These two flags are attractive and suitable for use in lodge rooms or meeting halls on all occasions when flags should be displayed.

Prizes, to be awarded second and third prize winners, will be described in future issues of our magazine.

Fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN,  
 9537 South Mendocino Ave.  
 Parlier, California.

## Appreciation

P. O. Box 642,  
 Negaunee, Michigan.  
 November 28, 1954

Gentlemen:

My father, Mr. Hans Andersen, a member of the Danish Brotherhood, has requested me to write to you and thank you for the help you have given him. He is very grateful as he did not think any such help could be given. My father is still in the hospital and cannot sit up. He has tried it but just can't take it. He is also suffering from arthritis in his legs and hands. I am beginning to think father will never walk again. He had a birthday the 24th of November, he was 89 years old. Again I must say "thank you" from father and also from mother and all of his children. We all appreciate all you have done and are doing.

I remain respectfully,

MRS. MARGARET C. BERRY

## Greeting From Denmark

Thanking you for the year gone by I wish you and your readers a Merry Christmas and a bright, prosperous New Year. As both you and your readers know, we collect here any kind of material pertaining to Danes and Danish activities in the USA; there is no doubt, I think, that many Danes—especially of the older generation—have material hidden away in cupboards and drawers. Such material ought to be collected now and sent to the Archives, otherwise it will maybe some day be burned or thrown away.

Next year the Archives has existed 25 years. I do think that the Archives is by far the most beautiful monument erected in honor of the Danish emigrants and that every Dane in the U. S. A. should take an interest in our work and future. Photographs and biographical notes of any Dane will always be very welcome.

Hoping to hear from lots of my countrymen in the coming year, I am with kind, personal regards  
 Most sincerely yours,

SVEND WAENDELIN, Archivist.  
 The Dan-America Archives.  
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Almost 47,500 taxicabs cruise the streets of the 50 largest cities in the U. S. New York City leads with 11,796, followed by Washington, D. C., with 9,534. Chicago is third with 3,749, and Philadelphia fourth with 2,150.

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# Financial Report

NOVEMBER 30, 1954

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand November 1, 1954	-----\$	9,045.33
Assessments	-----	10,548.94
Interest on bonds	-----	14,296.95
Bonds matured or called	-----	15,000.00
Premium on bonds called	-----	500.00
Interest on certificate loans	-----	3.81

\$ 49,395.03

Disbursements:

Death claims	-----\$	17,282.35
Certificate loan	-----	3.81
Cash surrender	-----	286.04
Collection expense on bond coupons	-----	7.50
Balance on hand November 30, 1954	-----	31,815.33

\$ 49,395.03

## General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand November 1, 1954	-----\$	14,483.38
Received in November	-----	723.47

\$ 15,206.85

Disbursements:

Actuarial expenses	-----\$	30.00
Advertising, printing and stationery	-----	42.51
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	-----	66.78
Membership reward	-----	24.00
Rent and lights	-----	181.94
Printing and mailing official publication	-----	392.46
Personal Property Taxes	-----	14.18
Social Security	-----	16.70
Insurance department examination	-----	916.73
General office expenses	-----	50.00
Salaries, officers and employees	-----	1,212.00
Balance on hand November 30, 1954	-----	12,259.55

\$ 15,206.85

## Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand November 1, 1954	-----\$	23,694.55
Relief assessment	-----	17.00
Interest on bonds	-----	1,050.00
Relief payments returned	-----	3.74
Relief payments repaid by beneficiary	-----	144.06

\$ 24,909.35

Disbursements:

Relief payments	-----\$	443.50
Balance on hand November 30, 1954	-----	24,465.85

\$ 24,909.35

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand November 1, 1954	-----\$	3,484.90
Juvenile assessments	-----	133.61

\$ 3,618.51

Disbursements:

Balance on hand November 30, 1954	-----\$	3,618.51
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\$ 3,618.51

## Assets

Mortuary Fund investments	-----	\$3,975,442.89
Relief Fund investments	-----	220,000.00
General Fund investments	-----	40,000.00
Cash in bank	-----	72,159.24

\$4,307,602.13

# Donations to Children's Homes

Contributions received from:

Lodge	No.	Location	Donation
	7	Cedar Falls, Iowa	\$ 5.00
	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	15.00
	37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	10.00
	38	Laramie, Wyoming	5.00
	40	Rawlins, Wyoming	1.00
	43	Denver, Colorado	10.00
	51	Ludington, Michigan	5.00
	65	Duluth, Minnesota	4.50
	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	7.50
	109	White, South Dakota	1.00
	113	Enumclaw, Washington	10.00
	121	Tyler, Minnesota	1.10
	144	Dike, Iowa	5.00
	152	Wilbur, Washington	5.00
	161	Ruskin, Nebraska	5.00
	170	Rocky River, Ohio	5.00
	177	Cordova, Nebraska	5.00
	182	Waukegan, Illinois	10.00
	202	Warren, Pennsylvania	5.00
	205	Brooklyn, New York	5.30
	210	Grand Rapids, Michigan	2.00
	214	West Point, Nebraska	2.00
	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	10.00
	222	Corry, Pennsylvania	2.00
	224	Alta, Iowa	1.00
	230	Arcata, California	5.00
	238	Juhl, Michigan	3.00
	242	Erie, Pennsylvania	35.00
	245	South Bend, Indiana	5.00
	260	Williston, North Dakota	1.60
	266	Rice Lake, Wisconsin	1.00
	269	Oregon, Wisconsin	.60
	296	Galveston, Texas	2.00
	300	Oneonta, New York	5.00
	301	Akron, Ohio	1.20
	322	Santa Barbara, California	8.00
	323	Alhambra, California	2.00
		Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 6	10.00
		Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 10	10.00
		Fred O. Christiansen, New London, Minn.	5.00
		Theo. Christiansen, Petaluma, Calif.	5.00

Previously reported ----- \$236.80

Total thus far ----- \$475.20

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.-Treas.

# Change in Address of Officers

Secretary:

Lodge No. 205, William Svendsen, 150-07 Forty-first Avenue, Flushing 54, New York.

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

As a District Officer this past year and elected to serve again, I wish to express to brothers and sisters everywhere, my appreciation of the Fifth Annual Convention itself and the thought and effort of those who made it possible, and of the far-sighted actions taken by men such as Past Supreme President N. B. Nelson, Brothers Tage Fredrikson of Seattle, and Peter Pihl of Portland. It is my deep and sincere conviction that this organization has done more for the Danish Brotherhood, not only in our own district of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, but for the entire fraternity than any similar group within our Order — especially if Canadian Brothers become an active part of our Insurance program. With men like Svend Petersen, Otto Nielsen, Hilmar Hansen, Axel Skelbeck, Hans Andersen and all other Supreme Leaders to continue to guide us in coming months, we are assured of constructive action and uninterrupted progress towards the improvement of our fraternity. And as long as I am handing out bouquets, the splendid response by members appointed as committee chairmen and the number of Brothers volunteering to serve on various projects, makes me fully aware that there is ample reason for Enumclaw's Number 113 being the most enthusiastic and one of the very best lodges in the entire Order. I feel certain that those who attended this convention will agree that our conclaves are getting "bigger and better" each year.

Correspondent Sigurd C. Nielsen of Orchards keeps me religiously informed as to all activities of Portland's DBS Number 167 and Writer L. Mortensen faithfully mails me the Spokane news about Vind's Lodge Number 42. But speaking of editors, here is the latest inspiration from our mutual friend, Brother Chris P. Jensen of Seattle:

Konventions Sang og Hyldest til Enumclaw (Mel.  
—Velkommen i den Grønne Lund)

Velkommen i vor grønne Lund  
Hvor danske Hjem har fundet;  
Thi Enumclaw er frisk og sund  
Af frodig Mark oprundet.

Vor Haand vor Aand vort Danske Smil  
Er Borgen for vort Hjerte;  
Vi elsker vore kvinders Smil,  
Det Smil vi tidt begærte.

I kom fra Syd I kom fra Nord,  
Til Stævne her i Lunden.  
Velkommen her hvor Dansker boer,  
Vi har det godt igunden.

Vor Sag er ærlig for enhver  
Som søger Fred og Hygge.  
Vort Samfund er kun Kærlighed,  
Den Grund hvorpaa vi bygge.

Nordvestens Sønner samlet er  
Til Logers Gavn og Ære;  
Vi drøfte vil hvad vi har kær,  
Det skal vort Samfund bære.

Men ogsaa lidt Gemytliged  
Skal ringe her i Lunden;  
En Skaal paa gammel danske Maneer  
Vi tømme vil til Bunden.

Saa slutter vi vor velkoms Sang  
Med tak til Allesammen.  
Det var en dejlig Sammenkomst.  
Farvel til Kløvervangen.

It is four years ago that the then Supreme Trustee Otto Nielsen awarded Seattle's DB President Albert Odegaard a beautiful call bell as first prize in bringing in the largest number of new candidates. Each year following, various contests have been conducted in this district through the good graces of Brothers N. B. Nelson, Ingvard Eskeberg, Peter Pihl, Carl N. Grove and others. Do we actually need contests in order to promote interest in obtaining new members? Brother John H. Nissen of Lodge Number 172 in Philadelphia says "We are too reticent about the Danish Brotherhood." We have a lot to offer — remember why you joined years ago — the same reasons exist today and the need for fellowship is greater as civilization becomes more complex. Sign up that prospect today so that we can initiate him tomorrow.

How many times have you gone to a basketball game and watched an excellent team of individuals lose the game because each player was more interested in his own showing and not that of his team? We Danes are guilty of that misdemeanor every once in a while either as an individual, as a lodge or even as a district. Each of us want to have a better fraternity as the years go on, one in which we can all participate, but sometimes we get on a tangent and try to do it by ourselves. To quote an old saying "When one person has an idea, he is alone; but when two people have the same idea, they are a regiment." Unquote. If each of these two has an organization behind him, his influence is multiplied many times over and when fifteen, twenty or thirty such people get together, each representing an organization, things can be done. Brothers re-read your Magazines and honestly get behind all worthwhile resolutions and "kill" the undesirable propositions before it is too late. In behalf of your District President C. Ed Hirsch, I earnestly wish to impress on every DBS member the importance of this assignment in the weeks and months ahead.

Convention time is usually preceded by many wonderful hours of contemplation — hours filled with dreams that must surely come true. Carefully laid plans can easily spell the difference between a successful event and one that is less pleasant. In the same token, it takes a lot of forethought to constructively think about the future of your individual DBS lodge and if it coincides with our national plans of sustenance. Spend a few hours in behalf of the Danish Brotherhood and your reward will definitely be to reap the harvest of a worthwhile existence. Safeguard the continued progress of our fraternity — vote for the good of the Order.

A fine pre-holiday gathering turned out for the Christmas party of the Enumclaw Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges Sunday evening, December the twelfth. A little early, perhaps, but the true Christmas spirit was there. Christmas carols and songs in Danish and English were given out with the compliments of the Norwegian American Lines. Refreshments served at 6:30 p. m. in an old fashioned potluck supper style was followed by the exchange of fifty cent gifts passed out by Saint Nick's assistant Brother Norbert Grove who cut loose with a "Ho, Ho, Ho!" and a "Merry Holiday to all." Thanks to the good work of DSS Number 75 President Myrna M. Rieck and her many worthy Sisters, everyone had a very nice get-together.

The reminder that DB lodges and individual members can still contribute to the happiness and welfare of the Old People's Home on Des Moines Way was voiced by Brother John A. Hansen, the President of its Board of Directors, who met again on the fourteenth to discuss the problem of obtaining a new caretaker. The Voluntary Birthday Club, which was introduced by Director Carl Grove several years ago to all Pacific Northwest lodges but whose response Number 113 and a few scattered Brothers were alone in continuing, again emptied its coffers and turned over the anniversary dollars towards a special treat for our elder brothers and sisters. Both Brother George Gertsen and his wife, who are residents of the Home, have been ill of late.

McMINNVILLE — Thanksgiving's social evening was shared by a number of visiting Brothers from Number 167; and District President C. Ed Hirsch has made several appearances at this lively little lodge.

PORTLAND — A former President of this District, Brother Pete Pihl, accompanied by his good wife, Veronica, spent most of December in San Francisco and Los Angeles; Portland's Sisterhood successfully entertained the Brothers with a play on November sixth; Brother Marvin Pihl will be released from the army come next March; Henry Barreth has again been elected President, supported by the following officers: Ex-President Elmer Svendsen, Vice President Sigurd Nielsen, Secretary Hans Madsen, Treasurer Chris Christensen, Conductor Harry Jensen, Innerguard Chris Pedersen, Outer guard Peter Pihl, and Trustees Henry Svendsen, Magnus Esrom and Ed Hirsch, the latter also Delegate to the National Convention; and the Hirschs have moved to 4016 NE Skidmore.

SEATTLE — Martin Rasmussen, who owns and operates the Claremont Motel on Highway 99, has been giving me a hand with kindling renewed interest in the Tacoma DB; Brother Freddie Hoiland and wife, Mary (daughter of Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen) enjoyed a nice vacation in November and December, touring coastal routes down California Way; to commemorate the Christ Child's birthday in Jerasulem on a Christmas night almost 2,000 years ago, Number 29 pleased their annual gathering on Saturday, December the eighteenth; 1955 will see Robert Karch as President, Kristian Jorgensen as Ex-President and Gerald Jensen as Vice President; the officially elected Law Committee is composed of Past Presidents Einar Hansen, Ed Olsen, Kristian Jorgensen, Tony Jessen, Martin Rasmussen and Sig Pedersen with Supreme Vice President Otto and Building Treasurer Emil Lindholdt as advisors; and Brother Martin Rasmussen recently visited San Francisco DB Number 49.

TACOMA — I always enjoy visiting these old timers and to their last regular monthly meeting, I managed to route out their former Financial Secretary Svend Nielsen who sat down to the piano and gave out with "Danmark dejligst Vang og Vænge;" two old timers have left us in the names of Brothers Peter Nelson and Chris Thompson; Kuno Ernstsens, a young electrician from Silkeborg, Denmark, included the home of Brother Chris Pedersen in his coast to coast U. S. visit; Brothers N. P. Petersen and Walter Jensen are presently on the sick list; the same group of officers will again rule Number 33 in 1955 — Ex-President Niels Christensen, President Marinus Laursen, Vice President Chris Pedersen, Conductor Nels Tegen, Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen, Trustee Chairman Chris Fredriksen, Inner guard Thorval Mortensen, Outer guard Peder Thompson, and Trustees Andrew Andersen and Nels Paulsen; and to the brother who will sponsor at least twelve new members for them before the next National Convention, a \$100 award awaits.

SPOKANE — Past Supreme President N. B. Nelson and Brothers Lars Nielsen and Lauritz Spliid are all slowly regaining their health; on December 18 at the Knights of Pythias hall, DBS No. 42 staged their annual Christmas party complete with a children's program, a beautifully decorated tree and Santa Claus treats; Brother Rasch Paulsen's wife won the turkey raffled off at the DB's successful pinoche gathering; Richard Bech, son of Brother John Bech,

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is attending the University of Washington; Rolland Kjar as recommended by Brother Lawrence Cherneski was initiated into the order at the December meeting; District Ex-President Ingvard Eskeberg's son, Jack, a graduate of Washington state college, is teaching at Roosevelt; and Brother Nels (Christ) Nelson died on November 27 after a long hospital sojourn.

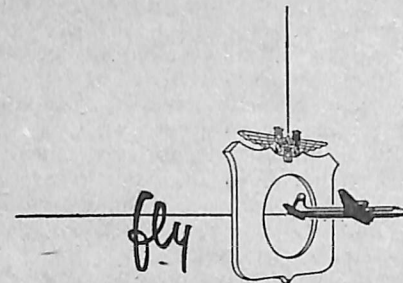
**ENUMCLAW** — Terry, son of Treasurer Andrew Hansen, has recently been sworn into the naval reserve surface division; Past District President Carl N. Grove and wife, Myrtine, are vacationing in California primarily to regain his heretofore good health which has not been up to par for many months; 1955 officers to be installed January 8 include President Oswald Pedersen, Vice President Henry Hergert, Secretary Norbert Grove, Treasurer Andrew Hansen, Trustee Johnny Rieck, Conductor Lester Jensen, Inner guard Ted Andersen and Outer guard Herman Pedersen — Ex-President Ingvald Nelsen, Trustee Chairman Ellery Einess and Trustee Elmer Boysen will also take the oath; Brother Haakon Ipsen informs me that he is feeding 75,000 baby trout for next season's fishing at his Shang-ri-la farm just north of the city; Convention law committee electees are Brothers Norbert Grove, Elmer Boysen, Jens Christensen, Bent Espersen, Soren Eriksen and Andrew Hansen with Norbert as delegate and Elmer as alternate; and Brother Thomas C. Hansen has recently ventured into still another business in initiating a health store, specializing in fresh vegetable juices made and served right in his new location.

Finally, my Brother, as each of you at your fire-side in the days ahead, enjoys the blessings of home, family and friends, I hope you will give a thought to the members of your DBS fraternity. On their behalf, as well as my own, may I extend to you and yours the good wishes of the New Year and the gratitude that we feel for the support and effort that you have given to the improvement of our order. May we make it a more useful instrument for those great objectives toward which we move and for which our getting and spending and living is only a means. Sonia and myself both wish you all, through this medium, the happiest of New Years and may God be with you throughout 1955 and may the true spirit of Brotherhood be in your hearts and bring you joy all year.

## 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			"Yes"	"No"
No.	Location			
1	Omaha, Nebraska	-----	12	14
4	Racine, Wisconsin	-----	0	58
	Totals	-----	12	72
	Previous totals reported	-----	70	102
	Present totals	-----	82	174



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## This is the City!



Racine, Wisconsin, home of the 1955 National Convention! And pictured above is idyllic Monument Square — the very heart of Racine. History records that this monument was dedicated in 1884, just one year after the second national convention was held in Racine. The people of Racine are very fond of their "Square." As this article is written, nativity tableaux's, Christmas trees and Yuletide decorations illuminate our "Square," but when the delegates and visitors arrive in September to attend our next national convention, beautiful flowers, cool water basins and sprinkler systems will delight your sight and scent and refresh the air; yes, Racine is truly a refreshing city. As a lake city, dwarfed by much-larger and interesting Milwaukee 25 miles to the north and by gigantic Chicago 65 miles to the south, Racine can make claim to that rare find of physical beauty reserved only to those communities fortunate enough to be situated on the shores of large bodies of water. Lake Michigan is our greatest geographic blessing. Racine is set on a thumb of land which juts out into Lake Michigan. A century ago this setting earned Racine the name of "Belle City of the Lakes" and a drive north on the lake road past Wind point or south along Lake Michigan, say nine miles, to our wonderful neighbors in Kenosha, through magnificent Alford Park, and a visit to Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha (and you just won't meet nicer people — anywhere — than in No. 14, Kenosha!) will be a trip never to be forgotten, especially by those visitors who live away from the Great Lakes! **WE ADVISE ALL, THAT CAN, TO COME BY AUTO**, so you may enjoy our Lake Michigan drives to the fullest extent! It will remind many of you so much of the Danish

seaside — yes — memories of Danish "Strandveje" with the cooling breezes and blue horizon. Racine's location is a climatic and pictorial plus. For it provides Racine with "cross-ventilation" in the summer which makes living comfortable even in July and August. And it provides extra mileage of lake roads and beaches for beauty. The most impressive view of the city is from the lake. Gulls dip about the basin within the breakwater, and the city rises in a low, broad plateau, with smokestacks, water towers and church steeples forming a skyline. — At night, lighthouses sweep the harbor, and the whole city stands out in tiers of vari-colored lights. There is little flash or caprice about Racine. She is a clean city, clean without being "scrubbed." She is a comfortable and friendly city. You can breathe in Racine. You can stand on the shore of the lake on a stormy day and feel clean and free. You can get the same feeling atop the hills of West Racine, watching the fireworks explode against the black sky on the Fourth of July. Racine is a city to enjoy both working and living in. Racine is, most of all, a friendly town! "The Belle City of the Lakes" Lodge No. 4 is a friendly lodge! Our town, by wondrous Lake Michigan, and our lodge, are extending a sincere invitation to attend and enjoy with us the 24th national convention, come September 19, 1955! We believe YOU will enjoy our friendly and home-like atmosphere! We believe YOU will enjoy the beauty of Lake Michigan! We believe YOU will enjoy our Danish way of living! We hope YOU accept our invitation, and we expect to welcome YOU — in September, 1955 — in Racine, "The Belle City of the Lakes."

GERHARD RASMUSSEN.

# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

## Golden Wedding in Byram



On November 18 Mr. and Mrs. George Sorensen celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Brother George Sorensen has been a member of lodge No. 50, Byram, for almost 56 years and his wife, Christine Sorensen, has been a member of Valkyrie Lodge No. 27 for more than 56 years. Their two fine sons George C. Jr., and Raymond had arranged for this celebration and more than 100 guests took part in a delicious turkey dinner celebrating and toasting two of the finest members that the two lodges ever had.

After the dinner, during which a wonderful spirit prevailed and many cards and telegrams were read, the secretary from lodge 50 and past secretary of the General Committee, Allan Josty took over as toastmaster. Several speeches were made honoring the bride and bridegroom for 50 years. Among the speakers were Sister Katharine Hansen, ex-president of Sisterhood lodge 27, Sister Elise Jensen who spoke on behalf of Ladies' Aid society and also Paul Thofner, ex-president of the General Committee who spoke on behalf of lodge 50 and bringing greetings from

the Ex Officers club of the General Committee. This fine affair was held in the Danish Club house in Byram for which both George and Christine have worked hard during the years, the vice president of the club house, Brother Henry Hansen, spoke on behalf of the Association.

The toastmaster, Allan Josty, finally spoke for all the members of the Danish colony and on their behalf presented George and Christine with a very beautiful gift. Then the best speech of the evening was given by Brother George Sorensen himself, when he stood up and said, "Christine and I thank you all so very much," and I know we all had a lump in our throats when he said that, because we knew, we were there to pay as much tribute to a wonderful couple, two fine members of the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood. Allan Josty who did a fine job as toastmaster finished the dinner with a request of singing "Der er et yndigt Land" and the orchestra started the dancing.

PAUL THOFNER.

## Lodges No. 102, 115, 172, 190, 202, 242 and 314

From the above mentioned lodges we have received the monthly news, which contains a lot of information for the brethren in the respective lodges they belong to. It seems that this month and the month of January will be very busy. Of course, with election of officers and law committees all over by this time, we go into the job of installations. At this point I like to point out that in Erie, Pa., they are certainly planning a very extensive evening and I would suggest that if you can, you should attend; this will be on January 23. I wish I could be there.

Of course there are so many happenings in Erie, we just cannot keep telling you about it, most of them will be over when you read this.

In Hartford, Conn., installation will be on Saturday, January 15, and I need not tell you that in Hartford it is always a most interesting evening at installation. The president of the General Committee has been invited to perform the work.

The president of the General Committee has also been invited to come to Providence on January 14 for installation or to send someone in his place if he is not able to make it. We hope that we will have a representative from the General Committee. We are planning with the Sisters to have some nice refreshments afterwards so that your evening will be worth while in Providence.

No particular dates are set for the installation in the other lodges mentioned, but Christmas parties are being held in all the lodges, I think we are going back to old times and trying to do it the old Danish way, which in my estimation is just fine.

## Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

From Philadelphia we have the following about a party relative to the Christmas Seals:

Selected pages from the prize winning collection of Scandinavian Christmas seals owned by John Hoyer, formed the back-drop for the Danish Christmas Seal birthday party given by the Philadelphia Tuberculosis and Health Association to mark the official opening of the 1954 Christmas Seal sale in Philadelphia on November 22. It celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first time Christmas Seals were sold to raise money with which to fight tuberculosis. Hoyer is a member of Enighedens Lodge 172, Danish Brotherhood in America, and is president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Scandinavian Collectors club. He resides at 5605 American Street.

The party, which was held in the auditorium at 311 South Juniper Street, honored Einar Holbøll, the Danish postal clerk who, in 1904, conceived the idea of selling a Christmas "stamp" to raise money for a TB hospital. Christmas seals were introduced into the United States in 1907 by Miss Emily Bissell of Wilmington, Delaware.

The Hon. Donald E. Hoagland, Consul to the United States from Denmark, received the first of the 1954 Christmas Seals to be issued in Philadelphia from Dr. Louis Nusbaum, chairman of the Christmas Seal sale committee of the Philadelphia association, signalling the start of the annual drive.

After a brief address of welcome to the members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood and other guests, Dr. Nusbaum recounted in detail the "Birth

of the Christmas Seal in Denmark." His talk was followed by a film giving the "History of the American Christmas Seal." Climaxing the program was the presentation of a new one act play entitled "For Those Who Follow" written by Esther M. Hawley of the American Theater Wing, New York City, especially for use by tuberculosis associations.

Members of various Danish organizations in Philadelphia were invited to attend and participate, and in order to maintain the tradition of a Danish birthday party, refreshments consisted of hot chocolate with whipped cream and fancy cakes.

## John K. Lysen Honored by Members of the Greater New York Lodges

The Danish Athletic club, Brooklyn, N. Y., was the scene of a very fine testimonial dinner Friday, December 10 by members of the Danish Brotherhood in Greater New York, honoring one of the most outstanding members in that vicinity. The guest of honor to whom the tribute was paid was the finance secretary and treasurer for many, many years in Modersmaalet lodge No. 164, the one and only John K. Lysen.

It was not tribute to him for the work he has done inside the Danish Brotherhood alone, but it was also for the wonderful work which he has done in the Danish colony in or around New York. With Paul Brown, past president of Modersmaalet, as toastmaster the many speeches bore out how much John K. Lysen has meant to many, many Danes, who needed help badly after their arrival in the States. Yes, John K. was always there to get things straightened out for them. As one of the speakers said, "That is the reason why John K. is known and well liked all over the United States where Danes are to be found." As correspondent to the "Pioneer" we all enjoy his weekly writings, and it is to be hoped that he will be able to continue his exceptional work for many years to come.

The principal speakers were Marguerite Christensen, Supreme President for the Danish Sisterhood and C. Bysted Christensen, Past Supreme President of the Brotherhood. Among other speakers were Anders Jensen and Elmer Jensen both past presidents from Cimbria lodge, Aage Jespersen and Paul Thofner, both ex-presidents of the Eastern General Committee, and Paul Wickman, president of "Vaabenbrødrene" and many, many more. Telegrams arrived from all over. Robert Holmer in a very fine speech for Mrs. Lysen presented her with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Danish Athletic club. A wonderful tribute to John K. Lysen that will long be remembered by himself and his charming wife.

## 65 Years in Bridgeport, Conn.

Friday, December 3 the lodge in Bridgeport celebrated its 65th anniversary with a dinner and dance at the Wonder Bar restaurant on Boston Avenue, Bridgeport.

One hundred guests were present from the following lodges and representatives spoke in behalf of each wishing the lodge a happy future. They were lodge No. 32, New Haven; No. 41, Derby; No. 102, Providence, R. I.; No. 103, Waterbury; No. 314, Hartford; No. 325, Long Island; from No. 46 were the president of the Eastern Lodges, Peter Christensen,

and Mrs. Christensen. The guests were bid welcome by the president, Erik Garde, who introduced Brother James Jorgensen as toastmaster and Pastor Hansen gave the invocation. The tables were beautifully decorated with red and white carnations and a very large bouquet of the same only in much larger flowers were presented by the president of the Sister lodge in behalf of her lodge; several telegrams were received and read.

A 50-year emblem was presented by President Christensen to Brother Valdemar Jensen, who in a fine speech thanked for same and expressed his thanks and pleasure in being able to be present.

The president of the Home for the Aged in Metuchen spoke in behalf of the home. After a short talk by Pastor Hansen, we sang "Der er et yndigt Land" and dancing followed to the tunes of the most lively orchestra we have heard in a long time. We thank Bridgeport lodge for a fine evening and wish them the best of luck in the future.

The secretary, Andrew Nielsen, and the treasurer, Viggo Nielsen, also were called upon, also a representative from the Hand in Hand society.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation to the many lodges who this year have been sending me a little news now and then, it is gratifying to hear expressions of appreciation for our column. We may say that we are just telling you the same thing over again and reporting about what we are having to eat and what good times we have when we are together; but let me say this in my own way. That if it were not for a little sociable evening now and then, I think you would find our

meetings even smaller in attendance. We are reporting such matters only because we think it helps to keep us together.

At this time our sincere greetings to all the members of the Danish Brotherhood and especially to the Eastern section for a most happy and prosperous 1955. To the lodge and the members of Loge Nr. 318 in Copenhagen, "maa jeg hermed bringe mine bedste Hilsener for et godt Nytaar, maa vi altid kunde høre et Par Ord gennem Albert Petersen fra Danmark, og haaber at vi maa have Fornøjelsen af et Møde igen. Glædelight Nytaar allesammen.

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## JANUARY ASSESSMENT

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January 1, 1955

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February 1, 1955

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Oct. 30	Adolph C. Bering	85	Odense, Denmark	9	Oshkosh, Wis.	1909	Senility	\$ 250.00
Nov. 4	Carl W. Johnson	75	Oconto, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1917	Calcific aortic stenosis	250.00
Nov. 2	Hans A. Olson	70	Tordenskjold	160	Underwood, Minn.	1903	Accident	250.00
Nov. 6	Gustav P. Olsen	68	Copenhagen	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1914	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Nov. 11	Hjalmar W. Hansen	73	Maribo, Amt., Den.	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1905	Arteriosclerosis	233.80
Nov. 11	Chris Miller	74	Denmark	169	Hubbard, Nebr.	1913	Cerebral thrombosis	245.17
Nov. 15	Jorgensen Petersen	71	Barret, Denmark	225	Canton, Ohio	1905	Carcinoma	500.00
Oct. 25	Jens Fredriksen	79	Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1900	Carcinoma	424.29
Nov. 2	Mads H. Petersen	90	Aarhus, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1900	Arteriosclerosis	739.23
Nov. 3	Hans Hansen	83	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1910	Pernicious anemia	456.15
Nov. 1	Peter Nelson	68	Jylland, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1928	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Nov. 3	Niels C. Nielsen	85	Torslev, Hjørring	202	Warren, Pa.	1906	Carcinoma	409.98
Oct. 31	John P. Hansen	63	Glenville, Conn.	50	Byram, Conn.	1911	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Nov. 18	Carlo Andersen	53	Copenhagen	67	Fresno, Calif.	1935	Lympho sarcoma	250.00
Oct. 12	Peter A. Petersen	73	Holstebro, Jylland	112	Portland, Maine	1908	Coronary sclerosis	951.32
Nov. 15	Chris Skow	83	Hatting, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1894	Carcinoma	788.66
Nov. 13	Rasmus P. Jensen	88	Rostved, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Senility	777.23
Nov. 11	Holger L. Sinkback	62	Muskegon, Mich.	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1914	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
Oct. 18	Sam M. Smith	86	Denmark	34	Dwight, Ill.	1909	Pulmonary hemorrhage	445.16
Nov. 22	Jens Hansen	64	Bregninge, Denmark	230	Arcata, Calif.	1924	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
Nov. 15	Gotfred B. Olsen	83	Copenhagen	323	Alhambra, Calif.	1915	Arteriosclerosis	985.30
Nov. 21	Niels Nielsen	77	Aarhus, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1907	Not received	917.45
Nov. 25	Mads P. Petersen	71	Brovst, Sogn	202	Warren, Pa.	1904	Coronary occlusion	950.16
Nov. 22	Frederik Andersen	91	Søndersø, Fyn	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1894	Heart disease	716.52
Nov. 25	Frank Lauritzen	36	Nebel, Denmark	67	Fresno, Calif.	1893	Cerebral hemorrhage	189.07
Nov. 17	William Nelsen	66	Bindslev, Sogn	71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	1913	Carcinoma	500.00
Sept. 11	Hans J. Dixon	80	Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1906	Uremia	439.66
Nov. 19	Louis Hemmingsen	81	Borre Sogn, Præstø	73	Alden, Minn.	1894	Epileptoma	808.51
Nov. 23	Laurits N. Blekfeld	76	Jylland, Denmark	63	Burlington, Iowa	1906	Carcinoma	500.00
Nov. 27	Niels C. Nielsen	88	Odense, Denmark	42	Spokane, Wash.	1905	Arteriosclerosis	390.35
Nov. 27	Hans F. Jensen	84	Vallensved Sogn, Sorø	17	Chicago, Ill.	1904	Senility	829.61
Nov. 29	Chr. A. Winther	74	Nisted, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1910	Arteriosclerosis	958.27
Oct. 13	Christian Jensen	93	Vejleby, Denmark	299	Solvang, Calif.	1906	Heart disease	176.74
Nov. 19	Albert N. Molbeck	84	Taastrup, Denmark	112	Portland, Maine	1904	Heart disease	829.61
Dec. 6	Jens L. Jensen	80	Copenhagen	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1908	Pneumonia	910.73
Nov. 21	Jorgen Jorgensen	87	Slesvig, Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1906	Pneumonia	793.15
Dec. 9	Louis Grunberg	66	Rønne, Bornholm	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1921	Not received	500.00
Nov. 23	Hans C. Thuesen	78	Grinninghoved, Den.	213	Ord, Nebr.	1917	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Nov. 23	Christian Jessen	72	Kerteminde, Fyn, Den.	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1900	Not received	1,000.00
Nov. 11	Aaron B. Petersen	56	Wayne, Nebr.	4	Racine, Wis.	1948	Not given	Social

## In Memoriam

Humboldt Lodge No. 230, Arcata, Calif., and a host of friends and neighbors were greatly shocked at the death of our president, Jens Hansen. "Jim" as he was known to everyone around, was taken ill very suddenly, and, following an emergency operation, he passed away at the Trinity Hospital in Arcata November 22, 1954.

Besides his wife, Vreda, he leaves a brother, Marius Hansen, of Tulare, Calif., and three brothers and two sisters in Denmark, whom he saw one year ago when they were home on an extended visit.

Jim was born in Ærø, Denmark, February 24, 1891, and came to America in 1910. He came to Humboldt county in 1915, where he was engaged in various occupations such as hauling freight and working on dairy ranches. For several years he and his partner operated a large dairy ranch on Arcata bottom and for the past 11 years had been a driver for the Golden State Creameries. Eighteen years ago, he married Vreda Hess, who is also well known in the community, being very active in club and church work.

He had held an office in the DBS for many years taking part in numerous committees and working very diligently for the good and welfare of the lodge.

Services were held at Paul's Chapel in Arcata, November 24, 1954, with Rev. Harvey Sigurdson, of the Faith Lutheran Church, officiating. The bearers were Emery Bernardi, Archie Bernardi, Fred Fearrien, Martin Nielsen, Emel Nelson and Niels Dyhrberg. Concluding services were held in Ocean View Cemetery in Eureka.

Jim had endeared himself to many friends and children in the vicinity, and will be greatly missed by them; as he always had time to stop and play with the children and chat with his friends. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy is deeply extended to Vreda and his sisters and brothers in their hour of sorrow.

L. L. S.

## Aliens Required to Report Address

Officers in charge of Immigration and Naturalization call to the attention of all aliens the requirement of the Immigration and Nationality Act that every alien in the United States report his address to the government during the month of January. The report must be made on Form I-53, which may be obtained from any United States Post Office or from any Immigration office. The requirement applies to all aliens who are in the United States on January 1st and to aliens who reside in the United States and may be temporarily absent during January. Persons in the latter group must report their address within ten days after return to the United States. The address of minor children aliens must be reported by their parents or guardians.

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## From No. 1, Omaha

Lodge No. 1 held a Costume Party on Saturday evening, November 27th. It was well attended, more than eighty being present. Many interesting costumes were seen, such as an African Hunter and Slave led by a nose ring, original Danish and Swedish dresses, Bonde med Træske, 1850 to 1890 period costumes, and others. First prize for costumes was won by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hansen, who were portraying a miserably poor couple. It was a hard job for the judges to choose as there were so many good costumes.

A good orchestra played both old time and modern music, and our president, Einar Christensen, did the calling. It was a lively evening and everyone there seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

GUNNAR S. ENGSKOV.

## New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Tony V. Madsen	-- 16	—Minden	—Robert E. Moore
Tony V. Madsen	-- 16	—Minden	—Robert D. Johnson
Tony V. Madsen	-- 16	—Minden	—Marshall Jensen, Sr.
Tony V. Madsen	-- 16	—Minden	—Andrew C. Hove
L. P. Charneski	-- 16	—Spokane	—Rolland W. Kjar
Chris Pedersen	--- 45	—Minneapolis	—Knut Madsen
Chris Pedersen	--- 45	—Minneapolis	—Lawrence Lowe
Chris Pedersen	--- 45	—Minneapolis	—Bertil Akerberg
Chris Pedersen	--- 45	—Minneapolis	—Eiler L. Fisher
J. Friedrichsen	--- 49	—San Francisco	—A. Christensen
Julius Hansen	---- 67	—Fresno	—Gunnar E. Bay
Julius Hansen	---- 67	—Fresno	—Mogens Madsen
Julius Hansen	---- 67	—Fresno	—Chris L. Mortensen
Julius Hansen	---- 67	—Fresno	—Lambert Lauridsen
Julius Hansen	---- 67	—Fresno	—Mads S. Beck
Julius Hansen	---- 67	—Fresno	—John E. Hanson
Julius Hansen	---- 67	—Fresno	—Daniel H. Critz
Julius Hansen	---- 67	—Fresno	—Gerald A. Critz
N. P. Hansen	---- 84	—Lincoln	—Ward H. Justus
N. P. Hansen	---- 84	—Lincoln	—Randy P. Hansen
N. P. Hansen	---- 84	—Lincoln	—Steven C. Ruby
Norbert E. Grove	--- 113	—Enumclaw	—Chris Andersen
Hans C. Iversen	--- 188	—Del Rey	—Harry R. Nelson
Hans C. Iversen	--- 188	—Del Rey	—Ajner Rasmussen
Hans C. Iversen	--- 188	—Del Rey	—Chris F. Danielsen
John Christensen	--- 225	—Canton	—Robert G. Peterson
H. Bergenhausen	--- 245	—South Bend	—Max J. Ricker
S. J. Rasmussen	--- 262	—Cozad	—Vergil C. Sykes
Albert Thomsen	--- 263	—Askov	—Howard L. Thomsen
Chris Madsen	--- 299	—Solvang	—George F. Jensen
Chris Madsen	--- 299	—Solvang	—Frede Ø. Nielsen
Alfred P. Stark	--- 314	—Hartford	—Alfred Tychsen

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## Minutes of the Annual Meeting

(Continued from last month)

Hans M. Andersen spoke on the subject of allowing compensating membership prizes to lodges for increasing their membership, in addition to the awards given the individual member. The idea won favor and it was resolved: That awards be made to the local lodges for increasing their membership; That the contest period run from January 1 to June 30, 1955, inclusive; That there be three prizes not to exceed a total amount of \$125.

The president appointed Hans M. Andersen as a committee to handle the details and type of prizes.

A communication was at hand from Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis., asking for the board's consent to admit an applicant to membership by proxy. The young man was in military service in Massachusetts and there was no prospect of an early furlough, long enough to permit him to come home for the initiation. The secretary was instructed to advise the lodge that we have no way to permit initiation by proxy and express the hope that arrangements could be made with the nearest lodge to initiate him for their lodge.

Several General and Special Relief Applications were submitted through Lodges No. 106, 240, 257 and 263. All were processed at this time.

### Thursday, September 23

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

A report in behalf of the Finance Committee was made by Axel Skelbeck, covering the activities since the board meeting in March. During the period under review \$159,000 par value of bonds were either called in for redemption or had matured. The proceeds were re-invested in the amount of \$160,000 per value of miscellaneous bonds which all met our investment requirements.

Hilmar W. Hansen moved that the Finance Committee's report be accepted with thanks and the transactions made ratified by the board. Duly seconded and carried.

Mortuary Fund investment expenses for the current quarterly period were authorized transferred to the General Fund, by motion of Viggo Mikkelsen, duly seconded.

It was moved by Axel Skelbeck that an amount of \$5,000 be set aside from the General Fund and deposited to a "Reserve for 1955 National Convention Expenses." Duly seconded, the motion was adopted.

Lodge No. 184, Hayward, Calif., reported in a letter dated September 8, that steps are being taken by that lodge, in cooperation with the California General Committee, to have Sec. 98 in the Society's laws amended at the next national convention so as to permit the use of doctors of osteopathy for examination of applicants for insurance. To conclude a matter which previously was decided negatively by the board, the lodge asked the board to be allowed to use Dr. V. R. Krag, D.O., for such examination until the convention has decided the issue. The petition was granted by motion of Hilmar W. Hansen, duly seconded and carried.

Herbert H. Helseth, Santa Barbara, Calif., submitted a progress report with regard to the survey he is conducting among the local lodges in an effort to find out if there is sufficient interest for a national bowling league within our Society. He expressed his disappointment that out of 198 questionnaires

sent out, only 20 were returned to date; further, that in spite of this poor cooperation he had not yet given up hope of getting a tournament started. And would the Supreme Board give him permission to work on it a little longer? By motion of Hans M. Andersen a vote of thanks for his interest and efforts was extended to Brother Helseth and an extension of time was given for his survey, sufficient to come to a full determination for or against the bowling league.

A letter signed by Henry Lauritsen, Chairman of Consolidation Committee, was read. The letter pointed out that a committee appointed by the four Greater City of New York Lodges No. 164, 205, 248 and 257 has for some months been working towards a merger of the four lodges because it was believed to be of benefit to the local membership and the Brotherhood as a whole. The committee asked the board's opinion on three specific points:

1. Will a simple majority in each lodge decide to effect a consolidation if in favor of such or is a two-thirds majority required?

2. Can a minority group of any one of the lodges maintain the lodge Charter or, if not, be granted a new Charter after a simple majority or a two-third majority (which ever the legal requirements may be) has voted for consolidation?

3. If consolidation becomes a reality, either under a new name and number or under one of the present names and numbers, will it be necessary to call in all insurance policies to have them corrected

By motion duly made, seconded and adopted the secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Lauritsen of the following: It is the board's opinion that:

1. Should the four lodges decide to dissolve the lodges and thereby surrender their present Charters for the purpose of forming an entirely new lodge, then, in that event, Section 86 in the Society's by-laws will govern. This section stipulates that no lodge can be dissolved as long as seven members in good standing wish it to exist. In other words, in this case seven members who did oppose the dissolution of the lodge can retain the Charter.

2. If, however, the lodges should decide to merge into one lodge, but with one of the present lodges the survivor, the provisions of Section 102 in the by-laws will apply. It is believed that a majority vote of the members present at a meeting, duly called for that purpose, will decide the question, unless the lodge's by-laws provide for a two-third majority.

3. Should it come to pass that the lodges merge into one, it would not be necessary to call in all the Benefit Certificates to correct the number of the member's new lodge affiliation.

A comprehensive communication was at hand from the secretary of the Pacific Northwest Lodges, conveying excerpts from the deliberations of the lodges' meeting in that area in May, 1954 with respect to the matter of writing insurance in Canada. It was an implied petition that the Supreme Board formulate the necessary resolutions for adoption at the 1955 national convention which would give the board unquestionable power to institute the insurance program in Canada.

Hans M. Andersen moved the following resolution for adoption: Resolved: That the secretary be instructed to reply to the communication from the Pacific Northwest Lodges re-stating the requirements previously set forth by the Supreme Board in the resolution adopted on Thursday, September 25, 1952

as items (1) and (2). Further, that the Supreme Officers stand ready to lend their full efforts to this matter by working with the Canadian Committee through discussions, or in which ever manner the problems can be negotiated, when the requirements previously set forth are met, to the end that a full report can be laid before the next national convention for consideration. Duly seconded, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

A communication from Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, Canada dated June 22, 1954 and of which copy was previously mailed to each board member was read into the record at this time by motion duly made by Axel Skelbeck, seconded and carried:

"On May 15th last a meeting was held in Vancouver of the three Canadian lodges. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ways and means of expanding the Danish Brotherhood in Canada. Two resolutions were passed which will be of interest to the Supreme Lodge, the first of which I am sure you will approve and the second I report without comment. The first resolution was to the effect that a central committee consisting of representation from the three lodges be set up for the purpose of working towards expansion of the Danish Brotherhood in Canada. The second resolution was to the effect that the yearly per capita tax which the Canadian lodges have been sending to Omaha shall be turned over to this central committee to be spent in furthering expansion in Canada."

The secretary reported that he, on July 1, acknowledged receipt of the communication herein above quoted and at the same time advised that the board meeting was scheduled to begin September 20 and we were hopeful that a progress report would be available at that time. However, no additional information is at hand.

It was moved that we acknowledge receipt of the advise in respect to the two resolutions, and that the first resolution has the board's full approval. However, the second is in violation of the laws of the Brotherhood and the board has no authority to waive payment of the per capita tax as assessed by the laws. Seconded, the motion was adopted.

The regular periodic examination of our membership and insurance activities by the Department of Insurance for the State of Nebraska had just been concluded. The official report was not available, but a letter was received from the Hon. Thomas R. Pansing, Director of Insurance, in connection with the examination. The letter pointed sharply to the fact that for a successive number of years the membership and amount of insurance benefits in force has slowly declined. The Insurance Director suggested that effective steps, consistent with economy and thrift, be taken to arrest this trend. The Brotherhood, the letter stated, has a background of over 70 years of service to its members based on a conservative, healthy financial condition. It seems regrettable that all this should be jeopardized by permitting a decline to continue.

The secretary was instructed to reply to the Insurance Director that the conditions which he draws to our attention will forcefully be called to the attention of the next national convention with recommendation which, if adopted, should tend to reverse the declining membership and amount of insurance in force.

In line with the assignment given him by the president, Hans M. Andersen had previously submitted copy of the Laws of The Brotherhood as re-

written by him for the purpose of correcting the language which during the years it was translated from the Danish in many instances had become incorrect, troublesome and ambiguous. Because of the terrific amount of time it would take to review the copy at a board meeting, it was agreed by general consent to let the work circulate among the members of the board for report and decision at the next meeting. The president extended appreciation to Andersen for the tremendous job he had performed on the laws.

The next meeting of the full board became scheduled to begin Monday, March 21, 1955.

The president presided at, and all members and Ex-President John Hansen attended, all sessions of the meeting. At the close of the meeting many mutual compliments were exchanged with John Hansen on the occasion of his presence during the entire meeting and entirely at his own expense.

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary.

## Resolutions

### FRED ANDERSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

In memory of our departed brother, Fred Andersen, who passed away November 22, 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, President.  
Carl Olsen, Secretary.

### WILLIAM NIELSEN, Penn Yan, N. Y.

In memory of our departed brother, William Nielsen, who passed away November 17, 1954, this resolution was adopted at our regular meeting November 20, 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.

Grant Christensen, Pres.  
Marvin Koek, Sec.

### PEDER A. PEDERSEN, Portland, Maine

In memory of our departed brother, Peder A. Pedersen, who passed away October 12, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 112:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother.

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

Rasmus Nielsen, Pres.  
Bertel L. Luja, Sec.

### CHRISTIAN B. LAWSON, Portland, Maine

In memory of our departed brother, Christian B. Lawson, who passed away October 2, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 112:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother.

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 112, Portland, Maine.  
Rasmus Nielsen, Pres.  
Bertel L. Luja, Sec.

**ALBERT N. MOLBECK, Portland, Maine**

In memory of our departed brother, Albert N. Molbeck, who passed away November 19, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting, November 27, 1954:

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

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

Rasmus Nielsen, Pres.  
Bertel L. Luja, Sec.

**MATT PETER NEILSEN, Jamestown, N. Y.**

In memory of our departed brother, Matt Peter Nielsen, this following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 171, Jamestown, N. Y.:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our 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 one month, be entered into our minutes and the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy of this resolution be sent to his family.

Siguard Llyger, Pres.  
Merle Lassen, Sec.

**JORGEN JORGENSEN, Detroit, Mich.**

In memory of our departed brother, Jorgen Jorgensen, who passed away November 21, 1954, this resolution was adopted by Lodge 227:

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.

Armand Larsen, Pres.  
Sigfred Jorgensen, Sec.

**CHRISTIAN JESSEN, Milwaukee, Wis.**

In memory of departed brother, Christian Jessen, who passed away on November 23, 1954, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting December 14, 1954:

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

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

Ernst Poulsen, Pres.  
Carval Westerlund, Sec.

**MADS P. PETERSEN, Warren, Pa.**

In memory of our departed brother, a charter member, Mads P. Petersen, who passed away November 25, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 202:

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

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

Ray Caldwell, Pres.  
Henry S. Petersen, Sec.

**NELS NELSEN, Warren, Pa.**

In memory of our departed brother, Nels Nelsen, who passed away November 3, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 202:

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

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

Ray Caldwell, Pres.  
Henry S. Petersen, Sec.

**HENRIK C. SØRENSEN, Hartford, Conn.**

In memory of our departed brother, Henrik C. Sørensen, who passed away December 13, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314:

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

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter 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 be sent his family.

In behalf of Hartford Lodge No. 314.

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

**GOTFRED B. OLSEN, Alhambra, Calif.**

In memory of our departed brother, Gotfred B. Olsen, who passed away November 15, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Alhambra Lodge No. 323:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother.

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, California.

Henry A. Johansen, Pres.  
Walter C. Kaysen, Sec.

**VICTOR HOFFMAN, Chicago, Ill.**

The following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting of December 8, 1954, in memory of our departed brother, Victor Hoffman, who passed away on November 11, 1954:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a true and loyal brother and that we extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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

Thomas Jensen, Sec.

## Discussion Subject for First Quarter, 1955

"Shall we authorize the Supreme Board of make First Mortgage Loans to Danish Old People's Homes organizations for the purpose of building needed additions or improvements, as well as refinancing present indebtedness, limited to 50 per cent of the full and true value, at 3½ or 4 year cent interest?"

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## Ludington, Mich.

The Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 51 held its regular meeting December 9, 1954, at 8 p. m., at the Danish hall.

After regular meeting election of officers was held. The following officers were elected for 1955: President, Edward Larsen; vice presidet, Milton Price; secretary, Earl G. Jensen; treasurer, Alfred A. Larsen; conductor, Hans Skow; trustee, 3 years, Delbert Williamsen, trustee, 2 years, Frank Behrendt; inside guard, William Hansen; outside guard, J. M. Jeppesen.

Delbert Williamsen was elected to go to the National convention in Racine, Wisconsin, September 19, 1955. Alternate was J. M. Jeppesen. Law committee are: Edward Larsen, Carl Jeppesen, J. M. Jeppesen, Delbert Williamsen and Stanley Williamsen. Also that the District convention will be held in Ludington on the 30th of April and the 1st of May, 1955.

There will be a New Year's party at the Danish hall for members and their wives and friends. On the committee are Chairman William Hansen, Carl Jeppesen, J. M. Jeppesen, Hans Hansen and Albert Christoffersen.

EARL JENSEN, Lodge No. 51.

## Fra Slesvig til Nebraska

Boy Jensens Bog "Fra Slesvig til Nebraska" er særdeles velskrevet og handler om Forfatterens Livshistorie. Efter at have læst Bogen kommer man uvilkaarlig til at tænke hvilket naadigt Liv mange af os dansk Amerikanere har faaet Lov til at leve her i vor gode U. S. A.

Kan anbefale Bogen til læsning for enhver dansk Amerikaner.

CHRIS SANDAHL, Askov.

Tuberculosis kills about four million people in the world every year, the national Christmas Seal organization reports.

## California News

The news from Rudolph Olsen did not arrive this month.



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