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## Racine, "The Industrial Giant on Lake Michigan"

RACINE, YOUR 1955 Danish Brotherhood Convention City, was incorporated as a city in 1848. In size, she is small; about 80,000 population; we believe most of the delegates and visitors will like that fact. Our convention will "show up" — not become "lost" or "drowned out." Yet — though not large, the name "Racine" is known to millions the world over because of one phrase: "MADE IN RACINE, WISCONSIN, U. S. A." For Racine is a city of industry. Whereas, the midwest frontier was traditionally cleared for farming, Racine was founded for industry. Industry grew with Racine, and the city grew with its industry, until their history is ONE story. Industry which was attracted by such "bonus" factors as lake and harbor and nearness to big markets remained indefinitely once it discovered the ability of Racine people to supply plentiful skilled and productive labor; yes, the men who made our city's history were men with ideas, men with industrial genius, men with capital and men with ability and a will for hard work. THEIR city became the industrial capital of Wisconsin and "The industrial Giant on Lake Michigan." Together the industrialists and the workers built Racine's international reputation for craftsmanship — together they share in the pride of community achievements.

In the business sphere, this cooperation between management and labor has made famous such Racine names and trademarks as J. I. Case and Massey-Harris farm machinery and implements . . . Johnson Wax products . . . Walker automotive jacks and mufflers . . . Horlick's malted milk . . . Whitman Publishing books and games . . . Eagle Hartman and Wheary luggage . . . Hamilton Beach electric appliances . . . Jacobsen and Devere power mowers . . . Modine and Young radiators . . . Webster Electric intercom systems . . . Rainfair rainwear and Smartair sportswear . . . Twin Disc clutches . . . Eisendrath leathers . . . Dremel motor-in-hand-tools . . . Gorton machine tools . . . Racine Hydraulics equipment . . . Belle City Foundry castings . . . Gold Medal camp furniture . . . Moeller Mfg. Co. vacuum bottle stoppers . . . Dunmore and Andis and Oster fractional horsepower motors . . . Western Printing and Lithographing Company, the world's biggest offset color lithographer, turning out millions of children's books, games, comic magazines, greeting cards and up to 16 million decks of playing cards each year . . . J. I. Case and Massey-Harris make Racine a farm machinery center of world-wide importance. Johnson is the world's largest producer of wax products for home and industry. Modine leads the world in automotive radiators. Walker in jacks and mufflers. Jacobsen's power lawn mowers was started and developed by our now deceased Brother Knud Jacobsen; Jacobsens—one of the biggest in the industry, is now owned and ably managed by Knud's sons — Oscar and Einar Jacobsen. Moeller

Manufacturing Company, makers of bottle stoppers, is owned, managed and supervised by three D. B. members, Axel Moeller, president; Dick Petersen, secretary; and Mogens Ibsen, office manager. Yes, Racine is an industrial giant! The significant fact is not that industry came to Racine but that once here, it remained. It remained not alone because of Racine's exceptional climate or transportation facilities or nearby resources, it remained because of Racine's PEOPLE! And, remember, we are a lot of Danes in Racine! To further illustrate our immense productive capacity as a community, the Wisconsin Industrial Commission's report for January 1955, shows Racine County employing 16,200 persons —working 40.8 hours per week, with an average weekly earning of \$82.71 or \$2.03 per hour.

Although the above list of famous Racine Industrial names is diverse, incomplete, but growing, the ONE phrase "MADE IN RACINE, WISCONSIN, U. S. A." provides Racine's popular calling card before the world, and a greeting to all from "THE INDUSTRIAL GIANT ON LAKE MICHIGAN!" It extends greetings also to our D. B. National convention in September . . . yes, delegates, D. B. members and friends, plan now to visit us. You will like our busy town—it's not too big—you can only get lost here if you want to! You will love our shore line, our blue Lake Michigan, our Danish friendly people! PLEASE COME BY AUTO, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE! Your helpful contribution to our Souvenir Program is most welcome at this time—and remember! YOU have a date with us in Racine "The Industrial Giant on Lake Michigan" — come September 19, 1955!

GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN.

## Discussion Subject For The First Quarter of 1955

Shall we authorize the Supreme Board to make First Mortgage Loans to Danish Old People's Home 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 3, 3½ or 4-per cent interest?

Lodge No.	Location	"Yes"	"No"
41	Derby, Connecticut	10	4
64	Rockford, Illinois	6	2
111	Austin, Minnesota	0	16
126	Los Angeles, California	0	17
191	St. Louis, Missouri	7	0
239	Lake Forest, Illinois	10	0
263	Askov, Minnesota	20	0
319	Bakersfield, California	9	2
	Total	62	41

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## The Convention Calendar

The Law Committees in the local lodges are reminded of Section 45 in our By-Laws. This section provides that proposals to be submitted to the 1955 National Convention to be held in Racine, beginning September 19, must be forwarded to the home office four months before the convention so as to be included in the book of proposals. This will mean that the letter containing such proposals must be postmarked not later than May 19, 1955.

All proposals for changes and amendments to the Laws of the Brotherhood must be submitted in the exact form and wording as the lodge intends the Law shall read, if the proposal is adopted.

AXEL SKELBECK,

Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

## Brev fra Loge 318, København

Enhver der læser disse linier tror jeg vil nikke forstaaende naar jeg nævner navnet Benjamin Franklin. Vi erindre fra vor skoletid at samme Franklin som ung mand kom i Bogtrykkerlære, og senere i sin tilværelse blev en særdeles velkendt Fysiker men ogsaa en kendt Statsmand. Han var 3 gange Guvernør for Pennsylvania og blev i efter mælet tilegnet predikatet "een af de smukkeste skikkelser i Nordamerika's historie."

Her i København (Frederiksberg) ligger en sidevej med det poetiske navn Carit Etlarsvej, paa selvsamme vej ligger en fortidslevning af en Villa i gotisk Herregaardsstil. Denne residens has senest tilhørt en Posementfabrikant ved det festlige navn Carl Claudius. Denne mand arbejdede sig velstaaende og paa sine ældre dage søgte han sig en hobby og blev ved et tilfælde samler af gamle musikinstrumenter. Blandt mange kuriøse ting, til eksempel en Venetiansk Elfenbens Lut, fra aaret 1550. Gamle

Træskofioler, kunstfærdige spilledaaser, Stokfløjter; en saadan Fløjte var en Spadserestok der samtidig udgjorde det for Fløjte og smal Violin. Men en af samlingens mækværdigste instrumenter er en Glas-harmonika opfundet netop af salige Benjamin Franklin. Den bestaar af en række glasskaale af forskellig størrelse, der under rotation—bragt heri ved hjælp af en fodpadal — gøres fugtige, hvorefter man med fingrene bringer dem til at klinge. Et saadan instrument var meget populær i slutningen af det 18. Aarhundrede, og f. Eks. has Mozart komponeret specielt for dette Instrument.

Som ovenfor fortalt var ejeren Posementfabrikant. Os de noget modne i alder erindre betegnelsen Klunketiden (Posementdekoration). Den med lange og tunge kvaster paa møbler og gardiner—dejlige støvskjulere, støj og taledæmpende, men ikke mindst et godt og hyggeligt skjul for Møl og noget mere. Nuvel—vor tid nu, er jo til en hvis grad gaaet til den modsatte yderlighed med kolde upersonlig prægede forkromede staal møbler. Disse, der ubevidst bringer tankerne imod en Privatklub mere end et hjem og hyggested for beboeren, men hvem og hvor hylder man begrebet — den gyldne middelvej? Vi vil saa meget gerne følge med og prøve noget nyt—og saa glemmer vi helt at forny sindet og det bedre Jeg. Naturligvis findes mange og hæderlige undtagelser fra reglen. Se nu f, Eks. The Brotherhood Magazine for januar maaned med billede og kærlig omtale af Guldrudeparret Mr. og Mrs. George Sorensen. Disse to, og heldigvis adskillige andre, maa man vist kalde livskunstnere. Dog maa ikke forglemmes at dette betinges af et godt helbred, og det er værdifuldt at erindre at dette Ægtepar has benyttet en Elixir ved navn Søstersamfundet og Brodersamfundet. Jeg gætter paa at disse to mennesker har fundet de vises sten ved deres nære og trofaste tilknytning til nævnte samfund og dets medlemmer, i fælles glæder og sorger. Dette vil være os, og i høj grad de unge, til værdig forbillede og inspiration i livets stundom besværlige gangkurv og eensrettede færd.

Loge 318 i København gaar nu ind i sit 30, aars bestaaende. Den 8, maj vil vi festligholde 30, aars jubilæum og forbereder nu at kunne markere den for os saa store dag paa en værdig og højtidelig maade.

Dersom der paa dette tidspunkt skulle være eventuelle gæster her hjemme i Danmark, vil de være hjertelig velkommen i vor midte, nu som altid.

Med tak for optagelsen, samt en broderlig hilsen til alle i saavel Kanada som U. S. A.

I Loge 318, navn

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## Three More Months To Get Your Quota of New Members

Your quota is sufficient new members to put your lodge out in front in the membership contest. We know that you will want your lodge to be the winner.

In order to assist you the February issue of our official publication, the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, which reaches every member, had pages 11 and 12 printed with useful information for you to refer to whenever you might wish to quote Brotherhood facts to your prospective member.

Also, as stated in the folder, by request to the home office, you may obtain literature pertaining to the Danish Brotherhood which is intended for presentation to potential members.

In the contest prize for the first place is the set of two flags, and for second place the leather brief bag with the number of the lodge engraved on it. Third place winner may have a choice of a smaller brief bag or two dozen of members' lapel buttons.

Fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN.

## Lower Michigan and Upper Ohio Will Meet

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges in lower Michigan and upper Ohio will hold their annual convention at Ludington, April 30 and May 1.

Important matters will be up for discussion. A large turnout is expected. Each lodge is entitled to send five (5) delegates, and of course, Brothers and Sisters from far and near are invited to attend.

The convention will open at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. Send your registrations to Earl Jensen, R. R. No. 1, Ludington, Michigan.

We'll be seeing you.

Yours truly,

CHRIST JENSEN, District Sec.

We plan on having registration at the Danish Hall at 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon (April 30). Then at 3 o'clock the lodges will convene in convention. At 6:30 there will be a banquet for delegates, guests, visitors, wives, etc., then at about 9 o'clock dancing will start and last until midnight whereupon a buffet lunch will be served. After luncheon, dancing will be resumed until closing time.

On Sunday morning, the lodges will again convene, this to be followed by a dinner served at noon, which will mark the close of the festivities.

It is hoped we will have a good turnout from our various lodges. The various committees are under direction of Chairman J. M. Jeppesen.

Fraternally yours,

ALFRED A. LARSEN, Treas.

*Racine in September*

## Financial Report

February 28, 1955

### Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand February 1, 1955	\$11,073.78
Assessments	10,291.43
Interest on bonds	6,068.14
	<u>\$27,433.35</u>
Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$20,397.18
Cash surrender	101.78
Collection expense on bond coupons	4.00
Balance on hand February 28, 1955	6,930.39
	<u>\$27,433.35</u>

### General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand February 1, 1955	\$12,192.04
Received in February	771.81
	<u>\$12,963.85</u>
Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 16.13
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	71.07
Rent and lights	182.34
Printing and mailing official publication	391.32
Membership rewards	43.00
Typewriter rental	7.25
Photostats annual statements	50.80
Insurance department license and fees	195.00
Travel expenses	18.69
General office expenses	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,212.00
Employer taxes, social security	20.70
Balance on hand February 28, 1955	10,705.55
	<u>\$12,963.85</u>

### Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand February 1, 1955	\$ 2,719.12
Relief assessments	39.00
Interest on bonds	112.50
Relief payments returned	9.40
	<u>\$ 2,880.02</u>
Disbursements:	
Relief payments	\$ 667.50
Balance on hand February 28, 1955	2,212.52
	<u>\$ 2,880.02</u>

### Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand February 1, 1955	\$ 3,908.30
Juvenile assessments	151.26
	<u>\$ 4,059.56</u>
Disbursements:	
Balance on hand February 28, 1955	\$ 4,059.56
	<u>\$ 4,059.56</u>

Assets	
Mortuary fund investments	\$4,003,580.39
Relief fund investments	240,000.00
General fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	23,908.02
	<u>\$4,307,488.41</u>

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

Junction City population will be approximately doubled over the week-end of May 20, 21 and 22, as D. B. Lodge No. 268 launches our Sixth Annual District Convention for Oregon, Washington and British Columbia of all Brotherhood and Sisterhood chapters—another link in the purpose of furthering our fraternal and social feeling between lodges and members, and to work for the general advancement of our Order. Purely my own conclusions and observations from each of the previous five district gatherings, prompt me to predict an even bigger and better attendance at Junction City. Indications are that it will be one of the most outstanding affairs ever undertaken by those good Brothers and Sisters of this little pioneer town and the spring-like weather of the past few weeks has inspired pleasant thoughts in most of us. Even though our Astoria Brothers from Lodge No. 307 are all fishermen, and during May the great crop of fish is of tremendous economic benefit to not only themselves but to their community, we expect to see Secretary Tom Jorgensen and some of his associates during at least part of the convention.

Publicity and Registration Chairman Ejner Christiansen, 333 River Road, Junction City, Oregon, is the busy Brother to write for information and reservations. Accommodations only can be had by contacting Sister Mabel Bodtker, 1596 Oaklea Drive for the very best in motels at reasonable rates. The roomy Grange Hall will be the scene of the main convention activities and the first meeting of the three-day session will be called to order by District President C. Ed Hirsch at three o'clock on Friday, May 20, after free coffee is served the arriving registrants. Be sure to reserve your noon lunch on Saturday and your banquet on Saturday evening—both before May 10, please. General Chairman Fred Petersen says "Breakfast on the house, Sunday morning."

For your information, Junction City is a lovely little town of about 2,000 inhabitants in northern Lane County between Portland and Salem. The lumber industry represents the livelihood of most of the population in and around Junction City, and the area is a fast-growing progressive community. Modern shops, shopping centers, courteous salespeople, friendly atmospheres and competitive prices are all features of this Willamette Valley Junction always anxious to keep pace with modern times. With no parking meters to plague you, you'll find none of the congestion and jangled nerves of big cities—life itself moves a little slower—a little easier here. Principally a farming district before mills came an important economic factor, an abundance of grass seeds, grains and vegetables are yearly produced.

Each District Officer and Lodge Secretary has been written officially about our coming event. If the names of your respective delegates have not yet been sent me, please do so at once. Having fulfilled its financial obligation towards the organization, each lodge is entitled to the following representation at the convention: Two delegates for any lodge with up to one hundred members, and one additional delegate for each additional one hundred members

or a majority thereof. In a letter to all units of the district, the Secretary-Treasurer suggested that at least one delegate be prepared to make a report on his lodge's activities for the past year.

Some of our goals of the past year were achieved by a growing and glowing spirit of teamwork, by members working closely with each other, by lodges cooperating with the others, by everyone pulling together for the good of the DBS. This spirit made it possible for us to realize some advancement and to see that results could be had. The goals we will be called upon to attain at both the District and the National Convention demand an even greater degree of teamwork. This year has been an outstanding one and President Ed Hirsch is to be commended for his exemplary services.

The Rev. Dr. Jens C. Kjaer, pastor, and Brother Kristen Jorgensen, congregation president, recently placed the cornerstone of Seattle's new Danish St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Phinney Avenue. The \$225,000 edifice will be ready for occupancy on Palm Sunday—the old building on East Spruce, where services have been conducted for many years, has been sold. In memory of Emmy, wife of DBS Secretary Immanuel Jensen, contributions have been received for the purchase of a pew in the new church as a tribute to her many years of work in Danish circles.

Special invitations went out to all Vind's juvenile members when Spokane staged their "Pølse Gilde" on February 5. Everyone who attended are still smacking their lips and Brothers John Bech and Bennie Andersen are truly to be thanked for their preparations and planning. Brought to the Knights of Pythias Hall from the Ridpath Hotel kitchens, the dinner was served piping hot and it prompted the feasters to give out with community singing both in Danish and American. Well over one hundred were in attendance and a repeat performance is in the offing. The spirit of the evening was reflected into their business meeting following when Lodge No. 42 initiated three new members in addition to their sixth juvenile, Steven Robert Hoy.

Sixty-seven years of old fashioned hard work in overcoming obstacles and planning for the future of Seattle's Danish Brotherhood but always going forward, reached a dramatic climax on Saturday, April 2, when No. 29 celebrated their Annual Anniversary. Washington Hall at Fourteenth Avenue and East Fir Street was appropriately decorated for the occasion as members and guests met for a 6:30 p. m. dinner, followed by dancing until the late hours. The brief but impressive ceremony under the toastmastering of Ex-President Kristen Jorgensen featured Supreme Vice President Otto Nielsen, local President Robert Karch, Brother John Petersen and Brother Joseph R. Matsen, Junior as the evening's speakers. Kristen welcomed everyone and praised the cooperation his lodge always had in affairs of this sort and then introduced Otto who termed the event one of the many significant milestones in the history of the Danish Brotherhood. Hearing words of council from this veteran is now a matter of course at all Danish gatherings. Speaking for Denmark in commemoration of

Hans Christian Andersen's 150th Anniversary, John's address was inspiring, informative and educational. Robert and Joseph both received a good round of applause and were fittingly thanked by the Master of Ceremonies. Greta Petersen and Elfrida Pedersen's contributions to the fine program were followed by the usual "bath tub baritones and shower room sopranos" found in any group as they sang "Der er et yndigt land" to conclude another successful "Stiftelse Fest."

## Faith

By Jul. Andersen

A friend of mine recently asked me, "How do you manage to look so well after what you have passed through the last few years?" My answer was, "I think the reason is that I have faith in myself and my Creator."

Humanity has the power to modify conditions in life and health through faith, if faith is properly understood and believed in, as well as practiced. Faith will help overcome many ailments, real or imaginary, prevent old age from thinking harmful thoughts and clinging to bad memories. Even though age may weaken the body, the mind and intelligence can be kept young and active through faith.

Some years ago I talked with one of our country's champion tennis players. I asked him to what he attributed his success in the life of sport in which he had climbed to the top rung of the ladder. He said, "Through having faith in my ability to beat the other fellow. In fact, any champion must feel his opponent is so inferior he can be easily vanquished. I have even felt a sort of hate for my opponents while playing which, of course, passed away as soon as our game was ended. You must practice diligently the game you play, and most of all have faith in yourself that you will win."

Another time I asked a nationally known pathologist which ailment he considered the hardest for doctors to cure. He told me, "Lack of faith and a vivid imagination are the greatest problems doctors have in curing people. Over fifty per cent of all sicknesses or trouble encountered in medical practice is mostly imaginary, and a doctor, in order to effect a cure, must be able to instill in the mind of his patient faith and the ability to overcome such imaginations.

Most of those who immigrated from our homeland to this country had faith in themselves that they could improve their lives by leaving home, relatives and friends. Naturally some failed in that hope, but most of them did succeed in gaining better homes, better conditions in life and better financial gains for old age and their families.

Years ago when our forefathers arrived here, they decided that in order to keep that faith alive in all immigrants the formation of a fraternal order would help a great deal. They formed the Danish Brotherhood, which today is as solid a fraternal insurance organization as we have in the United States. But owing to restrictions of immigration, the death of so many of our old time members and a lack of interest, we have not been able during the last few decades to add to our membership, and year by year it is dwindling seriously. The time has arrived for us to show we still have faith

in ourselves and our organizers by creating conditions whereby we not only continue to exist but develop into a strong and profitable order.

The doors will be open for us to do this at the coming convention in Racine, Wisconsin. It is up to each and every lodge in our society to select delegates to that convention who will plan and work for the welfare of our future. They should realize we are not and should not be controlled by certain men in certain locations or by one or more lodges. We must provide means and methods whereby we can build all our members, their families and friends into a better, a larger and improved society, where sociability and friendship will continue to reign and help us to grow and grow.

## Change in Address of Officers

### Secretary:

Lodge No. 75, Donald Nielsen, Route 2, Ellendale, Minnesota.

### Treasurer:

Lodge No. 75, Donald Nielsen, Route 2, Ellendale, Minnesota.

## *Racine in September*

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D. B. CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
710 Grand Avenue,  
Racine, Wisconsin

## Lodge No. 212, Waterloo, Iowa Celebrates 50th Anniversary

On Friday, March 11 the Waterloo Lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner and entertainment at Blacks T. Room. It was a very beautiful affair.

The tables set in U form were decorated with three beautiful centerpieces of flowers—red carnations and white daisies.

A fine dinner was prepared and served by Blacks T. Room staff. The president, Sam Jensen, bid all welcome and acted as toastmaster for the evening.

Several speakers were heard from: Sam Jensen, L. P. Larsen Pete Jensen, N. F. Hansen, Secretary Kris. Hansen read a telegram of congratulations to our 50-year anniversary from the Supreme Officers, also a letter of thanks and appreciation from Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hansen, who were our honored guests, as Brother N. F. Hansen is the only living charter member of our lodge. We had just celebrated their 50-year anniversary with them the week before.

The president of our lodge presented Brother N. F. Hansen with a 50-year pin.

After the dinner and pin presentation we elected delegate and alternate to the convention in Racine. This taken care of, our brother, N. F. Hansen, entertained us for one and one-half hours with his 16 mm. sound and movie picture machine.

Everybody left the T. Room that evening assuring us that indeed they had enjoyed the evening very, very much.

KRIS. HANSEN, Sec.

## Change of Officers

### Secretary:

Lodge No. 43, John Sorensen, 4467 King Street, Denver, Colorado.\*

Lodge No. 112, Rasmus Nielsen, 50 Rockland Avenue, Portland, Maine.

Lodge No. 242, Peter J. Larsen, 338 West 10th St., Erie, Pennsylvania.

Lodge No. 328, S. O. Johansen, 2355 West 5th Ave., Vancouver 9, B. C., Canada.

### Treasurer:

Lodge No. 328, Carl C. Petersen, 1260 Fell Ave., Burnbay, B. C., Canada.

\*This was erroneously put in the Secretaries' Address List as John Jorgensen.



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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

Spring is here. At least it is here in Northern California and it is a beautiful time to be alive and to enjoy all the beauty with which nature has provided us in this part of the world. However, it is not so elsewhere, because in the news broadcast on this nice Sunday morning, I have just heard that a cold wave with snow and ice is coming down through the Dakotas and will reach Nebraska and Iowa today and is expected to spread to other mid-west and eastern states tomorrow. In San Francisco the sun is beaming. The seven hills of the city are covering with green. The gardens are filled with flowers. Outside our bedroom windows the Wisteria is sending its fragrance all over the neighborhood, and the Camilias are just coming into bloom. Is it any wonder that folks from other parts of our country are flocking out here this time of year, some come to enjoy our climate, others come to see—and to stay.

Along these lines I have had a visit of Brother and Sister Sophus Jørgensen from Milwaukee, they have spent the winter in California and are at this moment heading back to Wisconsin, and winter. They were in love with Northern California (naturally) but they had also enjoyed their stay in beautiful La Jolla (near San Diego). Brother Jørgensen is looking forward to the National Convention in Racine, and he is of the opinion this will be the last of the big conventions. He is very much for Districts and delegates sent from the Districts. With such opinions Brother Jørgensen would be welcome any time in any of our California Lodges.

In the March issue of our Magazine we find the Supreme President's recommendations to the National Convention. The first one I notice that I don't like is No. 5, about the Relief fund. To me it would be a wonderful idea if the Supreme Officers would leave the Relief fund alone and use it for the purpose it was intended — that is to help and assist our older members, that, for reasons they cannot help find themselves in need of a bit of assistance. This fund has grown large and fat, and one is just wondering why it has not been spent for what it was intended — Relief. We constantly hear about plans for the use of the money in this special fund — except for the purpose it was intended. Just why the money collected for relief should be spent on "Scholarships" is something I, for one, am unable to understand. Our Supreme President proposes Scholarships of \$100 per year for 17 students. Such a thing sounds like a joke to me. Just what a student would do with such a large sum of money is hard to imagine, but it could help him with his cigarettes and shaving creams, and maybe a few cents over for gas for the tin can, but that would be about all. Who started this scholarship idea anyway, wasn't it just started to satisfy somebody's vanity? We would do well, to donate what we have in such fund, if any, to some Danish Old People's Home and promptly forget about it.

As a case at point, relative to the Relief fund. In No. 49 we have an old Brother, old in years and old in the Brotherhood, who spent his last dime

in trying to take care of his invalid wife. Last year the Supreme Board gave him the limit, that is \$300, but this year the allowance to this old deserving Brother was cut down. No 49 has protested vigorously, and we sincerely hope that the Supreme Board will reconsider, and yet in face of such action the board is worrying about the surplus money which is now in the fund.

It is for this very reason No. 49 has sent in a proposal to the National Convention to raise the allowance from \$300 to \$500. We trust this proposal will receive a favorable consideration from the delegates at Racine.

March 12 was a big day in San Francisco for one of our most respected and beloved members, because on that day the Danes in San Francisco and vicinity gave a testimonial luncheon for Brother Sven Stribolt, Ex-President of No. 49 and Editor of our Danish paper on the Pacific Coast "Bien."

It was truly one of the nicest affairs of its kind this writer has ever attended. It was held appropriately enough in Druid's Temple where Danes have met for many years. About 125 of Sven's friends were present to give tribute to a man whose life for many years has been devoted to the cause of our Danish people, its societies and the promotion of good will between Denmark, our mother country, and our new home here in the far west.

A very fine luncheon was served under the direction of Brother Jack Hansen and a corps of willing workers. It consisted of a very fine "Dansk kold Bord med varm Ret," and the "varm Ret" consisted of "Spegesil med Løgsovs" a dish many of us had not tasted in many years. The last time I had was on the old "Frederik VIII" in 1935. On the cold table we had imported Danish butter, Danish cheese, Tulborg Øl and Aalborg Akvavit. "Det var vel nok til at faa ens Gane til at løbe i vand." Toastmaster for the day was Brother Carl Spørensén, who did an excellent job of it, besides providing leadership in our "Fællessang" with Dick Clausen at the Steinway. The main speech for the honor guest was given by Brother Chris Pedersen, who as usual did an excellent job of it, and one felt the personal friendship between the two gentlemen. Brother Pedersen also presented Brother Stribolt with a gift from those present.

The next speaker was our new Consul General, Frode Schøn, who told us how much help Brother Stribolt had been to him already. Sven's colleague, Mr. Hugo Olsson, Editor of the Swedish newspaper, "Vestkysten" was the next speaker, and from there on many others had the opportunity to give expression to Sven for his friendship. From the Grand Lodge of Dania we had Brother Ray Olsen, Grand Vice President from Modesto, Brother E. Jurvig, Grand Secretary and Mr. John Quist the Grand Treasurer, as well as several former Grand officers of that organization. From the General Committee of D. B. we had Brother Dan Chr. Andersen, our Vice President and the writer, as well as several former members of the General Committee. Finally we had a chance to hear from Sven, and although

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he is a polished speaker and a member of the "Toastmasters Association" nevertheless, it was not easy for Sven to express his feelings at this moment. But one thing was sure and that was, he was happy for the day.

Just who started all this I am not sure, except that Brother Chris Pedersen and Fred Bakke, Jack Hansen, Carl Sørensen and others had their fingers in the pie, so to speak, but certainly it was a very fine gesture to promote the idea of "Violer til de levende."

In mentioning the various speakers I forgot to mention Mr. Erik Larsen, who has been a co-worker of Sven for over 17 years. Mr. Larsen mentioned that in all these years they have never had a cross word. Mr. Larsen also paid tribute to Mrs. Belle Redsted, owner and publisher of "Bien."

The next big event in San Francisco will be the Hans Christian Andersen festival, to be held in the War Memorial Building in the evening of April 2. Get your tickets from the secretaries of the local organizations, they are free of charge. A delightful evening is in store for us.

It was with extreme regret that I noticed in last month's issue, the passing of my old friend, Marius Rasmussen, a member of Lodge No. 267 of Brigham City, Utah. I believe I first met Marius in April or May 1915, nearly forty years ago, and I have known Mrs. Rasmussen just as long, even before she and Marius were married. Besides the severe loss to his family, his passing is a deep loss to the Danish Brotherhood, and outside his home, the Danish Brotherhood was his one great interest in life. He was active in forming the first General Committee back in 1919 and, of course, continued to be active in this organization after it was revived in Utah and Idaho. A few years ago he visited our convention here in California.

The last time I saw Marius was a couple of years ago in Salt Lake City and it was always a delight to be together with him. And after 50 years in this country, active in American business life, he still continued to speak a most beautiful Danish, in fact, it was a delight to listen to him. To Mrs. Rasmussen and the family this column sends its deepest sympathy.

I am having something of a jubilee this coming March 31st, as it was on that day in 1915 I landed from "Frederik VIII" in Hoboken, New Jersey. My goodness, that is forty years ago, guess I am getting to be an old timer, but I have enjoyed life in these forty years and still do, and I suppose that is the main thing.

## Racine in September

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Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Assessment	Total Insurance	Sick Benefit Paid	Extra Help Paid	Total Assets
1	Omaha	259	\$330.40	\$210,375	\$1,907.98		\$ 16,214.75
2	Neenah	40	42.00	37,250	115.00		3,278.37
3	Davenport	27	30.35	22,250	156.00		4,350.00
4	Racine	521	513.03	271,500	2,551.00	784.15	178,959.68
5	Moline	11	6.56	5,500			36.53
7	Cedar Falls	24	22.91	18,500			2,864.38
9	Oshkosh	24	22.89	18,000			2,279.69
10	Coun. Bluffs	107	98.53	76,125	223.31		22,125.00
11	Clinton	39	37.28	28,125	95.00		5,900.00
12	Green Bay	24	15.43	16,125	52.00		1,075.81
14	Kenosha	206	179.86	115,500	1,355.00	275.86	60,076.96
15	Des Moines	57	58.34	38,375	193.34		7,086.44
16	Minden	40	60.52	29,750			853.66
17	Chicago	230	232.24	165,250			395.00
20	Manistee	41	36.05	27,250			5,600.63
26	Fremont	48	49.94	36,875	210.00	15.00	1,232.53
28	Badger	13	12.60	10,500			489.21
29	Seattle	356	359.84	208,500	1,658.00	250.00	51,737.33
30	Muskegon	57	61.67	38,125	135.00		2,955.75
32	New Haven	78	67.28	47,250	383.72		4,840.10
33	Tacoma	38	34.03	28,750	160.50		5,850.75
34	Dwight	92	87.16	59,000			1,963.48
35	Chicago	109	90.78	62,875	1,328.10	644.00	29,648.10
36	Milwaukee	92	64.17	47,750	362.00		5,691.80
37	Bridgeport	77	79.19	50,250	36.00	150.00	4,647.16
38	Laramie	20	22.98	15,250			3,264.13
39	Oakland	198	217.68	138,125	1,253.61		43,773.31
40	Rawlins	12	9.10	8,000			457.15
41	Derby	53	39.00	27,625	306.00		4,592.67
42	Spokane	69	86.09	42,750			1,808.70
43	Denver	101	74.67	61,625	212.46	30.00	9,829.63
45	Minneapolis	234	223.07	136,250	571.00		10,196.00
46	Per. Amboy	114	107.17	78,625	615.00		7,922.47
48*	Rock Springs	15	37.97	12,250			
49	S. Francisco	347	277.94	178,250	3,474.23		19,994.49
50	Byram	45	45.50	31,375	190.00	50.00	3,791.37
51	Ludington	82	57.39	42,000			8,461.13
53	Atlantic	14	13.71	9,500			129.23
54	Dannebrog	21	22.04	17,750	20.00		600.00
56	Kansas City	71	72.40	59,000	230.00		2,529.87
57	Lexington	10	9.66	8,500			145.00
59	Menominee	84	80.35	68,250	100.00		3,350.00
62	Sioux City	42	41.40	28,250	25.00		2,963.64
63	Burlington	5	3.85	3,250			110.95
64	Rockford	47	46.62	35,000			1,507.66
65	Duluth	44	42.33	34,750	215.00		2,997.92
67	Fresno	82	64.77	33,875	483.00		13,870.43
69	Cleveland	45	32.54	27,000	474.28	45.00	3,064.86
70	Greenville	101	101.64	53,500			14,563.49
71	Penn Yan	107	133.28	73,875	412.00	67.72	844.24
73	Alden	27	35.61	24,875	75.00		1,515.49
75	Albert Lea	82	73.17	56,750	84.00		6,237.51
77	Turin	15	11.01	12,250	36.00		52.57
78	Salt Lake C.	50	75.79	37,750	60.00	7.23	1,797.42
84	Lincoln	48	85.56	39,125	95.00		1,363.60
85	Rochester	17	14.29	9,000			605.93
88	Elba	8	10.45	7,500			46.05
89	Superior	26	12.10	9,625	19.00		795.40
90	Port Reading	21	19.68	15,000	130.70	80.00	1,055.25
91	St. Paul	76	68.39	47,125	462.00	100.00	1,701.10
92	St. Charles	85	87.13	44,375	144.00	240.00	3,588.49
95	Ferndale	44	37.81	29,250	486.50		8,799.13
96	Jackson	34	21.08	15,875	42.00		838.62
102	Providence	27	23.93	13,750	12.00		654.42
103	Waterbury	38	54.25	28,000	70.00		1,208.08
106	Trufant	69	64.63	45,500			2,194.56
107	Chicago	74	84.04	48,375	140.00		2,843.61
109	White	8	6.53	5,750	60.00		171.42
110	Winside	27	30.92	17,750			842.41
111	Austin	68	46.98	34,375	155.00		2,847.53
112*	Portland	46	36.19	27,875			
113	Enumelaw	85	77.97	40,375	84.00		7,850.00
114	Lake Benton	17	14.78	12,000			15.00
116	Newark	165	150.95	83,500	913.65	119.96	6,305.28

117 Plainview	61	86.51	46,250			412.13	278 Salt Lake C.	30	26.19	15,000	102.00	349.43
119 Pueblo	6	8.59	5,125			259.10	279 Hunter	12	16.78	10,000		332.37
121 Tyler	42	41.94	30,250	257.10		2,123.43	281 Cincinnati	21	16.87	14,000	65.00	863.10
125 Weep' Water	33	23.09	18,000	94.00		1,208.27	283 Dagmar	137	82.71	57,000	784.00	5,536.24
126 Los Angeles	295	359.29	192,375	1,508.21	335.57	24,491.47	288 Cotesfield	13	15.01	10,500		102.03
127 Reinbeck	14	14.54	7,750			285.93	294 Barre	36	60.73	34,250	179.00	1,473.75
128 Avoca	17	7.24	8,750		50.00	852.30	296 Galveston	7	3.83	4,000		494.85
134 Ringsted	53	46.68	42,125	80.00		326.00	298 Chicago	55	53.55	37,000	216.19	2,677.04
136*Story City	5	3.34	3,000				299 Solvang	65	95.01	44,500	280.00	3,743.22
139 Viborg	65	40.27	30,125			10,345.77	300 Oneonta	49	47.14	22,125	111.76	2,080.00
141 Irene	11	8.74	7,750			576.44	301 Akron	42	39.47	24,750	190.50	1,599.83
143 Petaluma	111	104.83	61,375	422.05	16.00	9,447.09	306 San Diego	49	38.91	17,750	55.00	1,548.23
144 Dike	15	16.81	12,250		141.12	2,043.13	307 Astoria	10	1.60	1,250		123.60
147 Newell	63	65.32	38,500			747.54	308*McCabe	19	17.13	10,500		
148 Cheyenne	15	37.97	12,250			132.07	311*Sidney	8	8.11	6,000		
149 Luverne	53	41.97	25,250			506.61	314 Hartford	195	205.04	95,875	1,074.00	20,905.84
150 Rorbeck	14	8.95	7,500				315 Buffalo	9	16.09	8,500		278.74
151 Escanaba	9	7.12	5,500			116.00	317 Spencer	7	3.83	5,250		216.03
152 Wilbur	44	50.85	27,750	200.00		1,680.71	318 Copenhagen	142				
153 Dannevirke	15	17.97	13,500			107.89	319 Bakersfield	31	30.57	14,250		1,170.48
154 Withee	35	48.30	33,750			3,375.29	321 W. Palm Bch.	19	14.69	9,500	78.00	1,097.57
155 Bellingham	18	24.67	13,500			271.50	322 Sta. Barbara	77	87.66	42,500	420.00	5,018.25
157*Audubon	10	8.77	6,500				323 Alhambra	19	26.95	13,500	115.00	536.88
159 Kennard	5	4.20	3,500			30.00	325 Nassau Co.	103	104.63	55,500	540.00	7,211.02
160 Underwood	11	7.79	7,250	92.00		2,344.20	326 West Branch	22	11.70	6,750		90.00
161 Ruskin	18	15.21	12,875			1,186.80	327 Harlan	10	14.11	8,250		165.00
163 Edmore	30	30.78	19,000			2,611.54	328 Vancouver	194			1,087.50	7,561.36
164 New York	151	157.52	88,000	650.00	50.00	3,959.29	329 Long Beach	15	11.52	5,625	76.11	643.40
167 Portland	166	135.24	77,125	719.72		6,048.84	330*Prince George	52				
169*Hubbard	16	10.07	7,750			514.00	332 Ripon	47	87.50	36,125		1,613.85
170 Rocky River	42	58.65	31,750	499.99	20.00	3,789.73	334 Geneva	51	93.91	32,250		1,322.53
171 Jamestown	34	29.68	19,125			1,579.80	335 Port Alberni	37				286.22
172 Philadelphia	87	85.55	47,625	293.00	158.00	2,744.72	600 Pay Directs	264	221.45	184,250		
173 Kansas City	49	51.34	37,875	240.00	230.00	514.00						
175 Jacksonville	13	11.56	9,500			298.73						
177 Cordova	30	27.32	20,500	48.00		592.59						
181 Sidney	57	55.70	33,500			2,593.87						
182 Waukegan	95	96.50	60,250		195.00	28,443.14						
183 Troy	82	81.21	41,625	430.00		11,497.26						
184 Hayward	68	72.79	36,750	135.00	25.00	3,612.41						
185 Madison	17	13.00	7,500			127.00						
186 Luck	55	44.82	26,125			4,350.17						
188 Del Rey	37	20.67	12,375			5,801.19						
189 Barronett	5	5.14	5,000									
190 Schenectady	144	176.06	89,375	994.14	257.50	64,505.40						
191 St. Louis	19	9.76	7,750			1,350.89						
194 McMinnville	22	17.11	13,750			1,199.95						
195 Omaha	55	81.04	46,375	282.00		1,159.45						
198 Kenmore	12	10.40	8,000			206.00						
202 Warren	44	31.75	24,750	102.00		1,747.54						
205 Brooklyn	55	47.21	28,875	224.00	181.80	2,919.41						
206 Blair	22	16.29	15,750			123.78						
207*Grayling	6	6.03	5,500									
210*Grand Rapids	20	12.03	10,750			75.00						
211 Grand Island	24	23.55	16,625			1,752.57						
212 Waterloo	41	32.40	21,750	522.80		855.00						
213 Ord	15	13.16	11,750			32.70						
214 West Point	8	6.71	4,500		2.00	2,025.00						
215 Battle Creek	21	13.93	8,875			536.01						
217 Humboldt	15	13.71	9,250			2,969.69						
219 Clear Lake	74	81.90	42,375	133.00								
221 Latimer	14	9.80	6,750		50.00							
225 Canton	36	52.45	23,875	105.00		1,425.98						
227 Detroit	316	268.32	165,000	3,069.91	400.00	144,601.88						
228 Indianapolis	18	19.81	14,250			12.53						
230 Arcata	32	19.34	12,625			22,201.56						
233 Toledo	27	27.19	15,875	182.00	150.00	2,232.22						
234 Woodstock	12	13.31	9,375		30.00	677.93						
238 Juhl	24	18.34	15,625			84.98						
239 Lake Forest	27	19.57	15,500		197.23	2,095.36						
240 Rochester	37	17.63	12,125		96.00	898.39						
241 Sayreville	63	50.52	30,000	426.75		517.01						
242*Erie	170	151.98	74,375									
243*Fargo	5	3.39	3,750									
245 South Bend	33	38.51	22,000	50.04		1,339.94						
248 New York	19	15.69	12,250		33.00	1,410.00						
249 Pierre	9	6.76	6,250			45.05						
251 Devils Lake	10	8.13	6,500			707.70						
253 Ruthton	5	7.57	4,500			179.43						
254*Brush	21	12.52	12,750									
255 Selma	63	49.74	29,250	219.29		5,340.42						
257 New York	70	57.38	34,875	200.00	50.00	1,405.73						
259 Colman	14	8.19	7,750		80.00	510.00						
260 Williston	17	22.56	12,250			256.36						
261 Fowler	59	50.95	25,750	225.00		2,558.83						
262 Cozad	21	14.02	9,375			65.00						
263 Askov	130	157.94	87,125	155.00	425.00	2,754.17						
264 Pocatello	33	43.26	20,000			939.72						
267 Brigham City	16	20.37	10,500			64.75						
268 Junction City	63	40.13	24,625	200.00		5,308.00						
269 Oregon	5	6.13	3,750									
273 Dillon	44	39.22	24,250	345.00		1,253.01						
277 Kensal	7	7.97	5,250			85.93						

\* The report for 1954 is not yet received from the lodge or has been received too late to be included. The figures used are taken from our records. Secretaries who find an asterisk (\*) after their lodge number are requested to mail their 1954 reports to the undersigned as soon as possible.

At the close of the year we find 204 adult lodges with a membership of 11,666. The total monthly assessment for all lodges amounts to \$11,012.37 with a combined amount of insurance of \$6,803,125, excluding insurance carried on an Extended Insurance Basis.

The average age of all members with insurance as of December 31, 1954 is 56.40.

**ALL LODGES HAVE IN 1954 PAID:**

In Sick Benefit to Members -----\$ 41,014.57  
 In Extra Help to Members -----\$ 6,413.95  
 Cash and other assets of all lodges as reported amounting to -----\$1,125,417.82

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## Resolutions

### JENS B. JENSEN, Castana, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Jens B. Jensen, who passed away March 3, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Stjernen Lodge No. 77.

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 for a period of 30 days, and this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a letter in memoriam be sent to his family.

Elvin Rude, President.  
M. E. Petersen, Secretary.

### WALTER SORENSEN, Elgin Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Walter Sorensen, who passed away on February 20, 1955, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting on February 25:

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 charter be draped for a period of thirty days, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and in the minutes of our meeting.

Donald Mickelsen, President.  
Einar Danielsen, Secretary.

### NIELS HANSEN, Viborg, South Dakota

In memory of our departed brother, Niels Hansen, our secretary who passed away March 1, 1955. 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 for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be entered in our minutes, and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 139, Viborg, South Dakota.  
Anton Jacobsen, President.  
Niels C. Jespersen, Acting secretary.

### MARTIN JENSON, Williston, North Dakota

In memory of our departed brother, Martin Jenson, who passed away August 4, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 260 at our regular meeting February 19, 1955:

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

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be entered in our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Lester Nelson, President.  
Walter Jensen, Secretary.

### JOHN THOMSEN, Hollywood, California

In memory of our departed brother, John Thomsen, who passed away March 15, 1955:

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, Wisconsin.  
Anker Rohling, President.  
Carl Olsen, Secretary.

### CHRIS NELSON, Williston, North Dakota

In memory of our departed brother, Chris Nelson, who passed away February 8, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 260 at our regular meeting February 19, 1955:

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

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

Lester Nelson, President.  
Walter Jensen, Secretary.

### KNUD E. ZIMMERMANN, Riverside, Connecticut

In memory of our departed brother, Knud Engsted Zimmermann, who passed away December 15, 1954, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 281:

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

Resolved, 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.

Simon Simonsen, President.  
William Schmidt, Secretary.

### JOHN J. JOHNSON, Canton, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, John J. Johnson, who passed away February 17, 1955, the following resolution was passed at our regular meeting of March 4, 1955, by Lodge 225:

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

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

Arthur Pedersen, President.  
William Roberts, Secretary.

### ANDREW THOMPSEN, Warren, Pennsylvania

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew Thompsen, who passed away February, 1955, 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.

Resolved, 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.

Chris Larsen, President.  
Henry S. Petersen, Secretary.

### JACOB HOLM, New Haven Connecticut

In memory of our departed brother, Jacob Holm, who passed away February 19, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Haabet Lodge No. 32:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our beloved brother, and hereby extend our sympathy to his family, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.

Kristian B. Larsen, President.  
George C. Holm, Secretary.

**PETER T. BROWN, Los Angeles, California**

In memory of our departed brother, Peter T. Brown, who passed away March 10, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Los Angeles Lodge No. 126:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California.

Peter Pedersen, President.  
Hans C. Hansen, Secretary.

**HUGO HEINEMAN, Providence, Rhode Island**

In memory of our departed brother, Hugo Heine- man, who passed away recently, the following reso- lution was adopted by the Providence Lodge No. 102.

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

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

Fred Mortensen, President.  
Jens Sorensen, Secretary.

**MATHIAS FREDERIKSEN, Providence, Rhode Island**

In memory of our departed brother, Mathias Fred- eriksen, who passed away recently, the following resolution was adopted by the Providence Lodge No. 102.

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

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

Fred Mortensen, President.  
Jens Sorensen, Secretary.

**JENS C. JENSEN, Providence, Rhode Island**

In memory of our departed brother, Jens C. Jen- sen, who passed away recently, the following reso- lution was adopted by the Providence Lodge No. 102.

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

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

Fred Mortensen, President.  
Jens Sorensen, Secretary.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with the statutory provisions we are herewith printing the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1954.

### Income

Balance from previous year	\$ 4,264,565.08
Assessment on adult insurance	132,535.99
Assessment on juvenile insurance	1,518.96
Assessment for relief	10,459.00
Membership fees	311.00
Dues and per capita tax	21,971.40
Change of certificate fee	62.00
Interest on investments	145,789.98
Sale of lodge supplies	473.79
Advertising in magazine	1,069.75
Premium on bonds sold	18,696.52
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	\$ 4,597,453.47

### Disbursements

Discount on bonds sold	\$ 1,125.00
Employes income tax	184.58
Death claims	223,457.98
Relief fund payments	5,956.58
Cash surrender	3,442.55
Salaries to officers and employes	15,274.27
Traveling expenses	4,317.46
Bond coupon collection expense	87.00
Insurance department license and fees	1,216.18
Rent and lights	2,157.56
Advertising, printing and stationery	2,130.36
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	816.78
Lodge supplies	555.58
Printing and mailing official publication	4,825.75
Miscellaneous expenses	445.97
Social Security, State Unemployment and Federal Excise taxes	279.83
Membership prizes	783.00
Actuarial fees	915.00
Premium on bonds purchased	14,467.76
Balance on hand December 31, 1954	4,315,014.28
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	\$ 4,597,453.47

### Assets

Book value of bonds and stocks	\$ 4,237,826.50
Certificate loans	766.39
Bank deposits	76,421.39
Interest accrued on bonds	34,055.83
Amortized value over book value	106,092.22
Assessments accrued	22,172.36

Total admitted assets \$ 4,477,334.69

### Liabilities

Death claims, reported under adjustment	\$ 3,395.45
Death claims, incurred in 1954, reported in 1955	11,141.34
Employe Social Security and Federal Income taxes	29.63
Security valuation reserve	80,819.20
Reserves on American Experience and 3 per cent and C. S. O. 2½ per cent	3,153,256.00
Relief and expense funds	299,195.70
Special and contingency reserves	548,370.51
Balance unassigned	381,126.86

\$ 4,477,334.69

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## VALUATION EXHIBIT

In conformity with statutory requirements, we are publishing herewith a valuation made by our consulting actuary, Mr. C. D. Spangler, of the certificates in good standing on December 31, 1954. This valuation is not to be regarded as a test of the financial solvency of the Danish Brotherhood but is made to determine the amount the Society should have on hand in order to pay its future death losses as they mature, without change in the number or amount of assessments. The valuation was made on the American Experience and C. S. O. Tables of Mortality with 3 per cent and 2½ per cent interest assumption respectively.

### Assets—Actual and Contingent

1. Admitted assets (net) \$ 4,177,626.86

### Liabilities—Actual and Contingent

2. Present value of benefits promised \$ 3,153,256.00  
3. Additional reserve to protect benefit certificates 548,370.51  
4. Security valuation reserve 80,336.70  
5. Death claims reported but settlement not effected 14,536.79  
6. Total \$ 3,796,500.00  
Ratio of Line 6 to Line 1 is 110.04 per cent.

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## Life in Austin, Minn.

There is always something doing in Austin even though we don't write about it in the Magazine.

Last November 13 we had our big fish dinner (Torskegilde) which has become very popular with people here of all nationalities. The attendance was nearly 500 and that is all we can handle.

December 18 we had our usual Christmas tree party which the children and grandchildren enjoy very much, as well as the old folks.

January 8, 1955, we had installation of newly elected officers, Otto Nielsen is president, and he has a fine set of officers.

There is excellent cooperation between the Sisterhood lodge and the DB lodge. We meet the same evening in the same building and have joint social affairs after each meeting. Lots of fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nielsen celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last summer, and of course we had a big party to celebrate that event.

Our annual summer picnic is always held at Anton Andersen's place and draws a big crowd.

So it goes in Austin, Minn., round and round, always something doing and we enjoy having visitors, so drop in and see us.

OTTO M. ANDERSEN, Sec.

Racine

September 1955

# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

First I think it will be in order to remind all brothers that on Saturday, April 9 the gathering of the Ex Officers club of the G. C. here in the east will take place in the Danish Club house in Hartford and that all brothers and ladies are invited to attend. There will be a social gathering in the afternoon and a dinner at 6 o'clock; a meeting at 8 o'clock, refreshments served at 10 o'clock and during the meeting the ladies will be entertained in the downstairs hall.

Please notify Einar M. Nielsen as soon as possible if you intend to come. It will be a full day. We hope you will enjoy it.

## Schenectady Celebrates 51 Years of Good Work

Saturday H. C. Orstad lodge had their annual anniversary party in their fine hall at Albany Street, Schenectady. About 150 guests were present and had a lovely time and a fine dinner.

Past Supreme President Bysted Christensen acted as toastmaster for the evening and did a fine job, believe me, the evening started off well when Bysted called upon the postmaster of the city, Mr. Conley, to start off with a song. He repeated this and all present took part and enjoyed it to the fullest of the many speakers called upon for very short remarks. But to the point, we name: Judge Campbell, Peter Christensen, President of the G. C.; President Zepp from Troy, Mrs. Kniskern, President of Sisters in Schenectady; Aage Jespersen, Hartford; Chris. Madsen, Newark; George Petersen, Providence; Lillie Flint, Karen Stock from Denmark, exchange student;

and about a dozen more from out of town and members of the lodge. Several telegrams also were read and members and guests were present from the following lodges: No. 46, Perth Amboy; No. 102, Providence; No. 116, Newark; No. 183, Troy; No. 325, Long Island.

Greetings from the Kiwanis club was extended by Viggo Christensen, member of the lodge. Dancing followed the fine dinner and it did seem to me as though everybody really had a fine time and we say many thanks to No. 190 for another lovely evening.

From Schenectady we also note from their little news sheet that even though the lodge celebrates its anniversary, the individuals do not forget, birthday parties were held at both February and March meetings, the celebrants providing the refreshments and all present enjoying it.

Troy Lodge No. 183 reports that at the meeting in February the 50-year emblem was presented to Brother Jens C. Olesen. It was a pleasant evening with moving pictures and refreshments served.

Speaking of 50-year pins, next year there will be six members in Troy lodge entitled to this honor.

The next big attraction in Troy will be the Sisterhood G. C. convention to be held April 28-29-30. All the brothers are pulling together to help the Sisters make this a fine affair, the Sisters are always so helpful in helping us and we are certainly wishing them good luck in this.

Newark, Lodge No. 116 informs us that at the February meeting a cod fish dinner was served, many attended and enjoyed the dinner and a new member,

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMT PAID
Feb. 3	Jens S. Hansen	94	Viborg Amt., Den.	54	Dannebrog, Nebr.	1899	Leukemia	\$ 560.08
Jan. 15	Hans J. Hansen	88	Lind, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1895	Coronary thrombosis	1000.00
Jan. 27	Jens Jensen	88	Svendborg Amt. Den.	183	Troy, N. Y.	1906	Senility	198.29
Jan. 28	John Larsen	75	Copenhagen, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1903	Heart disease	479.52
Feb. 7	Laurits Petersen	74	Magelby, Mgen, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1912	Not given	1000.00
Nov. 11	Victor Hoffmann	71	Copenhagen, Den.	107	Chicago, Ill.	1928	Heart disease	250.00
Jan. 28	C. Martin Svendsen	52	Pipestone, Minn.	85	Rochester, Minn.	1940	Not given	1000.00
Feb. 10	Christian P. Christensen	81	Osager, Denmark	85	Rochester, Minn.	1911	Hemopericardium	467.52
Feb. 7	Carl Holmberg	74	Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1906	Arterial hypertension	937.44
Feb. 13	Henry L. Nielsen	71	Sønderøse, Hjørring	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1909	Carcinoma	487.25
Feb. 12	Kenneth E. Johnsen	52	Copenhagen, Den.	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1942	Uremia	500.00
Feb. 14	Soren D. Sorensen	67	Bjert Sogn, Vejle Amt.	107	Chicago, Ill.	1906	Cerebral thrombosis	500.00
Feb. 21	Karl A. Pedersen	69	Vestbjærg, Aalborg	147	Newell, Iowa	1906	Not received	486.57
Feb. 17	John J. Johnson	80	Glud Marke, Den.	225	Canton, Ohio	1905	Coronary occlusion	1000.00
Feb. 18	Soren P. M. Jensen	88	Aalborg, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1906	Diabetes mellitus	793.15
Feb. 19	Jacob Holm	71	New York, N. Y.	32	New Haven, Conn.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	971.36
Feb. 4	Anders Chr. Thompson	83	Vedsted, Hjørring A.	202	Warren, Pa.	1905	Myocardial failure	855.97
Dec. 15	Knud Engelsted	66	Odense, Denmark	281	Cincinnati, Ohio	1915	Heart Disease	250.00
Mar. 2	Carl A. Paulsen	65	Vesternes Pr. Nakskov	4	Racine, Wis.	1913	Myocardial infraction	500.00
Mar. 2	John N. Stensgaard	85	Etrup Hurup, Den.	16	Minden, Nebr.	1908	Senility	885.94
Jan. 21	Walter E. Petersen	77	Holsted, Denmark	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1916	Cirrhosis of liver	1000.00
Jan. 29	Eiler Grand	55	Skibet Sogn, Vejle	139	St. Paul, Minn.	1916	Carcinoma	125.00
Mar. 1	Niels Hansen	76	Hundlund Aarhus A.	213	Minneapolis, Minn.	1947	Accident	945.72
Feb. 26	Niels J. D. Nielsen	65	Bording Sogn, Den.	260	Viborg, S. D.	1909	Myocardial failure	1000.00
Feb. 8	Chris Nelson	76	Madison, Wis.	185	Ord, Nebr.	1919	Cerebral thrombosis	1000.00
Mar. 10	Wilhelm Nielsen	67	Hørup, Denmark	125	Williston, N. D.	1915	Suicide	500.00
Feb. 22	Peter Olsen	83	Nørrevissing, Den.	263	Madison, Wis.	1929	Not given	Social
May 28	Soren Jensen	88	Læso, Denmark	49	Weeping Water, Nebr.	1935	Not given	Social
Feb. 22	Fritz Poulsen	59	Denmark	167	Askov, Minn.	1946	Not given	Social
Nov. 23	J. C. Jensen	68			San Francisco, Calif.	1946	Not given	Social
					Portland, Ore.	1950	Not given	Social

Brother Carl Erik Rasmussen was welcomed into the lodge.

The meeting in March will be the birthday meeting (56) and the ladies are invited after a short meeting to take part in refreshments such as coffee and cake and a dance.

Two new members will be initiated that evening, both sponsored by a young and rather new member, Preben Wendt.

The ladies are taking over at the meeting in April, they will have a card party after the meeting and coffee and cake will be served.

In May we have planned a picture with a lecture, most likely a travel picture and later in May a fishing trip will be planned. The date is not set as yet, but keep it in mind.

Oh yes, at the March meeting a group of young people from the Lutheran Evangelical church, put on a show for us too.

It does seem as though it will be a busy year for the members in Lodge No. 116, I am sure there will be more advance notices coming.

### Derby, Conn., Lodge No. 41

This is a little advance notice from No. 41 in Derby and we hope you will take due notice. This lodge will celebrate its 65th anniversary in June this year. The hall is engaged and the date is Saturday, June 16. As they in Derby go along with their program we will have the information for you here in the paper, but now, put a ring on this date on your calendar.

### Jens C. Jensen, Providence, Passes on

Again here in Providence we have the sad tiding to report the loss of one of our good members. Jimmie passed away on Friday evening, March 18. A heart attack ended his career so suddenly that we cannot quite get over the fact that Jimmie has gone.

He had been a member of Rosenborg Lodge for about 30 years and had been a very steady attendant. His wife, Alma, being the secretary of the Sister lodge for the past 25 years, they always came together.

He came to this country as a boy with his parents when he was seven years of age and was a pattern foreman in the Potter Johnson Co., of Pawtucket. From this position he retired only about one month ago and therefore it seemed such a shock to hear this news.

He leaves besides his wife, Alma, a son, Raymond, and a sister, Elise Stevens, in New Hampshire.

Jimmie was buried from the Bellows Funeral home in Pawtucket on Tuesday, March 22 and the bearers were Herbert Lincoln, George V. Petersen, Harboe Jensen, Alfred Bohngren, Oscar Hultgren and Herbert Mentel. A very large gathering of friends were present and Bother Fred Verdich performed our short ceremony at the grave. There were many beautiful flowers and decorations, a most beautiful funeral.

As some of Jimmie's best friends we express our sincere sympathy to the family he left behind.

Saturday evening the law committee of Rosenborg lodge had a meeting, we certainly tried to go through our By-Laws to find something to present to the convention in Racine. We did not at that meeting form any real motions, but we have faith in our

delegate and another meeting will soon be held. We realize here in Providence that we are getting low in number and have tried to find new blood, but our field is small, we keep on trying and we are proud of our little lodge, but we have this year lost three of our very good and faithful members, therefore we resolved at the meeting the other night that we, who are still active must do even more and try harder to keep our lodge in such good standing as we always had it.

From Erie, Lodge No. 242, the report as usual is a very long and most interesting one. We cannot however reprint that as it would just fill the complete April issue, we can report for your information that the installation of officers was a most successful affair, James Nordine from Warren as the installing officer and Ole Beck as conductor. Just to let you know that they are still busy in Erie we print the last activity calendar.

February 25, Brotherhood meeting and social; March 6, Smorgasbord; March 9, Sisterhood meeting; March 11, Brotherhood meeting; March 23, Sisters meeting; and March 25, Brotherhood meeting, and they have something special going on at each meeting and many other affairs.

Something of interest to read in Lyngblomsten is the fact that they are sending presents to the members on their birthdays. I do not believe they send a necktie to all their members, but whoever gets them, certainly get a kick out of it, from the copies of letters we have read, it seems that just a nice necktie can make you wake up and realize that you are not a forgotten man. The letters the lodge receives from their members living out of state, must make the officers and membership as a whole feel pretty good.

April 26 at 8 p. m., there will be a card party and Tumbola at the club house. The committee for this has been hard at work to prepare the articles for this affair.

### Report From the President of the G. C., Peter Christensen

Pete has been a very busy man traveling around and visiting the several lodges, attending functions both as installing officer and also representing the G. C. at affairs such as the 50th anniversary of Lodge No. 205 in Brooklyn. Here I would like to make this apology to you, Pete, for not having you listed in the report of that affair in Brooklyn, I cannot say why it was that you were not mentioned, but be assured that we all enjoyed having you there.

Here is where Pete has been: January 7, Vort Land 50th anniversary; January 8, installation of officers in Byram, Conn.; January 14, installation of officers in Modersmalet, N. Y.; January 22, Hartford, Conn.; January 25, installation in Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy; January 28, installation, Lodge No. 257, New York. Truly a busy month for Pete and I know that his visit in the lodges has been really enjoyed.

At the meeting in Perth Amboy, Pete had the pleasure to present several brothers with their 50-year emblem. Seven were entitled to them but only two could be present. Brother Henry Hansen, former Supreme Board member and Jens Olsen, Ex President of the lodge, were presented with their emblems

and the other brothers will be visited in their homes and presented with their pins there.

We know that Pete will be present at many more affairs to be held during his year as president and also that he take pride in his office. We have been very fortunate here in the east to have men elected to office in the G. C. who takes such interest in our affairs and trust it may continue such.

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**New Members**

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Evind Petersen	4	Racine	Charles Nielsen
Hans Norregaard	10	Coun. Bluffs	Robert Hansen
Hans Norregaard	10	Coun. Bluffs	R. M. McKinley
Andrew Nielsen	30	Muskegon	Joseph Segar, Jr.
Andrew Nielsen	30	Muskegon	C. O. Christensen
Chris W. Pedersen	45	Mpls.	Ernest A. Erickson
Henning Jensen	49	San Francisco	Paul Hansen
Hans Nelson	96	Jackson	Arthur H. Meyer
Niels C. Jespersen	139	Viborg	Donald M. Kaarup
Niels C. Jespersen	139	Viborg	Ray. C. Jespersen
Peder L. Nielsen	139	Viborg	Edward B. Jenen
Hans F. Hansen	155	Bellingham	Albert Hansen

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 Henry Bukke...190—Schenectady...J. V. Wingerden  
 John Christensen...225—Canton...Eric A. Roberts  
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 Svend Petersen...263—Askov...Michael Christensen  
 Svend Petersen...263—Askov...Daniel R. Christensen  
 Karl V. Nilsson...264—Pocatello...John T. Nilsson  
 Emanuel Hansen...281—Cincinnati...Ole T. Schioler  
 Paul J. Iversen...299—Solvang...Ferdinand Sorensen  
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Result of vote in Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary.

Send this, or a similar report, before April 12, 1955, to

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