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Racine in 1955!



Racine County Court House

One of the outstanding features of the Racine skyline is the magnificent county building. This internationally famous Racine court house, a prime example of monolithic architecture, which has brought considerable reputation to our city, dates back to 1931.

The court house, standing free and with real dignity in the very center of a full city block of grounds — and just three blocks east of our own Danish Brotherhood hall — was designed by the Chicago firm of Holabird and Root and was a prize winner in its time. The tallest structure in town, it soars to a height of 156 feet, its exterior surfaces are faced in Bedford limestone and its woodwork is of American walnut. An exceptionally beautiful structure for a city of our size and wealth, it was built at the cost of \$1,500,000 and represented a truly herculean undertaking during a time of depression. The tall clean lines of this building's exterior are matched by the efficient design and trim of the offices and court rooms within.

The delegates and visitors to our national convention will find it well worth their time to visit this modern Racine county court house. From its top floors unfolds an "aerial" panorama long to be remembered: Our blue Lake Michigan, the harbor and breakwater, the lighthouses, church steeples and water towers, the unique S. C. Johnson tower, factories and our homes, and, perhaps a giant tanker or lake steamer moving slowly off in the Lake Michigan horizon!

And our convention committee, ably supervised by chairman Peter Jensen, have methodically arranged and planned all the details connected with this, our

24th national convention. No efforts are being spared. No details overlooked. The committee is functioning in a precise and determined manner.

We are expecting between 140 and 150 delegates. We are expecting many more times that amount of visitors! Send in your reservations early, please! Do so very soon — won't you? And may we again ask all those who possibly can — please COME BY AUTO! Our lodge and our convention committee will welcome you! Racine, with its 1,808 persons actually born in Denmark, will welcome you! We think you will like Racine! May we have the pleasure of your visit come September 19, 1955?

GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN.

Convention Committees

The delegates representing the lodges whose numbers appear in the list below, opposite the name of the committee, are appointed to function on that committee at the convention to be held in Racine, Wisconsin, beginning Monday, September 19, 1955.

In conformity with Section 36 in our By-Laws you are hereby officially notified of your appointment.

INCORPORATION	-----332	227	37	195	167
CONSTITUTION	-----45	67	116	92	43
ARTICLE I	-----14	17	103	113	225
ARTICLE II	-----4	39	50	111	263
ARTICLE III	-----30	75	153	186	255
ARTICLE IV	-----1	36	164	219	263
ARTICLE V	-----29	278	16	64	264
ARTICLE VI	-----84	38	70	147	184
ARTICLE VII	-----241	42	59	110	144
ARTICLE VIII	-----32	90	96	117	181
ARTICLE IX	-----261	12	40	41	139
ARTICLE X	-----71	33	54	102	306
ARTICLE XI	-----15	28	240	257	299
ARTICLE XII	-----281	56	143	152	155
ARTICLE XIII	-----3	34	314	190	283
NEW MOTIONS	-----49	91	294	325	242
AUDITING	-----11	134	171	233	298
CREDENTIALS	-----78	10	65	95	177
CLAIMS	-----202	7	26	62	112
RITUAL	-----334	51	126	172	321
RESOLUTIONS	-----322	107	205	245	149
CONTINGENCY	-----3	332	29	190	111
ALTERNATES:	188 — 268 — 267 — 185 — 273 —				
	254 — 125 — 288 — 191 — 163.				

Fraternally yours,

SVEND PETERSEN,
Supreme President.

Change of Officers

Secretary:

Lodge No. 69, Arthur William Larsen, 11519 Park-view Avenue, Cleveland 4, Ohio.

Treasurer:

Lodge No. 113, Henry Hergert, 1925 Kibler Avenue, Enumclaw, Washington.

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May 1955

Attention Brother Delegate

The Racine Convention Committee has sent a questionnaire to every lodge which is entitled to send a delegate.

It is vitally important that this questionnaire be answered and sent back to Racine at once, so the committee can make proper arrangements. So, Brother Delegate, contact your lodge secretary and do this RIGHT NOW.

Look to the Future

I.

While reading the last issue of Danish Brotherhood Magazine, I noticed that several questions were up for discussion. First: "Loan to Danish Old Peoples' Homes." The word "Danish" might need consideration, for the reason that the "Danish" may be a misnomer in a few years. And then the "additions to present homes." The value of the old buildings might need careful consideration.

II.

Julius Andersen's article is food for meditation. Notice the statement "Faith understood, believed in, AS WELL AS PRACTICED." The "Old Man" many years member, has some good thoughts for meditation. He mentions lack of interest, lack of immigration, has led to serious dwindling of members. We cannot do anything as to immigration, of course, and for years there must have been lack of interest, hence the failure to grow. If the Danish language had been laid aside twenty years ago (not just prohibited entirely but taken second place), conditions might have been different. I am sure of one lodge that suffered under such failure (change of language. I hope, Julius, that your words may comfort some, but I think too late. But it is nice to hear from the old members and "feel" that their enthusiasm

is still living. Then comes another statement in same issue: "Paid in sick benefits to members, over forty-one thousand dollars, and in help to members, over six thousand dollars." Not a complete failure yet.

III.

One writer mentions that the Racine national convention will likely be the last one. Then district conventions will likely take over. Well, it seems a lot of money to spend for national conventions. And would the district conventions not be more friendly and neighborly? Outside of the officers, how many meet friends at the large national conventions? And certainly if a new building should be built, Omaha surely would be the proper place, fairly near the center of the United States.

Let us think it over carefully.

SIGURD PEDERSEN,
Ruthon, Minnesota.

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
4	Racine, Wisconsin	3	8
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	0	11
17	Chicago, Illinois	16	0
26	Fremont, Nebraska	0	10
28	Badger, South Dakota	10	0
38	Laramie, Wyoming	6	0
46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	11	0
116	Newark, New Jersey	28	0
125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	3	5
183	Troy, New York	8	5
195	Omaha, Nebraska	0	20
202	Warren, Pennsylvania	13	0
227	Detroit, Michigan	47	1
230	Arcata, California	9	0
322	Santa Barbara, California	8	5
325	Nassau County, New York	33	0
Total		195	65
Received to date		62	41
Totals		257	106

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Financial Report

March 31, 1955

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand March 1, 1955	\$ 6,930.39
Assessments	11,055.15
Interest on bonds	11,081.90
Bonds called or matured	3,000.00
Certificate loan repaid	25.00
Interest on certificate loan	1.50

\$32,093.94

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$16,911.33
Cash surrender	777.83
Collection expense on bond coupons	9.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1955	14,395.78

\$32,093.94

General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand March 1, 1955	\$10,705.55
Received in March	1,059.34

\$11,764.89

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 469.52
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	65.42
Rent and lights	181.54
Printing and mailing official publication	391.32
Membership rewards	22.00
Notary fees	3.00
File cabinet	21.00
Charities	10.00
Travel expenses, per idem, board meeting	1,288.00
Actuarial expenses	500.00
Employer taxes, social security	18.70
General office expenses	50.00
Lodge supplies	6.60
Salaries to officers and employees	1,212.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1955	7,525.79

\$11,764.89

Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand March 1, 1955	\$ 2,212.52
Relief assessments	33.00
Interest on bonds	625.00
Relief payments returned	19.87
Relief payments repaid by beneficiary	250.00

\$ 3,140.39

Disbursements:

Relief payments	\$ 386.50
Balance on hand March 31, 1955	2,753.89

\$ 3,140.39

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand March 1, 1955	\$ 4,059.56
Juvenile assessments	150.53

\$ 4,210.09

Disbursements:

Balance on hand March 31, 1955	\$ 4,210.09
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Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$4,000,555.39
Relief fund investments	240,000.00
General fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	28,885.55
	\$4,309,440.94

Hats Off to the Wide Awake Members and Lodges

If you have read, carefully, the last few issues of your Brother Magazine, you will have observed, in the new member list, that several lodges are well on the way toward winning top honors in signing up new members. Wide awake lodge members have "gone to town" by obtaining new members for their lodges and the Brotherhood. For them and their lodges we say, "Hats off."

There is no good reason why the rest of us cannot, likewise, enrich our lodge, the Brotherhood, the new member and ourselves, by introducing that new member to the friendly and helpful fellowship that prevails within the Danish Brotherhood.

New members are desirable and welcome in the Brotherhood at any and all times, but, in order to count in the membership contest during the first six months of 1955, they must be initiated before July 1. Time flies, so let's hurry to place that application blank before our good prospect for his "John Henry."

Hoping to see your name on the next "Booster List."

Fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN.

Transportation To the Racine Convention

It may appear a little early to think about transportation of our delegates and visitors to the convention in Racine next September. However, the delegates have been elected, committees appointed, and a lot of enthusiasm and interest in what will be accomplished in Racine is most evident, hence it may be in order to touch now a little on the subject of transportation.

At our last board meeting in Omaha it was decided that "yours truly" will be in complete charge of transportation matters, and endeavor to make a Brotherhood Special train for the delegates and friends from the West, thereby having uniformity in traveling time and secure the best and quickest rail transportation travel method.

Negotiations with the carrier is now in effect and plans will be completed and announced in our June magazine. Those of you whom were aboard the "Brotherhood Special" in 1951 will remember the wonderful time we had and I am sure that this trip will be equally as pleasant if not even better.

In the meantime I can tell you this: that plans will be laid out so as to arrive in comfort and in the shortest possible railroad time, without any stop-overs in transit between the West coast and Chicago; so look for more details in our next issue.

HILMAR W. HANSEN.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer
711 North Eye, Tacoma, Washington

"The esprit de corps of not only the Danes but of the entire population of Junction City, Ore., and its vicinity is excellent" writes General Convention Chairman Fred Petersen. "Everyone seems to be very enthusiastic about our sixth annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges" adds his co-chairman and active wife, Hilda. As you read my column this month, I sincerely hope that you have long since reserved motel accommodations with Mabel Bodtker, 1596 Oaklea Drive and made arrangements for both Saturday noon luncheon and evening banquet through Registration Chairman Ejner Christiansen, 333 River Road — it is not too late yet, that is if you act at once — right now.

"Black, hot and sweet" — that's how they like their coffee in Brazil (where they have an awful lot of the stuff) but Brazilians are not the only people who love their coffee — Junction City DB Lodge No. 268 knows that and there will be plenty of free "Dansk Kaffe" upon your arrival Friday, May 20, to spend three days in eating, drinking and cementing our fraternal bonds. It is gratifying indeed to know that the yearly attendance at our previous five conclaves has gradually increased each time and we look forward to seeing some new faces this time. But mentioning JC reminds me to tell you that District Inner Guard Sigurd C. Nielsen has just called my attention to the fact that Junction City is not between Portland and Salem but rather still further south. Oh well, what's a few more miles to a "happy-go-lucky" Dane.

Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it, the old saying goes. Nobody, that is, except District President C. Ed Hirsch who promises the very best in sunshine, climate and temperatures for our convention week-end. Remember, you are invited, one and all, and please bring your friends along. And speaking of Brother Ed who will this year be in charge of the business gatherings, "get set for a good smoke" as the Hirsch's are about to be visited by that famous old Danish bird "the Stork."

Plainview Can Do — How About You?

Much has been said and written about the steadily dwindling membership in the Danish Brotherhood and I do think Brother Jul Andersen hit the nail on its head, when he in the last number of our paper reasons that we have lost faith. We here in Lodge No. 117 are rather proud of the fact that we, instead of going backward, have been able to increase our membership from a mere handful to 61.

There is still a few of the oldtimers among us. One of these, is our only living charter member, Nels A. Petersen, who received his 50-year pin 5 years ago.

What we have done other lodges should be able to do also, but to sell anything you must have conviction and not all of us are cut out to be salesmen. Ours is a good and sound business, but not so good that it will sell itself, and I do hope that the Con-

vention in Racine will set aside a goodly sum for the purpose of hiring a few good men to give lodges that so desire, a helping hand.

Brothers, you would be surprised to see how many in your neighborhood are eligible for membership in the Brotherhood since the change in requirements.

CARL E. PETERSEN.

Notice!

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Delegates To 1955 National Convention, Racine, Wis.

Beginning September 19, 1955

The following is a list of delegates reported lawfully elected. First is given the number of the lodge; name and address of the delegate; birthplace; birthday and present occupation.

Lodges which are not listed below are either not entitled to a delegate or the delegate is elected too late, or information concerning the election has not yet been received at the Home Office.

1. Gunnar S. Engskov, 3234 Ohio St., Omaha 10, Nebraska, Aalborg, Denmark, July 10, 1910, Painting and Decorating Contractor.
3. John Hansen, 710 River Drive, Bettendorf, Iowa, Nykøbing F., Denmark, October 9, 1891, Manufacturer.
4. Gerhard H. Rasmussen, 3704 Kinzie Ave., Racine, Wisconsin, Copenhagen, Denmark, April 27, 1900, Cost Accountant.
7. August Jensen, 416 W. 9th St., Cedar Falls, Iowa, Grindsted, Denmark, August 24, 1885, Factory Supervisor.
10. Marinus Nielsen, 787 Madison Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa, Hjørring Amt, Denmark, May 24, 1897, Tailor.
11. Christen Hans Gertsen, Box 22, Clinton, Iowa, Vong, Jylland, Denmark, June 11, 1895, Painter, Civil Service.
12. Jacob P. Christensen, 1145-13th Ave., Green Bay, Wisconsin, Foxo, Denmark, December 14, 1890, Carpenter.
14. Hans A. Petersen, 2423-73rd St., Kenosha, Wisconsin, Naskov, Denmark, February 13, 1901, Toolmaker.
15. Emil Londahl, 1500 Thompson Ave., Des Moines 16, Iowa, Veistrup, Fyn, Denmark, December 2, 1883, State Employee.
16. Tony V. Madsen, Minden, Nebraska, Minden, Nebraska, October 15, 1905, Farmer.
17. John Olsen, 4867 Elston Ave., Chicago, Illinois, Kaarup Fyn, Denmark, May 17, 1895, Cabinet-maker.
20. Irving Jolly, 341 Sixth St., Manistee, Michigan, Manistee, Michigan, October 30, 1905, Printer.
26. Thorvald M. Jensen, 1010 No. H St., Fremont, Nebraska, Aarhus, Denmark, January 27, 1901, Retired.
28. Jens P. Andersen, Box 82, Badger, South Dakota, Sønderhaa Thisted Amt, Denmark, May 8, 1881, Retired Farmer.
29. Einer A. Hansen, 3245 39th Ave. S. W., Seattle 6, Vester Vedsted, Denmark, April 27, 1899, Dairyman.
30. Thorvald Burkall, 1287 Catherine Ave., Muskegon, Michigan, Muskegon, Michigan, December 22, 1916, Machinist.
32. Arne M. Bjarno, 29 Blake St., New Haven 11, Conn., Copenhagen, Denmark, January 22, 1907, Toolmaker.
33. Christian Petersen, 3705 So. 8th St., Tacoma 6, Wash., Børkop, Breningen, Denmark, March 1, 1891, Retired.
34. Leo Pedersen, Route 1, Box 40, Dwight, Ill., Odell, Ill., November 3, 1911, Farming.
35. Martin Christensen, 9400 S. Richmond St., Evergreen Park, Ill., Thisted, Denmark, March 1, 1897, Trucking Contractor.
36. John Jacobsen, 2741 N. Summit Ave., Milwaukee 11, Wis., Milwaukee, Wis., February 13, 1918, Insurance Broker.
37. Erik Garde, 50 Virginia Ave., Bridgeport 8, Conn., Copenhagen, Denmark, July 17, 1922, Project Engineer.
38. Mads C. Justesen, 366 No. 3rd, Laramie, Wyo., Denmark, January 10, 1893, Contractor.
39. Norman Dan Andker, 1445-5th Ave., Oakland 6, Calif., Oakland, Calif., May 21, 1911, Funeral Director.
40. Christen Bruun, P. O. Box 347, Rawlins, Wyo., Gjesing pr Esbjerg, Denmark, October 6, 1872, Merchant.
41. Niels Christensen, R. D. 2, Seymour, Conn., Dejbjerg, Denmark, July 19, 1883, Retired.
42. Martinus Nielsen, 1812 E. Empire, Spokane, Wash., Urejlev, Hjørring, Denmark, December 19, 1886, Builders' Foreman.
43. Harold Fredericksen, 926 So. York, Denver, Colo., Stoholm, Kobberup Sogn, Denmark, December 29, 1892, Machinist.
45. Stanley Jensen, 5908-11th Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn., March 25, 1921, Supervisor.
46. Peter Christensen, 532 Leon Ave., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, October 12, 1905, Dock Builder.
48. Harold Hansen, 801, Young Ave., Rock Springs, Wyoming, Rock Springs, Wyoming, January 18, 1905, Postal Clerk.
49. Rudolph M. Olsen, 2530-27th Ave., San Francisco, Calif., Aalborg, Denmark, October 30, 1893, Chief Clerk, Cunard Line.
50. Paul Thofner, P. O. Box 51, Metuchen, New Jersey, Copenhagen, Denmark, December 7, 1894, Manager.
51. Delbert Williamsen, 807 6th St., Ludington, Mich., Ludington, Mich., August 19, 1915, Pipe Fitter.
54. Chris Mortensen, Box 67, Dannebrog, Nebraska, Skelskør, Denmark, April 21, 1882, Custodian of Schools.
56. Gudmond Schmidt, R. R. No. 1, Grandview, Missouri, Bakke Sogn, Denmark, August 5, 1917, Cattle Dealer.
59. Julius Larsen, 716-9th Ave., Menominee, Mich., Menominee, Mich., July 9, 1889, Wholesale Candy and Cigars.
62. A. M. Petersen, 815 So. Paxton, Sioux City, Iowa, Vurring Sogn, Denmark, April 29, 1888, Retired.
64. Lavard Pedersen, 2234-13th Ave., Rockford, Ill., Copenhagen, Denmark, December 28, 1889, Heat-treater and Metallurgist.
65. Roland M. Hansen, 4132 Regent St., Duluth 4, Minn., Duluth, Minn., September 5, 1911, Housing Manager, U. S. Government.
67. Julius Hansen, 305 Rowell Bldg., Fresno, Calif., Fresno, Calif., March 2, 1889, Attorney.
70. Lawrance Petersen, 516 So. Clay St., Greenville, Michigan, Greenville, Michigan, March 4, 1913, Electrician.
71. Laurits Pedersen, R. D. No. 2, Stanley, New York, Aarhus, Denmark, October 14, 1897, Farmer.
73. Jacob H. Jacobsen, Alden, Minnesota, Magleby Sogn, Jylland, Denmark, November 29, 1871, Dealer in Real Estate.
75. Chris Sorensen, 1213 Fountain St., Albert Lea, Minnesota, Hjørring, Denmark, April 11, 1897, Road Contractor.

77. Morten E. Petersen, Turin, Iowa, Søvind, Denmark, August 28, 1894, Merchant and Postmaster.
78. Edgar W. Hansen, 847 East 9th So., Salt Lake City 2, Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 6, 1902, Cleaner and Dyer Business.
84. Neil Tinggaard 4224 So. 58th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, February 21, 1902, Electrical Designer.
85. Harald Thompson, Box 627, Rochester, Minnesota, Aarhus, Denmark, January 9, 1888, Florist.
89. Christ Mortensen, 2623 John Ave., Superior, Wisconsin, Dorf Dronninglund, Denmark, September 28, 1885, Retired.
90. Juel Juelsen, 2-C-2 Redfield Village, Metuchen, New Jersey, Denmark, September 11, 1895, Bus Operator.
91. Edwin C. Jorgensen, 1619 Palace Ave., St. Paul 5, Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota, October 5, 1897, Abstracter.
92. Einar Danielsen, 404 N. 5th Ave., St. Charles, Ill., Elma, Iowa, June 26, 1913, Golf Course Supt.
95. Albert M. Hansen, R.F.D., Ferndale, Calif., Ferndale, Calif., July 19, 1897, Dairyman.
96. Walter Nielsen, Alpha, Minnesota, Lolland, Denmark, January 19, 1886, Retired.
102. Fred Verdich, 40 Mauran St., Cranston, R. I., Copenhagen, Denmark, November 19, 1885, Retired.
103. Hans Harders, 45 Lakeview Ave., Cheshire, Conn., Randers, Denmark, October 2, 1899, Machinist.
106. Manus E. Norton, Trufant, Mich., Trufant, Mich., April 21, 1930, Clerk.
107. Jack Hansen, 7921 Escanaba, Chicago, Ill., Mollerup, Denmark, March 1, 1890, Shop Foreman.
110. Leo Jensen, Carroll, Nebraska, Winside, Nebraska, January 31, 1902, Farming.
111. Bert Godfredsen, Adams, Minnesota, Rudkøbing, Langeland, Denmark, December 14, 1895, Farmer.
112. Albert Lorentzen, 21 William St., Portland, Maine, Roskilde, Denmark, March 21, 184, Retired.
113. Norbert E. Grove, 711 No. Eye, Tacoma, Wash., Colman, South Dakota, September 3, 1913, Real Estate Broker.
116. Chris Madsen, 76 Union Place, No. Arlington, New Jersey, Hygum Sogn, Ribe, Denmark, February 29, 1904, Foreman.
117. Karl Horst, Plainview, Nebraska, Warms, Russia, October 4, 1904, Farming.
121. Soren Chr. Sorensen, Tyler, Minnesota, Tyler, Minnesota, March 22, 1900, Farming.
125. Axel Anton Nielsen, R.F.D., Weeping Water, Nebraska, Weeping Water, Nebraska, January 20, 1906, Farmer.
126. Fred K. Holm, 5019 So. 7th Ave., Los Angeles 43, Calif., Odder, Denmark, February 6, 1906, Telephone Technician.
127. Jens Chr. Nielsen, Dike, Iowa, Varde Ribe Amt, Denmark, August 5, 1902, Farmer.
128. William Miller, Shelby, Iowa, Sunde Sogn, Denmark, July 3, 1904, Farmer.
134. Niels J. Nielsen, Ringsted, Iowa, Clinton, Iowa, July 29, 1896, Farmer.
139. Jens A. Nielsen, Viborg, South Dakota, Tolstrup Hjørring Amt, Denmark, January 21, 1895, Farming.
143. John V. Jensen, 33 Aveye Way, Petaluma, Calif., San Francisco, Calif., January 26, 1919, Blacksmith.
144. Louis A. Jensen, 303 Denver St., Waterloo, Iowa, Slesvig, Denmark, December 11, 1888, Mechanic.
147. Ole Frolund, Newell, Iowa, Gjellerup, Denmark, October 22, 1905, Farming.
148. Martin Ferguson, Jr., P. O. Box 344, Cheyenne, Wyo., Cheyenne, Wyo., February 23, 1924, Ranching.
149. Hans Jorgensen, Route 2, Luverne, North Dakota, Draby Fyn, Denmark, October 30, 1898, Farmer.
150. A. P. Mickelsen, Marne, Iowa, Aarhus, Denmark, April 22, 1886, Farmer.
152. Frank Kunz, Wilbur, Wash., Wilbur, Wash., February 12, 1925, Farmer.
153. C. L. Christensen, St. Paul, Nebraska, Cotesfield, Nebraska, September 5, 1903, Farming.
154. Andrew Smith, Owen, Wisconsin, Owen, Wisconsin, December 29, 1903, Farming.
155. Hans F. Hansen, 242 No. Forest St., Bellingham, Washington, Midtskov pr. Broager, Denmark, October 26, 1879, Retired.
160. Hans J. Larson, Route 1, Underwood, Minnesota, Otter Tail County, Minnesota, August 12, 1887, Farmer.
161. Thorvald Mogensen, Ruskin, Nebraska, Vrejlev Sogn, Denmark, May 3, 1892, Farmer.
163. Alfred Steffensen, 312 S. Bower St., Greenville, Mich., Gowen, Mich., March 23, 1896, Carpenter.
164. Paul Petersen, 1429, St. Lawrence Ave., Bronx 60, New York, Copenhagen, Denmark, December 5, 1903, Building Superintendent.
167. Charles Ed Hirsch, 4016 N. E. Skidmore St., Portland, Oregon, Portland, Oregon, June 26, 1917, Truck Body Builder.
170. Niels Smith, 1447 Rockland Ave., Rocky River 16, Ohio, Varde, Denmark, August 14, 1879, Tinner.
171. Holm Larsen, 11 W. 15th St., Jamestown, New York, Brovst, Jylland, Denmark, February 18, 1894, Foreman.
172. John H. Nissen, 4621 Marple St., Philadelphia 40, Pa., New York, New York, January 31, 1908, Wholesale Merchant.
177. Bernard H. Rasmussen, Exeter, Nebraska, Seaward Co., Nebraska, February 9, 1908, Farming.
181. Seafred Jensen, Sidney, Mich., Sidney, Mich., August 24, 1908, Factory Worker.
182. Howard Petersen, 2811 Forest Lane, Waukegan, Ill., Waukegan, Ill., February 17, 1907, Carpenter.
183. Anders P. Thompsen, 333-5th Ave., Troy, New York, Horsens, Denmark, July 15, 1901, Contractor.
184. Anker B. Christensen, 141 Thornton Ave., Centerville, Calif., Holbeck, Randers Amt, Denmark, February 3, 1898, Salt Plant Superintendent.
185. Waldemar M. Nielsen, 4117 Hegg Ave., Madison 4, Wis., Denmark, February 18, 1901, Draftsman.
186. S. Christian Jacobsen, R.R. 3, Luck, Wisconsin, Denmark, October 20, 1904, Farmer.
188. Peter Jensen, Route 1, Box 128, Del Rey, Calif., Snebjerg Sogn, Denmark, December 16, 1889, Farmer.
190. Carl J. Christensen, 1559 Regent St., Schenectady, New York, Schenectady, New York, February 10, 1922, Construction Work.
191. Chris Andersen, 4671 Lee Ave., St. Louis 15, Mo., Jerslev, Denmark, November 13, 1889, Retired.
194. Peter Rasmussen, 136 W. 10th St., McMinnville, Oregon, Snøde, Denmark, January 22, 1898, Building Contractor.
195. Fred Jensen, 1813 Laird St., Omaha, Nebraska, Knudstrup, Denmark, June 8, 1898, Real Estate Salesman.

198. Nels U. Nelson, Kenmare, North Dakota, Ølgod, Denmark, April 23, 1894, Mail Carrier.
202. Chris R. Larsen, 19 Russell St., Warren, Pa., Denmark, November 16, 1894, Carpenter.
205. Magnus Larsen, 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn 1, New York, Odense, Denmark, May 23, 1897, Superintendent.
211. George V. Pedersen, 721 W. John St., Grand Island, Nebraska, Grand Island, Nebraska, February 4, 1906, Telephone Worker.
212. Soren (Sam) Jensen, 1738 Washington St., Waterloo, Iowa, Kjellerup, Jylland, Denmark, March 28, 1892, Painter.
215. Jens Sahl, Battle Creek, Iowa, Viborg, Denmark, August 15, 1893, Farmer.
217. John Klit, Humboldt, Iowa, Sejerslev Mors, Denmark, September 14, 1907, Farmer.
219. Stanley M. Oredsen, 704—7th Ave., Clear Lake, Iowa, Clear Lake, Iowa, October 7, 1913, Service Department in Peoples Gas & Electric Co.
225. John Christensen, 2355—3rd St. S. E., Canton, Ohio, Denmark, March 17, 1895, Ex-President.
227. Sigfred Jorgensen, 15339 Vaughan Ave., Detroit, 23, Mich., Aarhus, Denmark, January 29, 1889, Woodturning.
230. Peter Iversen, P. O. Box 261, Arcata, Calif., Haderslev, Denmark, June 5, 1888, Superintendent County Farm.
233. Hans Soe, 330—15th St., Toledo 2, Ohio, Ølstrup, Jylland, Denmark, April 19, 1894, Dairy Worker.
234. Lars Jensen, 532 Pleasant St., Woodstock, Ill., Torslev Jylland, Denmark, June 21, 1886, Retired.
239. Orlando Michelsen, 218 Forest Glen Drive, P. O. Box 122, Round Lake, Ill., Copenhagen, Denmark, May 1, 1893, Semi-retired.
240. Arnold Hansen, 70 David Ave., Rochester 7, New York, Rochester, New York, May 21, 1912, Mason.
241. Christian Jensen, 31 So. Main St., Milltown, N. J., Sayreville, N. J., December 29, 1888, Merchant.
242. Soren Melgaard, 1360 W. 6th St., Erie, Pa., Komdrup, Denmark, July 17, 1899, Estate Caretaker.
245. Carlo J. Cordtz, 606 LaPorte Ave., South Bend, Ind., South Bend, Ind., August 14, 1893, Foreman.
254. Paul Theodore Christensen, Route 1, Brush, Colo., Brush, Colo., April 20, 1896, Farmer.
255. Harry Sorensen, 10875 So. Bethel Ave., Selma, Calif., Reedley, Calif., July 14, 1906, Farmer and Shopworker.
257. Elmer Jensen, 422 W. 115th St., New York 25, New York, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 11, 1901, Superintendent.
260. Clayton Knutson, 623 7th Ave. West, Williston, N. D., Williams, N. D., April 24, 1911, Salesman.
261. James Jensen, Fowler, Colo., Fowler, Colo., December 6, 1915, Farmer.
262. Elmer L. Jensen, 915 E. 8th St., Cozad, Nebraska, Winnifred, Montana, August 23, 1917, Carpenter.
263. Clarence Morgensen, Askov, Minn., Chicago, Ill., January 31, 1909, Proprietor, Morgensen Chevrolet Company.
264. Einar K. Jensen, 436 Richland, Pocatello, Idaho, Vils Morsø, Denmark, September 1, 1902, Proprietor, Furniture Store.
267. McLaren Funk, 22 West 2nd No., Brigham City, Utah, Brigham City, Utah, June 27, 1911, Custom-Painter.
268. Anton Kocks, 772 J St., Springfield, Oregon, Ribe, Denmark, February 18, 1885, Retired.
273. Leonard Hansen, Armstead, Montana, Dillon, Montana, August 8, 1914, Rancher.
278. Soren J. Jespersen, 602 So. 9th East, Salt Lake City, Utah, Aarhus, Denmark, March 4, 1885, Mechanical Engineer.
281. William Schmidt, 2954 Wardall Ave., Cincinnati 11, Ohio, Odense, Denmark, March 17, 1902, Dairyman.
283. Einer Sorensen, R.F.D. No. 2, Dagmar, Montana, Dagmar, Montana, September 9, 1918, Farming.
288. Einar Nielsen, Dannebrog, Nebraska, Elba, Nebraska, March 21, 1896, Farming.
294. Harry Mikkelsen, Williamstown, Vermont, Williamstown, Vermont, September 15, 1910, Farmer.
298. James Petersen, 1436 Olive Ave., Chicago 26, Ill., Føllenslev, Denmark, March 1, 1892, Chauffeur.
299. C. V. Nielsen, Box 53, Solvang, Calif., Vrensted Sogn, Denmark, March 27, 1892, Proprietor, Lumber Yard.
301. Arnold Christensen, 577 Grace Ave., Akron, Ohio, Denmark, April 15, 1891, Upholsterer.
306. Lehmann Cook, 6429 Edmonds St., San Diego 14, Calif., Veddem, Jylland, Denmark, September 20, 1906, Salesman.
314. Alfred E. Stark, 24 Violet St., Hartford 5, Conn., Fyn, Denmark, June 29, 1902, Engineer.
319. Soren Stenderup, Route 6, Box 230, Bakersfield, Calif., Denmark, April 27, 1906.
321. Jens Christensen, Box 105 Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach, Fla., Denmark, January 24, 1903, Former Tourist Court Owner.
322. Otto F. Pedersen, 70 Knapp Dr., Santa Barbara, Calif., Vigsø, Denmark, December 24, 1894, Contractor.
323. Walter C. Kaysen, 2019 No. Del Mar Ave., South San Gabriel, Calif., Chicago, Ill., April 9, 1902, Electrician.
325. Walter Petersen, 158 Emery St., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., Copenhagen, Denmark, February 2, 1902, Painter.
326. Ole Petersen, West Branch, Iowa, Roskilde, Denmark, September 14, 1887, Store Clerk.
332. Albert F. Tunsen, Route 4, Box 602, Stockton, Calif., Modesto, Calif., February 5, 1921, Western Rep., Switchmans Union.
334. Arthur Christensen, 265 Castle St., Geneva, New York, Denmark, April 28, 1914, Glazier.

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New Ideas

The National Convention in Racine is in sight and the Law Committees of all lodges are hard at work discussing and planning new proposals and amendments to be brought before the Convention. It should not be a question of how many proposals each lodge sponsors but, rather, it is important that there be a few good worth-while proposals which will be beneficial to our fraternity and, who knows, might create a turning point — and halt that downhill decline in our membership which has been so alarmingly noticeable in the last few years. It is a crucial time for our Brotherhood! We lack the flow of immigrants from the old country to swell our ranks and give new blood and vigor to carry on our noble and beneficial fraternity for which our older brothers so freely gave their time, their heart, and soul to maintain through all those 75 years.

From time to time we read and write articles about District Conventions. Proposals have been placed before convention after convention, although each time with a little less strength, the opposing brothers vote the idea down — and still District, Central Committees, etc., have been formed, maintained and enjoyed in all parts of our country except perhaps in the middle west. It is hard to understand, for if those in-name-only districts were not beneficial and helpful in any way to our brotherhood in their particular part of the country, I am sure they would have been dropped long ago. Contrarily, after reading the reports from their conventions and gatherings, it seems that they have played a very useful and important part in promoting interest and that "Go-Get" spirit which it takes to move along with the times. They do not just let things slide, to take care of themselves the best they can.

Since the Brotherhood has shrunk to half its size in membership, it stands to reason that the National Convention in its present form should be discontinued, since it is so out of proportion in expenses, with less and less income from the steadily declining memberships. With a smaller National Convention, because of fewer district delegates, I am sure it would not alone be more economical but more efficient.

In studying the map of the United States the states in which we have lodges, the number of lodges and members in each state, etc.; and in trying to make the districts about equal in number of lodges and members, up comes the answer that 7 districts would be just about right. Now, here comes a very important fact: Each district would elect its own supreme officers at their District Convention. Because of that, each district would have its own representative on the supreme board; he would be an officer chosen more justly by his popularity, work, and interest for the brothers in their particular part of the country. This would avoid having some sections of the brotherhood without representation on the supreme board, which has happened so often in the past.

Out of the 7 district-elected board members, the National Convention would decide by election who is to be Supreme President, Vice President, etc. For the 7th member added to the board, his title would be Ex-president, and this office would be held by the outgoing President if he is elected again by the district to the board; if not, the title would be held by the last Ex-president.

The Supreme Secretary-Treasurer would, as in the past, be elected or re-elected by the National Convention, and not be considered a delegate, or represent any district, but would devote his full attention to the Home Office and management of the brotherhood business. He is a board member and, as such, would have the same duties and authority as the other 7 members.

Should a tie vote occur on the board, which may never happen, then, but at no other time, the Supreme President's vote would automatically count as two.

Each lodge would be allowed one delegate to the District Convention, to be held every year at a place chosen at the previous convention, and this delegate would bear his own expenses except for a small allowance from his lodge or the district office. With the added attraction and importance of electing supreme officers and delegates to the National Convention, plus the mutual interest in ones own district, as well as the added local sociabilities to be enjoyed by everyone, why, each district could be of much more importance and value to the brotherhood than we can realize.

Each district would elect 5 delegates to the National Convention, which means only 35 delegates elected from the 7 districts would attend the National Convention. This would mean cutting expenses to almost one-fourth.

Should it be decided to hold all future national conventions in Omaha, that would further cut expenses. It would not be such a wild idea either if we had a National Convention every 2 years instead of every 4 years as now. The expense would still be less than the present setup. Constantly changing times and problems pertaining to our Brotherhood might justify the National Convention being held oftener. Four years is a very long time — longer than we can realize.

Many of you probably do not agree on what I have here brought to your attention, but I hope it has aroused your interest and will cause some discussion thereof. Should the idea in its entirety or only part of it be worthy of your consideration for a proposal, this article will have served its purpose.

C. HOFFMANN.
Lodge No. 195
Omaha, Nebraska

Change in Meeting Date of Lodge

Lodge No. 89 has changed its meeting date from the first Thursday of each month to the third Monday.

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Resolutions

MADS NEILSEN, Cleveland, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Mads Neilsen, our outer guard, and the lost of our charter member.

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

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

Dick Demeter, Pres.
Arthur Wm. Larsen, Sec.

HOLGER EHRLICH, Cleveland, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Holger Ehrlich, our secretary, who died March 13, 1955:

Resolved, that we will surely miss the absence of our brother, who had been secretary over 20 years and that we extend to his family our most heartfelt sympathy.

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

Dick Demeter, Pres.
Arthur Wm. Larsen, Sec.

ANDREW A. HANSEN, Enumclaw, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew A. Hansen, who passed away recently, the following resolution was adopted by the Enumclaw Lodge No. 113:

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 thirty 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.

Oswald Pedersen, Pres.
Norbert E. Grove, Sec.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN, Albert Lea, Minn.

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. 75, Albert Lea, Minn.

Richard Sorensen, Pres.
Donald H. Nielsen, Sec.

MILTON PRICE, Ludington, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Milton Price, who passed away March 24, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 51:

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

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

Edward C. Larsen, Pres.
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Resolutions

BONNIK DAMGAARD, Arcata, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Bonnik Damgaard, who passed away at the Trinity hospital March 14, 1955:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the passing away of our most sincere and loyal member and hereby extend to his wife and family our sincerest sympathy.

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

In behalf of Humboldt Lodge No. 230.

Peter Iversen, Pres.
Gunnar Ladefoged, Sec.

NIELS RASMUSSEN, Los Angeles, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Niels Rasmussen, who passed away March 20, 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, Calif.

Peter Pedersen, Pres.
Hans C. Hansen, Sec.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Axel Thomsen	14	Kenosha	Everett Henriksen
Kristen Jorgensen	29	Seattle	Joseph R. Matsen
George Hansen	49	San Francisco	Jean Thomsen
Julius Larsen	59	Menominee	Frank R. Cadieu
Harold Andersen	71	Penn Yan	Carl Christensen
Norbert E. Grove	113	Enumclaw	Kai Rasmussen
Preben Wendt	116	Newark	Mogens Hempel
Preben Wendt	116	Newark	Charles H. Wolthers
Preben Wendt	116	Newark	Neil Chr. Wendt
Chris Madsen	116	Newark	Robert P. Iversen
Harold Boldsen	172	Philadelphia	Svend Nielsen
Erik R. Solyst	172	Philadelphia	N. Malmquist
Erik R. Solyst	172	Philadelphia	Geo. Andersen
Robert E. Nelson	183	Troy	Harry L. Nelson
Henry Christensen	194	McMinnville	L. H. Kirkwood
Walter Hansen	194	McMinnville	M. E. Hansen
John Nyby	217	Humboldt	Nels Sorensen
Walter Pedersen	217	Humboldt	Nick Sorensen
Ernest W. Storch	242	Erie	Herman A. Storch
Melvin W. Hoegh	255	Selma	Malcolm Hoegh
Th. A. Kring	318	Copenhagen	J. U. Klixbull

(Juveniles included in the above)

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Mistakes

By Jul. Andersen

Some people like talking about what mistakes they made during their lives, mistakes should not be related as entertainments, but as a prevention for future errors. At conventions of the D. B. S. many such mistakes have been made, not intentionally, but not realizing what the future would bring. I hope that the next convention at Racine will profit by understanding mistakes made by former conventions and see that the future of our society is so improved we will be able to build up a future bulwark so we can prosper and grow in numbers for years to come. This is not written as a reflection upon any individual, but for future prevention of doing things that will both be expensive for the society and harmful to our membership. To mention a few of the mistakes made formerly may help the delegates to realize better what must be done now.

Although I have mentioned this before, here I go again. In 1910 the convention at Fresno voted unanimously never to hold any future conventions away from the central parts of the U. S., although the laws of our land makes it compulsory to hold our conventions every fourth year we postponed that law for one more year in order to save the organization part of the money spent for the long travels and costs of going so far west, but pressure was made upon the convention that decided to hold the convention at Seattle, Washington, and that was one big mistake that cost us a lot of money.

The convention at Detroit voted to have the Supreme Officers spend money in order to investigate organizing lodges in Canada, although they were informed it was impossible under the present laws to do so.

Another mistake the same convention made according to my views was to select a new man to the Supreme board, jumping him over other Brothers both capable and loyal and advancing another member of the Supreme board ahead of a very good and true Brother. "Politics does not belong in a fraternal society."

Denver, Colorado

Columbine Lodge No. 43 had a supper and bingo party on March 11 for members and their families. Members of Ellen Lodge No. 21 were also invited. About sixty members attended.

The lodge is sorry to report several ill members at this time.

Sam Kerr has a broken arm. Carl Hansen suffered a heart attack and is confined to the hospital. Brother Rasmus Pedersen of Fresno California, who has been ill for some time, is slightly improved.

Greetings to all lodges.

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JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

George V. Petersen, 20 Maywood Drive, West Warwick, R. I.

From Derby, Conn., we are sorry to say that we had the wrong date for their anniversary last month. We are now informed that the 65th anniversary will be held Saturday, June 18, at the A. M. hall, Hawthorne Ave., Derby, Conn. There will be a dinner with invited guest speakers and followed by dancing. Contact the secretary, Chris Andersen, 6 Edgewood Ave., Shelton, Conn.

In Hartford, Conn., April 9 quite a gathering was had of the Ex-Officers club of the G. C. Paul Thofner, the president, had, with the Hartford brethren, managed to get a social affair going and about 50 took part in it. A meeting of the Ex-Officers took place in the afternoon and at 6 we were called to dinner and a fine ham dinner it was, no speakers.

At eight a very informal but real good meeting was had in the large hall. The meeting was opened in regular form by the president of the lodge; he then turned it over to the President of the G. C., Peter Christensen. A general discussion then took place regarding questions that we were all interested in and that possibly would be coming up at the two coming conventions.

It was interesting to note that 13 lodges were represented and 11 elected delegates with about 40 members present at the meeting.

The lodges present were Nos. 32, 37, 41, 46, 50, 102, 103, 112, 116, 183, 164, 325 and of course 314. Also present at the meeting in the afternoon were C. B. Christensen and son Carl, of Schenectady, Lodge No. 190.

Later, after the meeting sandwiches, beer, snapps, coffee and cake was served and you may be sure we were not hungry going home.

From the several news bulletins received we note that in several lodges, attendance has been on the increase lately, the reason is immaterial as long as it keeps that way. We are very glad to be able to report this to you, also that in several lodges new members have been initiated lately and more expected.

In Philadelphia three new members were initiated at their last meeting.

In Newark, two at their last meeting.

In Erie, Pa., they expect very soon two new members to be initiated. Of course, this lodge is a most busy one and they not alone carry on their discussion in the lodge room, they continue in their monthly paper. As Pete says, sometimes you can better put on paper what you really mean, than you can explain it on the floor, this way you can also better get a chance to really think it over when you read it, there is no doubt it is good.

From Providence, R. I., No. 102, we have the sad report to make that we have lost another of our very good members.

Brother Chris. Hansen passed away Saturday, April 9, and was buried Tuesday, April 12. We visited the funeral parlor in Newport Monday evening to pay our respects as we were not able to attend the funeral. Brother Hansen looked fine in his 87th year

and while there the ceremonies conducted by the Masonic order took place, it was very beautiful.

Brother Hansen had been a member of Rosenberg Lodge for about 50 years and has held all the chairs. For many years he has resided at Jamestown Island and many social evenings we have had in his home, it was quite a trip down there; but we always managed to get a good crowd and Mrs. Hansen's supper table was a good drawing card too.

We have lost four of our good members this year, that is to much and we really cannot afford such losses. Could you give us a little information or some ideas on how we can build up again?

Since the last news from Lodge 325, appearing in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, the lodge has change its meeting place from the VFW hall in Valley Stream to the VFW hall in Franklin Square, just off Hempstead Turnpike. The new hall is more centrally located and should make it possible for more members to attend meetings regularly.

Over 50 members and their wives were the guests of Brother Tom Hansen at his Long Island restaurant "Nordens" at Westbury, Long Island, on Route 25, April 1. For some years Brother Hansen has been a generous host to the lodge and each succeeding year the event has been a greater success than the year before. It has become the most eagerly looked forward item on the lodges' calendar.

The attendants had their choice of baked mac-keral, liverpaste, "Danish" meat balls, shrimp salad, Danish cheese, smoked eels, eels in gelatin, fruit salad, cole slaw, macaroni salad, potato salad and many, many other table delicacies. Coffee and a choice of Danish applecake or rum parfait topped off the bill of fare. Brother Hansen was most genial and gave evidence of why his place is one of the most favored eating spots on Long Island. You must try it sometime. The lodge and the members wish to express their thanks to Brother Hansen for a most pleasant evening.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

The various California lodges have received a letter from the convention committee in Arcata, with reference to our 34th annual convention to be held there on August 25 to 27. The letter is asking for assistance with the proposed souvenir book of the convention and I would urge the lodge to assist if at all possible.

I am just wondering how many of our members have ever been in Arcata or for that matter in that part of California known as Humboldt county. If you look at the map of California you will find this county is separated from the state of Oregon, by the very small Del Norte county. I believe I am safe in saying, that if you have ever been in Humboldt county you would never forget it, because here you will find some of the most beautiful scenery in all the world. A drive along the Redwood Highway is one of delight and you will find places that are almost awe inspiring. Here you will find the oldest living thing in the world — the Redwood — trees that were full grown a 1,000 years before Christ was born.

When I am in search for information about people and places in California I usually have one unfailing source of information, namely, "Dansk i California" a book written by our late Brother Sophus Hartwich, a book written after many years of research and study. And from this book we learn that the first white man to put his foot ashore at Humboldt bay was a Dane by name of Hans H. Buhme, who was a mate on the good ship "Laura Virginia," and on which was an expedition who was trying to find a landing place from where it would be easier to reach the gold mines in Trinity county. And Hans H. Buhme is known as the father of Humboldt county. Another Dane, H. D. Bendixen was active for many years in Eureka where he owned a large shipyard. Later on most of the pilots on Humboldt Bay were Danes. If I am not entirely mistaken the residence of Captain Buhme is still standing in Eureka at least it stood there a few years ago occupying almost an entire block. The story of Captain Buhme is almost fantastic, but too lengthy to be told here. But suffice to say, that the Danes have had their influence in this part of California ever since the early pioneer days.

Arcata is just 292 miles north of San Francisco and about 10 miles north of Eureka. It has a population of about 5,000 at the present time and is steadily growing. It was first incorporated as "Uniontown" in 1850, and hence is really one of the oldest towns in the West. In 1859 the name was changed to "Arcata" an Indian name the meaning of which has been lost. As Uniontown it became a roaring camp because of the terminus for the rich Trinity mines and it was the setting for many of Bret Harte's stories — here he served as messenger to Wells Fargo and started his climb to fame as editor of the "Northern California." There was a series of Indian Wars that made settlements something less than permanent and life precarious. Apparently the Indians resented these white people whom they thought first to be gods. Undoubtedly most of the whites were Christians and as such they went about the business of exterminating the Indians as quickly as possible by killing them on sight. One may assume the bullets were

bleamed before they were fired. At any rate the Indian population is now very small.

Without doubt this is one of the richest sections of our state. In and around Arcata are over 50 lumber mills and lumber processing and manufacturing plants that have access to an area that contains one of the largest remaining stands of timber in the United States — both Redwood and Fir.

There are approximately 275 dairy ranches operating within the adjacent area of Arcata with an acreage ranging from 10 to 160 acres. T. B. tested purebred Jerseys and Guernseys are raised almost exclusively and the quality of these herds is consistently high grade. Many of these farms are owned and operated by Danes and it is interesting to note that many of the feeding methods used in Denmark have been introduced to great advantage here in Arcata. I am thinking of the crop rotation for instance, and the farmers have imported the idea of feeding the cows carrots and turnips as well as lucern and I do hope most of us will have an opportunity to visit one of the Danish dairy farms during our visit. I remember the last time I was in Arcata someone gave me a glass of milk and I thought it was pure cream I guess coming from San Francisco where every drop of milk is squeezed seven times before given to the consumer I no longer knew what real milk tasted like.

I could fill many pages with facts and figures about Arcata and Humboldt county in general where so many of our countrymen have settled and helped to build a better place in which to live. However, suffice to say, that those who come to Arcata have a rare treat in store for them, and I feel it will be an experience you will never forget.

From the business side of the General Committee there is much to be done and I sincerely hope every elected delegate to the National Convention will be able to attend. I feel we should talk over some of the more important questions that will be brought up at the convention and should be discussed at this meeting.

And speaking of the convention in Racine, I have made my reservation at the hotel and I am told by Brother Eivind Petersen that requests should be sent to Brother N. C. Tofting, chairman of the hotel accommodations DB hall, 710 Grand Ave., Racine, Wis. When sending in your request specify the hotel, as it would be nice if all the delegates from California could stay at the same place.

In last month's issue I took the liberty of writing about one of the Supreme President's recommendations I did not like. This month I would like to mention one I do like and it is No. 3, in which it is recommended that part of the cost of the national convention should be charged to the Mortuary Fund. I am just wondering why such a suggestion was not made many years ago, because that is the fund which should pay for the convention, inasmuch as the entire convention is with reference to the mortuary — or life insurance business of our organization. I believe we should be wholeheartedly behind Brother Petersen in this and as a matter of fact I for one see no reason at all why the entire cost of the con-

vention could not be made against this fund.

Lodge No 49 has just lost one of its old time members with the passing of Brother Chresten C. Bonde, who became a member of 49 in 1900. Brother Bonde was born May 31, 1860 and would have been 95 years at his next birthday. Brother Bonde was born in Lauensby in Sønderjylland and came here when he was 20, but as most Sønderjyder he loved the Danish language and preferred to speak this to the last. Mrs. Bonde passed away 20 years ago, but he leaves three daughters, four grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren to whom we express our sincerest sympathy.

And mentioning No. 49, may I remind the good members of this lodge that May 11 there will be an amateur evening, which as in the past, should prove a great success. Anyone with talents or know of someone who would like to assist, please get in touch with Brother Dan Chr. Andersen, at 2330 Market St., San Francisco, who will be in charge of the evening. Two weeks later the Sisterhood will have bingo games.

And speaking of the Sisterhood reminds me that one of the most active members of that organization has been missing for some time, I am thinking of none other than Sister Magrethe Nielsen. Sister Nielsen spent some time in the hospital, as a matter of fact she was there twice and the last time for an operation. She came out minus her gall bladder, and exactly two weeks later she attended meeting in her lodge. Well done. She is now fast on her way to recovery and she will be back in harness before long.

I have just had a long letter from our Brother Carl Mygind from Aalborg. The winter has been pretty severe this year especially after spending half a century or more in California — but nevertheless Carl is enjoying life in Denmark. Anyone having a spare moment drop Carl a greeting to his birthday on June 5. (Grundlovsdagen). He would love to hear from you. Here is his address: Vingaardsgade 22, Aalborg, Denmark.

I have just received two folders from Brother Axel Skelbeck our Supreme Secretary. One pertaining to the the Brotherhood as a whole and the other to Juvenile Benefit Certificates. I presume the local secretaries have also been supplied with these working tools of the Brotherhood, and I sincerely trust they will be placed in the hands of every prospective member. We have needed something like these folders for a long time. Now that we have them let us make good use of them. If you need more, send a note to Brother Skelbeck.

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of Supreme Board

Monday, March 21, 1955

The semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the Home Office, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning Monday, March 21, 1955.

All officers were present thus: Svend Petersen, President; Otto Nielsen, First Vice President; Hilmar W. Hansen, Second Vice President; Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer; Viggo Mikkelsen, Hans E. Norregaard and Hans M. Andersen, Trustees.

The President presided and called the meeting to order at 9 a. m. He bid a hearty welcome and, in announcing the agenda, said that this would be a determined meeting.

Greetings were received from Ex-Presidents C. B.

Christensen by letter and from John Hansen by telephone, and many from lodge officers and members. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge the greetings with the Board's appreciation for being remembered.

A review of the matter of writing insurance in Canada was made at this time. The Supreme President read copy of his letter dated March 2 to Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B. C., asking for information on six specific points which was to have come before this meeting. No response was received to date. It therefore became the unanimous decision of the Board that the status of this matter be covered by the Supreme President in his report to the National Convention in September, and otherwise rest in the present status until it can be given final consideration by the National Convention in September.

203 applications for General Relief for the period from April 1, 1955, to March 31, 1956, were reviewed at this time and given final consideration.

Seven applications for Special Relief were acted on and allowed aid in amounts ranging from a lump sum payment of \$50.00 to \$25.00 monthly for a one year period.



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Thursday, March 24

Meeting called to order at 9 a. m.

The President called for a discussion on proposals for changes in our laws which the Officers should submit for the Convention to consider, if any.

The deliberations that followed were detailed and extensive. The discussions ended in the agreement, by majority vote to make the following recommendations. All motions were duly made and seconded:

By Hilmar W. Hansen, that Article III of the Articles of Incorporation be amended so as to eliminate Danish citizenship, ancestry or descent as a requirement for becoming a member.

By Otto Nielsen, that Section 3 in the Constitution be amended to correspond with the recommended change in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation.

By Hans M. Andersen, that the laws be made to read consistent in regard to Supreme Vice Presidents. That the correct usage is "Supreme First Vice President" and "Supreme Second Vice President."

By Otto Nielsen, that a Promotional Fund be established with an annual per capita tax of 50 cents levied and collected to maintain the fund.

By Viggo Mikkelsen, that it be proposed that an amount of \$50,000.00 be allocated for the purchase of a suitable property to house the Home Office.

By Otto Nielsen, that we go on record in favor of the Scholarship Fund to be maintained by other than voluntary contributions with power to President and Secretary-Treasurer to investigate such possibilities.

By Axel Skelbeck, that the investment clause be amended so as to permit investment in preferred stock of corporations and shares of building and loan associations.

By Hilmar W. Hansen, that we investigate the feasibility of issuing "Family Protection" type of Benefit Certificates. Also investigate the possibility of organizing a Credit Union on a country-wide basis.

By Axel Skelbeck, that Section 43 be clarified by amending it to read:

For the election of a delegate to a National Convention the following rules shall prevail in all cases. A lodge must elect a Law Committee not later than nine (9) months before the convention convenes. The Law Committee shall be comprised of at least five (5) insured members, in good standing in the lodge and Brotherhood, all of whom have been members

of the lodge at least one (1) year at the time of election. At least one (1) member of the Law Committee must be a former delegate, excepting in newly instituted lodges.

A delegate to the National Convention and an alternate must be elected by the members of the lodge from the membership of the Law Committee at least six (6) months prior to a National Convention.

By Hans M. Andersen, that the amount of \$250.00 mentioned in Section 65 in the By-laws be raised to the net certificate value but not exceeding \$350.00.

By Axel Skelbeck, that Section 78 in the By-laws be clarified and made more specific so as to eliminate any possible misinterpretation.

By Axel Skelbeck, that Section 172 be amended so as to comply with new requirements in state laws governing juvenile insurance.

By Otto Nielsen, that the President and Secretary be authorized to meet, on a date convenient to them, to properly formulate the paragraphs for the Board's recommendations, to be included in the Book of Proposals.

By Hans M. Andersen, when preparing the new Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and By-laws for printing, the Supreme Board shall have the authority of correcting mistakes in grammar, wherever found necessary, providing that such corrections do not alter the intent or meaning of any particular Article or Section.

Friday, March 25

Meeting called to order at 9 a. m.

Because in the past it has proven impossible to comply with Section 48 in the By-laws, it was resolved, by motion duly made and seconded, to leave it to the secretary to provide himself with suitable and adequate secretarial assistants for the National Convention.

On motion by Axel Skelbeck, seconded, the basis for payment of delegates' traveling expenses was determined to be round trip first class railroad fare from home town to convention city by shortest route, plus lower berth or seat charge when applicable.

(Continued next month)

Change in Address of Officers

Secretary:

Lodge No. 71, Marvin E. Koek, Route 2, Penn Yan, New York.

Treasurer:

Lodge No. 50, Thomas Petersen, 11 Harold Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut.

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

The secretary reported in detail on the new Benefit Certificates, both with respect to adult and juvenile members. Twelve different issues were now required compared with only three formerly. All new forms were approved by various Insurance Departments and are now being delivered in all States.

The President said it was indeed pleasing that this difficult matter was successfully accomplished.

Tuesday, March 22, 1955

The meeting convened at 9:30 a. m. in the Safe Deposit Valuts of the First National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska, with all members of the Board participating. The securities owned by the Society were audited and an inventory taken. The interest coupons maturing during the period from April 1, 1955, through the month of September, 1955, were detached, sorted and segregated by month of due date.

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

"This is to certify that we the undersigned Trustees of The Danish Brotherhood in America have this date checked and audited the bonds deposited in the Safe Deposit boxes of the Society in the Valuts of the First National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska. We found the total face value of such securities in complete agreement with the books of the Secretary-Treasurer. Signed: Viggo Mikkelsen, Hans Norregaard, Hans M. Andersen."

By motion duly made, seconded, the Trustees' Report was incorporated in the minutes of the meeting.

The Finance Committee gave a summary report by Axel Skelbeck covering changes in the list of investments since the last Board meeting, as per details from the books of the secretary-treasurer.

By motion duly made and seconded, the report was accepted with thanks to the Committee.

It was also reported that our holdings of San Marcos (Texas) Telephone Company Bonds were called for payment on May 1, 1955, at a premium of 4

per cent. The Finance Committee will at that time re-invest the proceeds.

A question was presented in the interest of Niels M. Nielsen, of Lodge No. 227, who is a patient in the Michigan State Hospital at Pontiac, as to whether the Board would permit him to transfer from his lodge and remit payments into the Home Office "600" Group.

Viggo Mikkelsen was asked to convey to his lodge and the member's relatives that this arrangement is not permitted under our laws.

Wednesday, March 23, 1955

Meeting called to order at 9 a. m.

The day was spent inspecting the preliminary reports of the election of Law Committees and the election of delegates from the local lodges to the National Convention in September, and subsequently appointing lawfully elected delegates to serve on the various Committees mandatory under Article III in the laws of our Brotherhood.

The secretary reported that 168 lodges were entitled to representation at the Convention. Of these, 141 lodges reported the lawful election of a delegate, with six reporting contestable elections. One lodge decided not to send a delegate and one reported an election of Law Committee, but not of a delegate. The remaining 19 had taken no known action.

Twenty-two Committees consisting of five delegates each were then appointed. A group of 10 delegate were next selected as alternate Committee Members to function in case of vacancies.

With respect to delegates not elected in exact compliance with our laws, the Board found that it has no jurisdiction to determine the legality of an election. Only the Convention has that power.

It was decided therefore, on motion duly made by Hans M. Andersen and seconded, to send the credential forms also to lodges that reported an irregular election together with a letter advising that the decision to seat the delegate rests with the Convention. Also that the Board can not assume responsibility for payment of expenses to such delegates not seated by the Convention.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AM'T PAID
Mar. 10	Anders Chr. Andreasen	73	Denmark	173	Kansas City, Kan.	1909	Coronary occlusion	\$1,000.00
Mar. 3	Jens Jensen	82	Bret, Denmark	77	Turin, Iowa	1911	Chronic myocarditis	466.03
Mar. 8	Niels P. W. Jensen	69	Nykøbing Falster, Den.	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1904	Heart disease	1,000.00
Feb. 6	Carl Peter Petersen	89	Copenhagen, Den.	164	New York, N. Y.	1903	Coronary occlusion	777.23
Mar. 1	Robert Fulsang	80	Aarhus, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1897	Cholangitis	416.16
Mar. 8	Carl C. P. Johansen	85	Slagelse, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1901	Uremia	811.50
Mar. 18	H. Frederik Jensen	80	Raaby, Sjælland, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1914	Carcinoma	242.16
Mar. 20	Niels Rasmussen	86	Arløse, Sorø Amt.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1896	Arteriosclerosis	386.64
Mar. 10	Peter T. Brown	78	Astrup, Brøndum Sogn	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1901	Carcinoma	898.34
Mar. 14	Bonnik Damgaard	68	Ferndale, Calif.	230	Arcata, Calif.	1920	Pneumonia	1,000.00
Mar. 10	Thomas Hansen	88	Slesvig, Denmark	39	Oakland, Calif.	1910	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Feb. 26	Peter H. Petersen	87	Skovig, Oro, Den.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1905	Senility	1,000.00
Mar. 15	John Thomsen	62	Viborg, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1926	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Mar. 18	Hans P. Nielsen	75	Aalborg, Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	1902	Carcinoma	1,000.00
Mar. 20	George W. Johnson	69	Cedar Falls, Iowa	29	Seattle, Wash.	1904	Senility	1,000.00
Mar. 13	Holger V. Ehrlich	68	Aalborg, Denmark	69	Cleveland, Ohio	1910	Heart disease	997.45
Mar. 3	Magnus Nesheim	66	Denmark	183	Troy, N. Y.	1938	Heart disease	1,000.00
Mar. 24	Peter J. Dahl	84	Anslæt, Slesvig, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1904	Coronary thrombosis	420.53
Mar. 31	Hans C. Andersen	60	Fyn, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1938	Cerebral embolism	500.00
Mar. 19	Peter Green	83	Krumstrup, Hjørring	109	White, S. D.	1909	Cerebral thrombosis	905.18
Mar. 24	Christen Thomsen	85	Bylderup Tønder Amt.	95	Ferndale, Calif.	1896	Myocarditis	390.73
Mar. 30	Carl Jepsen	79	Kistrup, Randers, Den.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1902	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Mar. 18	Jens C. Jensen	71	Gassum, Denmark	102	Providence, R. I.	1922	Coronary occlusion	250.00
Apr. 5	Jens Nygaard	77	Nykøbing, Mors, Den.	139	Viborg, S. D.	1913	Carcinoma	971.46
Apr. 10	Niels M. Hansen	93	Hjørring Amt, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1906	Leukemia	577.33
Mar. 31	Mads Nielsen	91	Esby Sogn, Den.	69	Cleveland, Ohio	1893	Heart disease	651.14
Apr. 9	Anton L. K. Thomsen	67	Øslø, Denmark	128	Avoca, Iowa	1914	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
Apr. 9	Knud W. Jeppesen	69	Assentorp, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1944	Not given	Social