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Racine i 1955



Dania Hall, 1019 State St., Racine, Wis.

I Racine findes ikke alene den STØRSTE danske Forening i Amerika, Loge No. 4 med 520 Medlemmer, men ogsaa den ÆLDSTE danske Forening i Amerika, nemlig Foreningen DANIA, hvis stolte og smukke Bygning her ses. Foreningen Dania blev stiftet Søndag den 19 Maj, 1867, af Julius Stahr, som tillige blev Foreningens første Præsident samt Jørgen Larsen, den første Sekretær. Dania fejrede saaledes deres 88-Aars Stiftelsesfest den 19 Maj, 1955. Foreningen Dania boede til Leje i Reeds Hall, State St., indtil 1876 da den fik sin første egen Bygning, ogsaa paa State Street, men mellem Huron og Superior St. Foreningen blev samme Aar inkorporeret under Wisconsin's Love.

I 1873 blev Danias dramatiske Klub stiftet af og med afdøde Mads Myrup som Direktør. Man opførte som første Forestilling "Soldaterløjer." Danias dramatiske Klub eksisterede og arbejdede ihærdigt i over 60 Aar, og vandt fortjent Anerkendelse i danske Kredse, saavel i som udenfor Racine. I 1877 deltog Dania første Gang som Forening i 4 Juli Paraden. Jens Hvid, Dania Medlem og dansk Kavallerist, ledede Paraden til Hest, og var herefter Parade-Fører for mere end 40 Aar. I 1879 stiftedes i Dania "Kvindernes 10 cents Forening," der blomstrer den Dag i Dag, og gør et stort Arbejde i Velgørende Øjemed — og som stadig holder Deres Møder i Dania. Dania Dameforening kom først senere —

nemlig d. 24 Januar, 1912. I 1882, den 22 September, blev De Sammensluttede Danske Foreninger af Amerika stiftet i Dania Hall, Racine, med H. P. Nielsen, et anset Dania Medlem, som Sammenslutningens første Over-Præsident. Og Foreningen voksede og blev stor, og i 1905 blev den nuværende Dania Hall indviet den 19 Maj med store Festligheder og efterfølgende Konvention af De Sammensluttede Danske Foreninger.

Den gamle State Street, hvor den unge stolte Dania Hall knejsede som et Midtpunkt, var maaske i de Dage det største danske Forretningskvarter udenfor Danmarks Grænser. Næsten hvert eneste Forretningsskilt bar danske Navne, og rundt Nabolaget, State St., Mound Ave., laa de smaa beskedne Huse hvor danske Mænd og Kvinder boede.

Og hver eneste 19 Maj — Danias Fødselsdag — naar Flaget gik til Tops paa Dania, kom hele den danske Koloni i Bevægelse. Danias Sangforening gav Morgen-Serenade, til efterfølgende Frokost. Dagen igennem var der Feststemning i Dania, og langs State Streets danske Strøg. Og saa kom Aftenens store Begivenhed — Festen paa Dania Hall. Sange, Teater-forestilling, Banket, Punchebollen, Æbleskiver, og dansk Bal til den lyse Morgen.

Tiden forandrede — desværre — vort danske

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June 1955

To Delegates in Racine, Wisconsin in September

The time for our National Convention is drawing near and I sincerely hope that every one of you Brother Delegates are going to Racine with the express purpose of really putting some proposals through which will be of lasting benefit to our Brotherhood. I am sure you will all agree with me that we are not going to Racine just to have a good time in a social way.

There will be many good proposals brought forth and I earnestly hope you will all be there with an open mind and a determination to pass regulations that are good for you and me and the whole organization. Brothers, what has been good enough for our forefathers just simply is not good enough anymore, if we are to survive.

Our Supreme Officers have some very good suggestions for the betterment of our organization. Let us listen to them, and others, then fight for our ideas so we can go home to our respective lodges and proudly say that this was one convention that really put the Danish Brotherhood back on its feet with a bright future.

Let us not be brakemen and vote "no."

Let us be engineers and drive ahead for a wonderful organization.

See you all in Racine in September.

FRED JENSEN, Delegate, Lodge No. 195,
Omaha, Nebraska, State President.

Three out of four traffic accidents happen in clear weather on dry roads.

Saturday is the most dangerous day of the week to drive.

A Bonus Plan

It is hoped that the coming National Convention at Racine will place top priority on the question of how to attract new members into our Brotherhood. The problem is of such vital importance to the future of our organization that any further delay will only draw the climax nearer. Seeing 75 years of proud achievement and pioneer spirit gradually shrink year after year should inspire any delegate to go to the convention with a firm determination to find a way to halt any further decline, and to start our brotherhood on the road forward again.

In years gone by getting new members was not such a big selling job as it is today; quite a few came themselves to inquire about joining — others became interested in signing up with just the mere personal approach of one of our members. It was suggested some time ago that we hire outside agents to sell memberships for us but, considering the high guaranteed salary plus commission against the limited territory and few prospective members an agent could contact, the suggestion seems unworkable. Nevertheless, it was a suggestion, good or not so good, which creates a field of thought whereby other ideas are born.

Here is a suggestion which I am sure would be worth a try. In order to contact and sign up new members, it sometimes requires more of one's time than we feel we can spare, and in most cases there is also some expense connected. To make it more interesting and worthwhile, and to compensate for some of this expense, let us offer a Bonus Plan to our own members. The Home Office could pay a bonus out of the relief fund to any brother in good standing who brings in a new member. The scale below could be used in determining the amount of bonus to be paid and the time of payment.

\$2,000 Policy	-----	\$30.00 Bonus
\$1,500 Policy	-----	\$25.00 Bonus
\$1,000 Policy	-----	\$20.00 Bonus
\$ 500 Policy	-----	\$15.00 Bonus
\$ 250 Policy	-----	\$10.00 Bonus

The first half of the bonus could be paid at the time of the Home Office's approval of a policy; the second half could be paid at the end of a 12-month period providing the policy is still in force. In most cases the bonus will amount to a 1-year premium. Since that will come back to the Home Office in a year's time through the new policy, it would not cost anything except for carrying the policy one year without pay.

Try the plan for one year — get the ball rolling — get a thousand new members, and in all probabilities they will bring in more new members!

After a year's experiment the Supreme Board can, if they find the plan beneficial to our organization, extend the Bonus Plan one year at a time until the next National Convention, when it must be voted on again by the delegates. If the plan is to expire after the one-year trial, the bonus obligations contracted to brothers for obtaining new members must stand and be paid according to plan.

This plan is submitted in the never-ending search for a solution to one of our most vital problems.

C. HOFFMAN, Lodge No. 195.

Financial Report

April 30, 1955
Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1, 1955	\$14,395.78
Assessments	9,258.78
Interest on bonds	11,333.64
Bonds matured	1,000.00
Premium on bonds matured	25.00
Premium on currency exchange	20.76
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	\$36,033.96

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$21,839.55
Cash surrender	614.39
Collection expense on bond coupons	6.50
Transfer	6,342.92
Balance on hand April 30, 1955	7,230.60
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	\$36,033.96

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 30, 1955	\$ 7,525.79
Received in April	729.76
Transfer	6,342.92
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	\$14,598.47

Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 159.40
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	31.65
Printing and mailing official publication	424.99
Rent and lights	181.54
Actuarial services	15.00
Membership rewards	50.00
Rubber stamp	4.60
National Convention expenses (printing)	30.50
Employer taxes S. S. and Unemp.	22.34
General office expenses	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,212.00
Balance on hand April 30, 1955	12,416.45
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	\$14,598.47

Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1, 1955	\$ 2,753.89
Relief assessments	8,182.00
Interest on bonds	187.50
Relief payments returned	14.04
Relief payments repaid by beneficiary	400.00
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	\$11,537.43

Disbursements:	
Relief payments, special and general	\$ 1,977.86
Postage	6.00
Balance on hand April 30, 1955	9,553.57
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	\$11,537.43

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand April 1, 1955	\$ 4,210.09
Juvenile assessments	192.04
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	\$ 4,402.13

Disbursements:	
Balance on hand April 30, 1955	\$ 4,402.13
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	\$ 4,402.13

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$3,999,555.39
Relief fund investments	240,000.00
General relief investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	33,602.75
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Total assets ----- \$4,313,158.14

To All Nebraska Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges

The Cordova Lodge No. 177 has extended us an invitation to hold our State Convention in their community. However, their own town is unable to accommodate us, so they are going to have the Convention at the neighboring town of Exeter, which is approximately 115 miles southwest of Omaha, on Highway 6.

The Convention will be held on Saturday, September 10. Your State Officers have accepted the invitation, with thanks, so let us all plan to be there and meet a group of swell people and I can say from past experience — some real good hosts.

Hope to meet all of our friends in Exeter on September 10.

FRED JENSEN, State President.

Education

By Jul. Andersen

About 60 years ago I applied for admission to enter Yale University as a student. My plan was to work my way through the College, but first I had to be admitted.

A Professor Stricker interviewed me in his office. We had quite a talk about various subjects; apparently he wished to find out if I was intelligent enough for admission as a scholar. He finally asked me to show what credentials I had from other schools. When I told him I had never attended public schools either in Denmark or the United States, he appeared very much surprised, and told me the rules of the University did not admit any student unless they had certificates of graduation from other schools. That ended my ambition to attend a University.

Before I left we had a further conversation. The Professor told me that if a young man was anxious to acquire an education, he could get that in Life's school, if he was observant, studied humanity and nature diligently and read educational books, listening to educational lectures and kept his mind and thoughts intently upon what life is and gives.

It was the best advice I ever had and have tried to follow it during the years I have spent in life since that time. Have met many young men who graduated from colleges, in most cases I have found they were very enthusiastic about how they excelled in sports and college games, while others had gained great benefits from the learning they received while attending the schools.

No person should ever be too old to learn, should never be too old to observe the wonders of nature and life itself, to understand or try to understand our fellow men, our brothers and humanity as a whole. We should practice love, kindness and friendliness to all, especially to our own brothers and members of the Danish Brotherhood.

Greetings to Every D. B. Lodge Secretary

Just a few words, Brother Secretary, to remind you that this is the last month of the current membership contest. To give your lodge full credit for all new members, initiated into the lodge before July 1st, it is essential that you forward the completed application form to the home office, in Omaha, as soon as possible after the initiation, but in no event, later than July 15th. We are depending on you, Brother Secretary, to give your lodge the benefit of your prompt cooperation.

It is my suggestion that you request our Supreme Secretary-Treasurer to mail you a supply of the various forms of literature that the Brotherhood has on hand, for you to distribute throughout the membership of your lodge. These small pamphlets and brochures contain a wealth of informational data, pertaining to the Danish Brotherhood.

Fraternally,
HANS M. ANDERSEN.

Dania Hall, Racine

(Fortsat fra Side 1)

Foreningsliv og Fremgang. I 1941 overdrog De Sammensluttede Danske Foreninger af Amerika deres Assurance til The Fidelity Insurance Co. Frivillig Assurance vedtoges i Dania allerede i 1932. Foreningen Dania holder stadig Møde hver Tirsdag Aften, og et Møde hver Maaned skal, og bliver, ført paa DANSK. Og selv om Medlemsantallet er dalet, saa tør det vel siges, at Foreningen Dania aldrig har været bedre finansielt situeret end netop nu. Og Dania Hall er stadigt bleven vedligeholdt, forbedret og moderniseret, saaledes at den i Dag sikkert er en af de flotteste og hyggeligste danske Forenings- og Klub-Lokaler i Amerika.

Og det er ethvert Dania-Medlems Haab, at det arbejde der blev paa-begyndt den 19 Maj, 1867, ikke maa glemmes, men fortsættes af den nuværende og kommende Generation af dansk Afstamning, saaledes at Dania Hall og Foreningen Dania maa vedblivende staa som et levende Monument og et værdigt Minde over disse danske Stiftere, som byggede i kærlighed til gamle Danmarks Ære, og i Danskhedens Interesse, og Tjeneste.

Og som i fordums Dage vil Flaget igen hejses paa Danias Flotte Bygning, og det bliver den 19 September, 1955, naar Brodersamfundets 24ende nationale Konvention aabnes her i Racine. Det har Danias Præsident, Hr. Jakob Valentine, lovet, og Jakob er en ægte Dansker, selv om han kun kommer fra Løkken! Og alle besøgende til Racine ved denne store Lejlighed vil være hjertelige velkomne paa gamle Dania. Den ihærdige og yderst kompetente Bestyrer, Hr. Axel Holgersen, skal nok sørge for at Jeres besøg paa Dania bliver behageligt og tilfredsstillende — ja, I vil sikkert komme tilbage igen! Brodersamfundet eller Dania, enten De ønsker Kaffe med Wienerbrød (og vi har et Dusin ægte danske Bagere her i Racine) eller dansk Kirsebær Vin med Lagkage, bedre belage Smørrebrød med kold Akvavit, grøn Tuborg eller Carlsberg, maaske stegte Rødspætter eller røget Aal, vi har det — baade paa

Dania og Brodersamfundet! Saa planlæg Ferien nu. Tag Jeres Bil og sæt Kursen mod Racine til den 19. September! Støt Danskheden i Amerika! Overvær Brodersamfundets store Konvention! Besøg Racine, gør visit i Dania, den ældste danske Forening og besøg Brodersamfundets Loge No. 4, den største danske Forening, tilsammen DE FLOTTESTE DANSKE FORENINGS BYGNINGER I AMERIKA! Dania, Loge No. 4, og hele Racine venter Jer, og vil modtage Jer med aabne Arme! Vil I efterkomme Indbydelsen? Vi tror I vil, og I vil ikke fortryde Jeres Besøg!

GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN.

Notice!

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Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of Supreme Board

(Continued from last month)

Axel Skelbeck moved that the Supreme Officers of the Danish Sisterhood of America be invited to the opening ceremonies of the Convention, duly seconded and carried.

It was agreed to have Louis P. Gregerson, CPA, audit the books from date of last Insurance Department audit and up to August 31, preparatory for the Convention.

Upon motion by Otto Nielsen, seconded, the text for the Initiation Ceremony in the Ritual, as rewritten and proposed by Hilmar W. Hansen, will be referred to the Ritual Committee of the Convention, with a typewritten copy to each Committee Member by mail ahead of the Convention.

Svend Petersen advanced the idea of contacting every member on our mailing list with promotional material by direct mail. During the discussion that followed many details, such as method, material to be used and probable cost, were brought out, and the majority opinion favored a try-out.

Hans M. Andersen moved such direct mailing take place as soon as it can be arranged. Seconded, the motion carried.

Lodge No. 173, Kansas City, Kansas, submitted a petition to merge with Lodge No. 56, Kansas City, Missouri. Permission for the merger was given by motion of Hilmar W. Hansen, subject to a satisfactory arrangement and approval by the members of both lodges.

During a review and discussion of the Juvenile Membership Certificates a resolution, reading as below, was submitted by Axel Skelbeck who also proposed its adoption:

"WHEREAS, the 'Term to Age 16' Certificate issued prior to January 1, 1954 differs in many respects from the one issued since that date, and

WHEREAS the newer form of 'Term to Age 16' Certificate allows greater benefits in the event of the member's death before his tenth birthday, and an improvement in conversion privileges at age 16

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that any member who holds the older type of 'Term to Age 16' Certificate shall hereby be placed on equal rights in all respects with Juvenile members holding certificates dated on and after January 1, 1954.

Duly seconded, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The number of new members admitted in 1954 came up for review. The results obtained by a few of our enthusiastic boosters, who so unselfishly have worked to build for progress of our Brotherhood, was so gratifying that the Board felt a special, unexpected reward would be in order.

On motion duly made by Hans M. Andersen, and seconded, three prizes were awarded. First prize of \$25 to Julius Hansen of Lodge No. 67, Fresno, California. Second prize of \$15 to Norbert E. Grove of Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Washington, and third

prize of \$10 to Chris W. Pedersen of Lodge No. 45, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

From reports in the public press it was learned that by the end of 1956 a ship of the newest type will enter trans-Atlantic passenger traffic between Copenhagen and New York under Danish flag and with Danish captain, crew and cuisine; that a Corporation has been formed in Denmark for the aforementioned purpose and that Helge Petersen is the managing director of the new corporation.

Mr. Petersen is known in every Danish colony in the United States, especially within our society, through his many years as a leader in the former Danish "Scandinavian America Line" and last in the Swedish American Line. Great numbers of our members and their relatives have traveled under his arrangement and guidance.

Because of these facts it was moved by Axel Skelbeck that a letter of congratulations be sent to Helge Petersen in behalf of the Supreme Officers and membership of our society. Seconded and carried.

Acting on invitations received, it was moved by Hans M. Andersen that Otto Nielsen be appointed the Board's official representative to attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Lodges May 20-22 at Junction City, Oregon. It was moved by Hilmar W. Hansen that Hans M. Andersen be the Board's official representative at the California General Committee's annual meeting August 25-27 at Arcata, California.

Several lodges had submitted recommendations and proposals to the National Convention. Those received to date were pursued at this meeting.

The President presided at, and all members of the Board attended all sessions of the meeting.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p. m.

AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Peter Jensen	4	Racine	Charles Alexander
Leonard Haugaard	14	Kenosha	K. A. Haugaard
J. Magnus Jensen	29	Seattle	Matthew P. Jensen
J. Magnus Jensen	29	Seattle	Michael H. Jensen
Sophus Jeppesen	30	Muskegon	T. G. Jeppesen
John Andersen	64	Rockford	J. C. Pedersen, Jr.
John Andersen	64	Rockford	Bertel T. Laursen
Julius Hansen	67	Fresno	Thor P. Koller
Chr. Koek	71	Penn Yan	Norman E. Koek
C. B. Christensen	190	Schenectady	J. B. Chistensen
Niels Jorgensen	190	Schenectady	R. N. Jorgensen
Harold Christie	190	Schenectady	O. W. Yauchler
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Jens L. Petersen
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Zion S. McRae
Albert R. Halse	227	Detroit	Edward E. Halse
Albert R. Halse	227	Detroit	Earl R. Halse
Albert R. Halse	227	Detroit	Robert J. Call
Olaf Hansen	242	Erie	Kaj G. Hansen
Olaf Hansen	242	Erie	Georg Gronborg
Svend E. Jensen	257	New York	Iver H. Pedersen
George Hansen	257	New York	Rutger Kaaling
Ole T. Schioler	281	Cincinnati	Christian Jensen
Lehmann Cook	306	San Diego	P. O. E. Jespersen
A. K. Andersen	335	Port Alberni	P. Christiansen
A. Rasmussen	335	Port Alberni	John O. Larsen

NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

As time goes on and the convention season gets nearer, it seems as though there is not much time for any social affairs, at least not as far as we know, the last month has been kind of slow with news but what we have is good.

Philadelphia reports that at their meeting on April 3 new members were initiated. They were Svend Nielsen, Niels Malmquist and George Andersen. Brothers Nielsen and Malmquist are former residents of Greenland and in No. 172 they are looking forward to some interesting meetings with a little information about the way of life in Greenland. The lodge will sponsor a table at the bazaar to be held at the Home in Metuchen on Sunday, May 22. This is the opening picnic of the Home.

Newark Lodge No. 116 is inviting to a special meeting on Saturday, July 9, at the E & I Mutual Ass. Hall, 180 Main St., West Orange, New Jersey, at 7:30 p. m.

A short business meeting will be held and the rest of the evening will be devoted to a discussion about the proposals for the coming conventions, as these proposals should be in our hands by that time, it should be a most interesting meeting to attend and you are all invited. REMEMBER SATURDAY THE 9TH OF JULY IN NEWARK.

We again take pleasure in reminding you about the 65th anniversary party to be held in Derby on Saturday, June the 18th. It is not too late to make your reservation.

From Schenectady we understand that several of the brothers are on the way to Denmark for a good summer vacation, lucky you.

Bysted and Johanne Christensen and Aage Mikkelsen and Mrs. Mikkelsen sailed on the Stockholm on May the 11th, and Hans and Mrs. Edelfeldt the same day on Oslofjord. We certainly wish them all a happy trip.

Troy, New York: The Sisters held their annual General Committee meeting in Troy over the weekend of April 28-29-30. It was three pleasant days for this group of Sisters and we were fortunate enough to be at the banquet on Saturday. It was a very nice affair and a fine dinner, tables were beautifully decorated and a cocktail party was held before the dinner. Sister Bess Thomsen acted as Toastmaster for the evening and a nice job she did. She introduced the following speakers in the order named here: The President of the Troy Lodge. Invocation was given by Rev. Einar Anderson. The Supreme President of the Danish Sisterhood, Margrete Christensen; the Supreme Vice President, Edith Seidel; Past President of the G. C. Anita Favasso; the President of Troy D.B. Lodge. Also called upon were the President of the G. C. of the Brotherhood in the east who in turn introduced all the officers present; Past Supreme President C. B. Christensen; D. B. George V. Petersen, Providence, R. I., and several other guests. All in all it was a very beau-

tiful affair but, of course, men were few. We were sitting at a table with eight ladies and only two men, however, it was indeed very pleasant. After the dinner dancing was enjoyed to Ebbe Nielsen's orchestra and all enjoyed it.

An afterthought comes to our mind: We have often spoken about this at the meetings of the G. C. of the Brothers and I believe the Sisters have too: Why is it that we here in the East have two G. C. conventions and everywhere else the Sisters and Brothers have their conventions together at the same city under a combined sponsorship. We have attended some of those conventions and found them most enjoyable. I am sure the Brothers and Sisters here in the East could be doing just as well together. Would it not be worth trying? ? ?

For some reason or other we have not received any notice from Erie this month. I am sure they had something of interest, but we could not wait any longer.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

RINGSTED, IOWA — FEBRUARY 17, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Mouritsen are today celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with relatives and friends in Seattle, Washington. They were married in St. John's Lutheran church on February 17, 1905, by Rev. Ostergaard who was pastor of the church at that time. A reception followed the wedding and was held in Jensen's hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Mouritsen started housekeeping on an 80-acre farm where Mr. and Mrs. Marius Henriksen now live. They were located on several different farms before buying 80 acres southeast of Ringsted. They sold this farm in 1942 and moved to town, but Hans bought other land a mile south of town and continued farming until about a year ago.

They have two sons, Arnold of Esterville and Gilbert of Spirit Lake. Both sons are engaged in the grocery and meat business. They have three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Mouritsen have spent their entire married life in this community and they have hosts of friends who would gladly shake them by the hand and extend hearty congratulations if they were home today. — Ringsted Dispatch.

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N. B. Nelson



Just before going to press we learn that our popular Ex-Supreme President, N. B. Nelson, Spokane, Wash., passed away May 25. Otto Nielsen, First Supreme Vice President, Seattle, Wash., was requested to represent the Brotherhood at the funeral.

Brother Nelson played an active part in the welfare of the Brotherhood and his major services as a supreme board member dates back to the Omaha

convention in 1927. He was elected Supreme President in 1935 (Denver) and retired as such in 1939 at the Chicago convention.

Brother Nelson was the Grand Old Man who organized the Pacific Northwest D. B. Lodges in Portland, Oregon, six years ago, and has, in spite of his advanced age attended most of the annual conventions since that time.

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
15	Des Moines, Iowa	7	1

30	Muskegon, Michigan	0	14
70	Greenville, Michigan	0	24
147	Newell, Iowa	0	7
153	Dannevirke, Nebraska	0	5
299	Solvang, California	27	0
		34	51
	Received to date	257	106
	Totals	291	157

Seventy-eight per cent of vehicles involved in fatal accidents in 1954 were traveling straight ahead.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

Washington, Oregon and British Columbia members of the Danish Brotherhood opened their annual parley as per schedule on Friday, May 20. A wide variety of topics were on the program and they led to discussions, breaking up into a number of sections. From within and from without the lovely state of Oregon into the confines of the friendly little town of Junction City, the highways north, south, east and west were one long, honking, cheering line of Danish Pioneers, DBS Officials, District Delegates and new Brothers anxious to renew acquaintances and meet fellow Danes. Most of the familiar faces were on hand but there were also "brand new" Brothers and Sisters at our Sixth Annual Convention. Plenty of hot coffee on Friday afternoon gradually geared up to stronger refreshments and semi-climaxed at the cocktail hour on Saturday night. Rubbing his hands with attendance satisfaction, General Chairman Fred Petersen happily surveyed the genesis and exodus of our 1955 gathering as months of planning by DB Number 268 and their good wives was now being staged with all the proper timing of veteran finesse. The concensus of opinion from everyone as they left was that they had spent an enjoyable week-end as well as one that should prove of benefit in improving relationship between all the lodges. For the favor of some of you Brothers who don't know it, I will let you in on a little secret — I never was a bull fighter but I have thrown a little bull on occasions and this is not one of those occasions — this was the very finest convention we have had since the grand old man, Past Supreme President N. B. Nelson of Spokane arranged Number One in Portland. More details next month. "Steadily Upwards" — that's the trend of membership in the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood as active members continue to contact likely prospects — especially the younger generation and explain to them the benefits of the DBS. There's a reason for this growth in membership: new blood in the chairs, better ritualistic work, social and entertainment interests, modernistic trends for the betterment of our Order, make it clear to all who listen that the sensible move for their own welfare is to become a Brother among Brothers. And as Supreme Trustee Hans M. Andersen says: "Our insurance is good enough to sell itself."

As the National Quadrennial Convention draws nearer sessions of all local lodges are increasingly important for it is at these meetings that discussions can be advanced on items and proposals that will be submitted at Racine. Participate in the well-being of your DBS. Our Order's greatest strength lies in its members and their ability to work together as a great team. Fortunate in the type of Brothers we have heretofore attracted, the DB continues to grow and prosper.

Eivind Petersen, the enthusiastic young Brother who has taken over the secretarial duties of the National Convention Committee at Racine, is a member of DB Number 4 and a former West Coast sojourner. Stationed at Camp Murray across from Fort Lewis, Brother Petersen was in the 41st Division and

saw action in the Southwest Pacific Campaign. A fine and efficient Secretary, I am sure he made a good soldier. Since Racine is located between the two larger cities of Chicago and Milwaukee, their hotel space is limited but Eivind has a job to do and he is doing it — send in your reservations on time — he will do the rest.

A class of four more candidates for membership in the Danish Brotherhood were initiated at the regular monthly meeting of Enumclaw's lodge by their new officers, some of whom had never before taken part in degree work. A good job was done and a fine impression on our incoming members was witnessed as Brothers Kai Rasmussen, Nels Johnson, J. Chris Jensen and Godan Meng assumed the obligation. Kai, a union carpenter, is Nels' step-son; Nels is retired and Chris is a new implement dealer in the city. Brother Meng, a Boeing Airplane Supervisor, born in Korsør, Denmark, and whose father was a schoolmate of Past District President Carl N. Grove, "rode the goat" to the tune of a three thousand dollar policy.

Brother Albert Nielsen, a member of one of Omaha's DB lodges but who has lived in Chicago twenty-five years, is selling his watch repair and jewelry business at 3561 Broadway. The many friends, who have satisfactorily transacted diamond deals with Brother Nielsen these many years, are sorry to have him leave but they also know that he needs a rest. Look at your March issue of our Danish Brotherhood Magazine, Brother Al, and visit some of the many lodges throughout the country now that you and your wife, Emma, will be "foot-loose and fancy free." And that goes for everyone — just in case you haven't been to lodge for a long time, why don't you surprise your many companions and walk in next time to say "Hello Brother."

Canceling their regular social in March, Junction City's DB helped Brother C. T. (Butcher) Christensen and his wife, the former Mary Tanneberg, celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The golden wedding dinner was staged by the local church congregation as these two old timers reminisced an event of a half century ago, having been Brotherhood and Sisterhood members for many years. Mary's four kin brothers and five sisters were all able to be present for the occasion which recalled the year 1905. Married in Tyler, Minnesota, and later moving to St. Andrews, Washington, their many friends throughout the states wish them continued health and happiness.

In conclusion this month, may I quote the recent remarks of the newly installed President of Philadelphia's DB Number 172, Brother John H. Nissen: "An important function of a fraternal organization, such as the Danish Brotherhood, is to act as a reservoir for the culture and ideals of the old country and enable them to be blended into those of this country."

The pedestrian record reflected the 4th consecutive year of improvement for motor vehicle accidents in 1954.

Annual Midwest Bowling Tournament

Saturday, April 23, was the big day for all the bowlers in the DBS Midwest District.

With Lodges No. 35 and No. 107 of Chicago as hosts at the Evergreen Towers Bowling Lanes, 32 teams competed for high honors.

From noon until 6:30 p. m. the bowling was featured and following that a banquet dinner and dancing for 200 in the spacious Stephen Foster room of the same building. Music was presented by the Northern Trio.

Announced at the end of dinner were the winners. And winners there were, with trophies lined up as far as the eye could see.

In the men's division, Racine Lodge No. 4 walked off with top honors with a total of 3002 pins. They also took home the traveling trophy.

Second place was won by Chicago Lodge No. 298 with 2961 pins.

First place in the women's division went to Waukegan Lodge No. 144 with 2984 pins. They also took home a traveling trophy.

Second place was won by Chicago Lodge No. 298 with 2809 pins.

Individual high games are as follows:

Men's high without handicap, John Jensen, Lodge No. 17, Chicago, 218 pins.

Men's high with handicap, Jack Blaisdell, Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, 273 pins.

Second high game without handicap, Nels Peterson, Lodge No. 298, Chicago, 214 pins.

Second high game with handicap, T. Jurgensen, Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, 230 pins.

Men's high series without handicap, P. Christoffersen, Lodge No. 4, Team 1, Racine, 537 pins.

Men's high series with handicap, Henry Wester, Lodge No. 298, Chicago, 650 pins.

Men's second high series without handicap, Victor Johnson, Lodge No. 4, Team 1, Racine, 525 pins.

Men's second high series with handicap, Aage Andersen, Lodge No. 4, Racine, 637 pins.

Ladies' high game without handicap, Amy Laurson, Lodge No. 55, Rockford, 172 pins.

Ladies' high game with handicap, Edith Michelsen, Lodge No. 146, St. Charles, 236 pins.

Ladies' second high game without handicap, Dorothy Wester, Lodge No. 298, Chicago, 154 pins.

Ladies' second high game with handicap, Marie Jensen, Lodge No. 107, Chicago, 214 pins.

Ladies' high series without handicap, Dorothy Ruback, Lodge No. 144, Waukegan, 496 pins.

Ladies' high series with handicap, Wanda Martensen, Lodge No. 55, Rockford, 614 pins.

Ladies' second high series without handicap, Viola Christensen, Lodge No. 144, Waukegan, 454 pins.

Ladies' second high series with handicap, Marilyn Jorgensen, Lodge No. 144, Waukegan, 593 pins.

The official committee responsible for this gala affair included Carl Meyer, Chairman; Tom Jensen, secretary; John Jensen, Tom Harris, Fran Dally, Walt Bollman, Jim Beck and Marvin Jensen.

All those on the committee wish to thank one and all for making it such a memorable event.

Again, congratulations to all you trophy winners.

CARL MEYER, Chairman.

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Golden Wedding Celebration

Miss Helen Madsen, Mrs. Mildred Schmarje and Mrs. Agnes Beth, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Madsen of rural Woodstock, were hostesses at a Golden Wedding reception Wednesday, January 26, at the Odd Fellows Hall, Woodstock, Illinois.

Members of Vasa Unity Lodge from Rockford, Elgin and Woodstock, also members of the Woodstock Danish Brotherhood, were guests, over 100 in all, also all of the couple's relatives from here. A very happy evening was spent, which included a flag drill by 16 ladies from the Vasa Unity Lodge drill team from Rockford, and the serving of a lunch by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Madsen. The couple received many gifts and flowers, some of which decorated the hall.

Miss Nanna Anderson and Mike Madsen were married January 27, 1905, by Rev. Schildt, then Presbyterian minister at Ridgefield. They have lived here all of their married life, except for 12 years residence in North Dakota. They have three daughters, Helen Madsen, Agnes Beth and Mildred Schmarje, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Madsen has been a member of Woodstock Danish Brotherhood Lodge since 1908 and for the past thirty years has been the Lodge Treasurer. He will be 80 years old on his next birthday and is still in good health. The members of the Woodstock Lodge and his many friends wish for him many more years of continued happiness.

Midwest District

The Midwest Convention will take place in Racine, Wisconsin, September 3, 4 and 5, 1955; opening time: Noon, C.S.T., September 3. All lodges have already received official notice, but are herewith again urged to attend. Neighboring Districts are most cordially invited to attend. This District Convention takes place just two weeks prior to our National Convention, so we should have plenty discussion material. We therefore hope that ALL the lodges in our district will send their two delegates, and that our good neighbors to the east and west also will honor us with their presence.

The Midwest Board of officers held a meeting in Kenosha, May 7; President John Christensen presiding. All board members, except Carl Meyer, were present. Brother Meyer was ill. No fixed or special program was followed, but a most thorough discussion on the decisions made in St. Charles took place. The districts proposals to the national convention were reviewed, acknowledgement of same from Omaha having been received. The Midwest Board will meet again Saturday, July 30, in Waukegan, Illinois; arrangements in charge of Ex-President Peder N. Nielsen.

The Board extends sincere invitation to every lodge in the district to attend the meeting in Racine, September 3. So please plan now and arrange to be present. Invite your closest neighboring lodge along! — and send me the names of your delegates, plus your district obligations, at your earliest opportunity.

Fraternally and Sincerely yours,
GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN.
 District Secretary-Treasurer,
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Golden Anniversary for Lodge No. 217

The 50th anniversary of Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, Iowa, was celebrated on the evening of May 17 at a dinner served in Fort Dodge for the members and their families.

A telegram of congratulations and best wishes was received from the home office at Omaha which was much appreciated.

Jens M. Jensen, our president, was presented with the 50-year membership emblem after which he gave a talk about the first years and early beginning of the lodge. Several others rendered short remarks. A nice evening was enjoyed by all.

Fraternally yours,
THEO. JENSEN, Sec.

Transportation

Those of you whom were on the D.B. Special to Detroit four years ago will remember what a wonderful time we had while in transit, it is therefore with joy I can announce that it looks very much like we will be able to have the same kind of time on the way to Racine.

After contacting some of the Railroad's representatives it looks like we will be able to have one Special, which will take care of the delegates from California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska and Iowa. Here is the tentative line-up:

Delegates from San Francisco area will take the Western Pacific Zephyr to Salt Lake City.

Los Angeles area delegates will take the City of Los Angeles and at Salt Lake City, the boys from San Francisco and from Utah will then board the City of Los Angeles.

The delegates from Oregon and Washington will leave Portland on the Union Pacific and when they arrive at Green River, Wyoming, there will the other delegates from California and Utah and Idaho be waiting and then we will all leave on the same train from there, that will then give us a chance to pick up the delegates from Rock Springs, Laramie, Cheyenne, Omaha, and other points in Nebraska and Iowa. At Chicago, we will have one train named the Special which will take us to Racine. This train is at the same depot we arrive on so there will be no transfer, at least I hope to have the cars we arrive in from the West hooked on to the Racine train.

In our next issue of the magazine I shall give you a complete line-up as to train number and other information, so be looking for it. Do not buy your ticket until you get the exact information about the "D. B. Special" it will be a trip you will always remember.

HILMAR W. HANSEN.

Correction

In the list of delegates in last month's issue there was an error in No. 314. It should read as follows:

314. Alfred P. Stark, 24 Violet St., Hartford 5, Conn. Fur, Denmark, June 29, 1902. Engineer.

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Lodge No. 202, James C. Nordine, Box No. 752, Warren, Pennsylvania.

District Convention in Ludington, Michigan

The United Lodges in Lower Michigan and Upper Ohio held their annual convention in Ludington, April 30 and May 1. At the Saturday meeting beginning at 3 p. m., the president of Lodge No. 51, Ludington, Edward Larsen, bid the delegates and visitors welcome and then turned the meeting over to district president, Karl Pedersen, Lodge No. 233, Toledo.

Seven officers, twenty delegates and many visitors were present and a very interesting meeting was held. Supreme trustee, Viggo Mikkelsen answered several questions asked by the Brothers.

In order to ascertain the prevailing opinion among the delegates votes were taken on some of the questions of interest to our Brotherhood: Fourteen delegates voted against having all national conventions, except the one in 1955, held in Omaha. Eight delegates voted for having the DBS divided into districts and 12 voted against. All delegates voted against admitting women to membership. One delegate voted for admitting any white man to membership, regardless of nationality, 12 voted against. All voted for authorizing the Supreme Board to spend up to \$50,000 for acquiring a building in Omaha to be used as home office.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the convention:

Be it resolved, that this convention sincerely appreciates and congratulates DBS Lodge No. 51, also Ludington DSS Lodge No. 49 for the fine program and hospitality shown the delegates and visitors during this convention here.

Be it further resolved, that this convention goes on record as favoring a more active program of contacting and helping sick and needy members, when in need.

Be it further resolved, that we, as separate lodges, work in harmony with each other as one group.

Supreme trustee, Viggo Mikkelsen, assisted by Chr. Larsen, Detroit, installed the following as officers for the coming year: Ex-President, Karl Pedersen, Toledo; President, Laurence Petersen, Greenville; Vice President, Axel Lohman, Detroit; Secretary, Hans Soe, Toledo; Treasurer, Delbert Williamsen, Ludington; Trustees, Alfred Steffensen, Edmore; Ted Burkall, Muskegon; and Harry Frederiksen, Manistee.

The social part of the convention was not neg-

lected, the sisters and brothers of the Ludington lodges saw to that. A fine dinner was served Saturday night. Brother J. M. Jeppesen was toastmaster and introduced, among others, the mayor of Ludington, who bid everybody welcome to Ludington. The Rev. John Christensen gave the invocation and after the dinner showed movies from Denmark. Brother Viggo Mikkelsen spoke for the DBS, and many others had something worthwhile to say before the party broke up to watch or participate in the dance following.

The 1956 convention is scheduled to take place in Toledo, Ohio.

HANS SOE.

A Book From The Faroe Islands

Richard B. Thomsen: The Tyrants; translated by Naomi Walford. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1955. 245 pages. Price: 3.50.

Recently the tough stubbornness of the people of the Faroe Islands (Færøerne) has been exemplified anew as a result of the conflict between the local authorities and the Danish government concerning the problem of removing a hospital physician who during the last world war had been accused of nourishing Nazi sympathies. The Faroe people stuck by him as long as possible.

Some of the characteristics of this people were emphasized in many news columns in the American press, and you will find more of them in "The Tyrants" which deals with a conflict occasioned by local legislation forbidding marriage between the have-nots and those who own rural real estate.

"The Tyrants" is a novel about love and other human emotions, with sharply drawn lines and contrasts: two young swains want to marry two young girls despite the legal prohibition and despite their tyrannical employer. As there is nothing else to do, the quartet elopes to a place where they can find a more humane understanding of their problem, but one of these young men in time becomes just as tyrannical as was the employer from whom he fled. He develops into a real terror for the community, and his fellow-eloper never protests.

There is plenty of intrigue in the story, plenty of suspense, and the final hour of fate is described with a great deal of dramatic force.

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G. S.

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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

• Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

Unless the California Lodges have already done so, please arrange to elect your delegates and alternates to our Convention in Arcata during the month of June, and forward me the names by July 1st.

For the good people in and around San Francisco, please remember the usual "Grundlovsfest" to be held in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, June 5. As usual the arrangements for this affair is under the direction of the Central Committee. We will as usual have a fine program of music from Denmark and it is my understanding that we shall have the pleasure of hearing a talk by our new Consul General, Mr. Frode Shøn.

On June 22, Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco will have its Past President's Night, which will be preceded by a very fine dinner in Druids Temple beginning at 6:30 p. m. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. This yearly event has proven very popular in the past so make your arrangements to be present both for the dinner and meeting. To the new members this suggestion — come and see how the old timers can still conduct a meeting, you may learn a thing or two.

At a party given a few weeks ago by Dan and Ester Andersen, celebrating their 5th anniversary in the travel business, (and I may add the party was just as successful as their business is today) we were shown an old film taken by our late brother, Walter Hansen, of the departure of the Dania Excursion to Denmark in 1928. It was most interesting to see the departure of the special train of the Western Pacific and especially to see so many of our friends who are no longer with us. Of course, this brought back to memory another Excursion to Denmark, namely the General Committee's Denmark Excursion in 1930.

As this is written it is exactly 25 years ago since the departure of our Special train of the Western Pacific left San Francisco for New York. I still have an old program from the trip, and from which I note we left San Francisco on May 24, 1930, with over 300 participants, stops were made all along the route, such as in Salt Lake City, with a recital of Danish music at the Mormon Tabernacle; in Colorado Springs where a visit was made to Manitau Springs, Cave of the Winds, and other places. A stop was made in Omaha where we were met by Brother Frank Lawson who was then Supreme Secretary, as well as other members of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and after a sightseeing trip we had a banquet at the Rome Hotel. Half a day was spent in Chicago with a visit to Dania, thence on to Niagara Falls for half a day's stop, but many of the good brethren preferred to spend their time over on the Canadian side of the Falls, for the simple reason that here for the first time in many, many years they were able to get an honest drink, and boy, did some of them take advantage of the situation. You will remember we had in those days something known to us here in the good old USA as prohibition. After this visit, on to New York and after a day's stop, we sailed from Hoboken on May 31, 1930, in the good old ship, Frederik VIII

of the Scandinavian American Line, and I doubt very much if the ship had ever sailed with a happier group than these people from California.

Big preparations had been made in Denmark and the Committee had chartered the ship "Vistula" for a week's trip around Denmark. This was a brand new ship and the "Forenede Damskibsselskab" had to rush the ship in order to have it ready for us. At the Rebild festivities that year, the committee presented to the Rebild Park Committee a California Bell, which I understand has been used ever since whenever the festivities are called to order on July 4th. I have a picture where Max Henius accepts the Bell from the Danish Brotherhood in California.

I do not believe a better excursion was ever planned, before or after, primarily because all the participants traveled together all the way from California to Denmark and back again. I believe we had the finest committee, who worked for two full years in order to make it a success.

The committee was appointed at our convention in Solvang in 1928 and immediately received full power to go ahead. The original committee consisted of Brothers Fred Bakke, Louis Quist, both of 49, Nick Andersen of 39, C. A. Milback of 126, and the writer from 49. Later on Milback resigned and Brother Viggo Hansen from 323 took his place; Nick Andersen resigned and Brother Th. Jorgensen replaced him, and inasmuch as the writer in the meanwhile had become associated with the Scandinavian American Line as General Agent he resigned and Brother Henry Gjilling took his place. Besides these men we had the advice and assistance of Brother Chr. Redsted from 49, who was then Traveling Passenger Agent for the Line. Believe me it was a hectic year for the writer who at the same time was President of the General Committee. Time marches on. Of the Brethren mentioned above and who all worked for the betterment of our organization only two are left, namely Fred Bakke and myself. I may add that Fred is still the best chairman we can get on any committee, particularly a banquet committee.

Now that there is a Danish Line coming into the picture again, I am just wondering if we in California could not repeat the performance? It was a mighty piece of work we did 25 years ago, and I am still of the opinion that it can be done again. I do not recall any single thing that did as much to advertise our General Committee and the Danish Brotherhood here in California as did this excursion. I hope some of our brethren will give this matter serious thought at our next convention.

Perhaps the excursions from California helped to advertise the Western Pacific among the Danes because of the wonderful way in which this railroad took care of us, and I dare say more Danes are using this road than any other when traveling transcontinental.

And speaking of the above may I give this bit of advice. If you are contemplating that long awaited trip to Denmark next year, do see your travel agent

NOW and file your application with him if you wish to travel in the high season in 1956. And another bit of advice — get the most out of your trip by taking it easy. Many of you have waited for many years, maybe 20-25 or more years to make this trip of a lifetime, so why not enjoy it, remembering that "Getting there is half the fun." Why try to get there before you leave home? So enjoy yourself — it is later than you think.

In looking at the list of delegates to the National Convention I noticed a total of 149 delegates listed. Of these 90 were born in Denmark, 58 in America and one in Russia.

In the list of recommendations as made by members of the Supreme Board at the recently held meeting in Omaha, the first one that catches my eye is the one made by Brother Hilmar Hansen in which it is proposed to amend the Articles of Incorporation so as to eliminate Danish Citizenship, ancestry or descent as a requirement for becoming a member of the Danish Brotherhood. To me it is one of the finest declarations of bankruptcy of an organization of our kind I have ever seen, and I sincerely hope that the delegates in Racine will so tell Brother Hansen and the rest on the Board in no uncertain terms.

Really, one would expect something more constructive and positive from the Supreme Board, after all, some of the members on the board have been "sitting" there for many years, and one might get the suspicion that they have been "sitting," and if that is the case such members ought to be assisted so they may be "unsitting," so to speak, after the next convention.

As a member in good standing I should like to ask the board this question: What has really been done during the past 20 years in order to increase — or even maintain the membership in the Brotherhood? If you are honest, every one of you will agree, that very little, indeed, has been done. It is very true that during the present administration a few folders have been printed to assist us in selling the Brotherhood, but you will also agree that these folders were printed after considerable proding from the membership. What has been done in the way of advertising our Brotherhood in the Danish Press — for instance? What has been done in the way of traveling by the Supreme Officers in order to stimulate interest in our order? Very little, indeed, with the possible exception of Hans Andersen in California, and the Supreme President.

I will agree, that the Board as such is not altogether at fault, and the blame must be placed on the delegates at the National Conventions for shortsightedness in not allowing funds for traveling and such — but really Brethren when it comes to such a suggestion as made by the board — through Brother Hansen — and he must have had the support of the other Board Members, then I really think the rest of the membership ought to sit up and take notice. If such a thing should take place we must, of course, change the name of our organization. As we have Elks, Moose and similar names, what about calling ourselves the order of "Goose."

I shall take the liberty of coming back to this subject some other time.

More than 678,000 persons were injured in week-end traffic accidents last year.

Resolutions

EJNAR MELGAARD, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, Ejner Melgaard, who passed away March 30, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 242:

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

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

W. S. HANSEN, President.
P. J. LARSEN, Secretary.

ANTON NIELSEN, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, Anton Nielsen, who passed away April 2, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 242:

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

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

W. S. HANSEN, President.
P. J. LARSEN, Secretary.

ANDREW CHRIS LARSEN, Erie, Pa.

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew Chris Larsen, who passed away May 6, 1955, the following resolution was adopted:

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

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

W. S. HANSEN, President.
P. J. LARSEN, Secretary.

NIELS JEPPESEN, New Haven, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Niels Jepsen, who passed away April 4, 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 LARSEN, President.
GEORGE C. HOLM, Secretary.

CHRISTIAN SORENSEN, New Haven, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Christian Sorensen, who passed away May 10, 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 LARSEN, President.
GEORGE C. HOLM, Secretary.

ANDREW BJERGE HOLM, Enumclaw, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew Bjerger Holm, who passed away April 26, 1955, Enumclaw, Lodge Number 113 adopted the following resolution:

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

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, that a copy be sent to his family and also inserted in the Brotherhood Magazine.

OSWALD PEDERSEN, President.
NORBERT E. GROVE, Secretary.

JENS NYGAARD, Viborg, South Dakota

In memory of our departed brother, Jens Nygaard, who passed away April 5, 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 thirty 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, Secretary.

NIELS VIGGO HANSEN, København, Danmark

Med sorg meddeles at luge 318 i Danmark atter har mistet et led i broderskabets kæde. Broder Niels V. Hansen, født i Køge i aaret 1879, er afgaaet ved døden den 19de April, 1955 efter lang tids svagelighed. Luge 318 giver udtryk for sin deltagelse overfor de sørgende efterladte og beklæder sit luge alter med sørgeflor for et tidsrum af 30 dage og beder om dette optaget i brodersamfundsbladet med et ære være hans minde.

JOHN FOBIAN, Præsident.
ALB. PETERSEN, Sekretær.

JAMES BROCK, St. Louis, Mo.

In memory of our departed brother, James Brock: Resolved, that we surely miss the absence of our brother, who has been in our lodge for over 50 years, and was our oldest lodge member, and that we extend to his family our most heartfelt sympathy.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the lodge, a copy be sent to our departed brothers family, and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 191, St. Louis, Missouri.

THORVALD OLSEN, President.
ALBERT JENSEN, Secretary.

CARL W. CHRISTIANSEN, Lincoln, Nebr.

In memory of our departed brother, Carl W. Christiansen, who passed away May 2, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lincoln Lodge No. 84.

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. 84, Lincoln, Nebraska.

EDGAR E. HENSLEY, President.
VIGGO CHRISTENSEN, Secretary.

GEORGE ANDERSEN, Port Alberni, B. C., Can.

In memory of our departed brother, George Andersen, who passed away April 19, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 335.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our good brother who was respected and standing as our first member, it was Brother Andersen who took the initiative when Lodge 335 was started in 1952. He didn't give the impression of sickness and was in activity to the last minute. What a wonderful way to depart from this globe.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	INSURANCE
Mar. 17	Oscar Larsen	86	Denmark	600	Omaha, Neb.	1900	Cardiac failure	\$ 759.54
Apr. 6	Niels P. C. Nielsen	66	Haderslev, Denmark	600	Omaha, Neb.	1923	Coronary Occlusion	1,000.00
Apr. 12	Christen P. Christiansen	83	Vrold, Skanderb'g Amt	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1902	Cerebral hemorrhage	419.48
Apr. 14	Henry W. Hansen	68	Muskegon, Mich.	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1909	Carcinoma	1,000.00
Apr. 4	Niels Jeppesen	86	Vejle Amt, Denmark	32	New Haven, Conn.	1904	Skull fracture	817.64
Apr. 10	Christian C. Bonde	95	Launsby, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1900	Heart disease	689.75
Mar. 24	Emil F. Christensen	73	Copenhagen, Den.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1913	Natural Causes	500.00
Mar. 8	Abraham W. Carver	57	Trenton, N. J.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1943	Not given	1,000.00
Feb. 23	Marius Jensen	78	Hjørring, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1902	Not given	880.87
Apr. 6	William Hansen	75	Frederikshavn, Den.	164	New York, N. Y.	1913	Heart disease	980.70
Apr. 15	Peter N. Krogh	87	Vedsted Sogn, Amt	183	Troy, New York	1906	Myocarditis	201.00
Mar. 30	Ejnar C. Melgaard	54	Komdrup, Denmark	242	Erie, Pa.	1924	Leukemia	1,000.00
Apr. 19	Chris J. Petersen	79	Aalborg, Danmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1913	Heart disease	990.55
Apr. 18	J. M. Brock	76	Hunderup, pr. Ribe	191	St. Louis, Mo.	1904	Cerebral hemorrhage	223.13
Apr. 21	Swan E. Hanson	73	Denmark	155	Bellingham, Wash.	1909	Cerebral hemorrhage	963.64
Apr. 13	Jens Wieser	75	Torslev, Denmark	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1906	Myocarditis	465.45
Apr. 25	Nels A. Larson	74	Brainerd, Minn.	142	Brainerd, Minn.	1905	Carcinoma	1,000.00
Apr. 14	Jens P. C. Pedersen	88	Haastrup, Fyn, Den.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1908	Carcinoma	500.00
Apr. 9	Christian Hansen	86	Pandrup, Jylland	102	Providence, R. I.	1907	Heart disease	500.00
Apr. 21	Niels P. C. Hansen	73	Højrup, Svendborg	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1922	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Apr. 5	Andrew A. Hansen	58	Jylland, Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1916	Cerebral hemorrhage	1,000.00
May 7	Fred Nielsen	71	Fredensborg, Den.	26	Enumclaw, Wash.	1914	Cerebral hemorrhage	1,000.00
May 10	Niels M. Nielsen	89	Vedsted, pr. Ribe	63	Burlington, Iowa	1906	Senile cachexia	250.00
May 2	Carl W. Christiansen	60	Des Moines, Iowa	84	Lincoln, Nebr.	1913	Catarrhal enteritis	500.00
Apr. 19	George Andersen	71	Denmark	335	Port Alberni, B. C.	1952	Not given	Social
Apr. 17	Bertel Fisher	78	Grønnebæk, Den.	263	Askov, Minn.	1940	Not given	Social
Apr. 19	Niels V. Hansen	76	Køge, Denmark	818	Copenhagen, Den.	1941	Not given	Social

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in mourning for a period of thirty days in his memory and this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to his surviving sister.

L. F. SIMONSEN, President.
ANTON KR. ANDERSEN, Secretary.

RASMUS PEDERSEN, Fresno, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Rasmus Pedersen, who passed away May 9, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Columbia Lodge No. 43:

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 sent to his family.

In behalf of Columbia Lodge No. 43,
EBBE E. BORK, President.
JOHN SORENSEN, Secretary.

PAUL M. HANSEN, Kent, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Paul M. Hansen, who passed away January 11, 1955, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 152:

Resolved, that we regret the loss of our brother, and hereby wish to express our sincere sympathy to his family, that our charter be draped for thirty days in his memory and that this resolution be printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, entered in the minutes of our lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

FRANK KUNZ, President.
SVEND GOMMESEN, Secretary.

EJNER KNUDSEN, Los Angeles, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Ejner Knudsen, who passed away May 5, 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 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 Los Angeles Lodge No. 126.

PETER PEDERSEN, President.
HANS C. HANSEN, Secretary.

HENRY W. HANSEN, Muskegon, Mich.

In memory of our departed brother, Henry W. Hansen, who passed away April 14, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Muskegon Lodge No. 30:

Resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days in his memory, that this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy be sent to his family.

ARTHUR BURKALL, President.
LAWRENCE RITTER, Secretary.

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