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At first impression many of America's cities appear quite similar. But closer study shows them to be tremendously varied, as rich in their diversity as the regions they reflect.

Most people have strong favorites among our cities — and not just counting their home towns. They may fasten on one place as having almost everything they like in a city — (like a Copenhagen, for instance!). Or they may prefer one town for its scenic setting, another for its shops, another for its theater and other entertainment, and so on.

These attachments are natural and inevitable. Much travel is for sheer enjoyment, obviously, and you cannot ask that people make a course of study out of it.

However, we believe that the delegates and lodges made a wise choice in selecting Racine as the home of the 24th Danish Brotherhood National Convention!

In my previous articles I have tried to tell you briefly, about Racine, and why we think the delegates and visitors will enjoy their visit and feel at home with us and our town. Allow me, please, in this—my concluding article—to repeat a few points.

Racine is large enough (75,000 people) to have many of the metropolitan advantages, and small enough to escape many of the disadvantages. The tempo is quiet, steady, but sure. It's the kind of city people like to call "home."

We believe our delegates and visitors will like such a city! Our Convention will not "become lost" like it is bound to do in a real large city. No, here, we will be in close contact with each other for the whole week. Perhaps this will enable us to learn to understand each other better!

Racine is fundamentally a city of middle-class

working people — hospitable and friendly. YOU will be made to feel at home and feel welcome! I have from time to time told about our varied industry; about some of our worthwhile buildings; about our wonderful shore-line on beautiful Lake Michigan, whose cooling and refreshing breezes you are sure to enjoy; many of you from the middle west will certainly delight in seeing Lake Michigan. But more than all these things — yes, much more — because many cities in our country can match us in above mentioned category, **Racine is FIRST AND FOREMOST A DANISH TOWN!** Roughly one-third of the population is of Danish descent. We have five Danish churches; a magnificent Danish Old People's Home; Dania Society and D. B. Lodge No. 4; each one possessing a truly fine club building. Our eating habits are real Danish, due to our many Danish food and bakery stores. West Racine is affectionately known as "Kringleville" after the Dane's favorite pastry. We even have regular Danish Radio Music and Danish programs through Peder Back's Danish Hour, now for over 25 years a fixture on Radio Station WRJN. Sound Danish to YOU? Come, and be convinced!

Racine's major drawback as a convention city is our limited Hotel facilities. We have honestly told you so, and we have continuously urged all who are within driving distance — to **COME BY AUTO.** Aside from this one defect, we believe the delegates and visitors will like our city — Racine. On the air-view picture of Racine, accompanying this write-up, can be seen, lower left, the D.B. Hall. On the lower right, the Memorial Hall; center right is Hotel Racine, and the Court House is very near center. In the upper right hand corner "Wind Point Light

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## Suppose, Just Suppose

Suppose that each and every D. B. lodge was reduced to a membership of 11, how would the expenses of a National Convention be paid?

It takes about three years per capita tax to pay the ordinary operating expenses of the Brotherhood for four years, leaving one year's tax for payment of convention expenses. With the average cost per delegate being about \$150 and with each lodge of 11 members contributing only \$22, where would the \$128 come from? By increasing the per capita tax for the convention year to \$13-\$14?

The idealistic founders of the Danish Brotherhood made a bad blunder by failing to limit a delegate's convention allowances to a percentage of the per capita tax contributed by his lodge. To contend that a delegate is entitled to convention allowances far in excess of what his lodge has contributed is as ridiculous and stupid as it would be to contend that D. B. should pay to a deceased member's beneficiary the average amount of insurance carried by all members instead of for instance the \$125 insurance, which the deceased member himself might have paid for.

At present the larger lodges are being subjected to excessive taxation without proportionate representation. Suppose they should get tired of this and refuse to pay per capita taxes, unless and until a change were made.

In view of the fact that it is contemplated to admit Danish Canadians as "active" members, which would entitle Canadian lodges in distant cities to representation at our national conventions, it would seem that the time is here to enact laws, which will reduce rather than increase our convention costs. Attempts to reduce them through district elections have been made time and time again, but have been turned down by the delegates. The alternative is to limit delegate's allowances. Would the delegates be realistic enough to favor such a law, or must we wait until insurance departments possibly demand it?

On the assumption that the delegates attend the convention solely for the purpose of contributing their experience and wise counsel for the good of the D. B., I believe that they would vote in favor of a fair and democratic proposal to limit a delegate's convention allowances to 25 per cent of his lodges per capita tax for four years, and I therefore trust, that five delegates will present such a proposal to the convention.

WILLIAM SVENDSEN,  
No. 205, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Announcing the Winners of the Membership Contest

The contest is over, the new members have been counted and the lodges' percentage of gain has been computed. From January 1 to June 30, 1955, 57 lodges, of our total 204, have, each, acquired one or more new members. The 57 lodges gained, altogether, 167 new members, insured, social and juvenile, and 10 of these lodges obtained five or more new members, but only seven of them signed up more than five.

Using the method, which I described in my article in the December, 1954 issue of the Brotherhood Magazine, I have computed the percentage of increase made by each of the seven lodges.

The results show Prince George Lodge No. 330 to have won first place with 7.01 per cent; Askov, Minn., Lodge No. 263 has second place with 4.44 per cent and Newark, N. J., Lodge No. 116 takes third place with 2.53 per cent.

"Congratulations" to these lodges for their success and "thanks" to all the participating lodges for their cooperation. Contest prizes will be forwarded to the winners, as soon as possible.

Judging by the results of the contest, it is evident that various obstacles must have been encountered by the members who approached prospects for their membership applications. It would be of considerable benefit, to the Danish Brotherhood, if the delegates at the national convention in Racine could know the nature of these obstacles, for new legislation could then be enacted which might remedy whatever ails our "new member appeal."

Let us pave the way for a bigger and stronger Brotherhood.

Fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN.

## AUGUST ASSESSMENT

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IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE  
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August 1, 1955

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

September 1, 1955

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

# Financial Report

MAY 31, 1955

Receipts:

**Mortuary Fund**

Balance on hand May 1, 1955	\$ 7,230.60
Assessments	11,145.99
Interest on bonds	14,633.80
Premium on currency exchange	2.81

\$ 33,013.20

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$ 19,356.02
Cash surrender	266.84
Certificate loan	337.50
Collection expense bond coupons	7.50
Investment expenses first quarter, 1955	1,640.24
Balance on hand May 31, 1955	11,405.10

\$ 33,013.20

**General Fund**

Receipts:

Balance on hand May 1, 1955	\$ 12,416.45
Received in May	777.48
Transfer of investment expenses	1,640.24

\$ 14,834.17

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 77.82
Postage, express, telephone and telegrams	81.11
Rent and lights	181.14
Printing and mailing official publication	390.81
Travel expenses	47.40
Insurance department license and fees	25.00
National convention expenses	100.00
Flowers	15.00
Towel service (three months)	4.50
General office expense	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,212.00
Employer's taxes, social security	18.70
Balance on hand May 31, 1955	12,630.69

\$ 14,834.17

**Relief Fund**

Receipts:

Balance on hand May 1, 1955	\$ 9,553.57
Assessment income	1,639.50
Interest on bonds	1,300.00
Repaid by beneficiaries	600.00
Relief payments returned	24.46

\$ 13,117.53

Disbursements:

Relief payments	\$ 335.50
Balance on hand May 31, 1955	12,782.03

\$ 13,117.53

**Juvenile Fund**

Receipts:

Balance on hand May 1, 1955	\$ 4,402.13
Juvenile assessments	177.10

\$ 4,579.23

Disbursements:

Balance on hand May 31, 1955	\$ 4,579.23
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\$ 4,579.23

**Assets**

Mortuary Fund investments	\$ 3,999,892.89
Relief Fund investments	240,000.00
General Fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	41,397.05

Total assets \$ 4,321,289.94

## Attention: Delegates and Visitors

As we are getting close to September 19 and the beginning of our National Convention, I am taking this opportunity to express my appreciation for the good harmony and cooperation which have existed on all the committees. From the beginning it has been a big job, but it has been very gratifying, as a most cordial reception has been met everywhere.

I can assure all our delegates and visitors that the committee has left no stone unturned to make this the best and most interesting convention in DB history. The highnote will most likely be the banquet September 22, and we are asking all visitors to make reservation for their tickets as only 1,000 tickets will be available.

I am sure that your visit to Racine, the Danish Capital, will long be remembered.

Fraternally yours,

PETER JENSEN,  
Committee Chairman,  
Racine, Wisconsin.

## Midwest District

Just another reminder that the Midwest District convention opens at Racine, Wisconsin, at the Danish Brotherhood Hall, September 3, 1955, at 1 p. m. CST. Sisters as well as Brothers will meet. Registrations begin at 8 a. m. Luncheon will be served from 11:30 and the official meetings are scheduled for 1 p. m. promptly. Our Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Brother Axel Skelbeck will be with us. We are honored that he is able to spare his time at this time, busy as he must be just previous to the national convention.

At this writing (July 20th) already 14 lodges have notified me of attending. I am extremely happy to be able to announce that Lodge No. 239, Lake Forest, Illinois, have re-joined the district, after several years absence. On behalf of the district officers and lodges I bid you most welcome, Lake Forest.

I like to urge each lodge to contact the lodge located nearest you. Maybe someone needs a ride! We also take this opportunity to ask our many friends from Minnesota, Michigan and Ohio, to attend our meetings, if at all possible.

The few lodges I have not yet heard from are urged to take action at once. Each lodge should send TWO delegates, and bring 50 visitors!

Looking forward to a fine session, and hoping to hear from the few not already enrolled, I am,

Fraternally and Sincerely yours,

GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN,  
Midwest Secretary-Treasurer,  
710 Grand Ave.,  
Racine, Wisconsin.

## Financial Report

JUNE 30, 1955

### Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1955	\$ 11,405.10
Assessments	10,185.24
Interest on bonds	18,233.46
Premium on currency exchange	7.83
Bonds called and matured	102,000.00
Premium on bonds redeemed	4,080.00
Interest on certificate loans	8.25
Certificate loans repaid	12.50
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	\$145,932.38

### Disbursements:

Transfer of investment expenses	\$ 1,225.00
Death claims	25,990.92
Cash surrender	64.97
Collection expenses on bond coupons	6.50
Bonds purchased	106,000.00
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	500.56
Certificate loans	160.00
Balance on hand June 30, 1955	11,984.43
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	\$145,932.38

### General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1955	\$ 12,630.69
Received in June	763.43
Transfer of investment expenses	1,225.00
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	\$ 14,619.12

### Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 221.68
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	65.87
Petty cash	10.00
Travel expenses	241.36
Flowers N. B. Nelson funeral	15.48
Printing and mailing official publication	390.81
Rent and lights	180.50
Membership rewards	160.00
General office expenses	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,212.00
Employer taxes, social security	18.70
Balance on hand June 30, 1955	12,052.72
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	\$ 14,619.12

### Relief Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand June 1, 1955	\$ 12,782.03
Relief assessments	55.00
Interest on bonds	812.50
Relief payments returned	25.08
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	\$ 13,674.61

### Disbursements:

Relief payments	\$ 359.70
Balance on hand June 30, 1955	\$ 13,314.91
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	\$ 13,674.61

### Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance forwarded June 1, 1955	\$ 4,579.23
Juvenile assessments	154.40
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	\$ 4,733.63

### Disbursements:

Balance June 30, 1955	\$ 4,733.63
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### Assets

Mortuary Fund investments	\$ 4,004,040.39
Relief Fund investments	240,000.00
General Fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	42,085.69
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	\$ 4,326,126.08

## Racine, September 19, 1955!

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House" is visible. Yes — THIS IS THE CITY — THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION CITY of 1955. The date, September 19, 1955, opening date of our 24th national convention. Racine, the Danish spirited and friendly town is your inviting host. The "Danish Capital" in the U.S. is calling! Racine — on the beautiful Lake Michigan — "The Belle City of the Lakes" — Home of Lodge No. 4 — awaits you! We are certain you will enjoy our town; you will like our Danish halls, our Danish ways; WE SIN-CERELY INVITE YOU — And we will welcome you and strive to make your visit with us enjoyable and unforgettable. We believe, that when you leave us after the convention you will do so regretfully, but with many pleasant and lasting memories!

GERHARD H. RASMUSSEN.

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## Annual Convention of Minnesota Lodges at Austin

The weather was perfect, the attendance was good, and the spirit was A No. 1 when the United Lodges of Minnesota met at Austin June 25 and 26.

Appropriate words of welcome were extended after which the president, Chris Petersen, Minneapolis, asked our Supreme President, Svend Petersen, to bring up for discussion some of the proposals that will be presented at Racine. Several proposals were approved unanimously while others were discussed at length, particularly the proposal to admit to membership "white men of Danish descent and their male relatives," which was given hearty support.

Other proposals which were given unanimous approval were as follows:

1. That the Supreme President should receive a salary of \$2,500 per year and devote more time to the welfare of the society.

2. That the Secretary-Treasurer should devote all his time to investments, salary to come out of the Mortuary Fund.

3. That \$25 per day should be allowed for all Supreme officers for travel expenses.

4. That the Supreme Board have the authority to purchase a building.

5. That the Supreme Board have the authority to put money in building and loan associations for interest.

6. That the establishment of a National Credit Union be tabled.

7. That the per capita tax be left at \$2.00 per year, with the provision that 50 cents of it be earmarked for promotional purposes under such rules and regulations as the Supreme Board may deem beneficial to our Order.

8. That a majority vote is all that is necessary to change the By-Laws.

9. That Omaha, Nebraska, be favored as a place to hold all National Conventions.

10. That the subordinate lodge is to receive five per cent of assessments they collect.

11. That the Danish Brotherhood should be authorized to arrange for funeral expenses not to exceed \$350 in the event that a member should die without any heirs and the lodge is obligated to arrange for burial, this amount to be deducted from the deceased's insurance.

Election of officers were held with the following results:

President—Chris Pedersen.

Vice President—Arol D. Hansen.

Treasurer—Martin Svendsen.

Secretary—Carl Gustafson.

Trustee—Soren Sorensen.

Trustee—Hans Jorgensen.

Trustee—Bert Godfriedsen.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 o'clock p. m.

A wonderful banquet was held with fine attendance. A social evening consisted of dancing, card playing and renewing of old acquaintances was enjoyed by everyone.

A picnic was held on Sunday, June 26, at the Anton Andersen farm at Blooming Prairie, Minn., which concluded the festivities.

Fraternally yours,

CARL GUSTAFSON, Sec.

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

Being such hot weather here in the East the last few weeks, it is no wonder we have not much to write about, but a little news when it is good, is better than no news at all.

We can report from two meetings we attended recently, namely No. 325 Long Island on July 8, and Newark No. 116, on Saturday, July 9.

Both were fine meetings and most enjoyable. The one in Long Island was the most friendly meeting I have attended for a long time. It was a meeting where about 50 members were present and the lodge affairs were taken care of in short order, but to the point, and even a new member was initiated. Rich Nelson was bid welcome into our organization, and we sincerely hope he will get a lot of enjoyment of it. He joined a fine lodge. Guests were present from the following lodges and all expressed their pleasure in being present. The president of the lodge in Copenhagen No. 318, Brother Fobian, who is on a visit here with his family, brought greetings from Denmark, and thanks to No. 325 for the fine work they did during the war and after. Other visitors expressed their opinion of the lodge and its membership and many fine little stories were heard. Even Pastor Kirkegaard could tell a few real enjoyable stories at the tables where Danish sandwiches were served, where this took place. The guests were Pastor Kirkegaard, Brother Fobian, Denmark; Peter Christiansen, 46, Paul Thofner, 50, George Petersen, 102, John Rasmussen, 205, Juelsen and Sorensen, 90, Chris Madsen, 116, and with the brethren from 325, we were around 50 in all. The committee for this evening certainly deserves a lot of thanks for a fine job in making sandwiches and providing all other entertainment. **WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

At the meeting in Newark, where also about 50 were present, a new member also was initiated. I am sorry I did not get his name written down, but he was a young Dane, not here very long, and he was initiated into the lodge in Danish. We do not see this very often and it was a pleasure to watch. Also here we were served the most wonderful sandwiches, etc., after the meeting, these prepared by several ladies, of course wives of some of the Brothers, and we thank them, too.

This meeting was mostly concerned with the two coming conventions; but as the motions as yet are not on hand, several things of interest was explained by several members and their views on these points given for the help, perhaps, of the delegates.

Guests were present from Lodges No. 46, 90, 102, 164, 172, 205, 242, 314 and Copenhagen, 318, by the president, Brother Fobian. Six delegates for the national convention were present.

It was announced that a clambake will be held this year at the grounds of the home in Metuchen on September 25. All are invited to come and all pertaining to a real clambake will be served, and you can eat and drink all day, all you want for the price of \$6.00 per person. Do not forget this date.

In taking in these two meetings we also had a chance to visit the two homes in the New York

area for the Danes. The home, located in the hills near the Hudson in Groton, New York, is a very fine and beautiful place, built like a castle, in fact it is a castle, dismantled in France, brought here and rebuilt. It certainly makes you think of Denmark when you come into the courtyard and seeing all the beautiful flowers, etc., makes you feel right at home, and the folks there seemed very happy. We saw the place and enjoyed a cup of coffee and it was nice. After a fine trip through the Parkways and over George Washington bridge and New Jersey Turnpike we arrived at the home in Metuchen. This was the 4th of July and a picnic was supposed to be going on there, but the picnic this year was a two-day affair and a very large crowd had been there Sunday, therefore, only a few and mostly tired people were there on Monday. Of course, you all know the home in Metuchen, a fine place, only about three to four years old and looking better every time we see it. We had our lunch there in the fine park and I believe most were going home by the time darkness arrived, but the two-day affair was a great success. Knowing the president for the home, Martin Schaefer, and the manager, Paul Thofner, how could an affair there be anything but a success.

We also want to thank the brothers who so kindly brought us to the meetings in Newark and Long Island, Paul Thofner, Martin Schaefer and John Rasmussen, it was really great of you to do this. Perhaps some day we may be able to do something for you.

We have a little note from Troy, New York. They mention that not much is going on just at present. The brothers are all helping along in repairing and remodeling their building, that is a fine spirit in this weather. A sad note enters into it though. In Troy they have lost another of their very good members. Brother Andrew Nielsen has passed away and everyone in Troy will miss him very much. He was so very understanding and kind and always willing to do his share and more in the lodge. We, too, shall certainly miss Andy. Our sympathy goes to his family.

The only thing left now is to remind you again that the General Committee convention will be held in Oneonta over Labor Day week-end. The Elks Club has been rented for the affair. This is a very fine building and we surely are going to enjoy it. Mr. Molinari, Justice of the Supreme Court of Otsego County, has been invited as the guest speaker. Nielsen's Band from Troy will be on hand to entertain us for dancing, etc., and other entertainments are planned.

Just think back to 1946 and you certainly will not miss 1955 in Oneonta.

More and more of the fruits and vegetables purchased by consumers are canned or frozen. In 1910-1919, 6 pounds of canned fruits and juices were purchased for every 100 pounds of fresh; in 1950, 33 pounds of canned fruits and juices — plus 4 pounds of frozen — were purchased for every 100-pounds of fresh.

## Introducing . . .

By JUL. ANDERSEN

Jacob Enemark's name is well known among all Danish people. During his many years of service with ocean travel between America and Europe, he has helped thousands of travellers reach their goal and visit their homeland. As a writer of articles, poetry and songs, he has also gained a reputation as one of our leading writers of Danish descent. Two of his songs have been adopted by the Danish Brotherhood. He also wrote a national song which the Finnish government translated and adopted as their national hymn and for which the president of the Finnish republic awarded him the Order of the White Rose.

Jacob was born in Skodborg, South Jutland. His father was a real true Dane and was arrested several times by the German regime who took control of the South Jutland section after the War of 1864. He was finally ordered to leave the home and town where he resided. Jacob joined in the execution of that order, and both father and son immigrated to the United States. They first settled in Perth Amboy, N. J. Both found work there and raised enough money to bring the rest of the family to America.

Later Jacob moved to Boston, where he joined the Danish Brotherhood Lodge in 1897. Later he moved to Portland, Maine, where I first met and got acquainted with him. I learned he was and always has been a true Dane and an active member of our society. I happened to stray into his small shoe repair shop one day while travelling around and we became friends from that time and still are. It was the first time I had the chance to learn about the Danish Brotherhood Society. He arranged for a social meeting and invited me to attend, asking me to make a talk to the audience, which was the first one I ever made in this country. I remember the subject I spoke upon and it was not so hot, but I did get interested in our order and will remain so as long as I am allowed to live.

Jacob served as president of the Portland lodge, and when he moved to New York he transferred to the Cimbria Lodge. He was elected president of the Danish Central Committee of New York, served as president of the Eastern Danish District lodges for several terms, and also was chosen as delegate to several Danish Brotherhood National Conventions. At the Fresno, California, Convention in 1910, I again had the pleasure of renewing our friendship, and we met again at the Detroit Convention. Wherever he went and whatever he did was purely done by his wonderful spiritual heart as one who had been selected by the Creator to be born in Denmark and do his best deeds in America.

Later in Portland, Maine, Jacob Enemark accumulated a rather large fortune. During the depression around 1930 he lost much of his former gains. He never gave up and his courage was indomitable. He received great help from his charming wife and children, who are now residing with him in Staten Island, New York.

Both Jacob and I are moving along up into the older brackets. Of late he has not been so well but his courage and determination will overcome all trouble. We who have known him for so long and know all he has done for our nationality and humanity in general offer up our prayers for him to get well and remain with us for many more years to come.

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## "Danish Day" Again

They did it again, the General Committee of Utah and Idaho Lodges, when they, the 13th of July, called to the annual outing at "Lagoon," the outing better known as "Danish Day."

An evening of joyful fellowship and high spirit was the result of many hours intense planning and arranging for the relatively few persons who did the work. They deserve a grateful pat on the back for their efforts.

In beautiful surroundings and beautiful weather the program started at 7:15 p. m., with the congregation singing "Vift Stolt ----" after which our able president Brother Chris Pedersen (president of Lodge No. 78) extended the General Committees welcome to everyone, and expressed a special thanks to the mayor of Salt Lake City, Earl J. Glade, for coming out in spite of a very tight business schedule. Brother Pedersen introduced as the master of ceremonies Supreme Vice President Brother Hilmar W. Hansen, who really did not need any introduction, as he has conducted the "Danish Day" program for many, many years. The first number on the program was an accordion solo by Miss Rosalie Andersen, followed by two amusing songs sung by Miss Kay Hodges from Brigham City. Both of the girls acted like old-timers on the stage, and their performances added a couple of degrees to an already high temperature. Let me emphasize that I do not predict elections outcome, but I know this much, our honorable mayor, who was next on the program, won himself a lot of friends by his speech that evening. He talked about the Danes in a very flattering way, though without being "vote-fishing." He pointed out how the Danes, both past and present, has had and still have a great part in the development and expansion of our great nation and especially in our beloved inter-mountain area. The Danes are one of the peoples of the world who as well in democratic thinking as in spiritual dogmatics come the American people closest. A cascade of applause (who does not like to be flattered a little) followed the distinguished guest's speech.

From year to year we change the principal speakers, but the principal singer remains. Mrs. Gunhild Kragh, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Marie Antoinette Nielsen, entered the stage for a selection of Danish songs. The two numbers this year were "Vi elsker vort Land" and "I Østen Stiger—" the latter sung on the melody from "Elverskud" brought the house down again, and the lovely soprano had to repeat the last song as an encore.

A young English ventriloquist, Geo. Pitts, was next with his funny dummy Jimmy. Mr. Pitts is in a class by himself and kept the audience in constant laughter for about 20 minutes, a very high-class entertainment, who, of course, received his heart-warming part of applause.

The congregation thereupon joined in community singing, conducted by our "little Toscanin" Hilmar W., whereupon he turned the floor over to our last speaker, another permanent institution on the "Danish Day" program — Soren Jespersen. In Danish, whenever he remembered it, Soren talked about the old country we still, as American citizens, love and honor, about the country we have taken in as ours and who has taken us as its citizens, and he did so in spirited and deeply felt words.

After singing "America" and after the master of ceremonies has presented every committee member to the congregation, there followed a prize-drawing of a lot of valuable prizes of which the committee took its good share.

Thus ended a very fine outing its official program but for the next few hours everyone had a fine time with games and by meeting old friends. A special thanks the committee want to extend to everybody who had helped in making the "Danish Day" a success. A thank you to those who donated prizes or paid advertisements in the huge program. Patronize the men and firms because they are an important part of our success. And to those who did not come to "Lagoon" that evening — it serves you right, you don't know what you missed of good, clean entertainment and fraternal fellowship.

BORGE KRAGH.

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMT PAID
June 4	John Becker	69	Sundby Amt., Den.	298	Chicago, Ill.	1906	Carcinoma, liver	\$1,000.00
June 12	George Myllenbeck	90	Holbaek Amt., Den.	121	Tyler, Minn.	1902	Cerebral hemorrhage	759.28
June 12	Henry S. P. Bengtsen	54	Randers, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1922	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
June 1	Hans Peter Larsen	77	Brenderup Sogn, D.	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1903	Pulmonary edema	1,000.00
June 15	Hans Hansen	70	Detroit, Mich.	238	Juhl, Mich.	1912	Cancer larynx	246.33
May 29	Soren Anton Hansen	82	Bandholm, Lolland	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1903	Coronary thrombosis	857.13
June 3	Claus Anderson	68	Lille Rise, Ærø	273	Dillon, Mont.	1926	Cardiac decompensation	2,250.00
May 30	Bertel K. Hansen	71	Hov, Hals Sogn, Aal.	107	Chicago, Ill.	1906	Coronary thrombosis	482.48
June 21	James E. Hansen	66	Ballum, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	1907	Cardiac dilation	1,000.00
June 15	Andrew C. Paulsen	82	Galgøhøj, Ballum S.	149	Luverne, N. D.	1902	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
June 26	Aage E. Andreasen	54	Copenhagen, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1944	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
May 26	Andrew C. Arens	79	Sdr. Jylland, Slesvig	314	Hartford, Conn.	1919	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
June 11	Anders Nielsen	76	Vang Sogn, Thisted	183	Troy, N. Y.	1909	Heart disease	250.00
June 18	Michael Rasmussen	85	Højrup, Denmark	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	825.57
June 30	Henry Hansen	68	Ærø, Denmark	69	Cleveland, Ohio	1923	Hodgkins disease	250.00
June 24	Niels K. Jensen	68	Aarhus, Denmark	301	Akron, Ohio	1914	Carcinoma	500.00
June 26	Jens M. Andersen	84	Thisted Amt., Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1904	Bronchopneumonia	841.07
July 1	Martin Jensen	88	Dronninglund, Den.	233	Toledo, Ohio	1906	Heart disease	793.15
June 10	John P. Brandenhoff	74	Slesvig, Denmark	65	Duluth, Minn.	1903	Coronary thrombosis	927.45
July 7	Gottfred Wieser	72	Vejle Amt., Denmark	2	Freumont, Nebr.	1908	Cerebral thrombosis	481.54
June 22	Jens S. Jensen	92	Langemark, Samsø	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1895	Arteriosclerosis	727.78
July 7	Hans H. Jensen	64	Odder, Jylland, Den.	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1909	Cerebral accident	1,000.00
June 13	George Nelson	78	Denmark	185	Madison, Wis.	1906	Coronary thrombosis	454.08
June 15	Christian A. Rasmussen	79	Svendborg, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1903	Intestinal obstruction	441.63
July 1	Henry F. Meyer	71	Copenhagen, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1909	Cirrhosis of liver	1,000.00
June 15	Peter Chr. Stilling	78	Stilling, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1915	Heart disease	250.00
June 20	Nels Anton Nielsen	80	Aarhus, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1914	Carcinoma	250.00

## Transportation

As far as the delegates from the western states are concerned I assume that the schedule in our July Magazine clarified the railroad traveling problems, so very little more is necessary to be said. If those of us, who can, will take the trains as outlined we should be able to have quite a few brothers on the same train and hence have an enjoyable trip.

Of course there will be a lot of delegates and visitors who will want to drive their cars to the convention and certainly such transportation is fine and fully approved, especially since the Racine lodge is advocating this means because of lack of hotel space; but ample motel reservation and the motels of today certainly have a lot to offer; indeed, it is very fine accommodations and of course having your car parked right by your bedroom window is an attraction in itself.

**Compensation:** As I mentioned last month, all delegates are entitled to first class railroad fare plus a pullman (lower berth) where the time of traveling requires sleeping accommodations. Those who travel in cars will be entitled to the same transportation allowance as the train fare would be.

Our Supreme Trustees will have information as to the round trip railroad fare from your home town to Racine; but each delegate can help a lot by going to the railroad agent or bus depot, if no railroad, and have him give you the exact cost from your home town to Racine and return, as well as the length of time of travel, then write it down so when you get to the convention you can present an intelligent expense account. It not only helps you to know what it should be but it also will enable the Supreme Trustees to check your bill in a hurry and thereby expedite payment to all.

Those delegates who travel by train will please secure from the agent issuing your ticket a receipt covering the amount you pay and attach this to your expense account when you turn it in at the convention. By having the exact cost, and receipts where possible, everybody will get paid the right amount.

**Compensation:** In accordance with section 41 each delegate is entitled to five dollars a day compensation for each day the convention lasts and the actual traveling time involved from your home town to Racine and back, via the most direct and shortest route.

When you purchase your ticket be sure to buy a round trip ticket as there is a saving over two one way tickets and you will be paid by the Brotherhood on the basis of a round trip fare. Do not wait to order your ticket at the last minute if you are traveling via train as traveling is heavy during the month of September and you may not be able to get the kind of reservation you would like.

If any questions arise contact your railroad agent, he is posted on our convention, and will be glad to help you line up with the proper trains.

HILMAR W. HANSEN.

One-third of the average American family budget goes into the three categories of food, liquor and tobacco. With respect to liquor, Americans drank an average of about 17 gallons of beer and other malt brews per person in a recent year, about 4 quarts of hard liquor and 4 quarts of wine.



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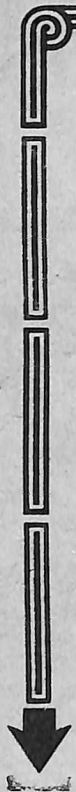
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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

Sonia accused me of "hanging black crepe" in last month's column because of the many obituaries and respects to our departed Brothers. I shall try to bring you the "brighter side of life" in this issue. And indeed it is my pleasure to tell you that on a very recent trip to Pennsylvania, I looked up Secretary Gunnar "Kramer" Froelich of DBS Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia's Enighed. This intelligent drafting engineer, who works for a leading firm right in the center of our third largest metropolis where much of our country's history has been written, is a credit to the Danish organization and we can well be proud of his interest in our behalf. Brother Froelich had just returned from Fremad DB in Newark, New Jersey, where a Labor Day Convention of Eastern Lodges was drafted. From his skyscraper office, we strolled over to the Adelphia Hotel to meet their Catering Manager, Harry Anderson, back from a trip to Denmark and whom we expect to call Brother Harry very shortly. To quote Gunnar as we met for the first time: "Brother Grove, I thought you were a much older man. Why did you join the Danish Brotherhood and what makes you so active?" Unquote. This was a sincere question and it required a sincere answer. If we had that answer from each individual, we might have the solution to the future of our Brotherhood. Like so many others, I joined "Den Dansk Brodersamfund" out of respect and loyalty to my Dad, but once initiated, I found a worthwhile organization in our modern way of life — good fellowship in this busy world of ours — a wholesome meeting of kindred souls who aim to do good to all mankind. Upon returning to Tacoma and a desk full of unfinished business, I received a telephone call from Brother Rich. R. Thompson, that dynamic refrigeration distributor of Portland, Oregon. We spent an enjoyable evening together and I look forward to his next visit up this way.

The 1955-56 district officers of the DB lodges in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia as officially elected and installed at our Sixth Annual Convention in Junction City, Oregon, last May are Ex-President C. Ed Hirsch, Portland; President Fred Petersen, Junction City; Vice President Vernon Tryson, Vancouver; Secretary-Treasurer Norbert Grove, Enumclaw; Trustee Chairman Edmund S. Olsen, Seattle; Trustee Svend Gommesen, Wilbur; Trustee Peter Rasmussen, McMinnville; Conductor Elmer Boysen, Enumclaw; Inner Guard Sigurd C. Nielsen, Portland; and Outer Guard Svend Johansen, Vancouver.

Membership in the Northwest Danish Old People's Home for Oregon and Washington can be had by sending three dollars, which represents a year's dues, to Secretary Immanuel Jensen, 1843 King Street, Seattle. On July 9th, reports of all committee activities for the past year were received at the annual Director's Meeting as well as financial proposals and plans for the coming fiscal year. Twelve new members were chosen to serve on the Board of Directors. On Sunday, the following day, Dr. Jens C. Kjaer of the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, conducted worship services and the Home was open to visitors all day. Chairman of arrangements, Brother Edmund S. Olsen, welcomed everyone

after which Rev. Holger Andersen of Enumclaw invoked the divine blessings. President John A. Hansen personally greeted all who came.

**NEWS FROM LODGE NUMBER 33**—The regular monthly meeting for March of the Tacoma DBS was postponed due to inclement weather — yes, we had snow and lots of it; Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christiansen and his new bride honeymooned in San Francisco and Oakland; Brother Hans Peter Hansen, who owns and operates a specialized auto repair service, is the only member of the Danish Royal Guard north of Portland; Brother Peter Thompson manages to visit Enumclaw's Brotherhood several times a year and while the members are always pleased to see Pete, they know that he and his wife, Hattie, enjoy their trip to the little city at the foot of Mt. Rainier, Monarch of the Northwest; Brothers Anders Andersen and Fred Christensen were the Tacoma delegates to the District Convention; Brother Chris Petersen will travel to Racine in September as the official delegate; that jolly good fellow, Brother Svend Nielsen, has just recently lost his father; and Brother Mads Hansen of Oakland, California, father-in-law of Fred Christensen and a member of the DB since joining in Chicago, 1910, died the first week in July at the age of 90.

**NEWS FROM LODGE NUMBER 42**—The Eskebergs and the Durkees were the only Spokanians seen in Junction City; Brother Nels Paulsen will soon be leaving Spokane to enter the Old People's Home "Aldersly" in San Rafael; Brother Anker and Alice Christensen have sold their home and plan to live near their daughter in California; a record attendance at the last DB card party necessitated 23 tables in action; on April 16, Vind's DBS had another "Pølse Gilde" under the leadership of Brothers Gustav Karch, John Bech and Bennie Andersen and attended by visitors from both Seattle and Wilbur; Brother Rasch Paulsen is a grandfather again and his son-in-law, Brother Fred Paeper is the father — Barbara Jean was presented with a baby sister on January 28 — little Laura Lee; on May 7, fifty-year membership gold emblems were presented Brother A. K. Schmidt of California, Brother John E. Jacobsen of Davenport, Washington, and Brother Chris Jepsen who never misses a meeting; Brother Niels Jensen left on May 15 for a visit to Denmark; I tried to call Past District President Ingvard Eskeberg both at his home

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and at his door factory, when I came through that fair city; and Hotel Ridpath is indeed fortunate in having its kitchens manned by Danes.

**NEWS FROM NUMBER 113**—Brother John F. Hansen, City Councilman, has retired from his active cabinet construction shop; Brothers Hans Sands and John Jokumsen are sporting new automobiles; Mrs. Sorensen, Senior (wife of our late Brother Jens, and mother of our new members, Herb and Jens, Jr.) has returned from an extended visit on the East Coast; President Ossie Pedersen urges good attendance at the balance of the 1955 meetings (second Saturday each month) and asks that members participate in whatever activity follows lodge; Brother Jens Sorensen is back home again after six months in the Veterans' Hospital at Vancouver; to the By-Laws of Enumclaw's DB, has been added the ruling that no member is to be nominated for the trustee's chair unless he is either a Past President or a Brother of good standing for at least five years; Brother Nis Hansen and newly initiated Brother Chris Andersen and Nels Johnson are on the high seas headed for Denmark; Brother Jens Andersen was eighty years old on May 9, and Brother Paul Jensen celebrated his 89th birthday on the 6th; Janet Pedersen, the daughter of President Oswald, is treasurer of the Junior Red Cross and Carol, his other daughter, is an active committee chairman of the Future Homemakers of America; among the Past Presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary are Zella Sands, wife of Brother Hans, and Karen Eagon, widow of the late Brother Clyde; Brother Jens P. Thim was recently on the critical list in the Sacred Heart Hospital at Eugene, Oregon, where he had an emergency operation for an infected gall bladder; Brother Roland Espersen is the new Vice President as Brother Henry Hergert has assumed the Treasurer's post; nearly forty Brothers and Sisters made up a caravan to the Old People's Home on Sunday, April 3, surprising the old folks with a nice picnic on the grounds; Katherine Hansen, wife of Brother Tom and Public Relations Chairman of the Chinook Toast-mistress Club, recently conducted a demonstration meeting on which panel as a speaker was Myrna Rieck, wife of Brother John, Trustee; and Brother Ove C. Miller has just been released from Doctor's Hospital in Tacoma.

See you all in Racine, Belle City of the Lakes. Bye for now.

## D.B. Meeting on the M-S Stockholm

D. B. members that left New York on the Stockholm, May 11, met in private quarters at a social hour, May 18, at 3:30 p. m. Members present were, Past Supreme President Bysted Christensen and Aage Mikkelsen from Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.; Louis Hansen from Lodge No. 65, Duluth, Minn.; Christ Nielsen from Lodge No. 298, Chicago, Ill.; Andrew Sommer and Jens Krogh, from Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Nebr.; Marinus Madsen, Lodge No. 17, Chicago, Ill.; Christ Lauritsen, Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash.; and Soren Miller, Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Ill. Also present was chief purser Curt Dawe, our host, by whom the members were greeted in a most friendly and respectful manner.

Refreshment were served. As a matter of for-

mality, a president, secretary and treasurer were selected. President, Bysted Christensen; secretary Soren Miller; and treasurer, Aage Mikkelsen. The treasurer reported no expenses; our host most graciously managed that part. Brothers from the various lodges reported some of the high lights in their respective lodges. Chief Curt Dawe brought forth an idea that seemed to be in agreement, and that was, he thought that we should have an Atlantic Lodge similar to the Copenhagen lodge, as a means of meeting on board ship, crossing the Atlantic. The idea fell so much in agreement that the brothers present there thought it should be brought up for discussion at the convention in Racine, Wis.

SOREN MILLER.

A forthcoming study of the Twentieth Century Fund notes that automobiles last longer than they once did. The distance driven by cars scrapped in 1925 averaged less than 22,000 miles, in 1945 the average was 81,000 miles.



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## Iowa State Convention

The regular annual state convention of all Iowa lodges will be held at Ringsted on September 3, 4 and 5.

Supreme President, Svend Petersen, has been invited to attend this meeting, and we also expect to have with us Supreme Trustee Hans Norregaard, from Council Bluffs.

There will be many things to discuss in the line of new proposals that will come up at the national convention.

All those who have been elected as delegates to the national convention should attend this Iowa convention where there will be ample time to consider the major proposals.

Please let us know at least a week ahead of time how many there will be from your lodge, and what reservations you want us to make.

Fraternally yours,

L. A. PETERSEN,  
Secretary D. B. No. 134.  
Ringsted, Iowa.

## Nebraska State Convention Notice

Let us all start to prepare and plan to attend the state convention at Exeter on September 10. This being national convention year there should be a lot of vital points to discuss.

The state convention committee informs me that a wonderful program is being planned, like those rural folks know how to do, so I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you Nebraska brothers and sisters at Exeter bright and early September 10.

Fraternally,

FRED JENSEN,  
State President.

## Resolutions

### JOHN P. BRANDENHOFF, Duluth, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, John P. Brandenhoff, who passed away June 10, 1955:

We mourn the loss of a brother and friend,  
Yet know that we shall meet again.

To you, his dear ones, please may we say,  
Accept our sympathy this sad day.

In behalf of Lodge No. 65, Duluth, Minn.

Roland Hansen, Sec.

### JAMES EDWARD HANSEN, Penn Yan, N. Y.

In memory of our departed brother, James Edward Hansen, who passed away June 21, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Wendia Lodge No. 71:

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

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

Clarence Jensen, Pres.  
Marvin E. Koek, Sec.

### HANS PETER LARSEN, Lakewood, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, Hans Peter Larsen, who passed away June 1, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 170:

Resolved, that we deeply regret 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 in mourning for a period of 30 days, and this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Brother Larsen was a charter member of Lodge No. 170. He was Financial Secretary for 27 years.

Chris Smith, Pres.  
Jens Nordestgaard, Sec.

### CLARENCE ANDERSON, Dillon, Mont.

In memory of our departed brother, Clarence Anderson, who passed away on June 3, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by the Dillon Lodge No. 273:

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

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

Earl Mooney, Pres.  
Arthur Christensen, Sec.

### ANDREW CHRISTIAN PAULSEN, Luverne, N. D.

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew Christian Paulsen, who passed away June 15, 1955, Luverne Lodge No. 149, 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 we drape our charter in mourning for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be entered in our minutes, that a copy be sent to his family and also inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 149, Luverne, N. D.

George Mortensen, Pres.  
Charles Wamberg, Sec.

### WILLIAM S. SORENSEN, Petaluma, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, William S. Sorensen, who passed away May 23, 1955:

We mourn the loss of a brother and friend,  
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To you, his dear ones, please may we say,  
Accept our sympathy, this solemn day.

In behalf of Lodge No. 143.

Chris Henriksen, Pres.  
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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco, California

For the California Lodges the big event for the month of August this year is, of course, our convention to be held in Arcata during the days of August 25, 26 and 27, and according to the latest reports from the Convention Secretary, Brother Gunnar Ladefoged, the program is progressing very satisfactorily indeed. And here is the program:

## Thursday, August 25:

Registration of delegates, meeting old friends and making new ones. At 7 p. m., Lodge No. 230 will hold a meeting in the Danish Hall at 16th and L Streets, and there will be initiation of new members. Our Supreme Trustee, Brother Hans M. Andersen, has been asked to do the initiation, assisted by the various officers of the General Committee. At 8 p. m., a reception will be held at the Memorial Building at 14th and J. Streets. The delegates and visitors to the two conventions, that is the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, will be bid welcome by the Honorable, Mr. A. B. C. Davis, Mayor of Arcata. There will be introduction of the Supreme Officers present as well as the various officers of the two General Committees. So better be prepared to say something worth while — or at least something.

Refreshments will be served by Redwood Lodge No. 174 of the Danish Sisterhood and there will be dancing to Oden Hansen's Orchestra.

## Friday, August 26:

The convention will be called to order at 8:45 a. m. and will be opened by an invocation given by the Rev. H. Sigurdson. After which there will be a Flag Presentation, assisted by Dee Ann and Kristen Bernardi.

The meeting of the two conventions will begin at 9 a. m., and last until noon. At 1 p. m. the convention committee has arranged for a two-hour tour to Hammond Redwood Mill at Samoa. At 3 p. m., refreshments will be served on the Patio by the Danish Ladies Club, "Enighed." And at 3:30 the meetings will continue. At 8 p. m., there will be entertainment and dance with refreshments served by the Convention Committee.

## Saturday, August 27:

The meetings of the conventions will continue, and it is hoped they will start in good time in order to finish the business before noon. At 3 p. m. there will be joint installation of the newly elected officers of the two General Committees. The installing officers will be assisted by the Drill Team at the Petaluma Sisterhood Lodge.

At 7 p. m., banquet, with introduction of the Supreme Officers and the newly elected officers of the General Committees. The committee makes a special request that there be no speeches. I presume the committee feels there has been too much talk already by that time, and one is inclined to agree. There will be dancing to the very wee hours in the morning, for those who still have the energy and fortitude.

Such, in short, is the program and as you will notice the committee is surely going all out to make the trip to Arcata, a trip you will never forget. So,

come and enjoy yourself in the company of good friends.

For hotel or motel reservation, please write to Brother Curtis Larsen, 608-9th Street, Arcata, and tell him just what you wish. Please don't forget to tell him how many you are in the party and the type of room you would like to have. The rates at Hotel Arcata ranges from \$3.50 up to \$9.00, which would be a twin bedded room with bath. The Motel rates range between \$5.00 and \$9.00, depending on type of room desired. The committee has secured a total of 172 rooms and there are more rooms to be had in nearby towns or even Eureka which is a few miles to the south.

As mentioned previously in this column, for those who wish to arrive rested and refreshed in Arcata, Dan Andersen has arranged for a special bus to leave San Francisco at 9 a. m., on August 25th and due to arrive in the afternoon same day. The departure from Arcata will be Sunday morning with arrival in San Francisco same afternoon. The round trip bus rate is \$10.00.

As I shall not be able to make a personal report from the convention in Arcata, I trust we can persuade Brother Andersen to make this report, which would appear in the October issue. As mentioned previously I shall be visiting in Denmark during the convention period, and perhaps I shall be permitted by our editor to write a few impressions from my trip to Europe.

I have just received a communication from the Danish Consulate General in San Francisco in which we are asked to assist in finding the family of, or persons knowing the late Mr. Chr. Krogh, who was born in Denmark on October 27, 1871, passed away in Los Angeles on September 14, 1954. He was also known under the name of Jewell Cecil Krogh. He was a widower and resided at either 502 or 512 West First Street, Los Angeles. The reason the Consulate General wishes to make contact with either family or persons knowing him is, that there is a matter of an estate to be settled. The Consulate General will be most happy for any information, and you pass this on to the Consulate General, Mills Building, San Francisco 4, or if you prefer you may send it to me and I shall be happy to pass it along.

Many of our countrymen are passing the summer in Denmark this year and, of course, a good many of our brethren from California are either there now or have been over. Brother Chr. Christensen for many years Secretary of Lodge No. 95 in Fern- dale, left in June and will be returning in October. His secretary duties are taken over by Brother Albert M. Hansen, who will act as Secretary pro tempore until Brother Christensen returns. Another Brother from California, Brother J. M. Mikkelsen from Del Rey went over with Mrs. Mikkelsen and they have now returned after a fine visit. This was Brother Mikkelsen's first trip to Denmark in 52 years, and as Mrs. Mikkelsen was born here it was an interesting experience. As a matter of fact this couple has been married 45 years and it was their first trip outside of California in all these years. From the report we get from Denmark then the weather started out not too good during the early part of the summer but from

the very latest we learn the weather has been most wonderful, and one of our friends writes us that it was 88 degrees, which is almost California temperature.

I was indeed sorry to learn of the passing of Brother N. B. Nelson, former Supreme President of our order. He visited our California conventions many times and we always enjoyed his words of counselling and advice. To this writer he typified the very finest within our Danish organization and the memory of this fine outstanding Brother will linger with us for many years to come. He was a firm believer in making Danish Brotherhood into districts, and I know it gladdened his heart when the lodges in the Northwest finally saw the light and organized under his leadership.

And speaking about districts, I am one of those who believe that if we had other of our Supreme Officers, who gave life service to the idea of districts, but who for either personal or political reasons did not support the idea when it came to a test, our Danish Brotherhood would not have been in the predicament it is in today. All of a sudden these same good brethren seem to see the handwriting on the wall, and we are now being flooded with frantic ideas in an effort to "save" the Danish Brotherhood, and in an effort to "save" what is left we are to abandon what is left of it and give it over to what must be an uncertain oblivion.

In this connection it is most interesting to read the "Editorial" as written by Brother C. Hoffman of Lodge No. 195 in Omaha, which for my money turns out to be "politisk valgflassk" with all its sweetness for the re-election of the present Supreme Board. Sure they are good men and true, otherwise they would not have been elected, would they? But if they were all to be re-elected why spend the money to go to Racine, why not do it by postal cards and save a lot of money which for instance could be used for, say \$10 scholarships, really spread it out. It is also interesting to note that Brother Hoffman is in favor of the idea of letting down the barrier for admittance to our order. It reminds me a good deal of what I heard a friend of mine propound. It seems he had a son-in-law who was a member of his lodge due to the fact that he had married a woman of Danish descent. Now this son-in-law had a brother who was a good American and had served in the war and as such this friend of mine felt he should be entitled to be a member. In recalling this, I am also reminded of what Teddy Roosevelt once said "Look out for the fellow who wishes to gain a point by starting to swing the American Flag and quote the constitution or the Bible." So Brother Hoffman and those whose mouthpiece you were when you wrote your article, please stay with facts, and let us not go into patriotism and political "øllebrød" when trying to win a point or two. We have in this country close to half a million Danes and their descendants, and with only a membership of about 12,000, somebody seems to have missed the boat somewhere. My only contention is that as long as we have such material to take from, why not try contacting these people before using other means. Let us try to solve this problem at the convention, which I think is just as necessary as electing a set of new officers. What do the rest of the delegates think about it? That, of course, remains to be seen.

And speaking of new members, Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco, has been most fortunate in getting as members many of the men who came from Den-

mark after the war. They have taken an active part in our meetings and several are now holding office. And why did they join No. 49? Why, very simple, because it is one of the few Danish Lodges left where the Danish language is still spoken and it appealed to these younger men. On June 22 the lodge had its traditional Ex-President evening and it was a great success. The meeting was preceded by a very fine dinner which was prepared and served by these same young officers of the lodge and they did an excellent job of it. Thanks to Brother Henning Jensen, the president and his co-workers.

Just a last reminder to the delegates to the National Convention. First, of course, it is hoped you will be able to attend the convention in Arcata, where many of the proposals coming up at the National Convention will be discussed. Remember — in unity there is strength.

Also remember to write Brother Dan Andersen about your requirements in train reservation to the National Convention. The Western Pacific need to know as soon as possible, due to the demand for train space at this time of the year. Tell Dan what you want, in the way of reservation such as you want, a lower, a roomette, or if you are taking the Missus along, a bedroom which costs only the same as two lowers. Better do it today. See you all in Racine.

## Honor Roll

### LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1955
227	Detroit, Michigan	12	316
263	Askov, Minnesota	11	130
116	Newark, New Jersey	10	165
330	Prince George, B. C.	9	52
113	Enumclaw, Washington	6	85
190	Schenectady, New York	6	144
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	6	194
49	San Francisco, California	5	347
67	Fresno, California	5	82
183	Troy, New York	5	82
268	Junction City, Oregon	5	63

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### LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
263	Svend Petersen, Askov, Minnesota	-----	10
330	Nels Sorensen, Prince George, B. C.	--	7
113	Norbert E. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.	---	6
67	Julius Hansen, Fresno, California	-----	5
268	Peter Skovbo, Junction City, Oregon	--	5
116	Preben Wendt, Newark, New Jersey	--	4
227	Albert R. Halse, Detroit, Michigan	----	4
227	Christian Larsen, Detroit, Michigan	---	4
255	Melvin W. Hoegh, Selma, California	--	4
29	J. Magnus Jensen, Seattle, Washington	---	3
116	Carl E. Rasmussen, Newark, New Jersey	---	3

### SUPPLEMENT TO DELEGATES TO THE 1955 NATIONAL CONVENTION

- 300. Chris Nelson, Otsdawa Road, Otego, New York, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 13, 1891, Farmer.

## NEW ADDRESS

If you move then write your name and new address in the space provided. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to

DANISH BROTHERHOOD MAGAZINE, ASKOV, MINN.

Also notify the secretary of your lodge of your new address.

August, 1955

I belong \_\_\_\_\_ My number in  
to lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ the lodge is \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Stenographer Wanted

A member of the Danish Brotherhood who can take shorthand is wanted to report the official proceedings of the National Convention to be held in Racine, Wisconsin, during the week beginning September 19, 1955. Write to Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, 908 W.O.W. Bldg., Omaha 2, Nebraska.

## Opinions of Others

Out of the 168 lodges which are entitled to send a delegate to the National Convention in Racine, 21 lodges or 13 per cent have chosen not to send a representative. Of course, this could be for a number of reasons, but the one that most likely comes to one's mind is that none of these brothers has the desire or time to go; another reason could be that these brothers are getting up in the years where the comforts of home outweigh the long traveling and a week full of too much social commotion at the convention. In a few years, more lodges may find the same to be true in their lodge also.

If our National Convention is to be continued as at present without districts, a change should be made in our laws, whereby a lodge, instead of sending a delegate, has the right and privilege to submit their vote in writing for or against any of the amendments and new proposals placed before the convention according to the book of amendments and new proposals; and that their written vote must be counted as if their delegate was present.

If an amendment or new proposal on which a lodge has sent in their vote is killed in committee, then that vote would be void. Also if an amendment or new proposal has been amended, the vote sent in will be considered void since it has changed from the original.

The written vote must, of course, be mailed to the home office and plainly marked "Convention Vote," not later than eight days before the convention date, so that the Supreme Secretary may bring them to the Convention to be opened by a proper committee.

Considering the fact that those lodges which stay at home are saving the Brotherhood hundreds, yes thousands of dollars each convention, and there is reason to believe that other lodges may do likewise, this would seem to be a reasonable suggestion. Furthermore, a more just and popular vote may be had by discussion at each individual lodge.

In the June issue of our magazine I mentioned that the money to pay for a new Membership Bonus Plan could come from the Relief Fund. Since the article was of a purely suggestive nature, I would like to point out that the Relief Fund as of June 1, 1955, stands at \$240,000 and has by-passed its originally intended goal of \$200,000.

Even after paying out approximately \$6,000 in relief each year, the Relief Fund has accumulated a surplus fund of \$40,000, out of which it is proposed that a few thousand dollars be paid as bonus in a membership drive. If the drive is only moderately successful, maybe less than a thousand dollars would be used; if the drive is very successful, it could go as high as \$10,000; but what is that compared to a thousand new members to swell our ranks and give us that shot in the arm we need so badly?

Continuation of collecting dues for the Relief Fund, and the interest on the principal, will be more than ample to take care of a proposed raise to \$500 if the Convention should decide to do so.

The question has been asked, why all the "strange and fantastic" interest or concern about getting new members? To most of us it's nothing new since it has been going on for years. In almost every issue of our Brotherhood Magazine we find articles of interest written by brothers from all parts of the U.S., about that very subject! What more appropriate time than now, just before the National Convention, to remind the delegates that the convention is the place to bring up and discuss the urgent need of an increase in our membership?

C. HOFFMANN.  
Lodge No. 195.

## Seattle Twins



We are pleased to introduce Mathew Paul Jensen and Michael Howard Jensen born July 31, 1954, and as of May 1, 1955, Juvenile members of Seattle Lodge No. 29, being the first set of twins in No. 29.