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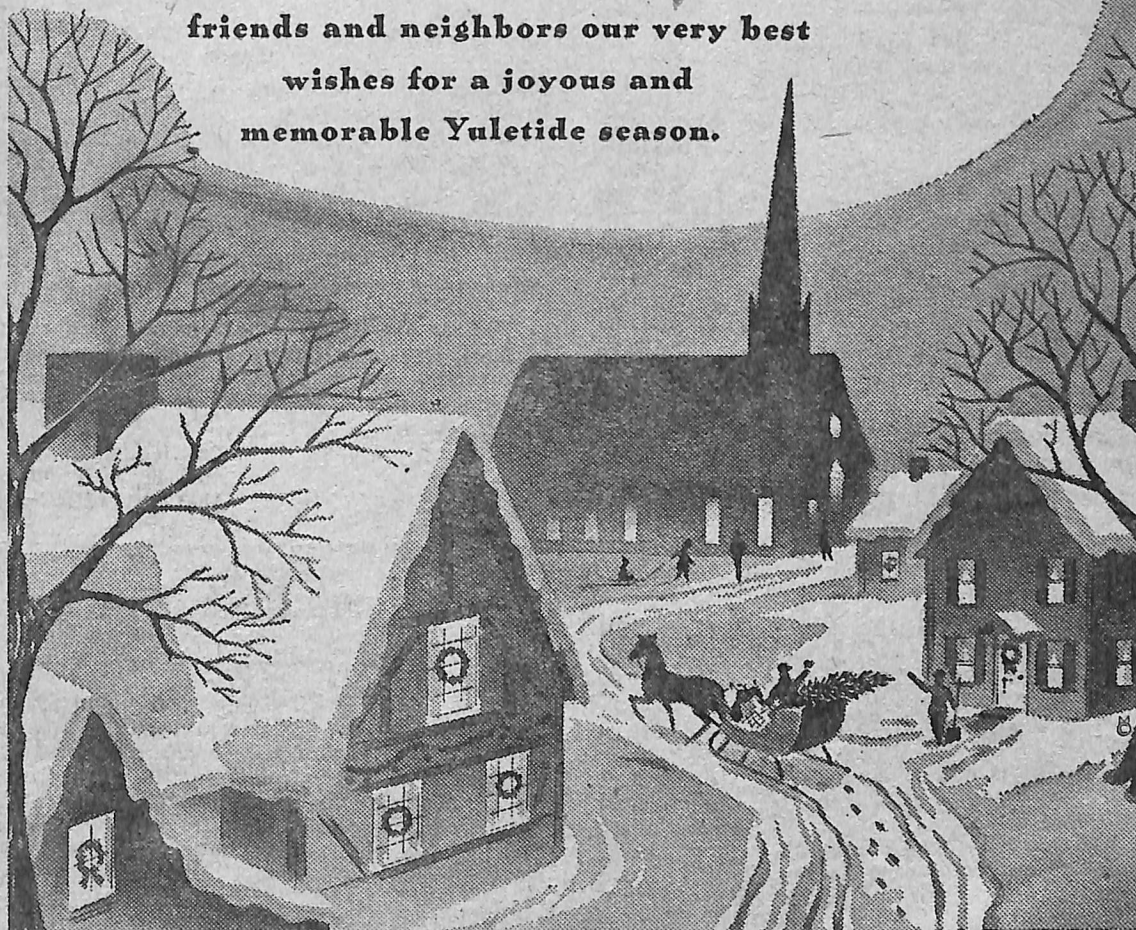
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## Financial Report

October 31, 1955

#### Mortuary Fund

##### Receipts:

Balance on hand October 1, 1955	\$173,675.77
Assessments	10,413.96
Interest on bonds	1,000.00
Certificate loans repaid	12.50
Interest on certificate loans	.75

\$185,102.98

##### Disbursements:

Death claims	\$ 31,917.05
Cash surrender	139.38
Rent Safe Deposit boxes	154.00
Certificate loans issued	1,088.44
Bonds purchased	85,000.00
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	375.00
Investment expenses	1,608.03
Balance on hand October 31, 1955	64,821.08

\$185,102.98

#### General Fund

##### Receipts:

Balance on hand October 1, 1955	\$ 3,591.01
Received in October	898.99
Investment expenses refunded	1,608.03

\$ 6,098.03

##### Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 29.90
Postage expense	95.51
Rent and lights	180.50
Printing and mailing official publication	390.70
Travel expense, supreme board meeting	1,230.38
Convention expenses	159.00
Supreme President Petersen's gift	214.24
Towel service	4.50

Stapler	6.75
Dues and Per Capita tax refunded	2.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,371.50
General office expenses	50.00
Employer's taxes, S. S. and Unemployment	38.19
Balance on hand October 31, 1955	2,324.86

\$ 6,098.03

#### Relief Fund

##### Receipts:

Balance on hand October 1, 1955	\$ 18,707.39
Relief assessments	28.00
Interest on bonds	187.50
Relief payments returned	8.00

\$ 18,930.89

##### Disbursements:

Postage	\$ 6.00
Relief payments	1,793.08
Rent safe deposit box	27.50
Balance on hand October 31, 1955	17,104.31

\$ 18,930.89

#### Juvenile Fund

##### Receipts:

Balance on hand October 1, 1955	\$ 5,219.02
Juvenile assessments	180.32

\$ 5,399.34

##### Disbursements:

Balance on hand October 31, 1955	\$ 5,399.34
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\$ 5,399.34

#### Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$3,986,156.51
Relief fund investments	240,000.00
General fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	89,649.59

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# Twenty-Fourth National Convention

RACINE, WISCONSIN  
September 19-23, 1955

For the information of our members we report here such changes as were made in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws of our Society as a result of legislation enacted at the twenty-fourth National Convention, held in Racine, Wisconsin, September 19-23, inclusive. We also report in summary form on such other matters as came before the convention in conformity with the laws of the Society.

All matters acted upon came before the assembled delegates lawfully and in a matter approved by the convention.

At the time this report is published we have not received final approval from our home state authorities on a couple of the amendments adopted. The convention gave the Supreme Officers authority to negotiate and adjust, such matters in the event it becomes necessary. No complications are anticipated at this time, however.

The report follows:

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

### ARTICLE III

(Amended qualifications required for membership by omitting the word "white" and will read as below.)

Honorable and respectable men, over 16 years of age, who are of Danish extraction or who possess such other qualifications as may be required by the By-Laws of this society, may become members.

Boys less than 16 years of age, whose parents are honorable and respectable persons, may be admitted to this society as Juvenile members, subject to such requirements as may be set forth in the By-Laws of this society.

### ARTICLE IV

(Article IV was rewritten and will read hereafter as below.)

The objects of the society are to:

1. Encourage its members in their fidelity to the Constitution and Laws of the country, in which they live, whether it be the United States of America, Denmark or the Dominion of Canada.

2. Perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America.

3. Render aid to its members and their dependents whenever illness, disability or death may befall its members or their dependents.

4. Assist unemployed members in securing employment.

Provide and maintain an insurance fund for the payment of such sums, as may be stipulated by law, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries of every insured member or person. Rules governing the administration and maintenance of the insurance fund are prescribed by the By-Laws of this society.

6. Conduct its affairs, as a fraternal benefit society, in the manner of the subordinate lodge system.

### ARTICLE VI

(Article VI was rewritten and adopted to read as follows:)

The corporate power of this society shall be exercised in such manner as prescribed by its By-Laws.

The Supreme legislative or governing body, of the Danish Brotherhood, shall be the Convention, comprising delegates representing individual lodges, or

groups of lodges, and such others, as provided for by the By-Laws of this society, in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Nebraska.

To function lawfully, during conventions of the Supreme legislative or governing body, a majority of the total number of votes possessed by all lodges of the society, must be represented.

The affairs of the society are to be conducted by a Supreme Board, which shall comprise the following officers: one Supreme President, one Supreme First Vice-President, one Supreme Second Vice-President, one Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, and three Supreme Trustees.

## ARTICLE X

(Article X was changed setting forth the new effective date for the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and hereafter reads.)

These Articles of Incorporation of the society shall be in force and take effect commencing the first day of January, 1956 and may only be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes legally represented at the National Convention as prescribed by the By-Laws of the Society.

## CONSTITUTION

Section 2. is changed to read:

SECTION 2. The objects of the society are to:

1. Encourage its members in their fidelity to the Constitution and Laws of the country, in which they live, whether it be the United States of America, Denmark, or the Dominion of Canada.

2. Perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America.

3. Render aid to its members and their dependents whenever illness, disability or death may befall its members or their dependents.

4. Assist unemployed members in securing employment.

5. Provide and maintain an insurance fund for the payment of such sums, as may be stipulated by law, to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries of every insured member or person. Rules governing the administration and maintenance of the insurance fund are prescribed by the By-Laws of this society.

6. Conduct its affairs, as a fraternal benefit society, in the manner of the subordinate lodge system.

(Qualifications as provided for in Section 3 was amended to the extent that the word "white" was removed and this Section will now read.)

SECTION 3. Honorable and respectable men, over 16 years of age, who are of Danish extraction or who possess such other qualifications as may be required by the By-Laws of this society, may become members.

Boys, less than 16 years of age, whose parents are honorable and respectable persons may be admitted to this society as juvenile members, subject to such requirements as may be set forth in the By-Laws of this society.

SECTION 8. To conform with the change from First Supreme Vice-President to Supreme First Vice-President and Second Supreme Vice-President to Supreme Second Vice-President in the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution, as adopted by this convention, the same change is made in this section

and all other sections in the By-Laws where these terms appear.

SECTION 12. These provisions shall be in force, and take effect from January 1, 1956, unless the supreme board finds it desirable to make them operative at once. They can be amended only at a lawfully ordered convention by two-thirds of the votes cast.

### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE II

SECTION 17. Par. 4. This section pertains to the office of Supreme President and will hereafter read:

He shall perform such other duties as the laws of the Brotherhood enjoin on him. He shall furnish a surety bond for \$5,000 and as compensation for his work he shall receive \$2,500 per year, drawn from the General Fund.

SECTION 19. The present paragraph 3 will hereafter be designated as 3 (a) and a new paragraph (b) will be added reading as follows:

All payments made to the supreme officers must be published in the first issue of the monthly magazine after payment has been made. The name of each board member and the amount paid to him must be published.

To Section 19 a new paragraph will be added as paragraph 10 as below:

The supreme secretary-treasurer's salary which is determined by the supreme board, shall be drawn from the Mortuary Fund and he shall devote his time to the investment of our funds.

SECTION 20. In paragraph 1 the last complete sentence, "He shall further each half year render each lodge a specified bill of all debt due the Brotherhood," is omitted so as to conform with the newly amended Section 128 and will read as follows:

It shall be the duty of the supreme secretary-treasurer upon collection of assessments to render each lodge a bill for the amount of the assessment. He shall also require that every lodge at the termination of each year shall furnish him with a correct report of its members in good standing, their total assessment, names and lodge number, number of members dead, suspended or transferred by card. Where a lodge neglects to forward to the supreme secretary-treasurer a correct annual report, it shall be the duty of the supreme secretary-treasurer to withhold the annual password until the lodge has fulfilled its duties.

SECTION 26. In the last sentence of paragraph 1 which deals with the supreme trustee's per diem and mileage the amount of \$15 was changed to \$25.

SECTION 27. The following paragraph is to replace the present paragraph 4:

To manage and distribute the funds, according to the laws governing such funds, and at each semi-annual meeting of the supreme officers, they shall determine the amount of payment that must be transferred from each fund, to the General Fund, as reimbursement for expenses incurred, by each fund, respectively during the preceding 6 months.

The following sub-paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) are to be added to paragraph 8:

(f) In such other securities, as described in Section 44-309 sub-section 6 (b), Revised Statutes of Nebraska of 1943 and Revised Statutes Supplement 1953, governing investments by insurance companies, restricted, however, to securities and corporations engaged primarily in finance business.

(g) PREFERRED STOCK:

In preferred stock of any corporation organized under the laws of the United States, a state or terri-

tory thereof, or the District of Columbia; provided that in all respects such investment shall fully meet all requirements and restrictions imposed by the laws of the society's home state of Nebraska governing authorized investments in preferred stocks by Fraternal Societies, not to exceed 5 per cent of the total assets of the society.

(h) SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS:

Deposits on passbook, or in Savings Certificates of insured Savings and Loan Association, Loan and Building Association and similar financial institutions not to exceed \$10,000 in anyone; provided, that the net assets of such financial institution shall be not less than ten million dollars at the date of deposit or purchase.

Paragraph 9 is amended to read: The supreme board shall meet at least twice annually at the home office, to coincide with the meetings of the supreme trustees called by Section 26, Par. 1. A special meeting can be called by the supreme president, or the majority of the supreme board, if found necessary. For attending all official meetings of the board, and when traveling on official business of the society, each board member shall receive \$25 per day and mileage.

The following new paragraphs 19 and 20 are to be added to Section 27:

19. All monies transferred from one fund to another shall be by resolution duly passed by the supreme board. This resolution must be published in the first issue of the monthly magazine after passing.

20. When preparing the new Articles of Incorporation, Constitutions and By-Laws for printing, the supreme board shall have the authority of correcting mistakes in grammar, wherever found necessary, providing that such corrections do not alter the intent or meaning of any particular Article, Section or paragraph. (This paragraph to become effective immediately upon adoption.)

SECTION 28. In paragraph 1, the last sentence,



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the words "the first elected alternate to be installed in his place" are to be replaced with the following: one of the elected alternates to be installed in his place. The paragraph will then read:

It is the duty of every member of the supreme board who has to furnish bonds to present his bond for approbation not later than thirty days after his installation into office. Should any of the supreme board of officers, who shall give bonds, fail to comply with this duty up to the time described in this section, such officer shall have forfeited his right to the office and the supreme president shall arrange for one of the elected alternates to be installed in his place.

SECTION 30. In paragraph 1, the 3rd line, the words "his alternate" is changed to "an Alternate." Remainder of the paragraph otherwise unchanged.

SECTION 35. Par. 1. To clarify the voting majority for selecting a convention city, in the 3rd line, the word "simple" was removed so that hereafter it will require a majority vote to select a national convention city.

SECTION 37. Shall now read as follows:

The various committees shall convene, in their respective sessions, immediately after the opening of the convention, to consider the proposals which have been submitted to them for study. They shall consolidate all motions, having the same intent and purpose, into one inclusive proposal, of which they may submit both majority and minority opinions. All proposals, lawfully submitted to the convention, after consolidation, if such was required, must be reported upon to the delegates assembled, by various committees and definite action shall be permitted the delegates, unrestrained by the recommendations of the committees. Proposals may be made from the floor of the convention for immediate discussion but may not be voted upon until the following day, or later. Proposals, originating on the floor of the convention must be in writing and bear the signatures of, at least, five accredited delegates and/or supreme officers.

SECTION 41. In the 5th line after the word "mileage" the following is to be added: based on round trip first class railroad fare from home town to convention city by shortest route, plus lower berth or seat charge when applicable. This section otherwise remains unchanged.

SECTION 43. Par. 1 dealing with the election of delegate to the national convention is amended as follows:

For the election of a delegate to a National Convention the following rules shall prevail in all cases. A Lodge must elect a law committee not later than nine (9) months before the convention convenes. The law committee shall consist of at least five (5) insured members, in good standing in the lodge and the society, all of whom have been members of the lodge at least one (1) year at the time of election. At least one (1) member of the law committee must be a former delegate, excepting in newly instituted lodges. A delegate to the national convention and an alternate must be elected by the members of the lodge from the membership of the law committee at least six (6) months prior to a national convention.

#### ARTICLE IV

SECTION 55. In lines 4 and 7 the word "active" is to be replaced with the word "insured." The convention adopted a resolution to change the word active to insured wherever it appears in the by-laws.

SECTION 61. To paragraph 1 (a) is to be added:

However, should any payment of benefits as set forth in this paragraph be prohibited in any state in which this society has issued certificates, in such states this paragraph shall be effective only to the extent that such payments are permitted.

Also in this paragraph the term "relief fund" will hereafter be known as "fraternal fund", and wherever else it appears in these by-laws, as per resolution adopted by the convention.

SECTION 63. Par. 1. In the second line the words "twenty-five cents" will be changed to "fifty cents" with paragraph 1 reading as follows: If a change of certificate is applied for, a fee of fifty cents shall be paid by the member to the supreme general fund.

In paragraph 2 of this section the last complete sentence is stricken and paragraph 2 will be amended to read as follows: A certificate can not be changed and new beneficiaries designated unless the old certificate is surrendered to the lodge of which the brother is a member. In a separate application form furnished by the Home Office, the member must apply for change of beneficiary designation. Unless the application for such change is presented in the lodge, the member's signature must be certified by a Notary Public and mailed to the local lodge secretary.

SECTION 65. This section pertains to burial arrangements made by local lodges and remains the same with the exception that the amount of \$250 as it appears in this section be raised to \$350.

SECTION 67. Par. 1 shall read: The supreme secretary-treasurer shall levy twelve assessments each year. Paragraph 2 of this same section is to be repealed.

SECTION 72. was repealed. (This section dealt with only half liability if death occurred during the first certificate year, except death by accident.)

#### ARTICLE V

##### FUNDS

##### General Fund

SECTION 74. Par. 1 shall remain as it presently is; however to the last sentence the words, "and as may otherwise be provided in these by-laws," will be added.

Paragraph 2 was removed. (This paragraph levied a yearly tax of 50 cents to pay for convention expenses.)

##### Promotional Fund

The Promotional Fund is a newly adopted fund and will in the future be known as Section 75 reading as follows:

SECTION 75. A promotional department shall be maintained for the benefit of the Danish Brotherhood, in the Home Office, Omaha, Nebraska, to assist and promote the solicitation of new members and to encourage activities that will be of benefit to the society. This department shall be under the jurisdiction and supervision of the supreme board. Its function shall be to increase membership in the society (refer Sec. 27, par. 2). Funds for this department shall be provided as follows:

- (a) By an annual tax of 50 cents per member, payable July 1 each year and remitted to the Home Office by the local lodge before September 1, and
- (b) Funds from such other sources and in such amounts as may become available.
- (c) No supreme officer of the society can be paid any monies from this fund.
- (d) No monies can be transferred from the promotional fund to any other fund.

The present Section 75 was amended so as to reduce the annual assessment from \$1 to 50 cents in par. 1. Also to change the name "Relief Fund", wherever this name appears, to "Fraternal Fund" and otherwise rearrange the paragraph in proper sequence. This section will hereafter be known as No. 76 and read as below:

#### Fraternal Fund

SECTION 76. Par. 1. All insured members are hereby assessed a yearly tax of 50 cents for the Fraternal Fund. It shall be collected from the lodges February 1st each year and remitted by the lodges to the supreme secretary-treasurer's office together with February assessment.

Paragraph 2. The amount collected in the Fraternal Fund up to December 31, 1926, shall be kept as a reserve fund, and can not be used except by special appropriation at a regular convention.

Paragraph 3. All assessments collected to the Fraternal Fund, in any one year, together with the interest from its reserve fund (see par. 2 this section) and interest received in investments and bank deposits, can be appropriated for payments the following year.

Paragraph 4. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of administering the Fraternal Fund, an amount equal to such cost of administration, shall be transferred from the Fraternal Fund to the General Fund at the end of each calendar year.

The present Section 76 is now called paragraph 2 above.

SECTION 77. The first complete sentence in this section is retained and the last complete sentence or paragraph is now referred to as Section 76, Paragraph 3 above.

SECTION 78. This section is re-written so as to comply with the new designation of "Fraternal Fund" and to more clearly set forth the two types of aid a member may receive from the Fraternal Fund, and the manner in which his application may be made and receive consideration by the Supreme Board. This entire section will read as follows in the new laws:

Par. 1: General Aid. The term "general aid" shall mean an amount equal to a member's monthly assessment on his insurance plus the annual Per Capita Tax, Promotional Fund Tax and Fraternal Fund Tax, and to be allowed on an annual basis, effective April 1.

Par. 2. Insured members who are in needy circumstances may obtain such financial aid from the Fraternal Fund as is referred to in paragraph 1 of this section. Application must be made to the supreme board, through the member's local lodge, on forms furnished by the Home Office. All applications must be forwarded by the local lodge to the Home Office before December 15 each year for the distribution becoming effective April 1 of the following year. An application must be recommended by the local lodge before it is forwarded to the Home Office.

Par. 3 and 4 remain as at present.

Par. 5. In cases of need, coming within the meaning of general aid, arising after December 15, and wherein it is found necessary, application may be made and the supreme board may take special action.

Par. 6. Special Aid. The term "special aid" shall include all cases where general aid is deemed inadequate.

Par. 7. In cases where, through illness to himself or his family of dependents, a financial emergency exists, an insured member in good standing may, through his local lodge, send an application for special aid to the supreme board. The supreme board is authorized to

grant aid in amounts up to \$300 when the application is recommended by the local lodge. If, and when, an insured member who has previously been granted aid under this paragraph should again be found in similar needy circumstances he may again in the following calendar year make application. At least one year must elapse between applications.

Present Paragraph 6 to be repealed.

#### ARTICLE VI

SECTION 90. A new paragraph 1 (a) was adopted reading as follows: Eligible for membership are honorable and respectable men over 16 years of age who are of Danish origin or extraction or who have obtained Danish Citizenship or who are married to women of Danish origin or extraction.

The present paragraph 1 (a) will remain unchanged and be referred to as paragraph 1 (b). Sub-paragraph (b) remains the same and is to be referred to as sub-paragraph (c).

#### ARTICLE VII

SECTION 128 was amended and reads thus: Amounts due to the General Fund shall be collected monthly by the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, except as otherwise provided in these by-laws.

#### ARTICLE XII

SECTION 167. In this section the word "white" was omitted and the new section will now be as follows:

Boys, under 16 years of age, whose parents are honorable and respectable persons and at least one of whom is of Danish descent, or citizenship, may be

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admitted to the society as juvenile members, subject to such other rules, regulations and requirements as may be prescribed by the supreme board of this society.

SECTION 172. This section was amended in its entirety and hereafter will read:

Each juvenile member upon attaining age sixteen, if his certificate is not in default as to monthly payment, shall by payment of the required lodge dues become a member of such lodge and be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of such membership. Prior to attaining age sixteen no juvenile member shall have the right to attend regular lodge meetings in the adult lodge nor have any voice or vote in the management of such lodge or of the society.

SECTION 174 now reads: All provisions of the constitution and by-laws heretofore enacted which are wholly or in part inconsistent with this constitution or by-laws, as adopted and amended at this convention, are hereby repealed. It shall be the duty of the supreme board to make such changes and corrections as shall be consistent and in agreement therewith.

SECTION 175. These laws thus adopted at the convention of the society in September, 1955, shall be in force and take effect from January 1, 1956, unless the supreme board finds it desirable to make them operative at once and shall remain in full force until amended by a vote of two-thirds majority of the votes cast at another convention.

#### RESOLUTION:

The following resolution, submitted by Delegate John H. Nissen, of Lodge No. 172, was read and adopted by the convention:

WHEREAS the membership of the Danish Brotherhood in America has contributed to the social and economic advance of America far out of proportion to its numbers; and

WHEREAS it would be beneficial to the Danish Brotherhood if the public was better acquainted with its activities, contributions; and

WHEREAS the proper dissemination of news of the organization would help in making it attractive to potential members, thus stemming the decline;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Danish Brotherhood in America, in convention assembled in the city of Racine, Wisconsin, September 19 to 23, 1955, go on record directing the Supreme President to appoint, prior to the convention in 1959, a Press Officer responsible for preparing news releases and news photos of convention activities of local and national interest for local newspapers, radio, and press wire services.

#### RESOLUTIONS

##### Report of the Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and United States Senator Alexander Wiley, and Walter Kohler, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Jack H. Humble, Mayor of the city of Racine, have extended to us a hearty welcome and sincere greetings for a successful convention in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Henrik Kauffmann, Danish Ambassador to the United States of America, has honored us with his presence at the convention and has extended to us personal greetings and best wishes from the King and Queen of Denmark; and

WHEREAS the Racine Chamber of Commerce and the merchants and citizens of Racine have extended to all the Brothers of the Danish Brotherhood in America, assembled at this convention, their whole-

hearted hospitality and cooperation in making our convention a success; and

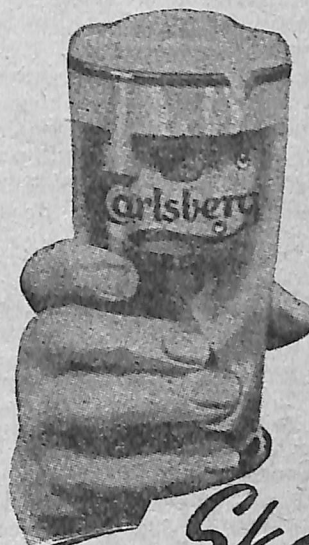
WHEREAS the Reverend Siersbeck of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Reverend Heide of Racine also extended to us a most hearty welcome; and

WHEREAS the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 4 and the Danish Sisterhood Lodge Victoria No. 5 and especially the members of the Convention Committee and all their sub-committees of Racine Lodge No. 4 have so royally entertained us in their beautiful city and have so wonderfully welcomed us and treated us with so great hospitality and brotherly love so as to make this our 24th National Convention one of the most successful in our history; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Officers of the Danish Sisterhood of America have honored us with their presence; and

WHEREAS the entire personnel of Hotel Racine have given us excellent service;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the delegates and Supreme Officers of the Danish Brotherhood in America, assembled in the city of Racine, Wisconsin,



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for the 24th National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America, hereby express our gratitude and extend our most sincere thanks to each and everyone mentioned in this resolution.

That a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of this convention and a copy of same be published in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a copy thereof be sent to each of the above named parties, lodges and committees, respectfully submitted by the resolutions committee: Otto F. Pedersen, Chairman of Lodge No. 322; Jack Hansen, Lodge No. 107; Hans Jorgensen, Lodge No. 149; Magnus Larsen, Lodge No. 205; and Carlo J. Cordtz, Lodge No. 245.

**OTHER REPORTS**

**AUDITING COMMITTEE:** To this committee were referred audit reports made by the Department of Insurance for the State of Nebraska, and Gregerson Brothers, Certified Public Accountants, Omaha, Nebraska, of the financial affairs of the Society for the period since the 1951 convention. The committee reported favorable to the convention and acknowledged that the reports were available in agreement with Sec. 17, Par. 3 of the By-Laws. The report was accepted by motion, duly made and seconded.

**CLAIMS COMMITTEE:** Payment of insurance due under a deceased member's Benefit Certificate, was held in abeyance because of very unusual circumstances, until the convention could make a ruling in the case. The Claims Committee made its report and authorized payment to the claimant. The committee's report was accepted by motion, duly made and seconded.

**CONTINGENCY COMMITTEE:** S. A. Johansen from Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, British Columbia and Axel Peterson from Lodge No. 330, Prince George, British Columbia, were present as representatives from their respective lodges. These lodges having no right to representation under the laws, but because several delegates spoke favorable in their behalf, this matter was referred to a special committee consisting of delegates No. 3, 29, 111, 190 and 332, known as the Contingency Committee. The committee reported to the convention, recommending that the two members of the Canadian Lodges mentioned, be given the same privileges as duly elected delegates with the exception that they can not vote on any question coming before the convention; but would be entitled to refund of traveling expenses and per diem on the same basis as seated delegates. The report was accepted by the convention by motion, duly made and seconded.

With respect to the matter of extending an active insurance program into the Dominion of Canada, no affirmative action was taken. The Supreme Officers gave detailed reports on this question, which had met with difficulties that could not be overcome under regulations adopted at the 1951 National Convention. Three motions which had come before the convention in prescribed form, in that they were signed by the required number of delegates, did not come to a vote because of an outburst of objections from the floor. A motion that "We refrain and don't have anything more to do with that question" was duly seconded and adopted, thereby tabling it for the time being.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** The convention had on Tuesday accepted the Credentials Committee's report to seat 5 delegates whose lawful elections were held in doubt, and by the Supreme Trustees were referred to the committee. These were No. 35, 46, 48, 300 and 73. The lodges, they represented, were severely criticized, by the committee and the convention, for laxity in an

election for the high office of delegate. With the seating of the five delegates, there were 132 accredited delegates and 7 Supreme Officers participating in the 24th National Convention.

**RITUALS COMMITTEE:** The Rituals Committee made an excellent report and recommended an amended version of the Order of conducting the business meeting and also submitted a new initiation ceremony, both in the English language. Both reports and recommendations by the committee were adopted.

Lodge No. 113 had submitted a recommendation to the Rituals which would include the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States. For several reasons this did not come on the floor through the proper committee, principally because of the fact that we include citizens of Denmark and Canada among our membership. By general consent, the convention did not wish to adopt this procedure as compulsory but recommended and encouraged the lodges to do so.

**Honor Roll**

**LIST OF LODGES**

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1955
4	Racine, Wisconsin	28	521
263	Askov, Minnesota	17	130
190	Schenectady, New York	14	144
227	Detroit, Michigan	14	316
49	San Francisco, California	13	347
116	Newark, New Jersey	12	165
126	Los Angeles, California	12	295
330	Prince George, B. C.	10	52
328	Vancouver, B. C.	8	194
113	Enumclaw, Washington	6	85
183	Troy, New York	6	82
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	5	107
30	Muskegon, Michigan	5	57
67	Fresno, California	5	82
268	Junction City, Oregon	5	63
299	Solvang, California	5	65

**Honor Roll**

**LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
263	Svend Petersen, Askov, Minnesota		14
4	Peter Jensen, Racine, Wisconsin		13
330	Nels Sorensen, Prince George, B. C.		7
113	Norbert E. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.		6
227	Albert R. Halse, Detroit, Michigan		6
67	Julius Hansen, Fresno, California		5
268	Peter Skovbo, Junction City, Oregon		5
116	Preben Wendt, Newark, New Jersey		4
227	Christian Larsen, Detroit, Michigan		4
255	Melvin W. Hoegh, Selma, California		4
10	Hans Norregaard, Council Bluffs, Iowa		3
29	J. Magnus Jensen, Seattle, Washington		3
49	Henning Jensen, San Francisco, Calif.		3
62	A. M. Petersen, Sioux City, Iowa		3
116	Carl E. Rasmussen, Newark, New Jersey		3
126	Axel Christensen, Los Angeles, Calif.		3
183	Andrew Thomsen, Troy, New York		3
230	Gunnar Ladefoged, Arcata, Calif.		3
301	Ejnar Madsen, Akron, Ohio		3

However, it will become optional in the local lodges and will not, therefore, appear in the Ritual of our society.

Due to extreme pressure of a heavy workload, the delegates to this national convention eagerly consented to forego the usual free afternoon. A sightseeing tour was otherwise scheduled.

A proposal that the Supreme Lodge of the Brotherhood should sponsor a Danish Brotherhood Excursion to Denmark in 1957 came on the floor with a great force of enthusiasm. The motion carried unanimously and the new Supreme Officers were given authority to make all necessary arrangements for such an excursion.

Omaha, Nebraska, was selected as the 1959 National Convention City by an invitation from Lodges No. 1 and 195. Other invitations were received from San Francisco, California by Lodge No. 49, and Erie, Pennsylvania by Lodge No. 242. Omaha won over San Francisco in the second ballot by a somewhat narrow margin.

In the election of Supreme Officers, the following retired from the Board: President Svend Petersen, Second Vice-President Hilmar W. Hansen, and Trustee Hans Norregaard. The new Supreme Board was allocated a specified sum of money to be used for suitable gifts for presentation to the retiring officers in grateful appreciation of their services on the Board. Svend Petersen had served 20 years, Hilmar W. Hansen 12 years, and Hans Norregaard 6 years.

By a duly held election of Supreme Officers those mentioned below were elected for a term of four years:

Otto Nielsen, Supreme President

From Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Washington.

Hans M. Andersen, Supreme First Vice-President

From Lodge No. 255, Selma, California.

Viggo Mikkelsen, Supreme Second Vice-President

From Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan.

Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer

From Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska.

Einar Danielson, Chairman, Supreme Trustees

From Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, Illinois.

Chris Madsen, Supreme Trustee

From Lodge No. 116, Newark, New Jersey.

Fred Jensen, Supreme Trustee

From Lodge No. 195, Omaha, Nebraska.

The new Supreme Officers were installed by impressive ceremonies on Friday afternoon by Ex-Supreme President C. Bysted Christensen, assisted by Ex-Supreme President John Hansen.

The new Supreme President Otto Nielsen now took the gavel and having ascertained that there was no further business to be transacted by this convention, adjourned the twenty-fourth national convention of The Danish Brotherhood in America at 4:25 in the afternoon on Friday, September 23, 1955.

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

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

The California Lodges have two big events during the year, events many of us are looking forward to with great anticipation. The first event is the yearly convention and the other is the yearly visitation of our President to the lodges for the purpose of installing the newly elected officers. The first event took place last August and the second event will take place during the months of January and February. Our newly elected President, Brother Dan Chr. Andersen, has selected the dates for visitation as follows:

- Lodge No. 230, Arcata, Tuesday, January 3
- Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, Wednesday, January 4
- Lodge No. 184, Hayward, Friday, January 6
- Lodge No. 332, Ripon, Saturday, January 7
- Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, Wednesday, January 11
- Lodge No. 67, Fresno, Thursday, January 12
- Lodge No. 322, Santa Barbara, Friday, January 13
- Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield, Saturday, January 14
- Lodge No. 299, Solvang, Wednesday, January 18
- Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Thursday, January 19
- Lodge No. 323, Alhambra and
- Lodge No. 329, Long Beach, Friday, January 20
- Lodge No. 306, San Diego, Saturday, January 21
- Lodge No. 188, Del Rey and
- Lodge No. 255, Selma, Wednesday, January 25
- Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, Saturday, January 28
- Lodge No. 39, Oakland, Friday, February 3

From the above you will realize that, most of the month of January will be devoted by Brother Andersen to the cause of our Brotherhood, it is always a big undertaking and an expensive one for the President to travel throughout the state, and consequently the lodges are asked to cooperate in maintaining above schedule. It is likely that a date might not be just the one desired by the lodge but under the circumstances, we ask you to try to have the installation on above date. It is likely, of course, the lodges such as No. 230 and 95 will wish to have joint installation and if so this is perfectly all right with Brother Andersen. You will also notice in above list that it is anticipated that Lodges 255 and 188, as well as Lodges 323 and 329 will, as in previous years, have their installation jointly.

May I ask you to be good enough to drop a note directly to Brother Dan Chr. Andersen, 2330 Market Street, San Francisco 14, and tell him the date chosen is acceptable to your lodge. May I at this time urge all you members to show up at installation evening, thereby doing yourself a favor and at the same time showing the visiting officers of the General Committee that you are still active. It will also give a bit of encouragement to your officers to see you present at the meeting. So, we'll be looking for you.

The Danish Consulate General, Mills Building, San Francisco, is trying to locate a man by the name of Rutherford Francis Paetz, who is the heir to the estate of his aunt who died in Denmark. Mr. Paetz at one time lived at 3223 Fairview Avenue, Alameda, California. This man's father, Johan (Peter) Paetz was born in Denmark in 1864 and immigrated to the United States as a young man and apparently died in 1914. Anyone having any information bearing on the above, please give such information to Mr. Frode Schøn, Consul General of Denmark at above address.

The anniversary dinner of Lodge No. 49 in San

Francisco was given on November 5, and if anything, was the best yet. It was truly a gala affair, with about 275 "festklædte" participants. All "hell bent" on having a good time and from the report one hears, everyone had just that. As in previous years, speeches were down to a minimum. Brother F. J. Bakke, Chairman of the Committee, bid us welcome and appointed Brother Sven Stribolt as Master of Ceremonies, a job he did very well indeed. There were only three speakers, Brother Henning Jensen, the young and handsome president of the lodge; Honorable Frode Schøn, Consul General of Denmark, and Brother Dan Chr. Andersen, President of the General Committee. Brother Carl Sørensen, with Brother Richard Clausen at the Steinway, entertained us with old favorite selections as well as leading us in community singing. And as usual Brother Heise and his fine musicians gave us the very best in dance music. No wonder this affair is becoming a tradition in our Danish Colony. Brother Fred Bakke and his fine committee deserve a lot of credit for arranging this for us each year, but then we more or less expect this from a committee where Brother Bakke is chairman. And perhaps it is no wonder that the affair is now generally known as "Bakkefesten." We are happy to see that the affair is already being lined up for next year and that Brother Bakke is again taking the affair in hand. No one can do it better.

During the past few months I have been busy writing about my impressions from my trip to Denmark and I deeply appreciated the card from Brother Anders Simonsen and others who apparently enjoyed my scribbings. At this time I should like to pay my compliments to Brother Norbert E. Grove for his excellent article on the National Convention in Racine as it appeared in the October issue.

Before I attended the National Convention, which was my first, I had been told that I would be disappointed. But I was not disappointed as far as the business side of the convention was concerned, as a matter of fact, I enjoyed every meeting from the beginning to the installation of the officers on Friday afternoon. I, too, should like to pay my compliments to Brother Svend Petersen for the able manner in which he conducted the meetings and it was truly a pleasure, for an old timer like myself, to see the fairness with which he made his rulings. We have had some good presidents in the General Committee here in California and having seen over 25 presidents do their stuff, and I believe only two could be compared with Brother Petersen, namely our First Vice President, Brother Hans Andersen and Brother Norman Dan Andker, for many years secretary of Lodge No. 39.

From the social angle let me say this, and I do not wish to give any reflection of the good committee in Racine, that I am sorry San Francisco lost out in our bid for the convention in 1959. Why? Because I believe we in San Francisco could really have shown the delegates and visitors to the convention a really good time. Perhaps we are a bit spoiled in California, but you will agree I am sure, that with 34 years of experience in handling conventions we have learned what people are looking for when they wish a good time. Let us hope we will get it in 1963. I may come

back to the convention and the results thereof in a later issue.

I am writing this December article just before Thanksgiving and perhaps one might be forgiven for turning one's thoughts away from the mundane for just a moment. Perhaps it is because I personally have so much to be thankful for, but something I read a few days ago seems to come to my mind again and again, and I thought that perhaps you, too, would like to share this with me. It is a verse taken from the Sanskrit (Hindu):

Look to this day!

For it is life, the very life of life.

In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence:

The bliss of growth;

The glory of action;

The splendor of beauty

For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision;

But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day!

Let us all look well, therefore, to this day. Be thankful that the past is gone. Be thankful that now is the only time. Today we live, so let us rejoice this day.

The Officers of the General Committee join me in wishing each and everyone of you and all your dear ones, a real blessed "Merry Christmas."

## Donations to Children's Homes

Nearly all lodges contribute an average of 10 cents per member toward the Children's Homes each year with their November or December assessment remittance. That is just fine, but do you realize that the dime of today is worth only about one-half of what it was ten years ago.

By all means send the dime as usual, but if you can, then add a little bit extra to it as it goes to a very worthy cause: our Danish Children's Homes.

Lodge contributions may be remitted on the regular monthly assessments statement by the lodge treasurer. Individual members contributions can also be forwarded by the lodge treasurer or sent direct to the Home Office, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

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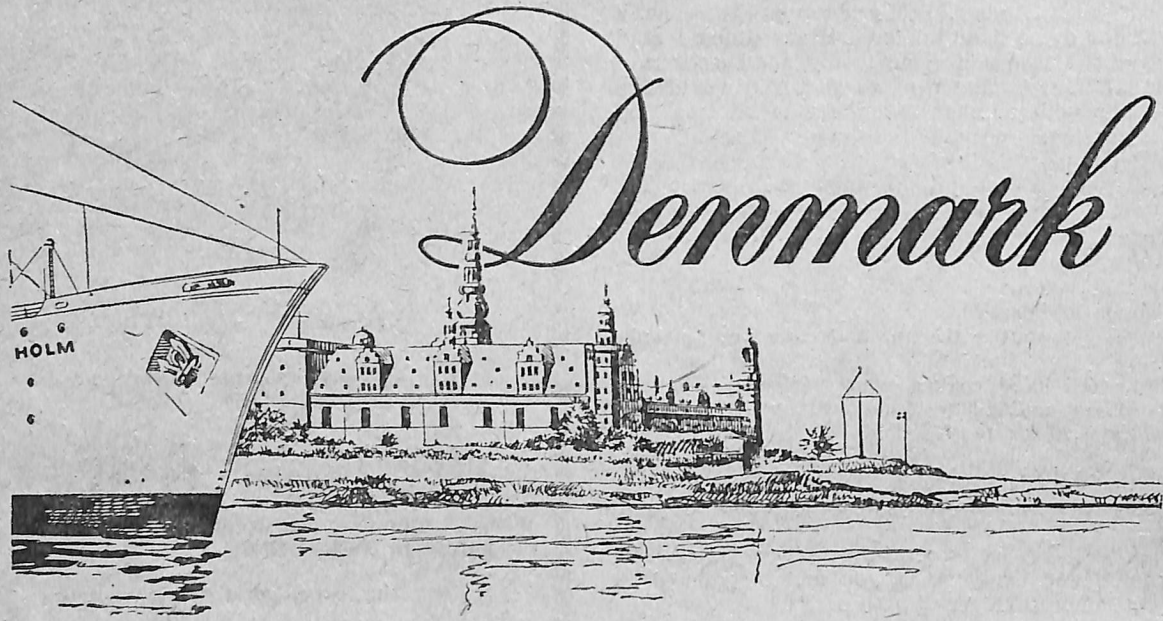
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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

John Nissen, 4621 Marple St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Perhaps your correspondent has been remiss in not advising the publicity chairmen of the several lodges in the East that the deadline for material to appear in the next month's column is the 15th.

This month we report on activities of four lodges. Of the other twenty-four lodges in the area we can only surmise that some Brothers take too literally the pledge of secrecy of what goes on in the lodge room. Really, fellows, it doesn't extend to social activities; so, let's have the dope.

**Denmark Lodge No. 37** combined with the Sisterhood lodge No. 16 to have a bang-up affair in their new meeting place, the Odd Fellows Hall in Stratford, Conn., on November 5. Danish Night drew a terrific turnout of 350; that's right, 350. (Now, there's a mark to shoot at.) Among those present were Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen, and many members and friends from New York, New Haven and Hartford (not the railroad), Waterbury, Derby and other lodges.

So great was the crowd that two showings of the color film "Picturesque Denmark" was necessary. Everyone expressed their enthusiasm and appreciation for the fine smorgasbord, and enjoyed the Danish dances. Old and young alike joined in the singing of Danish songs.

And that isn't all that's on the docket for No. 37. Oh no! A Bingo party was scheduled for November 22. For the Christmas party on December 28th for their members' children, they are combining with the Sisterhood lodge again, and the Hand in Hand Danish American Sick Benefit Society.

**Fremad Lodge No. 116**, Newark, New Jersey, drew a good attendance to their meeting at 180 Main Street, West Orange, on November 12 in honor of the lodge's Ex-presidents. No. 116 has an Installing Staff that is the pride of the East and is bound to experience a busy month in January.

On December 18, No. 116 will be joined by the Sisterhood Lodge No. 84, in a Christmas party replete with Santa Claus in the Elm Hall, 174 Midland Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey. Not intended alone for the children, the party program calls for coffee, cake and dancing for the grown-ups. A real family affair.

**Enighed Lodge No. 172**, in the City of Brotherly Love, had the largest turnout in months to greet the new members being initiated at the November 12 meeting in the Drake Hotel. The meeting was highlighted by the visit of Brother Paul Thofner, manager of the Danish Home for the Aged, of Metuchen, New Jersey, who brought with him two members of the lodge, Brothers Miller and Culver.

The average age of the officers of Enighed Lodge will take a sharp drop with the new year because of the younger men who have been nominated for election to several offices. It is a good sign when old timers show a willingness for youth to take over the reigns.

**Lodge No. 242**, Erie, Pennsylvania, always has something of interest to report. On November 13 its members joined in with the membership of the Sisterhood lodge over a roast pork dinner prepared by the girls. On November 25 a big party was held to celebrate the Silver Wedding anniversary of three couples represented on the lodge's membership roster; Mr. and Mrs. Lars Clemensen, Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Nielsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lund.

The secret is out why No. 242 has such a successful monthly lodge paper in LYNGBLOMSTEN. The editor has a fine corps of reporters contributing material on lodge and personal activities of its members in every issue. Our congratulations to Peter Larsen and his staff for their splendid paper.

"Never underestimate the power of the women," is the slogan used by the publisher of a popular women's magazine. From hearsay, and published reports, it appears that the most active lodges in the DANISH BROTHERHOOD are those which have close tie-in with a lodge of the Danish Sisterhood. Joint social activity lends itself to maintenance of membership interest in both organizations, aside from the occasional romances that develop. Where no Sisterhood lodge exists, it would behoove a Brotherhood lodge to help in organizing one; failing that, try to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary.

It has been said, "Build a better mouse-trap, and the world will beat a path to your door." Perhaps it will — but it is more likely to beat a path to the door of a manufacturer it has heard about. Your neighbor on the other side of the hill may be turning out a product far inferior to yours but, nevertheless, is enjoying enviable success simply because he, or someone, TALKS ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT ITS VIRTUES.

Your mouse-trap may catch a good many mice, but few customers without the proper bait. You will have to start the ball rolling by EXPOUNDING ON ITS VALUES before a few will try it and, in turn, TALK ABOUT IT TO THEIR FRIENDS. Then, and then only, will the world start beating a path to your door.

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Fraternalism — brotherhood — is something we should want to share with others who have not yet enjoyed the good fortune of being members of the DANISH BROTHERHOOD. We are not an exclusive club with snob appeal — we are a grass roots organization of the Danish element of our respective communities — and we can add to our numbers by TALKING ENTHUSIASTICALLY to eligible young men who would benefit in many ways from membership in the DANISH BROTHERHOOD.

Take a sheet of paper and crease it down the center. On the first half of the sheet, left of the crease, list all the reasons why you ENJOY BEING A MEMBER of the DANISH BROTHERHOOD; what you would like to tell a prospective member. Then, on the right of the crease, make a list of what you don't like about the Brotherhood. It may take a good deal of thinking on your part to develop a few "beefs", and they will be of little consequence. Now, tear the sheet down the middle and drop the right half in the waste basket; you will agree that it isn't worth talking about anyway.

Read over the first half of your paper several times; you may want to add a couple more items to it. This is what you will TELL EVERY PROSPECT ABOUT THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD.

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**Golden Wedding Celebration**

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Brother and Mrs. K. P. Christensen, 1 Glennon Place, West Orange, New Jersey, was celebrated November 17. Brother Christensen is Ex-president of Fremad Lodge No. 116, having served as President in 1947.

He came to the United States from Hjørring, Denmark, in 1911, his wife, Petra, following in 1912.

After 34 years service with the telephone company, Brother Christensen retired several years ago, but he is still very active as a cabinetmaker.

He became a member of the Danish Brotherhood on August 18, 1928, joining Lodge No. 116. For many years he never missed a meeting. He has always been a willing worker for the Brotherhood as well as for the Home for the Aged at Metuchen.

Mrs. Christensen has for many years been an active member of the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 84.

Their son, Engelhardt, is the husband of the Supreme President of the Danish Sisterhood, Marguerite Christensen.

Brother and Mrs. Christensen are members of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church in Newark, N. J.

A Golden Anniversary party was held Friday, the 18th, in the V. F. W. Hall, 75 West Mt. Pleasant Ave., Livingston, New Jersey, to mark the occasion.

**New Members**

	Lodge		
Booster	No.	Location	New Member
Jens Engholt	4	Racine	Hans Peter Nielsen
Gerhard Rasmussen	4	Racine	Emil Hansen
John J. Maki	4	Racine	Donald T. Keuffer
Elvin Nielsen	4	Racine	Herman R. Lewwe
Elvin Nielsen	4	Racine	Henry C. Rasmussen
E. H. Rosseler	48	Rock Springs	Samuel G. Doan
Henning Jensen	49	San Francisco	Poul Olsen
Dan Chr. Andersen	49	San Francisco	Orla Gadsdorf
Eiler M. Nielsen	49	San Francisco	S. Andersen
Bendt Ole Roi	49	San Francisco	A. B. Pedersen
Douglas Petersen	49	San Francisco	Fred H. Olsen
Douglas Petersen	49	San Francisco	Jens Kjemtrup
Chris Madsen	64	Rockford	Arden Mortensen
Axel Christensen	126	Los Angeles	Kai Due
Axel Christensen	126	Los Angeles	Kai Høye
Axel Christensen	126	Los Angeles	Marius Thisted
Alfred Steffensen	163	Edmore	Larry S. Steffensen
Alfred Steffensen	163	Edmore	Lloyd D. Steffensen
Hans R. Madsen	167	Portland	Fred M. Hansen
Otto Petersen	177	Cordova	Oliver F. Jensen
Laurits Petersen	182	Waukegan	Clifford Petersen
Albert R. Halse	227	Detroit	Robert S. Knudsen
Albert R. Halse	227	Detroit	Raymond S. Knudsen
E. Madsen	301	Akron	Albert Sier Basse, Jr.
E. Madsen	301	Akron	Robert T. Basse
Alfred Vestergaard	306	San Diego	Knute Jespersen
A. F. Tunsen	332	Ripon	Albert A. Van Buren