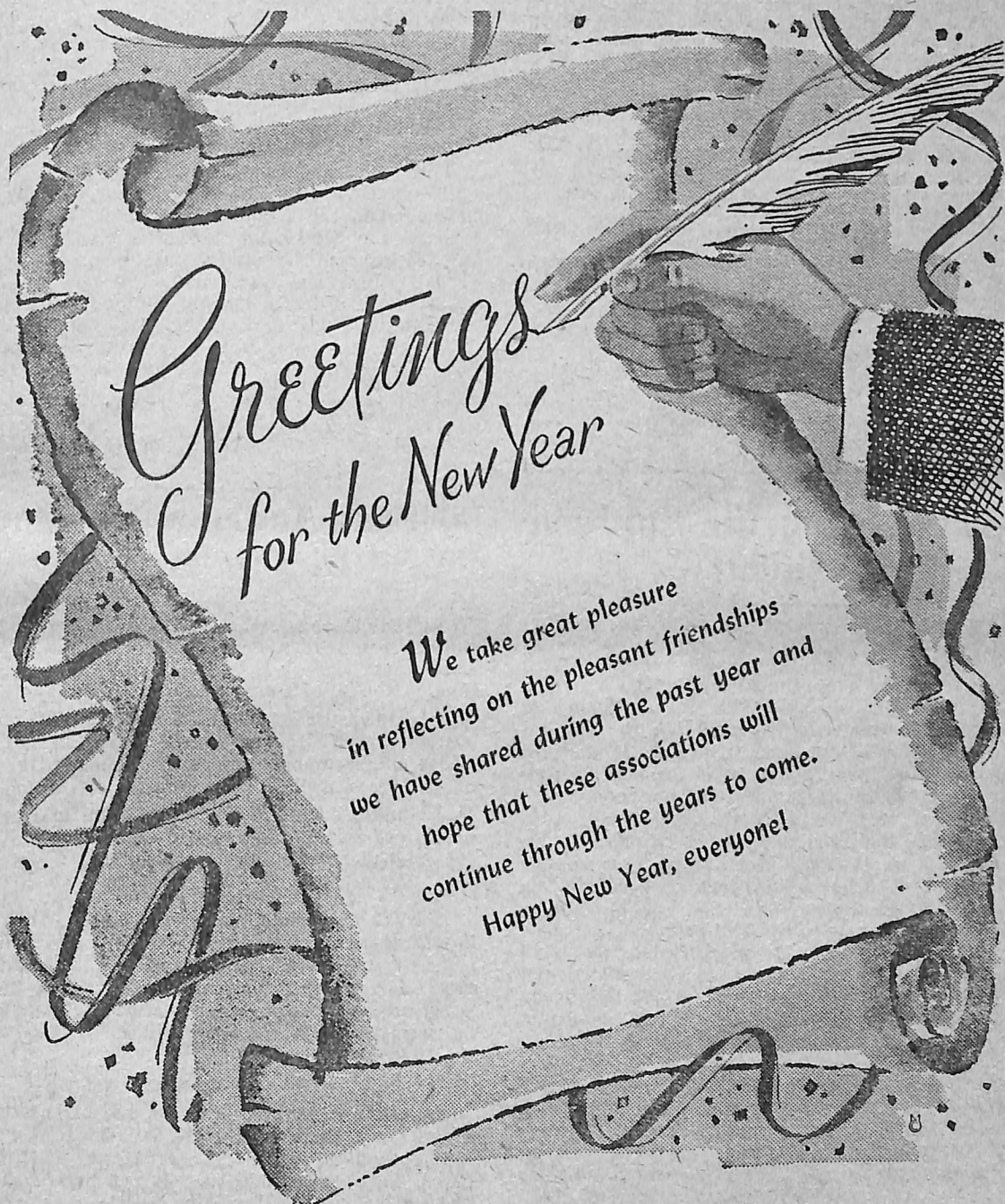


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*Greetings  
for the New Year*

We take great pleasure  
in reflecting on the pleasant friendships  
we have shared during the past year and  
hope that these associations will  
continue through the years to come.  
Happy New Year, everyone!

## *The Supreme Board*

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Einar Danielsen

Otto Nielsen  
Viggo Mikkelsen  
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Axel Skelbeck  
Fred Jensen

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January 1956

## Greetings From the Supreme President

A very happy and prosperous New Year to all Brothers far and near.

In the last issue of our magazine were printed the changes to our constitution and by-laws, which will take effect January 1. With the beginning of the new year, I wonder if it would not be well for us all to take stock of ourselves. Have we in the past done all we should, or could have done to further the interest of our Brotherhood? The answer in most cases would be no. We fully realize, and the convention realized, that something must be done if we are to continue as a strong and healthy organization. A promotional department has been created, and a mandate was given the supreme board, to do everything in their power to create interest and get new members. Oh yes, that is all so very fine, we could spend a lot of money advertising the Brotherhood and try to reach all potential members if we had the money to spend. We will, of course, have the 50c per capita tax levied for the promotional department. That, however, will not be available until our July assessment which will not reach our home office before September 1. It was voiced, on the convention floor, that in order to put on an all out advertising campaign, it would cost \$100,000 to \$200,000. I have no argument on that score, but the convention did not provide us with that kind of money, and I do not think it at all necessary. I feel our advertising and solicitation must come through the enthusiasm of the individual members. They are the ones who are going to sign them up, and it becomes important that the lodges make their meetings and their activities of interest to new members. I humbly, and respectfully, plead with you delegates, as the legislative branch of the governing body of the Danish Brotherhood, to impress on your fellow brothers in your respective lodges the need for

us all to become salesmen for our society. The home office will be more than glad to furnish you with material, and advice in helping you to sign up that prospective member. We, on the supreme board, welcome your suggestions and ideas on how best to approach the subject. Write in your suggestions and voice your opinions in our magazine. Anything constructive and for the best interest of our order will have priority and will be given serious consideration. I am, as your supreme president, depending on your all out support. I have faith in the Danish Brotherhood, I have faith in you. Do not disappoint me. If 1,000 members would pledge themselves to get one new member each, we would be on the road to progress. So let us resolve that "United We Stand," and the slogan "Forward in '56."

The excursion in 1957 is becoming a reality, as you have seen in the announcement in our magazine. We selected the Stockholm, Swedish American Line and the 584 accommodations are ours. The sailing will be in early June and registration will now be accepted at the home office in Omaha. If you are planning to be with us, register now, and the sooner the better. Join with the many for a grand trip to that little land across the sea, our Mother country, Denmark.

Sincerely and fraternally,

OTTO NIELSEN,  
Supreme President.

## Lars Anderson, Fresno, Dies at Age 102

A lifetime of 102 years came to an end today with the death of Lars Anderson in his home at 2720 Madison Avenue. He had been in failing health for some time.

Anderson predicted in 1952 he would reach the century mark. He redeemed a Danish Brotherhood Lodge life insurance policy which matured at the age of 96. He was the oldest member of the lodge.

He and his wife, Marie, who died in 1951 at the age of 88, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1932 and their 65th anniversary in 1947.

#### Married in 1882

They were married October 4, 1882, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Anderson was born in Denmark and came to the United States in 1872 and settled in the east. A year after his marriage he moved to Fresno. For years he operated a small ranch on Walnut Avenue between Jensen and North Avenues. Later he was in the drayage business.

#### Gets Eisenhower Card

On his last birthday May 19, he was honored with a card from President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Anderson recalled there was little to Fresno when he came here. He said the city began growing in the 1890s. "When I first came here the district was mostly dry farmed with some livestock, mostly sheep," he said.

Anderson is survived by two sons, L. B. Anderson of Fresno, and E. M. Anderson of Norwalk, Los Angeles County; three daughters, Mrs. Morris Jacobsen, Sr., of Kingsburg, Mrs. A. H. Larsen of Fresno, and Mrs. G. L. Thunberg of Kenwood, Sonoma County; 16 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

FRESNO BEE, Dec. 17.

# Financial Report

November 30, 1955

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand November 1, 1955	\$ 64,821.08
Assessments	10,071.13
Interest on bonds	26,121.00
Certificate on loans repaid	25.00
Interest on Certificate loans	1.50
Bonds called or matured	166,000.00
Premium on bonds called	4,735.00
	\$271,774.71

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$ 19,347.43
Cash surrender	272.96
Certificate loans issued	180.00
Collection expense on bond coupons	13.50
Bonds purchased	188,469.32
Interest accrued on bonds purchased	559.43
Balance on hand November 30, 1955	62,932.07
	\$271,774.71

## General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand November 1, 1955	\$ 2,324.86
Received in November	725.19
	\$ 3,050.05

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 112.81
Postage, express, telephone, etc.	69.96
Rent and lights	181.14
Printing and mailing official publication	412.05
Membership reward	20.00
Valuation check by Nebraska Insurance Dept.	15.39
Property taxes (office equip. & furniture)	15.15
Signature cuts of Supreme President	7.20
Travel expense	18.85
General office expenses	50.00
Salaries to officers and employes	1,358.00
Employer's social security taxes	18.00
Balance on hand November 30, 1955	771.50
	\$ 3,050.05

## Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand November 1, 1955	\$ 17,104.31
Interest on bonds	1,300.00
Relief assessments	3.50
Relief payments returned	6.19
	\$ 18,414.00

Disbursements:

Relief payments	\$ 519.00
Balance on hand November 30, 1955	17,895.00
	\$ 18,414.00

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand November 1, 1955	\$ 5,399.34
Juvenile assessments	227.57
	\$ 5,626.91

Disbursements:

Balance on hand November 30, 1955	\$ 5,626.91
	\$ 5,626.91

## Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$4,004,311.51
Relief fund investments	240,000.00
General fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	87,225.48
	\$4,371,536.99

# 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
255	Melvin W. Hoegh, Selma, California		6
67	Julius Hansen, Fresno, California		5
268	Peter Skovbo, Junction City, Oregon		5
1	Chris Larsen, Omaha, Nebraska		4
116	Preben Wendt, Newark, New Jersey		4
227	Christian Larsen, Detroit, Michigan		4
1	Kris Kristoffersen, Omaha, Nebraska		3
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
172	Erik R. Solyst, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		3
183	Andrew Thomsen, Troy, New York		3
230	Gunnar Ladefoged, Arcata, California		3
301	Ejnar Madsen, Akron, Ohio		3

# 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	16	144
49	San Francisco, California	15	347
227	Detroit, Michigan	14	316
116	Newark, New Jersey	12	165
126	Los Angeles, California	12	295
1	Omaha, Nebraska	10	259
330	Prince George, B. C.	10	52
328	Vancouver, B. C.	8	194
113	Enumclaw, Washington	6	85
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	6	87
183	Troy, New York	6	82
255	Selma, California	6	63
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

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## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Board

### Monday, October 24

The annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of the Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the home office, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning Monday, October 24, 1955. All officers were present: Otto Nielsen, president; Hans M. Andersen, First Vice-President; Viggo Mikkelsen, Second Vice-President; Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer; Einar Danielsen, Chris Madsen and Fred Jensen, Trustees.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m. by the president.

Otto Nielsen, the new president, bid the new Board welcome. He expressed the hope the four years we will serve together will be served in earnest and in harmony. By being elected to hold office on the board, he said, you have lost your identity with your own local lodge and must now concern your efforts with the welfare of the entire membership regardless of lodge affiliation. It is an honor for me, he continued, to serve as your president. The full responsibility of this high office I have come to realize more and more every day. I need your fullest cooperation to make my term successful, he said.

Each of the officers in turn pledged their full support to the president; a wholehearted interest in, and best efforts to promote the welfare of the Brotherhood in unity and cooperation with each other.

The president thanked the officers for their expressions of loyalty and said that the recent national convention was liberal towards the board and he would not like to find any of the fine gestures, extended by the convention delegates, misused in any manner or form.

The remainder of the day was spent in the Safe Deposit Vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha, checking, auditing, and making an inventory of the securities in which the funds of the society are invested. The interest coupons coming due for payment during the period from October 1, 1955 and including the month of March, 1956, were detached from the bonds and segregated by month of their due dates.

### Tuesday, October 25

The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m.

At this time the Trustees submitted the following certification: "This is to certify that we, the undersigned Trustees of the Danish Brotherhood in America, assisted by all officers, have this date checked and audited the securities deposited in the vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha. We found the total face value of such securities owned to be in full agreement with the records of the Secretary-Treasurer." Dated October 24, 1955 and signed by Einar Danielsen, Chris Madsen and Fred Jensen.

This certificate was accepted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting on motion duly made by Axel Skelbeck and seconded.

A number of greetings received by mail and telegraph were read at this time.

Time was spent in discussions on organizational and working procedures of the board between meetings, for the information of the new officers elected at the recent national convention, and on questions of special interest to them.

A number of applications for General and Special aid from the Relief fund were presented and acted upon. Action was also taken on a great number of

routine business that were required in order that such matters would become lawfully effective.

Copies of the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws, as amended by the 1955 national convention were made up and presented for the board's final approval. The remainder of the day was spent discussing and revising the new laws in conformity with the mandate of the convention, to make the laws heretofore in effect consistent with the new laws as adopted by the convention in Racine, Wisconsin in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p. m.

### Wednesday, October 26

Meeting called to order at 8:45 a. m.

Revision and discussion of the new laws was continued from yesterday, by acting on a report by the trustees on matters referred to them for consideration, with specific reference to the following items:

**The Constitution**, Section 2, to be consistent with the new Article IV in the Articles of Incorporation.

**By-Laws**, Section 27, Par. 1 and 9 as adopted by the convention. In view of a conflict with respect to the wording "Secretary-Treasurer excepted" and by reference to the convention minutes, this wording was deleted, whereafter the wording of these two paragraphs was approved, by motion duly made and seconded.

The part of the laws known as the new "Promotional Department" was properly assigned to Article V, and this Article divided so as to more clearly separate the various funds of the society, operating thereunder.

Section 78, governing the Fraternal Fund (heretofore the Relief Fund) was also clarified and defined with respect to the filing of applications for aid.

The "Convention Contingency Committee's" report was thoroughly analyzed in order to properly incorporate the subjects of the report into the new laws.

Sections 167, 168 and 171. Wording at variance in these sections were corrected.

To have the laws read consistent, the Secretary-Treasurer was, by resolution presented by Einar Danielsen, authorized to use the phrase "the Society" throughout the laws, instead of the various references now used, such as D. B.; D. B. S.; Brotherhood; association, and so on, where it would be proper to do so.

**Cost of National Convention.** The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the cost of the 1955 national convention was \$18,504.44.

**Medical Examiner.** Maine C. Andersen, M. D., Omaha, Nebraska, was reappointed medical examiner on motion by Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded and carried.

**Valuation of outstanding Benefit Certificates.** The Commissioners 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality and 2½ per cent interest assumption was adopted for use in the reserve valuation of all outstanding Benefit Certificates, beginning with the year 1955, upon motion by Axel Skelbeck, and seconded. This would further strengthen the reserves behind these certificates. The C. S. O. and 2½ per cent is also the table now in use for all new business written within our society.

**Rituals.** The changes made by the national convention in the book of rituals were reviewed and referred to the secretary-treasurer to be completed.

**Promotional Department.** The action taken by the convention with respect to establishing a promotional department was carefully analyzed, studied and discussed in great detail. The conclusions were: 1) The only real income to the promotional fund, provided by the convention, will come from an annual levy of 50 cents per member, or about \$5,500.00 at present. 2)

The first year's tax will not be received before September 1, 1956. 3) At present there is no money in sight from sources other than mentioned under 1) above.

It was therefore resolved that: a) The secretary-treasurer shall investigate with the proper authorities as to whether money may be appropriated in a substantial amount from the mortuary fund for use in the promotional fund, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed for that purpose. b) To hold further decision in abeyance until such time as there is sufficient money in sight to be assured that any plan adopted can be carried through successfully.

The president announced that tomorrow had been set aside for meetings with trans-Atlantic carriers for discussion of details and contracts concerning the 1957 Denmark Excursion decided upon by the convention. There are several other items of business to transact, however, and asked that the meeting start at 8 a. m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p. m.

#### Thursday, October 27

All members present. The meeting called to order at 8 a. m.

A report was given by Axel Skelbeck, in behalf of the Finance Committee, covering transactions made since the last meeting of the board, and as shown by the records. Upon motion, duly made by Viggo Mikkelsen and seconded, the report was accepted and all transactions ratified.

On a discussion as to the merits of functioning with a Finance Committee, although the new laws place certain additional duties on the secretary-treasurer in respect to investments, several resolutions were unanimously adopted under proper procedure, as follows:

By Viggo Mikkelsen: That we continue to operate with an Investment Committee of three members, selected from among the present officers.

By Axel Skelbeck: That Otto Nielsen become a member of the Investment Committee.

By Hans M. Andersen: That Axel Skelbeck be retained on the same Committee.

By Hans M. Andersen: That Viggo Mikkelsen also become a member of the Committee.

By Hans M. Andersen: That the Investment Committee function until the 1959 national convention.

**1957 Denmark Excursion.** On the subject of the Denmark Excursion planned for 1957, a conference was next held with Mr. H. A. Hjortholm, Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager of the Norwegian American Line, followed by conference with Mr. Earnest B. Bearnarth, Passenger Traffic Manager and Mr. J. C.

Berthelsen, Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager of the Swedish American Line.

Following the meetings, a thorough debate took place to evaluate the information we were given by the representatives of the Companies mentioned. Considering the multitude of details involved, the probable sailing dates, a comparison of the ships available, and so on, it was the consensus that the M/S Stockholm of the Swedish American Line is best suited for our special purpose, and seems to fit our requirements best.

It was duly moved by Axel Skelbeck, seconded and carried: That the Swedish American Line be engaged to carry our excursion party trans-Atlantic in 1957. That we select the M/S Stockholm, in so far as this ship will be available, as the official excursion ship. The secretary was officially instructed to so inform the Company.

By a continued discussion of the problems involved with the arrangement of the scheduled Denmark Excursion the thought was expressed that it would be more convenient to work with a smaller Committee. Consequently, by motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was decided to select an Excursion Committee from among the present officers, to consist of three members.

In succession the following motions were duly made, seconded and adopted. By Axel Skelbeck: That Otto Nielsen be a member of the Committee. By Einar Danielsen: That Axel Skelbeck be appointed to the Committee. By Hans M. Andersen: That Einar Danielsen also be elected to the Committee. By Fred Jensen: That the Excursion Committee, in behalf of the Supreme Officers, be given full authority to do all things necessary to arrange a successful Denmark Excursion.

New forms for application for aid from the Fraternal Fund after January 1, 1956 were designed and adopted for official use.

The president presided at, and all members of the board attended all sessions of the meetings. There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p. m.

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.

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2	Neenah, Wisconsin	4.00
4	Racine, Wisconsin	75.00
5	Moline, Illinois	.90
7	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5.00
9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	2.50
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	15.00
12	Green Bay, Wisconsin	10.00
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	19.00
15	Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
26	Fremont, Nebraska	5.00
28	Badger, South Dakota	3.00
29	Seattle, Washington	50.00
31	Exira, Iowa	.30
32	New Haven, Connecticut	10.00
34	Dwight, Illinois	8.00
36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	10.00
37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	10.00
38	Laramie, Wyoming	5.00
40	Rawlins, Wyoming	1.00
41	Derby, Connecticut	10.00
43	Denver, Colorado	10.00
51	Ludington, Michigan	5.00
53	Atlantic, Iowa	2.00
54	Dannebrog, Nebraska	2.00
56	Kansas City, Missouri	15.00
60	Nebraska City, Nebraska	.20
62	Sioux City, Iowa	2.00
63	Burlington, Iowa	2.00
64	Rockford, Illinois	5.00
65	Duluth, Minnesota	4.50
67	Fresno, California	5.00
69	Cleveland, Ohio	5.00
73	Alden, Minnesota	5.00
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	10.00
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	7.50
85	Rochester, Minnesota	1.50
88	Elba, Nebraska	1.00
89	Superior, Wisconsin	.50
92	St. Charles, Illinois	10.00
95	Ferndale, California	5.00
109	White, South Dakota	2.00
110	Winside, Nebraska	5.00
111	Austin, Minnesota	5.00
112	Portland, Maine	5.00
116	Newark, New Jersey	5.00
121	Tyler, Minnesota	4.00
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126	Los Angeles, California	5.00
127	Reinbeck, Iowa	2.00
128	Avoca, Iowa	3.00
139	Viborg, South Dakota	10.00
144	Dike, Iowa	5.00
147	Newell, Iowa	5.90
149	Luverne, North Dakota	5.00
151	Escanaba, Michigan	2.00
152	Wilbur, Washington	5.00
153	Dannevirke, Nebraska	1.50
157	Audubon, Iowa	5.00
160	Underwood, Minnesota	3.00
161	Ruskin, Nebraska	5.00
169	Hubbard, Nebraska	5.00
170	Rocky River, Ohio	5.00
171	Jamestown, New York	5.00
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	10.00
173	Kansas City, Missouri	2.00
175	Jacksonville, Iowa	2.50
177	Cordova, Nebraska	5.00
182	Waukegan, Illinois	10.00
185	Madison, Wisconsin	2.00
186	Luck, Wisconsin	14.00
189	Barronett, Wisconsin	2.00
190	Schenectady, New York	10.00
191	St. Louis, Missouri	5.00
194	McMinnville, Oregon	2.50
195	Omaha, Nebraska	5.00
198	Kenmore, North Dakota	2.00
202	Warren, Pennsylvania	5.00
205	Brooklyn, New York	5.00
211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1.00
212	Waterloo, Iowa	5.00
213	Ord, Nebraska	1.40
214	West Point, Nebraska	2.00
216	Basford, Nebraska	1.00
217	Humboldt, Iowa	3.00
219	Clear Lake, Iowa	10.00
221	Latimer, Iowa	1.50
222	Corry, Pennsylvania	2.00
224	Alta, Iowa	1.00
225	Canton, Ohio	5.00
227	Detroit, Michigan	30.00
228	Indianapolis, Indiana	2.50
230	Arcata, California	5.00
233	Toledo, Ohio	5.00
234	Woodstock, Illinois	2.00
238	Juhl, Michigan	3.00
239	Lake Forest, Illinois	4.00
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	35.00
245	South Bend, Indiana	5.00
249	Pierre, South Dakota	1.00



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281 Cincinnati, Ohio	5.00
294 Barre, Vermont	3.00
298 Chicago, Illinois	5.00
301 Akron, Ohio	1.50
306 San Diego, California	5.00
308 McCabe, Montana	2.10
314 Hartford, Connecticut	10.00
315 Buffalo, New York	1.00
317 Spencer, Iowa	5.00
321 West Palm Beach, Florida	5.00
323 Alhambra, California	2.00
327 Harlan, Iowa	2.00
329 Long Beach, California	2.00
Fred D. Christiansen, New London, Minn.	5.00
Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 6	10.00
Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 60	10.00
Dr. Robert A. Sauter, Albany, New York	1.00
Hans Madsen Lodge No. 167	1.00
Miscellaneous	.24
Received too late to be included in last year's distribution—Carried forward—	
11 Clinton, Iowa	10.00
96 Jackson, Minnesota	5.00
112 Portland, Maine	5.00
185 Madison, Wisconsin	5.00
Niels P. Jensen, Clifton, Illinois	1.00
Total	\$817.34

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

## Denver, Colorado

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Hendricksen were honored guests at a supper on November 17 at Union Hall, given by Columbine Lodge No. 43 and Ellen Lodge No. 21. The occasion was the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Hendricksen was taken ill with a severe cold a few days before the celebration and was unable to attend. However, at this writing she is better and home from the hospital. Mr. Hendricksen joined the Brotherhood Lodge on November 22, 1894. Mrs. Hendricksen joined the Sisterhood Lodge on February 20, 1896. Both have been very active in the lodges. The tables for this occasion were beautifully decorated. A two-tiered wedding cake, presented by Mrs. C. Bundgaard and Mrs. P. Cassias, served as a centerpiece for the table. Potato salad, baked ham, cake and coffee were served to about 70 members. Hearty congratulations and best wishes were the sentiments of all to Brother Vesta and Sister Dora.

JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.

## JANUARY ASSESSMENT 679

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January 1, 1956

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

February 1, 1956

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

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
Oct. 11—Peter H. Petersen	77	Haderslev, Denmark	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1903	Coronary Thrombosis	\$ 894.06	
Oct. 10—Lauritz Chr. Christensen	73	Herskin Hede, Den.	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1907	Carcinoma Liver	949.61	
Oct. 3—Mads Madsen	81	Flade, Denmark	70	Greenville, Mich.	1914	Carcinoma	483.99	
Aug. 30—Johannes D. Schandorf	72	Minneapolis, Minn.	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1917	Coronary Occlusion	250.00	
Oct. 15—Klaus K. Klausen	69	Ribe Amt., Denmark	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1927	Arteriosclerosis	250.00	
Oct. 7—Carl T. Hansen	50	Svendborg, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1928	Carcinoma	500.00	
Sept. 13—Hans C. Leth	86	Aarhus, Denmark	40	Rawlins, Wyo.	1893	Suicide	383.22	
Oct. 16—Morten H. Petersen	89	Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1907	Myocarditis	429.17	
Oct. 21—Hans H. Mathiesen	83	Haderslev, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1903	Coronary Disease	847.08	
Oct. 9—Hans Jensen Mortensen	74	Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1919	Coronary Occlusion	250.00	
Oct. 17—Holger M. Westergaard	78	Ribe Amt., Denmark	177	Cordova, Nebr.	1909	Senility	465.15	
Sept. 12—Clayton R. Wolfe	20	Troy, New York	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1952	Accident	1,000.00	
Aug. 21—Peter Sorensen	75	Skanderborg, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	459.05	
Sept. 29—Marius Boesen	75	Copenhagen, Denmark	205	Brooklyn, New York	1905	Heart Disease	926.23	
Oct. 13—Niels Christian Hansen	86	Frederikshavn, Den.	205	Brooklyn, New York	1905	Arteriosclerosis	820.13	
Oct. 11—Alfred Petersen	75	Copenhagen, Denmark	291	Ogden, Utah	1912	Arteriosclerosis	969.78	
Oct. 2—John Borg	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	240	Rochester, New York	1906	Heart Disease	201.00	
Oct. 7—Mads M. Thomsen	71	Viborg, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1908	Carcinoma	250.00	
Oct. 18—Cornelius Jorgensen	77	Svendborg, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1905	Uremia	915.65	
Sept. 15—Jens C. Christensen	82	Odense, Denmark	32	New Haven, Conn.	1894	Coronary Thrombosis	808.51	
Oct. 12—Jens Peter A. Lobner	75	Haderslev, Denmark	32	New Haven, Conn.	1909	Heart Disease	474.66	
Oct. 31—Chris C. A. Jensen	75	Gentofte, Denmark	263	Askov, Minn.	1922	Not Given	500.00	
Oct. 2—Martinus Jensen	68	Denmark	242	Erie, Pa.	1906	Arteriosclerosis	500.00	
Oct. 13—Otto Olsen Brammer	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, N. Y.	1907	Not Given	460.92	
Oct. 30—Arnold E. C. Petersen	61	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1916	Coronary Infarct	250.00	
Oct. 12—Marius G. Madsen	63	Randers, Denmark	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1909	Heart Disease	963.64	
Oct. 23—Aage Skonning	87	Aarhus, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1909	Coronary Occlusion	989.84	
Oct. 17—Hans Jacobsen	87	Slesvig, Denmark	184	Hayward, Calif.	1904	Cerebral Thrombosis	201.34	
Oct. 28—Arthur M. Olesen	55	Minden, Nebraska	263	Askov, Minn.	1918	Not Given	1,000.00	
Oct. 22—Christian Severin Nielsen	84	Vejlby, Denmark	39	Oakland, Calif.	1905	Arteriosclerosis	198.54	
Oct. 25—Jens H. Jensen	75	Aerø, Denmark	53	Atlantic, Iowa	1917	Carcinoma	500.00	
Nov. 10—Frederick J. Fredericksen	84	Horsens, Denmark	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1915	Coronary Thrombosis	246.32	
Sept. 28—Carl Olsen	71	Ringkøbing, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1940	Not Given	Social	
Oct. 14—Frederck J. Nullmeyer	55	San Francisco, Calif.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1952	Not Given	Social	
Nov. 8—Anders F. A. Anholth	73	Denmark	227	Detroit, Mich.	1930	Not Given	Social	
Oct. 17—Lauritz B. Spliid	76	Hals, Denmark	42	Spokane, Wash.	1935	Not Given	Social	

(Omitted last month for lack of space)

# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

Rudolph Olsen, 210 Post Street, San Francisco 8, California

In the December issue I gave you the dates of the various installation of officers by our president, Brother Dan Andersen. The list remains substantially the same, with these exceptions:

Solvang Lodge No. 299 will now have installation on January 16.

Oakland Lodge No. 39 have changed to January 27.

Ripon Lodge No. 332 will have installation on February 17.

May I again remind you to come to lodge on the evening of installation. Your lodge will have something special on that night, some of the lodges will have a dinner party and others will have some form of entertainment, which you cannot afford to miss. Dan tells me that the finest form of entertainment you can show him on the evening of installation will be the initiation of a candidate or better still several candidates. So come and do your part, our president will do his part.

By the way, I am informed that Brother Andersen will show his beautiful film of Denmark after the installation in Ferndale. In Solvang the film will be shown Sunday evening on January 15 at the Danish Old People's Home. And if any of the other lodges would like to have Dan show his film, either after the installation or at some other evening, please drop him a note and I know he will be glad to respond.

As this is written we are getting very alarming reports from many places in northern and central California relative to the flood situation. And after a week of heavy rain and storm the situation is really very grave. Many of our brethren are located in areas entirely cut off from the rest of the state, particularly in and around Eureka and we can only hope they are saved from the flood disaster, the worst in the history of California.

The month of December is the month for Christmas celebration in our lodges, and it is a safe guess that most of our lodges have celebrated this season one way or another. In San Francisco it started after the meetings of our two lodges on Wednesday, December 14. During the past few years this second Wednesday in December has been set aside for the two lodges to really get together. This year was no exception. The good ladies of the Sisterhood had spent most of Wednesday afternoon at the lodge hall making sandwiches and decorating the tables. As I understand it they had prepared for about 125, but in nothing flat the hall was filled with about 200 people who wanted to celebrate with us. After the sandwiches, beer, cake and coffee, our president, Brother Henning Jensen, bid use all welcome and turned the meeting over to your scribe, who introduced various members of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. I believe, however, that the big attraction of the evening was the singing of Danish Christmas carols. Through the courtesy of Dan Chr. Andersen, a little booklet containing all the familiar Danish hymns, published by the Norwegian American Line, was placed at each plate. The singing was under the direction of Brother Carl Sorensen, assisted by Sister Else Rønberg, with Dan Andersen at the Baldwin and Edmund Nielsen with his violin. About 15 of our young Danish members gathered around the piano and it is a long time since I have heard such beautiful Christmas singing. For those of us born in Denmark

and have had our schooling there, these carols were delightful. Most of us knew them by heart and regardless of how many years have rolled by since we sat on the school bench we still remembered such hymns as "Det kimer nu til Julefest" or "Et barn er født i Bethlehem" and many, many others. After it was over, one lady told me she had been in this country over 40 years and this was the most beautiful Christmas evening she had had in all these years. We are deeply grateful for the splendid committee who did the work as well as to Brother and Sister Nick Daphne for donating the many bottles of Danish Akvavit.

On the same evening the two lodges had election of officers. The Sisterhood elected Sister Elsa Petersen as their president for the ensuing term and the brethren in No. 49 re-elected its very popular young president, Brother Henning Jensen, for another year. As you know, we have had the good fortune of having a good many younger men interested in our lodges and the leading positions will be held by them in the new setup. However, while we need young blood with initiative, we are also fortunate as to have older men with experience, I have particularly Brother Louis Jørgensen in mind, who was elected Financial Secretary for the

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35th time. You members of 49 who are not coming to meeting these days are missing an evening of fun.

During the past month we have had another affair in San Francisco, which I feel was outstanding. The affair I have in mind was the "Herrefrokost" given in honor of one of 49's outstanding members, Brother Fred Jensen Bakke. I believe I have written this before, but perhaps I may be forgiven for repeating it, and it is this; too often we stand at the bier of a brother who has passed away, and the minister is telling us about his virtues. Would it not be better to tell this to the brother while he is still alive and can realize he is appreciated? I think so, and so did the brethren of 49 when they arranged the lunch for Brother Bakke. However, it was not only the members of 49 who showed their appreciation but also the members of Denmark No. 2 of Dania, Norden, the Danish Club and the rest of the many organizations of which he is a member. The first committee on which I worked with Bakke was the California Denmark Excursion in 1930 on which committee Brother Bakke was chairman, and I still maintain that it was the best arranged excursion to Denmark ever arranged by any group. During the war he was a member of the Danish War Bond Committee and the Committee which took care of the Danish sailors when they came to San Francisco. After the war the Danish King, decorated Brother Bakke with "Christian IX's Frihedsmedalje," a decoration truly deserved. For years he has been chairman of 49's yearly banquet committee and many, many other committees too numerous to mention.

Brother Chris Pedersen, Past Grand President of Dania of California, was, I believe, the leading man behind the affair, and he started the speeches by paying a beautiful tribute to Brother Bakke. It might be mentioned that both of them have worked together for many years on the board of the Danish Old People's Home "Aldersly." Brother Dan Chr. Andersen, president of the General Committee, likewise paid tribute, as did Brother Emanuel Jurvig, Grand Secretary of Dania, Brother John Jørgensen, Brother Carl Sørensen, the writer and many, many others. Brother Morton Brun had decorated the tables with flowers, Brother Edmund Nielsen had made a very large letter "B" in ice and Brother Jack Hansen was in charge of the kitchen and Brother Henning Jensen and his corps of young officers and others assisted at the tables. I dare say the whole thing was a complete surprise to Brother Bakke and I need not tell you he was very touched by this visible showing of appreciation from his brethren and friends. Truly it was a case of "Violer til de levende." And I do hope, that many of you lodges who have members who have worked for your lodge for years, that you, too, will remember to tell these brethren that you love and appreciate their work. To Brother Bakke — lots of happiness in the days ahead.

This afternoon I turned the radio on and to my big surprise a choir was singing "Et Barn er født i Bethlehem" and later on there was a record of Carl Brison singing "Det kimer nu til Julefest." I got the station purely by accident and found it was KLOK in San Jose, and later on I learned the program was sponsored by the Dan Andersen Travel Service. It was a lovely program and I understand it is on every Saturday afternoon.

In the last issue of our Magazine I noticed with great interest that our Danish Brotherhood have chosen the Swedish American Line to carry the Danish Brotherhood Excursion to Denmark in 1957. I am personally

interested in this because as some of you will remember, I seconded Brother John Hansen's motion to have the excursion. I believe it is one of the finest ways of not only advertising our organization but also doing a great service to our members. I sincerely wish the Supreme Board all the luck in the world with this movement. And I would urge all of you who intend to go to Denmark next summer to drop Brother Skelbeck a note telling him just what you would like him to list you for. Remember it is much better to have a reservation you have to cancel than it is to wait to the last and then try to get a reservation when everything is sold. Get that pencil and post card and write Axel now.

The officers of the General Committee join me in sending you all our very best wishes for a happy and joyful New Year.

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## Resolutions

### ANDERS WESTERGAARD, Los Angeles, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Anders Westergaard, who passed away December 5, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Los Angeles Lodge No. 126:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, California.  
Peter Pedersen, President.  
Hans C. Hansen, Secretary.

### PETER GROVE, Petaluma, California

In memory of our departed brother, Peter Grove, who passed away December 8, 1955:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 143,

C. Hermansen, President.  
J. Winding, Secretary.

### LAURENTZ C. CHRISTENSEN, Omaha, Nebr.

In memory of our departed brother, Lauritz C. Christensen, who passed away October 10, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 195:

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 195, Omaha, Nebraska,  
Burton L. Yahnke, President.  
Chris Jensen, Secretary.

### JOHAN GEORG HENSEL, Waukegan, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Johan Georg Hensel, who passed away November 17, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Dannevang Lodge No. 182 at its regular meeting held November 25, 1955:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a good and loyal member of our lodge, that we hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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

Olaf Johnson, President.  
Tony Jorgensen, Secretary.

### AAGE F. WEED, Hartford, Connecticut

In memory of our departed brother, Aage F. Weed, who passed away November 8, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314:

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

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days, that this reso-

lution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a card of condolence sent to his family.

In behalf of Hartford Lodge No. 314,  
Andrew P. Christensen, President.  
Einar M. Nielsen, Secretary.

### NIELS LAURITSEN, Dillon, Montana

In memory of our departed brother, Niels Lauritsen, who passed away October 23, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 273:

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

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

Earl Mooney, President.  
Arthur Christensen, Secretary.

### ANDERS ANHOLT, Detroit, Michigan

In memory of our departed brother, Anders Anholt, who passed away November 8, 1955, this resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 227:

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

Armand E. Larsen, President.  
Sigfred Jorgensen, Secretary.

### LARS CHRIS NIELSEN, St. Charles, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Lars Chris Nielsen, who passed away September 19, 1955, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting October 14, 1955:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our departed brother, and extend to his family our sincere sympathy. Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and in the minutes of our meeting.

In behalf of Lodge No. 92,  
DONALD MICKELSEN, President.  
EINAR DANIELSEN, Secretary.

### CARL OLSEN, St. Charles, Illinois

In memory of our departed brother, Carl Olsen, who passed away on September 28, 1955, the following resolution was adopted at our meeting on October 14, 1955:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our departed brother, and extend to his family our sincere sympathy. Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and in the minutes of our meeting.

In behalf of Lodge No. 92,  
DONALD MICKELSEN, President.  
EINAR DANIELSEN, Secretary.

### CHRISTIAN MADSEN, Portland, Maine

In memory of our departed brother, Charter Member Christian Madsen, who passed away December 10, 1955, the following resolution was adopted by Portland Lodge No. 112:

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of our

brother and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, that this resolution be entered in our minutes, and a copy of same be sent to his family.

Bertel Luja, President.  
Rasmus Nielsen, Secretary.

**SIMON LYKKEMEYER, København, Danmark**

I erindring om Br. Simon Lykkemeyer der afgik ved døden den 27. oktober 1955 vedtog loge 318 ved mødet den 28. de at beklæde sit Alter med sørgeflor for et tidsrum af 30 dage og Præsidenten rejste logen i et minut tavshed for et ære være hans minde,

A. Schjøler Linck, fung, Præsident.  
Alb. Petersen, Sekretær.

## The Dan-America Archives Will Celebrate 25th Anniversary

A new year is on its way — 1956, and it will be a memorable year for the Dan-America Archives, as we shall be celebrating our 25 years jubilee. The Archives opened its doors the 5th of July, 1931.

How did the first 25 years go? We received much wonderful material for which we are very grateful, but financially — not so good. Here is a place, a task, my countrymen over there have totally neglected. I do know as well as anybody else, how generous and helpful the Danes in U. S. A. and Canada are, but — they have **not** been generous to the Archives, and yet — as we all know, a few thousand dollars could so easily create the right and sound basis for this institution, which is — as all of us know — a monument for every single Danish emigrant, be he or she old or young, rich or poor, of 1st, 2nd or 3rd generation.

I have often asked myself: "What is the reason?" "Is there too little publicity about the Archives?" "Why can the Danes — seemingly rather easy — create big foundations, build children's homes, erect monuments for this or that, when they cannot collect funds for the biggest of all monuments: The Saga of the Danish Emigrants?"

A few wealthy Americans of Danish birth could easily make the future of the Archives safe; we lack money for buying new material, for the binding of books, we lack — SPACE, i. e. a building all our own with suitable rooms. Just imagine that every Dane in U. S. A. and Canada gave 5, 10 or 20 dollars each, it would be a huge sum in Danish money.

My highest and deepest wish for the coming year — the jubilee year — is, that my countrymen over there will think of the Archives — and let the thought take a concrete form of checks or dollars, so that 1956 really becomes one of the big milestones in the history of the Archives.

I wish you, Mr. Editor, and all your readers a happy Christmas and a bright, blessed new year, and from the bottom of my heart I thank all of you, who in the past year have sent us material and financial help, and am with kind, personal greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

John H. Nissen, 4621 Marple St., Philadelphia 36, Pa.

Well, here we are in a new year again. Tempest sure does fugit.

Things are looking up a bit on the eastern front, if the news reaching your correspondent's mail box is any criterion. Not only was December a busy month from the standpoint of elections and social activities, but we are pleased to note mention of new members being initiated in several lodges.

No sooner had we all our mail lined up on the dining table to work up this column when our dear darling daughter arrived home from college for the holidays with a mass of extra-curricular home-work. No, not boys; this time it was material on consumer spending on the campus of Pennsylvania State University, a survey for the Student Marketing Institute in New York. That excluded your correspondent from access to said dining table for a couple of nights because she, too, had a deadline.

**Denmark Lodge No. 37**, Stratford, Conn., is a lodge that exemplifies the spirit of "samvirke" in the traditional Danish manner. In cooperation with Sisterhood Lodge No. 16, and the Hand in Hand Danish American Sick Benefit Society, Denmark lodge sponsored a Christmas party on December 28 for the children of members of the three organizations. Lodge No. 37 now meets in the Odd Fellows Hall on Cemetery Drive in Stratford, but don't let the address delude you. This lodge with a low number had 350 people out to an affair in November, and it was no "danse macabre."

**Rosenborg Lodge No. 102**, Providence, R. I., had a fine turnout for election of officers at its December meeting, according to your former correspondent, Brother George Petersen. What amounted to a vote of confidence will keep all its officers in their chairs for 1956. A lively discussion took place and many ideas were projected to improve membership participation and to increase membership in the lodge. On December 27 many of Rosenborg's members attended the Christmas party given by the local Sisterhood lodge at the Sisters' meeting hall.

January will see not only a joint installation of officers with the Sisterhood lodge, but the initiation of a new member in Rosenborg lodge. Installation is set for Friday the 13th, to which the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges has been invited to send a representative. They are also looking forward to visitors from other New England lodges.

**Fremad Lodge No. 116**, Newark, New Jersey, meets in West Orange, opposite the Thomas A. Edison plant. We sometimes suspect this lodge gets a frequent trans-fusion of electrons from Edison's because they certainly are a bunch of live-wires at 116 and there is always something going on.

December 10th saw election of officers and, following adjournment of the business meeting, the Christmas party with which was combined a testimonial to Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen. 73 Brothers were present; and visitors representing Lodges 46, 50, 164, 190, 205, 257 and 325. The Christmas tree was decorated and the candle-lit table was presided over by Brother Paul Petersen of Lodge No. 164, who acted as toast-

master. Speakers included Past Supreme President, C. Bysted Christensen; Supreme President of the Danish Sisterhood, Marguerite Christensen; Past Presidents of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, Poul Thofner and Peter Christensen; the President of the Sisterhood Lodge No. 84, Florence Nielsen; the President of the Home at Metuchen, Martin Schaeffer; and Brother Poul Brown, representing the General Committee. Refreshments included sandwiches, coffee cake, "Kransekage" and beer, the beer being on two Brothers celebrating December birthdays, Louis Lydixsen and Carl Torp. Christmas carols were sung and Santa Claus distributed presents to all.

A second Christmas party was held on December 18 for the kiddies; this one at Elm Hall in Kearney, New Jersey.

Installation of officers will be the principal order of business at the meeting of January 14.

**Enigheden Lodge No. 172**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had initiation ceremonies for the third time in 1955 when the father of your correspondent was made a member of the lodge. Election of officers raised Vice President Erik Solyst to the president's chair, and several other young members from the ranks to office.

Enigheden's LURBLADET December issue carries a "live" illustration of the annual Christmas seal issued by the Danish Home for the Aged at Metuchen, N. J.

The Philadelphia lodge plans to hold its installation of officers on January 21, in the social hall of the American-Swedish Historical Museum, 19th and Pattison Avenue, opposite the Naval Hospital. The program for the evening tentatively calls for presentation of awards, refreshments in the Danish manner, followed by dancing until midnight. A car-pool is being organized to alleviate transportation problems.

**H. C. Orsted Lodge No. 190**, Schenectady, New York, reports in its NEWS and publicly welcomes two new members. Congratulations — keep them coming. One way of insuring a good turn-out on election night is to combine it with ladies' night, and that is just what Orsted Lodge did on December 7. Two nights later, on the 9th, many of its members enjoyed a fish supper at the Danish Hall.

On December 29th the lodge scheduled a Christmas party for the kids; and to prove that they have the stamina, they held their annual New Year's party on the 31st.

One of H. C. Orsted's activities is bowling, and they meet regularly at the Woodlawn alleys to roll 16-pound ebonite balls at the ten pins. It's not only fun for the participants, but it helps to advertise the lodge. Bob Wilkie reports he can use a few more bowlers.

**Peter Willimos Lodge No. 202**, Warren, Pennsylvania, up in the area sometimes referred to as the ice box of Pennsylvania, always has a warm-hearted welcome for visitors.

The Warren lodge called its December 7th meeting a little earlier in the evening than is their custom to permit not only election of officers, but to hold a social jointly with the Sisterhood lodge to honor the Golden Wedding anniversary of Brother C. F. Christensen and his good wife for half a century, Sister

Christensen. Needless to say, all the important people in Warren turned out for this event.

Peter Willimos's Brother James Nordine is President of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges. The lodge publishes a monthly NEWSLETTER which concisely reports the business and social activities of its semi-monthly meetings.

**Lodge No. 242**, Erie, Pennsylvania, in its little heather flower (what a beautiful name for a lodge paper), carries a bit of pointed advice by its editor, Brother Peter Larsen; "Participation is the thing that promotes growth." He was inviting members to publicize any ideas they might have for the good of the lodge in LYNGBLOMSTEN. The use of a lodge paper, if not abused, as a sounding board has many advantages in that it reaches members who, for one reason or another, have occasion to miss a meeting now and then.

The last issue of LYNGBLOMSTEN to reach us was the November edition. As a consequence, we have no news of 242's activities for December.

While on the subject of lodge newspapers, we would like to advance the suggestion that other lodges be placed on the mailing lists of the several lodges publishing papers regularly. Exchange of news and ideas gives the editors the opportunity of using quotable quotations for the benefit of a larger readership, and for the good of the Order. Eventually we would like to see organized a Fourth Estate Club among the members of the DANISH BROTHERHOOD who get out the lodge papers or who have anything at all to do with the publishing industry.

Our mail was a little heavier this past month, accounting for more news content in the column; a welcome change, no doubt. However, we would like to hear a little about the activities from a few more lodges, particularly in upstate New York, metropolitan New York City, northern New Jersey, and New England. A word from our outpost down in sunny Florida will also find a place in this column, by virtue of the fact that the state lies somewhat east of the Mississippi.

Speaking of Florida; there must be enough members of the DANISH BROTHERHOOD down there to institute a half dozen lodges throughout the state. Surely the lodges in the north could spare a few members from their mailing lists to see the Order expand in other areas. There is a tremendous membership potential in Florida, and California can stand a little competition in this direction, too.

With the installation of officers in January, see to it that your local newspapers get a timely report of the event, including names and addresses of individuals involved. This type of news editors invite, because of its readership interest. It is too expensive for a newspaper to send a reporter to cover a story of this type, but it will be most welcome. To lodge secretaries and publicity chairmen: just state the facts, the rewrite man will take care of the rest.

In a future column there will appear an article on the preparation of news about lodges and their activities. If anyone wants to jump the gun a bit they can get some helpful tips from the educational department of the Consumers Cooperative Association in Kansas City, Mo. Another source of journalistic help is the newspaper you read every day; all you have to do is analyze some of the shorter bits and see how facts are presented. A little practice and, by gosh, you're an amateur journalist. But, here we are giving away too many secrets from our projected article on news preparation.

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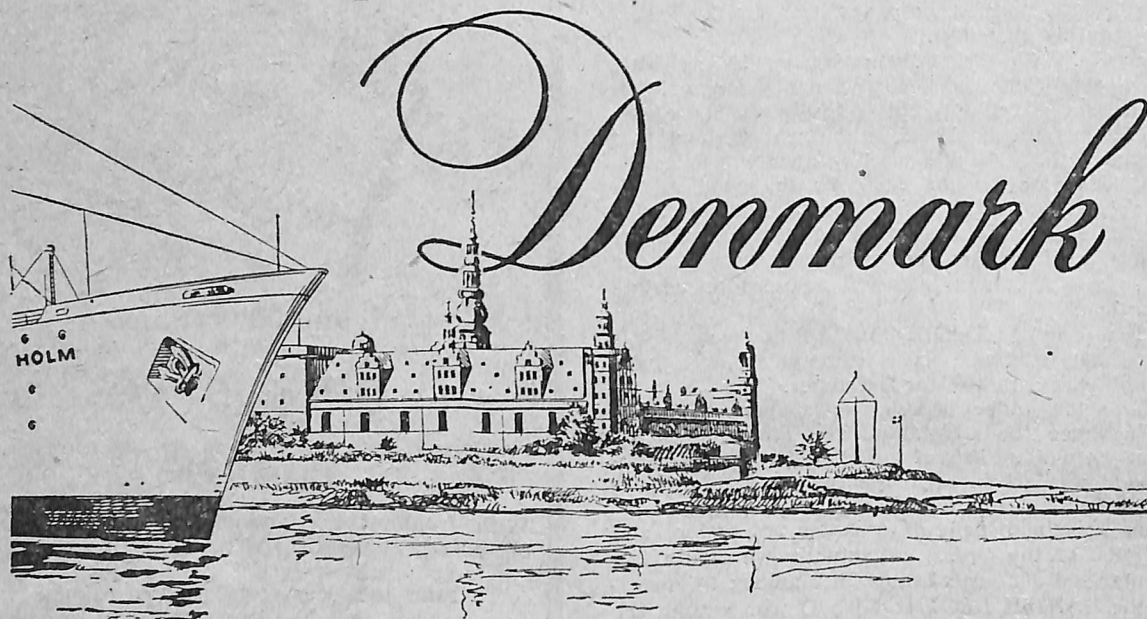
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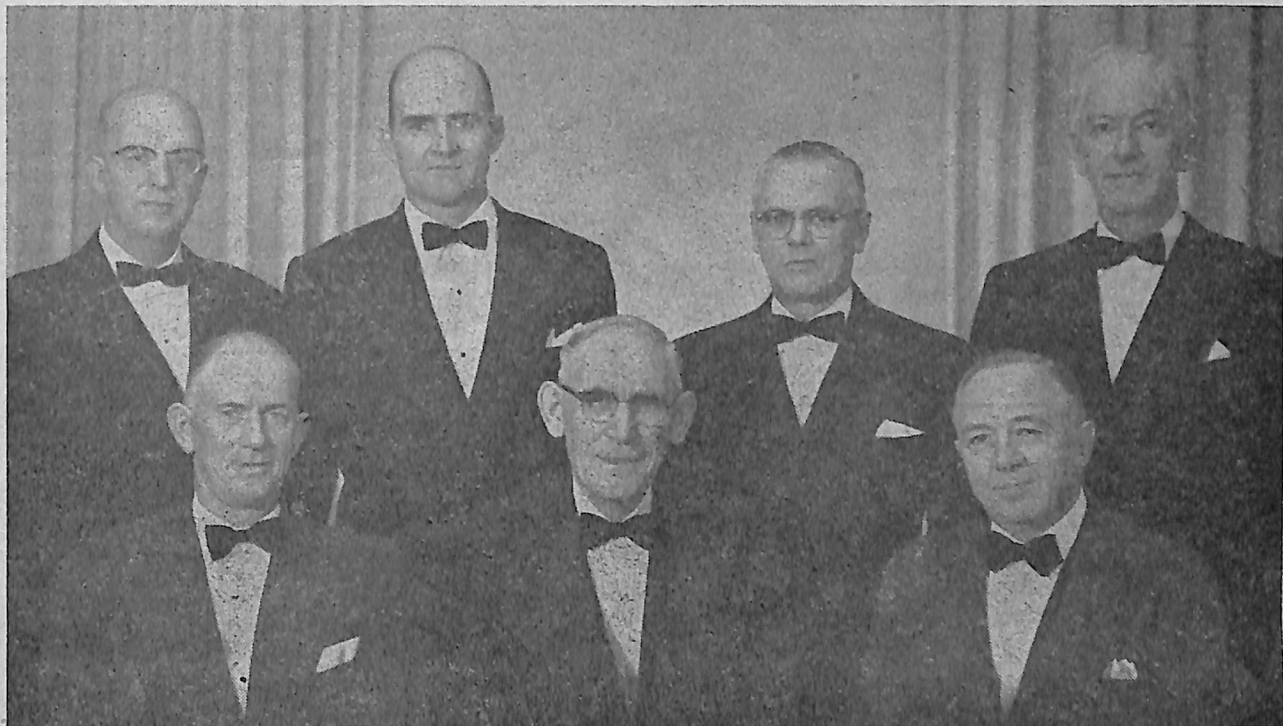
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## Annual Event for "Groton" on the Hudson

A dinner at the Wivel Restaurant in New York City, for the benefit of the Home for the Aged Danes at Groton on the Hudson, on the 11th of December, was attended by two distinguished members of the Danish Brotherhood, Brothers C. Bysted Christensen and George V. Petersen. Brother Christensen was accompanied by his wife, Johanne.

This annual event is given by Svend Jorgensen, who picks up the check while the entire proceeds go to the Home, this year a tidy sum of over \$1,600.

With Casper Hasselriis as toastmaster, speeches were eliminated, being restricted to greetings from the introduced guests. Brother Petersen reports the dinner consisted of smorgasbord, followed by the main course of roast duck. Cocktails and beer were also served. Entertainment was furnished by the Wivel management augmented by the Danish Singing Society from the Danish Athletic Club.

Svend Jorgensen received the plaudits of all those in attendance for his generosity to such a worthy cause.

Many major killers of half a century ago can now largely be prevented through immunization, vaccinations, proper sewage disposal, protection of food and water supplies, destruction of disease-bearing insects and rodents, quarantine activities and prompt attention to focal points of infection.

## New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Edward N. Melby	1	—Omaha	Bruce Allen Melby
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Niels Sorensen	4	—Racine	Sam Smith
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Knud Ruben	49	—San Francisco	Gustav Sckerl
Egan Svangerun	49	—San Francisco	A. Mikkelsen
Viggo Wheaton	59	—Menominee	F. J. Entringer
Martin E. Petersen	139	—Viborg	Norman Ostroot
Erik Solyst	172	—Philadelphia	Georg T. Olesen
Gunnar C. Froelich	172	—Philadelphia	T. J. Jepsen
Harold Boldsen	172	—Philadelphia	Leo E. Lakjer
George P. Banke	184	—Hayward	Peter E. Banke
R. N. Jorgensen	190	—Schenectady	A. V. Jorgensen
Niels Jorgensen	190	—Schenectady	F. A. Augustin
Mel Hoegh	255	—Selma	Axel Andersen
Mel Hoegh	255	—Selma	Ray W. Hansen
Otto L. Madsen	318	—Copenhagen	E. J. F. Lassen
Svend Brauner	322	—Santa Barbara	H. G. Nielsen
Edward N. Melby	1	—Omaha	Verner N. Melby
Chris Larsen	1	—Omaha	David Uhrenholdt
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Almost twice as many men as women have tuberculosis. The disease is now more common among older age groups than it was years ago.

## TV in Denmark

Robert S. Kane (N. Y. World Telegram and Sun) says that there are about 6,000 sets in use. The Danes, the first Scandinavians with TV service, will, it is estimated, in ten years have 250,000 sets in use. At present the cost of sets is high, starting at the equivalent of \$200. Next year Denmark will hook up with Euro-Vision. In Sweden, TV has just passed the experimental stage and is expected eventually to hook up with the Danes. Norway, it is hoped, will then follow. Technically, Danish TV seems to be equal to American. Sets — all Danish-made — are well designed, the picture clear and the sound good. (In Denmark, neither radio nor TV have any commercials.)

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### DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
Oct. 30	Martin J. Jorgensen	72	Aalborg, Denmark	42	Spokane, Wash.	1911	Lymphosarcoma	\$ 980.63
Nov. 14	William Aitken	42	Ayr, Scotland	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1941	Uremia	1,000
Nov. 8	Aage F. Weed	78	Kastrup, Denmark	314	Hartford, Conn.	1919	Cerebral Thrombosis	500.00
Nov. 10	Jens Hansen	65	Slaglille, Sorø Amt.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1925	Myocarditis	250.00
Nov. 18	John F. Christensen	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1905	Auto Accident	1,000.00
July 7	Julius Olsen	67	Præstø Amt., Sjælland	195	Omaha, Nebr.	1912	Coronary Occlusion	500.00
Nov. 8	Jeppe G. Thompson	78	Denmark	142	Brainerd, Minn.	1911	Pulmonary Embolism	476.61
Nov. 19	Owen Nelsen	58	Vejle Amt., Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1923	Cancer Brain	500.00
Nov. 19	Fred Larsen	53	Helsingør, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1954	Myocardial Infarction	500.00
Oct. 23	Niels Lauritsen	65	Lille Rise, Denmark	273	Dillon, Mont.	1926	Nephritis	250.00
Nov. 15	Hans Knudsen Grenholt	78	Nyborg, Fyn, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1922	Bronchial Pneumonia	1,000.00
Nov. 21	Leonard Lund	71	Saeby, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1914	Carcinoma	1,000.00
Nov. 8	Paul Chr. Madsen	84	Vestterp Sogn, Denmark	60	Nebraska City, Nebr.	1894	Cerebral Apoplexy	394.33
Nov. 2	Hans Peter Petersen	73	Esbjerg, Denmark	60	Nebraska City, Nebr.	1903	Coronary Thrombosis	964.45
Nov. 18	Anton Jensby	80	Thisted Amt., Denmark	161	Ruskin, Nebr.	1904	Cardiac Decompensation	881.60
Nov. 10	August C. Kergaard	68	Ringkjøbing, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1910	Carcinoma	997.45
Nov. 8	Nels J. Madsen	94	Krogshøjle Sogn, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1909	Coronary Sclerosis	810.88
Nov. 19	Bertrand Hansen	31	Svendborg, Denmark	59	Menominee, Mich.	1907	Cerebral Thrombosis	898.94
Aug. 6	Andrew Christensen	71	Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1917	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
Oct. 16	Peter M. Jacobsen	80	Denmark	283	Dagmar, Mont.	1918	Senility	250.00
Nov. 17	Johan George Hansel	64	Vejlby, Sogn Aarhus	182	Waukegan, Ill.	1925	Coronary Occlusion	500.00
Oct. 22	Hans R. Hansen	85	Næsby, Pr. Sorø, Den.	33	Tacoma, Wash.	1903	Heart Disease	825.57
Nov. 22	Anders Wiilboll	80	Aalborg Amt., Den.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1908	Myocardial Infarction	500.00
Nov. 19	Hans Nelson	78	Denmark	7	Cedar Falls, Iowa	1916	Cerebral Hemorrhage	1,000.00
Oct. 16	Jens P. C. A. Nielsen	88	Magleby, Sorø, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1909	Not Given	888.48
Nov. 22	Marius Petersen	75	Langeland, Denmark	51	Ludington, Mich.	1901	Heart Disease	500.00
Nov. 27	A. C. Jensen	85	Aalborg, Denmark	65	Duluth, Minn.	1904	Cardio Vascular Disease	829.61
Dec. 6	Hans Peter Larsen	74	Lyne Sogn, Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1907	Arteriosclerosis	471.93
Dec. 4	Martin E. Nielsen	58	Muskegon, Michigan	30	Muskegon, Mich.	1916	Accident	1,000.00
Nov. 21	Martin B. Nielsen	72	Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1911	Heart Disease	1,000.00
Dec. 1	Jorgen Hansen	92	Ertebjerg, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1906	Cancer of Bladder	736.29
Nov. 22	Christen J. Christensen	84	Aaby Sogn, Hjørring	53	Atlantic, Iowa	1909	Cardiac Decompensation	450.76
Dec. 2	Fred Bigandt	65	Lolland, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1917	Heart Failure	500.00
Dec. 13	Christian S. Hansen	71	Usserød, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1906	Arteriosclerosis	500.00
Nov. 21	J. Magnus Jensen	72	Forest City, Iowa	29	Seattle, Wash.	1923	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
Oct. 27	Simon Lykkemeyer	65	Copenhagen, Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Den.	1938	Not Given	Social
Nov. 16	Lars Jensen	65	Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1943	Not Given	Social
Nov. 25	Carl C. Bendtsen	82	Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1936	Not Given	Social