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## Illusion of Immunity

Inherently and with but few exceptions we mortals are imbued with the "illusion of immunity" — i. e., the belief that misfortune may overtake the other fellow, but it just can't happen to us.

Perhaps there is a purpose or a reason for this illusion, as there are so many unpleasant things that can happen to a person in this old world, that if we didn't feel we enjoyed a special immunity, we'd undoubtedly look over the edge of our cradles, then draw back and say: "To heck with it. I'm not even going to try!"

Despite its well intended purpose, the illusion of immunity has been the principal cause of many well-meaning men evading their responsibilities. Often it has resulted in much deprivation, want and heartache for the surviving members of their families.

Our membership itself is to be congratulated for their foresight and wisdom in providing for their dependents. But some of our friends, presently without protection, need to have their vision cleared on this matter of immunity.

So — why not demonstrate your friendship to you friends and acquaintances by bringing them an application blank for membership in the Danish Brotherhood in America, and of course invite them to become members. In short: Sign them up right then and there. Show them our 1955 financial report compared to other organizations. After reading that, there can be no doubt that we are comparatively one of the strongest financial institutions in the world.

SVEND PETERSEN.

## 98 out of 100 Approved for Life Insurance

The day has long passed when only a person in good health, and who worked in a "safe" occupation, could obtain a life insurance policy.

A new report by the Institute of Life Insurance reveals that 98 out of every 100 applications for "ordinary" life insurance are being accepted by life insurance companies. ("Ordinary" life insurance is usually bought in amounts of \$1,000 or more, and is most often used as a basis for family protection.)

Life insurance companies have been able to liberalize their rules for a number of reasons. Among them is the steady advance of medicine, which has helped greatly to improve health through more effective treatment of disease. Another reason is that job safety has been improving steadily over the years.

The development of the "extra-risk" type of policy has also enabled many more persons to get life insurance despite certain conditions of poor health or hazardous occupations. This is done through payment of an additional premium to compensate for the extra risk involved. Yet only eight per cent of policy applications last year were placed on an "extra-risk" basis.

The combination of liberalized rules, and the "extra-risk" concept have made it possible for some people to obtain life insurance even though the medical records show a history of such diseases as minor heart disease, diabetes, tuberculosis, epilepsy, arthritis and physical disabilities.

As for occupations, practically no applications for policies were refused last year because of the job of the applicant. Of the comparatively few applications that had to be turned down, only about one-half of one per cent were for occupational reasons. The principal cause was health, the majority because of certain forms of heart disease.

The Institute of Life Insurance points out that once a life insurance policy is issued at standard rates, the premiums remain the same even if the policy owner suffers a change in health. The same is true if he switches from an ordinary job to one that is considered hazardous.

On the other hand, if a policy owner has "extra-risk" life insurance, on which he pays an additional premium because of his health or occupation, consideration will be given by the company for removal of the extra "rating" when his health improves or when he changes to a safer job. Once the premiums are reduced they remain the same, no matter what subsequent changes take place in his health or occupation.

A good many life insurance policies are being issued on a non-medical basis; that is, without a medical examination. The latest available statistics indicate that about two out of every three ordinary policies are issued without medical examinations. (Most companies limit the amount of insurance they will issue on this basis.) Credit life insurance (which insures borrowers for the sums lent them) and group life insurance are issued without medical examinations.

# Financial Report

FEBRUARY 29, 1956

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand February 1, 1956	\$ 27,434.22
Assessments	10,252.84
Interest on bonds	6,047.65
Interest on certificate loans	3.12
Certificate loans repaid	34.05
Bonds matured	28,000.00

\$ 71,771.88

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$ 19,482.80
Cash surrender	50.60
Collection expense	4.00
Certificate loans	175.00
Investment expenses	840.00
Balance on hand February 29, 1956	51,219.48

\$ 71,771.88

## General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand February 1, 1956	\$ 6,632.84
Received in February	728.24

\$ 7,361.08

Disbursements:

Postage, telephone and telegraph	\$ 54.95
Rent and lights	181.54
Lodge supplies	342.80
Printing and mailing official publication	401.60
Membership reward	4.00
Insurance department license and fees	220.00
Notary fee for annual statement	5.25
Postage for annual statement	10.85
Planographing annual statement	252.50
Advertising, printing and stationery	15.00
Travel expenses	6.50
Salaries to officers and employes	575.00
Employer taxes, social security	11.00
Balance on hand February 29, 1956	5,280.09

\$ 7,361.08

## Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand February 1, 1956	\$ 16,143.79
Relief assessments	20.00
Relief payments returned	14.88
Interest on bonds	112.50

\$ 16,291.17

Disbursements:

Relief payments	\$ 416.50
Bonds purchased	8,000.00
Balance on hand February 29, 1956	7,874.67

\$ 16,291.17

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand February 1, 1956	\$ 6,014.32
Juvenile assessments	180.10

\$ 6,194.42

Disbursements:

Balance on hand February 29, 1956	\$ 6,194.42
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## Assets

Mortuary Fund investments	\$ 4,001,684.30
Relief Fund investments	248,000.00
General Fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	70,568.66

\$ 4,360,252.96

## “Believe it or Not”

Outstanding oldster was Denmark's Christian Jakobsen who died in 1772. Enslaved by Algerians at 68, he escaped at 83, joined the Danish navy at 84, married at 111. Wife died so, at 130, he proposed to numerous women in vain. Tiring at 140, he led "quite a respectable life" till death at 146.

BERNARD SEEMAN.

## Traffic Safety Editorial

Practically all of us look forward to Friday because to most of us it means that another week-end has arrived. The week-end is a time for pleasure and relaxation. There's that tennis game we had planned, a picnic with the family, and perhaps a golf game with our next door neighbor. It's the time for going to church, fixing things around the house, cleaning out the attic, and watching television.

The week-ends are all of those things — except on the highways. In 1954, 13,980 persons were killed and 678,000 were injured in week-end accidents, according to figures compiled and released by The Travelers Insurance Companies. Thirty-nine per cent of the deaths and 35 per cent of the injuries were recorded on Saturdays and Sundays in 1954.

The most dangerous day of the week for driving is Saturday. One good reason is that more cars are traveling the highways on Saturdays than on any day. There is another important feature which sets this day apart from the others. For too many people, Saturday night is a time when drinking and driving are combined.

No one knows how many traffic accidents are caused by drinking drivers, but everyone knows it is a major problem.

For example, walk into your traffic courts any day and you will find them crowded with persons who were involved in serious accidents as a result of drinking. Everyone needs to know that even one drink before driving is too many. We saw an advertisement the other day which said: "If You Drive — Don't Drink — If You Drink — Don't Drive." This sounds like very simple advice, but it makes a great deal of sense.

Week-ends should indeed be happy ones for everyone. Let's try and make it that way. Will you?

In addition to active tuberculosis cases found through routine chest X-raying of all hospital patients, many other chest conditions are discovered, among them, cancers, tumors, hernias, heart abnormalities, blood vessel abnormalities, partial lung collapse, foreign bodies, malformations from birth, pneumonias, abscesses, calcifications and other types of inflammation.

# GROVE'S DBS NOTEBOOK

By Norbert E. Grove, District Sec.-Treas., Pacific Northwest Lodges  
6312 Nyanza Park Drive, Tacoma 99, Washington

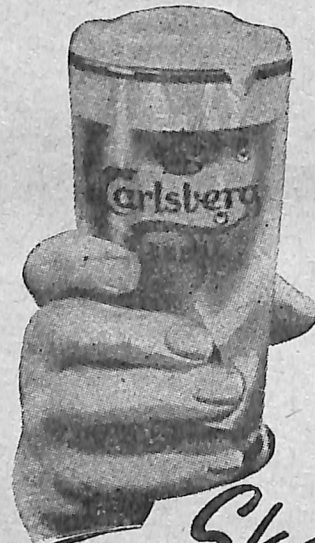
Years ago I learned to pound the typewriter and in addition to the "Quick brown fox" deal, we had another — "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid." This phrase meant little to me then, but it means a lot today for "now is the time" — time to act before it is too late. True, we are continually trying and succeeding in getting new members but that is not enough — we must keep them as well as keep our older brothers interested in the Brotherhood of Danish descent. Sometimes it's a tough assignment but if we all put our shoulders to the wheel and work together towards one common goal, the Danish Brotherhood can prosper and live forever. We have always been fortunate in a supreme board made up of men of the highest calibre and we've got a good sound organization — it's now a question of individual effort and enthusiasm. "Now is the time."

Brothers from near and far continue to send me their "birthday buck" each month as their anniversary rolls around in response to the Voluntary Birthday Dollar club organized by past district president Carl N. Grove in behalf of the Pacific Northwest Danish Old People's Home several years ago. As a member of the board of directors of that wonderful home for the aged, Brother Grove wishes to thank everyone who continues to make this special Christmas cheer possible each season as the coffer is released to the residents. And to that, may I add "Happy birthday and may the rest of your year and all of those to come, be happy and prosperous for you and yours."

If you admire the artistry of a snow-covered country scene, winter can be wonderful, but this evergreen part of the continent has been just a bit too white this season, however, one of the attractive features of the Puyallup countryside these days is the hundreds of acres of daffodils whose cultivation is an important industry. As Sonia and I drove around the beautiful fields yesterday and wound up on a mountain road which leads into Enumclaw where mother and dad reside, we marveled at the foresight of early pioneers who choose this ideal location for their city center. It is natural for me to think of the DBS whenever we enter the limits and it is always interesting to hear the old tales of our organization from Brothers Chris Sands, Schwartz Pederson, Rasmuss Christiansen, Soren Eriksen and others. In a very small building, Enumclaw's Danish lodge began a humble start in the 1890's, according to the almost obliterated records. The Puget Sound country, the foothills of Mount Rainier and the surrounding territory in those days were gained through the process of clearing the giant forests as the population increased and building began to expand rapidly. Aware of the tremendous demand for a brotherhood fraternity among the Danes, self appointed leaders began negotiating with the supreme office and local prospects. With the introduction of the "horseless carriage" into the American scene, distance was no barrier and the DB lodges of Tacoma and Seattle had much in common with No. 113. Surviving two world wars and several depressions but progressing through the

years, we are proud of our fraternal order and the role it has played and now as we enter an era of atoms and supersonic missiles, we look forward to even greater advances.

In commemorating the 67th anniversary of DB No. 33 in Tacoma, Wash., toastmaster Fred Christensen made tribute to all old timers and to our present generation for their constant efforts in forwarding our great fraternity. Declaring the celebration of March 1 as Enumclaw's official visitation to Tacoma, Norbert Grove introduced Brothers Elmer Boysen, Ingvald Nelsen, Oswald Pedersen, Henry Hergert and Carl Grove, all as very active members in both their local lodge and the district organization. Belatedly, this column wishes to con-



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gratulate Sister Mrs. John Petersen, only 90 years of age, who spoke at the lovely coffee table, as did all the ladies present. Respectfully, humorously, historically and attentively, Brother Fred kept us entertained and happy while he looked back over the years in spirits of real fraternalism, friendship, mutual cooperation and brotherly love. By the way, whenever you are in the City of Destiny and you need stationery or office supplies of most any description, C. Fred Christensen — he and his wife of one year, Cora, operate two pleasant locations right on Pacific Avenue.

It is time to choose your delegate to the Pacific Northwest seventh annual convention of Oregonian, Washingtonian and Canadian DB lodges to be held at Vancouver, British Columbia June 1, 2 and 3. An informative souvenir program is now in the making supported by the usual advertisements from individuals, firms and organizations. Send your ads, photos and money direct to district vice president Vernon Tryson, 1278 West 38th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., Canada, at rates of a quarter page for \$12, half for \$20 and \$30 for a full page. Cuts are \$4 each. Room reservations range from \$8 to \$15 for a single room with bath to a suite from \$25 to \$35 at the Georgia hotel, convention headquarters.

Supreme President Otto Nielsen was presented with an engraved cigarette lighter from Enumclaw's Danish Brotherhood Saturday, March 10, at a special banquet in his honor to which over 120 Tacoma, Seattle and local brothers and sisters attended. The nation's "first citizen" within the rank and file of the DBS received the token of appreciation from district secretary-treasurer Norbert Grove who officiated as master of ceremonies. Brother Nielsen told the gathering, which included old people's home chairman John Hansen and several officers from both No. 33 and 29, that he was extremely happy with the genuine feeling portrayed here on the home ground before embarking on a four-year coast to coast tour of visitation. In this spirit, Otto spoke of many things embracing the 1957 Denmark excursion and other joint activities. Dedicated as a welcome to our highest officer, we sang the doxology, "God Bless America," "I Danmark er jeg født," "Der er et yndigt land," "Smiles" and wound up with "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." A thoughtful congratulatory letter was read from Supreme Vice President Hans M. Andersen at Parlier, Calif., be-

fore the respective gavels called the DB and DSS meetings to order.

The March issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine carried a small ad on the last page asking "Are you up in years and lonely and wish to spend your days in congenial surroundings at the Danish home with other Danes, then write to Brother Chris Hansen, secretary of the Northwest Danish OPH, 2560 28th Avenue West, Seattle 99." A visit to the residence at 10010 Des Moines Way would be a far better advertisement — so many, many happy faces are symbolic of the contentment found here by our elder generation of both sexes. Manager and caretaker Brother Hening Nielsen will soon be leaving in order to operate his own Danish bakery on Greenwood Avenue in Seattle and his successor will be a Mr. Jensen from Vancouver, B. C. The former Charge d' Affaires, Brother Arent Nielsen, is presently vacationing in California with his wife and Inger, the little niece from Denmark, has joined the army. Dropping in at the home the other afternoon, I found Brothers Hans Nielsen and George Gertsen of Enumclaw having their usual pinochle game with Brother Carl Sorensen of Wilbur and Brother Henry Henriksen of Dagmar, Mont. They all looked the picture of health and introduced me to a number of old timers sitting around and enjoying the first sunshine of the season.

## APRIL ASSESSMENT

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April 1, 1956

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

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## Fowler, Colorado

For a long time I have thought I would write some things about our activity here in this community and in Lodge No. 161, for as I read news of other lodges in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine I am inclined to think our report may some times be of interest to those of other sections of the country.

To begin with though, I must tell you that I am not a Dane but the wife of a Dane and I think the Danish are a wonderful lot of folks. I am always pleased when there is anything going on at the Danish hall or any Danish homes for I know to begin with there is bound to be lots of fun, good fellowship, good food, etc.

We have a lively bunch of fellows in the lodge here and they have good attendance at all their meetings. The women do not have a Sisterhood as they do in many places but the fellows know they can count on us for cooperation. The highlights of every year are the Christmas tree with treats for the children, at which time there is always a program given by the young ones, followed by singing Carols and marching around the tree. After the wee ones are tired the treats are given out, usually a Santa Claus is present, then the tree is retired to the corner of the hall and coffee is served. The balance of the evening is given over to dancing.

Another big event of the year is the annual meeting of the lodge, the birthday of the organization of this local Brotherhood. I believe it is called "Stiflecestfest." That's the way it sounds to me but I have not been able to find anyone to spell it for me. At this meeting (it is in April) a committee in charge decides the menu and then sends out cards telling each one what to bring. The lodge usually furnishes enough ham, fried chicken, or

whatever we are having, and we all go and have supper together and a program follows.

This community of Danish folks try to hold to the old tradition of visiting on birthdays. I think this is a very nice gesture as we always have nice parties and not much work for anyone. Everybody takes a cake, coffee, rolls, cookies, Danish pastry or something and the hostess makes the coffee. The evening is spent playing cards.

Of course there is always something special on a silver or a golden wedding anniversary and now I am getting down to what I wanted to tell you all the time.

My husband's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Soren Nelson and his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Larsen, celebrated together on January 4, their anniversaries, the elder couple their golden wedding and the younger couple their silver wedding. This was a very unusual occurrence and the people here all turned out to help them celebrate. Beginning with a dinner at noon which was served in the church to the relatives and very close friends then out to the hall and open house for the public and coffee served all afternoon.

At the evening session there was a program and the lodge members presented each couple with a nice gift. Mr. Nelson is a charter member of 161. The day was one to remember and if good wishes and congratulations mean anything these two couples will continue on for many more happy years.

MRS. FAYE NELSON.

Steady inroads against TB have been made in recent years. Certainly the progress to date has owed much to continuing educational efforts which have made people aware of the measures necessary to guard against disease.

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Jan. 22	Janus F. C. Olsen	77	Copenhagen, Den.	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1903	Cerebral thrombosis	\$ 898.09
Feb. 11	Christ Johnson	89	Køge, Denmark	20	Manistee, Mich.	1893	Heart disease	1,000.00
Jan. 25	Carl H. Steen	77	Copenhagen, Den.	164	New York, N. Y.	1918	Not given	250.00
Feb. 13	Jens P. Clausen	94	Maribo Amt, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1902	Heart disease	648.29
Jan. 22	Jens P. E. Andersen	76	Copenhagen, Den.	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1910	Heart disease	479.14
Feb. 15	Lars Larsen	95	Snesere, Sjælland	59	Menominee, Mich.	1895	Arteriosclerosis	695.85
Jan. 27	Hans C. Roed	94	Notmark, Als, Den.	3	Davenport, Iowa	1889	Arteriosclerosis	500.00
Feb. 11	Jens Jensen	56	Odense, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1920	Accident	1,000.00
Feb. 3	Christen Christensen	89	Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1904	Carcinoma	792.53
Feb. 18	Rasmus C. Thode	85	Odense, Denmark	144	Dike, Iowa	1903	Myocardial	836.57
Feb. 15	Espen N. Espensen	70	Ærøskøbing, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1911	Coronary occlusion	995.24
Feb. 21	Louis Jørgensen	66	Copenhagen, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1924	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Feb. 16	Frederick Hansen	77	Kjerulfsminde, Den.	296	Galveston, Texas	1913	Peritonitis	244.22
Feb. 19	Anders C. Christiansen	80	Odense, Denmark	26	Fremont, Nebr.	1902	Arteriosclerosis	500.00
Feb. 15	Arthur Johnsen	59	Harrisburg, Mich.	70	Greenville, Mich.	1952	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Feb. 24	Andrew P. Pedersen	88	Aalborg, Denmark	277	Kensal, N. D.	1909	Not given	1,000.00
Feb. 27	Erhardt C. Kallerup	73	Len Ved Skive, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1913	Malignancy of liver	247.00
Feb. 8	Peter J. Kjeldsen	65	Aarhus, Denmark	89	Superior, Wis.	1936	Coronary thrombosis	125.00
Feb. 26	Karl A. Andersen	73	Odense, Denmark	311	Sidney, Mont.	1916	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Feb. 23	Jens Jensen	85	Slaglunde, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1913	Arteriosclerosis	952.26
Feb. 23	Henrik Jensen	82	Jegind, Denmark	41	Derby, Conn.	1895	Coronary occlusion	819.22
Feb. 16	John Mortensen	68	Juælland, Denmark	189	Baronett, Wis.	1906	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
Feb. 22	Christian J. Jensen	72	Hostrup, Hjørring	29	Seattle, Wash.	1908	Arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Feb. 10	George P. Jensen	76	Kolding, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1904	Arteriosclerosis	2,461.21
Feb. 29	Charles Philipson	89	Viborg, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1903	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Feb. 25	Emil Leffert	79	Nykøbing, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1903	Arteriosclerosis	890.73
Feb. 24	Jacob Jacobsen	79	Lolland, Denmark	35	Chicago, Ill.	1901	Coronary thrombosis	874.29
Feb. 22	Frithjof Thomsen	60	Horsens, Denmark	3	Davenport, Iowa	1916	Coronary insufficiency	500.00
Mar. 7	Valdemar Heininge	88	Copenhagen, Den.	263	Askov, Minn.	1911	Pneumonia	461.04
Mar. 7	Mikael Petersen	82	Grensten, Denmark	263	Askov, Minn.	1918	Not given	500.00
Feb. 27	Carl Jensen	84	Vejle, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1908	Heart disease	224.40
Feb. 23	Simon Jørgensen	86	Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1928	Not given	Social

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Danish Brotherhood in America

### January 1 to December 31, 1955

Lodge No.	Location	Membership	Assessment	Total Insurance	Sick Benefit Paid	Extra Help Paid	Total Assets
1	Omaha	243	\$310.18	\$196,375	\$2,402.82	\$	\$ 14,723.63
2	Neenah	39	40.81	35,250	125.00		3,251.37
3	Davenport	26	28.83	21,250	42.00		5,260.00
4	Racine	532	549.27	282,625	2,925.00	477.82	179,390.29
5	Moline	10	6.23	5,250			19.53
7	Cedar Falls	22	19.96	16,500	234.55		2,786.67
9	Oshkosh	23	22.37	17,500			2,360.56
10	Coun. Bluffs	104	96.30	72,125	719.67		24,564.98
11	Clinton	38	37.28	28,125	95.00		5,900.00
12	Green Bay	23	15.16	15,875			1,188.66
14	Kenosha	204	180.47	113,250	1,191.00	609.20	59,703.61
15	Des Moines	54	53.77	35,875	447.12		6,205.46
16	Minden	37	56.18	26,750			844.00
17	Chicago	224	222.96	158,750			100.00
20	Manistee	38	31.62	24,750			5,353.48
26	Fremont	39	39.58	30,750	341.00	3.00	965.57
28	Badger	13	12.60	10,500		25.00	420.04
29	Seattle	340	348.96	200,000	1,893.94	200.00	50,341.03
30	Muskegon	54	60.62	36,750	110.75		3,201.92
32	New Haven	73	62.79	43,250	605.68		5,232.91
33	Tacoma	36	31.27	24,750	193.00		5,846.16
34	Dwight	91	87.16	59,000			1,841.87
35	Chicago	105	86.84	60,125	927.04	661.46	29,064.87
36	Milwaukee	91	61.74	45,750	323.00		5,456.31
37	Bridgeport	74	74.28	47,250	236.00	100.00	4,560.49
38	Laramie	20	22.98	15,250			3,141.46
39	Oakland	181	194.45	125,625	817.18		45,099.01
40	Rawlins	9	7.21	6,250			760.73
41	Derby	52	38.37	27,125	39.00		5,376.00
42	Spokane	65	81.74	39,750			1,797.60
43	Denver	98	72.05	59,125	390.04		9,706.24
45	Minneapolis	226	217.93	130,500	864.00		9,486.25
46	Port. Amboy	110	105.54	77,125	840.00		7,708.12
48*	Rock Springs	16	30.26	11,250			
49	S. Francisco	347	209.54	181,875	2,299.20		20,160.78
50	Byram	41	39.97	28,250	200.00		3,757.54
51	Ludington	78	55.99	40,750			8,603.13
53	Atlantic	12	12.12	8,500			121.76
54	Dannebrog	18	18.22	14,750			730.00
56	Kansas City	66	68.44	54,750	180.00		2,502.27
57	Lexington	10	9.66	8,500			
59	Memoninee	86	99.17	74,250	130.00		3,350.00
62	Sioux City	42	50.09	32,500	49.00		2,981.93
64	Rockford	50	48.42	35,625			1,700.62
65	Duluth	42	39.96	32,750	125.00		2,942.04
67	Fresno	84	62.47	33,875	310.00		13,872.31
69	Cleveland	42	29.91	24,750	134.50	20.00	3,142.84
70	Greenville	96	96.64	51,500			14,390.13
71	Penn Yan	97	123.23	67,375			
73	Alden	26	34.55	23,875	9.00		1,742.83
75	Albert Lea	78	69.96	54,750	151.00		6,646.33
77*	Turin	14	10.20	11,750			
78	Salt Lake C.	49	72.70	36,250	158.00	30.00	1,755.80
84	Lincoln	44	85.77	36,000	160.00		1,172.14
85	Rochester	14	10.78	7,250			605.87
88	Elba	8	10.45	7,500			48.55
89	Superior	25	10.78	8,625	55.00		847.52
90	Port Reading	22	19.68	15,000	140.00	42.00	991.83
91	St. Paul	70	62.07	43,375	222.00		1,455.71
92	St. Charles	80	83.09	42,125	366.00	140.00	3,501.61
95	Ferndale	44	35.96	27,750	75.00		9,111.70
96	Jackson	35	20.25	15,250	108.00		830.89
102	Providence	22	20.32	11,000	50.00		637.02
103	Waterbury	33	52.43	26,875	91.00		1,109.64
106	Trufant	66	62.89	44,000			2,167.52
107	Chicago	69	78.21	44,625	550.00	25.00	2,263.07
109*	White	7	4.96	4,750			
110	Winside	27	30.92	17,750			886.29
111	Austin	66	44.21	32,875	195.00		2,813.36
112	Portland	45	37.88	27,625	132.25		651.95
113	Enumclaw	86	86.62	41,375	100.00		10,915.00
114	Lake Benton	17	14.78	12,000			
116	Newark	167	155.08	84,875	1,522.20	117.93	5,998.00
117	Plainview	57	84.68	45,250			498.76
119*	Pueblo	5	7.28	4,125			
121	Tyler	38	36.60	27,000			271.40
125	Weep' Water	32	23.09	18,000			215.00
126	Los Angeles	297	380.45	195,000	1,221.46	232.20	25,449.53
127	Reinbeck	14	14.54	7,750			232.43
128	Avoca	16	6.68	8,250			851.31
134	Ringsted	50	44.55	40,375		140.00	531.00
136*	Story City	5	3.34	3,000			
139	Viborg	66	46.76	31,625			10,227.18
141	Irene	11	8.74	7,750			452.87
143	Petaluma	106	99.73	58,625	784.07	18.00	9,318.88
144	Dike	16	19.69	14,250		182.00	2,122.00
147	Newell	59	63.59	37,250			770.54
148*	Cheyenne	15	32.36	18,000			
149	Luverne	52	40.45	24,250			390.00
150	Rorbeck	14	8.95	7,500			
151	Escanaba	8	5.47	4,500			130.00
152	Wilbur	43	49.63	26,750	50.00		1,680.55
153	Dannevirke	15	17.97	13,500			95.19
154	Withee	34	47.01	32,750	60.00		3,423.67
155*	Bellingham	17	23.51	12,500			
157*	Audubon	10	8.77	6,500			
159	Kennard	5	4.20	3,500			25.00
160	Underwood	11	7.79	7,250		52.00	2,276.05
161	Ruskin	17	14.01	11,875			1,189.59
163	Edmore	29	30.23	18,500			2,600.20
164*	New York	142	151.40	83,875			
167	Portland	155	129.32	73,750		804.71	5,869.89
169*	Hubbard	16	10.07	7,750			
170	Rocky River	40	58.77	30,250	55.45		3,955.43
171	Jamestown	34	29.68	19,125	72.00		2,110.62
172	Philadelphia	89	90.10	48,375	423.00	150.00	2,734.42
173	Kansas City	47	49.08	36,375	114.00	30.00	700.57
175	Jacksonville	12	11.30	9,250			293.83
177	Cordova	30	30.86	22,000			711.80
181	Sidney	56	55.40	33,375			2,492.17
182	Waukegan	95	97.79	60,250		200.00	30,497.77
183	Troy	77	93.01	46,000		570.49	7,755.75
184	Hayward	65	69.32	35,250		45.00	3,911.11
185	Madison	15	11.67	6,500			92.30
186	Luck	54	44.53	26,000			4,563.08
188	Del Rey	37	20.67	12,375			5,814.30
189	Barronett	5	5.14	5,000			
190	Schenectady	146	181.65	92,125	752.00	307.25	64,852.10
191	St. Louis	18	9.49	7,500		25.20	1,321.99
194*	McMinnyville	24	23.22	16,250			
195	Omaha	52	79.44	44,875	162.00		1,093.69
198	Kenmare	9	7.85	6,250			180.00
202	Warren	43	30.43	23,750	46.43	126.00	1,639.30
205	Brooklyn	50	41.36	25,125	316.00	141.00	2,685.31
206	Blair	18	11.75	12,750			122.51
207*	Grayling	6	6.03	5,500			
210*	Grand Rapids	20	12.03	10,750			
211	Grand Island	23	23.55	16,625			65.00
212	Waterloo	41	32.40	21,750		219.98	1,952.20
213	Ord	14	11.94	10,750		120.00	875.00
214	West Point	8	6.71	4,500		2.00	31.80
215	Battle Creek	21	13.93	8,875			2,437.90
217	Humboldt	17	13.71	9,250		25.00	413.97
219	Clear Lake	68	79.49	41,000		29.00	3,037.85
221	Latimer	14	9.80	6,750			375.00
225	Canton	37	48.82	21,875	172.50		1,402.58
227	Detroit	314	271.78	165,500	3,924.80	353.68	165,594.72
228	Indianapolis	18	19.81	14,250			127.41
230	Arcata	35	22.80	13,375	166.30		21,951.29
233	Toledo	24	24.44	14,250	196.00	100.00	2,075.42
234	Woodstock	12	13.31	9,375			703.67
238	Juhl	23	18.04	15,375			120.16
239	Lake Forest	27	19.57	15,500		25.00	2,151.77
240	Rochester	32	14.29	9,875		42.00	916.35
241	Sayreville	61	48.18	28,500		227.75	749.46
242*	Erie	166	144.55	70,375			
243*	Fargo	5	3.39	3,750			
245	South Bend	33	38.51	22,000	67.15		1,473.65
248	New York	19	15.69	12,250		35.00	1,491.02
249	Pierre	8	6.46	6,000			41.30
251	Devils Lake	11	9.35	7,500			753.25
253	Ruthton	5	7.57	4,500		20.00	175.00
254*	Brush	21	12.52	12,750			
255	Selma	65	71.90	36,000	300.53		5,339.80
257	New York	69	58.61	35,250	435.00	80.30	1,207.44
259	Colman	14	8.19	7,750		16.00	
260*	Williston	16	20.93	11,250			
261	Fowler	60	54.32	27,250			2,533.36
262	Cozad	19	10.71	7,875			50.00
263	Askov	135	177.91	95,125	200.00	432.00	2,937.31
264	Pocatello	33	43.26	20,000			752.90
267*	Brigham City	12	15.81	8,750			
268	Junction City	66	48.30	28,125	60.00		5,590.41

269 Oregon	5	5.21	3,750						
273 Dillon	40	36.27	21,125	267.90				1,161.53	
277 Kensal	6	7.45	5,000					20.30	
278 Salt Lake C.	27	19.20	12,000					521.07	
279 Hunter	12	16.78	10,000					363.68	
281 Cincinnati	23	21.55	15,750					960.50	
283 Dagmar	136	83.81	57,250	880.00				5,574.05	
288 Cotesfield	12	13.52	9,500					109.23	
294 Barre	34	57.31	32,250					1,549.82	
296 Galveston	6	3.55	3,750					520.74	
298 Chicago	51	50.39	34,500	152.00				2,650.56	
299 Solvang	60	78.02	38,125	340.00	244.30			3,768.19	
300 Oneonta	47	47.65	21,875					2,390.78	
301 Akron	37	34.90	21,750	249.00	340.60			1,349.66	
306 San Diego	48	37.50	17,000					1,869.27	
307 Astoria	10	1.60	1,250					86.40	
308*McCabe	19	17.13	10,500						
311*Sidney	8	8.11	6,000						
314 Hartford	191	199.51	93,625	908.00	175.00			22,046.74	
315 Buffalo	9	16.09	8,500					297.84	
317 Spencer	6	3.54	5,000					217.16	
318 Copenhagen	141								
319 Bakersfield	27	28.16	13,125					1,396.65	
321 W. Palm Bch.	19	14.69	9,500	36.00				1,057.20	
322 Santa Barbara	74	87.34	42,750		30.00			5,146.59	
323 Alhambra	18	25.96	13,000	100.00	10.00			475.26	
325 Nassau Co.	103	110.67	55,875	598.00				7,532.48	
326*West Branch	21	11.17	6,500						
327 Harlan	10	14.11	8,250					163.74	
328*Vancouver	181								
329 Long Beach	11	12.27	6,000					667.65	
330*Prince George	52								
332 Ripon	45	85.13	35,000					1,790.35	
334 Geneva	46	89.53	30,250					1,375.74	
600 Pay Directs	234	197.40	162,750					371.88	

\* The report for 1955 is not yet received from the lodge or has been received too late to be included. The figures used are taken from our records. Secretaries who find an asterisk (\*) after their lodge number are requested to mail their 1955 reports to the undersigned as soon as possible.

At the close of the year we find 204 adult lodges with a membership of 11,269. The total monthly assessment for all lodges amounts to \$10,753.63, with a combined amount of insurance of \$6,608,000, excluding insurance carried on an Extended Insurance Basis.

The average age of all members with insurance as of December 31, 1955 is 56.15.

**All Lodges Have in 1955 Paid:**

In Sick Benefit to Members	-----\$	39,183.76
In Extra Help to Members	-----	5,690.94
Cash and other assets of all lodges as reported amounting to	-----	1,137,571.94

Fraternally yours,  
**AXEL SKELBECK,**  
 Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

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## Resolutions

**KRISTIAN VIKTOR JENSEN, København, Den.**

Med sorg medeles at Br. K. V. Jensen er afgaaet ved døden den 18. februar efter et langt og strengt sygeleje.

Br. Jensen var Charter Medlem, og hørte saaledes til i rækken af Pionererne i logens første dage.

Br. Jensen var Enkemand, men over for hans efterladte datter ønsker vi i tavshed at bevidne noi deltagelse i sorgen over at have mistet en af sine nærmeste, hvorfor vort logealter vil være at beklæde med sørgefior i kommende 30 dage med et ære være hans minde. Afdøde havde ønsket bisættelsen i stillhed.

Paa Loge 318, vegne.

Aa. Willumsen, Pr.  
 Alb. Petersen, Sekr.

**EMIL HANSEN, JR., Los Angeles, Calif.**

In memory of our departed brother, Emil Hansen, Jr., who passed away on February 25, 1956:

We mourn the loss of a brother and a 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 126.

Paul Herskind, Pres.  
 Peter Pedersen, Sec.

**CHRIS A. JENSEN, Santa Barbara, Calif.**

In memory of our departed brother, Chris A. Jensen, who passed away February 14, 1956, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting on February 24, 1956:

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 30 days, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, entered in the minutes of our meeting, and a copy sent to his family.

Robert Voigt, Pres.  
 Harold S. Hansen, Sec.

**HAROLD W. MOULTON, Arcata, Calif.**

In memory of our departed brother, Harold W. Moulton, who passed away at the Fort Lewis hospital, Washington, on the 27th day of January, 1956:

Be it resolved, that the membership of Humboldt Lodge No. 230 deeply regret the loss of a most loyal and true brother.

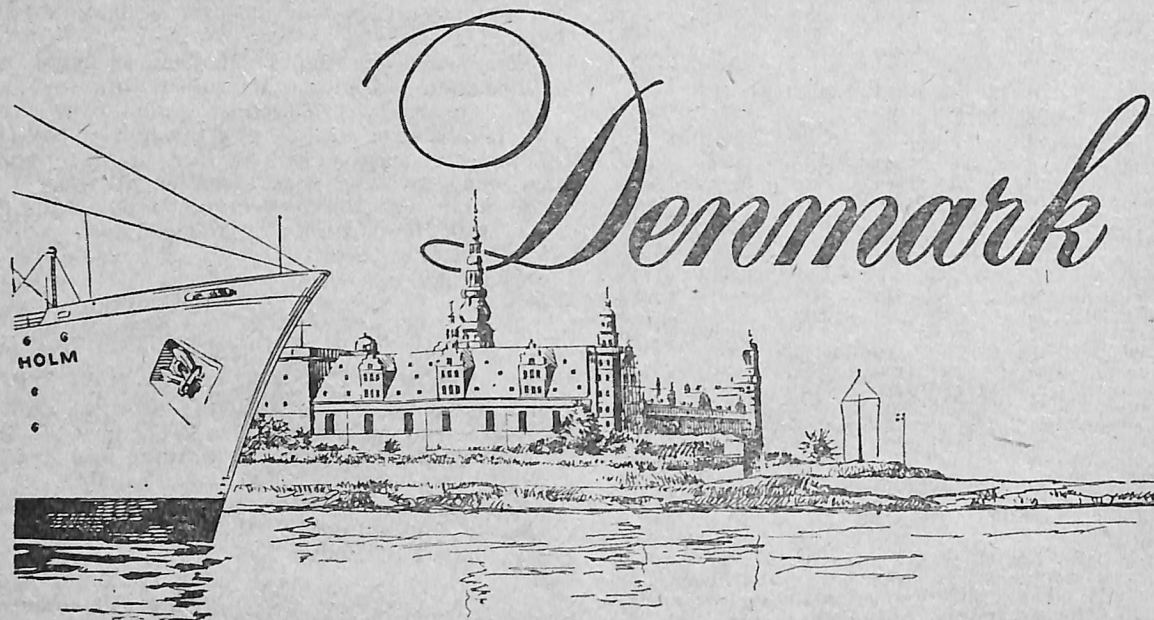
Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days, that this resolution be inserted in our minutes and printed in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a letter of condolence be sent to his family.

In behalf of Humboldt Lodge No. 230.

Iver Simonsen, Pres.  
 Gunnar Ladefoged, Sec.

The problem of tuberculosis is still immense and already has consumed large amounts of human energy and resources. If no more than a truce could be negotiated with this microscopic, parasitic, vegetable cell, eternal vigilance would be required lest the uneasy truce be broken.

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

(Editor's Note: News From The Eastern Lodges failed to arrive in time last month. In as much as Brother Nissen's contribution is just as interesting now as it would have been a month previous we present it as is.)

A short while back we urged publicity chairmen to utilize their local newspapers in publicizing lodge events, particularly election and installation of officers. It is relatively simple to prepare a news story about such an occasion. Just remember the four W's — Who, What, When and Where, they embrace the necessary facts. When mentioning "who," it is well to include the individual's home address, especially if there are several in one locality. You may also make mention of the key person's calling or profession.

Stick to facts, and don't enter into your story anything that could be construed as your own opinion of the matter. As publicity chairmen, your job is to publicize the DANISH BROTHERHOOD and YOUR LODGE. You use the names of officers and members as the vehicle for getting the name of your lodge and the Brotherhood in the news column.

In addition to the aforementioned occasions, you can also use lesser events as news items, such as card parties, picnics, suppers, or committee appointments; yes, even obituaries. Your news editor will appreciate typed copy, double or triple spaced, on one side of the paper only. Start your first page leaving the top third blank for the editor to write the appropriate headline. Continuation pages should be numbered. By all means, sign your copy with your name and authority (publicity chairman), as well as your address. Address it to "News Editor."

In addition to your local newspapers, don't overlook the hometown newspapers in Denmark. After all, there is no better place to start publicizing your lodge and the DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA. For example, immediately after the installation of officers of Enigheden Lodge took place, the following story went to five newspapers in Denmark: "Philadelphia, Pa., — A former resident of Svendborg is the new president of a Danish Brotherhood lodge here." (For Odense papers the lead paragraph had "A native of Odense is the new president of a Danish Brotherhood lodge here.")

Mechanical engineer Erik R. Sølyst, son of locomotive engineer and Mrs. Johannes Sølyst, Svendborg, was installed as president of Loge Nr. 172, "Enigheden," Det Danske Brodersamfund i Amerika, in an impressive ceremony Saturday evening, January 21. He succeeded the American born tobacco wholesaler John H. Nissen, the son of pensioner John Nissen, Dalum Kloster, Fruens Bøge. Sølyst is 29 years of age and is a graduate of Odense Technical college. He immigrated from Denmark in 1952, and in the same years became a member of the Danish Brotherhood when he joined Loge 172. In 1955 he served as vice president of his lodge.

The new president is employed by the Burroughs Research Center, Paoli, Pa. Sølyst and his bride of

last September, the former Lillian Gerd Lunden, reside in Drexel Hill, a suburb of Philadelphia."

With the story went a request for a clipping if it was used. In the course of a couple of weeks we received clippings from two papers of the following text:

"Tidligere svendborger præsident for dansk loge i Philadelphia. Maskiningeniør Erik R. Sølyst, søn af lokomotivfører Rasmus J. R. Sølyst, Øksbjergvej 57, Svendborg, er blevet udnævnt til præsident for Det danske broderselskabs loge "Enigheden" i Philadelphia. Undævnelsen fandt sted den 21. ds. ved en højtidelighed i logen, hvor ingeniør Sølyst hidtil har været vicepræsident, og hvor han efterfulgte John H. Nissen i det fornemme embede. Den tidligere præsident er søn af John Nissen, Dalum Kloster, Fruens Bøge. Erik Sølyst, der er 29 aar, emigrerede fra Danmark i 1952 og blev samme aar medlem af Det danske broderselskab. Sammen med sin hustru, født Lillian Gerd Lunden, bor han i Drexel Hill, en forstad til Philadelphia." From "Fyns Tidende" and "Sydfyn."

Similar copy, including names of other officers, was prepared and distributed to several city and suburban weekly newspapers. That's how news gets around. It all depends on the publicity chairman. Considered this: If only one-half of the incoming presidents of Danish Brotherhood lodges each year are Danish born, just look at the publicity we may enjoy, and the prestige we may gain, by letting the folks back home learn what goes on in the order here.

It may have been a cold February that had something to do with it. Reports from two eastern lodges indicate plans in the making for summer activities by the members.

**Haabet Lodge No. 32**, New Haven, Conn., according secretary George C. Holm, is planning a real old fashioned Danish "Day in the Country" at Art Sørensen's farm in Woodbridge, Conn., Sunday, June 24. It will be an all-day affair, and accommodations are such that several hundred members and their families will have plenty of elbow room. The outing promises to be the biggest social effort of Haabet lodge in years.

**Rosenborg Lodge No. 102**, Providence, R. I., reports the encouraging news of the initiation of a new member into the Danish Brotherhood Friday, February 10, Brother Jens A. Madsen. Also at this meeting they elected Brother George V. Petersen delgate, and Brother Fred. Verdich alternate, to the annual convention of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges to be held in Erie, Pa., over Labor day week-end. Perhaps the ladies are a contributing factor for the regular attendance of close to fifty per cent of Rosenborg's members at stated meetings, which usually wind up with a coffee party with the girls from the Sisterhood lodge.

Plans are under way for a dinner party on a yet to be determined date in the spring. Brother Petersen reports having a fine time at the installation of officers in Eastern Star Lodge No. 112, Portland,

Maine, when he conducted for Supreme Trustee Chris. Madsen.

**Fremand Lodge No. 116**, Newark, N. J., aims to top the 200 mark in membership before 1956 is out, and there is every reason to believe they can do it. Fremand is a very active lodge and has many attractions for its potential members. February 11 saw the new staff of officers get off to a good start conducting their first meeting. As an added attraction the meeting was followed by a codfish dinner with an abundance of fish, cheese, snaps, beer and coffee.

**Enighedden Lodge No. 172**, Philadelphia, Pa., is the lodge to watch this year. With half the officers' chairs filled with young fellows with a lot of get-up-and-go, and a lot of good ideas for attracting new members and maintaining membership interest, we predict that Enighedden will show the healthiest increase in membership of any lodge in the east in 1956. Plans are in the making that should help to bring about the desired results.

**Godthaab Lodge No. 183**, Troy, N. Y., has had a busy season with a Christmas party for the children, and a New's Year's party for the grownups. The installation of officers January 14 was a joint installation with the sisters of the Sisterhood lodge in Troy. Godthaab Lodge is one that looks well ahead into the future. One popular event scheduled for the warmer weather is a week-end fishing trip to Lake Saranac, N. Y. As Secretary Alex Galley puts it, "Judging as they are still talking about last year's trip, everyone is looking forward to this year's and to again catch that really big one."

**Vort Land Lodge No. 205**, Brooklyn, N. Y., was joined by the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 104 in the installation of officers of both lodges January 18. Sister Elsie Stub officiated as installing officer for Lodge No. 104, being assisted by Sister Margaret Petersen in the role of marshall. In seating the officers of Vort Land Lodge, installing officer Paul Thofner was supported by Brother Paul Brown as conductor. Officers and members of both lodges were impressed by the manner in which the ceremony was conducted. Brother Thofner, who with his good wife, manages the Danish Home for the Aged at Metuchen, N. J., brought with him two of Vort Land's members who are residents at the home, giving them and others the opportunity of renewing old friendships. The evening was climaxed by refreshments served by the Sisters of Lodge No. 104. The event was well attended by members of both lodges and a host of visitors from New York and New Jersey lodges. The unusually large attendance prompted one of the brothers to emphasize the advantages of having the cooperation of the ladies, that one might well ponder if an outright merger of the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood would not be the logical and desirable goal.

**Lodge No. 242**, Erie, Pa., has a new editorial staff on its lodge newspaper, *LYNGBLOMSTEN*, in Jerry Johnson and Pete Larsen. Officers of the lodge were installed in their respective chairs January 27 by the president of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, Brother James Nordine.

March will be an eventful month for the members of the Erie lodge. On the 11th, a Sunday after-

noon ham dinner is being served at the Danish Club, in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Brother Ingvaard Nielsen and his wife, Petrea. Before the week is out there is scheduled a St. Patrick's day dance for Saturday, March 17. With Mac McGavern heading the entertainment committee this affair augurs a high success. There will be plenty of music for everyone.

**Enighed Lodge No. 41**, Shelton, Conn., held a ladies' night in conjunction with its February meeting. Wives of its members, and members of the local Sisterhood lodge were guests.

The ladies captured all the prizes at cards. Real Danish refreshments topped off the evening which, according to Secretary Chris. Andersen, "turned out to be one of our most successful meetings — It proved to be a most enjoyable evening for all."

**H. C. Orstad Lodge No. 190**, Schenectady, N. Y., celebrated its 52nd anniversary Saturday, March 10, with a dinner and dance at the hall on Albany Street.

Brother George V. Petersen, our former Eastern lodges correspondent, attending the affair reported guests were present from Troy, N. Y.; Newark, N. J., as well as from Providence, R. I.

President Carl W. Kuehnel bid all welcome, and introduced Brother Henry Bukke as toastmaster. Following the singing of "America" the assembled members and guests sat down to a dinner of roast pork and all the trimmings.

With dessert out of the way, toastmaster Bukke introduced as speakers of the evening Brother G. C. Christensen, treasurer of the General Committee; Supreme Trustee Chris. Madsen; Past Supreme President C. B. Christensen; Brother George V. Petersen; the president of Godthaab Lodge No. 183, Troy, N. Y.; and the presidents of the Sisterhood lodges of Schenectady and Troy. Brother Ole Hansen presented the lodge with a large shield encribed with the names of all the past presidents of H. C. Orstad Lodge which was accepted on behalf of the lodge by President Kuehnel.

Much of the evening's success was attributed to the attention to detail by Brother Chris. Biering, chairman of the house committee, and the cookery of Sister Nina Bukke, who presided over the kitchen as chief cook.

Dancing topped off the evening, and Brother Petersen reports that a fine time was had by all, for which he again wants to thank the lodge in Schenectady for the gracious invitation to attend the 52nd anniversary.

## Denver, Colorado

Columbine Lodge No. 43 initiated two new members March 1. They were Henning Kragelund and Einer Pedersen. At the close of the meeting a film from Denmark was shown through the courtesy of the Scandinavian Air Lines Systems, Inc., and arranged by Brother Chris Jorgensen. Refreshments consisting of coffee cake and Danish pastry were served by Ellen Lodge No. 21.

JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.

## ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with statutory provisions we are herewith printing the annual statement for the year ending December 31, 1955.

<b>Income</b>	
Balance from previous year .....	\$ 4,315,014.28
Assessments on adult insurance .....	130,649.73
Assessments on juvenile insurance .....	1,934.84
Assessments on relief .....	10,082.00
Membership fees .....	237.00
Dues and per capita tax .....	21,246.50
Change of certificate fee .....	49.25
Interest on bonds .....	145,116.21
Sale of lodge supplies .....	287.24
Advertising in magazine .....	1,208.70
Premium on bonds sold .....	54,230.79

\$ 4,680,056.54

### Disbursements

Supreme lodge convention expenses -- \$	18,504.44
Membership mailing .....	713.25
Rent safe deposit boxes .....	181.50
Death claims .....	239,549.03
Relief fund payments .....	6,612.22
Cash surrender .....	3,487.11
Salaries to officers and employees .....	15,933.45
Traveling expenses .....	3,991.77
Bond coupon collection expense .....	80.00
Insurance department license and fees .....	239.39
Rent and lights .....	2,160.01
Advertising, printing and stationery .....	1,324.59
Postage, express, telegraph & telephone .....	911.74
Lodge supplies .....	6.60
Printing and mailing official publication .....	4,808.06
Miscellaneous expenses .....	294.99
Social security, state unemployment and federal excise taxes .....	294.76
Membership prizes .....	981.00
Actuarial fees .....	655.00
Premium on bonds purchased .....	5,977.32
Balance on hand December 31, 1956 --	4,373,350.31

\$ 4,680,056.54

### Assets

Book value of bonds and stocks .....	\$ 4,309,844.00
Certificate loans .....	2,699.35
Bank deposits .....	60,806.96
Interest accrued on bonds .....	36,180.90
Amortized value over book value .....	77,704.74
Assessments accrued .....	21,809.55

Total admitted assets .....

### Liabilities

Death claims, reported under adjustment .....	\$ 5,843.74
Death claims, incurred in 1955, reported in 1956 .....	11,913.52
Employees S.S. and federal income taxes .....	27.56
Mandatory security valuation reserve (all funds) .....	72,204.86
Reserves on C. S. O. 2½% .....	3,187,550.00
Relief and expense funds .....	299,976.51
Special and contingency reserves .....	547,586.70
Balance unassigned .....	383,942.61

\$ 4,509,045.50

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## VALUATION EXHIBIT

In conformity with statutory requirements, we are publishing herewith a valuation made by our consulting actuary, Mr. C. D. Spangler, of the certificates in good standing on December 31, 1956. This valuation is not to be regarded as a test of the financial solvency of the Danish Brotherhood but is made to determine the amount the society should have on hand in order to pay its future death losses as they mature, without change in the number or amount of assessments. The valuation was made on the C. S. O. Tables of Mortality with 2½% interest assumption respectively.

### Assets — Actual and Contingent

1. Admitted assets (net) .....

### Liabilities — Actual and Contingent

2. Present value of benefits promised \$ 3,187,550.00  
3. Additional reserve to protect benefit certificates .....

6. Total .....

Ratio of Line 6 to Line 1 is 109.57 per cent.

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## Official Notice

The membership is hereby notified that Lodge No. 325, Port Alberni, V. I., B. C., Canada, has surrendered its Charter, by a vote of the remaining 22 members in the lodge, and submitted their resignation from the society.

By official action of the supreme board the resignation has been accepted. The lodge is dissolved and the members have withdrawn their membership in The Danish Brotherhood in America in good standing.

AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Sec.-Treas.

## Change of Officers

### Treasurer:

Lodge No. 301, Richard Jensen, 60 Elmwood Ave., Barberton, Ohio.

## Correction

In the list of secretaries published in the March issue of our monthly magazine the address of the secretary for Lodge No. 301 was incorrectly given. Should have read:

Herman Bundgaard, 170 West South St., Akron 11, Ohio.

Kindly make correction on your secretaries list.

## New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Tony V. Madsen	16	Minden	T. C. Jensen
Miller Jensen	29	Seattle	Henry S. Jeberg
Paul Kisbye	29	Seattle	John E. Madsen
Harry O. Thuesen	48	Rock Springs	C. Sandstrom
William Hansen	51	Ludington	Marshall Case
A. Christoffersen	51	Ludington	Albert Bentz
A. Christoffersen	51	Ludington	Henry Petersen
Einer Danielsen	92	St. Charles	William Sills
George G. Nyborg	116	Newark	Frank S. Deller
George G. Nyborg	116	Newark	George C. Nyborg
Erhart Andersen	127	Reinbeck	Toby Larsen, Jr.
H. P. Jorgensen	139	Viborg	Arthur Overgard
Hans P. Jensen	167	Portland	Arne Henriksen
N. C. Hansen	173	Kansas City	M. R. Fleming
N. C. Hansen	173	Kansas City	M. Fleming
Svend Petersen	263	Askov	Viggo Andersen
Nels Christensen	322	Santa Barbara	Chris Djernis
Jens Andersen	328	Vancouver	H. R. T. Nielsen
Valdemar Hansen	328	Vancouver	H. Sorensen
Holger Sorensen	328	Vancouver	August Gadicke

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Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 113 and Danish Sisterhood No. 75, both of Enumclaw, Wash., are this year under the gavel reign of a brother and sister, children of past district president, Carl N. Grove. Norbert Grove calls the brothers to order at eight o'clock on the second Saturday each month while Myrna Rieck, wife of past president, John L. Rieck, sounds the gavel for the Sisters.

## California News

The monthly contribution from Rudolph Olsen failed to reach us by the time we went to press; so we will just have to get along without it this time.

We will be looking for a double header next month.

SVEND PETERSEN, Editor.

## What Kind Are You?

- Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
- Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
- Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock,
- Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
- Do you take an active part, to help the work along,
- Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belongs?"
- Do you ever go and visit with a member who is sick?
- Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
- There's quite a program scheduled which I'm sure you've heard about,
- And we'll appreciate it if you, too, will come and help us out.
- So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart,
- Don't just be a member, but take an active part,
- Think this over, Brother; you know right from wrong,
- Are you an active member, or do you "just belong?"

## First Joint Scandinavian Film is Released

"Welcome to Scandinavia," a new 16 millimeter film in color that takes viewers on a 27-minute capsule tour of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, has just been released for television and group showings by the Scandinavian National Travel Commission, the joint information service operated by the national travel offices of the four countries.

Previewed for the press at a reception in Finland House on Thursday, January 19, 1956, "Welcome to Scandinavia" is the first film of any kind to be sponsored jointly by the Scandinavian countries, and its production was the result of cooperation between their official tourist offices and the Scandinavian trans-atlantic transportation companies.

The new travel film was photographed by Homer Flint Kellems, noted explorer and lecturer, during a two-month trailer tour of Scandinavia and was produced for the Scandinavian National Travel Commission by D. P. M. Productions, Inc., New York.

"Welcome to Scandinavia" not only highlights some of Scandinavia's leading scenic attractions but includes tempting views of its famed arts and crafts and food. The film's musical background is authentically Scandinavian and consists of music by such distinguished composers as Grieg, Alfven, Sibelius and Lumbye.

Copies of the film will be available on loan to travel agents and clubs through the district offices of the Norwegian American Line, the Scandinavian Airlines System and the Swedish American Line.

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## Lower Michigan and Upper Ohio Annual Meeting

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges in the district will meet in Toledo, Ohio, May 19 and 20. Exact time, place and program will be published in the May issue of this magazine. Brothers and Sisters from far and near are invited to attend.

Please send names of delegates and your reservations for the banquet and festivities to the undersigned at 330-15th Street, Toledo 2, Ohio. The charge for attending is \$3.50 and should preferably be remitted with the reservations, according to the procedure the lodges agreed upon at a previous convention.

HAN SOE, Sec.

## Oplysninger Søges

En ung dansk historiker, Sigurd Rambusch, der for tiden studerer ved University of Kansas søger materiale til brug for en afhandling om "American Public Opinion on Denmark during the Second World War." Hans vigtigste kilder er aviser og skrifter fra den tid, men han regner med, at der ogsaa i dansk-amerikanske hjem findes meget, der kan bruges til belysning af emnet.

Hvis De had avisudklip, breve fra amerikanere, eller hvis De husker taler eller udtalelser om Danmark under krigen, vil Sigurd Rambusch være meget taknemmelig for at høre om det og maaske faa adgang til at benytte saadant materiale. Adressen er: Sigurd Rambusch, 1200 La., Lawrence, Kansas.

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