

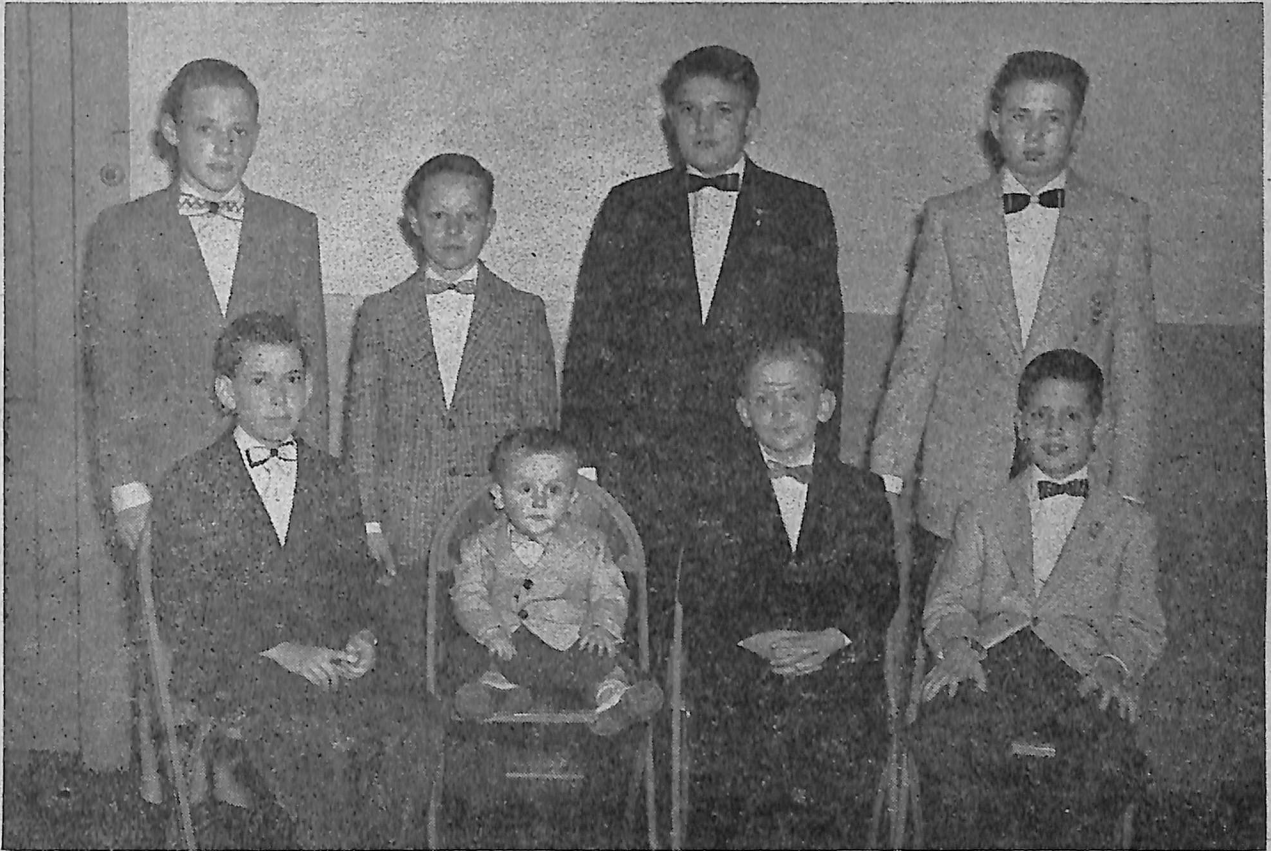
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Warren Has 100% Juvenile Membership



From left to right. Seated: Charles F. Bigelow, William A. Andersen, Carl W. Bosin and Richard J. Caldwell. Standing: Terry W. Andersen, Edward L. Andersen, James C. Nordine, Jr., and Robert H. Petersen.

Peter Willimos Lodge No. 202 proudly announces that all eligible sons of entire membership are now juvenile members of Danish Brotherhood. This, we believe, makes us the first lodge to have achieved the goal of 100 per cent membership.

The boys have become juvenile members at various ages ranging from one month to twelve years.

Lodge No. 202, even though small in size, has always worked hard to support any movement the Supreme Board has adopted. It was our goal, from the announcement of the beginning of juvenile insurance, to attain 100 per cent membership in this project. This we have now accomplished.

The officers and members of Lodge No. 202 have always felt the strength of our Brotherhood, in the years to come, lies in our youth. We, therefore encourage our juvenile members to attend lodge functions so they may become indoctrinated into the customs and goals of our fraternity at an early age, thus assuring, we feel, their con-

tinued interest when they reach the age for active membership.

We of Lodge No. 202 feel if all brother lodges in the Danish Brotherhood would adopt the above philosophy, the Brotherhood will continue to grow in strength and its future be assured.

Change in Address of Officers

Treasurer:

Lodge No. 117, Walter Miller, Osmond, Nebraska.

Lodge No. 260, Arnold Knutson, 821 Seventh Avenue, West, Williston, North Dakota.

The pedestrian record reflected the 5th consecutive year of improvement for motor vehicle accidents in 1955.

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June 1956

The Best Solicitors

Like any other fraternal organization, the Danish Brotherhood must continuously exert every effort to obtain new members. New members must be signed up in sufficient numbers to offset, at least, the loss of members by death and suspension.

The Racine convention created a national Promotional Department within the Brotherhood and appropriated a modest sized fund for promotional purposes. Although this fund is not of an amount that will allow us to do everything we think should be done, it is more money than has been available, before this, and it should, if properly utilized, bring good results.

Certainly our potential field is large enough to provide us the required amount of new members. The problem is, how best to interest the prospects in becoming members.

It is my belief that the Brotherhood, already, has the best solicitors that it could possibly obtain. They are 11,000 members who believe in their own friendly organization and wish to continue its existence.

Personal contact can best be made with eligible prospects, though our own membership, and I sincerely believe that the greatest success can be achieved through personal contact of current member with the potential member. There is no doubt but that within each lodge there are members who are qualified and capable of explaining, to prospects, the advantages of membership in the Danish Brotherhood.

The life or death of the Brotherhood will depend upon the desire of the current membership; concentrated effort toward selling Danish Brotherhood to prospective members can result in mutual benefit to all concerned.

The various districts can give considerable help, because their very existence is based on the principle of promoting the welfare and expansion of the Brotherhood. With the financial encouragement from the Promotional Fund and with the informational literature from the Supreme Board, the lodges and their members should be in the best position to prove themselves to be successful solicitors. So let's roll up our sleeves and get to work.

Fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN,
Supreme Vice President.

Do You Think You Have Troubles?

Dear Svend:

In reply to your request to send a check for my lodge dues, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to the Federal laws, state laws, county laws, city laws, corporation laws, liquor laws, mother-in-laws, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, and outlaws.

Through these laws, I am compelled to pay a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, school tax, gas tax, light tax, sales tax, liquor tax, carpet tax, food tax, furniture tax and excise tax. Even my brain is taxed to capacity.

I am required to get a business license, car license, hunting and fishing license, truck license, not to mention marriage license and dog license.

I am also requested to contribute to every society and organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life; to women's relief, the unemployed relief and the gold diggers' relief. Also to every hospital and charitable institution in the city, including the Red Cross, the black cross, Blue Cross, White Cross, purple cross and the double cross.

For my own safety, I am required to carry life insurance, property insurance, burglar insurance, accident insurance, business insurance, earthquake insurance, tornado insurance, unemployment insurance, old age insurance and fire insurance.

My business is so governed that it is no easy matter for me to find out who owns it. I am inspected, expected, suspected, disrespected, rejected, dejected, examined, re-examined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded and compelled until I provide an exhaustible supply of money for every known need of the human race.

Simply because I refused to donate to something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up, held down and robbed until I am almost ruined.

I can tell you honestly that except for the miracle that happened I could not enclose check. The wolf that comes to my door nowadays just had pups in the kitchen. I sold them and here is the money.

Yours faithfully,

BILL.

More than 41 per cent of the deaths and more than 35 per cent of the injuries due to motor vehicle accidents last year occurred on Saturdays and Sundays.

Financial Report

APRIL 30, 1956

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand April 1, 1956	\$10,923.07
Assessments	9,805.16
Interest on bonds	10,499.70
Interest on certificate loans	33.97
Certificate loan payment	18.75

\$31,280.65

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$17,907.29
Cash surrender	224.83
Collection expense bond coupons	7.00
Investment expenses	1,782.81
Balance on hand April 30, 1956	11,358.72

\$31,280.65

General Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand April 1, 1956	\$ 2,869.23
Received in April	721.62
Investment expenses from mortuary	942.81

\$ 4,533.66

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 28.29
Postage, telephone and telegraph	36.05
Rent and lights	181.94
Printing and mailing official publication	395.51
Membership rewards	83.00
Insurance department license and fees	20.00
Towel service—three months	4.50
Employer taxes unemployment	4.07
Employer taxes, social security	15.16
Salaries to officers and employes	1,407.00
Balance on hand April 30, 1956	2,358.14

\$ 4,533.66

Relief Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand April 1, 1956	\$ 8,150.17
Relief assessments	4,227.50
Relief payments returned	25.46
Interest on bonds	166.15
Profit on bond exchange	150.00

\$12,719.28

Disbursements:

Relief payments	\$ 1,486.02
Postage	6.00
Balance on hand April 30, 1956	11,227.26

\$12,719.28

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand April 1, 1956	\$ 6,378.05
Juvenile assessments	171.37
Interest on bonds	67.50

\$ 6,616.92

Disbursements:

Balance on hand April 30, 1956	\$ 6,616.92
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Assets

Mortuary Fund investments	\$4,043,665.55
Relief Fund investments	248,000.00
General Fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	31,561.04

\$4,363,226.59

Marinus and Anna



Shown above are Marinus and Anna Laursen of Tacoma, Washington. The occasion for the picture is the fact that they are presidents, respectively, of Tacoma's Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges. It should also be added that Anna is president of the Pacific Northwest Danish Sisterhood Lodges.

Twenty-seven per cent of all drivers involved in fatal auto accidents in the U. S. last year were under 25 years of age.

Eighty-five per cent of the vehicles involved in accidents were passenger cars.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

The above captioned area has a varied meaning to a likewise variety of people. To me and to all good Danish boosters in Canada, Washington and Oregon, it means a great fraternity of genuine fellowship between the DB and DS lodges in British Columbia and the two furthestmost northwest States of America. For many years, the late Past Supreme President, N. B. Nelson, and my predecessor as District Secretary-Treasurer, worked in earnest to bring the results which we now enjoy. It behooves us to continue promoting these good feelings across the Border through our simple medium and while we should be ever cognizant of the country in which we make our living and to whom we owe allegiance, I cannot help but again repeat the words of Ex-President Svend Petersen, "a man who forgets the place from whence he came, will never be a good citizen."

Membership in our district of thirteen chartered DB lodges, according to the last official census, stands at around eleven hundred brothers, plus a substantial corresponding figure of DS members who are a definite and vital part of this successful organization. Despite insurance failures which culminated with the 1955 National Convention, Supreme President Otto Nielsen feels that our fraternal and social ties are intangibles and cannot be measured in terms of either statistics or contracts. With this thought in mind, the writer joins his contemporary fellow Brothers and Conventionaires in congratulating Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, British Columbia, on their Silver anniversary and thanking them for being host to the Seventh Annual Conclave of the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges now well underway as we go to press. Our July issue will be devoted to that occasion.

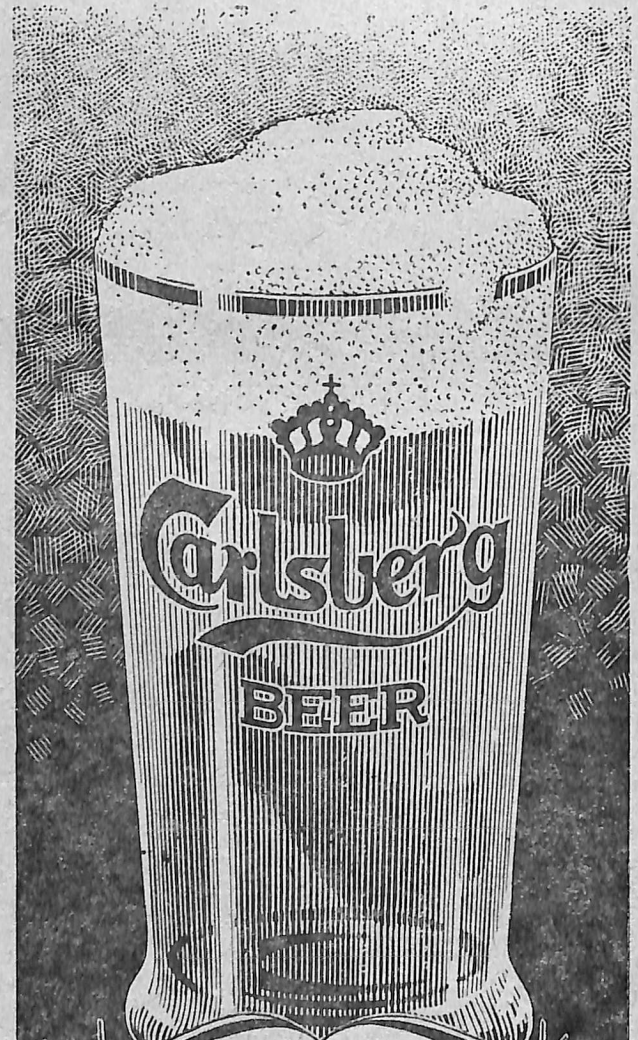
Washington and Oregon have just had the pleasure of the company of Bessie and Vern Tryson, our District Vice President and his better half. Stopping in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Junction City, Vernon made sure that all was in readiness for our week-end stay across the Border. Having served as President of the host lodge for three terms and being very active in the district gatherings, Brother Tryson is well known in the Pacific Northwest. And ardent sports salmon fisherman, in business life he manages the firm of Tryson and Son Iron Works and he and Bessie have two children.

I have just had a nice letter from Brother Fred Fredericksen, 4207 Northeast Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon, wherein he requests information as to a Peter Back with whom he worked in Denmark and whose wife was named Caroline. At the age of 82, Brother Fredericksen is presently on his way to Chicago where he is to meet a sister from the old country. Should any reader be able to help locate Fred's old time friend, please communicate.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 328—Official delegates from the host lodge have been elected to be Brothers Borge Dahl, Einar Plambeck and Hugo Busch; this will be the second time for Vancouver as our convention city; and present officers of this growing Brotherhood are Past President Vernon Try-

son, President Borge Dahl, Vice President George Ambell, Treasurer Carl Petersen, Inner Guard Jens Glenstrup, Outerguard John Andersen, Secretaries Hugo Busch and Hermond Sorensen, and Trustees Walter Jensen, L. L. Jessen and Ejnar Egeberg.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 307—Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Jorgensen is always one of the first to pay his lodge's district yearly dues; and all 10 of



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the remaining Astoria, Ore., Brothers want to extend their sincere greetings to members everywhere.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 268—Delegates from Junction City, Ore., are Brothers Peter Skovbo and Anton Kocks; and a good attendance from last year's convention city is expected in June.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 194—Best wishes for a fine event comes from the proprietor of the Mc-Minnville Auto Parts; and their two delegates are Brothers Fred and Robert Hansen, both of Amity, Oregon.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 167 — Portland's Danish Brotherhood officers this year are, President Sigurd Nielsen, Vice President Hans Andersen, Ex President Henry Barreth, Recording Secretary Hans Madsen, Financial Secretary Hans Jensen, Treasurer Chris Christensen, Conductor Chris Norgard, Inner Guard Peter Pihl, Outer Guard Chris Petersen and Trustees Ed Hirsch, Magnus Esrom and Louie Jepsen; the membership has suffered the loss of the late Brother Christen Christensen, a shipbuilder by trade who received his fifty-year pin in 1954, having been the 23 member to join No. 167; it is also with regret that we announce the death of Brother Walder M. Jensen, initiated in 1951; a newcomer to America but already active on the lodge's bowling team, is newly obligated Brother Arne Hendricksen; and district delegates are Brothers Max Madsen, Christ Pedersen and Chris Christensen.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 113—Brother Donald Holm who now lives in Bandon, Ore., is the proud father of Larry Dean, born May 3; Brother Nels Johnson, long since returned, nevertheless enjoyed his trip to the Scandinavian countries; Enumclaw's traditional Christmas party was not staged until the 29 this past season; in behalf of DB 113, contacting prospects and delinquent members, Brother Henry Hergert and I spent a sociable afternoon from stop to stop with Brother Soren Pedersen and his son, Jim, an air force career soldier; during the worst of our winter, Brothers Harold and Donald Holm weathered the icy roads and frosty atmospheres to drive from Seattle to Enumclaw for the regular monthly meeting; Charter Brother Swartz Pedersen was the subject of "This is Your Life" as Sisterhood President Myrna Rieck directed a local take-off of the popular television show; Carol, daughter of Brother Oswald Pedersen, is a straight "A" student in the White River senior school; Delmer, son of district conductor Elmer Boysen, is graduating from the Bellingham Teacher's college this spring, as is Thomas, Jr., from the university, son of Brother Tom Hansen; Past Presidents Jens P. Holm and Ingvald Nelsen were duly elected to be delegates to the summer convention; we were again pleasantly surprised with another lodge visitation from Brother "Far" Hans P. Nielsen who brought personal greetings from his Old People's Home associates; Past President Hans Kjar, who has been nursemaid to his ailing wife for many months, is now also bedridden; visitors from Newell, Iowa, last month included Brother Harold Larson of Lodge No. 147 and Helena, widow of the late Brother Martin Jensen; and Brother Ove C. Miller of Buckley is again in a Tacoma hospital convalescing from another operation and heart attack.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 42 — Past District Presidents, Ingvald and June Eskeberg, enroute on

a world tour abroad the freighter "Patagonia," send their best wishes to Brothers and Sisters everywhere; and since neither Brothers John Bech and Donald Durkee will be at Vancouver, Spokane will be represented by Brothers Peter A. Briggs and Hugo Dall.

NEW FROM LODGE NO. 29—Elected delegates from Seattle follow: Chris Hansen, Sam Fredricksen, John A. Hansen, Albert Algaard and Einar Hansen; and a bumper crop from the district's largest lodge is always assured.

In conclusion, speaking for the Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood, this column desires to extend bon voyage and a splendid trip to Supreme Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. Axel Skelbeck who leave for Denmark this month.

The MS "Oslofjord" of the Norwegian America Line sailed on November 29th from New York bound for Norway and Denmark on her annual Christmas sailing with Christmas trees 13 feet tall atop both masts. Similarly a towering Christmas tree was lashed to the foremast in the same true Scandinavian seafaring tradition when the Swedish American Line flagship MS "Kungsholm" sailed from New York on December 2nd on her annual Christmas excursion.

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75th Jubilee Tour to Denmark-1957

It is a pleasure to report that on May 16 we were in position to mail detailed information about the Jubilee Tour to Denmark to 231 persons who up until that date had indicated their intentions to visit Denmark as participants in the Tour. The deposit to secure reservation is now being received. This is also a reminder to those who have not yet mailed their deposit to do so immediately because we are not permitted to protect anyone with space who has not paid a deposit. The deposit is \$60.00 for each adult person and \$30.00 for children under age 12.

To receive the Jubilee Tour package of information write to:

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Resolutions

CARL HENRY JENSEN, Junction City, Ore.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our Brother Carl Henry Jensen, and that we hereby extend our sympathy to his family.

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

Godtfred Jensen, Pres.
Fred Petersen, Sec.

LOUIS C. JOHNSON, Newell, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Louis C. Johnson, who passed away April 5, 1956:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 147.

Arnold Rasmussen, Pres.
Elmer Jensen, Sec.

THOR JENSEN, Santa Barbara, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Thor Jensen, who passed away on May 5, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 322:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother, and that we extend our sincere sympathy to his family, that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a card of condolence be sent to his family, and that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days.

In behalf of Lodge No. 322.

Robert Voigt, Pres.
Harold Hansen, Sec.

NEILS L. CHRISTENSEN, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Neils L. Christensen, who passed away on April 13th, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Steen, Steensen, Blicher Lodge No. 107:

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

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

Thomas Jensen, Pres.
Wilbur Jensen, Sec.

JOHN DEDRIC FUNK, Brigham City, Utah

We, the members of "Sorgenfri" Lodge No. 267, of the Danish Brotherhood of America, have in respect to the memory of Brother John Dedric Funk, age 81, who passed away Tuesday, May 1, 1956, prepared and submit the following resolution of respect:

Be it resolved, that we deeply mourn the passing of a loyal and true friend and brother. A brother to whom the well being and best interest of the lodge has been of paramount importance since its inception in Brigham City.

It is further resolved, that we hereby extend to the family of our departed friend and brother, our sincere sympathy and understanding of their great loss and sorrow at this time.

Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of our departed friend and brother, John Dedric Funk, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and made a portion of the minutes of Lodge No. 267, and a copy sent to his bereaved family.

Dated this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord, A. D. 1956.

Elmer A. Klitgaard, Pres.
C. Henry Nielsen, Sec.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

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

On June 25, 1896, Gimle Lodge No. 95 was organized in Ferndale, Calif., and hence will celebrate its 60th birthday this month. In order to have the celebration coincide with the Scandinavia Midsummer Festival, the celebration will begin with a banquet in the Danish hall in Ferndale, Friday evening June 15. Invitations have been sent to the various officers of the Supreme Board and the General Committee. At this writing I am not certain as to whether or not I shall be able to find time to participate but certainly the invitation is a very tempting one. It was in this little Danish town that Mrs. Olsen was born in the Danish parsonage and had her childhood.

The Scandinavian Midsummer Festival used to be held in the Pacific Lumber Company's picnic grounds and dance hall. But the flood disaster last December destroyed the grounds entirely. So this year the celebration will be held in Fortuna Firemen's Park in Fortuna. The Hon. Frode Schøn, Danish Consul General in San Francisco has accepted an invitation to be present, and I understand Consular representatives from some of the other Scandinavian Consulates will be present. These festivals have been held now for many years past and are constantly growing in popularity. This year there will be a folk dancing confest and any group of not less than four may participate, so here is a chance for some of the various groups in northern California to send a team to Fortuna.

I recently suggested to you good brethren who were going to Denmark this summer to visit Lodge No. 318, and gave meeting time and place. Well, it so happened that I have just received a notice from the lodge in which I am told that the lodge has changed not only meeting place but also meeting nights. The new meeting place is in Berejstes Hus, Emillegade 7, and the meeting night will now be the second and fourth Friday in each month, with the exception of the months of June and July when the lodge meets only on the fourth Friday.

In the same mail I also received the roster of the members of 318, giving the member's names, addresses and other pertinent information and among the members I found two here in the U. S. namely Brother Harald Sundby of Hayward and myself, in that we both became active members of the lodge when we visited there last August. In connection with this I got to thinking about the lodge in Denmark and its representation, or lack of representation, at the national convention. There are several paragraphs of our By-Laws governing lodges outside of the U. S., and I refer particularly to Section 163 in which it states that the lodge in Denmark is entitled to representation at the national convention. Albeit, the lodge must pay the expenses of its delegate to the convention, however, could the Lodge No. 318, if it so desired, elect one of its members in this country as its duly authorized delegate to a national convention? At the convention, would he be entitled to the usual per diem expenses? Does anyone care to answer?

I have just received The Danish Grapevine, the chatty little newsletter published by the two lodges in Santa Barbara. Too bad more lodges do not use

this means of keeping their members informed as to what goes on. The newsletter is filled with chit-chat about the various members and their families, and after all the most important news is about one's own family or circle of friends. From it we learn that Hans Andersen and his good wife, Clara, together with Alfred and Marna Nielsen, our junior ex-president of the General Committee made a visit to Santa Barbara to visit Nels and Anna Christensen. Does one need to guess what they talked about? Of course not. The womenfolk were busy talking about the General Committee and the men undoubtedly talked on lofittier subjects, namely the Brotherhood as a whole. Which is the way it ought to be. I have a sneaking suspicion that the Santa Barbara lodges and the lodges in Selma will fight for our convention in 1957, only to loose out to Bakersfield. "Hvadbehag?"

After having had offices in the Mills Building for 46 years, the Danish Consulate General for the Pacific coast, recently moved its offices to the World Trade Center, Ferry Building, San Francisco. From the beautiful offices, the Consul General, Mr. Frode Schøn and his corps of assistants have a marvelous view over the San Francisco Bay, the Bay Bridge and the busy harbor.

The "Majfest" which was held May 5 by the two lodges in San Francisco was a very lovely affair. The lodges are very grateful to the many visitors from Petaluma, Oakland, Hayward and of course, Ripon who came to help us put this over. Brother Henning Jensen and his corps of officers can be very proud of the work they are doing. The slogan in 49 is — "A new member every week," and by golly they are getting one too. The next big affair will be the traditional "Espræsident Aften," which will be held June 13, at which time there will be election of delegates to the convention in San Diego. So you old timers come to meeting that night and show the young fellows you still know how to conduct a meeting.

The Danish Central Committee will again this year arrange for "Grundlovsfesten" June 3 in Golden Gate Park. The park band will play Danish music sent over here by the city of Copenhagen, through the assistance of the Danish Consul General, Mr. Frode Schøn.

Two of the Brotherhood's old members recently passed away here in California. May 4 Brother Hans Dyssegaard, a member of over 50 years standing in Lodge No. 49 passed away, 92 years old. Right up to the last Brother Dyssegaard talked a beautiful Danish, although he came here as a young man, and as far as I know never made a trip back to Denmark. The other Brother was Thor Jensen who passed away May 5 at his home in Ojai, he was 83 years old and received his 50-year pin September 7, in the Santa Barbara lodge. We convey our deepest sympathy to the families of these brethren.

During the past few months there has been quite a rivalry in northern California as to whom had the best bowling team. The various lodges had practiced for months and decided that May 5 was the day of decision. Teams from Petaluma, Hay-

ward, Oakland, Ripon and of course San Francisco — the latter under the direction of Brother Ernst Meyer met in San Francisco. To make the rivalry more intense, Brother Nick Daphne, donated a gorgeous trophy. After the scores were counted it was found that Petaluma had won with the highest score. Hayward's A. B. Christensen told the writer, "Just wait until we have another chance — and we will take it away from Petaluma." Strangely enough, Ernst Meyer from San Francisco said the same thing, and Vernon Olsen from Ripon was saying something about his boys from Ripon, to the effect that they could handle about any situation you cared to put up to them. So Petaluma, better keep in training because the boys from the other lodges are after your scalps. I think it was extremely generous of Brother Daphne to donate this trophy. Brother Daphne, by the way, is the owner of the most beautiful mortuary west of Chicago.

It would be extremely nice if some of you good secretaries would send me a bit of news, now and then, it would be appreciated.

See you in San Diego.

78 is 62

In the spirit of good fellowship the Brothers of Lodge No. 78 held their organization's 62nd birthday on the regular meeting night, May 8.

The business meeting started at 8:15 and went on in the regular pattern without any special significance.

After the meeting, however, it was quite different when we entered our amusement hall where we have refreshments. A long table was set with delicious sandwiches, drinks and coffee; a wonderful surprise by Mrs. Hilmer W. Hansen and Mrs. Louise Pedersen, the wives of the ex-president and the secretary. They had really gone all out in an effort to put some

festivity into the celebration, and was a very pleasant surprise to most of the members who did not realize the occasion.

As good surroundings always makes good company, the little party developed into a very fine get-together where songs, jokes and speeches were given by the participants. The oldest member present, Brother Carl Hansen, was given a vote of thanks for his many years of faithful service in a speech by Brother Hilmar W. Hansen who by the way, together with Brother John Olsen sang and acted an old Danish humorous song brilliantly and virtuously.

Several other brothers like Ex-president Chris Pedersen, John Olsen and Borge Kragh spoke and congratulated the lodge to 62 still young years. An essence of these speeches shows that although our organization is losing in membership, there is still a strong solid core of hardworking men intact, and it is on those the Brotherhood will build for a strong future.

There was profuse thanks to the two ladies who so unselfishly had presented us with this unexpected surprise party, not even any objections against doing dishes, and when we went home at 11:30 everybody had had a good time in friendly harmony.

BORGE KRAGH.

A cough sprays particles of moisture 12 to 15 feet. A sneeze broadcasts them up to 20 feet. Talking in normal tones sends the particles eight feet.

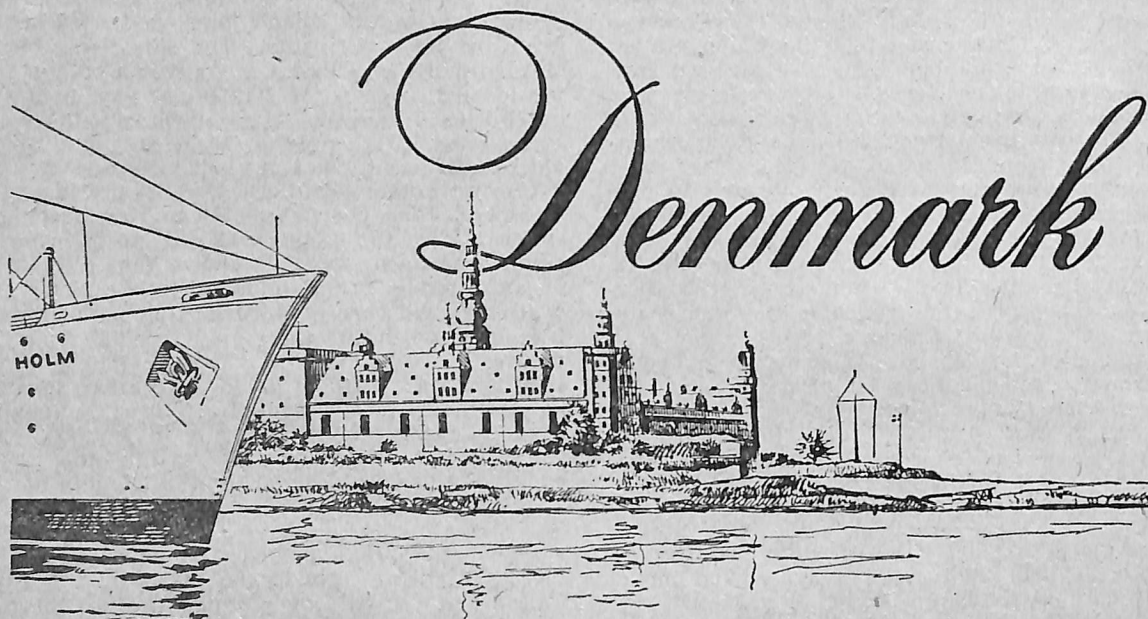
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Mar. 5	Emil V. T. Nielsen	78	Bornholm, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1909	Coronary Thrombosis	\$ 474.66
Mar. 9	Niels J. Hansen	88	Haarby pr. Assens	4	Racine, Wis.	1891	Arteriosclerosis	753.43
Mar. 15	Robert L. Hansen	16	Council Bluffs, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1956	Accident	500.00
Mar. 8	Emil Peter Hansen	70	Sjælland, Den.	210	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1911	Coronary occlusion	995.24
Mar. 7	Chrsiten M. Seth	72	Dannevirke, Nebr.	153	Dannevirke, Nebr.	1902	Heart disease	485.76
Feb. 24	Wilhelm Petersen	82	Vejle, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1898	Not given	413.45
Mar. 1	Louis Jensen	73	Winchester, Wis.	9	Oshkosh, Wis.	1906	Carcinoma	956.37
Mar. 3	M. P. Clausen	70	Sioux City, Iowa	29	Seattle, Wash.	1906	Arteriosclerosis	500.00
Feb. 27	Jens M. Pedersen	72	Aalborg, Denmark	57	Lexington, Nebr.	1904	Internal injuries	475.08
Feb. 26	W. F. Jackson	81	Neenah, Wis.	2	Neenah, Wis.	1897	Coronary occlusion	832.31
Feb. 25	Emil C. Hansen, Jr.	36	Skaarup, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1944	Carcinoma	250.00
Feb. 7	Rasmus Madsen	75	Lundby, Fyn, Den.	29	Seattle, Wash.	1903	Coronary occlusion	927.45
Mar. 10	Heinrich Augustinus	87	Odense, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1910	Cerebral hemorrhage	453.31
Mar. 13	Rudolph H. Hansen	85	Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1903	Uremia	1,000.00
Mar. 26	Peter Thomsen Hansen	84	Ris, Ærø, Den.	157	Audubon, Iowa	1914	Myocarditis	966.01
Mar. 10	James M. Rasmussen	82	South Dakota	139	Viborg, S. D.	1913	Pulmonary edema	956.35
Mar. 28	Hans Abrahamson	70	Vejstrup, Jut. Den.	263	Askov, Minn.	1915	Not given	1,000.00
Mar. 21	Odin E. Nielsen	71	Michigan	70	Greenville, Mich.	1903	Cancer	493.50
Mar. 24	Walter Hansen	83	Denmark	9	Oshkosh, Wis.	1909	Arteriosclerosis	905.18
Mar. 27	Rasmus Jorgensen	85	Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1898	Coronary thrombosis	400.19
Mar. 26	Rasmus Hansen	93	Odense, Denmark	29	Seattle, Wash.	1901	Heart disease	729.70
Feb. 27	Lars Rasmussen Madsen	74	Ærø, Denmark	39	Oakland, Calif.	1909	Arteriosclerosis	963.64
Mar. 13	Carl Henry Jensen	88	Denmark	268	Junction City, Ore.	1912	Senility	235.96
Mar. 31	Anton Nielsen	74	Denmark	154	Withee, Wis.	1903	Coronary occlusion	936.45
Mar. 25	Peter D. Fries	83	Denmark	314	Hartford, Conn.	1917	Arteriosclerosis	250.00
Mar. 3	Niss M. Nissen	64	Denmark	273	Dillon, Montana	1926	Accident	1,250.00
Mar. 27	Jens Christensen	53	Denmark	321	West P. Beach, Fla.	1946	Coronary occlusion	250.00
Mar. 5	Walter M. Jensen	60	Portland, Ore.	167	Portland, Ore.	1951	Not given	Social
Mar. 12	John Theilade	71	Viborg, Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1934	Not given	Social
Mar.	Gilbert P. Hansen	55	Omaha, Nebraska	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1946	Not given	Social
Mar. 28	F. M. Schmidt	99	Haderslev, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1902	Not given	Social

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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News of activities of lodges in the east is most heartening this month. Your correspondent is most grateful to those publicity chairmen, secretaries and volunteer correspondents, who by their contributions, helped fill this column this month.

So, without further preamble, let's read what is going on:

Haabet Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn., is going all out for "A Day in the Country," Sunday, June 24. Festivities are scheduled to start at 10 a. m., at Art Sorensen's farm, Johnson Road, Woodbridge, according to Brother George C. Holm.

The bill of fare for the outing lists an ample supply of hot dogs, hamburgers, steak sandwiches, clam chowder, cake and ice cream. Drinks will be varied to suit a wide range of tastes, including soda pop, coffee, draft beer and highballs.

Participants will be afforded the opportunity of working off their intake of calories in any number of contests and games. On the program are such activities as pitching horse shoes, volleyball, softball, races; and for those who delight in riffing a deck of cards, a pinochle session. Brother Holm suggests, if you are going to play cards and have room in your car, you can help the committee by bringing along a card table.

Bring your friends, especially those prospective members, and have a good time with the brothers of Haabet Lodge.

Rosenborg Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I., had a fine sociable evening after their meeting May 11, reports Brother George V. Petersen, when the Sisters had arranged a lovely medisterpølse dinner.

The news got around and brought out 35 members and friends, including four from Hartford lodge. All praised the fine Sisters for their great effort to make the evening an event and, "Believe me," writes Brother Petersen, "Pølserne var dejlige."

The Brothers of Rosenborg lodge hope they can have more such evenings, and are appreciative for the work involved. The Sisters were most heartily thanked for a wonderful evening.

Fremad Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J., on May 12, not only had four candidates slated for initiation, but later in the evening joined the ladies of Sisterhood Lodge No. 84 in a card party.

Editor Viggo Nielsen gave a half page plug for juvenile insurance in his progressive little newspaper, FREMAD.

With other lodges in the area, Fremad's members spent a pleasurable day picnicking on the grounds of the Danish Home for the Aged at Metuchen, N. J., Sunday, May 20.

Brother Viggo Nielsen and Brother Hans I. Nielsen, were chosen respectively delegate and alternate to represent Fremad lodge at the Erie convention of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges.

Godthaab Lodge No. 171, Jamestown, N. Y., has plans in the making for a picnic at famed Lake Chautauqua in the none too distant future, we are informed by Brother John L. Nelson.

The Danish Brotherhood bowling team, together

with other bowling teams of Jamestown, held their annual bowling banquet Wednesday, May 9, at the Elks' club rooms where a steak dinner was enjoyed by the participants. Social entertainment followed and a pleasurable evening was enjoyed by all.

The Brotherhood team scored high in bowling honors. Several members of the team were cited for their individual scoring and were the recipients of money prizes.

Enigheden Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa., had a fine crowd of 100 out for the showing of "Der kom en Dag," April 27. The all Danish film, produced by the Saga Studios, is about the Danish underground up to the day of the German capitulation.

LURBLADET, Enigheden's monthly newspaper, has a new editor in Niels Malmquist, the lodge's vice president. Brother Malmquist is getting into the field of advertising and public relations as a career and will, no doubt, prove to be a valuable asset to Philadelphia's Danish Brotherhood lodge.

Brother Lawrence Knudsen and Brother Gunnar Froelich were elected delegate and alternate respectively, to the convention of the General Committee in Erie, Pa., over Labor day week-end.

H. C. Orstad Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y., had a hand in welcoming the Sisterhood convention to their fair city May 3, 4 and 5. It was an eventful week-end for the Brothers even if they didn't do anything but eat.

The meeting May 16 was preceded by a dinner at 6:30, as the treat of those members with birthdays in May. With most of the Brothers who spent the winter in their adopted state of Florida back home again, better attendance is expected at the two regular meetings each month of Orsted lodge.

Peter Willimos Lodge No. 202, Warren, Pa., was joined by the Sisterhood lodge April 18 in honoring four Brothers of the lodge on their golden jubilee as members of the Danish Brotherhood. Also on the honor roll for the evening was Brother James Nordine, treasurer of Peter Willimos Lodge and president of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges.

The evening started with a delicious dinner with all the trimmings served to 60 Brothers and Sisters by members of the Sisterhood. After dinner, Brother Chris Larsen as master of ceremonies called upon the presidents of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood for their words of welcome.

Brother Larsen then presented 50-year jewels on behalf of the Brotherhood to Brothers C. F. Christen-

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sen, Nels Larsen, Niels P. Neilsen and to Mrs. Freda Munch to present to her father, Jesper Nelsen, who was unable to be present because of illness.

The surprise of the evening came when Brother Larsen, after words of introduction, called upon Brother Nordine and presented him with a DBS lapel pin as a token of appreciation and remembrance from his lodge for his work in behalf of the Danish Brotherhood and his lodge.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa., is much in the lime-light these days; first in marking their 50th anniversary, second as host to the convention of the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges.

A dinner-dance May 26 served to celebrate the golden jubilee of Lodge No. 242. Mac McGavern, chairman of the entertainment committee, was last reported trying to obtain the same music as was had for the St. Patrick's day dance.

In preparation for the invasion of delegates and friends attending the conclave of the General Committee over Labor day week-end, Lodge No. 242 has set up a number of committees under Brother Ed. Jonasen, the convention chairman.

To be assured of hotel space, all Brothers planning to attend the convention are urged to make their reservations as early as possible. The reservation committee, consisting of Brothers Harry Madsen and Peter Larsen, may be addressed at the Danish Club, 1146 West Eighth, Erie, Pa., for reservation forms or any required information. Remember, Erie is a vacation spot and rooms may be a bit scarce on a holiday week-end.

Hartford Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn., drew a fine crowd of about 175 Brothers and guests to a dinner-dance marking its 39th anniversary Saturday evening, May 19, according to our roving reporter, Brother George V. Petersen.

After a dinner of roast beef, etc., the president of Hartford lodge, Brother Barnard Salmonsens bid welcome and introduced Brother Lonstrup as toast-master.

Speakers included Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen

who put in a strong plug for the Brotherhood sponsored excursion to Denmark next year. Others heard from were Brother Anton Mose, charter member of No. 314; Brothers Alfred Stark and Jens Nielsen, recipients of 25-year jewels; the secretary of the Sisterhood lodge of Hartford; president of the hall committee; President Salmonsens; representatives from Lodges 32, 41, 102, 103 and ex-president of the General Committee, Brother Thomsen; Brother George V. Petersen; Brother Aage Jespersen, Einar Nielsen, secretary; and the vice president of the General Committee of the Sisterhood lodges, Sister Bess Thomsen.

Dancing to the wee early hours climaxed the evening.

Long Island Lodge No. 325, Franklin Square, N. Y.—At the May meeting of L. I. Lodge No. 325, an emergency fund was created. Although the particulars have yet to be ironed out, the purpose of the fund is to aid any member, who has dire need as determined by a selected committee, which submits the needy case for consideration to the vote of the attending members of the lodge. In the past, such cases have been helped by direct appropriation from the lodge's general funds. Henceforth, such gifts will be met from the emergency fund. No assessments are levied against the individual members, funds are raised by voluntary contributions and affairs run by the fund.

At the meeting, Axel Plett, head of the fund organizing committee announced the fund stood at \$225, the result of the profit attained at the lodge's annual Danish breakfast, which was attended by more than 120 persons in April. In addition, voluntary contributions received thus far have been in excess of \$50. All in all, it appears the fund is off to a flying start. This is just one of the advantages of being a member of Lodge No. 325, plus a credit union and a medical aid plan, all of which are voluntarily and ably administered by lodge Brothers. Although the emergency fund is now in existence, it is hoped that the purpose for which it was created does not arise, but if it does, Lodge No. 325, as always, will be ready.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE	BIRTH-PLACE	LODGE NO.	LOCATION	YEAR JOINED	CAUSE OF DEATH	AMOUNT PAID
April 13	Christian P. Hansen	85	Horsens, Denmark	202	Warren, Pa.	1904	Arteriosclerosis	\$ 420.54
April 15	Thomas Petersen	88	Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1899	Accident	389.92
April 12	Niels Peter Rasmussen	79	Aalborg, Denmark	262	Cozad, Nebr.	1908	Pulmonary congestion	922.38
April 23	Mads Christen Jensen	80	Mosbjerg, Denmark	211	Grand Island, Nebr.	1907	Diabetes	908.06
April 3	Anton Svendsen	86	Haldrup, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1914	Cerebral hemorrhage	486.41
April 6	Christian Jensen	89	Fanebjerg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1908	Senility	500.00
April 16	Rasmus Larsen	80	Vedby, Denmark	37	Bridgeport, Conn.	1905	Hodgkins disease	448.04
April 13	Nels L. Christensen	76	Jylland, Denmark	107	Chicago, Ill.	1909	Lumphosarcoma	474.66
April 12	Soren B. Osterlund	58	Aarhus, Denmark	325	Nassau Co., N. Y.	1936	Cerebral hemorrhage	125.00
April 16	Jacob Beck	87	Frederikshavn, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1912	Carcinoma	490.35
April 28	Christian Larsen	73	Thisted, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1905	Coronary insufficiency	477.24
April 14	Thomas J. Olesen	65	Ørby, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1909	Coronary sclerosis	1,000.00
April 27	Thorvald Andersen	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1910	Anemia	500.00
April 24	Marius A. Madsen	67	Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1913	Carcinoma	500.00
April 28	Hans J. W. Jorgensen	68	Denmark	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1912	Cerebral hemorrhage	1,000.00
May 2	Marius Mogensen	80	Randers, Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1906	Heart failure	250.00
April 23	Clarence Mattson	65	Keldernæs, Denmark	263	Askov, Minn.	1918	Cardian decompensation	1,000.00
March 26	Julius Jacob Ewald	84	Haderslev, Denmark	155	Bellingham, Wash.	1913	Heart disease	952.72
May 4	Hans H. Dyssegaard	92	Balstrup, Sorø, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1906	Uremia	375.40
April 12	Clemmen Holmgaard	68	Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1910	Coronary occlusion	1,000.00
May 1	John Dedic Funk	81	Bornholm, Denmark	267	Brigham City, Utah	1919	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
July 11, 1955	Therkild Hansen	75	Denmark	194	McMinnville, Ore.	1910	Carcinoma	240.41
May 5	Theodore Svenningsen	84	Aarhus, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1913	Arteriosclerosis	238.18
Feb. 18	Kristian Viktor Jensen	63	Copenhagen, Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Den.	1925	Not given	Social
April 26	Christ. M. Christiansen	84	Denmark	34	Dwight, Ill.	1943	Not given	Social

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Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Supreme Board

Monday, March 19

The semi-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, March 19, 1956. All officers, named hereafter, 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 Otto Nielsen, President. In his opening remarks he bid all welcome to the meeting and requested everyone to be open-minded during all deliberations so that the Brotherhood we represent may draw the greatest benefit from our discussions, rather than the individual. He then reported on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. Outside of his immediate home area he had not done any traveling, until he left home to come to this meeting by way of California and had attended meetings in San Francisco and Los Angeles. On his return from the meeting he would visit other lodges on the Pacific coast, he said.

Time was given each officer in turn to report on his activities in his area. Many points of general interest was brought out and considered. At the conclusion the President thanked everyone for the reports with the comment that this round table discussion, and exchange of information from so many sections of the country, certainly will prove to be of benefit in many ways.

One hundred and eighty four applications for general aid from the Fraternal Fund were inspected and final decision rendered.

Seven applications for Special Aid from the Fraternal Fund were acted upon at the same time.

The annual statement for 1955, as filed with the Director of Insurance for Nebraska, home state of our Society and the Department of Insurance in various other states where we have jurisdiction, was now submitted for the Board's attention. All outstanding benefit certificates were valued on the Commissioners' Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality and 2½ per cent interest, as decided upon at the session of the Board on October 26, 1955. The most involved and technical details of the report were questioned, explained and discussed at length. In general, the statement was found to be excellent, from a financial viewpoint, and publication authorized for the April issue of the Monthly Magazine.

Tuesday, March 20

The day was spent in the Safe Deposit Vaults of the First National Bank in 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 April 1, 1956 up to and including the month of October 1956, were detached from the bonds and segregated by month of their due dates.

Subsequently the Trustees reported that everything was found in good order and 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 March 20, 1956 and signed by Einar Danielsen, Chris Madson and Fred Jensen.

The report, and certification, was accepted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting, on motion by Viggo Mikkelsen, duly seconded by Hans M. Andersen.

The Finance-Committee reported on transaction since the last meeting of the Board. On motion duly made, and seconded, the report was accepted and all transactions made by the Committee were ratified.

A number of communications of an informative nature were read at this time.

Wednesday, March 21

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a. m.

Death claim No. 12286, Henning Gemynthe, was submitted for the Board's consideration. This was a case where the designated beneficiary predeceased the member and no legal heirs could be found. The member had received an amount of \$723.22 from the Relief Fund of the Brotherhood over the years prior to his death, on June 27, 1953, in addition to a large amount in Old Age Assistance from his home state. The state's pending claim on the insurance was now released after negotiation by the home office. Fred Jensen moved that the funeral expenses be allowed, in agreement with Section 65 in the By-Laws with the balance to be returned to the Fraternal Fund under Section 62.1 (c) in the laws.

Communications asking for financial assistance for benevolent and welfare purposes were received from various sources, and read. On motion duly made, seconded, all such communications were tabled with regret, for lack of funds for such purposes. The secretary was instructed to so inform the petitioners.

Sealed bids for the publication of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine were opened at this time by the Trustees. The American Publishing Company, Askov, Minnesota, the present publisher of the Magazine, was low bidder with an amount of \$357 per monthly issue, for a period of four years, beginning with the May 1956 issue, but not including postage for mailing. Accordingly, a four year contract was given the American Publishing Company, on motion duly made by Viggo Mikkelsen and seconded. Mr. Svend Petersen, Askov, Minnesota, was re-appointed editor of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, on motion by Axel Skelbeck properly put before the meeting.

The president now presented the subject of the recently established Promotional Department before the Board for consideration. He announced that he had invited John Hansen and Svend Petersen; former presidents, and Rudolph M. Olsen, Secretary of the General Committee of Brotherhood Lodges in California, to offer suggestions. Each had responded with splendid, detailed, communications setting forth thoughts and ideas that merits very serious consideration, he said. In addition, John Hansen had presented a portfolio of ideas and outlines for a comprehensive advertising campaign, based on the probability that a substantial

sum of money would become available in the Promotional Fund. These communications were read and studied. Next, Axel Skelbeck was asked to relate in substance from a conference with Mr. William Heavey, Departmental Attorney, State of Nebraska, Division of Insurance, which also was attended by Mr. Cliff Spangler, the Brotherhood's actuary. Mr. Heavey's opinion is that none of the present surplus funds in the Mortuary Fund can legally be appropriated and transferred to the Promotional Fund. The President then reminded the meeting that in the discussion to follow on this subject one must bear in mind that we will then have available the foreseeable sum of approximately \$5,500 per year for the next four years, beginning next September, at the rate of an annual tax of 50 cents per member, as levied by the 1955 National Convention. He asked for remarks.

During the discussion that followed and lasting throughout the remainder of the day's session, many fine thoughts were expressed. In essence the more prominent of these were: 1) To promote an effective use of suitable advertising material. 2) To encourage social functions in the local lodges on the family level. 3) Have a member in every lodge, or locality, trained to give assistance to members soliciting applicants. 4) To attempt to obtain a list of Danish emigrants, and their destinations in the United States, from proper authorities in Denmark. 5) To find a way to employ the General Committees' Officers, and help with their travel expenses when on official business. 6) Engage a capable publicity man, or agency to properly put the cause of the Brotherhood before persons eligible for membership. 7) That the Board instruct, and encourage, the local lodges to appoint Committees to work out problems which may be peculiar to their local area. 8) It was agreed that an offer of big pay, or rewards, to sponsors of new applicants for membership is not a solution, and is not an effective medium by which we can most effectively prevent a decline in membership.

Upon conclusion of the discussion it was moved by Hans M. Andersen that the president appoint a committee of three to prepare a program for consideration of the Board Members at the Fall Meeting, seconded by Einar Danielsen, and adopted.

The committee appointed by the president consists of the two vice-presidents and the first trustee: Hans M. Andersen, Viggo Mikkelsen and Einar Danielsen, respectively.

Thursday, March 22

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a. m.

The secretary reported that during the calendar year of 1955 we experienced the pleasure of having four members who had done a fine job in enlisting new insured members. He moved that they be recognized with a special reward. Duly seconded the motion carried. Upon motion by Hans M. Andersen, and seconded, it was decided to award special cash prizes, using former years as a basis. The motion was adopted. Accordingly, awards were given as now mentioned: Svend Petersen of Lodge No. 263, Askov, Minnesota, \$25; Peter Jensen of Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wisconsin, \$20; Norbert E. Grove of Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Washington, \$15; and Albert R. Halse of Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan, \$10.

From the Standard Analytical Service, St. Louis, Missouri, was received a letter of March 21, and read into the record at this time by motion of Fred

Jensen, properly put and adopted, the main part of which reads:

"We have just completed analyzing the annual statement of your organization for the year ending December 31, 1955. The ratios derived therefrom are outstanding by any standard of comparison and are above average for the life insurance industry. You and your Executive personnel are indeed to be congratulated for the healthful and sound condition which your institution has always maintained."

By motion, properly presented and adopted, it was decided not to publish a 1955 "Independent Comparative Report" for general distribution, because of the fact that a supply of the Report for the previous year was still on hand.

The "In Memorial" condolence card was revised slightly and a new printing authorized.

A statement of income and disbursements of the General Fund for the years 1954 and 1955 in comparison with similar items projected for the year 1956, without allocation for 1959 National Convention expenses in the 1956 figures, was submitted by the secretary-treasurer and discussed.

An amendment to the By-Laws of the General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges in California was re-submitted by the supreme secretary for review. The amendment would strike the word "active" (synonymous with insured) from the clause governing the election of delegates to the annual meeting of the General Committee. This matter was previously handled by correspondence among the Board members in a prescribed manner and disapproved by a vote of 5 to 2. In bringing the question back for review the secretary motivated that since this is the first time a similar issue is brought before the Board he felt that, under these circumstances, it is better to discuss it across the conference table. The issue was debated, but not voted on again. The first vote of 5 disapproving and 2 approving then stands recorded.

The secretary had reported at the Monday session that the entire supply of the Book of Rituals is used up. The present edition, giving effect to the amendments adopted by the National Convention last September, was then reviewed for the purpose of having a new edition published. It was found that a smaller committee could do a more satisfactory job and the president appointed the trustees to handle it and report back on Thursday.

The Committee on the Book of Rituals reported at this time. It was recommended that all sections previously printed in the Danish language be eliminated, when the book is reprinted. However, that the Danish language translation of the short initiation ceremony (Kort Optagelses Ceremoni), and this section only, be retained in the Ritual but printed, or mimeographed, as a supplement and made available to those of the lodges that wish to use it.

By motion duly made and seconded the Committee's report was adopted.

The inconclusive status of the Scholarship Fund came in for attention. After exchanging thoughts on this subject at length it was agreed that it is without purpose to keep the few contributions received in this fund, if the donors can put it to better use, while the destiny of the Fund is uncertain. On motion duly made, seconded, it was decided "That all contributions to the Scholarship Fund be returned to the donors, on request, against

deposit of a promissory note for a like amount, and payable on demand of the Supreme Board if the Scholarship becomes operating by January 1, 1960. To the contrary the promissory note will automatically have expired on that date."

Axel Skelbeck spoke briefly on the fact that 1957 would mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of The Danish Brotherhood, in as much as we recognize January 2, 1882, as the date of inception. No action was taken at this meeting, however, with respect to commemorating the event.

The president announced that we had now come to the end of the business of the Brotherhood scheduled for this meeting. The remainder of this session would be given to the Denmark Excursion Committee to report on developments up until this date. He asked the secretary to give the Committee's report, that now follows:

The Committee appointed by the Board at the meeting last fall had organized itself with Otto Nielsen, Chairman; Einar Danielsen, Vice Chairman and Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer and official tour representative. "Danish Brotherhood 75th Jubilee Tour to Denmark — 1957" was adopted as the official name of the Tour, and in respect to the 75th anniversary of the Brotherhood in 1957. The M. S. STOCKHOLM of the Swedish American Line was selected to carry the Tour trans-Atlantic. A series of meetings with officials of the Swedish American Line had been held in New York, Chicago and Omaha. The committee had asked for an east-bound sailing date from New York between June 1-5, and a telegraphic message had just arrived that the Line's head office in Gothenburg had officially approved June 4 at the sailing date. It was expected that we would get a return date from Copenhagen about August 10. Many details now under discussion would be worked out in time for publication in the May issue of the Brotherhood Magazine. Persons who had indicated their intention of making this Jubilee Tour now numbered 143 and more registrations every day. From this early beginning we find indications that it will become a very successful Tour, but it will take a tremendous lot of hard work to complete the details and it is necessary that we all pitch in to help make the Tour successful and a credit to our Danish Brotherhood.

Fred Jensen moved that the Committee be given the Board's thanks for the work done so far in the interest of the Tour, and thereby the Brotherhood, with full authority to go ahead with the Jubilee

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

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 June 1956

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Tour and do everything necessary to make it a successful Tour. Duly seconded and carried.

Next was discussed briefly the probable program for a reception in Copenhagen on arrival of the Excursion ship. The secretary was asked to set time aside during his vacation in Denmark this coming summer to see what could be done in this respect; also to explore the possibility of arranging a "Jubilee Fairy Tale Tour of Denmark" and so on. The secretary said that he would certainly do all that he can, regardless of the time it will take, to investigate what can be done.

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Poul C. Nielsen	4	Racine	Richard Laustsen
Carl Olsen	14	Kenosha	Rasmus Petersen
Carl Olsen	14	Kenosha	Harry Hansen
Borge Jensen	43	Denver	Kai E. Mortensen
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Ernest Meyer	49	San Francisco	S. A. Hansen
A. S. Christensen	49	San Francisco	P. B. Holm
A. S. Christensen	49	San Francisco	E. A. Hansen
A. S. Christensen	49	San Francisco	P. Rasmussen
Thorvald Jensen	126	Los Angeles	A. Thomassen
Thorvald Jensen	126	Los Angeles	Bent B. Dohn
Walter H. Miller	143	Petaluma	R. MacKinnon, Jr.
Walter H. Miller	143	Petaluma	C. D. Cammeron
Paul Brown	164	New York	Robert E. Brown
Ole Schioler	281	Cincinnati	S. E. Scheibel
S. L. Jacobsen	325	Nassau Co.	J. E. Rudolfsen
Wm. Rasmussen	332	Ripon	Gustav Hansen

J - B - C

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B-Stands for Box

C-Stands for Cat

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