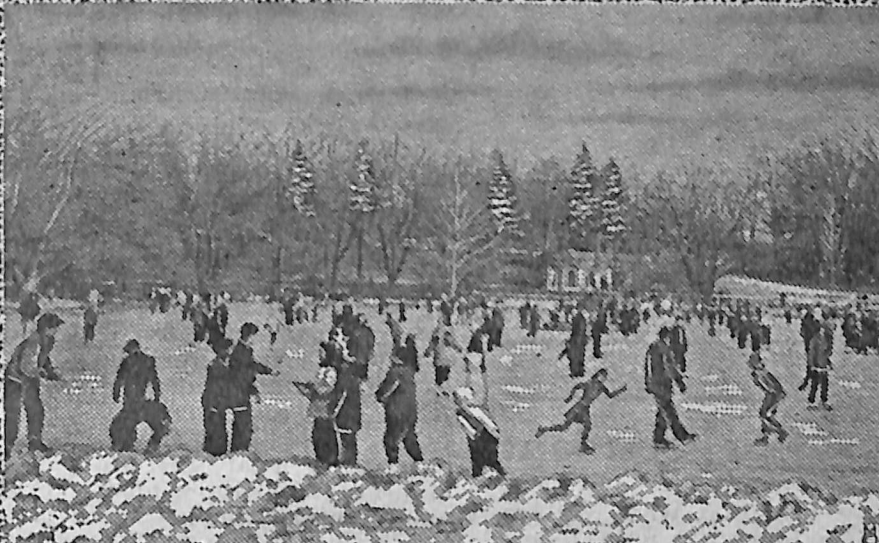


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## Merry Christmas

*Here is a hope that the joy  
of the Christmas season will  
abide with you always. May its spirit of good  
fellowship live in your heart  
throughout the new year.*

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## Greetings From The President

With this issue of our magazine, when we are fast approaching the holiday season, I wish to extend to each and every one a merry and a joyous Christmas; may it be a holiday in fellowship with those who are dear and close to us, and that peace and good will may again range supreme in this troublesome world.

As we are closing this year's activities and the year 1957 looms ahead of us then I hope the new year will give to the Brotherhood renewed vigor and determination to stop the ever present loss in membership. Starting with January 1, the Promotional Committee and your supreme officers are introducing a program, which we sincerely hope will meet with your approval, and that the lodges will accept the challenge and cultivate a membership drive that will be crowned with success.

Attractive prizes are also offered to the individual members who in competition get the most members signed up.

In 1957 we reach another milestone for our Brotherhood as we can then celebrate 75 years as a fraternal organization. We hope that many of the lodges will avail themselves of the opportunity to make it a truly jubilee year.

I am glad to report that Lodge No. 4, Racine, has started the ball rolling by arranging a big anniversary celebration January 12. I have accepted an invitation to be with them for the occasion. Omaha also has plans for a fitting celebration, and I hope many others will follow. The Jubilee Tour to Denmark will of course be the climax to it all. We on the tour committee wish to make it a huge success and are urging you to make the trip with us. We want to fill the Stockholm with brothers, their families and friends, so it may well become a shining light and a memorable

demonstration by the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Again a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,

OTTO NIELSEN,  
 Supreme President.

## Immigration and Naturalization

**Question:** My son and I came to the United States five years ago and would like to become citizens. My husband, who came here a few years before us is already an American citizen. I am ready to make application for citizenship, but would like to know whether I have to apply separately for my son who is now fourteen years old.

**Answer:** You do not have to file a separate citizenship application for your son because as soon as you become a citizen he will automatically acquire citizenship, by derivation from you and your husband. The law provides that a child born outside of the United States of two alien parents automatically becomes a citizen under the following conditions: (1) The naturalization of both parents; or the naturalization of the surviving parent if one of the parents is deceased; or the naturalization of the parent having legal custody of the child when there has been a legal separation of the parents; or the naturalization of the mother if the child was born out of wedlock and has not been legitimated. (2) The naturalization of the parent or parents must take place while the child is under 16 years of age. (3) The child must have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence while under 16 years of age.

Since your naturalization will undoubtedly be completed prior to your son's 16th birthday, and since both you and your husband will be American citizens at that time, your son will automatically acquire United States citizenship. If your son desires proof of his citizenship following your naturalization he may apply for a Certificate of Citizenship on Form N-600 at the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

**Question:** About four years ago my wife, our ten year old son and I came to the United States as immigrants. At the time we applied for our visas, my wife and I were fingerprinted at the American Consulate, but my son was not. Someone has just told me that my son must now be fingerprinted. Is this correct and if so how do I go about it?

**Answer:** The immigration law provides that all alien children 14 years of age or over must be registered and fingerprinted. As soon as your son becomes 14, you should take him — within 30 days of his birthday — to the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to have him registered and fingerprinted. If there is no office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service nearby, you may take him to the nearest United States Post Office where this procedure may also be carried out. If your son is already 14, you should do this at once.

*Merry Christmas*

# Financial Report

OCTOBER 31, 1956

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1, 1956	\$ 57,500.30
Assessments	10,540.97
Interest on bonds	1,000.00
Interest on certificate loans	10.85
Certificate loan repayment	20.87
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	\$ 69,072.99

Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$ 9,469.43
Investment expense	840.00
Balance on hand October 31, 1956	58,763.56
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	\$ 69,072.99

## General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1, 1956	\$ 18,575.25
Received in October	844.36
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	\$ 19,419.61

Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 52.50
Postage, express, telephone and telegraph	142.18
Rent and lights	200.24
Safe deposit box rental	154.00
Office supplies	9.85
Printing and mailing official publication	378.39
Membership rewards	2.00
Petty cash	10.00
Travel expense and per diem, annual board meeting	1,697.58
Salaries of officers and employes	1,545.30
Employer's social security taxes	20.39
Three year renewal premium, blanket position bond covering officers and employes	405.95
Balance on hand October 31, 1956	14,801.23
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	\$ 19,419.61

## Fraternal Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1, 1956	\$ 12,268.26
Assessments	5.78
Interest on bonds	187.50
Fraternal aid returned	7.68
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	\$ 12,469.22

Disbursements:	
Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 1,188.88
Safe deposit box rental	27.50
Balance on hand October 31, 1956	11,252.84
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	\$ 12,469.22

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand October 1, 1956	\$ 7,179.71
Assessments	173.98
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	\$ 7,353.69

Disbursements:	
Balance on hand October 31, 1956	\$ 7,353.69
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	\$ 7,353.69

## Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$ 4,044,098.18
General fund investments	40,000.00
Fraternal fund investments	248,000.00
Cash in bank	89,160.07
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	\$ 4,421,258.25

# Honor Roll

## LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Membership Members 1/1/55	
49	San Francisco, California	22	347
4	Racine, Wisconsin	11	521
29	Seattle, Washington	11	356
126	Los Angeles, California	11	295
116	Newark, New Jersey	8	165
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	8	170
227	Detroit, Michigan	6	316
1	Omaha, Nebraska	5	259
43	Denver, Colorado	5	101
332	Ripon, California	5	47

## LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
49	George Hansen,	San Francisco, Calif.	5
43	Borg Jensen,	Denver, Colo.	4
49	Henning Jensen,	San Francisco, Calif.	4
126	Thorvald Jensen,	Los Angeles, Calif.	4
227	Christian R. Larsen,	Detroit, Mich.	4
1	Chris Larsen,	Omaha, Nebr.	3
4	Poul C. Nielsen,	Racine, Wis.	3
10	Hans Norregaard,	Council Bluffs, Iowa	3
29	Paul C. Hanson,	Seattle, Wash.	3
46	Peter Christensen,	Perth Amboy, N. J.	3
49	Alfred Christensen,	San Francisco Calif.	3
116	Kaj Holm,	Newark, N. J.	3

# New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Peter Jensen	4	Racine	Finn S. Reinath
Kenneth Janssen	4	Racine	Kenneth A. Jensen
Poul C. Nielsen	4	Racine	Poul C. Nielsen
Olaf Petersen	35	Chicago	Chris P. Petersen
Carl S. Andreasen	49	Frisco	Axel M. Larsen
Jacob Freidrichsen	49	Frisco	Jens W. Jorgensen
George Hansen	49	Frisco	Peter V. Larsen
James S. Thomsen	95	Ferndale	Harlan H. Hansen
Otto M. Andersen	111	Austin	Jens I. Larson
Frank Hagen	126	L. A.	Bent K. Egebjerg
Fred K. Holm	126	L. A.	Christian Castenskiold
E. Olssen	126	L. A.	Kai S. Larsen
Aage Thomassen	126	L. A.	Ove R. Moes
Aage Thomassen	126	L. A.	Jorgen Rasmussen
Gerry T. Olesen	172	Philadelphia	Joshua Wendell
Chris Hansen	184	Hayward	Werner Sorensen
Ed Jonason	242	Erie	John V. Olesen
Soren Melgaard	242	Erie	Alan D. Melgaard
A. E. Jorgensen	255	Selma	Kjeld B. Christensen
Robert Sorensen	255	Selma	Dale L. Emmersen
Svend Jensen	257	New York	Soren Steen
O. W. Eliassen	321	W. P. Beach	E. Hinrichsen
Albert F. Tunsen	332	Ripon	Albert F. Tunsen, Jr.

## Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Supreme Board, Oct. 22-25

**Monday, October 22**

The annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the home office, 908 WOW Building, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning October 22, 1956. All officers were present: Otto Nielsen, president; Hans M. Andersen, first vice president; Viggo Mikkelsen, second vice president; Axel Skelbeck, secretary-treasurer; Einar Danielsen, Chris Madsen and Fred Jensen, trustees.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m., by the president. He bid the officers welcome and reported from his visits in various lodges and at annual meetings of General Committees of lodges on the Pacific coast, since the last meeting of the board. Each officer in turn made similar reports from their respective areas.

In compliance with statutory requirements the following resolution was adopted on motion of Axel Skelbeck, duly seconded:

"Resolved, that the executive officer and secretary of this society are hereby authorized to execute in its behalf, under its corporate seal, a written instrument in accordance with the fraternal benefit society laws of the state of Washington, appointing and authorizing the insurance commissioner of the state of Washington (by whomsoever such office of commissioner may be held and exercised under the laws of the state of Washington), for the purpose mentioned in section 32.17 of Chapter 79, Laws of 1947, of the state of Washington, approved March 7, 1947, to do any and all the things in behalf of this society specified in said section to be done by said commissioner, and further consenting that service of process as therein referred to shall be valid and binding and be deemed personal service upon this society so long as it shall have any benefit certificates or liabilities outstanding in the state of Washington."

The remainder of the day was spent in the safe deposit vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha, checking, auditing and making an inventory of the securities in which the funds of the society are invested. The interest coupons coming due for payment during the period from October 1, 1956 to and including the month of March 1957, were detached from the bonds and segregated by month of their due dates.

The president called Tuesday's session for 8:30 a. m.

**Tuesday, October 23**

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

A number of greetings were read and appreciated.

At this time the trustees submitted the following certification: "This is to certify that we, the undersigned trustees of the Danish Brotherhood in America, assisted by all officers, have this date checked and audited the securities owned by the society.

"We found such securities owned to be in full agreement with the records of the secretary-treasurer: Face value of bonds \$4,303,000 and 500 shares Central Electric and Gas Company preferred stock with a book value of \$25,000." Dated October 23, 1956 and signed by Einar Danielsen, Chris Madsen and Fred Jensen.

Renewal of the surety bond covering all supreme officers and home office employes was approved and payment of the premium, based on a three year period, authorized.

The employe situation in the home office was reviewed and discussed at length. It was found that we are inadequately staffed to handle the continually increasing workload. Hans M. Andersen moved that, under the powers given the board in the by-laws of the Brotherhood, the secretary-treasurer shall hereby be authorized: 1) To hire such assistants, competent and efficient in our special field, as may be needed in the home office from time to time. Salary to be consistent with ability and experience. 2) To engage professional counsel and assistance whenever such is essential. Duly seconded and adopted.

Axel Skelbeck recommended that the board consider the possibility of allowing male home office employes, who are members of the Danish Brotherhood, a \$500 death benefit protection on completing one year of service. The amount to be increased with \$500 for each year subsequently employed until a total amount of \$2,000 is thus in force. The death benefit would be premium free to the employe while in the service of the Danish Brotherhood. Supreme officers to be excluded from this provision. The recommendation was adopted after debate, on motion duly made by Viggo Mikkelsen and seconded.

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Salaries of employes were reviewed and adjusted.

A communication was read from the General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood Lodges in California, proposing that the reports of 18 type-written pages of the president and secretary-treasurer of the committee, to the annual meeting of the committee, be inserted in our monthly magazine, in the way of a supplement to be sent out with the magazine.

By motion duly made, and seconded, the secretary was instructed to inform the California General Committee that although the reports are interesting and informative the board does not see a way clear to approve the request; and to recommend that the information the committee has in mind to publish be condensed so as to come within the space allotted monthly to California, perhaps in installments. The board does not feel that it can go beyond that, because of similar requests that would follow from the other General Committees.

Because of the decision of the 1955 national convention with respect to insured memberships in Canada, Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B. C., submitted the following resolution, dated September 5, 1956:

"Resolved, that this Lodge No. 328, does not consider itself bound to make any reports of any nature nor to pay any membership fees or dues to the supreme board, and that our connection with the Danish Brotherhood of America will, until such time it has constituted itself in Canada and No. 328 made in face a full and voting member, be of an affiliating nature; this affiliation is desired because of our association with the Northwest Lodges and the very worthwhile discussions emanating therefrom."

On discussion the position was taken. That the supreme board has no discretionary powers in respect to matters of membership. That we can not recognize the present membership in Lodge No. 328 as members unless they meet the financial obligations levied in the by-laws of the society. That affiliation with the society can not be maintained without payment of dues as prescribed in the laws and the filing of required reports. That, with this information, the membership of Lodge No. 328 be urged to reconsider the decision taken by adoption of the resolution of September 5. Upon motion duly made by Viggo Mikkelsen, seconded, the secretary was instructed to convey the board's decision to Lodge No. 328.

By request of Mrs. Helen Christiansen Smith, a daughter, the files were reviewed in the case of one Ernst Christiansen, whose membership in Lodge No. 131, Everett, Washington, was suspended effective with the March 1943 Assessment No. 525, after he had left home, under what the family mentions as seemingly mysterious circumstances. Mr. Christiansen died on May 12, 1956 in Astoria, Oregon, where he had established himself as a contractor.

The board found that no obligation, under decedent's benefit certificate, exists in this case and Fred Jensen moved that Mrs. Smith be advised to that effect. Duly seconded, and carried.

It was agreed to start tomorrow's session at 8:30 a. m.

### Wednesday, October 24

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

The proposed new edition of the Book of Rituals came up for consideration. The many elegant revisions effected by a special committee of mem-

bers of the board, in the line with the 1955 convention amendments, were approved and the printing of the new edition authorized.

Several applications for General and Special Aid from the Fraternal fund were acted upon at this time.

The secretary asked for an interpretation of the By-Laws, section 89, respecting the minimum initiation fee payable by applicants for membership, and section 83.

The following interpretation was placed on record by motion of Hans M. Andersen, duly made and seconded. That section 89, providing for a minimum initiation fee of \$4.00, be construed so as to apply to insured members only. That section 83



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be interpreted to mean that the minimum initiation fee for social members shall be at least \$1.00.

Several sets of by-laws for local lodges were submitted for the board's consideration and given attention at this time.

Correspondence from the Department of Insurance for one of our jurisdictions had been reviewed by a special committee consisting of Chris Madsen and Fred Jensen and came up for study by the full board. It dealt comprehensively with sections of the laws of the Brotherhood that appears to be in disagreement and violation with sections of the laws of the state posing the inquiry. By general agreement the secretary was asked to negotiate this matter and report to the board at a later date.

Hans M. Andersen, Viggo Mikkelsen and Einar Danielsen constitutes a committee, appointed at the board meeting in March, to formulate a program according to which the Promotional Department, established by the 1955 national convention, can begin to function. The committee read various letters on the subject as received from General Committees, local lodges, individual members and former supreme presidents of the Brotherhood. Read also was the committee's report, covering the recommendations that will be made at this meeting, with the request that the board at this time express their viewpoint and suggestions for a final draft. This request was granted and the remainder of the session was spent on a round table discussion on the proposed report.

#### Thursday, October 25

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

The report of the committee on the Promotional Department came up for further consideration and was adopted in final draft, as follows:

1. Beginning January 1, 1957, payment of rewards to individual members, for signing up new members, shall be discontinued. Instead, compensations shall be made to subordinate lodges, at the rate of \$10 per \$1,000 worth of new insurance signed up, excepting Juvenile Term Insurance. \$1 for each new social and juvenile member having term insurance shall be paid to the lodges. The home office shall forward payments to the lodges, from time to time, during the calendar year of 1957, as the lodges become entitled to compensation. These payments to be drawn from the Promotional Fund when the new insurance has been in force for a period of six months.

2. Each legally functioning central organization (general committee) within the Danish Brotherhood, shall be rewarded at the rate of \$125 for each multiple of 25 new members that it acquires during the calendar year of 1957. Social, adult and juvenile members shall be considered and the rewards shall be paid from the Promotional Fund.

3. We should conduct a membership contest during the calendar year 1957, based on new members recommended and signed up by individual members. There shall be a first prize of a minimum rated, round trip tourist class trans-ocean ticket by boat from New York to Copenhagen. (In lieu of the ocean ticket the winner may chose to receive a cash payment of \$400.) There shall be a second prize of \$175 and a third prize of \$100. To qualify for first prize a member must have secured at least 50 new members of whom 40 must have had insurance in force for a period of six months. If the member, who signs up the greatest number of new

members, does not have a total of 50 new members, 40 of whom are insured, he will be given a \$250 prize. Prizes to be paid from the Promotional Fund. Should there be two or more contestants tied for first, second or third prizes, the deciding factor shall be the amount of insurance signed up by each of such contestants.

4. An effort shall be made to obtain the names and addresses of immigrants arriving in the United States of America from Denmark. When such information is received by the home office, it shall be forwarded to the secretary of the lodge nearest the address of the new immigrant.

5. The Danish Brotherhood should sponsor an annual bowling tournament and funds should be provided, from the Promotional Fund, for the purpose of buying suitable prizes.

6. Efforts shall be made to place advertising literature of The Danish Brotherhood in the hands of Danish men, emigrating to the United States of America.

7. When our supreme secretary-treasurer receives notification of a member being suspended from membership, he should have the authority to send the newly suspended member, information about how he may be reinstated. The supreme board should provide special forms for this purpose.

The president thanked the committee eloquently and said that he was very pleased, and happy, for the accomplishments in having this fine program formulated and adopted. He also thanked the other members of the board for excellent cooperation in the final stages of formulating the program, and adopting it.

Under point 5 of the program, Einar Danielsen was unanimously appointed national bowling tournament chairman, on motion duly made by Hans M. Andersen, and seconded.

The promotional committee also recommended the purchase of a quantity of attractive match folders for distribution where they can profitably advertise the Brotherhood. Samples were submitted. The committee's recommendation was adopted on motion duly made by Fred Jensen and seconded.

Chris Madsen showed a card prepared by an activities committee in the eastern states' General Committee and intended for use in finding prospects and soliciting new members, on a trial basis. The use of the card was enthusiastically sanctioned by the board.

The finance committee reported on transactions since the meeting of the board in March 1956. On motion duly made by Hans M. Andersen, and seconded, the report was accepted and all transactions made by the committee were ratified.

The committee for the jubilee tour to Denmark — 1957 reported in detail on the result to date. It shows that registrations and bookings of members for the tour is going ahead beautifully and everything points to a successful tour. Special announcements of interest to participants in the tour will be published from time to time. At this moment it is important, for those who wish to join this outstanding jubilee pilgrimage to Denmark, to reserve their accommodations on board the ship. The number of available rooms in several rate groups is now limited. The festivities in connection with the arrival and reception in Copenhagen are taking fast form and promises to add a touch to the trip that will tend to make it real memorable, in a way that

one does not experience when traveling alone.

The committee was again, on motion by Fred Jensen and duly seconded, given full power and authority to do everything necessary to make the 1957 jubilee tour to Denmark a credit to our Brotherhood.

The next meeting of the full board became scheduled to begin on Tuesday, March 19, 1957.

The president presided at, and all members of the board attended, all sessions of the meeting.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 6.10 p. m.

AXEL SKELBECK, Secretary.

## Insurance

In reply to Jul. Andersen's article in the issue of November 1956. It seems to me that Julius is right. If members do not care for the DBS insurance why make it compulsory? Is the DBS an insurance company or a brotherhood organization? Due to the insurance, people have refrained from joining, so says Jul. A., and "our membership has dwindled to less than half." — He further advocates to admit all who wish to join, "Men, women and children." It would hardly be proper to use the name "Brotherhood," but the name could be modified, and the DBS under a new name might prosper. As it now stands each magazine brings death reports of about an average of 30 members. It is evident that the old group cannot continue. (Sometimes the number of members dying for the month being near 40.)

I belong to the Tyler, Minn., lodge, though I live in Ruthton, nine miles away. While in Tyler I thought we had many fine meetings. The greatest

mistake, I think, was in selling the DBS hall about 10 years ago. That took away the home of the group, and meeting in private homes diminishes the brotherly fellowship, and only half a dozen come at times. A lodge needs a hall where they feel at home.

It might be worthwhile to try out the suggestion of Julius Andersen. Possibly the name should be changed to Danish-American Brotherhood. However the word "Danish" has not the attracting power as in the olden days, and all members must now be Americanized. It is a puzzle just what to do.

SIGURD PEDERSEN,  
Ruthton, Minn.

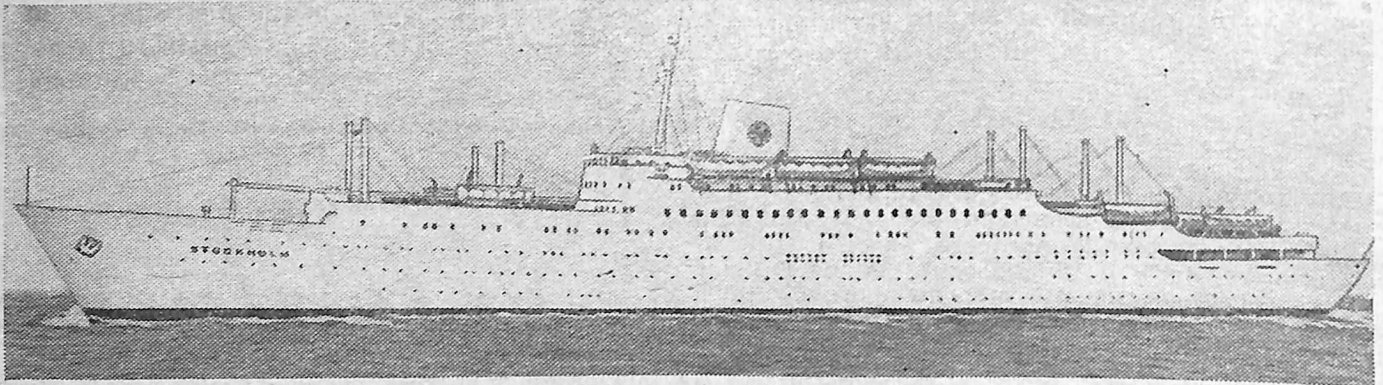
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## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Oct. 22—Jens C. M. Hansen	74	Fredericia, Denmark	116	Newark, N. J.	1912	Mesenteric thrombosis	\$ 250.00
Oct. 11—Frederik Jensen	82	Møgelby, Skanderborg	110	Winside, Nebr.	1898	Coronary heart disease	413.44
Oct. 24—Hans A. Gaarde	94	Uldal, Denmark	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1904	Cholodolithiosis	724.93
Oct. 29—John E. Jorgensen	73	Marinette, Wis.	59	Menominee, Mich.	1902	Coronary sclerosis	1,000.00
Sep. 20—Jens A. Christensen	73	Copenhagen, Den.	257	New York, N. Y.	1912	Carcinoma	500.00
Oct. 29—Erik Steffensen	82	Hvilsted, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1911	Heart disease	935.03
Sep. 26—Hjalmar Dieckmann	76	Aarhus, Denmark	228	Indianapolis, Ind.	1911	Arteriosclerosis	989.32
Oct. 4—Christian M. Holm	83	Kolding, Denmark	7	Cedar Falls, Iowa	1905	Cerebral vascular acc.	1,000.00
Oct. 18—Elmer Nelsen	81	Udby, Jylland, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1899	Peritonitis	843.43
Oct. 5—Nick Rønberg	55	Aarhus, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1924	Massive abdominal hem.	500.00
Oct. 18—Christ Daugaard	66	St. Paul, Minn.	65	Duluth, Minn.	1935	Train-truck collision	250.00
Nov. 5—Martin M. Petersen	67	Bjerre, Jylland, Den.	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1910	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
Oct. 22—Robert C. Andersen	68	Copenhagen, Den.	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1911	Cerebral thrombosis	250.00
Oct. 29—Clemmen Christensen	75	Nørre Sunby, Jylland	263	Askov, Minn.	1919	Pulmonary embolus	500.00
Oct. 19—Peter S. Poulsen	72	Hjørring, Denmark	239	Lake Forest, Ill.	1906	Carcinoma of the liver	1,000.00
October—Zian S. MacRae	58	Hopetown, Canada	227	Detroit, Mich.	1955		Social
Oct. 4—Andrew C. Olesen	86	Ho, Denmark	314	Hartford, Conn.	1919		Social
Oct. 12—Christopher N. Kjaer	92	Horsens, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1943		Social
Oct. 23—W. C. Hansen	84	North Cape, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1928		Social
Oct. 14—Chris Petersen	70	San Francisco, Calif.	39	Oakland, Calif.	1944		Social
Nov. 6—Bert Jensen	66	Copenhagen, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1949		Social
Nov. 15—Niels A. Nielsen	86	Olstrup Sogn, Lolland	182	Waukegan, Ill.	1913	Broncho pneumonia	476.13

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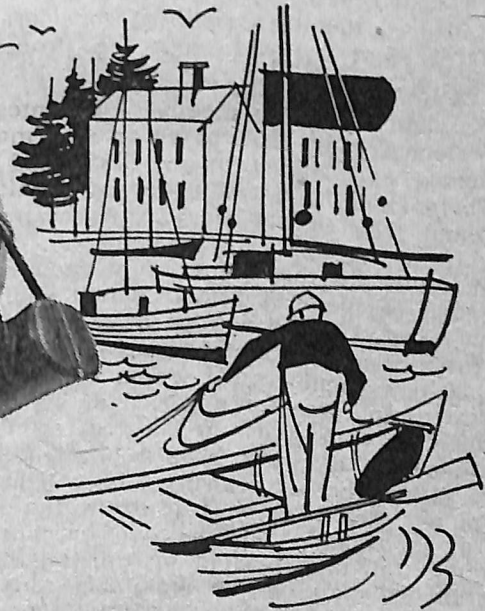
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# Promotional Program For 1957

Your supreme officers have formulated a Promotional Program, to take effect January 1, 1957. Provisions have been made for worthwhile participation by individual members, lodges or central organizations, by adopting the following three items:

1. "Beginning January 1, 1957, payment of rewards to individual members, for signing up new members, shall be discontinued. Instead, compensations shall be made to subordinate lodges, at the rate of \$10 per \$1,000 worth of new insurance signed up, excepting Juvenile Term Insurance. \$1 for each new social and juvenile member having term insurance, shall be paid to the lodges. The home office shall forward payments to the lodges, from time to time, during the calendar year of 1957, as the lodges become entitled to compensation. These payments to be drawn from the Promotional Fund when the new insurance has been in force for a period of six months."

2. "Each legally functioning central organization (general committee), within the Danish Brotherhood, shall be rewarded at the rate of \$125 for each multiple of 25 new members that it acquires during the calendar year of 1957. Social, adult and juvenile insured members shall be considered and the rewards shall be paid from the Promotional Fund."

3. "We shall conduct a membership contest during the calendar year, 1957, based on new members recommended and signed up by individual members. There shall be a first prize of a minimum rated, round trip, tourist class trans-ocean ticket, by boat, from New York to Copenhagen. (In lieu of the ocean ticket the winner may choose to receive a cash payment of \$400.) There shall be a second prize of \$175 and a third prize of \$100. To qualify for first prize a member must have secured at least 50 new members, of whom 40 must have had insurance in force for a period of six months. If the member, who signs up the greatest number of new members, does not have a total of 50 new members, 40 of whom are insured, he will be given a \$250 prize. Prizes to be paid from the Promotional Fund. Should there be two or more contestants tied for first, second or third prizes, the deciding factor shall be the amount of insurance signed up by each of such contestants."

The supreme officers believe that the preceding will provide encouragement to members, lodges and central organizations in making an increased effort toward securing many more new members for the Danish Brotherhood. When the lodges and central organizations receive rewards or compensations, they may utilize them according to their own discretion, such as compensating members for their efforts or expending funds for local advertising or possibly sponsoring various social activities for the purpose of attracting the attention of prospective members. The home office has, available, suitable literature for the use of members who would like to distribute such material to prospective members.

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In addition to the above stated items, your supreme officers are making an earnest effort to make contact, through advertising and other means, with Danish men who are about to migrate to the United States of America.

Let us all do our very best to increase the membership of our lodges and the entire Danish Brotherhood. The supreme officers suggest that the lodges and central organizations organize promotional committees in their own localities and arrange their own advertising program as well as methods of compensating members or lodges for whatever rewards they may be deserving of, through securing new members.

Surely, in addition to material profits, it will be of immeasurable benefit and satisfaction to have your lodge and Brotherhood grow, as it should.

Sincerely and fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN,  
Chairman, Promotional Com.

## Ludington Honors Old Members

The Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 51 held a social Thursday evening, October 25 at the Danish hall. This was an event honoring several members who have been in the lodge for 50 years. The following members were presented 50-year emblems by President Emmett Petersen, assisted by Vice President John Clausen:

N. Chris Rasmussen, Charles Kjarulff, Frank Hansen and Andrew Nelson. Myers Petersen was unable to attend to receive his emblem.

Each member was greeted and each in turn thanked the lodge. Charles Larsen and Andrew Larsen, who had received their 50-year awards several years ago also spoke to the recipients.

After the ceremonies, pinochle was enjoyed with high for ladies going to Mrs. Carl Jeppesen and low to Mrs. Russell Hayford. High for men was received by Alfred Larsen and low by Andrew Nelson.

After the games, a potluck lunch was served by the committee composed of Stanley Williamson and John Clausen.

EARL JENSEN, Sec.



## Resolutions

### SIGWARD PETER PAULSEN, Lake Forest, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Charter Member Sigward Peter Paulsen, who passed away October 19, 1956, in Chicago, Ill., the following resolution was adopted by Skjoldborg Lodge No. 239:

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

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for 30 days in memory of our departed brother; that this notice be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and made part of our minutes; and that a card of condolence be sent to his family.

On behalf of Skjoldborg Lodge No. 239.

Orlando Michelsen, Pres.  
Kai Thorup, Sec.

### MARTIN M. PETERSEN, Kenosha, Wis.

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis.

Robert C. Hansen, Pres.  
Carl Olsen, Sec.

### ANDREW C. OLESEN, Hartford, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Andrew C. Olesen, who passed away October 4, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314:

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 in mourning for a period of 30 days and that this resolution be entered in our minutes; inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a memorial card sent to his family.

Barnard Salmonsens, Pres.  
Einar N. Nielsen, Sec.

### CHRISTIAN NIELSEN, New Haven, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Christian Nielsen, who passed away October 3, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Haabet Lodge No. 32:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our beloved brother and hereby extend our sympathy to his family, and that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a copy sent to his family.

John Andersen, Pres.  
George C. Holm, Sec.

## Change of Officers

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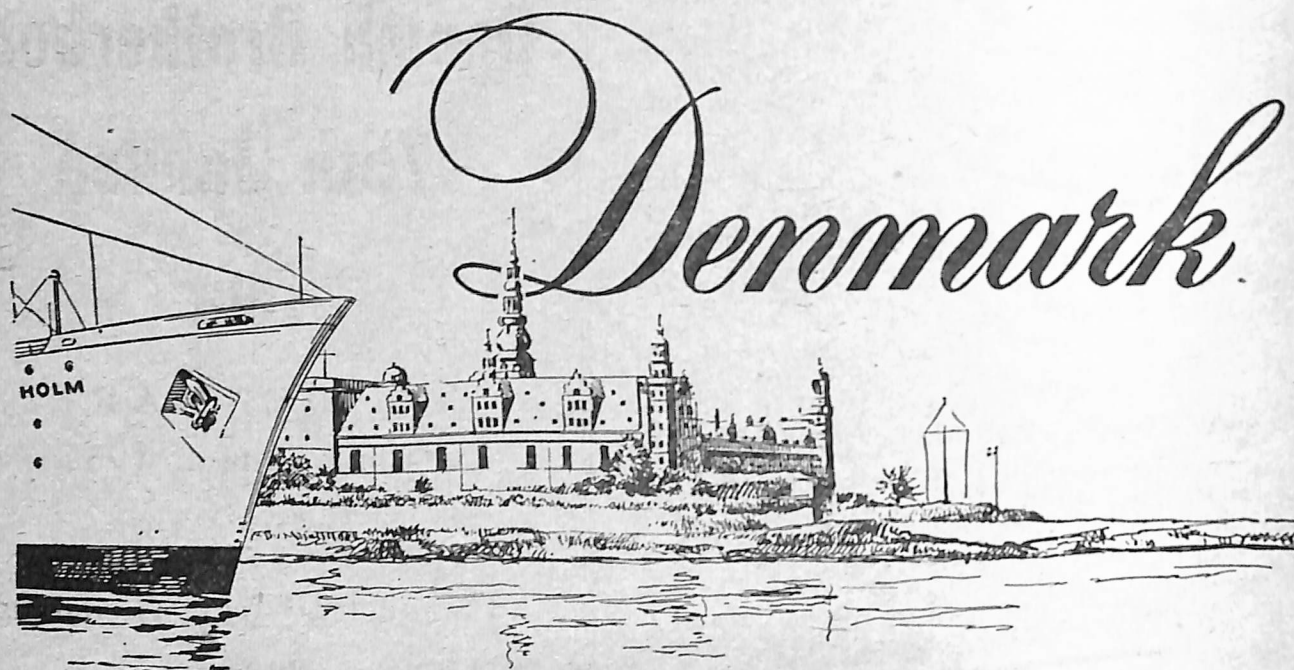
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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

From the secretary of the general committee I have received several copies of a report from their recent board meeting, also copies of the proposals from the supreme board regarding the promotional committee work.

There is no doubt this will be a topic for discussion in the lodges in the next few months and we trust some good will come of it. He also enclosed a list of the membership in the eastern lodges for the last three years, no doubt all lodges will receive the same and again there will be something to talk about.

Our president in the general committee here in the east is a traveling man. He tries on his trips to visit lodges in the neighborhood wherever he is. Recently he visited Erie lodge and with several brothers from Erie made a trip to Warren lodge in Pennsylvania. When in Erie he witnessed a fine initiation of Brother John Olsen. Erie expects to have two more initiated at their next meeting. Viggo Nielsen visited Cimbria in New York and there a brother was initiated also. We welcome Brother Soren Steen to our Brotherhood. Anders Jensen just returned from a trip to Denmark, gave a short talk about his trip and refreshments were served after the meeting.

We have a little to report from several lodges and I certainly appreciate to hear from you.

**In Warren No. 202** Brother Julius Petersen celebrated his 50th year as a member of the Brotherhood August 29.

Because of his health, he was not able to be present at the meeting. President Karl Petersen, Treasurer James Nordine and several other brothers called at his home and presented the 50-year pin to him there and he was indeed happy to receive it.

The Warren lodge is a busy lodge and will help the Sister lodge in Warren celebrate its 50th anniversary some time in November.

A most wonderful letter was received from Wendia Lodge No. 71 in Penn Yan, N. Y. We have not in the past heard much from them; but it is a pleasure to tell you a little about this busy lodge.

To begin with, the two lodges sisters and brothers work wonderfully together. Early in the year the two lodges backed a project sponsored by the adult education council of the Penn Yan public schools: the community ambassador project, which is an experiment in international living. In cooperation with service clubs, churches and fraternal organizations over \$800 was raised; a young man was sent to Denmark for three months. He is now back and is busy giving lectures and showing 400 colored slides taken in different sections in Denmark. Two years ago a similar project was undertaken and a young lady was sent to Mexico.

In June, when the Danish club in Aalborg had their visitors here, 25 of these visitors were in Penn Yan and the Danes there were hosts to them in their homes and all had a wonderful time. Four years ago the lodge purchased their own building and with the help of the Sisters this building is being modernized and equipped so that lodge meetings and all socials can be held there.

The report shows further that attendance at meetings are on an average of 50 per cent for the brothers and 75 per cent for the sisters. We call this fine and sincerely hope that it may continue and we hope to be able to visit you before long.

**From Haabet Lodge No. 32** in New Haven, Conn., we see that a former brother of that lodge, now residing in Chula Vista, Calif., Theodore Sorensen, has had a little bad luck in his business. Brother Sorensen was master of the world's largest tuna fishing boat, the Explorer. Here is what happened:

The last week of August, during a fuel transfer operation, the ship lost stability, listed to starboard and sank with 200 tons of tuna aboard. The entire crew made shore, but lost everything but the clothes on their backs. The total loss was set at \$745,000. This naturally was quite a blow to Brother Sorensen. We trust he will come over it O.K., and certainly wish him luck.

From Newark lodge and Philadelphia we have their monthly news. Several items, mostly of interest to the local members, are in these papers. We think it must be a great help to all brothers of lodges who sends these monthly sheets. We find that in November at the meeting in No. 205 in Brooklyn there will be quite an affair. The president will initiate his son into the lodge. A party has been planned: Danish Bøf med Løg, Dansk Ostepind, Snaps and beer will go with it. We hope you will have a good time and shall be with you in thoughts.

In Lubladet from Philadelphia we find a little comment on the Danish ballet shown in Philadelphia. How great it was and how it was enjoyed. I can only say the same, we were fortunate to see it is Boston and the house was full; the applause certainly showed how great it was.

On Saturday, November 17, a wedding party took place in Hartford, Conn., in the Danish hall. It was Paul Nielsen and Ingeborg who were the fortunate pair. Paul is a member of Rosenberg Lodge in Providence; but his residence is in Hart-

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Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

ford. It was a nice party and Danish sandwiches were served with snaps, beer, coffee and Danish pastry. Many short congratulations were extended to Paul and Ingeborg and many beautiful presents filled a table. We wish Paul and Ingeborg many happy years together.

This was the first time we had a chance to see the modernized building in Hartford. The basement with the new bar and the new stairway certainly looks fine. We know the brothers in Hartford are working hard and certainly deserve such a nice building. We understand the installation of officers of the two lodges there will be Saturday, January 12, keep this date open and attend, it is worth it.

In Providence, R. I., we were notified by the sisters at the last meeting that there will be a little Christmas party after the meeting in December. Bring a little present and exchange it there. We have had these parties before and they are great.

At this meeting two of the sisters will be back from Denmark. Alma Jensen, who was secretary for 25 years has been home for over a year, since the loss of her husband, Jimmy. Anne Lincoln, who has just been away for a few months, will be back with us again. We shall be glad to see them among us again and hope you will all come. Oh yes, we also have election of officers that evening so it is important for us. See you there.

## Newell Members Get 50-Year Emblem

At a social function in Newell, Iowa, September 20, Carl Hansen functioned as master of ceremonies and had the honor of presenting 50-year membership emblems to Niels Andersen and P. M. Jensen. The Sisterhood served a delicious lunch and a fine evening was had by all.

Brother Andersen joined Dwight Lodge No. 34 in 1906 and transferred to Newell in 1909. He has served in various offices and also been a national delegate. He and Mrs. Andersen celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 19, 1952. They enjoy their home and are both in good health.

Brother Jensen joined Lodge No. 244, at Cadillac, Michigan, transferred to No. 107, Chicago, five years later and in 1917 transferred to Newell. He has been an active and valuable member; served on the board of the United Iowa lodges and was president for two years.

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

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

I am very happy to be able to give you the list of official visits of our president, Brother Lehmann Cook during the month of January. At these visits Brother Cook will install the officers for the ensuing year. I understand these visits are planned in co-operation with Sister Marna Nielsen, the president of the Sisterhood general committee. The visits will be as follows:

- Lodge No. 184, Hayward, Friday, January 4.
- Lodge No. 332, Ripon, Saturday, January 5.
- Lodge No. 230, Arcata and No. 95, Ferndale, joint meeting in Ferndale, January 7.
- Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, Wednesday, January 9.
- Lodge No. 67, Fresno, Thursday, January 10.
- Lodge No. 188, Del Rey and No. 255, Selma, joint installation Friday, January 11.
- Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, Saturday, January 12.
- Lodge No. 299, Solvang, Thursday, January 17.
- Lodge No. 329, Long Beach and No. 323, Alhambra, joint installation Friday, January 18.
- Lodge No. 306, San Diego, Saturday, January 19.
- Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Thursday, January 24.
- Lodge No. 322, Santa Barbara, Friday, January 25.
- Lodge No. 319, Bakersfield, Saturday, February 9.

As Oakland Lodge No. 39 now only meets twice monthly apparently Brother Cook was unable to be present at either meeting and the lodge was unable to make other arrangements because the meeting hall is rented out with the exception of its meeting nights. In talking with Brother Norman Dan Anderson, the secretary, it would appear that the logical night for installation will be January 18. This will be confirmed later and I hope to have this for the next issue.

In some instances, perhaps, the visit will not coincide with the regular meeting night of your lodge, but in such case please make every effort in order to change your meeting night to conform with the above list. As soon as your lodge has made definite arrangements for the installation will you be good enough to drop Brother Cook a note at his home address, which is: 6429 Edmonds Street, San Diego 14.

May I remind the lodges that Sister Nielsen and Brother Cook are spending nearly a whole month in the service of our two organizations so the least we can do is to try to make their trip through our state a trip they will never forget. They will do their part, now let us do our part.

It was indeed a pleasure to learn recently, that our good Brother Sven Stribolt, for many years editor of the Danish newspaper "Bien" was made a Knight of the Order of Dannebrog by the Danish King, for his many years of service to his countrymen. The presentation took place at a dinner given at the home of the Danish Consul General and Mrs. Frode Schøn. We send our warmest congratulations to Brother Stribolt. It is an honor well deserved, and is a testimony to the old saying "Violer til de levende." Til Lykke Sven.

We recently read in the papers about an honor

bestowed upon a good lady who is known to nearly every Dane in California, namely Sister Joe Andreasen of Bakersfield, who at the recently held 83rd session of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star was installed as Grand Adah for California. Sister Andreasen has spent many years of active work with the Eastern Star and has now reached the Grand Chapter. We wish Sister Andreasen much happiness in her work.

Those of us who attended our convention in San Diego last August will remember that the trip to Denmark was won by Mrs. Nick Rønberg, and these good people were looking forward to their trip with the Danish Brotherhood tour June 4. Nick had planned this trip for a long time, and he was finally able to make it and I dare say Brother and Sister Rønberg were the happiest couple at the convention. However, this was not to be as Brother Rønberg passed away suddenly of a heart attack in October. He was a member of many years standing of Lodge No. 49 in San Francisco, but had lived for a number of years in San Diego. We extend our sympathy to Sister Rønberg and his brothers living in northern California.

As mentioned in this column last month, San Francisco, Lodge No. 49, celebrated its 65th anniversary at the Sheraton Palace hotel November 3. As was anticipated the evening was truly a gala affair, with 285 in attendance. The lodge owes Brother Fred Bakke and his splendid committee an extra vote of thanks. Incidentally, Brother Bakke has already made arrangements for a similar affair November 2, 1957.

There is certainly life in old 49, which was also evidenced by the large gathering at the affair held Saturday evening, November 17. It was advertised as "Andespil, Dans og Forfriskninger" and over 200 showed up to this affair and it is safe to say that over half were young people. We noticed Brother Henning Jensen and other young members of our officers were busy talking to prospective members. Henning had his pockets filled with application blanks. Brother Ernst Meyer, our conductor, was in charge of the entertainment and "det

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kolde Bord" which was about the best we have seen for some time. But Brother Meyer could have done very little without the fine committee assisting him and the social committee members of the two lodges are to be congratulated for the fine team work exhibited. We hope to have several similar social gatherings during the coming year.

Other events coming up in No. 49 are as follows: Nomination of officers on November 21 and 28 with election of new officers December 12. The yearly Christmas gathering of the two lodges will take place after the meeting December 12, and we can look forward to a nice evening with singing of Danish Christmas carols, and little gifts for the lucky ones.

The big Christmas tree festival of the five big lodges in San Francisco will take place Saturday night, December 15. Be sure to get your children and grandchildren signed up with one of the secretaries.

And speaking of Christmas parties the lodges in San Diego will celebrate its party in Turner hall in the evening, December 8, starting at six p. m., with a turkey dinner. Santa Claus is expected to hand out gifts to 150 children. Movies and games are on the program for the youngsters while Oskar Jensen's western swing band will play for the "oldsters." The installation of officers in San Diego will take place in the U. S. Grant hotel with banquet and dance January 19.

In last month's issue I asked the secretaries of the various lodges to let me know at once when and where their lodges held meetings in order to correct our list of lodges which appears in the Danish paper, "Bien." To date I have only heard from Lodge No. 39, and I can only assume that the list as it now appears is correct.

I also asked for news items and have had none. So one can only assume the lodges are dead — socially speaking — that is. There is one exception to this namely, Lodge No. 322 in Santa Barbara, but I do not get their monthly papers until about the 24 or 25 of the month and then it is too late, as I must have news items not later than the 20th of each month. As our Brotherhood Magazine is delivered to every member of your lodge, could you find a better medium for free advertising? Hope to hear from you good brethren next month.

All of the officers of the general committee join me in wishing each and everyone of you and your families "en rigtig Glædelig Jul."

## Des Moines Honors Two Members

Lodge No. 15 of Des Moines, met at a joint party with the DSS in the basement of the new Hartvig Jensen home.

The Brotherhood took advantage of the large attendance to make it a fitting time and place for presentation of two 50-year pins. The honored gentlemen were Emil Londahl, long-time officer and generous worker for the lodge; and Hans J. Andersen, retired at Valborgsminde but still young at heart. Charlie Reid, local secretary, acted as conductor and Harry Mortensen presented the men with their pins.

P. S. Munk-Pedersen has also completed 50 years of membership in the lodge. However, he resides in Washington, D. D., and could not be present. His 50-year pin was sent to him with an appropriate letter from the secretary.

Best wishes for continued good health and congratulations were extended to the honored brothers. The party continued on a Halloween theme, all present seemed to join the fun and have a good time.

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