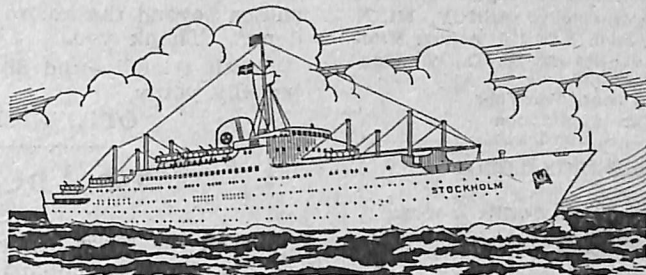


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## A Last Appeal

As we are coming close to the time when the tour to Denmark will become a reality, I wish to remind those Brothers who have not fully made up their mind to get off the fence, send in your order for the tickets and come with us for the grandest trip of your life. We must have the reservations in by March and the tickets must be paid for by that time in full to insure your space. The tour committee has laid out a program that we know you will enjoy, including entertainment on ship as well as the grand reception and welcome on our arrival in Copenhagen. A program of reception and sight-seeing has been arranged for the first two days in Denmark for you to enjoy. Sight-seeing tour of Denmark as well as a tour to southern Europe is available to anyone who wishes to participate. We still have space left, but hurry.

January 12 was a red letter day for me, as I had the pleasure to attend the 75th anniversary of Lodge No. 4, Racine. A most appropriate celebration; some 400 brothers and their families were present to honor Lodge No. 4, and to enjoy an evening in good fellowship. I say thanks to Racine and Lodge No. 4 for the wonderful hospitality extended me on this memorable occasion. May you continue to grow and prosper in the years that lie ahead.

Also a report on a trip to Valley Lodge, Ripon, Calif. I accepted an invitation to be present at its tenth anniversary celebration held in Modesto, Calif., November 17. A well planned banquet and dance. It was indeed a pleasure and very uplifting to see nearly every lodge in California represented; they came from far and near, they came to celebrate and to honor Lodge No. 332. I salute Lodge No. 332, a growing and prosperous lodge.

In the last two issues of our magazine our Su-

preme First Vice President, Hans M. Andersen, has presented a Promotional Program for 1957, and has appealed to the lodges as well as to the individual members for support. Yes, Brothers, it has become a must that we do something about the ever present loss in members. I trust that the lodges will organize membership committees that will and can bring results in the coming year, so that when 1957 passes beyond the horizon we can say: "A job well done." Thank you.

With friendly and sincere greetings, I am fraternally yours.

OTTO NIELSEN, Supreme President.

## Pass Them Around

From the home office, in Omaha, not long ago, cartons of safety match folders are presented by the lodges. These match folders are presented, by the Supreme Officers, in the hope that they may serve as a medium of advertising the Danish Brotherhood. They may be used for display and distribution at occasions within the lodges, such as anniversary banquets, installation parties and at many other activities wherever there are possibilities of placing them in the hands of potential members. Pass them around wherever you think they will do the most good.

Being that 1957 is the 75th anniversary year of the Brotherhood, there will be numerous celebrations, throughout the various lodges, at which the match folders will be colorful attractions.

They will also be useful on the Brotherhood's transoceanic tour to Denmark, this summer, and while in Denmark, it is expected that our lucky voyageurs will distribute our bright red and white match folders profusely in gatherings wherever potential future residents of America may be assembled.

It is not expected that our little match advertising will "set the world on fire," but, we do hope that it may ignite a spark of enthusiastic interest in the Brotherhood.

Lodges may avail themselves of additional cartons of match folders by request to the home office, in Omaha.

If members have suggestions to make, in regard to possible improvements in cover designs, for the future, please direct them to the undersigned. As chairman of the Promotional Program Committee, I shall be happy to present them to the committee for consideration. We have hopes that the match folders will bring results, and, if so, more will be fabricated in the future.

HANS M. ANDERSEN, Sup. Vice President.

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# Financial Report

DECEMBER 31, 1956

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand December 1, 1956	\$30,880.50
Assessments	10,398.97
Interest on bonds	18,338.13
Interest on certificate loans	77.94
Premium on currency exchange	77.82

\$59,773.36

Disbursements:

Death claims	\$25,454.43
Cash surrender	144.87
Collection expense on bond coupons	6.00
Current investment expense	844.00
Third and fourth quarter investment expense	1,417.81
Balance on hand December 31, 1956	31,906.25

\$59,773.36

## General Fund

Receipts:

Received in December	\$ 768.74
Statutory transfers from other funds	2,998.11
Balance on hand December 1, 1956	13,642.91

\$17,409.76

Disbursements:

Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 52.50
Postage, express, telephone and telegraph	83.90
Rent and lights	201.44
Actuarial expense	100.00
Furniture and fixtures	65.00
General office expense	18.40
Membership rewards	188.00
Christmas bonuses	50.00
Petty cash	10.00
Lodge supplies	187.75
Promotional Fund expense	390.88
Salaries to officers and employes	730.00
Employer's taxes, social security	25.81
Balance on hand December 31, 1956	15,306.08

\$17,409.76

## Fraternal Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand December 1, 1956	\$11,532.49
Assessments	2.50
Interest on bonds	300.00
Fraternal payments returned	58.70

\$11,893.69

Disbursements:

Fraternal payments	\$ 320.50
Administrative expense for 1956	1,580.30
Balance on hand December 31, 1956	9,992.89

\$11,893.69

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand December 1, 1956	\$ 7,523.05
Assessments	169.30

\$ 7,692.35

Disbursements:

Balance on hand December 31, 1956	\$ 7,692.35
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\$ 7,692.35

## Assets

Mortuary Fund investments	\$4,090,098.18
Fraternal Fund investments	248,000.00
General Fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	61,897.57
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	\$4,439,995.75

# Honor Roll

## LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
227	Christian R. Larsen,	Detroit, Mich	6
49	Hennig Jensen,	San Francisco, Calif.	5
49	George Hansen,	San Francisco, Calif.	5
67	Fred Andersen,	Fresno, Calif.	5
1	Chris Larsen,	Omaha, Nebraska	4
43	Borg Jensen,	Denver, Colo.	4
126	Thorvald Jensen,	Los Angeles, Calif.	4
4	Poul C. Nielsen,	Racine, Wisconsin	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
49	Jacob Friedrichsen,	San Francisco, Calif.	3
116	Kaj Holm,	Newark, N. J.	3
225	John Christensen,	Canton, Ohio	3
318	Aa. Willumsen,	Copenhagen, Denmark	3

Closing for 1956.

## LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1956
49	San Francisco, Calif.	25	347
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	19	295
4	Racine, Wis.	14	521
29	Seattle, Wash.	12	356
227	Detroit, Mich.	9	316
116	Newark, N. J.	8	165
242	Erie, Pa.	8	170
318	Copenhagen, Denmark	7	139
1	Omaha, Nebr.	6	259
43	Denver, Colo.	6	101
332	Ripon, Calif.	6	47
67	Fresno, Calif.	5	82
170	Rocky River, Ohio	5	39

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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

By Norbert E. Grove, District Secretary-Treasurer,  
6312 Nyanza Park Drive, Tacoma 99, Washington

You are the Danish Brotherhood, my good friend. It is only as strong as the membership makes it. If you can support it physically as well as financially, it will be proportionately strong. Come to lodge and make your thoughts known. Keep yourself informed. Read our magazine and get a copy of our Resolutions and By-Laws. Support the Brothers who are spending many man hours you couldn't buy in order to make our Brotherhood bigger and better. If you think your lodge is "run" by a small group, find out if it is true, and why. Perhaps they are the only ones who will work. Ask yourself, "What am I doing for the DBS in a positive, and not a negative manner." Remember "he profits most who serves best."

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." That proverb is as old as the hills and reminds me of another ditty which your wife might recite to you when you object to start making plans for our eighth annual district convention during the first week end in May at McMinnville, Oregon:

If you keep your nose to the grindstone rough,  
And hold it down there long enough,  
In time you'll say there's no such thing  
As brooks that babble and birds that sing.  
These three things will your world compose,  
Just you, the stone and your bloody nose.

Inclement weather in the form of snow has tied up the great northwest of late to the extent that our Pacific District President Vernon Tryson has changed his plans in several attempts to visit all the member lodges in Oregon, Washington and Canada. Chairman Tryson and his good wife, Bessie, (not Jessica) did get down from British Columbia as far as Seattle, however, and in a conference with Supreme President Otto Nielsen and myself and our ladies of course, spent an evening of sociability and discussions of our mutual lodge problems. Vern is a sincere and active leader in any association of which he becomes affiliated. I understand that his assistant, Area Vice President Peter Rasmussen of Oregon's City of Walnuts, has been up in these parts "barnstorming" for good attendance at McMinnville.

District Trustee Martin Rasmussen and a past president of Seattle's DB has recently purchased the Emerson hotel in Hoquiam, Wash., and while wife, Mary, operates the Ingleside in Tacoma, Martin keeps busy down in the harbor. Rushed as are the Rasmussens, they nevertheless drove to Enumclaw in order to officiate at joint installation services of the local Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges when it was learned that Supreme President Otto Nielsen was scheduled to be in Racine. At prescribed ceremonies were installed the following Brothers: Past President Norbert Grove, President John Hansen, vice president Godan Meng, conductor Nis Hansen, treasurer Henry Hergert, secretary Kai Rasmussen, inner guard Ingvald Nelson, outer guard Elmer Boysen, trustee chairman John L. Rieck and trustees John Moldrup and Bent Espersen.

Once a year when the aggressive DBS Lodge No. 29 of Seattle installs their new officers, they invite all the ladies to open installation and then prepare

a banquet for them, cooked and served by the Brothers. This year was no less successful than in days gone by — splendid. Among the brethren who will guide the 1957 course of events are past president Jerry Jensen, president Paul Hansen, vice president Harold Hansen, conductor Joe Chamberlin, treasurer John Hansen, secretary Joe Mattson, inner guard Miller Jensen, outer guard Johnnie Collins and trustees Sam Fredriksen and Sig Pedersen.

Vancouver B. C.'s Danish Brotherhood will be spearheaded this year by President Borge Dahl and Vice President Svend A. Johansen, the former also last year's leader and the latter, district trustee for the Pacific Northwest; Brother Herber V. Sorensen, an insurance agent, is one of eight prominent citizens who will constitute the directors of Enumclaw's first Boy's Club of America; and the affairs of DB No. 33, in Tacoma are still in the trustworthy hands of past president Niels Christensen, president Marinus Laursen, vice president Chris Pederson, conductor Niels Tegan, secretary-treasurer C. Fred Christensen, inner-outer guard Peter Thompson, head trustee Chris Fredriksen and trustees Andrew Anderson and Emil Paulson.

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# About The Jubilee Tour

On June 4, in just four short months, the M. S. STOCKHOLM of the Swedish American Line will sail from New York on one of its most significant voyages across the Atlantic. On board will be a very large group consisting of several hundred happy, pleasure seeking people who have decided to visit the home land as members of our 75th Jubilee Tour to Denmark — 1957.

Many pleasant surprises await those who join the Tour so there is much to look forward to. For instance, to mention a few, those who travel cross country to New York will have an opportunity to join a group travelling by train escorted by an experienced Travel Conductor. There will be sight-seeing enroute and in Washington, D. C., a stop-over in New York and a day or two before sailing eastbound is under consideration. Passengers who can not join this group may, of course, travel directly to New York. Details will be announced later to all participants in the Jubilee Tour.

Much entertainment, and several outstanding festivities, will be arranged on shipboard. The Danish Constitution Day "Grundlovsdagen" on June 5 will be commemorated already the next day out. Meetings of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be arranged. Fine souvenirs will be given the participants in memory of the trip.

Arrival in Denmark is scheduled for the early forenoon of June 13, with an exceedingly festive reception in "Frihavnen." Members of the Danish government, the city of Copenhagen, and the Supreme Board will participate in these touching ceremonies when the ship docks. There will be a special program in Copenhagen the first two or three days after arrival, including an official reception by the Danish government at Christiansborg Castle where refreshments will be served with the Prime Minister as the host. A visit in Tivoli during evening time. A "homecoming" banquet for the Tour participants only, and officials, in one of Copenhagen's finest and best known restaurants — and so on.

Another high point is that beginning with our Tour the home of the M. S. STOCKHOLM will be in København, and under the administration of the new Denmark America Line. The Swedish American Line and the Denmark America Line are doing their utmost to make this crossing of the Atlantic a real event. The ship has undergone extensive changes. It has been equipped with the famous Denny Brown stabilizers which will assure a smoother sailing. An auditorium and a children's room has been added. It has been given a complete Danish atmosphere in furnishings, officers, crew, service, menu and we will fly the Danish flag, etc., etc.

Friends such as Supreme President Otto Nielsen, who will lead the Tour; Einar Danielsen and Viggo Mikkelsen, Supreme Officers; Brother Helge Petersen, Director in the Denmark America Line, Copenhagen; and Brother Jorgen C. Berthelsen of the Swedish American Line, New York, who will travel with the group, certainly assures everyone of a most enjoyable time on the ship. The days will become entirely too short and the trip will end far too soon.

Provided conditions permit, an opportunity will

be given our Tour members to join a bus trip through Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium and France with a turn-around in Paris. This tour will start in Aalborg on July 6 and last 8-9 days. Reservations can be made on board ship and the cost, including meals, hotel, sight-seeing and transportation, will be most reasonable. Tickets will also be available on the ship for the various festivities in Aalborg for the days of July 4-5.

A slight increase in trans-Atlantic fares went into effect as of May 7, 1956. Members who had joined the Brotherhood before that date, their wife and children under 18 years of age when accompanied by the member, are protected at the old rate, if the ticket is bought through us. All others, also a member's wife and children when traveling without the member, pays the rate now in effect.

As a matter of information to those who expect to stay at hotels in Denmark, I wish to give a word of advice. Hotel rooms will be scarce in Copenhagen, especially in June, and Aalborg around the July 4th period. Please make your arrangements immediately for rooms for the days on arrival in Copenhagen and in Aalborg during your stay there for the July 4th festivities. We do not undertake to make hotel reservation in Denmark, but will assist to the best of our ability in case of necessity. When writing about hotel rooms be sure to mention whether room with private bath is required. The majority of the rooms are without private bathrooms, and these are considerably cheaper.

In closing I wish to mention that on my trip to Denmark last summer I sailed in the M. S. STOCKHOLM and in another ship on the return. I loved the STOCKHOLM. It sails wonderfully well. It is beautiful. It is cozy, homey and truly intimate with the passengers it carries. The service is remarkably efficient and pleasing. Be sure to join the TOUR. Every member has been mailed information and a RESERVATION REQUEST form with an addressed envelope. The address is: Jubilee Tour, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

AXEL SKELBECK.

Prim lady at wedding: Can you imagine? They have known each other only three weeks and here they are married.

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A famous economist was asked by one of his students the exact definition of the words "recession," "depression," and "panic."

"It's easy," the expert replied. "Recession is a period when one must tighten his belt. In a depression one hasn't any belt to tighten. And when one is without any trousers to hold up, then you've got a panic!"

## St. Louis, Missouri

Having been elected correspondent to our paper, I shall try to give an expression from this part of our country.

First I want to express appreciation for having had the opportunity to attend the convention in Racine in 1955, and again Mrs. Larsen and I had the opportunity to attend the district meeting at South Bend last year. I did not have the opportunity to publicly express our sincere appreciation to No. 245 in South Bend at the time, so please accept this belated expression at this time.

Our greatest struggle today is to preserve our identity and at the same time maintain a substantial membership.

The Scholarship Fund was done away with at the convention and an excursion to Denmark this year is in the making. This indeed is very well where expense is no problem. How about instead of a scholarship fund create some kind of a fund where worthy members could apply for a little help for a trip home to Denmark and back again. I feel sure there are many of our people who just long for such an opportunity, but never had a chance for lack of funds. It could be too that there would be some of our people in advanced years would appreciate an opportunity to be able to leave some of their blessings of this life for such a worthy cause.

OLUF LARSEN, Lodge No. 191.

## Lodge No. 4 Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

The 75th anniversary of Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wisconsin, is now history, but the gala event Saturday evening, January 12, will long be remembered by the nearly 400 who attended the banquet and entertainment.

George Christensen, chairman of the arrangements committee, bid the massive audience, including many distinguished guests a sincere and hearty welcome after which he presented the master of ceremonies, Oscar T. Jacobsen, who did an excellent job in that capacity.

Brief but good speeches were made by Mr. Humble, mayor of Racine; Th. Ladefoged, president of the lodge; and Supreme President Otto Nielsen of Seattle, Wash. The address of the evening was given by Judge Robert W. Hansen of Milwaukee who is a fluent and able orator. Mr. Hansen centered his remarks on the value of the Danish emigrants toward the welfare of American culture and economic conditions. It was a real pleasure to hear him present this subject.

There were many guests from Milwaukee, Kenosha, Chicago, South Bend, etc., including Supreme Trustee Einar Danielsen of St. Charles, Ill.

Beautiful dinner music and entertainment by James Hansen and Ethel Green was enjoyed by everyone.

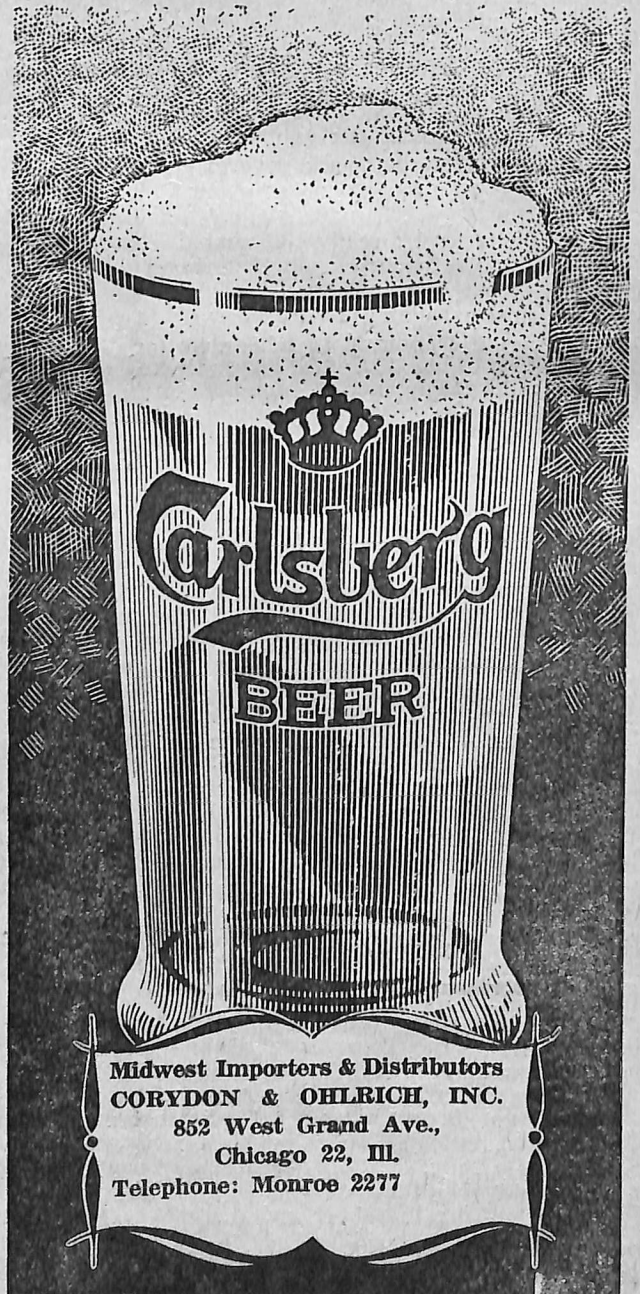
The 50-year honorary emblem was presented to 14 members who had reached that milestone in the lodge.

The arrangements committee consisting of George

Christensen, Peder Back, Alfred Petersen, Chris Pedersen, Mogens Ibsen, Victor Johnson and Jimmy Sorensen deserve a hearty "thank you" for a job well done.

Peter Jensen, hall manager, was in charge of the superb banquet and "The Jesters" furnished music for the dance which terminated the grand and glorious event.

The earlier tuberculosis is discovered and treated, the better the patient's chance for recovery, but 35 to 40 per cent of new cases are far-advanced when first reported. Tuberculin testing surveys, which Christmas Seal funds help finance in schools and communities, aid in finding the early unknown cases.

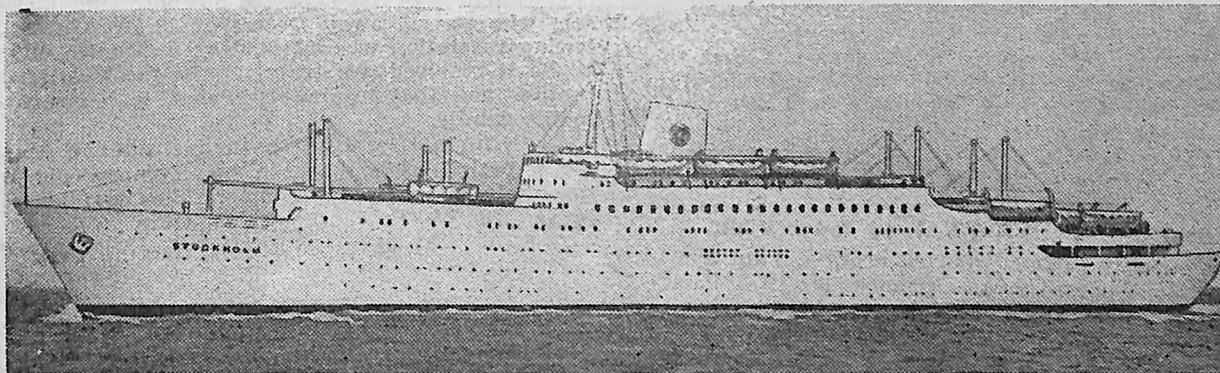


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## Resolutions

### NEIL ANTON JORGENSEN, Waukegan, Ill.

In memory of our departed brother, Neil (Tony) Jorgensen, who passed away December 30, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Dannevang Lodge No. 182, at its regular meeting January 12, 1957:

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

Be it further resolved, that 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 copy be sent to his family.

Curtis Petersen, Pres.  
LeRoy Riebock, Sec.

### PAUL S. ANDERSEN, Long Beach, Calif.

In memory of our departed brother, Paul S. Andersen, who passed away December 28, 1956, Pacific Lodge No. 329 passed the following resolution:

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, that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and entered in our minutes.

Harry L. Rasmussen, Pres.  
Karl A. Andersen, Sec.

### JENS M. NEILSEN, Newell, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Jens M. Neilsen, who passed away on December 15, 1956:

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 thirty days and that this resolution be entered in our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 147, Newell, Iowa.  
Arnold Rasmussen, Pres.  
Elmer Jensen, Sec.

### JAMES B. THOMSEN, Toledo, Ohio

In memory of our departed brother, James B. Thomsen, who passed away December 2, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Toledo Lodge No. 233:

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

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

John Hansen, Pres.  
Hans Soe, Sec.

### ENGWALD WEST, Duluth, Minn.

In memory of our departed brother, Engwald West, who passed away December 31, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Dania Lodge No. 65, of the Danish Brotherhood:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a

faithful brother and we hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days, that this resolution be made part of our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

On behalf of Lodge No. 65.

Roland Hansen, Sec.

### JAKOB JAKOBSEN, Clear Lake, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Jakob Jakobsen, who passed away December 13, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 219:

Be it resolved, we truly mourn the loss of our brother and that we hereby extend our sympathy to his family.

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

Ray Hansen, Pres.  
E. C. Estergard, Sec.

### HANS P. NIELSEN, Enumclaw, Wash.

In memory of our departed brother, Hans P. Nielsen, who passed away October 9, 1956, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 113:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our brother and hereby extend to his family our most sincere sympathy.

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, and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a memorial card sent to his family.

Norbert E. Grove, Pres.  
Kai Rasmussen, Sec.

### FRANDS J. H. VISSING, Valley City, N. D.

In memory of our departed brother, Frands J. H. Vissing, who passed away January 4, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 149:

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

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

On behalf of D. B. Lodge No. 149, Luverne, N. D.

George Mortensen, Pres.  
Charles Wamberg, Sec.

### LARS JENSEN LARSEN, Arcata Calif.

In sincerest memory of our departed brother, Lars J. Larsen, who passed away in Middelfart, Denmark, October 13, 1956, the following resolution was adopted at our January 18 meeting:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of a most loyal brother and hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

In behalf of Humboldt Lodge No. 230.

Curtis M. Larsen, Pres.  
Gunnar Ladefoged, Sec.

**WILLIAM TONINI, Arcata, Calif.**

In memory of our departed brother, William Tonini, who passed away at Arcata, Calif., December, 16, 1956, the following resolution was adopted at our January 15 meeting:

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

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

In behalf of Humboldt Lodge No. 230.

Curtis M. Larsen, Pres.  
Gunnar Ladefoged, Sec.

**ANTON N. ANDERSEN, Austin, Minn.**

In memory of our departed brother, Anton N. Andersen, who passed away January 19, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Danish Brotherhood Als Lodge No. 111:

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

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 Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

Fred Godfredson, Pres.  
Otto M. Andersen, Sec.

"Golf again," screamed the wife. "I think I'd drop dead if you spent a Sunday at home."

"Don't talk like that," the husband soothed. "You know you can't bribe me."

**Omaha, Nebraska**

Lodge No. 1 is planning a celebration fitting the 75th anniversary of the Brotherhood. It is to be a dinner and an evening of entertainment at the Hotel Rome late in March. We hope to have the whole Supreme Board present, and it should be a gala affair.

Joint installation of officers for Lodges 1 and 195 was held January 4, with Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck the installing officer. Supreme Trustee Fred Jensen told about the future program of the Brotherhood, especially in regards to increasing membership and interest in the lodges. A fine lunch was served by Lodge No. 195, and a sociable evening was spent by all present.

By the way, we have an old member who is still active and attends practically every meeting: Brother Ivar O. Nielsen, who will celebrate 68 years of membership in the Brotherhood February 25. I. O., as he is affectionately known, joined in 1889 at the age of 21.

G. S. E.

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Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Dec. 8	Hans Chr. Einar Larsen	64	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1913	Cardiac failure	\$1,000.00
Dec. 13	Skerner Rasmussen	77	Randers, Denmark	40	Rawlins, Wyo.	1907	Coronary thrombosis	936.30
Dec. 9	Allan A. Josty	57	Chicago, Ill.	50	Byram, Conn.	1924	Carcinoma	1,000.00
Nov. 27	Marinus A. Rasmussen	83	Klovborg, Jylland	164	New York, N. Y.	1903	Hypostatic pneumonia	423.54
Dec. 7	Eddie H. Johnson	70	Perth Amboy, N. J.	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1906	Broncho pneumonia	990.79
Dec. 9	Alex McForno	70	Aarhus, Denmark	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1925	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Nov. 27	Jorgen A. Mortensen	79	Thorslunde, Lolland	64	Rockford, Ill.	1899	Cirrhosis of liver	910.63
Dec. 15	Jens M. Nielsen	59	Vraa, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1924		1,000.00
Dec. 8	Lars Christian Nielsen	78	Jyderup, Sjælland	163	Edmore, Mich.	1905	Coronary thrombosis	978.32
Dec. 17	Marinus Nielsen	78	Flavenskjold, Den.	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1907	Coronary occlusion	921.84
Dec. 5	Peter Chris Petersen	78	Denmark	181	Sidney, Mich.	1915	Aspiration pneumonia	492.65
Dec. 21	Willie Nelsen	78	Thisted	213	Ord, Nebr.	1905	Arterio sclerosis	913.29
Dec. 11	Christian J. Petersen	81	Bandholm, Lolland	92	St. Charles, Ill.	1912	Coronary thrombosis	950.83
Sept. 13	Peter R. Petersen	78	Nørre Nebel, Jylland	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1914	Pending	244.63
Dec. 12	Peter W. Petersen	75	Skanderup, Vejle	78	Salt Lake City, Utah	1905	Carcinoma of pancreas	946.97
Dec. 5	Christian V. A. Schrader	75	Flensborg, Slesvig	172	Philadelphia, Pa.	1917	Hypostatic pneumonia	500.00
Dec. 3	Walter L. Jensen	90	Copenhagen, Denmark	50	Byram, Conn.	1910	Chronic myocarditis	896.91
Dec. 21	Hans Christian Nielsen	78	Damsholt, Møen, Den.	80	Neola, Iowa	1900	Terminal pneumonia	888.62
Dec. 22	Stanley Lauridsen	55	Dwight, Ill.	34	Dwight, Ill.	1923	Carcinoma of lung	1,000.00
Dec. 19	Jens H. Nissen	87	Tønder, Slesvig, Den.	103	Waterbury, Conn.	1898	General arteriosclerosis	782.04
Dec. 18	Anders P. Andersen	46	Rakkebye, Denmark	139	Viborg, S. D.	1953	Coronary thrombosis	125.00
Sept. 23	Hans Peterson	78	Denmark	260	Williston, N. D.	1907	Arteriosclerosis	960.92
Dec. 24	Peter B. Larsen	93	Copenhagen, Denmark	17	Chicago, Ill.	1905	Arteriosclerotic cardio	752.98
Oct. 9	Hans P. Nielsen	87	Nørre Vildstrup, Amt.	113	Enumclaw, Wash.	1903	Arteriosclerosis	814.06
Dec. 26	Lars Jacobsen	89	Noreby, Møen, Den.	206	Blair, Nebr.	1905	Broncho pneumonia	397.09
Dec. 15	Anders Anderson	88	Aalborg, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1902	Not specified	1,000.00
Nov. 25	Soren J. Sorensen	92	Ribe, Denmark	48	Rock Springs, Wyo.	1891	Fracture hip	359.14
Dec. 30	Niels Anton Jorgensen	51	Waukegan, Ill.	182	Waukegan, Ill.	1924	Generalized septicemia	1,000.00
Jan. 6	Finn Andersen	72	Ørstad, Assens, Den.	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1906	Pending	241.24
Jan. 8	Niels J. Lark	84	Lundehøj, Lolland	177	Cordova, Nebr.	1905	Pending	427.98
Dec. 21	Jens C. Hygon	69	Novrup, Denmark	325	Nassau Co., N. Y.	1937	Natural causes	500.00
Dec. 28	Paul Samuel Anderson	77	Roros, Norway	329	Long Beach, Calif.	1902	Pulmonary tuberculosis	910.63
Oct. 13	Lars J. Larsen	68	Voerlædegaard, Den.	230	Arcata, Calif.	1913	Broncho pneumonia	500.00
Dec. 23	Rasmus Andersen	90	Eiby, Fyn	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1890	Coronary thrombosis	743.18
Dec. 14	Peter Chr. Hansen	96	Ribe Amt. No. Slesvig	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1898	Arteriosclerosis	684.67
Jan. 16	Alexander Hansen	76	Fredericia	17	Chicago, Ill.	1907	Intestinal obstruction	943.85

# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

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

I have just heard from the convention committee in San Francisco that there are big plans ahead for this big event, and the first one coming up is to be held in Druid's Temple in San Francisco, Saturday evening, February 16. It will begin at 8 p. m., sharp, so please be on time. There will be bingo games, old fashion Tombola and dancing to the wee hours of the morning. Refreshments of various kinds will be served, Coca-Cola with reinforcement, as well as the more substantial coffee and cakes. So please come and enjoy yourself and thereby help the committee to arrange for a good convention.

Brother Henry Jonasson, chairman of the finance committee for the convention, has come forward with an idea, which has the approval of the whole committee. The idea is that the committee will give away a trip for two to Hawaii, which includes transportation, a week at the Royal Hawaiian, plus sight-seeing trips. Now, in order for you to become eligible for this wonderful opportunity all you have to do is to donate \$1 to the convention fund. Here you have a much better chance to win something than you would have by buying a ticket on the Irish Sweepstakes, which you are probably buying anyhow. Full information about this will be sent to all the lodges and we trust to have your full support.

By the time you read this, most of the installations in California will have been completed, with the exception of Bakersfield Lodge No. 319 which will install February 9 and Ripon Lodge No. 332. The latter lodge found it necessary to change its original date, and at this writing the date has not been given me. Please watch *Bien* for the new date.

Unfortunately I was only able to attend two of the installations and as is always expected of our presidents, Sister Marna Nielsen and Brother Lehman Cook did the installing like old timers.

The installation in San Francisco was attended by some 200 members and friends of the two lodges. In No. 49 we have had the happy solution of combining youth with wisdom. By that I mean that most of the officers are young members; the secretary, financial secretary and treasurer are of the older generation. The young man we installed as president, Brother Ernst Meyer, came to this country only a few years ago and has already established himself in business. We can look forward to a good year in No. 49. The young lady who was installed as president for the Sisters is Sister Virginia Daphne and I believe the Sisters can look forward to a real good year.

The installing officers were assisted by a fine drill team of eight young ladies of the Sisterhood. After the installation refreshments were served in the banquet hall. We owe the social committee, under the leadership of Sister Margrethe Nielsen, special thanks for the beautifully decorated tables, and also a very special thanks to Brother Morten Brun for not only donating the flowers but also the unusual artistic arrangements.

January 18 I had the pleasure of attending the installation in Oakland. This annual affair is always something special, it seems to me. Perhaps it is because they always have such a lovely drill

team. The two state presidents were unable to attend so the Sisters were installed by Supreme Trustee Margaret Sundby and Brother Robert Jensen, a very young man who has already gone through the chairs in No. 39, and is also an officer of the General Committee. Needless to say, the work was perfect. The installation was followed by a cocktail party and delicious refreshments and dance for the youngsters — of all ages.

Speaking about Brother Robert Jensen, it was really an eventful evening for him, as on the Sisterhood side, not only his wife, but his mother and an aunt were installed as officers, and the following day was the golden anniversary of his grandparents, Brother and Sister Andker Miller who of course, were present to see him do his stuff. They could certainly be proud of this young man of whom we can expect a lot within the Danish Brotherhood.

The installation was also the occasion for presenting the 50-year emblem to three of 39's members.

When this reaches the membership, one of our officers of the General Committee, Brother George Hansen with Mrs. Hansen will be on their way to Denmark, in that they will be sailing in the Stockholm from New York February 5. They had originally planned to sail with the Brotherhood tour but decided to go ahead and spend the winter at home. They will now be at the dock in Copenhagen when the Brotherhood ship will arrive in June. Good luck to you both.

Speaking of No. 318 reminds me that a very prominent member of that lodge, Brother K. V. (Kære Ven) Hansen will also be on board after his visit in this country. Brother K. V. is Denmark's unofficial world ambassador. He too will be at the dock in Copenhagen, where you can usually find him when one of the ships from New York arrives, to greet our members upon their return to "Fædrelandet." "Tak for Besøget K. V. og kom snart igen og Lykke paa Rejsen."

In last month's news items I forgot to mention that another one of our secretaries had decided that to live alone is not as good as when you are two about it. The secretary I have in mind is Brother Karl A. Andersen of Long Beach Lodge No. 329, who went to Denmark last fall and brought a bride along with him to Southern California. His lodge arranged a nice evening for them upon their return.

From Santa Barbara I have just received The Danish Grapevine filled with chit chat. From it we learn that Brother Nels Christensen and Brother Andrew Pedersen were elected president and vice president respectively to replace the bretheren who had previously been elected to these offices and had resigned. We wish the two good brothers lots of luck in the coming year.

I think it is a splendid thing with these local papers now issued monthly by both Santa Barbara and Fresno lodges. I hope other lodges will take up the idea and do likewise.

I am writing these items from a room in Hotel Utah, on a periodical business trip. Inside the room it is cozy and warm, but looking out it is anything

but warm in that a snow storm is in progress. I love to look at snow from either a warm hotel room or a nice warm train, but as for being outside and experiencing the cold weather — well they can have it. I suppose this is natural after one has spent 40 years in beautiful Northern California, but I seem to have lost all interest in snow and ice.

However, that does not prevent me from enjoying the beautiful trip here, sitting in a speeding train. The California mountains were covered with pine and fir trees just covered with snow and looking like living Christmas trees. I got to chatting with a businessman from Memphis who was making his first trip to the coast and who had been persuaded, against his better judgment, as he put it, to try the train instead of returning by air. He said it was really his first trip by train in many years and he had forgotten how comfortable and resting such a trip could be made. But what he was most happy about was that he had seen California from all sides. From Southern California with its palm and orange trees and sunny beaches to the entirely different Northern California, which of course included a snow storm in the mountains. If he had flown he would have missed this beautiful sight. Besides he would now get home rested. What really had taken his heart was San Francisco, the most cosmopolitan city in all the world, as he put it, and I modestly repeat his words here. And that is one more good reason why you should plan to attend our state convention in San Francisco next August. Plan to come now, you won't regret it.

### Danish Week in New York

"Danish Week" in New York — celebrated as a joint event of the American premiere of the Royal Danish Ballet and the unveiling in Central Park of the Hans Christian Andersen statue — brought this comment from Barnett D. Laschever in New York Herald Tribune: — "Last week was 'Danish Week' in New York, and for our part we would like to see Danish Week celebrated every week of the year. Why? We just happen to think that Danes are more fun than anybody — even when they are melancholy. The author Evelyn Waugh has said 'The Danes are the most exhilarating people in Europe.' They are just as exhilarating when they come over here — jovial, fun-loving and warm-hearted."

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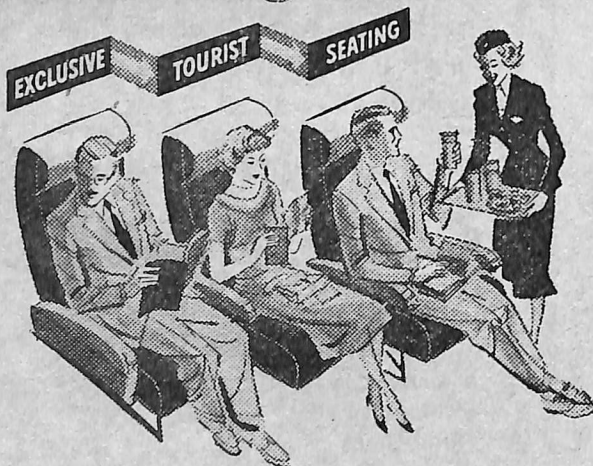
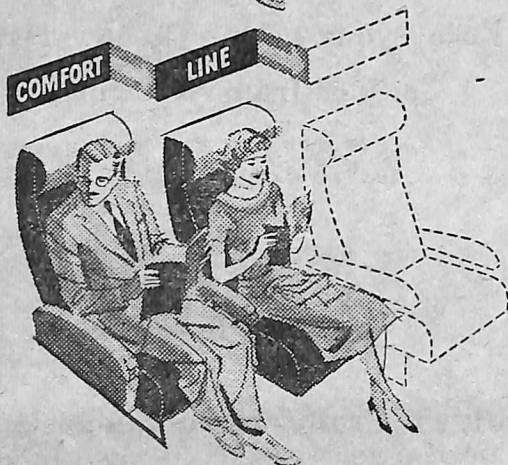
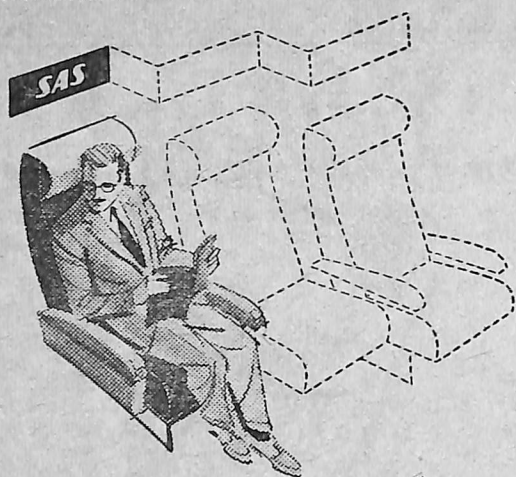
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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

From the officers of the General Committee I have received some very interesting letters lately, all regarding their visits to the several lodges in their respective neighborhood. From the treasurer, Erik Garde, in Bridgeport, came the news that he has visited the following lodges in the past few months: namely No. 103 Waterbury, No. 50 Byram, No. 41 Derby, No. 32 New Haven, and he will within a short time visit No. 314 Hartford, No. 102 Providence and No. 112 Portland.

His opinion of these visits is that if more of us would do the same, much more enthusiasm would be aroused in the lodges; he finds that not enough attend meetings; but he also feels that the new promotional program should arouse some interest among the members and should bring them to attend meetings. It seems to me that the several lodges here in the east are doing a good job and when you read the report from these lodges about their social gatherings after meetings, good sandwiches, Danish pastry, coffee, etc., how can you help enjoying coming? About his own lodge, No. 37, in Bridgeport, he reports that they had a Danish dinner in September, "Frikadeller" and "Æblekage." In November bingo, chickens as prizes, and many other articles. In December, celebration of the 67th anniversary, several guests from New Haven were present at this affair. It was a most enjoyable affair and it was late before it was over.

From Viggo Nielsen, Newark, the secretary of the General Committee, we also hear that he has been very busy. That, of course, is what we expected when he was elected to this important job. He informs me that No. 116 in Newark had a fine installation of officers Saturday January 12, with 54 members present, 10 visitors. Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen was the installing officer, assisted by Paul Petersen of New York, a very fine installation no books used.

Viggo visited No. 46, Perth Amboy, Tuesday, January 8, for their installation; there again Chris was the officer in charge and Viggo assisted. Two new social members were initiated this evening, they were Peter C. Olesen and Charles Larsen.

Perth Amboy Lodge, in conjunction with the Sister lodge there, will have a pre-lent breakfast Sunday, March 3, at 1 p. m. This will be held in Dana hall, 248 Market St., Perth Amboy. Prices will be reasonable.

Modersmaalet was visited Friday, January 11, for joint installation with the Sisterhood lodge. Paul Petersen was supposed to install the officers and had studied very hard for this, his two sons being the top officers, and Chris Madsen was to be his conductor; but Paul got laryngitis the day before the meeting so he could not talk, therefore Chris installed and Viggo assisted. Paul got his voice back during the evening, he said the cough medicine he had during the evening was the best he ever had.

Viggo was to have been at the meeting in No. 205, but he does not like to drive on slippery roads, therefore this will have to wait to some other evening. Viggo also informs me that John Rasmussen, president of the General Committee was present at

the installation in Hartford Saturday, January 12. Erik Garde, the treasurer, was also present and a fine installation was noted. Brother Anton Mose, assisted by Aage Jespersen performed in their usual fine manner.

The Warren lodge held joint open installation with the Sisters Wednesday evening, January 2. Brother James Nordine, past president of the General Committee installed the officers in No. 202. Sister Magdalena Christensen, past president of the Warren Sister lodge, installed the Sister officers and was assisted by Sister Margaret Petersen. A large number of members of both lodges had turned out for this meeting and card playing was enjoyed after the meeting and sandwiches and coffee served later, prepared by the Sisters.

In Providence, R. I., No. 102 installation was held at the meeting Friday, January 11, John Rasmussen, president of the General Committee was present for this affair. We in Providence certainly want to express our appreciation to Brother John for coming this long way in such bad weather. We sincerely hope that he enjoyed our company as much as we enjoyed his. John does a very fine job and we know that in his travels all over the country he has made many friends.

Before the meeting, the Sisters had invited us to a fine cold supper, you should have seen that table: "Spegesild, hjemmelavet Medisterpølse, Rullepølse, Leverpaasteg og mange andre herlige Retter, Kaffe og Wienerbrød, og saa efter Møderne serverede de igen Kaffe." George Petersen assisted John during the ceremonies and the Sisters were installed by Sister Anne Lincoln assisted by Dine Verdich.

From Schenectady, N. Y., No. 190, we note that they had a dinner meeting Wednesday, January 16, a fish supper, given by the president and all other members who were lucky enough to have a birthday in January.

A Christmas party was held December 28, about 175 children and adults were present. The officers

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of the Sisterhood gave presents, candy and ice cream to the children, the grownups were served coffee and cake. The largest and one of the best Christmas parties ever held in Schenectady. Installation of officers took place Friday, January 4. Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen and Mrs. Bess Thomsen of Troy, vice president of the Sisterhood General Committee, installed the Sisters. Refreshments were served and pictures from Europe were shown.

Officers were installed in Portland, Maine, No. 112, Saturday, January 19. George Petersen of Providence, R. I., assisted by the president of Rosenberg lodge in Providence, Fred Mortensen, performed the ceremonies. A fine gathering was present during the meeting and as usual the Sisters had arranged a most delicious table in the hall next door.

The Sisters had their meeting and installation in the adjoining room and their committee served the most delicious sandwiches and coffee which were enjoyed to the fullest. Bertel Luja, re-elected president, called upon several of the members from both lodges, it was a pleasure to listen to all of it. Bertel had just celebrated his 83rd birthday on Thursday, you would never think so when you see him, the air in the north must be wonderful. Anna and Walter Paulsen told us about their recent trip to Denmark, where they had enjoyed a very fine three months.

We are looking forward to seeing you again in the near future in Portland, and say many thanks for a fine evening.

November and December of 1956 were busy months for the members of Long Island Lodge No. 325, what with the lodge's 30th anniversary dinner, the election of officers for 1957, and our annual Christmas tree. All occasions were spirited and well attended.

The anniversary dinner was held at Brother Tom Hansen's Norden restaurant on Jericho Turnpike, in Westbury, Long Island. The dinner arrangements were under the able direction of Brother John Jorgensen, chairman. Roast beef was on the bill of fare and those attending commented that it was undoubtedly the finest roast beef that they had ever eaten, as one might expect when dining at the Norden.

Our December meeting saw the election of Brother Harry Larsen president, Walter Brinkman vice president, Harry Rasmussen secretary, Hans Pedersen treasurer and Ted Petersen financial secretary. We wish them well as do all the other members of the lodge. The usual competition between the "Northern" Long Islanders (led by Berg Jensen) and the "Southern" Long Islanders (led by Sofus Christensen) vying for election was missing as were the leaders of the "Southern" faction. Confidentially, it was reported that Sofus (former Outer Guard) was a shoo-in this year for Inner Guard on an open ballot; a position which had caught the fancy of Sofus.

The Christmas tree was one of the most successful ever held by Long Island Lodge, with 68 youngsters attending, all receiving exceptionally nice gifts obtained by Brothers Harry Rasmussen and Martin Schaefer. Brother Rasmussen and his pretty wife, Martha, organized games for the children and kept the festivities in high gear all afternoon. Once again Brother Ernest Christoffersen played Santa Claus and I am happy to report that less children

were frightened this year by Santa's mask because of the wonderful costume Brother Axel Plett was successful in borrowing. Coffee and cake were served to the adults.

## Auto Accidents Increase

The nation's worst automobile accident toll in history was recorded in 1955, it has been announced by the Travelers Insurance Companies.

Traffic deaths totaled 37,800 last year compared with 35,500 in 1954. The injury count reached 2,158,000 compared with 1,960,000 in the previous year.

These figures are taken from "Fatal Fallacies," the twenty-second in an annual series of traffic accident data booklets published by the Travelers. Accident facts from every state in the nation are collected and analyzed for the booklet by Travelers statisticians.

Excessive speed was the most dangerous driving mistake again in 1955, killing 12,700. The 1954 total was 12,380 persons. The injury total resulting from excessive speed was 702,560, compared with 659,000 in 1954.

The pedestrian record was the only bright spot in the 1955 accident picture. It reflected improvement for the fifth consecutive year. Pedestrian casualties were reduced to 230,400, compared with 235,060 in 1954.

Drivers under 25 years of age were involved in more than 27 per cent of 1955's fatal accidents, although they comprise only about 14 per cent of the total of all the nation's drivers.

Week-end crashes accounted for 15,730 killed and 766,090 injured. The 1954 week-end record was 13,980 killed and 678,000 injured.

Crossing between intersections, "jay walking," and stepping into the street from behind parked cars are the chief causes of pedestrian deaths and injuries.

The 32-page booklet features cartoons by Ted Key, creator of the popular "Saturday Evening Post" feature, "Hazel."

The booklet also reveals that one out of every 75 persons in the United States became a traffic casualty in 1955.

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

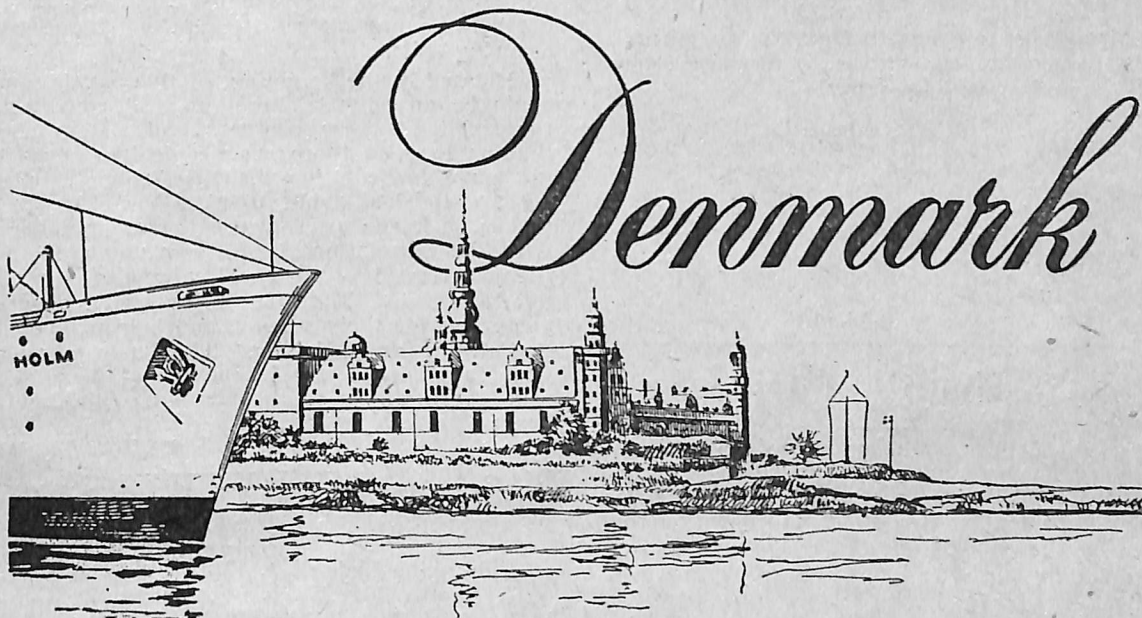
Twenty-two per cent of the deaths occurred on Saturdays.

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## No. 78 Installs Officers

This little article could stand as an editorial about what it is that makes the Danish Brotherhood tick. There would have to be made a few changes of names or places, but the spirit and devotion that is shown by the participants is the dynamic power, that keeps our organization alive — or at least breathing.

On the regular meeting night, January 8, Lodge No. 78 in Salt Lake City had an installation party. Apparently we had an enemy in the weatherman (he must not belong to the Brotherhood) for the most vicious storm of this winter found a great opportunity in showing its disregard of our timid expectations of cooperation.

With this as a plausible excuse a substantial part of the members stayed away. Yes, you guessed it, all the young and strong, while all we old and weak, shaky and feeble fought our way through the blizzard.

After a short business meeting in order to take care of the bills, the meeting was turned over to Hilmar W. Hansen, who was to install the new officers. He expressed his gratitude to the twenty-odd people for their love of the Brotherhood by coming to this gathering despite the weather, after which he gave a short report of last year's business, and at the same time introduced a new altar cloth and a Danish flag recently imported from Denmark.

With the assistance of Brother John Olsen as conductor he thereupon installed the next year's officers in accordance with our constitution.

After the installation everybody was invited to participate in a few bingo games, where Edgar Hansen took a big hunk of the loot, it probably cost him more to win it than to buy it, though.

For those who did not win anything but experience, came the evening's highlight when our faithful quintet of Venuses, Mrs. Ruth Hansen, Erika Hansen, Mildred Ericksen, Louise Petersen and Gunhild Kragh served a host of the most delicious and specially homemade open-faced sandwiches with coffee and drinks.

According to the law of averages, the following doctor-bills must exceed the bills for the food, the way the goodies disappeared. As the feast slowed to a reluctant halt, we found time to listen to a

few words of more thought provoking character. There was a lot of encouragement in Hilmar Hansen's praise of the fraternity, a lot of sentiment in Edgar Hansen's devoted words about our future and a lot of truth in Chris Petersen's serious talk about ourselves in the lodge's daily work. Several other brothers — and sisters too, spoke with a most reassuring spirit.

I stated in the beginning of this article, that this could be an editorial, and am still convinced that the spirit of these brothers and sisters show us that as long as there are people like them we do not have to fear for the Brotherhood; but when we are finished, what then? With the speed, or rather lack of speed we get new members, and with the interest most of the new members show their disregard of their obligations, the outlook is not too bright. Therefore I praise the members of yesterday for their support and help in keeping the Danish Brotherhood alive. Thanks to everyone for your faithfulness and I believe that those who can take these words to their credit, will know it by heart.

BORGE KRAGH.

## Denver, Colorado

Columbine Lodge No. 43 held election of officers on December 20, 1956. On December 29, Columbine Lodge No. 43 and Ellen Lodge No. 21, had its annual Christmas party. Santa delivered gifts to the children after which they were served refreshments in our dining hall. The party was well attended.

Joint installation of officers took place on January 17, 1957. Members of Ellen Lodge No. 21 served sandwiches, cake, cookies and coffee and a good time was had by all present.

JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.

## New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
Marinus Nielsen	10	Coun. Bluffs	B. R. Andersen
Chris Johansen	39	Oakland	Martin Miller
Einer Pedersen	43	Denver	Hans Brucker
Chas. Christensen	46	P. Amboy	Chas. N. Larsen
Chas. Christensen	46	Perth Amboy	Peter C. Olsen
Soren Sorensen	75	Albert Lea	R. R. Sorensen
Wm. B. Schilling	139	Viborg	Thomas V. Hansen
N. M. Lauritsen	139	Viborg	Melby Peterson
John Christensen	225	Canton	Paul Erickson
John Christensen	225	Canton	Richard Pedersen
John Christensen	225	Canton	Wayne N. Potter
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Donald G. Simonsen
Omar Hansen	227	Detroit	Leif E. Gylstrand
E. Madsen	301	Akron	Tage Hofjeldt
Lehman Cook	306	San Diego	Carl Henriksen
Aa. Willumsen	318	Copenhagen	L. Thorkildsen
A. Schiøler Linck	318	Copenhagen	C. C. O. Jensen

Noticing a woman nursing a very fat baby, he wandered over and asked, "Lady, what do you feed that baby to make it so fat?"

She answered politely, "Just milk and tomato juice."

He stared at her a minute and then asked eagerly, "Lady, which is tomato juice?"