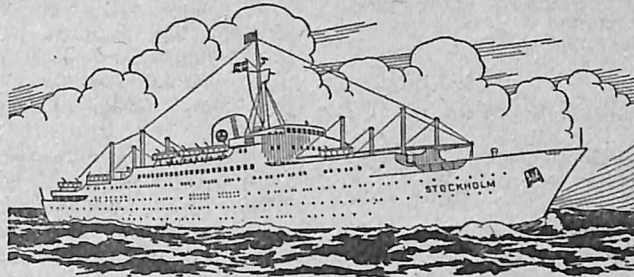


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“Lykke Paa Rejsen”

A month from now, the good ship “Stockholm”, will leave New York Harbor, bound for Denmark, carrying over 300 Danish Brotherhood members and friends. Many happy days will be enjoyed by the lucky people on board the ship, and later, in beautiful Denmark and probably other parts of Europe.

This tour is the fulfillment of many dreams of pleasurable travel with congenial friends and acquaintances of mutual interests and attitudes.

To most of the participants, this is an opportunity to visit again, the place of their birth and relive the happy days of their childhood. To a few, this may be the long hoped for opportunity to visit the birthplace of their parents and see for themselves that those places are just as wonderful as their parents said they were.

We anticipate that all participants will have a thrilling experience that will live in their memories forever, and that the Danish Brotherhood will be well repaid for having sponsored such a glorious tour.

The undersigned three members of the Supreme Board could not, for various reasons, take part in the tour.

We sincerely wish everyone on the tour a safe and happy voyage across the Atlantic and back, as well as a most enjoyable time throughout the entire trip.

Think of us here at home, now and then, and “Hils Fra Os Derhjemme.”

Sincerely and fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN, Supreme Vice President.
CHRIS MADSEN, Supreme Trustee.
FRED JENSEN, Supreme Trustee.

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April 1957

New Members

Booster	Lodge No.	Location	New Member
G. H. Rasmussen	4	Racine	R. N. Rasmussen
Andrew Svendsen	35	Chicago	Donald L. Holm
Dan Chr. Andersen	49	S. Francisco	C. E. Sorensen
A. Christoffersen	51	Ludington	Donald Bentz
Hans J. Reuss	59	Menominee	A. Pedersen, Jr.
Chris Pedersen	78	Salt Lake City	A. Pedersen
G. V. Petersen	102	Providence	Adolph Nielsen
Alf Svantemann	116	Newark	Peer F. Sorensen
Vernon Petersen	117	Plainview	Carlyle Larson
Peter Petersen	126	Los Angeles	V. N. Frenkel
Robert Petersen	164	New York	N. A. Asselta
Robert Petersen	164	New York	Carl B. Braren
Robert Petersen	164	New York	Charles Mangini
G. Lindhardt	182	Waukegan	S. Kristensen
Ted Christensen	183	Troy	Viggo Christensen
Ole Hansen	190	Schenectady	F. S. Helleskov
Richard Agervig	190	Schenectady	Paul Nissen
C. J. Christensen	190	Schenectady	H. V. Jespersen
John Nyby	217	Humboldt	Willis Madsen
Walter Pedersen	217	Humboldt	Paul Nielsen
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Kurt M. Jensen
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Eric J. W. Johnson
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Benny L. Larsen
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Anders P. Larsen
J. Emanuelson	227	Detroit	William A. Olsen
Ole Beck	242	Erie	Robert L. Holby
Joe Dascanio	242	Erie	Walter J. Hickey
Robert Sorensen	255	Selma	Don Rasmussen
James H. Johnson	283	Dagmar	Ove J. Nielsen
A. Christensen	301	Akron	Emmet E. Bowers
A. C. Jespersen	314	Hartford	George Thomson
K. V. Hansen	318	Copenhagen	Georg Hansen
J. H. Jendresen	322	S. Barbara	A. J. J. Dothee
John L. Forgrave	329	Long Beach	E. A. Andersen

Bon Voyage Party

A party has been planned for those going to Denmark with the Excursion Jubilee Tour June 4th. A committee has been set up with Ex-Supreme President C. B. Christensen as honorary chairman, Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen as chairman and General Committee, Eastern Lodges Secretary Viggo Nielsen as secretary.

The lodges in New York and New Jersey have pledged their support. The party has been planned for Monday, June 3, at 7:30 p. m. It is to be held in the Danish Athletic Club, 735 65th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Transportation by bus to the Athletic Club from the hotel where the tour is staying will be arranged for.

It will be a Danish style cold table. There will be music by a Danish orchestra, several dignitaries will be present, there will be community singing, and all in all the committee promises one and all a send-off long to be remembered.

The price for tickets will be \$4.00 and include beer with the meal. This is a party you don't want to miss, hope to see one and all Monday, June 3rd.

Fraternally yours,

VIGGO NIELSEN.

Book Matches

Book matches are now available at the home office of the Danish Brotherhood at the following prices: \$23.37 per case (2,500 books or 50 boxes per case) and \$19.00 per case. Both matches are identical in design and color, the \$19.00 per case match is of very good material but the \$23.37 per case match is made of the finest material available.

Sample matches were sent to all lodges last year with a response beyond expectation and as a result, it was decided at our last Board Meeting to maintain a supply on hand with a slight change in design. The new match will have the Danish and American shields in red, white and blue, very attractive, in place of the Danish flag. It is unlawful to use the American flag in connection with advertising in any form, so consequently, we are not using either flag.

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AXEL SKELBECK,
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

Financial Report

MARCH 31, 1957

Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1957	\$30,530.62
Assessments	10,569.80
Interest on bonds	12,134.63
Bonds called	9,000.00
Premium on bonds called	100.00
	\$62,335.05
Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$16,642.90
Cash surrender	922.68
Certificate loan	140.00
Collection expense on coupons	10.50
Refund on assessments	12.79
Current investment expenses	850.62
Balance on hand March 31, 1957	43,755.56
	\$62,335.05

General Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1957	\$12,585.60
Received in March	931.71
	\$13,517.31
Disbursements:	
Advertising, printing and stationery	\$ 58.75
Actuarial expense	26.60
Insurance department license and fees	275.00
Preparing insurance dept. statements	110.00
Postage, express, telephone and telegrams	82.52
Printing and mailing official publication	377.99
Rent and lights	203.84
Salaries to officers and employes	733.00
Travel expense incl. board meeting	1,524.66
Employers taxes—Social security	17.24
Promotional fund expense	79.32
Balance on hand March 31, 1957	9,993.03
	\$13,517.31

Fraternal Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1957	\$ 9,712.63
Assessments	8.50
Payments refunded	1.82
Interest on bonds	2,113.75
	\$11,836.70
Disbursements:	
Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 742.00
Balance on hand March 31, 1957	11,094.70
	\$11,836.70

Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Balance on hand March 1, 1957	\$ 8,010.19
Assessments	160.85
	\$ 8,171.04
Disbursements:	
None	
Balance on hand March 31, 1957	\$ 8,171.04
	\$ 8,171.04

Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$4,080,496.52
Fraternal fund investments	248,000.00
General fund investments	40,000.00
Cash in bank	70,014.33
	\$4,438,510.85

Honor Roll

Our most outstanding booster during the first quarter of 1957 is Brother Chris Larsen, 15817 Holmur Ave., Detroit, Michigan, a member of Lodge No. 277, who has enrolled ten of the eleven new members admitted to membership in his lodge.

Among the lodges we then find Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan, first with eleven members. Second is Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, New York, with six, and Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Connecticut with five.

Two opposing political candidates were arguing. "There are hundreds of ways to make money," one declared, "but only one honest way."

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

When you read this column shortly after the first of May, you no doubt will already have been in McMinnville Oregon, for our Eighth Annual Pacific Northwest Lodges Convention. Full particulars will have to be covered in our June issue of the Magazine. Friday night's Smorgasbord embraced "spegsild", "sylte", "rullepølse", "Dansk spegpølse", "leverpaasteg", "line hakkebøf og løg", eggs, fried ham, smoked ham, a variety of cheeses, cake, coffee and Carlsberg beer. Bellingham's DB has a new secretary in the name of Brother Cecil D. Colpitts as has McMinnville with Brother Clayton Gardner. I am wondering at the moment if International Folk Dance Enthusiast Svend A. Johansen, our District Trustee from Vancouver, B. C., will be in attendance in Oregon's City of Walnuts. Between two and three hundred were expected to attend. Brotherhood membership figures as reported at this writing from our various district lodges include McMinnville's 27, Junction City's 53, and Portland's 170.

"If past years have been any criterion", said District Vice President Peter Rasmussen, in charge of convention arrangements and details which number more than there are beans in a guessing contest jar, "there will be hundreds of Danes coming to McMinnville for the best gathering yet." The Rasmussens, Pete and Ellen, are personal friends of the Oregonian Weatherman so the climate was to be no problem. Generally speaking, the consensus of opinion is that each year's event has continued to be just a little better than the immediate previous conclave because of the increased interest by everyone to make it so. The first convention of the Washington, Oregon and British Columbian Danish Lodges was held in August of 1950 at Portland, the 1951 delegation was entertained in Vancouver (simultaneously with their 20th anniversary) during the month of May and again last year in June, in 1952 it was Spokane, 1953 in Seattle, 1954 Enumclaw, and Junction City had the pleasure in 1955. I sincerely believe that these district meetings all over the country are doing more to strengthen our fraternal unity than most of us realize.

The writer had a most pleasant surprise in meeting the new secretary of Prince George's DB No. 330, when Brother Einar Nielsen, general manager of British Columbia's Anderson Lumber Company, dropped in enroute to Salinas, California. Traveling with Mrs. Nielsen and his two little boys, this fine young Dane was in America for the first time,

having left Denmark four years ago. Taking over from former secretary, Axel Petersen, whom we all met at Racine, Einar informed me that the city of Prince George, some 600 miles north of Vancouver, B. C., had now a population of 18,000 many of whom were of Danish descent but that only 85 were affiliated with the DBS. Like charter members, Brothers A. P. and Carl Anderson as well as Lodge President Axel Rasmussen, Secretary Nielsen is deeply concerned as to the future status of the Danish Brotherhood in Canada and especially in Prince George. I respectfully invite any of our Supreme Officers to write the new executive at 1362 Seventh Street.

How long has it been since you proposed a new member to the Danish Brotherhood? It behooves each one of us to appoint ourselves as a committee of one to spearhead a membership campaign. To maintain a net membership, new members are continually needed to offset the loss from death and demits. Many, many new and lasting friendships are made through the Danish Lodges but it usually takes two people to establish a bond of friendship and each party must make the effort

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and extend themselves to form it. How about you? To quote Brother Axel H. Andersen, publisher of the Midwest Scandinavian, "Many a young man will some day thank his parents for establishing a contact with a group of people reaching all over the land and rich in the folklore and background that has helped Danes to substantiate a high standing here in America."

It is not only our Danish Brotherhood fraternity suffering from lodge attendance as every organization today competes with television and with the fast pace of living all around us. Years ago when our huge Christmas gatherings, our wedding receptions, "Stiftelsesfester" and what have you, were so popular, other groups were also flourishing. One must be on the constant lookout for ways and means of improving the interest in our fraternal group and it is fitting and proper for every member to give the matter some serious thought. I am confident that our Supreme Board spends many hours on this all important threat to our very survival. Methinks that perhaps the minority group who have for years recommended a joint Sisterhood-Brotherhood combination might have one solution.

Since I live in Lakewood and my office is in Puyallup, I seldom come to Enumclaw except for the regular monthly meeting of Lodge No. 113. My usual salutation is "What's new?" thinking of the contents for this column. When I recently asked Past President and Past Trustee Elmer Boysen who is presently Outer Guard, "What's new?" Any births, deaths or marriages? Anyone been on a trip?" — he answered "Yes, I am ready to make a trip." Immediately whipping out my pencil and paper to get the details and asking where he was going, he replied, "Oh, I'm not going any place but I am always ready."

Enumclaw, long known as the cleanest little city in the country, is now to become the Gateway not only to Mount Rainier but also to an all year weather tunnel through the mountains; the annual winner of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company safety trophy this year went to the woods construction department under the supervision of Brother Herman Pederson; our sincere sympathy is extended to Brother Chris "Butcher" Jensen and his family upon the sudden death of his good wife; Brothers Jens Nielsen, Ove Miller and Fred Weston are still confined to a wheelchair; Brother Anton B. C. Nielsen, formerly of Kent but now of Buckley, attended the regular monthly meeting in April for the first time in many a moon and good old Brother Jens J. Pedersen of Sumner rarely misses attending lodge; pioneers who arrived in Enumclaw around the turn of the century celebrated last week with a gala event to which occasion Past President Fred Weston and Charter Member Schwartz Pedersen were particularly invited and attended; George, son of Past President Oswald Pedersen, is to be married in June; and Larry Dean Holm, son of Brother Don and grandson of Brother Harold, has become a juvenile member of the DBS.

Spokane's Vind's DB No. 42 sponsored a lodge dinner on March 2 and the event was highlighted by the presence of Supreme, President Otto Nielsen and Supreme Trustee Kristine Hansen together with Mrs. Nielsen and Brother John A. Hansen; and Past District President Ingvard and Mrs. Eskeberg are receiving congratulations on a grandson born recently to their son, Jack.

Portland's 1957 officers include Ex-President Sig Nielsen, President Peter Pihl, Vice President Chris Pedersen, Recording Secretary Hans Madsen, Financial Secretary Hans Jensen, Treasurer Emil Svendsen who is to be at the District Convention, Trustee Chairman Magnus Esrom, Trustees Lou Jeppesen and John Sorensen, Conductor Chris Norgaard, Inner Guard Erik Enevaldsen, Outer Guard Carl Pihl, Delegate Henry Barreth and Alternate Harry Jensen; and stag parties in Lodge No. 167 date back many years and I am reminded of times when turkeys were donated by that jolly good brother, Sigurd C. Nielsen.

Seattle's largest lodge of our district always has a good delegation at every convention, even at national conclaves — seems to me that at Racine, I remember at least a baker's dozen in the names of Messrs. and Mesdames Otto Nielsen, Einar Hansen, Tage Frederiksen, Chris Hansen, Emil Lindholdt, John Ottesen and Brother Kris Christensen; Brother Mads Mauridsens of Kent, entertained the proposed King County passenger list for the Danish Excursion on Sunday, March 31; Brother Fred C. Hoiland did his good deed for the day by selling the Enumclaw DB a refrigerator at cost; and 1957 starts the seventh year since the consolidation of the Everett and Seattle lodges.

Tacoma's Vice President Chris Petersen won the attendance prize at the local Elk's lodge the last night of Exalted Ruler Norbert Grove's regime; Old People's Home directors met in Tacoma on April 16 for their regular quarterly session; Brother Christian Andersen is still on the sick list and is confined to a rest home in Spokane; Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen and Trustee Andrew Andersen were officially elected to represent No. 33 in McMinnville; and Conductor Neils Tegen has been bedridden for nearly two years.

Vancouver, British Columbia's official delegates to the district convention were President Borge Dahl and Trustee L. Jessen. That's all for this trip, folks.

Two young things were out avenue walking one night quite late, when they spied two sailors approaching from the opposite direction. Says one: "My, honey, at this hour those men must be out after hours."

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When grandmothers get together for a social visit a frequent remark is: "Oh, I just happen to have a picture of our grandson or granddaughter, etc., etc." And grandfathers do the same thing. That is how it happened that I got a nice picture of "Bobby" Ifversen when we were in Omaha the latter part of March and had a nice visit with Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen.

Bobby, as shown above, is 3 years old now and has been a juvenile member of Lodge No. 116, Newark, New Jersey, since he was 6 months old. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ifversen, and Paul is an officer in No. 116 and Mrs. Ifversen is secretary of D. S. S. Lodge No. 84 in Newark. And both of Bobby's grandmothers are members of No. 84. And of course, the crowning event is that Bobby's grandfather is none other than our newly elected Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen.

Brother Madsen stated that No. 116 was going to have 25 juvenile members by the end of 1957; right now they have 5, so they have quite a ways to go. And in addition to that Chris said they were also going to make a real push for picking up a lot of new adult members to bring Newark "over the top" in the 1957 promotional campaign. More power to you.

Fraternally,

SVEND PETERSEN, Editor.

In the past month we have initiated four new members in No. 227, which makes seven for the first quarter. If we all get those applications in, we may have a fair year.

Plans for the farewell party for the brothers going to Denmark are now complete. It will be a joint affair with the Sisterhood on Wednesday, May 22. My favorite Danish cook, Mrs. Christiansen, will prepare a roast beef dinner, complete from the shrimp cocktails to "Citronfromage."

The summer activities at the Danish Old People's Home, owned and operated by Lodge No. 227 on 110 acres just north of Detroit, are shaping up. Already scheduled is the National Committee picnic Sunday, June 23, and the Home Trustees' picnic July 28. Both of these events are a must for all Danes and their friends in the Detroit area, which include our suburbs of Chicago and Racine.

As is our custom, every 5th meeting when the brother whose number is drawn in the jack pot is not present, all 42 who were present put our names in a hat and pulled out that of faithful attendant, Peter Lohde, who got the \$10. He generously spent most of it on beer for the boys. The one who should have been there, as his number was drawn, was No. 979, Paul J. Larsen. Be there next time, Paul.

For years we have been trying to give full control of the DB to the small lodges by the establishment of the district convention method of electing delegates to the national convention. Since the big lodges are outnumbered in any district at least 10 to 1, there seldom would be a delegate elected from a big lodge. Apparently the little fellows feel, and rightly, that they already have all the power. Let us then try a more democratic approach to the delegate question. Let the qualification for a delegate remain as at present, but give the power to the members instead of the lodges, who after all have no interest except that of their members. Have a delegate representing up to 25 members have one-half vote, one representing from 25 to 50 have one vote, from 50 to 100 two votes, and one more vote for each 50 members over 100 so that a delegate from a lodge of 500 members would have 10 votes. This would be the democratic way to operate. I would go even further, and give a delegate and a vote to very active districts such as California, the East and the Midwest. A lot of good brothers work very hard in these districts for the Brotherhood, and certainly deserve some recognition. We need to reward those who are advancing the Brotherhood, and give them all the encouragement we can to keep up the good work. We have now fallen to fewer than 200 lodges with less than 11,000 members. We have 68 lodges with less than 20 members. Drastic measures must be taken. All who have the good of our organization at heart should come up with some ideas. It could be that the bell has tolled, and there is no hope, but let us at least go down fighting. We have two years before the next national convention. If we don't come up with something real drastic by that time, we will be over the hill for sure. The district conventions during the next two years are the best places to bring out your pet remedy. Let us all attend and see what we can come up with.

ARMAND E. LARSEN.

Alhambra, California

Just a bit of news from Alhambra Lodge No. 323. On April 12, the members met for a potluck supper. Twenty-eight were present including their wives. Birthdays for April were celebrated, Walter C. Kaysen and Louis Holst being the honored ones. After the supper the meeting was held by the brothers. Two new members were taken in: Jorgen Jensen and Walter A. Hansen. We have a new entertainment chairman, Otto Kiertzner, who is really sparking up a new life in our lodge. Music for singing was by Eileen Torkelson, wife of our president, at the piano, and Otto Kiertzner on the banjo. A few feats of magic and slight of hand were performed by our new member, Jorgen Jensen. A grand time was had by all, it seemed like old times.

Fraternally yours,

WALTER C. KAYSEN, Sec.-Treas.

61 Years in 78

Six years after his arrival to this country, one of Lodge No. 78's oldest members joined the Brotherhood. And now he, Brother Jens Kjergaard, has reached the mature age of 90 years. Still young and spry, he roams the house of his daughter, Mrs. Bill Johansen, where he has been living since the death of his wife some twenty years ago.

Brother Kjergaard belongs to the almost extinct race of humans, where good craftsmanship comes before profit, as it is proved by all the homes and business buildings he has built during many years of construction and contracting in and around Salt Lake City.

For 61 years he has been a member of our fraternity and this can be considered a drawback, as there hardly are any left, to exchange memories

with. It is, however, a cheerful experience for a youngster like your correspondent, to listen to Brother Kjergaard's stories from the "good old days," especially as his mind is sharp as a razor's edge.

The Lodge Brothers presented their old member with a gift from the Lodge a couple of days early, as the birthday was a closed family affair with a big dinner. We from Lodge No. 78 congratulate our Brother and wish him many happy returns.

BORGE KRAGH.

Anniversary Party for Selma Lodges

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of Selma Lodge No. 255 of D. B. and the 35th anniversary of D. S. S. Lodge No. 159 was held April 6. A sumptuous dinner was followed by dancing until well after midnight.

The presence of many visiting members, representing 22 of the 30 D. B. and D. S. S. lodges in California, is greatly appreciated by the members of the Selma lodges. There were 15 to 20 members from some lodges and some visitors had to travel over 500 miles in order to attend.

It is a pleasurable satisfaction to the undersigned, proud member of D. B. Lodge No. 255 of Selma and likewise of D. S. S. Lodge No. 171 of Ripon, to witness the display of good fellowship by the enthusiastic members at such an occasion. As long as such a spirit of fraternalism endures we need have no fear of the future for our societies.

Sincerely and fraternally,

HANS M. ANDERSEN.

A naive father is one who thinks his daughter has been a good girl because she returns from a date with a Gideon Bible in her purse.

DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Mar. 2	Jens P. A. Clausen	72	Orslev Sogn, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1911	Carbon monoxide poison	\$1,000.00
Mar. 17	Anders H. Andersen	81	Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1914	Terminal pneumonia	1,000.00
Mar. 11	Soren Peter Nielsen	68	Frederikshavn, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1922	Suffocation	250.00
Feb. 22	Christian Hansen	73	Stubberup Moen, Den.	35	Chicago, Ill.	1903	Cerebral vas. occlusion	500.00
Mar. 2	Hans Soren Andersen	65	Glum Sogn, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1937	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Mar. 4	Jorgen T. Haahr	81	Horne, Jylland	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1901	Coronary heart disease	1,000.00
Feb. 28	Peter Bredahl	77	Vedsted, Denmark	167	Portland, Ore.	1901	Coronary thrombosis	250.00
Mar. 4	John Christensen	69	Nørre Aaby, Fyn	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1916	Leukemia	1,000.00
Mar. 14	Walter P. Wilsted	83	Torslev, Hjørring	222	Corry, Pa.	1905	Pulmonary embolus	250.00
Mar. 7	Henry Nelsen	91	Magleby, Langeland	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1904	Carcinoma of left lung	1,000.00
Mar. 13	Peter Hansen	78	Ulboelle, Fyn	35	Chicago, Ill.	1908	Cerebral hemorrhage	1,000.00
Mar. 21	Fred. C. Frederiksen	87	Gudbjerg Sogn, Fyn	85	Rochester, Minn.	1895	Chronic pass. congestion	500.00
Mar. 10	Carl F. Hauritz	83	Aalborg, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1908	Bronchopneumonia	1,000.00
Feb. 18	Kaj Fred S. Moller	72	Carboulthre, Australia	281	Cincinnati, Ohio	1916	Coronary thrombosis	1,000.00
Mar. 2	Peter Nielsen	87	Vester Vedsted, Den.	34	Dwight, Ill.	1899	Mass. cerebral hemorrhage	500.00
Mar. 11	Paul Paulsen	69	Hvidbjerg, Thisted	41	Derby, Conn.	1912	Carcinoma of prostate	1,000.00
Feb. 16	Paul Jepsen	78	Copenhagen, Den.	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1905	Carcinoma of pancreas	500.00
Mar. 21	Robert Jensen	83	Veje, Denmark	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1912	Cerebral hemorrhage	1,000.00
Mar. 24	Peter Andersen	74	Denmark	40	Rawlins, Wyo.	1907	Cardiac and respiratory ar.	1,000.00
Mar. 7	Hans T. Westergaard	82	Gadbjerg, Den.	251	Devils Lake, N. D.	1903	Acute coronary thrombo	500.00
Feb. 21	Andrew Almind	69	Haardal, Den.	45	Minneapolis, Minn.	1912	Lymphatic leukemia	250.00
Mar. 26	Carl Juliussen	84	Taars Sogn, Jylland	17	Chicago, Ill.	1901	Carcinoma of esophagus	1,000.00
Apr. 1	Hans A. Hansen	92	Horslunde Lolland	91	St. Paul, Minn.	1893	Gen. arteriosclerosis	1,000.00
Mar. 26	John P. Nielsen	83	Askov Snese Sogn	186	Luck, Wis.	1904	Acute pancreatitis	500.00
Apr. 4	Otto B. Jensen	56	Chicago, Ill.	17	Chicago, Ill.	1922	Coronary thrombosis	500.00
Mar. 21	Niels H. Nielsen	67	Randers, Den.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1926	Not reported	250.00
Mar. 15	Nels Peter Hansen	88	Jutland, Den.	16	Minden, Nebr.	1913	Uremia	250.00
Mar. 23	Ernest Mortensen	63	Frederikshavn, Den.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1929	Coronary occlusion	250.00
Mar. 27	Oscar T. Christensen	66	Horsens	17	Chicago, Ill.	1924	Bronchopneumonia	250.00
Apr. 1	Otto C. P. Rosenvings	70	Stelten, Den.	85	Perth Amboy, N. J.	1905	Carcinoma of left lung	1,000.00
Apr. 9	Harald Thompson	69	Aarhus, Den.	85	Rochester, Minn.	1915	Carcinomatosis	500.00
Mar. 16	Axel Andersen	57	Denmark	255	Selma, Calif.	1955		Special

Minutes of the Semi Annual Meeting of the Supreme Board March 19-22, 1957

Tuesday, March 19

The semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Officers of The Danish Brotherhood in America was held at the Home Office, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning March 19, 1957. All officers were present thus: 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.

Otto Nielsen, presided and called the meeting to order at 9 a. m. He then said that at this first meeting of the Board in the 75th Jubilee year of our Society, he took special pride in bidding the Supreme Officers welcome. In a speech that followed, he vowed his supreme efforts in the interest of the Brotherhood, and mentioned that at no time in his career has he felt his responsibilities stronger than at this moment.

Many congratulatory telegrams had been received on the occasion of the 75th Jubilee and now read. Among them one from the Danish Prime Minister.

Starting with the President, each Officer in turn reported on the activities of his office, and on the trend of events in his area. During the extended round table session of reports and discussion, it became evident that the program made possible by the Promotional Fund, and went into effect January 2, 1957, on the 75th Anniversary date would be of real benefit to the future of the Society, even within the restrictions imposed by the limited funds at hand. The president gave credit to board members and the Army of Boosters among the membership for this new trend, but the reports also show that a state of indifference still exists in far too many lodges. To make the program really successful, and to get worthwhile results from the money to be spent, the support of the entire membership is essential, he said. Some of the thoughts expressed were now considered in more detail.

On recommendation of the Promotional Committee, headed by Hans M. Andersen, it was decided to continue to have available a sufficient supply of general information folders with related supplies. A new medium of advertising through the distribution of paper match-folders had been tried and was well received. The initial supply of 30,000 match-folders was nearly exhausted in 60 days, and had left a desire in the larger lodges to join the Supreme lodge in a purchase plan of a new and larger supply. The Committee, by Einar Danielsen, recommended that a new supply be acquired and resold at cost.

It was moved by Fred Jensen, duly seconded, and carried, that Einar Danielsen be authorized to take bids on a supply of matches in a most economical quantity, but not to exceed 100,000 items at one time, for aforesaid purpose.

Einar Danielsen, in charge of bowling activities, reported that 19 lodges with 39 teams had entered this first year. For the Committee, Einar Danielsen moved that \$300 be allowed from the Promotional Fund for bowling activities and prizes. Duly seconded, the motion carried.

On motion made, duly seconded, and adopted,

it was decided to investigate the possibility of placing various publicity items with trans-atlantic carriers for distribution to Danish male emigrants to the United States. It was also decided to investigate the possibility of obtaining the names, and address in the U. S. A., of such emigrants for the sole purpose of introducing our Brotherhood to them by mail or personal contact.

Wednesday, March 20

The meeting convened at 9:30 a. m. in the Safe Deposit Vaults of the First National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska, with all members of the Board present. The securities owned by the Society were audited and inventoried. The interest coupons maturing during the period from April 1, 1957 and through the month of September, 1957, were detached, sorted and segregated by month of due date.

With these duties completed, the meeting adjourned to the Home Office at 4 p. m. The Trustees checked and verified cash balances on the books of the Secretary-Treasurer at the close of the month of February.

The Finance Committee gave a summary report covering transactions since the last meeting of the Board, as shown on the records of the Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion made by Viggo Mikkelsen, seconded, and carried, such transactions were ratified by the Board and the report accepted, with thanks to the Committee.

The Trustees submitted a written report on the audit of the investments and securities owned, which they found to be in full agreement with the records of the Secretary-Treasurer. By motion duly made, seconded, the Trustees' report was accepted and placed on file.

Thursday, March 21

The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m. A brief session was held with Examiners from the Nebraska Department of Insurance. The Department is at this time conducting a comprehensive audit and examination of our Society's records and procedures. The affairs of our Brotherhood were commented upon in a general way.

The Annual Statement as filed with the Nebraska and various States' Insurance Department was reviewed. The comprehensive report was released for publication in the April issue of the Monthly Magazine, on motion by Fred Jensen, seconded and carried.

During a discussion on matters pertaining to the functioning of the Home Office, the Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to take steps to update certain functions and to provide the necessary equipment.

Various transfers between Fund accounts on the books of our Society, in compliance with the provisions of the By-Laws, were authorized on motion of Hans M. Andersen, duly made, and seconded.

In cases where investment and administrative expenses stipulated in the By-Laws can be allocated on a monthly basis, such expenses shall be charged to the proper Fund when incurred, but otherwise allocation shall be made on a quarterly basis through 1959 and proper transfers made at such regular intervals, on motion of Viggo Mikkelsen, duly made, and seconded.

A report on the progress of the Jubilee Tour to Denmark was given at this time. It shows that the allotted number of accommodations in the M/S STOCKHOLM were sold. Excepting a number of

cancellations, nearly 400 would participate. Although there are a number of details yet to be completed, everything promises to make it an extremely successful Tour, and one the membership can be proud to talk about.

Otto Nielsen, as Chairman of the Tour Committee, announced that Axel Skelbeck had been in full charge of the working arrangements of the Tour and had handled a most difficult and arduous job with success. Because of his intimate knowledge of all arrangements here and upon arrival in Denmark, and his close contact with the large group of passengers, it was essential for the final success of the Tour that he goes along to escort the party. He asked that the Board give Axel Skelbeck a leave from his job for the duration of the Tour and give the Tour members the benefit of his services. On motion of Hans M. Andersen, duly seconded, the request was allowed.

New advertising rates for the Monthly Magazine were adopted. The new rates will be \$3.00 per column inch and a minimum rate of \$3.00 per issue, with discounts for larger advertisements.

Friday, March 22

The President reported that he had attended a meeting in Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B. C. as per request of the Board, in a cooperative effort to have the membership rescind the stand they had taken of not to file reports, nor pay per capita tax, as required in the By-Laws of the Brotherhood. As of this time the action of the lodge was not at hand. The same circumstances exists with respect to Lodge No. 330 at Prince George, B. C.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted and placed on record:

"RESOLVED, that the Canadian Lodges be notified that they must pay the 1956 annual per capita tax and file the 1956 annual report by May 10, 1957. Failure to do so will meet with a request that they surrender their Charter to function as a subordinate lodge of The Danish Brotherhood in America."

A communication was at hand from a member in good standing of a local lodge, requesting permission to withdraw his membership in his lodge and transfer to the Home Office Group known as "Lodge No. 600." The member lives in a section of the U. S. A. where no other lodge of our Society is located.

The secretary was instructed to reply that, under our interpretation of our present By-Laws, an application for the mentioned transfer of membership can not be approved.

A communication was received from a local lodge who asked permission to award a 50-year membership pin posthumously to a member's family. Decedent had 49 years and 6 months membership at the time of his death.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was decided best not to issue the 50-year pin after the death of the member.

On motion duly made and seconded, the rules for issuing the 50-year pin was amended so as to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to issue the pins, on the request of a local lodge, only for presentation to members who had a membership of at least 49 years and 6 months.

A communication was received from Mr. Anton G. Hanson, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Director of the Grand Lodge of the Scandinavian American Fra-

ternity and a member of a Committee that has been working with two other Scandinavian Insurance Societies with the aim of merging several Scandinavian Societies into one large organization. The question was asked as to whether our Society might be interested in discussing a merger.

It was decided that, under prevailing circumstances, we are at present, not in position to enter into a discussion on a merger with other Societies. However, that we are in sympathy with the motives for merging several smaller Societies, and realize the advantages enjoyed by a Society with a large membership.

The result of the 1956 enrollment of new members was reviewed. On motion by Viggo Mikkelsen, duly made, and seconded, it was decided to award additional token prizes of \$15 each to the four top boosters. Accordingly the prizes were awarded to:

Henning Jensen	Lodge No. 49
George Hansen	Lodge No. 49
Fred Andersen	Lodge No. 67
Christian R. Larsen	Lodge No. 227

All members of the Board were unanimous in their desire to express regrets that in more recent months there has been a trend towards the contribution of articles of a detrimental nature for publication in the Monthly Magazine. It is regretful that it should seem easier to write articles of criticism and of an insulting and personal nature, rather than something that will stimulate the interest and the welfare of the Brotherhood.

The applications for Fraternal Aid for the 1957-1958 year were considered and decisions rendered.

The Supreme President announced that he had invited our three living Ex-Supreme Presidents to attend a session of the Board at this meeting. John Hansen, Davenport, Iowa, and Svend Petersen, Askov, Minnesota, were here and he now took pleasure in bidding them welcome. C. B. Christensen sent his regrets that other engagements prevented him from coming to Omaha at this time and sent his Greetings.

The full Board spent the afternoon with the two Ex-Presidents in the form of a "round table" session. It proved to be a most stimulating session. Many thoughts and ideas for the years just ahead for our Brotherhood were exchanged and their merits evaluated. At the close of the session the President thanked John Hansen and Svend Petersen for coming to Omaha at their own expense and to let us profit by their many years of experience in the service of the Brotherhood.

The next meeting of the full Board became scheduled to begin Monday, September 16, 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 5:20 p. m.

AXEL SKELBECK, Sec.



CALIFORNIA NEWS

By

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

A number of interesting events have taken place in Northern California which I think will be of interest to most of you.

The first event was the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of Selma Brotherhood lodge, which was held together with the 35th anniversary of Selma Sisterhood Lodge. About 175 members of the two organizations gathered in the evening of April 6 at Bruce's Lodge about 12 miles south of Fresno. The place was ideally suited for the purpose, just large enough for all the tables with ample space for dancing. Of our 17 lodges, 14 had sent representatives to honor these two lodges. From the far South came the President of our General Committee and Sister Lehmann Cook together with Brother and Sister Hansen from National City, and from the far North came Guy Bjerre from Ferndale. Ripon Lodge was as usually well represented by a group of 16 from the two lodges in that city and from San Francisco 12 made the trip; and almost a like number came from Oakland. In the latter group were Brother and Sister Johansen who took this occasion to celebrate their 54th anniversary.

From Hayward came Brother and Sister Harald Sundby, Sister Sundby came in her official capacity as Supreme Trustee of the Danish Sisterhood, as well as Brother and Sister L. Olsen, Sister Olsen in her capacity as Secretary of the Sisterhood General Committee; and several more from Hayward. From Fresno we saw Brother and Sister Hans C. A. Jensen; Brother Jensen is Trustee of the General Committee. From Fresno also came Sister Andrew Jørgensen one of the organizers of the Selma Sisterhood lodge; and many others. From Santa Barbara we saw Brother and Sister Nels Christensen and several more; from Bakersfield came Brother and Sister Alfred Nielsen, Sister Nielsen is the president this year of the Sisterhood General Committees; and Los Angeles was represented by Brother and Sister Carl Hansen.

Of course, there was the usual amount of speeches under the direction of our Supreme First Vice President, Brother Hans M. Andersen, who did an excellent job. The dinner was excellent and served with superb California wines. It has been said that if the members of our two organizations do nothing else when they get together they do have a good time, which was certainly also true of this gathering. Just when it ended I do not know, because being one of the elders (sic) I left for Fresno at about 12:30 a. m. But it was still going strong at that time. The youngsters from San Francisco are telling us that something fishy went on in the wee hours of the morning, something they call darkness of the night. Just what it was I have not been able to find out, but whatever it was it must have been enjoyed by them.

And speaking of "youngster" I was rather surprised to see so few young people at this gathering. About the only young people came from San Francisco and Ripon. What is wrong? Are we failing to implant in our younger members a desire to be part of our organizations and to be of service to them. If we wish to have the younger members

become active we must put them to work, let them get to work on committees and as officers in order to let them get the "feel" of — shall we call it "Service."

The above reminds me of the recent lamentation from my good friend, Erik Kragh, in Salt Lake City. Brother Kragh, like so many others, seems to be hell bent on the Brotherhood doing something for everybody, and it would appear to me, that too little emphasis is placed on the proposition of everybody doing something for the Brotherhood. The Danish Brotherhood Lodge is an ideal place to learn the rudiments of parliamentary procedure — for instance. It is an ideal place to learn to conduct one self in public, by being able to get up and express one self in a meeting, or when called upon to do so. Think that over before you begin to lament the shortcomings of the Danish Brotherhood.

A beautiful event took place on April 14 in the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, when the Danes in California celebrated the 75th anniversary of our Danish newspaper, *Bien*. Perhaps the word "stiffuld" would express it better. At any rate over 300 took part in the luncheon arranged by the Central Committee in San Francisco. The honored guests were, of course, Mrs. Belle Redsted, the publisher of *Bien*, and Brother Svend Stribolt, the editor. Mr. Frode Schøn, Danish Consul General on the Pacific Coast spoke in Danish for *Bien*. It was a most interesting speech, which must have taken many hours of research to make. Mr. Schøn gave us some very interesting data on what took place not only in Denmark but also on this side of the Atlantic during the year 1882, when *Bien* was started. Interestingly enough, the first issue of *Bien* was dated April 14, 1882. The next speaker was Brother Chris Pedersen, member of No. 49 and Past Grand President of Dania. As usual, Brother Pedersen gave a very fine talk, giving a good deal of detail about the early days of *Bien*, its founder, Brother Sophus Hartwich, and his successor, Brother Chr. Redsted. We also had the pleasure of hearing from Mr. James Back, past Grand President of Dania, and Pastor Spener S. Petersen. Pastor Petersen spoke very feelingly about the memories of Sophus Hartwich and Chr. Redsted.

In between these speeches we had the good fortune to listen to our Danish artist, Miss Shirley Winter, playing the piano for us. Miss Winter made a tremendous hit with the audience, personally I am no music critic, as I know so very little about music, except that her playing appealed to me very much. Miss Winter is the daughter of Brother and Mrs. Sophus Winter and I understand she is contemplating going to Denmark for further study of the piano. She has played on numerous occasions with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. Miss Winter is certainly a young lady that will be going places in the music world.

The writer had been given the responsibility as master of ceremonies and I must confess that it was the nicest audience it has ever been my pleasure to talk to. In between the various speakers about 75 telegrams and cables were read, starting with

a telegram from President Eisenhower. Cables were received from Mr. H. C. Hansen, Primeminister of Denmark as well as the Foreign Office Press Bureau and many others from Denmark, including our old friend the "Roving Ambassador," Brother K. V. Hansen, and our own George and Rite Hansen, now on vacation in Denmark. Telegrams were also read from the Danish Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Henrik Kauffmann, Brother Otto Nielsen, Supreme President of the Danish Brotherhood; Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary; and Hans M. Andersen, Supreme First Vice President; Lehmann Cook, President of the General Committee; and Sister Margaret Sundby, Supreme Trustee of the Danish Sisterhood and many others. Most branches of Dania and Dannebrog as well as lodges of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood had sent wires. The Grand President of Dania, Brother Walter Christensen (member of No. 45 in Minneapolis) and Brother Emmanuel Jurvis, Grand Secretary of Dania were present in person.

Most of the various Danish organizations had a representative present at the luncheon. A beautiful plaque was presented to Mrs. Belle Redsted and a more substantial token in the form of "coins of the realm" presented to both Mrs. Redsted and Brother Stribolt, from the many Danish organizations in California. Mrs. Redsted had just spent a week in the hospital but by special permission from her doctor was able to be present. Brother Stribolt responded very graciously for the honor bestowed on Bien, Mrs. Redsted and himself. Well, it is not often Brother Stribolt is lost for words, but I believe he was, when the Consul General asked for permission to say a few words and presented Brother Stribolt with a gift in form of a check from friends in Denmark. All in all, it was one of the nicest affairs it has been my pleasure to attend during my nearly 40 years in San Francisco, but then it could not have happened to nicer people.

The above is all very well and good. But if I may make a suggestion in connection with this affair, it would be this: That everyone in California who does not subscribe to *Bien*, do so now. I believe it would be the best way in which to show the publisher and editor of *Bien* that you appreciate the work they are doing in order to continue *Bindeledet* between ourselves and "gamle Danmark." Besides it is darn good reading.

The Ex-President night held in No. 49 on April 17 was a big success. Especially so, when you consider that rain was pouring down most of the evening, and nearly 90 of our members showed up at the meeting. The meeting was turned over to Ex-President Preben Gruntman, who presided as president, and the rest of the offices were filled with the old timers. Special honor guest was our only living character member, Brother Hans Petersen, and three members who received their 50-year emblem, presented to them by our First Supreme Vice President, Brother Hans M. Andersen, who had come all the way from Parlier to be with us. Brother Andersen tried to answer a bit of criticism from Lodge No. 49 relative to the so-called promotion department of the Supreme Board.

The evening closed with some very fine "smørrebrød, øl og snaps." Brother Henning Jensen was toastmaster and did a good job. All the Ex-Presidents were presented and several songs were sung under the leadership of Brother Carl Sørensen. A very fine evening, of which we need some more.

I recently wrote in this column about the tickets we have for sale for a trip to Hawaii, and a good Brother from Fresno sent me a dollar for a ticket. Well done, Brother, and if anyone else would like to support our convention committee, please send in your dollar or dollars, and a ticket or tickets will be sent you right away. A supply of these tickets will be sent to the lodges very shortly, so please buy as many as you can. We will appreciate it, and the better convention we will be able to arrange for you.

Speaking of the convention, you good people in and around San Francisco, please do not forget Saturday evening, May 11. This is the evening when the Bowling Tournament will be held after which the bowling team and all others will come to Druid's Temple for an evening of fun. The committee, under the leadership of Sister Margrethe Nielsen, will arrange for a plate dinner at \$1.00 so please come to the hall as soon as the bowling is over. Coffee and cake will also be available as well as other more intriguing refreshments. We will have a nice orchestra and there will be tombola and other interesting games. We need your help — so come and have a good time and at the same time support the committee.

The lodges will shortly get a letter relative to the convention, so you good secretaries please note the letter and following instructions — please.

See you in San Francisco.

Resolutions

PAUL PAULSEN, Ansonia, Conn.

In memory of our departed brother, Paul Paulsen, who passed away on March 11, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Enighed Lodge No. 41:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our good and loyal 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, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a card of condolence be sent to his family.

In behalf of Enighed Lodge No. 41.

John Schmidt, President.

Henry Andersen, Secretary.

HOLGER ESBESSEN, Hartford, Conn.

In memory of our brother, Holger Esbesen, who died March 26, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Hartford Lodge No. 314:

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

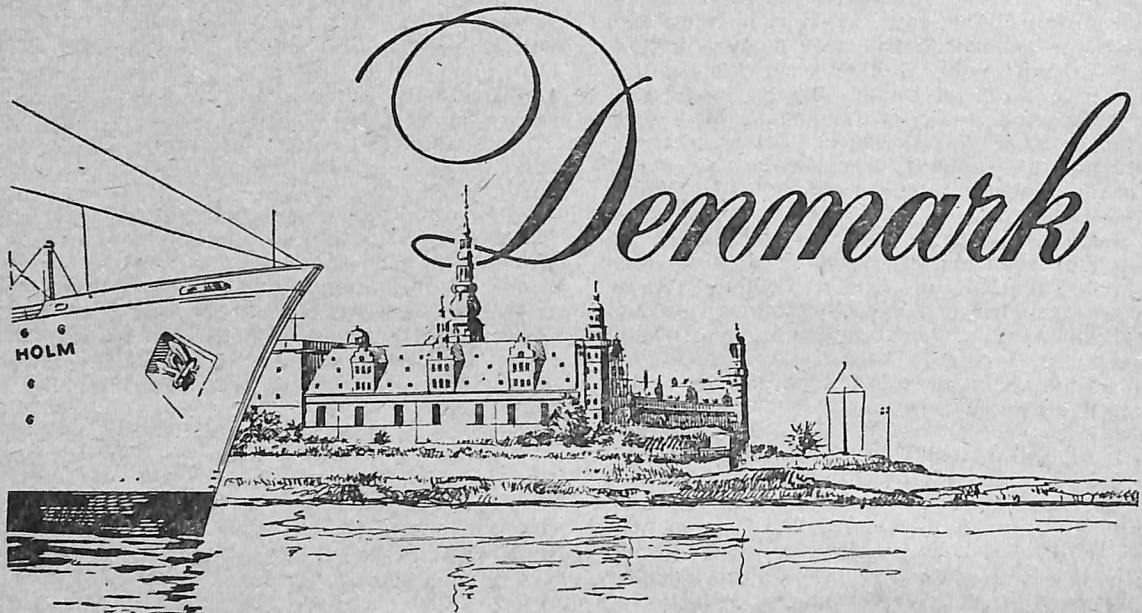
Be it further resolved, that we drape our charter for a period of thirty days, and that this resolution be entered in our minutes, inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine and a card of condolence be sent to his family.

John A. Sivertsen, President.

Einar M. Nielsen, Secretary.

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NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

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

Finger Lake Lodge No. 334 in Geneva

It is a pleasure to hear a little from this young lodge here in the East. We were informed that their March meeting started out with a supper, prepared by the sisters.

A committee was formed for getting that new member and working fine, as you will see a little later in this article.

On Saturday the 13th of April the lodge celebrated their sixth anniversary together with the Sister lodge's fifth anniversary. The affair was held at the Seneca Hotel and was enjoyed by a large gathering. A fine dinner was served and music was furnished by Pedersen's orchestra with Joyce Christensen at the piano. Ernest Jorgensen bid welcome and Arthur Christensen was the toastmaster; prayer by Rev. P. J. Vammen.

The speakers were called upon in this order and gave interesting but short speeches: President Ernest Larsen; President of the Sister lodge, Grace Christensen; Penn Yan lodge, Clarence Jensen; Sisters of Vendia, Mary Rasmussen; Hon. W. E. Rogers, mayor of Geneva; C. B. Christensen, Schenectady, New York; and Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen, Newark. It is to be remarked that Chris promised that if Geneva lodge could get six new members, this means 10 per cent increase, he, with a degree team from Newark, would come there to initiate the group. As it were, things happen fast in Geneva, before the party was over it was announced that most of the guests were signed up for membership, therefore it will not be very long before Chris makes another trip to Geneva.

Long Island Lodge No. 325

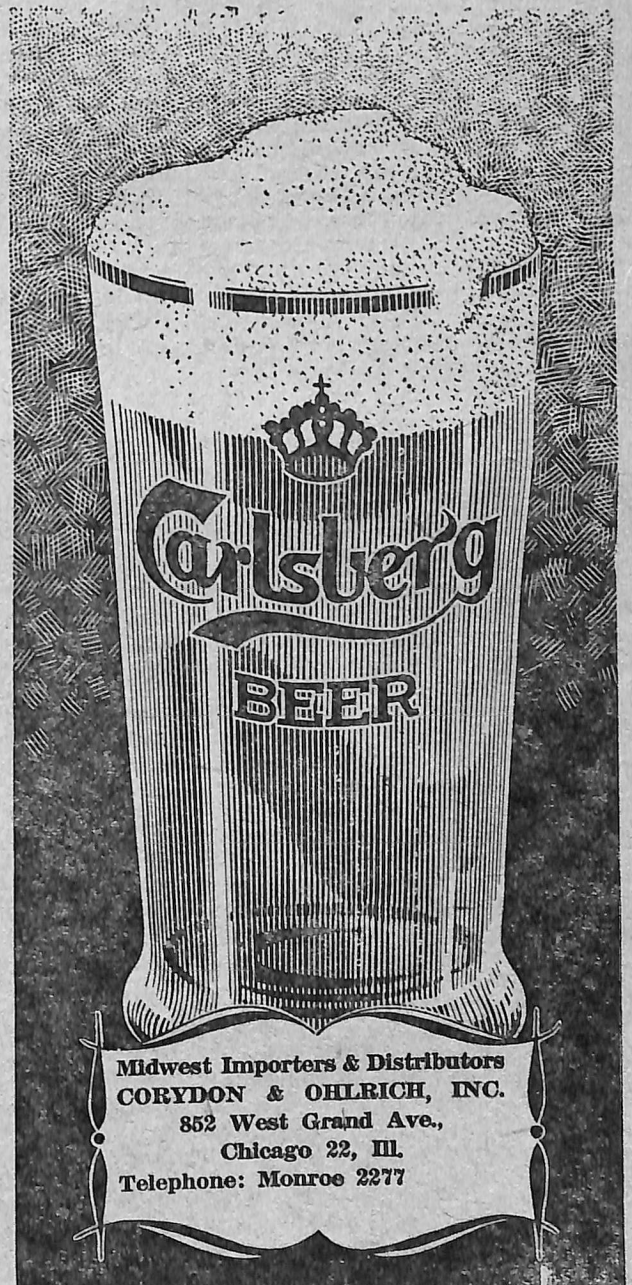
Long Island Lodge No. 325, Franklin Square, New York: Lodge No. 325 has taken an active and vigorous interest in the declining membership of the Danish Brotherhood. At our February meeting, Brother Arne Jacobsen from Great Neck was chosen chairman of the New Member Committee. Arne is a young fellow with a lot of push and with the wholehearted support of all the present members, Lodge No. 325 should do more than its share in the national drive for new members. So let's get behind Arne and his committee.

Our February membership meeting also saw the presence of John Rasmussen, president of the Eastern District of Lodges, who gave the brothers a talk about the national membership drive and what the members can do to help it. Following the meeting, the women of the kitchen, Inge Jorgensen, Mina Plett, Emily and Anna Brinkman prepared and served a wonderful "Torskegilde," which the assembled members enjoyed immensely.

Since the end of World War II, Lodge No. 325 every Christmas has sent chocolate and gifts to Copenhagen Lodge No. 318 for its Christmas Season festivities. Lodge No. 318 has always expressed its gratitude warmly and Lodge No. 325 has been told by Lodge No. 318 that Brother Mortensen of 318, an orchestra leader by profession, who has been engaged by the Swedish American Lines cruise

to Denmark for Brotherhood members this summer, has made himself and orchestra available an evening in June, just before the voyage, to Lodge No. 325 for dancing and music. Lodge No. 325 is most appreciative for this generous gesture of goodwill from Lodge No. 318, and Brother Mortensen. Thank you.

Just a reminder, the Old Folks Home in Metuchen, in conjunction with the home in Croton,



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are running a bazaar at the Danish Athletic Club in Brooklyn on October 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Proceeds will go to the maintenance of facilities at Metuchen and Croton.

Spring is here and we find that the activities in different lodges vary; news is not very plentiful at present but the news we have is good. According to the story from Geneva, the promotional work is going ahead and from Newark we have the good news that there the committee is working very hard, too. So far, in Newark, three active members have been initiated and three juvenile members, four active membership applications are working.

A ladies' night was had at the meeting on April 13, well attended, and dancing followed after the meeting.

Viggo Nielsen and Chris Madsen started out for a meeting in Shelton, Connecticut, on April 8, but the traffic was so heavy that it took much too long to get to New York where they were to pick up the President of the General Committee and Paul Petersen, 2 hours and 30 minutes to New York. John Rasmussen got tired of waiting and had gone, they never got to Shelton; but traffic was so congested that they turned back over Washington bridge to New Jersey, stopped and had dinner, then home by 10 o'clock, a trip of 65 miles took six hours on the road. However, you may expect them in Shelton on May 13, they are going to try again.

From Schenectady we see that a birthday party was given March 20, by Art Chase, Lars Jensen and Hans Edelfelt, Svend Jensen and Henry Bukke. "Medisterpølse" dinner was served. Another birthday party will be on April 17.

Two new members are welcomed to the lodge, Helge Jespersen and Paul Nissen, became members of Lodge No. 190 at the first meeting in April.

From Providence, R. I.

We can inform you that we had the pleasure of seeing a movie from Denmark in the Hall Library club on March 25. Our president, Fred Mortensen, had arranged this party and a good attendance was enjoyed, not alone Brotherhood members but many residents from the neighborhood. The film from Denmark was very good, rather short, but our good friend, Herbert Lincoln, who with his wife, Anna, has just recently returned from a trip to Denmark showed us some beautiful slides. We do want to express our thanks to both Fred and Herbert for making this evening so pleasant.

When you are reading this, the Sisters General Committee convention will be over here in Providence. We will try to give you a little about this affair next month. We only hope that it will turn out as good as the few Sisters here in Providence really have been working hard to make it a success.

As you well know, the Jubilee party for Denmark leaves here on June 4th naturally we cannot all go, but do you not wish you could? Well, I am going and the reason I tell you this, is the fact that I shall not be able to write this column after the June issue. I am going to ask someone to help me out for a couple of months, so please note next issue the name. Do not send it to me after May 15.

If you like, I may put in a word now and then about our trip. By the way I notice that there will be a farewell party in New York before leaving.

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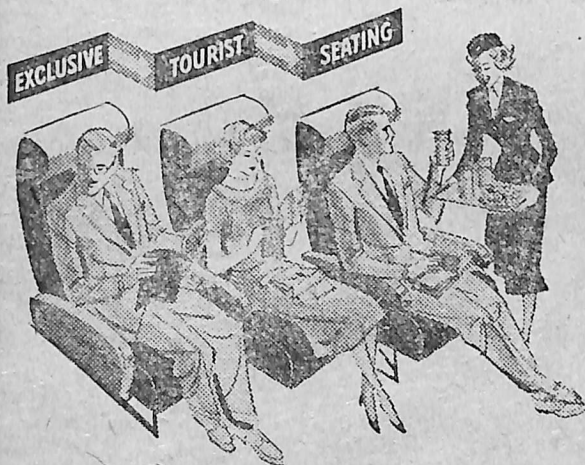
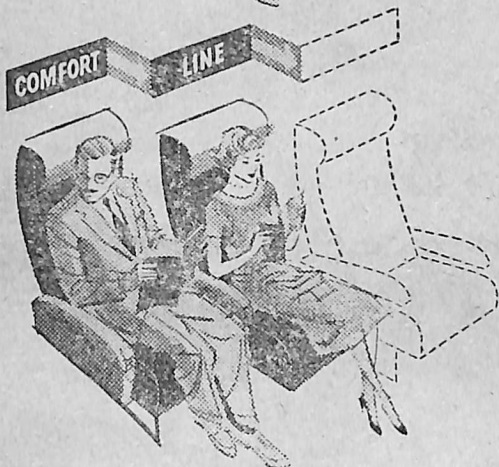
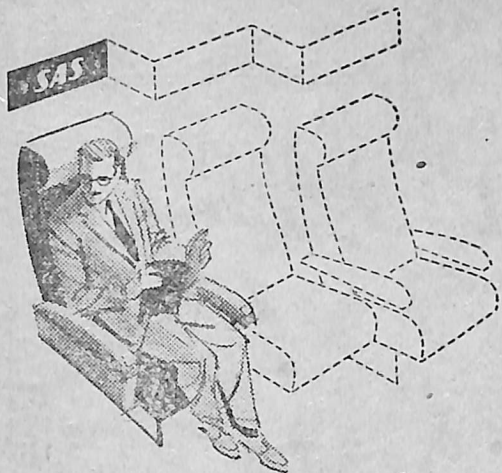
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Seventy-fifth Anniversary

Sponsored by Lodges No. 1 and No. 195 the seventy-fifth anniversary of The Danish Brotherhood in America was celebrated at the Rome Hotel Omaha, the evening of March 23.

A capacity audience at the seven o'clock banquet was bid welcome by Chris Larsen, president of No. 1, who then presented the master of ceremonies, Supreme Trustee Fred Jensen, member of No. 195, who handled this delicate job in his usual free and easy manner. Rev. Marius Krog, pastor of Central Lutheran Church, Omaha, gave the invocation, after which a delicious dinner was enjoyed.

Hans M. Andersen, Supreme First Vice President, presented our 50-year emblem to some deserving old members.

Brief speeches were made by Nellie M. Katzenstein, chairman for the DSS national convention next year; Christine Linderud, Supreme Treasurer DSS; Otto Nielsen, Supreme President; Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer; Viggo E. Mikkelsen, Supreme Second Vice President; Einar Danielsen, Supreme Chairman of Trutees; John Hansen, Past Supreme President; Svend Petersen, Past Supreme President; Frank V. Lawson, Past Supreme Secretary; and Hans Norregaard, Past Supreme Trustee; several others in the audience were introduced.

It was a grand and glorious affair, highlighted by more past and present supreme officers than have ever been assembled under one roof.

Social visiting and dancing terminated the memorable event.

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