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## Danske Gymnaster

Redaktør Hr. Svend Petersen,  
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Som gymnast paa Flenstad-Jensens gymnastikhold deltog jeg i 1947 paa gymnastikturneen til Nordamerika. Jeg vil aldrig glemme den hjertelighed og velvilje danskamerikanere og danske blade dengang viste os. Det blev for os gymnaster en uforglemmelig og rig oplevelse, og jeg haaber og tror, at mange danske landsmænd i Amerika ogsaa havde glæde af os, og den gymnastik vi viste. Jeg tror vores opvisninger og rejsen i det hele taget var med til at opfriske minder fra deres fædreland og dermed styrke danskheden — det var ikke sjældent at se gamle danskere tørre en taare bort, naar vi med Dannebrog marcherede ud efter en opvisning.

Gennem flere aar har jeg arbejdet med planer om at foretage en i mange maader lignende rejse, ligeledes med gymnaster. Planerne hermed er nu saa langt fremskredet, at jeg tør haabe paa, det bliver en realitet.

Rejsen vil ikke i saa høj grad som i 1947, hvile paa danskamerikaneres godhed alene, men det er mit haab, og det vil glæde mig meget, at komme i kontakt med, og give opvisning for danske landsmænd hvor der er interesse for det, og hvor en opvisning kan arrangeres.

Jeg kommer selv til U. S. A. i begyndelsen af Februar for at tilrettelægge turen i enkeltheder, men forinden vil jeg henvende mig til danske foreninger, og haaber saa at høre fra de af dem der ønsker at faa besøg afholdet.

Det vil være af stor værdi for mig, hvis der allerede ved min ankomst der, eller kort efter, kommer svar med evt. anmodning om opvisninger. Man kan skrive til mig, care of: **Erik Hansen, P. O. Box 622, Winston, Oregon.** Erik Hansen og hans kone er begge gymnaster fra rejsen i 1947, og nu bosatte i Amerika.

Venlig hilsen,

POUL CLAUSEN,

Ejby, Denmark.

## She is Available

The noted Danish actress, Mme. Louise Jorgensen will, during the latter part of March and the first part of April, come to America, with financial support of the Department of Education in Denmark. She will make a good-will tour as a cultural ambassador and give recitals at a number of American institutions of higher learning. She will also, where it might be arranged, be happy to give a Danish program. Lodges and societies who might desire her appearance are asked to write, as soon as possible, to Dr. Paul C. Nyholm, 360 Wartburg Place, Dubuque, Iowa.

Mme. Jorgensen has given over 1500 readings in Denmark, England, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden.

## Denver, Colorado



Vesta C. Hendricksen, age 90 years, and Kenn Jul Dal, 5 years of age, are both members of Columbine Lodge No. 43.

Vesta Hendricksen was born in Uridsted Sogn, Viborg, in Denmark, May 17, 1867, and joined Columbine lodge No. 43 in 1894. Brother Hendricksen has been very active in the lodge until recently and has always devoted himself to the advancement of the Brotherhood. We have always admired him for humorous jokes. Mrs. Hendricksen is a member of Ellen Lodge No. 21.

Kenn Jul Dal was born in Denver, five years ago. In 1956, he visited his grandparents in Denmark, with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Orla Dal. Kenn took out a \$1,000 20-year pay policy in the Brotherhood lodge, our first junior member.

Ellen Lodge No. 21 and Columbine Lodge No. 43 had a Christmas party at Union hall on December 21. Santa Claus brought a gift for each child after which refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, cake, cookies, coffee and candy, were served to all present.

Columbine Lodge No. 43 and Ellen Lodge No. 21 will have joint installation of officers on January 2, 1958.

Brotherly greetings and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

JOHN SORENSEN, Sec.

The highest paid criminals working today are those who are promoting and selling medical frauds to a still gullible public. Medical quackery in the U.S. mails is at an all-time high, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield reported. So far this year, the number of cases cracked down on represents an annual loss to the public of fifty million dollars. This does not include the toll of life the fake cures may take.

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## The Winners

In this issue we present the final report for 1957 of all lodges and individual member-boosters who qualified for the "Honor Roll" during the year. There are many more lodges and individual boosters on the list for 1957 who did not qualify for the "Honor Roll."

The "Honor Roll" speaks for itself. Brother Chris Larsen, Lodge No. 227, Detroit, is the proud winner of the first prize. Of the 36 members initiated in his lodge he sponsored 33. Brother Alf Svantemann, Lodge No. 116, Newark, placed second with 23 members out of 25 initiated into his lodge. Brothers Charles Eastlund of Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea and Nels P. Christensen of Lodge No. 322, Santa Barbara, each had six members to his credit. In this case the Board will interpret the rules to decide the winner.

Congratulations to the prize winners and thanks and appreciation to prize winners and every booster alike for the splendid job performed in 1957 to build for progress of our Brotherhood.

## Promotional Committee of the Eastern Lodges

The final result of the membership drive for 1957 is now in, and, as we expected, Detroit took top honors, but No. 116 of Newark sure gave them a run. Congratulations to the Detroit lodge for a job well done — but as the Dodgers always say, "just wait until next year."

As a member of the committee in the Eastern District, I wish to thank everyone who had a part in this program. It looks like about 82 new members in the district against 44 last year. An increase of

about 100 per cent — a most gratifying result. It goes to show, that with a lot of hard work, it is still possible to increase our membership in the various lodges.

This is an appeal to the new officers in all the lodges — please appoint a promotional committee at your first meeting, and lay out a program for the coming year. Your president and secretary have the rules governing the contest for this year, and the prizes are very attractive, especially the sponsorship of two children to camp, given in the Eastern District.

Shall we make it an even 100 new members in the East this year, it should not be too hard within 26 lodges, and it would let us sponsor four kids next year.

Let me take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a healthy and happy 1958.

CHRIS MADSEN, Supreme Trustee.

Sec. of the Promotional Committee  
in the Eastern Lodges.

## N. K. Rasmussen Dies

(From the Racine, Wisconsin, daily paper, January 20 issue, we clip the following):

An organizer and first president of the Danish Old People's Home Society, Niels Kristoffer Rasmussen, died Saturday in St. Mary's hospital. He was 83 years old.

Rasmussen, who lived at 3704 Kinzie Ave., was an active member of the Danish Brotherhood. In 1948, he was honored by Racine Lodge No. 4 for his 25 years as secretary of the lodge. He served as vice president before being named secretary in 1922. He also had been a national delegate twice and secretary of the Danish Brotherhood of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan lodges.

Before his retirement eight years ago, he had been a woodworker at the Gold Metal Folding Furniture Company.

Rasmussen emigrated from Denmark to Austin, Minn., in 1914. He moved to Racine in 1920. Besides his work in Lodge No. 4, Rasmussen represented "Den Danske Pioneer," largest Danish newspaper in the United States, in the Racine area.

Born on the island of Moen on September 13, 1874, Rasmussen at the age of 18 went to Copenhagen, was inducted into the Danish Army where he served with the 1st Regiment, stationed at the "Citadel" and advanced to the position of junior officer in which capacity he served several years.

Before joining Lodge No. 4 in Racine, he was a member of Lodge No. 111, at Austin, where he served as a trustee, president and treasurer. For his service in the Danish Brotherhood, the lodge named him an honorary life member on October 27, 1948.

He also was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran church.

Surviving are his wife, Frederikke; a son, Gerhard, both of Racine, and two grandsons, Robert, stationed with the air force at Reno, Nev., and Sig of Racine.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m., Wednesday, in the funeral home, 722 Lafayette Ave., Rev. L. M. Andersen officiating. Burial will be in West Lawn Memorial Park.

# Financial Report

## Mortuary Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance December 1, 1957	\$23,255.39
Assessments	1,861.54
Interest on bonds	16,715.63
Interest on certificate loans	29.55
Premium on currency exchange	16.46
	<u>\$41,878.57</u>
Disbursements:	
Death claims	\$16,284.10
	<u>574.04</u>
Cash surrender	4,664.75
Bonds purchased	73.61
Accrued interest on bonds purchased	6.00
Bond coupon collection expense	837.00
Current investment expense	475.00
Invest expense fourth quarter, 1957	18,964.07
Cash balance December 31, 1957	<u>\$41,878.57</u>

## General Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance December 1, 1957	\$14,097.93
Received in December	867.45
Investment expense from Mortuary fund	475.00
	<u>\$15,440.38</u>
Disbursements:	
Actuarial fees	15.00
Advertising, printing and stationery	58.25
Employer social security taxes	17.15
Office supplies	7.20
Lodge supplies	522.14
Christmas bonuses	50.00
Postage, telephone and telegrams	73.83
Printing and mailing official publication	391.80
Rent and lights	198.64
Salaries to officers and employes	762.00
Cash balance December 31, 1957	<u>13,344.37</u>
	<u>\$15,440.38</u>

## Fraternal Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance December 1, 1957	\$ 3,061.69
Assessments	4.50
Interest on bonds	1,625.00
	<u>\$ 4,691.19</u>
Disbursements:	
Fraternal aid allowed	\$ 374.00
Cash balance December 31, 1957	<u>4,317.19</u>
	<u>\$ 4,691.19</u>

## Juvenile Fund

Receipts:	
Cash balance December 1, 1957	\$ 9,743.32
Assessments	76.80
	<u>\$ 9,820.12</u>

Disbursements:	
None	
Cash balance December 31, 1957	<u>9,820.12</u>
	<u>\$ 9,820.12</u>

## Assets

Mortuary fund investments	\$4,133,616.46
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Fraternal fund investments	261,000.00
General fund investments	52,000.00
Cash in bank	43,445.75
	<u>\$4,490,062.21</u>

# Honor Roll

## LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge No.	Recommender	Location	New Members Enrolled
227	Chris Larsen, Detroit, Mich.		33
116	Alf Svantemann, Newark, N. J.		23
75	Charles Eastlund, Albert Lea, Minn.		6
322	N. P. Christensen, Santa Barbara, Calif.		6
46	Peter Christensen, Perth Amboy, N. J.		5
184	Chris Hansen, Hayward, Calif.		5
4	Thorvald Ladefoged, Racine, Wis.		4
14	Louis A. Nielsen, Kenosha, Wis.		4
102	George V. Petersen, Providence, R. I.		4
328	Valdemar Hansen, Vancouver, B. C.		4
4	Gerhard Rasmussen, Racine, Wis.		3
46	Chas. Christensen, Perth Amboy, N. J.		3
92	Einar Danielsen, St. Charles, Ill.		3
103	Anton M. Jensen, Waterbury, Conn.		3
111	Bert Godfredsen, Austin, Minn.		3
113	Norbert E. Grove, Enumclaw, Wash.		3
164	Robert Petersen, New York, N. Y.		3
190	Walter Johnsen, Schenectady, N. Y.		3
225	John Christensen, Canton, Ohio		3
263	Svend Petersen, Askov, Minn.		3
268	Peter Skovbo, Junction City, Ore.		3
301	A. Christensen, Akron, Ohio		3
306	Oskar T. Jensen, San Diego, Calif.		3

## LIST OF LODGES

Lodge No.	Location	New Members	Membership Jan. 1, 1957
227	Detroit, Michigan	36	309
116	Newark, New Jersey	25	166
4	Racine, Wisconsin	14	526
318	Copenhagen, Denmark	14	139
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	13	123
314	Hartford, Connecticut	11	184
49	San Francisco, California	10	349
46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	8	105
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	8	75
190	Schenectady, New York	8	134
322	Santa Barbara, California	8	73
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	7	150
184	Hayward, California	6	63
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	6	197
306	San Diego, California	6	48
71	Penn Yan, New York	5	95
92	St. Charles, Illinois	5	81
103	Waterbury, Connecticut	5	31
167	Portland, Oregon	5	149
299	Solvang, California	5	59
600	Omaha, Nebraska	5	187



# PACIFIC NORTHWEST LODGE NOTES

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

District President Peter Rasmussen, McMinnville, was scheduled for every meeting night in January — installing, assisting or being the guest of honor; in fact, Past Chairman Carl Grove, with but short notice, substituted for Pete at the Enumclaw ceremony due to Portland's schedule of events the same night. Our district leader is doing a right fine job of visiting all associate lodges in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. In the company of Past President Fred Petersen and Hilda; Magnus and Margaret Esrom and Oscar and Edna Oslund of Portland; and wife Ellen; Rasmussen was also in attendance at the 36th annual convention of the California DB lodges in San Francisco the last few days in August. February 6th is visitation day at Tacoma's DB 33 when 50-year pins will be presented and on the 8th, Enumclaw will entertain neighboring lodges.

Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 268 has now been chartered fifty years. To observe the half-century jubilee, invitations were extended to all West Coast brothers by past district president, Fred Petersen, who has been secretary of the Junction City lodge for many years. Cocktails were served at six, followed by a lovely banquet and spirited dance at the Grange hall on Jan. 4. Portland was well represented with about 25 brothers and sisters as was McMinnville with a half dozen or so. Supreme President Otto Nielsen, Mrs. Nielsen, Past District President John A. Hansen, Supreme Sisterhood Trustee Kristine Hansen and Past Seattle President Gerald "Jerry" Jensen were the representatives from their city and their official capacities. Past District President Carl N. Grove, Mrs. Grove, Enumclaw Trustees Nels Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, and two very active sisters in their local lodge, Myrtle Skagen and Myrna Rieck, the latter being the present district sisterhood leader, motored down from the little city at the foot of Mount Rainier. A ham dinner was prepared and served by Saint Ann's Guild, the tables were beautifully decorated in gold and white by the Junction City Sisterhood who presented the DB with a bouquet of red, white and gold flowers. Telegrams of congratulations were read from the offices of the Supreme Board in Omaha and the Pacific Northwest Headquarters in Tacoma. Junction City's President Godtfred Jensen bid all welcome and then proudly introduced his son, Jerry, who did a wonderful job of M. C. Seated at the head table were none other than our very good friend and first assistant to Otto, Supreme Vice President Hans M. Andersen of Parlier, California, along with District President Peter Rasmussen and Ellen; Fred and Hilda Petersen, President of J. C.'s DSS; Godtfred and Mrs. Jensen; Otto and Anna; John and Kristine; Toastmaster Jerry and Mrs. Rieck. Fifty-year membership medals were awarded, the gathering sang "Happy Birthday" for District Vice President Magnus Esrom, and the entire evening was one of good fellowship.

Lodge No. 29 of the Danish Brotherhood in America, rolled out the proverbial red carpet on Wednesday, January 8, for the joint Brother-Sisterhood installation ceremonies and annual dinner celebrating the occasion. Six o'clock cocktails were

served at Washington hall in Seattle before the jovial group "put on the nose bag." Chef Sam Fredriksen and his contemporary food artist brothers prepared and served a delightful dinner while the ladies were strictly "guests." Retiring President Paul Hansen was master of ceremonies and called on Supreme President Otto Nielsen, District President Peter Rasmussen, District Secretary-Treasurer Norbert Grove and on several of the auxiliary leaders. Otto predicted that Seattle and the Pacific Northwest would continue to be among the leaders in our DB movement, Pete asked that we all appoint ourselves as a "committee of one" in a gigantic membership campaign, and Norbert paid tribute to our elders who had had the foresight of organizing "Det Dansk Brodersamfund." For the first time since returning from Denmark, we visited with our first lady of the DBS, Anna Nielsen, and she looked lovely as ever. Past District President John A. Hansen and Supreme Sisterhood Trustee Kristine had the misfortune of a minor automobile accident en route to the festivities — the first scratch on their foreign car which they had driven all over Europe without mishap. Ellen, the good wife of our Pacific Northwest Brotherhood Lodges president, had a final word before the respective business meetings were called to order. Simultaneously with the obligations given the new officers of the sisterhood by their district president, Myrna Mae Rieck of Enumclaw, Chairman Rasmussen installed the 1958 leaders in this order— President Soren Fredriksen, Ex-President Paul Hansen, Vice President Jens Nielsen (a new brother transferred from Vancouver, B. C.), Secretary Joseph R. Matsen, Assistant Secretary Henry Clausen, Treasurer John Hansen, Trustee Chairman Emil L. Mikkelsen, Second Trustee Sigfred Pedersen, Third Trustee Walter Jorgensen, Conductor Miller Jensen, Inner Guard Charles Parker, and Outer Guard Albert Odgaard,

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a past president. Due to college enrollment, Brothers Joe Chamberlin and Donald Hansen had been forced to resign from official duties after being duly elected in December. Happy Valley ice cream, donated by Brother Sophus Norby, and coffee was served before the evening terminated. Each year when we elect and install new officers in our various DB and DS lodges, we do so with renewed vigor for our Brotherhood and our Sisterhood — our leaders assume their responsibilities with high hopes and flying banners — we continue to grow or at least to strengthen our fraternal bonds. This evening was another such event.

Little Paul Andrew Einess, son of Brother Ellery and the fourth grandchild of Sister Rosamond and the late Treasurer Andrew Hansen, was declared the winner of the 1958 Annual Stork Derby in Enumclaw. The recipient of many valuable gifts prearrived at 6:59 a. m. on New Year's Day at the Community Memorial hospital. Seven pounds, five ounces, blue eyes, no hair, little Paul goes home to find two brothers and one sister already awaiting him there. Belated congratulations.

Sonia informed me that my column of last month sounded like an obituary pillar. It might have at that. I told her that when there is no news of the live ones, I must by necessity write about the departed — God Bless 'Em. It takes some imagination and ingenuity to put out a column each issue without much help from other factions in this three state district. Why not do as the California General Committee does — appoint a brother in each lodge to report to the district secretary before the 15th of each month.

Begin now to make your plans to attend the Ninth Annual Convention of the Pacific Northwest Danish Lodges for Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Official and unofficial Tacoma, with a first time privilege of being host, is looking forward to May 23, 24 and 25th when it is your opportunity to see old friends and to make many new ones. As the years roll by, these gatherings seem to get "bigger and better" regardless of the size of the host lodge or city. Main items of business will include discussions on an all-out drive for new members as well as ways and means of keeping our current support.

Lona Jorgensen is General Convention Chairman, Norbert Grove is Secretary-Treasurer, and Anna Laursen and Magda Swayne are Registration and Housing Chairmen. Further appointments will be made later. It is expected that both the Portland and Seattle drill teams will be on hand to perform. Tentative hotel and motel reservations have been arranged but you must write either the Winthrop Hotel, 773 Broadway or Travelodge Motel, 2512 Pacific Avenue direct for definite commitment. Convention registrations and banquet reservations should be made by writing to Anna and Magda at 3421 South Durango. The usual program is in the making and may I have your advertisement copy at the very earliest date. A full page ad can be had for \$15, a half page for \$7.50 and a quarter for \$3.75.

Remember — the welcome mat is out for you and

**You're cordially invited  
To be among those present  
For when you are with us  
It helps to make things pleasant.**

Portland's Edna Oslund and her father, Brother

Chris Petersen, are the new presidents of their Danish Lodges for the new year, the latter for his third time; and Past District President C. Ed Hirsch and his very pleasing wife, Helen, spent New Year's Eve and Day with District Trustee Martin Rasmussen and his good wife, Mary, at Hoquiam.

Tacoma's lodge officers were by acclamation reinstalled for 1958 in the names of Ex-President Niels Christensen, President Marinus Laursen, Vice President Chris Petersen, Secretary-Treasurer C. Fred Christensen, Conductor Niels Tegen, Trustee Chairman Chris Fredriksen, Second Trustee Emil Paulsen, Third Trustee Andrew Anderson, Inner Guard Thorval Mortensen and Outer Guard Peder Thompson; Brother Carl P. Jorgensen of Parkland is now permanently bedridden; and sympathies are extended Brother Chris Fredriksen and son, Don, on the loss of their wife and mother, who was laid to rest on Thursday, January 16.

A Texas cowpuncher was being examined by an insurance company doctor. "Ever had any accidents?"

"Naw, but once a steer stove in three of my ribs and another time a pesky rattler dug his fangs in my leg."

"Don't you call those accidents?" asked the doctor.

"Heck, no," replied the cowboy. "Them two did it on purpose."

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4	Racine, Wisconsin	75.00
5	Moline, Illinois	1.00
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9	Oshkosh, Wisconsin	2.00
10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	10.00
12	Green Bay, Wisconsin	10.00
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	19.00
28	Badger, South Dakota	3.00
29	Seattle, Washington	50.84
32	New Haven, Connecticut	10.00
33	Tacoma, Washington	2.50
34	Dwight, Illinois	8.00
36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	10.00
37	Bridgeport, Connecticut	10.00
38	Laramie, Wyoming	5.00
41	Derby, Connecticut	10.00
43	Denver, Colorado	10.20
45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	10.00
51	Ludington, Michigan	5.00
53	Atlantic, Iowa	2.00
54	Dannebrog, Nebraska	2.00
56	Kansas City, Missouri	15.00
62	Sioux City, Iowa	5.00
63	Burlington, Iowa	2.00
64	Rockford, Illinois	5.00
65	Duluth, Minnesota	3.80
67	Fresno, California	5.00
69	Cleveland, Ohio	5.00
73	Alden, Minnesota	5.00
75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	10.00
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	5.00
85	Rochester, Minnesota	1.20
88	Elba, Nebraska	1.00
89	Superior, Wisconsin	2.00
92	St. Charles, Illinois	10.00
95	Ferndale, California	5.00
109	White, South Dakota	1.00
110	Winside, Nebraska	5.00
111	Austin, Minnesota	5.00
112	Portland, Maine	5.00
113	Enumclaw, Washington	7.50
116	Newark, New Jersey	5.00
121	Tyler, Minnesota	3.20
125	Weeping Water, Nebraska	3.20
126	Los Angeles, California	10.00
127	Reinbeck, Iowa	2.00
128	Avoca, Iowa	3.00
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144	Dike, Iowa	5.00
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191	St. Louis, Missouri	5.00
194	McMinnville, Oregon	2.80
195	Omaha, Nebraska	5.00
198	Kenmore, North Dakota	2.00
202	Warren, Pennsylvania	5.00
205	Brooklyn, New York	5.00
210	Grand Rapids, Michigan	2.00
212	Waterloo, Iowa	5.00
213	Ord, Nebraska	1.20
214	West Point, Nebraska	2.00
216	Basford, Nebraska	1.00
217	Humboldt, Iowa	3.00
221	Latimer, Iowa	1.50
222	Corry, Pennsylvania	2.00
225	Canton, Ohio	5.00
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228	Indianapolis, Indiana	2.50
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239	Lake Forest, Illinois	4.00
245	South Bend, Indiana	7.50
249	Pierre, South Dakota	1.00
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253	Ruthton, Minnesota	2.00
259	Colman, South Dakota	2.00
260	Williston, North Dakota	1.50
261	Fowler, Colorado	10.00
263	Askov, Minnesota	15.00
266	Rice Lake, Wisconsin	1.00
268	Junction City, Oregon	10.00
269	Oregon, Wisconsin	.50
277	Kensal, North Dakota	1.00
279	Hunter, North Dakota	2.00
281	Cincinnati, Ohio	5.00
283	Dagmar, Montana	15.00
294	Barre, Vermont	3.00
296	Galveston, Texas	2.00
300	Oneonta, New York	8.60
301	Akron, Ohio	4.00
306	San Diego, California	5.00
308	McCabe, Montana	1.48

## FEBRUARY ASSESSMENT

704

IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE  
LODGE TREASURER

February 1, 1958

AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE

March 1, 1958

Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer  
as per above will be considered in arrears.

AXEL SKELBECK,  
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer.

314	Hartford, Connecticut	10.00
317	Spencer, Iowa	5.00
319	Bakersfield, California	10.00
321	West Palm Beach, Florida	5.00
322	Santa Barbara, California	8.00
323	Alhambra, California	2.00
326	West Branch, Iowa	5.00
327	Harlan, Iowa	2.00
329	Long Beach, California	2.00
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## Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament

The following letter has been sent to all lodge secretaries together with bowling tournament entry blanks.

It is the hope of the Supreme Board that your lodge will participate in this year's tournament with at least one team. Your lodge may enter as

many teams as you like but each bowler can bowl only once and on the date and time specified on your entry blank. All you have to do is get your members together, bowl the required number of games for an average if you do not already have one and then fill in the entry form and send it in with your average at the time of entry.

There is no entry fee but suitable prizes similar to last year, when first prize was \$50 plus trophy, will be provided from the Promotional fund.

Be sure that all rules on entry blank are complied with. More entry blanks will be sent upon request. Additional instructions for participating bowlers are to please use official tournament score sheets to record your scores if possible. It is of utmost importance that scores are sent to Einar Danielsen immediately after tournament games are bowled.

The members of your Supreme Board are working hard to help you provide interesting entertainment for your lodge members. Bowling is an interesting and healthy sport as well as a national sport in which most members of the Danish Brotherhood can participate.

Your earnest and sincere cooperation is needed to make this year's event a grand success for your lodge and your bowling lodge brothers. Last season we had several reports that our bowling tournament was a contributing factor in acquiring a number of new members. The new member list in the December-January issue of our Magazine showed more than eighty members admitted in a two-month period so "get on the ball that is snow-balling." A sustained effort by all lodges is needed to make a success out of the membership campaign as well as the bowling tournament.

EINAR DANIELSEN, Sup. Trustee,  
Bowling Chairman.

## DEATH CLAIMS REPORTED

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined	Cause of Death	Amount Paid
Oct. 29	Carl Carlsen	77	Denmark	106	Trufant, Mich.	1899	Cerebral hemorrhage	\$ 453.91
Dec. 4	Theodore Pedersen	69	Rosendale, Minn.	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1910	Unknown	1,000.00
Dec. 10	Peter Henry Nelson	64	Erie, Pa.	242	Erie, Pa.	1936	Myocardial infarction	250.00
Nov. 17	Anton Petersen Back	90	Denmark	43	Denver, Colo.	1897	Cerebrovascular acc.	757.97
Nov. 28	Soren Petersen Lovig	83	Egebjerg, Denmark	32	New Haven, Conn.	1897	Myocardial infarction	411.08
Dec. 9	Johannes Fries	69	Gerup, Tønder, Den.	314	Hartford, Conn.	1918	Cerebral hemorrhage	250.00
Dec. 13	Johanes Kristian Hansen	79	Bret, Denmark	77	Turin, Iowa	1903	Pneumonia	890.73
Dec. 11	Hans Martin Johnson	83	Kansas City, Mo.	173	Kansas City, Kan.	1896	Coronary embolism	1,000.00
Dec. 8	Hans C. Jensen	95	Nørreby, Glen Sogn	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1894	Gangrene right foot	353.43
Dec. 9	Jeppe Chris Martinsen	79	Jannerup Varde	11	Clinton, Iowa	1904	Cerebral hemorrhage	912.52
Dec. 21	Martin Hansen	85	Orbaek, Fyn, Den.	188	Del Rey, Calif.	1901	Congestive heart failure	831.14
Nov. 29	Christian Nielsen	86	Hvilsager Randers	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1908	Myocardial infarction	455.37
Nov. 12	Ole C. Petersen	70	Denmark	326	West Branch, Iowa	1928	Cardiac arrest	500.00
Dec. 19	Carl Christoffersen	92	Stauby, Denmark	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1892	Uremia	729.78
Dec. 26	Knud Hansen	71	Copenhagen, Den.	4	Racine, Wis.	1905	Coronary Thrombosis	500.00
Dec. 2	Sofus E. J. Everlof	71	København, Den.	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1936	Myocardial infarction	125.00
Dec. 19	Niels R. Larsen	76	Nebraska	254	Brush, Colo.	1910	Cardio pulmonary failure	1,000.00
Dec. 23	Jorgen C. Jorgensen	76	Sønder Højrup, Fyn	219	Clear Lake Iowa	1919	Coronary heart disease	1,000.00
Jan. 3	Nels J. Meyer	80	Nørre Velstrup, Vejle	39	Oakland, Calif.	1907	Carcinoma prostate	460.92
Dec. 25	Charles A. Larsen	79	Denmark	51	Ludington, Mich.	1904	Arterio, heart disease	226.37
Nov. 30	Jacob Jorgensen	83	Denmark	130	Henry, S. D.	1900	Coronary heart disease	416.41
Dec. 31	Carl Chr. Jensen	73	Togsvaerd, Denmark	56	Kansas City, Mo.	1904	Mitral regurgitation	1,000.00
Dec. 17	Jeppe Madsen	76	Ringkøbing Amt, Den.	300	Oeonta, N. Y.	1915	Asphyxia	497.74
Jan. 4	Robert J. Call	20	Dearborn, Mich.	227	Detroit, Mich.	1955	Testicular tumor	500.00
Jan. 1	Jens Petersen	85	Bjerreskov, Den.	152	Wilbur, Wash.	1904	Cerebral thrombosis	1,000.00
Jan. 7	Andrew Nielsen	57	Thille, Denmark	4	Racine, Wis.	1943	Coronary thrombosis	125.00
Dec. 23	Niels C. Johansen	75	Bølling Jutland, Den.	32	New Haven, Conn.	1921	Cardiac arrest	500.00
Jan. 5	Johan B. Johansen	79	Sorø, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebr.	1906	Cerebral hemorrhage	924.03
Dec. 12	Peder Godfredsen	96	Langeland, Denmark	111	Austin, Minn.	1954	Not given	Social
Oct. 25	Daniel Baker	57	Yates County, N. Y.	71	Penn Yan, N. Y.	1951	Not given	Social
Dec. 10	Niels P. Nielsen	98	Væggeløse, Falster	14	Kenosha, Wis.	1890	Not given	Social
Jan. 5	Ray C. Smith	52	Racine, Wis.	4	Racine, Wis.	1955	Not given	Social

## Resolutions

### JACOB ENEMARK, New York

In memory of our departed brother, Jacob P. Enemark, who passed away October 28, 1957:

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

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. 257, New York.

George Hansen, President  
Anders Jensen, Secretary

### NIELS P. SOGAARD, Petaluma, California

In memory of our brother, Niels P. Sogaard, who died November 28, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Petaluma Lodge No. 143:

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 Golden West Lodge No. 143.

Sam Sorensen, President.  
Harvey Rasmussen, Secretary.

### ADOLF U. E. JORGENSEN, Petaluma, Calif.

In memory of our brother, Adolf U. E. Jorgensen, who died November 3, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Petaluma Lodge No. 143:

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 Golden West Lodge No. 143.

Sam Sorensen, President.  
Harvey Rasmussen, Secretary.

### CHARLES A. LARSEN, Ludington, Michigan

In memory of our departed brother, Charles A. Larsen, who passed away December 25, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 51:

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

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

In behalf of Lodge No. 51.

John A. Clausen, President.  
Earl G. Jensen, Secretary.

### JEPPE MADSEN, Oneonta, New York

In memory of our departed brother, Jeppe Madsen, who passed away December 17, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge No. 300:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our

good and loyal brother, and that this resolution be entered in our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, and a card sent to his family.

Frank Briggs, President.  
Chris Nelson, Secretary.

### NIELS LARSEN, Brush, Colorado

In memory of our departed brother, Niels Larsen, who passed away December 19, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Lodge 254.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of our good and loyal brother, and that this resolution be entered in our minutes and inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Lodge No. 254.

Ted Christensen, President.  
Aksel Sorensen, Secretary.

### JORGEN C. JORGENSEN, Clear Lake, Iowa

In memory of our departed brother, Jorgen C. Jorgensen, who passed away on December 23, 1957, the following resolution was adopted by Sommerlyst Lodge No. 219:

Be it resolved, that with the loss of our brother we extend to his family our deepest sympathy, and that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and also entered in our minutes.

Ray E. Hansen, President.  
Edwin C. Estergard, Secretary.

### JENS PETERSEN, Wilbur, Washington

In memory of our brother, Jens Petersen, who died January 1, 1958, the following resolution was adopted by Wilbur Lodge No. 152:

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.

Ben Christensen, President.  
Svend Gommessen, Secretary.

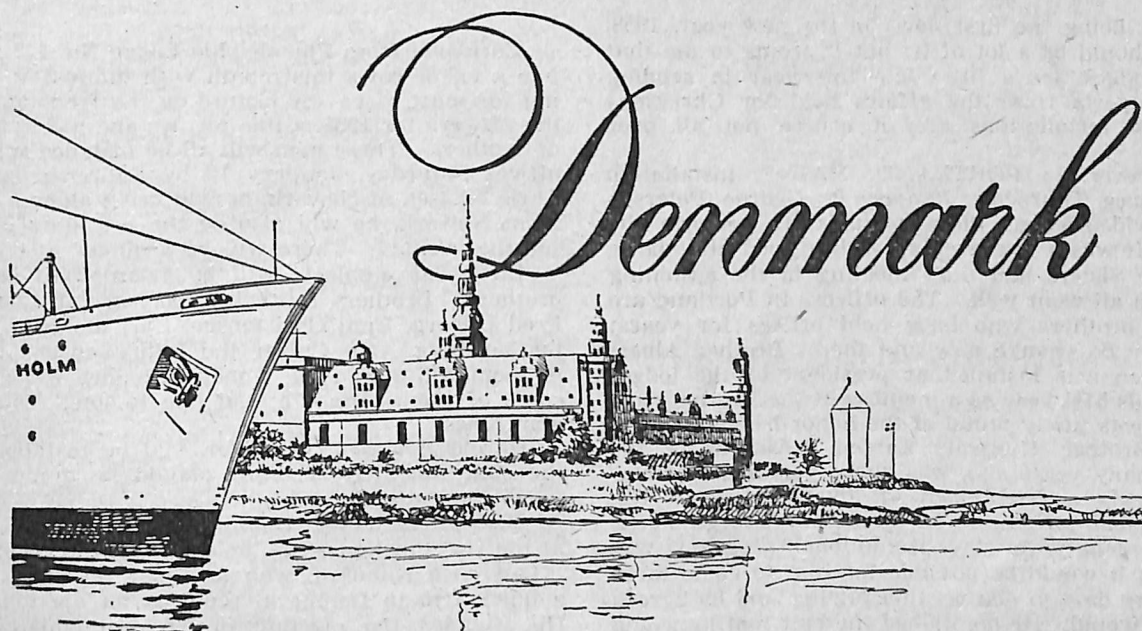
## Attention All Bowlers

The Midwest Bowling Tournament for 1958 will be held under the auspices of Brotherhood Lodge No. 298 on April 19, in Chicago. The bowling will take place at the G & L Bowling Establishment, 3935 West Chicago Avenue and will be followed by a banquet and dancing at Nielsen's Restaurant, 7330 West North Avenue (2 blocks west of Harlem on North Avenue).

Invitations to attend will be sent to all the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges in the Midwest District along with entry blanks for the teams. We hope there will be many teams eager to win the traveling trophies which have moved over much of the Midwest through the years.

It is our hope that many members and friends, who do not bowl, will come to Chicago to cheer their teams on to victory and will stay to enjoy the good fellowship we all find meeting and greeting old friends over a good meal and a pleasant evening of fun and dancing.

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# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By

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

This being the first news in the new year, 1958, there should be a lot of it; but it seems to me that most lodges are a little late this year in sending their reports from the affairs held for Christmas and the installations are of course not all over as yet.

Nowever, in PORTLAND, MAINE, installation took place Thursday, January 9. George Petersen of Providence was there as usual to perform the work. It was a fine evening with a good attendance and the Sisters had their meeting in the adjoining hall and all went well. The officers in Portland are mostly brothers who have held offices for years; but they do change now and then. Brother Albert Lorentzen was installed as president of the lodge; this is his 51st year as a member of the Brotherhood, and he was justly proud of the honor bestowed upon him. Brother Thorwald Larsen, treasurer of the lodge many years ago, was again installed as treasurer; truly a fine bunch of loyal brethren. The promotional program was discussed; George Petersen, as deputy for the promotional program, was asked if it would be possible for him to come there at a later date to discuss this further and he agreed that he would. He mentioned the fact that he would plan to come, perhaps in April and then at the same time visit Barre, Vermont, Lodge No. 294.

After the meeting the usual fine table was set with the finest sandwiches you can imagine and all that goes with it, coffee, etc., all prepared by the Sisters, and it was enjoyed. Several well wishes for the coming year and mostly well wishes for a speedy recovery of Brother Walter Paulsen, were heard.

"Tak for sidst Portland."

**H. C. Orstad Lodge** in Schenectady will have installation January 24, joint with the Sisters. Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen will install the brothers and Mrs. Marion Kniskern will install the sisters. The Brotherhood will treat to coffee and cake after the ceremonies and we are sure it will be a well attended affair.

Dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 15, will be given by the brothers who have birthdays in January.

The bowling teams had their mid-season dinner Friday, January 31, in the Danish hall.

**Wendia Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y.**, started its 64th year December 16 and an anniversary party is planned for the members some time in March. Keep this in mind.

A Christmas party was held December 14 in the lodge rooms, turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Election of officers took place December 21 and Niels (the secretary) informs us that he has one more year to go. Why only one more?

A successful Christmas dance was held December 27, the biggest crowd ever. On February 1 there will be open house where three films will be shown.

The lodge is now the proud possessor of a pool table, now we will know where to find them when we come to Penn Yan.

**Lurbladet from Philadelphia Lodge No. 172** really had a lot of news this month with interesting reading for most of us. A picture on the front with all the officers for 1958, a fine picture and a fine bunch of brothers. These men will all be installed in their offices Saturday, January 18 by Supreme Trustee Chris Madsen of Newark, he will bring along a team from Newark, he will also be the presiding officer for the evening. There will be a dinner at 6 p. m.

Fifty-year emblems will be awarded to several brothers. Brothers intitled to 50-year pins will be Fred Ullberg, Emil Christensen, Carl Moldrup, Gustav Newberg, Aage Culver and Julius Jensen. Some of them will attend the dinner with their wives; but some of them cannot attend due to long distances and illness.

Harold Boldesen, treasurer, will be installed for the 35th time. It certainly should be a most enjoyable evening for all.

Sigfried Ditlevsen was initiated into the lodge at the December meeting, he used to live in Buffalo.

Lawrence Knudsen, who has just returned from a quick trip to Denmark, reported on his journey. He attended the meeting in No. 318 while there and was much impressed. He said 70 brothers were present at the meeting. Good, is it not?

**Waterbury No. 103** had their installation of officers Saturday, January 11 at the home of George and Marie Holm.

Marinus Bjarno of New Haven, assisted by Art Sorensen performed the ceremonies. Ant. Jensen was reinstated as president. The sisters served a fine buffet supper and all the things that goes with it.

**In New Haven No. 32** the installation took place Wednesday, January 15, Chris Madsen of Newark, assisted by Erik Garde of Bridgeport were the officers in charge. A lively meeting was enjoyed and a good attendance.

**Hartford Lodge No. 314** held installation Saturday, evening January 18. This was a joint installation with the sisters and as usual a very fine affair. The sisters took the floor first and a team of ladies, all dressed in white, was escorted into the hall to the music of Sister Dorothy Jensen. Past President of the General Committee, Sister Anita FaVazo then proceeded to the installation, she was assisted by Dorothy Jensen as Marshall, this was accomplished in a most interesting manner and well applauded. The ex-president pin and a present from the sisters was presented to the outgoing president.

The gavel was then given Carl Christensen, President of the General Committee, who with his assistant, Karl Kuhnell came from Schenectady, who then proceeded to the installation of the brothers. Carl also did a very fine job and was very well applauded.

Present at the meeting were several guests from neighboring lodges such as Waterbury, Bridgeport, Providence and Schenectady and perhaps others. We also noted Carina Carstensen and Anton Mose, Hartford and Alma Jensen and George Petersen,

Providence. Due to the weather perhaps, we did not see as many from out of town as usual.

After the ceremonies a very fine table was set filled with sandwiches, coffee and cake. Anton Mose acted as toastmaster and several guests were called upon for remarks. You can be sure the short speeches were most interesting and all well received. A fine evening in Hartford and a good trip home and "Tak for sidst."

Carl informed us that in Schenectady they will celebrate their anniversary in No. 190 on March 15, please note this date and try to attend, you know who to contact; but if you do not, it is Henry Bukke, 94 Elm St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Providence, No. 102 has not much news, only we like to inform you that we did not install the officers at the meeting in January, but it will be done at the February meeting. Please try to come a little early as the sisters are planning a little "fastelavns party" and of course we would not want to miss that. I am not quite sure just what they are going to; but be sure, they do not disappoint us, they never have. At the meeting in January they installed their officers and Anne Lincoln performed the ceremonies and after that was over, our good sisters again had a beautiful table set with sandwiches and coffee. It certainly was good and we thank you very much.

A Christmas family party for members of Green Mountain Lodge No. 294 of the DB was held at the Cobble Hill Grange hall Friday night with about 100 in attendance. A large lighted tree was in the center of the hall as the main attraction. An instrumental group, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Lang and Chris and Gertrude Mikkelsen, played carols and the entire assemblage joined hands and marched around the tree while singing.

A program was presented by the following children: Prudence, Sandra and Jean Kathryn Taft; Dana Duranleau, Marion Lunde, Candy Cameron, Bobby Cameron, Katherine Thygesen, David and Diane Clark.

Santa's sleighbells were heard in the distance and soon the beloved saint appeared with his pack of toys for all the children. During the evening round and square dancing was enjoyed with Emerson Lang calling the numbers. Lunch was served in the dining room after the festivities.

The committee in charge included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mikkelsen and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mikkelsen.

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## Dateline - Detroit

The annual Christmas party of Lodge No. 227 on December 26 was enjoyed by some 180 children and their parents. As in past years, the children took over from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m., after which the parents danced to midnight to the music of Webeck's fine musicians. Danish coffee-cake and coffee was served by Mrs. Christiansen, Axel Lohmann assisting. On January 4, 1958, we had a joint public installation together with the sisterhood lodges of Detroit and Royal Oak. The installing officers were Supreme Vice President Viggo Mikkelson and Supreme Trustee Thea Madsen. Carl Jensen and Armanda Kraft were the conductors, Sigfred Jorgensen, master of ceremonies; and Axel Lohmann, general chairman. The very impressive installation was witnessed by 200 friends and relatives. At 9 p. m., everyone retired to the dining room for Danish sandwiches and coffee, served by Mr. and Mrs. Oluf Jensen. Oluf is our vice president, so we expect some very fine supper meetings this year. Dancing, singing and general good fellowship rounded out a most enjoyable evening. This is our second annual joint public installation, and we all are wondering why we didn't start this sooner. Our trustees found the hats our drill team used back in 1931, had them cleaned, and the officers-elect wore them at the installation. The sisters also had lodge hats, so it was a most colorful sight. Our 34-year-old president, Preber Jaeger, started out on the right foot by having an application brought in on his first night in the chair. He also had the sad duty of ordering our charter draped for thirty days in memory of Brother Robert Call, who passed away January 4.

We had the great pleasure of welcoming Brother Gould C. Christensen of Lodge No. 41, Derby, Conn., who now lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. We hope he will come over often, although I am told the poker players did not exactly encourage him. The entertainment committee is planning another dinner meeting Wednesday, February 26. Get your reservation in early. Number 1077, Hans Madsen, won \$10 at our December meeting, but Number 903, Henning Schultz, was not among the 43 members present at the January 8 meeting. Make sure you are present when your number is drawn.

I overheard one of our brothers trying to talk his dad into attending a meeting, and being a great poet, I dashed off the following masterpiece: (If this article ends here it is because the editor took pity on my five faithful readers.)

Say, Dad, let's go to Lodge tonight,  
We haven't been for years.  
Pin on our badges, red and white,  
And drink some Tuborg beers.

I'd like to try my Danish too,  
Which some may understand,  
My meaning might be caught by few,  
But all would give a hand.

I'd like to face the President,  
And give that same old sign.  
It wouldn't cost us one red cent,  
Unless for cards you pine.

I think the guard would let us in,  
Although he'd hesitate

And then we'd see that same old grin,  
Come on, or we'll be late.

The business end we'd soon complete,  
And that is always when  
We join the jolly sisters sweet,  
For eats and songs again.

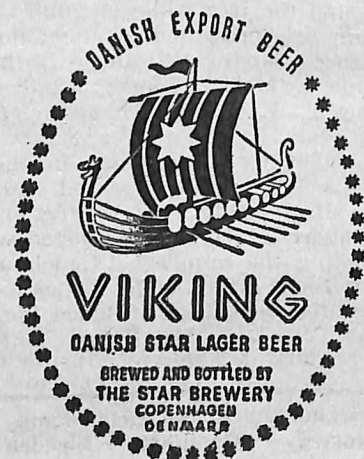
Pass up your bridge or picture show,  
Your wrestling match or fight,  
Switch off that darn old video —  
Let's go to Lodge tonight.

ARMAND E. LARSEN.

## Danish is Not Yet Dead in America

All those who are interested in the preservation of Danish culture in America will rejoice to hear that DANSK NYTAAR 1958, which was printed in six thousand copies, was completely sold out already by December 10, and that so many new orders kept coming that a new edition was published shortly after January 1. Most of this new edition was ordered in advance, but a few copies are still available from Dansk Nytaar, Blair, Nebraska, for only one dollar, postpaid.

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# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By RUDOLPH OLSEN

2530 — 27th Avenue, San Francisco 16, California

Let me start out by saying that I am dreadfully sorry that my article for January did not appear. I thought I sent it in good time to the editor, but apparently due to the Christmas rush it was delayed en route. At any rate, my stuff arrived in Askov, Minnesota, two days after the magazine had been printed.

At this time I am very happy to be able to tell you, that according to a letter just arrived from Brother Norman Dan Andker, secretary of the Oakland Lodge, which will be host at our next convention, that their convention committee has now been able to make a decision as to date and place. The dates are: August 28, 29 and 30, and the place: Hotel Leamington, 19th and Franklin Streets, Oakland.

I think the dates are ideal, in that it is just before Labor day, and it will give the vistiors and delegates a day to rest up in and another day in which to reach their homes. The matter has been placed before the executive committee for the General Committee, but I feel certain the dates will be approved. So start to prepare NOW and arrange your vacation dates to include a visit to Oakland — the Sunny Side of the San Francisco Bay — they tell me, and of course take part in our convention.

During the past month there has been great activity within the Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood in California, and our two presidents, Brother and Sister John V. Jensen of Petaluma have been traveling from place to place installing the officers. And a great work they are doing too. I never stop marveling at the ability our two organizations seem to have in attracting good and capable members to fill these important positions. It was a great stimulant to see how well these two young people handle their positions. If we can continue to attract that type of people into our organizations I am sure we will be able to carry on for many years to come.

These yearly special meetings held for the purpose of installing the officers in our lodges always create a fine interest and attract a good number of members to come to meeting, members that otherwise stay at home and let someone else do the work. May I remind you good members, that while it was much appreciated you came to the installation, we also need your support during the balance of the year. It is not enough to elect a set of officers and let it go at that. The officers need your moral support during the balance of the year, and you can best show this support by showing up at meetings. Perhaps you can't come every meeting night, but do try to make it at least once a month, or better still try at least to come to meetings when your good wife comes to the Sisterhood meeting. You will both feel much better after knowing you have done your duty to your organization. Try it for a year — and see.

And for the members around the Bay area, may I make this suggestion, let us try, as many as possible, to go to Petaluma February 15 and attend the installation of officers, it is the last on the list and I think it would be very fitting to show Johnny and Mary how much we appreciate their good work by

showing up at the installation in their home lodges. Make a circle around the date right now.

**Editor's Note: The bulk of what Brother Olsen wrote for the January 1 issue is just as good and timely for the February issue, so here it is:**

This is written on Christmas eve. The rush of the last few weeks and especially the last few days is over. The TV and radio are filled with Christmas programs. The mailman is busy delivering the greetings from families and friends and it is truly a season of good will, which it is hoped will continue until next Christmas. Some years ago we used a Christmas card with a greeting which we thought expressed the right sentiment, and apparently the greeting made a hit, because I believe we received no less than 15 cards with this verse on it:

Never a Christmas morning  
Never the Old Year end,  
But somebody thinks of someone,  
Old days, old times, old friends.

As one gets older there is perhaps no time of the year when one's thoughts turn to old times and friends as during the Christmas season. Perhaps this is the compensation of age — to have good memories of old days and friends, and we think of these old times and friends with kindness and fondness.

And speaking of old friends, except in this case it is a young friend, I have just had a very lovely Christmas greeting from Leo Bjeld in Germany. Some years ago Leo was very active in Lodge No. 49, and served as its president, and a good one. He was instrumental in getting a lot of new members for which we were truly thankful. Leo then joined the U. S. army and is stationed at the present time in Germany, where in the meanwhile he has acquired not only a loving wife but also two children. He tells me that he will be leaving Frankfurt-am-Main next July and will be returning to this country, just where he will then be stationed he does not know but is hopeful for one of the air fields near San Francisco. Of course, whilst in Germany he has had several visits with his mother in Denmark. It was nice to hear from you Leo, lots of luck in the days ahead.

Another Christmas greeting which was much appreciated was from Lodge No. 318 in Copenhagen. It is always a pleasure to hear from these brethren, who are doing such fine work in keeping the Brotherhood alive. In a bulletin, also received from the lodge, one learns that at the installation of new officers on January 28 five of the brethren will be presented with 25-year emblems. A very splendid idea which I think would be well to follow in this country as well. We wish the officers and members in No. 318 every good wish for the coming year. Do keep up your good work.

From Lodge No. 126 in Los Angeles we have the sad news of the passing of Brother John Everlof on December 2. He was a backer for a movie and was on location in Death Valley where he was

stricken with a heart attack. He was taken to Los Angeles where he passed away. Brother Everlof had been very active in the Danish Brotherhood for many years and attended many of our yearly conventions, the last one being in San Francisco. We convey our deepest sympathy to his family.

At the election of officers December 12 Brother Paul Herskind retired as president, an office which he held for several years. He has done an excellent job for the lodge and we hope he will continue his activity. Brother James Nelson will now carry on as president. I also notice that Brother Chas. M. Petersen was re-elected treasurer for the 27th year, a lodge is really very fortunate in having brethren who will continue to serve year after year in such an important capacity.

The Danish colony has shown marked activity in Southern California and especially at this time of the year. The Danish Masonic club recently held a Christmas party where, our correspondent Brother Andrew J. Swingholm and his good wife were honor guests.

The activities in Northern California have been no less. As usual around this time of the year the lodges have their Christmas parties. As mentioned in my last column No. 49 and No. 24 of the Sisterhood had their "Komsammen" after their meetings December 11. Brother "Dick" Clause had a twofold job, in that he not only acted as toastmaster but also was at the Baldwin playing the old familiar Danish carols. Two jobs he did exceedingly well, according to reports. Brother Carl Sorensen led the singing as usual. Unfortunately I was unable to be present as Cunard sent me on a quick trip to Utah.

And speaking of Utah reminds me, that during a recent trip to Salt Lake City I had the pleasure of visiting Hilmar and Erika Hensen. Hilmar as you will recall was a member of the Supreme Board for many years. They send greetings to their many friends in California.

At the recent election in No. 49, Brother Eiler Nielsen was elected president and Brother Louis Jorgensen was elected financial secretary for the 36th year, a very fine record indeed.

Brother Douglas Petersen, one of 49's very popular bachelors, is no longer available in that he embraced the bliss of matrimony. Early in the month he and Miss Bente Nybo from Thisted went to Solvang and were married in the Danish church. Congratulations and best wishes and may all your troubles be little ones.

Brother and Sister Niels Tved recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and we send them our very best wishes for many more. Niels and Mary used to be very active in our two organizations. As a mater of fact, Sister Tved was one of the first presidents of the Sisterhood General Committee in California.

The president and officers of the General Committee joins me in sending each and everyone of you and your families our very best wishes for a Happy New Year. May peace, happiness and good contentment be yours in 1958.

Our old friend, the absent-minded professor, looked with surprise at the length of rope he was holding in his hand.

"This means," he said to himself, "either that I've found a rope or lost a horse!"

## Clear Lake, Iowa

Lodge No. 219 held their annual Christmas party December 28 with a good crowd attending. A program was given by the children after which treats were distributed. Dancing followed for all. Lunch was served by the committee.

On January 11, Lodge No. 219 held a joint installation with Sisterhood Lodge No. 169. The following officers were installed: Ex-President, Louis Kofoed; president, Ray Hansen; vice president, Jim King; secretary, Edwin Estergard; treasurer, Lawrence Halsne; trustee, Keith Holt; trustee, Thorvald Sorensen; trustee, Albert Juhl; conductor, Thor Kofoed; inner guard, Anton Andersen; outer guard, Armand Hansen.

The lodge has all plans made for their annual Danish masquerade, which will be held February 4, at the Surf Ballroom, Clear Lake, Iowa. They have engaged Kenny Hofer to play for the event. Everyone is welcome.

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## Muskegon, Michigan

Muskegon, Michigan, Lodge No. 30 had the pleasure of honoring our 50-year members and adding two more, Carl and Albert Riisberg. The evening started with a fish fry, then 50-year pins were awarded and business meeting followed with election of officers. Everyone present had an enjoyable evening that December 12th at Slovak hall.

On November 13, seventy-five persons were present at Falcon hall to enjoy the dinner and program honoring Brother and Mrs. Jens Christensen on their 50th wedding anniversary. Central Lutheran Church, Sisterhood Thrya Lodge No. 22 and our lodge sponsored the party and each group presented the Christensens with a gift, ours being presented by our Master of Ceremonies, L. G. Thompson.

December 17, Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges of Muskegon held a Christmas party, potluck supper. Children danced around the Christmas tree and heard the traditional Christmas story by Rev. Hansen. They then exchanged gifts and received favors, donated by Holger Thuesen. 35 mm slides in color, covering the four seasons of the year, were shown by Lawrence Ritter.

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Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Kenneth G. Kaiser
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Hans Hansen
Christian Larsen	227	Detroit	Hobert Beck
Lehmann Cook	306	San Diego	Dan M. Sullivan

## Lodge No. 78 Installs

The regular meeting of Lodge No. 78 on January 14 was rather short as the main purpose of the meeting was to install the officers for 1958. As an additive to this occasion the ladies were invited, the reason for the open meeting, where only the yearly statement was presented and the current bills approved for payment. After this was taken care of, the floor was given to Hilmar W. Hansen, former supreme vice president — and he, with the assistance of Brother John Olson as conductor, performed the ceremony with usual dignity in an impressive form.

There were only a few changes in names, as most of the present officers were re-elected by acclamation, except for one who went into the Navy, and one who has moved away from town.

After a short recess, tables were set up for games, while "the kitchen staff" arranged for a nice "smorgasbord" in another hall. When the two winners were declared and had received their prizes, everybody was invited to dig into the goodies, prepared by our — if not nutrition — then at least delicacy experts, Mrs. Pedersen, Olsen, Hansen, Erickson and Kragh. Maybe your correspondent here is too lax, so let me say thanks to Louise, Jonna, Ruth, Mildred and Gunhild. There was no official speaker, but several brothers had the floor for short remarks and the party ended with singing of "America."

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