

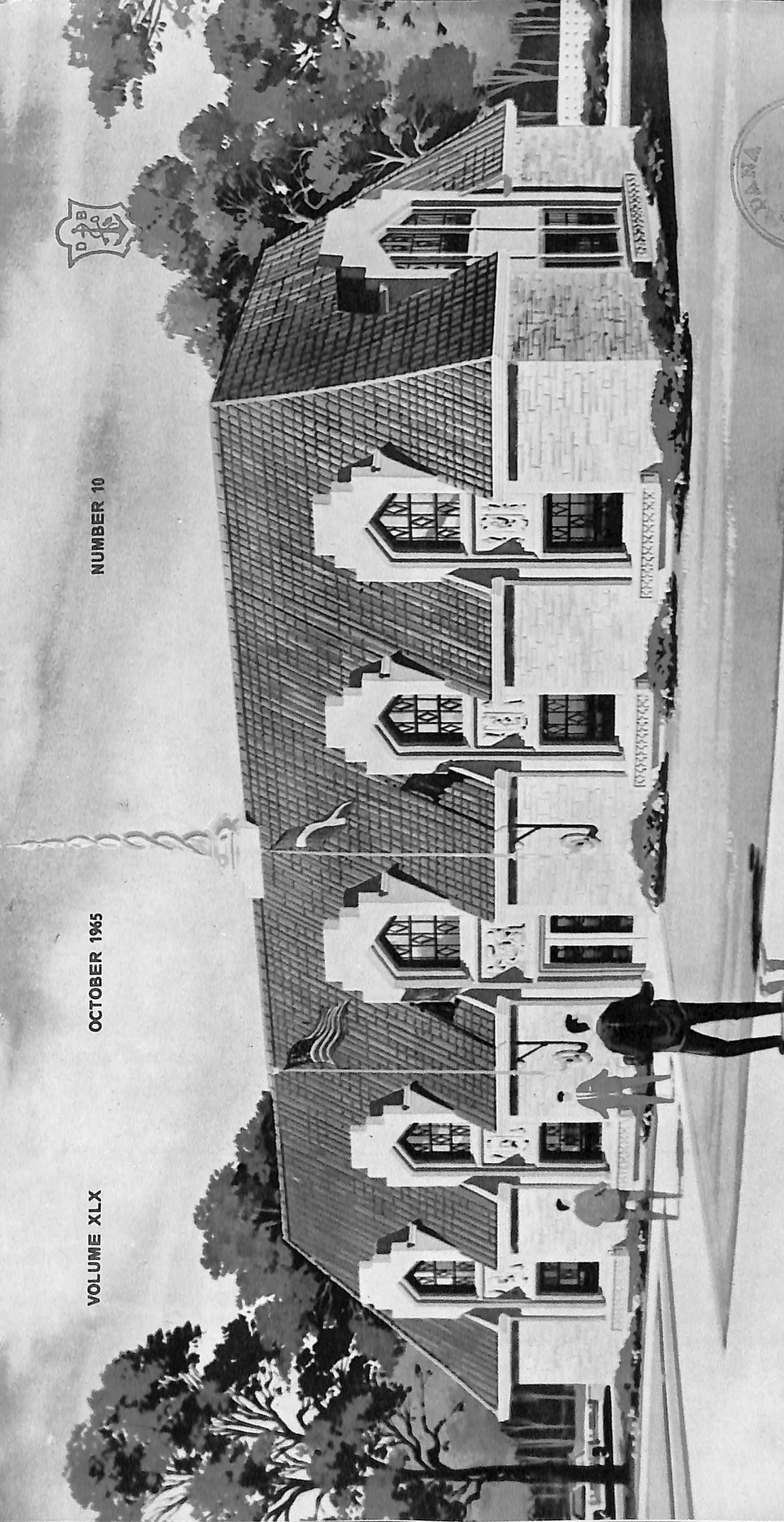
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Architect's Conception of New Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters

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# Supreme Board Breaks Ground for New Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters



A memorable event in Danish Brotherhood history takes place as Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen and the Supreme Board break ground for the new Home Office Building in Omaha, Nebraska.

During the regular sessions of the fall Supreme Board meeting, ground breaking ceremonies for the new National Headquarters were held with all members of the Board participating. The new building pictured on the cover of this souvenir edition is a design utilizing various Danish architectural characteristics.

Measuring 34 feet by 86 feet, the new building will provide room for present administrative facilities as well as providing room for expansion of departments for increased services to a growing membership.

The preliminary design was created by Architects Teig and Johnson and their consultant Edward J. Sessinghaus in cooperation with the Supreme Board Building Committee, consisting of the Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen, Second Supreme Vice President Fred Jensen and Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck.

A dream of many years — the realization of this project strongly denotes the stability and secure future of The Danish Brotherhood in America.

# Danish Brotherhood Tour to Copenhagen on the New Kungsholm in 1966

## Viking Queen of the Seven Seas Will Sail For Denmark on June 6

What better way to prove that the Danes were Vikings too than to sail on the new Kungsholm, the Swedish American Line's most recent addition to its glamorous White Viking Fleet. The largest passenger liner in Scandinavia, the new Kungsholm, 661 feet from rakish bulbous bow to gently curved cruiser stern, displaces 25,700 gross tons. Among the many descriptions already made of the new deluxe liner, in fact no less than 99 slogans have been created for her even before the maiden voyage, one strikes us as being particularly well formulated: "Designed for the ultimate in gracious luxurious ocean travel." You will be able to see for yourself what's behind that sentence and a good deal more as you set out on June 6, 1966, with other members of the Brotherhood, and your friends, for your trip to Denmark on the new Kungsholm.

### Danish Design Generously Featured

It is not as if you were on strange territory once you have taken possession of all the space that is yours aboard this beautiful ship. Paul Schroeder, born in Denmark, designed all the cabins of the new Kungsholm. Incidentally, in faithful adherence to Swedish American Line thoughtfulness, mockups of each type cabin were built ashore at the John Brown & Co. Ltd., shipyard at Clydebank, Scotland, where the keel of the new Kungsholm was laid on January 2, 1964. These mockups were then completely furnished, whereupon models were hired to live in them. Thus, their utility and comfort, their furnishings, storage space and other facilities were thoroughly tested before actual construction was allowed to get under way aboard the new ship itself.

Wherever you go on the new Kungsholm, you will find yourself very much at home, for Scandinavian modern design dominates the scene in her public rooms as well. Take the forward Card Room and Library, for instance. In the card room, there are seven card tables and 28 armchairs. In the Writing Room-Library, there are 21 seats of sofa and armchair types. These rooms were designed by a famous London architect who saw to it that the hardwood furniture was made in Danish and Swedish traditional style. In the Veranda Lounge you will be greeted by Danish fabrics used for curtains and upholstery.

The Observation Lounge, designed by Count Sigvard Bernadotte who operates his own industrial design studio in Copenhagen, seats 110 people in Danish modern furniture. The design was planned to create a true and genuine shipboard atmosphere and to emphasize this even further, some of the decoration details on the side and forward walls are old brass fixtures from windjammer days. The Shopping Center, naturally, will be generously stocked with Danish precious porcelain and china, stoneware and many other appealing souvenir and gift items created by internationally known Danish designers in the fields of arts and crafts.

### And All That Delectable Danish Food — Those Drinks!

The new Kungsholm has a fabulous bakery, by the way. And just to make you feel especially happy — although you may still be a long way off from the shores of Denmark — the master bakers will turn out 700 pieces

of Danish pastry a day. Not to be forgotten about is the Danish-style food that the expert chefs will make it a point to include on the daily gala menus. Naturally, those who are so inclined, will find both Aalborg Akavit for their "Danish Marys" and Tuborg as well as Carlsberg beer with which to quaff their thirst at the bars and in the dining room.

### Meetings and Gatherings On Board

Another one of the 99 epithets bestowed upon the new Kungsholm states that she is: "A new achievement in gracious living at sea."

It has been said before and can be repeated again that the Danish Brotherhood tour to Denmark in 1957 is well remembered by the many participants. Then there was the double-jubilee tour in 1962, another memorable journey under Brotherhood and Swedish American Line auspices. Now, there is every reason to believe that sweet memories will linger on for a long time in the minds of those of you who decide to take part in the June 6, 1966, new Kungsholm trip to Denmark.

During the crossing from New York to Copenhagen, several Brotherhood meetings and fraternal gatherings of informal character will be held on board.

The staff of the new ship, many of whom hail from Denmark, will as always do their utmost to render courteous and unassumingly attentive service. From your air-conditioned cabin — service from the nearest kitchenette will bring you breakfast in a matter of minutes — to the Sports Room, the inviting swimming pool, the enclosed or wide open promenade decks, the first-run movie theatre and auditorium, the huge lounges with their spacious dance floors, the cozy bars with their intimate yet roomy interiors to the glorious blue dining room on "A" deck — everything about the new Kungsholm is uncommonly ideally suited to keep you in a gay and good mood all the way to wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen and the rest of Denmark which will be at its very loveliest when you and the other Danish Brotherhood travelers arrive there.

The reception will be traditionally festive as the new Kungsholm glides up to her pier in the Free Port of Copenhagen. Fluttering Dannebrog flags, brass band music and the cheers and shouts of "Welcome to Denmark" will meet you as you conclude a voyage never to be forgotten. Your tour manager will be Palle Juul-Larsen who at the moment is busy laying plans for next summer's Brotherhood Tour at his headquarters, 5245 North Clark Street, Chicago 40, Illinois.

### Make Your Return Reservations Soon!

The return trip from Denmark can be made at the members' convenience. Some may want to return after only a brief visit and others will want to remain for a longer period of time, exploring the country, seeing its many richly rewarding sights — ancient as well as modern — visiting friends and relatives.

The Swedish American Line recommends that under all circumstances your requests for return reservations be made as soon as possible in order that you may be assured of space.

Full particulars are available from the Tour Manager: Palle Juul-Larsen, 5245 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60640.

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## DANISH BROTHERHOOD EXCURSION TO DENMARK-1966

All prospective members of the Danish Brotherhood Excursion intending to travel by ship have now received the Swedish American Line's sailing schedule for 1966, which gives information as to the return sailings from Copenhagen, the minimum rates and general information for ship travelers. Let's take one item at a time.

**RETURN SAILINGS:** The official return date for the members will be in the M/S "GRIPSHOLM" from Copenhagen on August 25, with arrival in New York on September 2. By using this return date, one will have ten weeks abroad. Realizing that many ship travelers will not spend that much time away from home, the Swedish American Line has set aside ample space in the M/S "GRIPSHOLM" sailing from Copenhagen on July 28 with arrival in New York on August 6. For those four members with more time at their disposal, the new M/S "KUNGS HOLM" sails from Copenhagen on September 13, with arrival in New York on September 21.

It is, of course, possible to return earlier or later. Another sailing date from Copenhagen will be the M/S "GRIPSHOLM" on July 5, with arrival in New York on July 14.

It is also possible to join the Excursion to Denmark by ship and return any time by air (provided that reservations are made in ample time).

**MINIMUM RATES:** The lowest rated cabins in the ship are inside rooms, located on the lower decks; the rate in the M/S "KUNGS HOLM" being \$290 one way. If a more choice location is desired, the rate will be be-

tween \$300 and \$340 one way in Tourist Class. The one-way First Class accommodations are rated at \$430 and up depending upon size and location of the cabins.

No reduction prevails on roundtrip bookings in the season sailings.

We have mentioned before that transportation across the Atlantic can be had for much less than the cost of a steamship ticket. (Incidentally, there is no more steam, it's all diesel.)

We must bear in mind that the trip by ship across the Atlantic is a vacation in itself and, consequently, a ship passenger being catered to and living in luxury for eight days will pay nearly double as much for the roundtrip crossing than his fellow Lodge member being whisked to Denmark and back on a jet in a little more than seven hours each way.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Under "General Information" in the sailing schedule you will find that you are allowed an unlimited amount of hand baggage and that the free allowance for checked baggage (trunks, etc.) is 270 pounds for each passenger. It is difficult for most travelers to spend two to three months abroad with baggage weighing 40 to 50 pounds, which is the average allowance on a flight.

It will also interest several of the Danish Brotherhood members to know the cost of bringing their automobile along. A car weighing under 3,500 pounds is shipped roundtrip for \$400, while the rate for a car weighing over 3,500 pounds is \$475. As car space is very limited, it is strongly recommended that space is reserved **NOW**.

The sailing schedule also gives details as to bringing cats, dogs, birds and bicycles across, in case any of our good members are interested.

Unfortunately, an error occurred in the September issue of the Brotherhood Magazine, for which we apologize. While the coupon correctly stated that the Excursion will leave from New York on June 6, it was mentioned in the text that the sailing date would be June 7. It is June 6. No change has taken place and quoting our Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen, "It is easy to remember 6-6-66."

At the time the sailing schedule and the confirmation forms were mailed in mid-September, we had on the registration list for ship travel 223 persons, which is an excellent indication of the interest in the Excursion in

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the new M/S "KUNGSOLM." At the same time 115 persons have shown interest in a charter trip by jet and another 50 persons are planning to come along, although they cannot as yet decide whether the trip will be by ship or plane.

At the Midwest District's convention in Racine a few weeks ago, where I attended the very fine and festive banquet, I had the good fortune to meet several members who were along on the 1962 Excursion and who have already indicated that they wish to come along in 1966. I was very happy to meet Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis of South Bend, Ind., again. They were on the 1962 Excursion (first visit to Denmark) and now they are impatiently awaiting the departure of the 1966 trip. By checking our list of the 1962 participants, we find that we will have a good many repeaters in 1966 so it will not be long before the allotted beds in the new M/S "KUNGSOLM" are sold.

Please do not hesitate to write and ask any question you may have in connection with the Excursion in the new M/S "KUNGSOLM." Your inquiry will get a prompt reply.

As to the members inquiring about air passage on a charter flight we are unable to give a specific reply at this time. No definite departure date or rate has been received as yet. An average roundtrip charter rate is \$300 from New York to Copenhagen. The tentative departure date is June 12 or 13 and the duration of the trip between four to six weeks. All parties, who have shown interest in air travel, will receive detailed information as soon as an aircraft has been confirmed.

There is still time to sign up but we urge you to do it now. Please bear in mind that if you made reservations and pay the required deposit even if you are not quite sure that you will be able to make the trip, the deposit will cheerfully be refunded in full any time you may find it necessary to cancel.

**Reservation Request Form**

Forward to Mr. Palle Juul-Larsen, 5245 North Clark Street, Chicago, Ill. 60640.

I am interested in joining the Danish Brotherhood Excursion in the NEW KUNGSOLM from New York on June 6, 1966. I am planning to return by ship approximately in \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in joining the Danish Brotherhood Excursion by air, leaving about June 13, 1966. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to spend \_\_\_\_\_ weeks in Denmark before the return flight.

Number of people in my party \_\_\_\_\_

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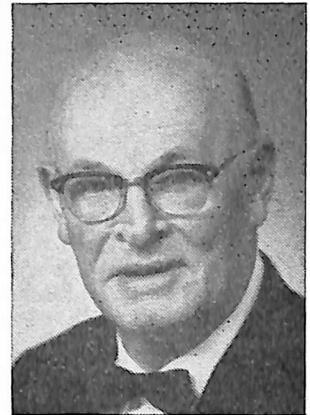
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**IN MEMORIAM**

Past Supreme President, Brother C. Bysted Christensen of Schenectady, N. Y., died September 22, 1965. Brother Christensen was elected to serve as Supreme President at the national convention held in Seattle, Wash., in 1947 and served until 1951, conducting the convention in Detroit, Mich.



The news of Brother Christensen's death was received during the Supreme Board meeting and Supreme Trustee and Mrs. J. C. Nordine were appointed to represent the Supreme Lodge at the funeral services.

The Supreme Board and Brotherhood members everywhere extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Christensen and the family in their bereavement.

**Colorado-Wyoming Convention**

The Colorado-Wyoming General Committee of the Danish Brotherhood held its 36th annual meeting on August 28, in Denver at the American Legion Post No. 1.

This convention was honored by the attendance of Supreme First Vice President Einar Danielsen of St. Charles, Ill.

Columbine Lodge No. 43, hosted the convention this year. The chairman of the entertainment committee, Brother Hans Thyge Nielsen did a splendid job decorating the hall in delightful Danish color. A crowd of approximately 90 Brothers and their ladies enjoyed the festivities at the Denver Danes Club on the eve of the District convention August 27.

Sandwiches, "snaps," beer, coffee and cake was served free to all, and they all relaxed a while in the Danish style.

Saturday, August 28, the business meeting opened at 10 a. m. Attending the meeting was one of the organizers of the Colorado-Wyoming District, Brother Niels C. Nielsen of Denver. He spoke about the great success it was in 1929, in organizing the Colorado-Wyoming Lodges together. At that time they could have up to 200 Brothers in attendance, and now he was sorry to see the deterioration of the Lodges in our District and lack of interest for our District to continue to exist.

Brother Danielsen honored the convention by performing the initiation ceremony, admitting four new Brothers to membership in Columbine Lodge No. 43. He also installed the new officers for the Colorado-Wyoming District.

In the evening a very enjoyable banquet was held, attended by over 100 people. The main speaker was Brother Danielsen, who made a fine speech about our great fraternal organization.

Next year's District convention will meet in Fowler, Colorado.

SVEND A. SONDERUP, Sec.-Treas.

# CALIFORNIA NEWS

By HAROLD MATHIASSEN, 7201 La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90045

When the time to gather news for a monthly article arrives, a correspondent fully realizes how quickly the months roll by. It will take a while for the lodge secretaries to include me on their mailing list so that their local news will be included in this monthly report.

Rudolph Olsen has done a fine and outstanding job as California's correspondent for many years, and I hope that in time I can be compared with Rudi. He is deserving of a relief, and it would please me very much from time to time to receive an article from the northern part of the state, signed "Rudolph Olsen." I have always looked up to Rudi as a correspondent and a fraternal Brother, and I always shall.

In reading the secretary of the General Committee's report from the convention minutes, I notice that he has traveled a total of 6,477 miles by automobile, and 1,400 miles by air in the past year. A total of 700 pieces of correspondence has also gone through the office of Al Tunsen. Combine these accomplishments with the many miles traveled by our past president, Mel Oredsen, and you can realize one of the reasons for the great success of California in 1965.

At the last state convention in Solvang, an action was taken that for the benefit of the lodges in California, a state newspaper should be printed monthly. We hope that with the cooperation and support of all the lodges, that this may come into existence in the near future.

A letter has just been received from the office of President Edward Aasted with the proposed schedule for installation of officers in the California lodges in 1966:

- No. 338, San Bernardino ..... January 3
- No. 336, Escondido ..... January 4
- No. 306, San Diego ..... January 5
- No. 126, Los Angeles ..... January 6
- No. 322, Santa Barbara ..... January 7
- No. 319, Bakersfield ..... January 8
- No. 299, Solvang ..... January 12
- No. 67, Fresno ..... January 13
- No. 143, Petaluma ..... January 14
- No. 230, Arcata and No. 95, Ferndale ..... January 15
- No. 194, Hayward ..... January 17
- No. 255, Selma ..... January 18
- No. 49, San Francisco ..... January 19
- No. 337, Fremont ..... January 20
- No. 39, Oakland ..... January 21
- No. 332, Ripon ..... January 22

Alhambra No. 323 and Long Beach No. 329 will be on February 12, unless a joint affair can be arranged with Los Angeles.

There may be some changes, but these are the dates at this time.

Notes from the Santa Barbara Grapevine — On September 3, following the regular meeting, the Brothers were invited by the Sisters of Princess Ingrid to observe their 26th anniversary. As Dagmar Aasted was to leave shortly afterwards for the national board meetings in the east, it was decided that this would be a nice way to give the send off she deserved. (My wife Lillian and myself along with Kurt Møller and wife Gerda attended this enjoyable affair. Levi and Mrs. Persson from Solvang were also present.)

I can truthfully say that it was a well attended, good

meeting, and I hope in the future to attend meetings of other lodges that are just as good.

A Las Vegas type party was announced to take place on September 17. As you can see, the Santa Barbara Lodge is very much alive.

In the rush to leave the riot area in Los Angeles at No. 126's anniversary dinner on August 14, Arne Johansen forgot his pants. Fortunately Hans and Clara Andersen of Selma detoured by way of Santa Barbara with his pants and car keys. This is real fraternalism.

San Diego has sent invitations to the neighboring lodges to participate in a bowling tournament on Saturday, October 9. These affairs are always exciting. We in California enjoy our bowling and consider it a real good way to get together for good fellowship and competition.

The Los Angeles Lodge is attending a performance by Victor Borge on October 3, and are having a tour to Las Vegas on the 16th and 17th. We neglected to mention in the last article that the next convention in 1966 will be held in Bakersfield. We expect and are sure that this will be another great convention.

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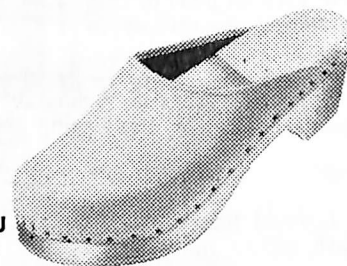
AUGUST 1965 — Viggo Mikkelsen: Salary, \$264.30, less federal taxes, \$31.50, net \$232.72; transportation to Minnesota Lodges convention, \$97.37, per diem, \$75; refund of telephone expenses, \$10.56. Axel Skelbeck: Salary, \$966.33, less federal taxes \$149.20, net \$817.13; general office expense, \$50. Albert F. Tunsen: Transportation to California General Committee convention, \$57.69; per diem, \$100.00.

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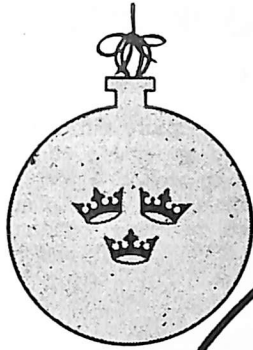


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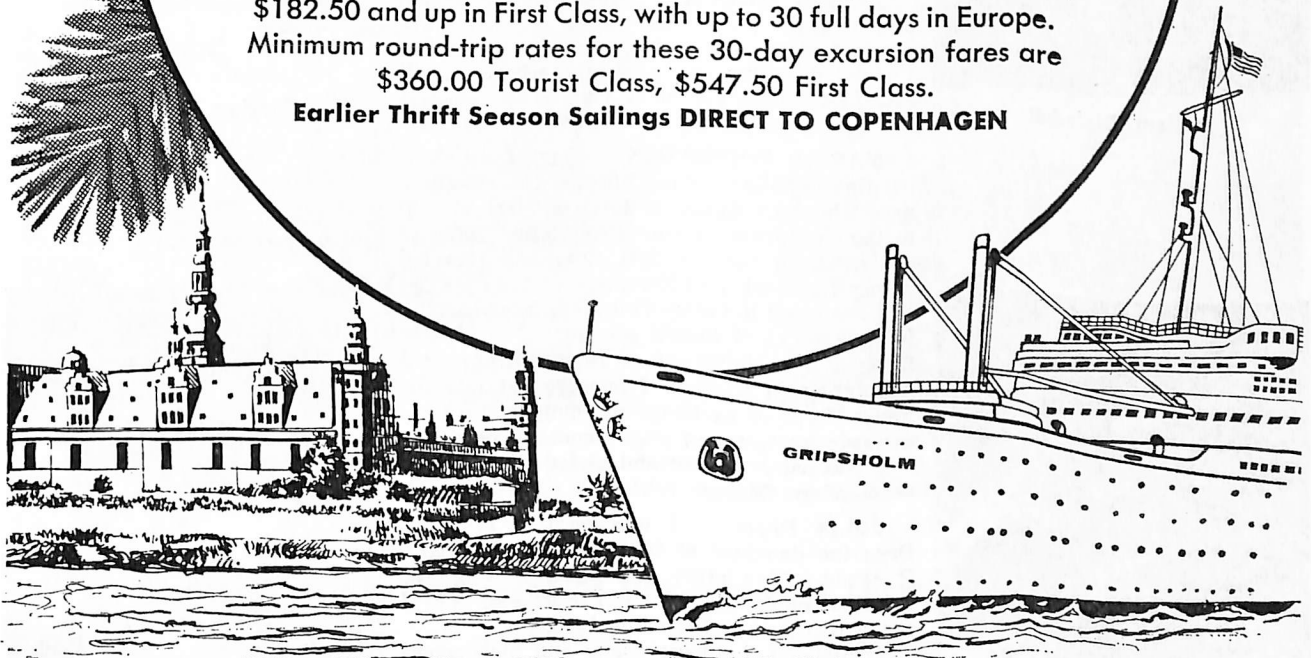
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# Scholarship Winners Announced

The Scholarship committee of the Supreme Lodge takes great pleasure in announcing that the following members have been awarded a scholarship for the coming school year:

**Mr. William Blaisdell** of Elburn, Illinois, member of Lodge No. 92.

**Miss Julia Fahl** of Seal Rock, Oregon, member of Lodge No. 167.

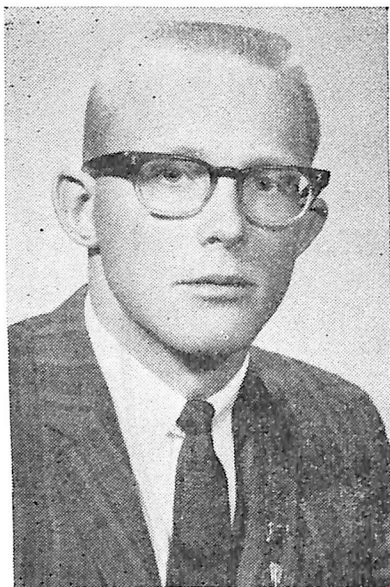
**Miss Marian Fruhstick** of St. Paul, Minnesota, member of Lodge No. 45.

**Mr. Robert Hansen** of St. Charles, Illinois, member of Lodge No. 92.

I may say that our task becomes more difficult each year as each year we have more applicants and their scholastic records become better as well.

In behalf of the Supreme Lodge I take great pleasure in extending our congratulations to these outstanding young members of the Danish Brotherhood and their home lodges.

KRISTEN JORGENSEN, Chm., Scholarship Com.



William Blaisdell

**WILLIAM S. BLAISDELL** — I am the oldest child of a family of six of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blaisdell of Elburn, Ill. I attended high school at Kaneland high school at Maple Park and was interested in athletics and various other school functions.

I am now a sophomore at Northern Illinois University of Dekalb, where I am pursuing a career in the fields of mathematics and accounting. I hope to become a secondary teacher after I graduate. I am at present a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

**ROBERT HANSEN** — I am 18 years old and live alone with my mother, my father having died in 1961. I was a Boy Scout for six years and became an Eagle Scout in 1962. I am a graduate of St. Charles Com. high, St. Charles, Ill., and will attend Northern Illinois University this fall.

In high school I enjoyed building floats, and sets for plays. My hobby is woodworking and at the suggestion of my shop teacher I decided to become a shop teacher. I will therefore spend the next four years earning my B.S. in education for industrial arts.

**MARIAN FRUHSTUCK** — One of the most exciting highlights of my life was two summers ago, when my father and I took a short trip to the Scandinavian countries. I met some of my relatives for the first time and traveled across Denmark and Norway.

I am going to Cottey College in Nevada, Mo., for two years of liberal arts and then plan to finish at the University of Minnesota where I will major in English. I hope to get into the Peace Corps or exchange teaching. I also have a music interest and play piano and organ.

I was very thrilled and elated to receive a scholarship. Mange Tak!

**JULIA FAHL** — I was born in Portland, Ore., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Fahl. My father has been a long-time member of Lodge No. 167, Portland, and I am a member of the same Lodge.

I attended Waldport grade and high school for 12 years. I was valedictorian of my class, four-year honor roll member, student council member, student body treasurer, Girls' Athletic Assn., member and officer, member of newspaper staff and prom queen.

I enjoy sewing, reading, all sports, playing piano, having taken piano lessons for seven years.

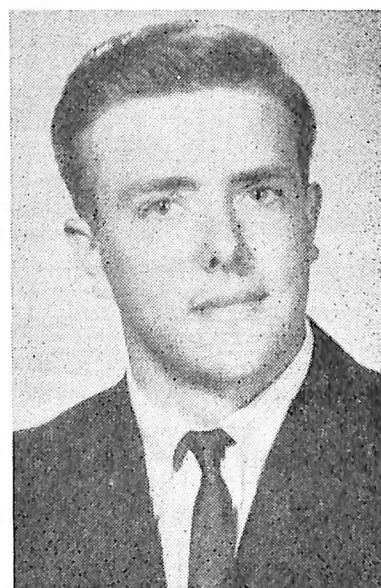
I plan to attend Portland State college and hope to major in business.



Marian Fruhstick



Julia Fahl



Robert Hansen

# The Pulse of the Brotherhood

News From the Promotional Department by Kaj Gronborg Hansen

## Racine Hosts Midwest Convention



Shown from left to right are: "Danish Soldiers" Eric Evensen and Hans Hermansen (Lodge No. 4), extend greetings to Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen, President of the Danish Sisterhood, Lodge No. 5, Hazel G. Smith; Supreme President of the Danish Sisterhood Ellen Madison, President of the Danish Brotherhood, Lodge No. 4, Eugene Andersen.

### To Members of the Midwest District

Thanks to all of you for sending such a wonderful group of delegates to our convention. I believe that they will all report back to their Lodges that the convention was constructive and inspiring. I also hope that the Lodges will keep in mind the work that has to be done before the next convention so that we can unite and strengthen our Midwest District.

AXEL HERMANSEN,  
President of the Midwest District.

We wish we had also been able to be with the Midwest Lodges on the occasion of their annual convention, but because of duties elsewhere we were unable to attend.

From all reports we have received here at the Home Office, the convention was most fruitful. We certainly wish we could have been there.

K. G. H.

# FAR WEST—California General Committee Convention

## August 5-7, Host Lodge No. 299, Solvang, California



Brother Mel Oredsen, out-going State President is presented with an honorary life membership. Newly elected State President Ed Aasted, left, made the presentation on behalf of the California membership.



Fill 'er up! San Francisco's Willy Christensen is overjoyed at the sight of the steaks served by Lodge No. 299 at the convention picnic.

# FAR EAST—General Committee Eastern Lodges Convention

## September 4-6 – Host Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y.



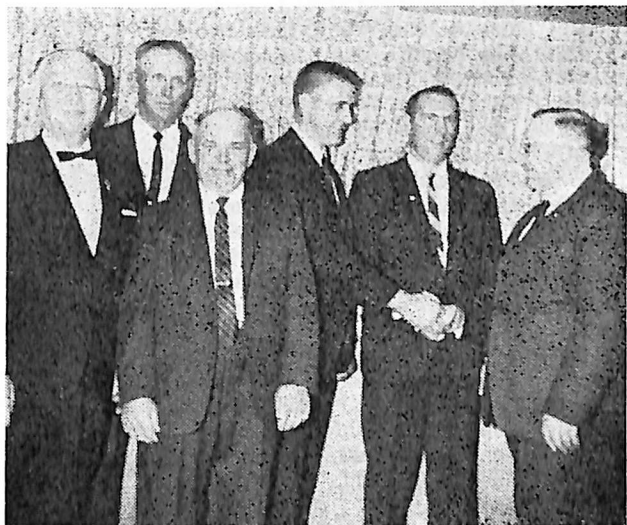
One of the convention highlights, the initiation of Barbara and Lillian Larsen, wife and mother, respectively, of out-going General Committee president, was performed by visiting Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck of Omaha.



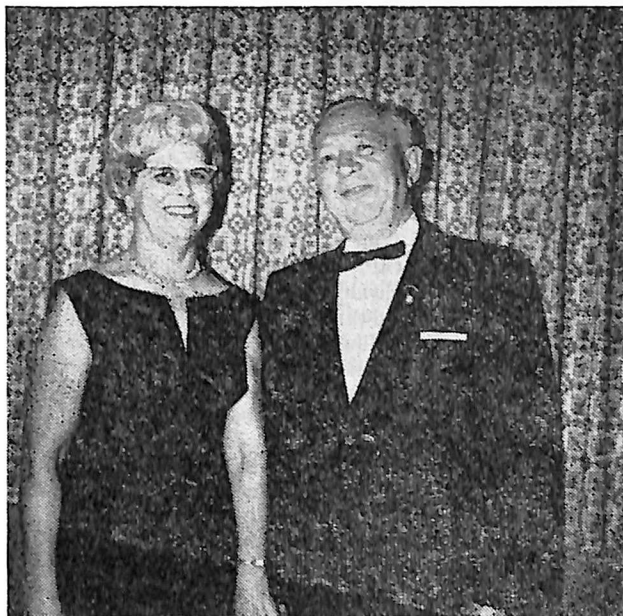
Kristian Larsen, GCEL president introduces Supreme Trustee Al Tunsen to convention delegates and guests. Brother Tunsen's address, "Fraternalism and Brotherhood" was appreciated by all participants.

# MIDDLE WEST-Nebraska General Committee Convention

September 17-18, Host Lodge No. 16, Minden, Nebraska



Boy Jessen, well-known Brother, welcomes his two sons, Carl and Al, to the Brotherhood. Sponsored by "Big" Pete Nielsen, foreground, of Minden, the two applicants were initiated by our Supreme President.



Visiting the Nebraska convention was our Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen and wife, Margaret. During the convention our president spoke on the coming Denmark Tour, which is promising to be an all-around success.

## *Every Member Counts!*

To complete this year's Lodge Membership Drives, we are for the balance of this year, conducting an "EVERY MEMBER COUNTS" Contest. For this contest we are dividing our Lodges into five groups as follows:

Group 1—Lodges having up to 25 members as of 1-1-65

Group 2—Lodges having 26-50 members as of 1-1-65

Group 3—Lodges having 51-75 members as of 1-1-65

Group 4—Lodges having 76-100 members as of 1-1-65

Group 5—Lodges having more than 100 members as of 1-1-65

A first prize of a 60-cup electric coffeemaker will be awarded to the Lodge in each group which sponsors the greatest number of new members during the contest period.

Every member COUNTS in this contest whether they are Juniors, Adults, insured, uninsured, male or female. Every member you sponsor will help YOUR Lodge WIN!



# Introducing Our New Members

**Lodge No.      Location      New Member      Sponsor or Recommender**

**BROTHERS**

4	Racine	Melvin P. Jung	Peter Jensen
14	Kenosha	Robert V. Madsen	Jens Haugaard
14	Kenosha	Mike Mikkelsen	E. Henriksen
17	Chicago	Peter Christensen	Ove L. Kure
17	Chicago	Michael Frederiksen	John Seiling
17	Chicago	Carl S. Hansen	Soren Henningsen
43	Denver	Okey R. Lundborg	Svend Sonderup
43	Denver	Chas. Busmeister, Sr.	S. S. Sonderup
43	Denver	John C. Sorensen	Svend Sonderup
43	Denver	Ivan R. Jergensen	Svend Sonderup
51	Ludington	Otto Waggoner	Al. Christoffersen
67	Fresno	Ewald M. Noble	Fred. Andersen
67	Fresno	Edward L. Chapin	Fred. Andersen
102	Providence	Erling C. Braumann	Carl Sorensen
102	Providence	Asbjorn H. Guldhage	Carl Sorensen
125	W'ping Water	Svend A. Nielsen	Hans P. Jensen
126	Los Angeles	Svend A. Eriksen	Kurt Moller
126	Los Angeles	Egon R. Madsen	Carl V. Madsen
126	Los Angeles	Erik P. Pedersen	Kurt Moller
126	Los Angeles	Erik G. Koefoed	Kurt Moller
167	Portland	John D. Phillips	Magnus Esrom
172	Philadelphia	Peder A. Munson	Mogens Hempel
227	Detroit	Edward J. Schan	Stig Scheiding
227	Detroit	Edward W. Fetters	Geo. Petersen
242	Erie	Frederick P. Nelson	Knud Pawlik
255	Selma	Anton M. Poulsen	Hans C. Iversen
261	Fowler	Gary L. Dexter	Eldon Warren
306	San Diego	Jose' C. Bach	Peder Norby
319	Bakersfield	Terry Schiller	Dwain Shockey
319	Bakersfield	Gerald Johnson	Gunner Stenderup
332	Ripon	Robert A. Olsen	Alvin Olsen
332	Ripon	Max L. Stowers	Alvin Olsen
332	Ripon	John R. Scheuber	Alvin Olsen

**SISTERS**

45	Minneapolis	Marian M. Fruhstick	Jens B. Hoj
325	Nassau Co.	Ingrid Jean Pierce	Fred C. Nissen
332	Ripon	Peggy Ann Zwald	Alvin Olsen
332	Ripon	Joanie Olsen	Alvin Olsen
332	Ripon	Ann W. Stowers	Alvin Olsen
332	Ripon	Pamela E. Olsen	Ebba L. Olsen
600	Omaha	Marie Madsen	Joan Madsen
600	Omaha	Barbara Larsen	Kr. B. Larsen, Jr.
600	Omaha	Elizabeth Thomsen	And. Thomsen

**JUVENILES**

1	Omaha	Bradley R. Sauter	Axel Skelbeck
125	W'ping Water	Christopher Cramer	Law. Johnson
242	Erie	Christina M. Jonasen	Edw. Jonasen
332	Ripon	Craig R. Stowers	Alvin N. Olsen
332	Ripon	Melody J. Babbick	Albert Hansen
332	Ripon	Corey R. Stowers	Alvin N. Olsen

## HONOR ROLL

**LIST OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

Lodge No.	Location	Recommender	Enrolled
1	Omaha, Nebr.	Chris Larsen	5
4	Racine, Wis.	Peter Jensen	5
14	Kenosha, Wis.	Everett Henriksen*	3
15	Des Moines, Iowa	Willy Christensen	4
15	Des Moines, Iowa	Alex Hansen	3
17	Chicago, Ill.	John Seiling	5
26	Fremont, Nebr.	Thorvald Jensen	4
32	New Haven, Conn.	Kristian B. Larsen, Jr.*	3

43	Denver, Colo.	Svend A. Sonderup	16
51	Ludington, Mich.	Al. Christoffersen	3
51	Ludington, Mich.	Alfred Seguin	4
92	St. Charles, Ill.	Einar Danielsen	6
102	Providence, R. I.	Carl Sorensen	3
107	Chicago, Ill.	Ray E. Miller	3
116	Newark, N. J.	Erik Bodholt	3
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Harold Mathiesen	3
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Poul D. Andersen	13
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Eigil Zangenberg	4
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Erik Behrens	3
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Kurt Moller	9
143	Petaluma, Calif.	Henry Brown	3
144	Dike, Iowa	A. B. Thode	4
144	Dike, Iowa	Wayne Paige	12
147	Newell, Iowa	Jens Pedersen	3
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mogens Hempel	14
195	Omaha, Nebr.	Fred Jensen	3
217	Humboldt, Iowa	Walt Pedersen	4
227	Detroit, Mich.	Viggo E. Mikkelsen	6
227	Detroit, Mich.	S. E. Larsen	4
227	Detroit, Mich.	Svend Jensen	3
242	Erie, Pa.	Ole C. Beck	3
283	Dagmar, Mont.	Oluf K. Petersen	3
299	Solvang, Calif.	Peter Jacobsen	6
301	Akron, Ohio	Ejnar Madsen	7
306	San Diego, Calif.	William K. Jensen	4
306	San Diego, Calif.	Peder Norby	35
306	San Diego, Calif.	Richard Suda	5
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Nels Christensen	6
322	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Arne Johansen	5
325	Nassau Co., N. Y.	George Jacobsen	14
332	Ripon, Calif.	Alvin Olsen*	8
337	Fremont, Calif.	A. B. Christensen	19

\* New Honor Roll Members

**LIST OF LODGES**

Lodge No.	Location	New Members
1	Omaha, Nebraska	11
4	Racine, Wisconsin	8
14*	Kenosha, Wisconsin	6
15	Des Moines, Iowa	12
17	Chicago, Illinois	15
29	Seattle, Washington	9
43	Denver, Colorado	16
49	San Francisco, California	6
51	Ludington, Michigan	15
92	St. Charles, Illinois	7
126	Los Angeles, California	51
144	Dike, Iowa	17
167	Portland, Oregon	5
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	14
217	Humboldt, Iowa	6
227	Detroit, Michigan	37
242	Erie, Pennsylvania	8
263	Askov, Minnesota	6
299	Solvang, California	9
301	Akron, Ohio	9
319*	Bakersfield, California	6
322	Santa Barbara, California	15
325	Nassau County, New York	20
332*	Ripon, California	14
336	Escondido, California	23
337	Fremont, California	18
338	San Bernardino, California	17
600*	Omaha, Nebraska	7

\* New Honor Roll Lodges

## A Little News From Florida

In Florida the lodge is on the quiet side during the summer as many are away. This is just a report of a personal experience.

We left Winter Park August 9, and spent some time with friends in Riegelsville, Pa., and Chester, Vt. We attended a meeting in Barre, Vt., and were very happy to see many old friends again. Brother Chris Mikkelsen, who had an accident a few years ago, was present in a wheelchair. I never saw a man in his condition who has so much spirit. It was the first time I had a chance to be at a meeting where ladies were present as members. Several ladies are officers in the lodge. I had the pleasure to initiate a member that evening, Mrs. Lane France.

The lodge in Barre has made wonderful progress the last few years and the money collected from the Promotional department is deposited in a special fund called the Green Mountain Social fund and used for such affairs as picnics, coffee parties, etc. In Wellesley Hills and Providence, R. I., we visited our children and friends and attended a meeting at Rosenborg lodge. It was a pleasant meeting and the Sisters met the same evening. After the meeting the usual coffee and Danish pastry was enjoyed.

We made a short visit to Hartford, but were unable to go to the meeting. However, we were glad to see that Chris Castensen is doing so well.

In Schenectady we had the opportunity of attending the 41st GCEL convention. The friendliness one finds at these conventions is what one really goes for. The business accomplished, I presume, will be reported by someone else.

It was a real pleasure to get acquainted with Al Tunsen from California. He made a fine impression on all present at the convention. Also it was good to have the chance to visit with Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck. The convention was successful and next year's

convention will be in Erie. We hope to be there. Many thanks to all for a pleasant few days in Schenectady.

The trip north this year was most delightful, the roads are all in fine shape and the country is beautiful.

We wish Kaj Hansen, the new Promotion director, the best of luck in the future and perhaps he could help us a little in Florida.

GEORGE V. PETERSEN.

## A Tribute to a Most Devoted Brother

Armand Larsen, another friend, another Brother, another good man has passed from our midst. We seldom give thought to man's contributions, man's work for society until he parts from us and we attempt to pick up where he left off.

One of Brother Larsen's finest attributes was his energetic contribution of his time and knowledge to the Brotherhood, particularly Lodge No. 227. Armand Larsen also held high offices in other organizations such as the highest order of the Masons, his church, the Boy Scouts of America, the Detroit Danish Old People's Home and others.

No man will be able to take his place for his contributions have been too great for any one person to equal. We extend our sympathy to his family and our admiration for a job well done to the memory of Brother Larsen. Ære være hans minde.

FRED SORENSEN, No. 227.

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The entire Home Office staff joins Lodge No. 227 in paying tribute to Armand Larsen, a Brother most devoted to our organization. We will all surely miss him and his contributions.

K. G. H.

### NEW MEETING PLACE

Lodge No. 318, Copenhagen, Denmark — Forhaabningsholm, Selskabslokaler, Forhaabningsholm Alle 20, Copenhagen.



## In Loving Memory

*Members who have passed away since the last report*



Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth-place	No. of Lodge	Location	Year Joined
Aug 17	Alfred Nielsen	82	North Muskegon, Michigan	30	Muskegon, Michigan	1901
Aug 26	Walter E. Rasmussen	83	Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1915
Aug 6	Johannes Sorensen	77	Lindkund Sogn, Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1914
Jun 20	Swan Gudman Faaborg	81	Hjorring, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1905
Mar 6-62	Chr. Andersen	71	Kolding, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1926
Dec 11	Axel Johan Hansen	80	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1920
Aug 12	John Rasmussen	70	Carlebo Sjølland, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1937
Jul 29	Arne S. Rovn	61	Ringsted, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1924
Aug 5	Andrew P. Christensen	79	Turner County, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1915
Aug 8	Walter Jorgensen	76	Aarhus, Denmark	173	Kansas City, Kansas	1912
Aug 10	Andrew M. Petersen	83	Fyn, Denmark	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1916
Feb 8	Andrew Nielsen	78	Varde Sogn, Demark	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1905
Feb 9-63	Banner Chr. Grenberg	77	Denmark	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1912
Aug 2	Jens P. B. Henriksen	63	Vordingborg, Denmark	257	New York, New York	1928
Jun 12	Henry Wester	59	Chicago, Illinois	298	Chicago, Illinois	1924
Aug 2	Carl Wendel	70	Berlin, Germany	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1945
Jun 29	Jens Chr. Hinge	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	318	Copenhagen, Denmark	1925
Aug 25	Eric Smith	47	Copenhagen, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1957
Aug 4	Ernest F. Jorgensen	59	Penn Yan, New York	334	Geneva, New York	1951

# NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By VIGGO NIELSEN, 34 Walnut Street, Summit, N. J. 07901

**General Committee Eastern Lodges.** The 41st annual convention of the GCEL was held over Labor day weekend, with Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y., as host lodge. At 3 p. m., Saturday, September 4, the president of Lodge No. 190, Brother Olin Yauchler bid all welcome and expressed his hope for a good convention; he asked everybody to come to him with all good words about the convention but referred all complaints to the convention chairman, Brother Carl Christensen.

The convention was honored by having three Supreme officers present. Also present were past Supreme President Bysted Christensen and our Promotional Director in the Brotherhood, Kaj Hansen. Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck was vacationing in the East and decided to take in the convention before returning to Omaha.

Representing the Supreme Board was Supreme Trustee Al Tunsen, who brought greetings from Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen and from the California General Committee, and our own Eastern representative on the Supreme Board James Nordine was introduced as were Promotional Director Kaj Hansen who promised that we would hear a lot from him within the next few days.

The President of the GCEL was introduced and the chair was turned over to him. He thanked Lodge No. 190 for inviting us to the fair city of Schenectady and while hoping our annual meeting would be constructive and interesting he also hoped that everybody would have a good time. He asked all delegates to retire to the downstairs meeting room so the regular business meeting could get started.

Space does not allow me to give a full report or minutes of the meetings during the convention, however I can say this, an invitation to have the 1966 GCEL convention in Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa., was accepted by the delegates, so it is Erie next year.

It was an honor and great inspiration to have so many Supreme officers present during the meetings. Their words of wisdom together with words of encouragement from Promotional Director Kaj Hansen, really put forth a spirit and interest as never seen before. One could not help but note the fraternalism and enthusiasm their presence created. Let us hope their visit here in the East will be a turning point for all the Eastern lodges and that all delegates will transfer the aspiration they encountered to their home lodges.

The GCEL vice-president Geo. Godthaab took sick the night before the convention and was therefore absent. The delegates voted to place his name for nomination and after the election of officers the result was as follows: President George Godthaab, No. 166; Vice President Alfred Stark, No. 314; Secretary Elmer Jensen, No. 257; Treasurer Gunar Froelich, No. 172; Trustee Albert Christensen, No. 46; and Past President for the ensuing year is Kristian Larsen, No. 32, who conducted a very nice meeting.

The social part of the convention was enjoyed by all. The committee did a splendid job. All meals were enjoyed in the lodge hall which was filled to capacity both nights. Thanks to Lodge No. 190 for a splendid affair enjoyed by all without a doubt.

The GCEL has an Ex-Officers club which meets once a year immediately following the Sunday night banquet. This year was no exception. Seventeen ex-officers being present, of them only four were delegates to this convention. We don't know what we are doing, but we

must be doing something right, because we seem to return each year.

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.** The "gang" from New Haven wishes to say thanks to Schenectady Lodge No. 190 for a wonderful convention. Maybe we should turn around for once and thank New Haven for always turning out in so great a number at all times.

A fall dance will be held Saturday, November 6, from 6 p. m., to 1 a. m., in the Apollo hall, Sherman Parkway, New Haven. Samuelson's orchestra will supply the music. Donations will be \$1.25. Liquid refreshments will be available. Coffee and cake 30¢. All Brothers and friends are cordially invited to join in the fun — November 6.

Promotion Director Kaj Hansen visited the lodge at the September meeting and gave a very inspiring talk. Following the meeting the wives joined the group and delicious sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I.** A Christmas party is in the planning stages in this lodge, to be held in December and further details will appear next month.

It was interesting to note that the oldest member in the lodge, Brother Fred Verdich, served as president at the last meeting, while the two youngest members — Brothers Asbjorn Guldhauge and Erling Brauman assisted by acting as past president and vice president, respectively.

Many thanks to Sister Rasmussen for inviting me to the reception for her daughter and son-in-law from Copenhagen, who visited here recently.

As delegate and also correspondent for my lodge, I must say that my wife and I enjoyed our trip to and from Schenectady over Labor day weekend. The weather was ideal. We were happy to become part of the GCEL convention where I attended all the meetings and was appointed a member of the Resolutions committee. I was rather impressed with the fraternalism shown by the delegates and guests. I was delighted to meet Supreme Board members Axel Skelbeck, James Nordine, Al Tunsen and Promotion Director Kaj Hansen. I managed to have a chat with each of them.

Congratulations are in order for Brother Carl Christensen of No. 190 and his committee for a fine convention and a job well done. We in Lodge No. 102 send greetings to the newly elected officers of the GCEL and wish them success in the coming year.

Birthday greetings this month go to Brother Valdemar A. Jacobsen (10-26). CARL W. SORENSEN, Sec.

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J.** We in Lodge 116 congratulate the new officers of the GCEL and wish them a successful year. We are especially happy to have our own Brother George Godthaab serve as president.

The Past President club of Sisterhod Lodge No. 84, Newark, is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a dinner at the Pomptonian Inn, Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, N. J., October 16, at 7 p. m. An invitation has been sent to the Brotherhood Ex-President club to join in the celebration. Past Presidents of Lodge 116 may send their reservations in by October 8. The price is \$5.50 per person. Prime ribs of beef will be served. Call Mildred Sorensen, 239-1213.

The November meeting in the Lodge is Past President night and sandwiches will be served following the meeting. Why not come out and honor the past presidents of your lodge. They usually outnumber the regular members, which doesn't speak too well for the rank and file.

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** "Lurbladet" is once more, after a two-month vacation, mailed to me. Brother Lawrence Knudsen, past president of the GCEL and well known to all of us here in the East, celebrated his 80th birthday August 27. Not a word was said during the convention, which he and his wife attended, not even at the Ex-Officers club meeting. Belated congratulations Lawrence, you still owe a drink and let's hope there will be 50 past officers present next year.

The Promotional Chairman Mogens Hempel has done a wonderful job during the past year, and the affair which took place September 25 should have been a good one.

A fishing trip, which we prefer not to discuss both attendance and catching wise, and a picnic, well attended, was held during the summer months. Fall is now here and the Philadelphia Lodge is ready to start another season full of activities. Come to the meetings; don't sit home and wait to get the news in "Lurbladet."

**Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa.** "Lyngblomsten" will no longer be published monthly, however I'm sure we'll hear plenty from this lodge in the coming year as this lodge will be host to our next GCEL convention. The lodge will at that time also celebrate its 60th anniversary.

Brother Otto Jonasen has promised to keep me up to date with all news concerning the lodge and for this month we can announce that an anniversary dinner in honor of Brother and Mrs. Thomas Larsen, who will celebrate their golden wedding, will be held October 30 at 6:30 p. m. The price per person is only \$2.50.

A law committee has recently been appointed and the following Brothers are on the committee: Ole Beck, Edw. Jonasen, Oluf Andersen, Marius Melgaard and Robert Wollman. Coffee and pastries will be served following the second meeting each month.

Don't forget — Labor day weekend 1966, Danish Club, 1146 West 8th Street, Erie, Pa.

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.** Hartford Lodge had a very interesting meeting September 15. A good crowd was on hand and the delegate, Brother Aage Jespersen, gave a very fine report from the Eastern Lodges convention in Schenectady.

Hartford Lodge hereby extends their most sincere thanks to Schenectady Lodge for their fine hospitality and successful arrangement of the convention. They celebrated the good news that their good Brother, Alfred E. Stark was elected vice president of the General Committee, with both solid and liquid refreshments after the meeting. Good luck, Alfred.

Five brothers went to Lodge No. 32, New Haven, September 8 to be with the Promotional Director Kaj Hansen, who was visiting the Lodge. He gave a very inspiring talk about how to get new members and also how to interest and keep the present members. We picked up lots of good pointers and we thank Kaj for doing such a fine job. A fine spread was set up after the meetings by the Sisters of New Haven and our two new Brothers, Lillian Larsen and Barbara Larsen. Thanks New Haven, for another evening which we'll remember.

Plans for a "Frikadeller" dinner in October is in the making, so stand by for further notice, Sisters and Brothers.

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y.** Promotional Director Kaj Hansen visited this Lodge at its last meeting and those of us who have ever visited this lodge know he had a wonderful evening.

The Lodge will celebrate its 39th anniversary by having a dinner Saturday night, October 8. Keep this date open, details will be forthcoming.

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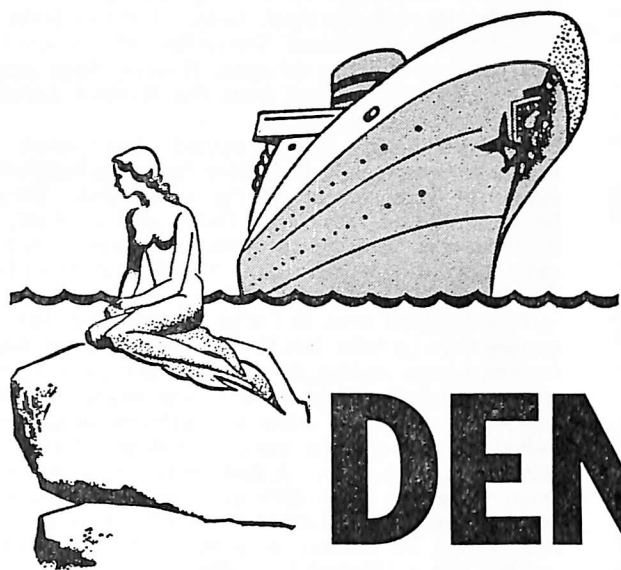
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## Midwest District Convention

The 14th Annual Midwest District convention is now past history. Many things were discussed and we hope from the discussions and decisions many fruitful proposals will develop for our next national convention.

We were honored to have with us Supreme President, Viggo Mikkelsen and Supreme First Vice President Einar Danielsen. From the sisterhood we had Supreme President, Ellen Madison, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, Thora Collins and Supreme Trustee, Olga Christensen.

During the course of the weekend which began with registrations on Saturday morning and ended with installation of the Midwest District officers Sunday afternoon, more than five hundred people were in attendance. The convention highlight was the Saturday evening banquet at which the committee through their decorations tried to bring back memories of Denmark. We wish to thank each and everyone for their attendance and we hope you will long remember the 14th Midwest District convention.

KEN JANSSEN,  
Convention Chairman.

## OMAHA NEWS

The month of September was a busy month for Omaha Danes! The outstanding event of the month was the wedding of Svend Skelbeck, a member of Omaha Lodge No. 1, and Rose C. Jensen from Oakland, Calif. September 19 this well-known couple were united in marriage in the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church, the ceremony being performed by Pastor W. Clayton Nielsen.

An afternoon dinner party was held at the Hill Top House for the wedding party preceding the open house reception held at the Axel Skelbeck residence. The open house reception had a definite Danish flavor including the traditional Danish Kranse Kage. Congratulations to Rose and Svend Skelbeck!

Two days later, September 21, a party was held at Lodge No. 1, honoring Rose and Svend on this happy occasion as well as welcoming the Supreme Board for their semi-annual meeting and a bon voyage party for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sauter who are leaving for a new assignment in Indianapolis. The festive mood of the evening was emphasized by a beautiful table of smørrebrød, free refreshments and dancing to live music.

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## The Yearly Meeting

They came from all points of the compass, from Florida, Omaha, California and many of the mid-Atlantic states, to attend the convention of the Eastern Lodges in Schenectady, N. Y., over the Labor day weekend. Old friends met in groups. There was handshaking, smiles and backslapping. Lodge 190 was host and its superb arrangement lent an air of festivity to the occasion.

The guest of honor, representing the Supreme Board, Trustee Brother Al Tunsen from California arrived in the company of Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, Supreme Trustee Brother Nordine and Promotional Director Brother Hansen, all with their better halves. Shortly thereafter the Brothers were admitted into the convention hall where the president of the Eastern Lodges, Brother Larsen was pounding his gavel, proclaiming: The convention will now come to order.

It was a successful convention, even if nothing of an earth-shaking character took place. The presence of the honored guests, and their optimistic views of things to come seemed to rub off on the delegates and contributed much to the spontaneous atmosphere of optimism felt through both the official and social part of the convention.

Lodge 190 had gone all out to make this an outstanding affair. A swarm of cute looking ladies, addressed as Sisters, deserve great credit and thanks for their successful effort in making the weekend a memorable occasion.

What would we do without them? With them a new era is dawning for our society.

What I believe will long linger in the memory of those present was the initiation of two lady members into our society, mother and daughter. The ceremony conducted by Supreme Trustee Tunsen was most impressive and dignified. Also his speech at the main dinner, together with the remarks of other dignitaries.

If the spirit, prevailing throughout the entire convention, could be transferred to the respective lodges represented, the pessimists and the sceptics would not be able to muster a baker's dozen to form a union of their own.

SOFUS W. CHRISTENSEN, Long Island Lodge 325.

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# PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

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Life's greatest values come from the fine thought, the pat on the back, the words of thanks and the showing of appreciation. Don't fail to thank those in your lodge who continually strive to vitalize and personalize your meetings. Make your criticism constructive if you do not agree with others.

The late Danish Prime Minister H. C. Hansen said in 1959: "We at home in Denmark express thankfulness that Danish immigrants during all these years have been accepted as valid members of the American community and have proved worthy of that confidence." Many well-known Danes have helped build America within American agriculture, industry, commerce, science, education, engineering and arts. Danish descendants continue to fuse their potential strength and character of the old Nordic race from which the family took root with American idealism, optimism and enterprise. To promote this friendship and to preserve our racial heritage of memories deep and strong, the Danish Brotherhood serves us well.

May 13, 14 and 15, 1966, are the dates of the Pacific Northwest Danish District conclave at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle. The convention committee meets regularly each month and facts and details will soon be forthcoming. An elaborate and fast-moving program is being planned for the gala event by the Queen City Danish colony. Temporary Chairman Ed Olson declares that they will spare no effort to make this the tops of all past gatherings. Past Lodge President Ed has already come up with some new ideas and we know the event will be in the best of Scandinavian traditions. It will not be successful unless we have a fine representa-

tion from each lodge in the district. Says Ed, who is also president of the Pacific Northwest Danish home, "We want to make this a most eventful weekend and can only do so with your help — the more the merrier — so mark down the dates now." Quote from Past Supreme President Hans M. Andersen — "The Pacific Northwest Danes always have a progressive session with invigorating interims between meetings."

Seattle's DB 29 Brothers and Sisters picnicked on Sunday, September 12, at the Pacific Northwest Danish home grounds; hearty congratulations to Evergreen DS No. 40, celebrating its 68th anniversary this year; Sister Wilhelmina Parker's charter flight Danes are back home from Denmark; and on the sick list are Brothers Marius Jensen and Damon Petersen.

The advertising salesman for the local newspaper called on the village grocer to try and sell him an ad.

"Don't want any," replied the gray-haired grocer, "never advertised since I started this store forty years ago, and I ain't gonna start now."

The salesman looked out the window and pointed to the church down the street. "How long has that old church been there?" he asked.

"About a hundred and fifty years," was the reply.

"Well," said the salesman, "they still ring the bell, don't they?"

A farmer friend tells about the new game played by chickens. They line up alongside a road and wait for a speeding car. Then they all dash across in front of it. Last one across is called a high school student.

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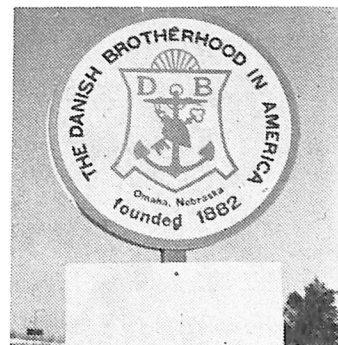
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## Nebraska Lodges Annual Convention

The joint convention days started with a smorgasbord supper followed by a social hour at the Minden Country Club, Friday, September 17, at 6 p. m. There was also singing in both languages led by Fred Jensen of Omaha.

Saturday morning, September 18, many of the delegates and members took a trip to the Pioneer Village while others registered. A delicious lunch was served at the city hall at 11 a. m.

At 1 p. m., a joint meeting of the two lodges was called to order by the president, Senator Henry F. Pedersen, Jr., of Omaha. A special welcome was extended to the Supreme President, Brother Viggo Mikkelsen of Detroit, Mich.; Supreme Vice President Fred Jensen, Omaha; Supreme Secretary-Treasurer Axel Skelbeck, Omaha. Also introduced were Supreme Trustee Albert Tunsen from California; Supreme Past Treasurer, DSS, Christine Lindrud, Omaha; Supreme Past President, DSS, Mrs. Margaret S. Larsen, Omaha; President of the Nebraska Sisterhood Lodges, Mrs. Gladys Jacobsen, Omaha; and the state officers of both lodges.

The president of the local DB Lodge No. 16 in Minden, Ralph Olsen and president of the Minden Chamber of Commerce, Holly L. Carlson, both bid the convention welcome.

Thereafter the two lodges took up their convention work in separate halls. The secretary-treasurer, Boy Jessen, of Lexington, called the roll of officers and read the minutes of the last convention held at Weeping Water. The secretary also gave his report for 1964-65, and from the state picnic, three board meetings and the financial report.

After a short recess there was initiation of three new members, with Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen officiating. The new members are Alfred Jessen, Minden; Carl Jessen, Bassett and E. J. Christensen, Minden.

The president of the Nebraska lodges then presented his report. It was a lengthy report and ended with an appeal to all members to do more work for the organization.

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Fred Jensen, Omaha, reported on the plane excursion to Denmark under the sponsorship of the Nebraska General Committee, which had been a joyful trip and a huge success. He spoke highly of the great value gained and that many more trips be taken in the future.

Svend Sonderup of Denver, Colo., brought greetings from the Colorado and Wyoming Lodges.

It was decided to have the annual state picnic in Vennelyst park in Omaha in 1966.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President Andrew E. Madsen, Minden; Vice President Chris Larsen, Omaha; Secretary-Treasurer Boy Jessen, Lexington; Trustees Herbert Nielsen, Minden, chairman; Erik Hansen, Lincoln and Sven Greve, Omaha; Conductor Bart Aabel, Minden; Inner Guard Emil Vollman, Omaha; Outer Guard Norman Block, Lincoln.

Adjournment of the convention was at 5:30 p. m.

A banquet was served at the Minden Country Club with beautiful decorations. Some of the flowers had been brought from Denmark by participants of the excursion trip. The toastmaster was Paul Strand of Dana college, Blair, and the main speaker, Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen, who spoke about the Brotherhood and its future aims.

A joint installation was held at the city hall with Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen and Past Supreme President Margaret Larsen presiding and Mrs. Gladys Jacobsen as conductor. The ceremony was highlighted by the colorful performance of the Omaha Ladies' Drill Team. A dance at the Country Club concluded the festivities.

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