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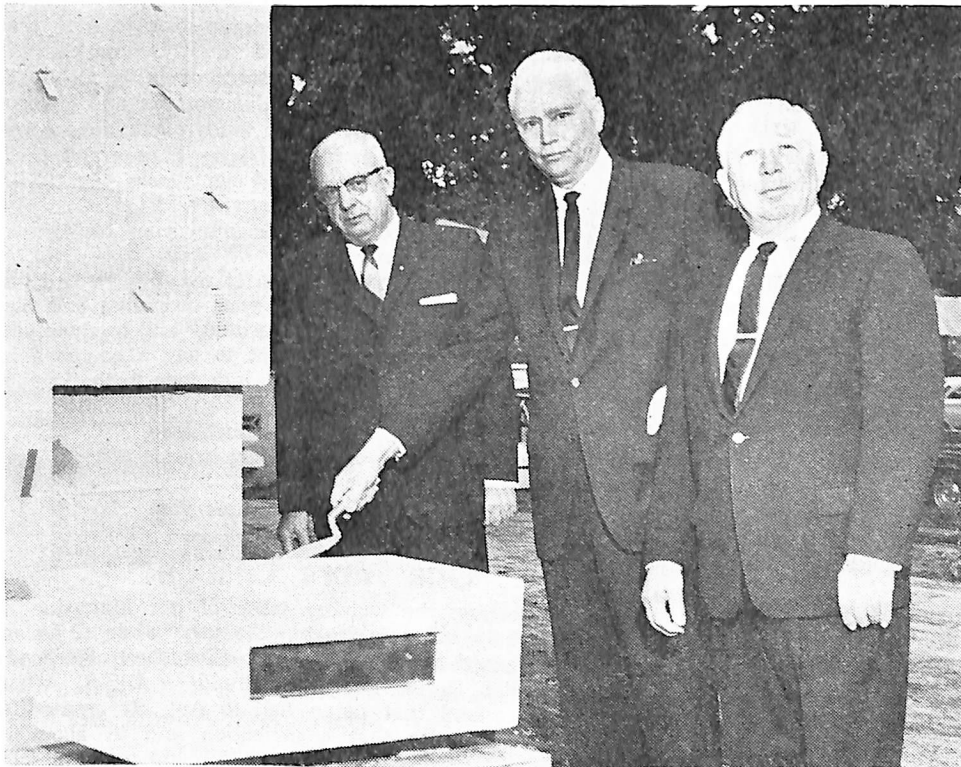


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Cornerstone Laid for New Brotherhood Office



(Photo by Richard Janda, Omaha World Herald)

Mr. Fred Jacobberger, President of the Omaha City Council placing mortar for the setting of the cornerstone for our National Headquarters Building under construction at 38th Street and Harney Street, Omaha. President Viggo Mikkelsen to his left and Axel Skelbeck, Secretary-Treasurer, looking on. The ceremony took place at eleven o'clock in the forenoon on September 28, 1966, during a recess in the annual meeting of the Supreme Board of Officers.

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Senator Learns About Denmark

Following are excerpts from the speech made by Pennsylvania State Senator William G. Sesler at the convention banquet of the GCEL on September 4, held in Erie:

I have just returned from several weeks of vacation with my family at the shore. And, during that time of rest and relaxation, I would think every now and then of what I wanted to say to you tonight.

When I would think about Denmark — and your heritage — I came to the conclusion that I really didn't know very much about either.

Let's see....what did I know about Denmark?

Well, they make darn good beer. It's a little expensive for everyday consumption — at least over here.

The Danes do wonders with furniture; there's no doubt about that.

I've eaten a lot of Danish pastry in my time. And then I read somewhere that Danish pastry really originated in Sweden, so we can forget about that.

There's a statue of a mermaid in the harbor of Copenhagen that I've never seen, but I've seen so many pictures of it that it seems like an old friend.

There was a movie with Danny Kaye....there's a town in Denmark that celebrates our Fourth of July....they had a Nobel prize winner in Neils Bohr....and, of course, there was Hans Christian Andersen.

And that about did it. That about summed up what I knew about Denmark. When you come right down to it — not much.

So I got some books and I read about Denmark. I contacted the Danish Embassy in Washington and they very kindly sent me some brochures, some pamphlets and some reprints from Danish magazines.

And the more I read, the more I became fascinated with this country — with its history, its government, its culture, and its people.

What I would like to do tonight is give you a few impressions of what I have learned during the past several weeks about your ex-country.

Right off, I want to tell you that I understand so well why you have banded together in this Brotherhood. Your heritage is a magnificent one. The fact that you can say, "I am an American whose people came from Denmark," must make you swell with pride. For you truly have combined the best of two worlds.

You come from a land which was one of the first nations in the world to become 100 per cent literate. One hundred and seventy-two years ago, education for children between seven and fourteen was declared compulsory.

You come from a land which was the first nation in the world to abolish slave trading.

Denmark was the first country in the world to organize a complete old-age pension system.

Denmark has realized — long before, I am ashamed to admit, we have in the United States — that old age need not be synonymous with anguish and calamity.

Yours is a land where you even have an excuse — as if a Dane needed one — for drinking beer. For, as you probably know, a percentage of the price of that beer goes to further the arts and sciences.

There isn't even a word for "slum" in the Danish language.

And way back in 1899, Denmark established what they called "holiday colonies" for urban children and, since then, kind-hearted farmers have entertained the children of town workers in their homes.

And to make sure that the cost of a railway ticket does not keep some poor youngster from a farm or sea-side holiday, the Danish railways transport vacationing school children free of charge.

You come from a land where every employed person is entitled to — and must take — an annual holiday with pay for a minimum of 12 work days.

Until our recent Medicare bill was passed, the United States was 60 years behind Denmark in regard to general insurance against illness. It is interesting to note that our Medicare bill was patterned after Denmark's.

It is possible to say that in social welfare, Denmark has become a world leader. Social workers and government missions from many richer lands continue to come to Denmark to learn how the Danes have freed their citizens from fears of destitute old age, illness, invalidism and unemployment.

When you think about it, the country your forefathers came from is really an anomaly.

Because of your kind invitation to me, I have had the opportunity to learn more about your charming and historic land. I appreciate this opportunity and to show you that I do, I am going to attempt to say a sentence in Danish. I say "attempt" because, let's face it, the Danish language is something else again.

Anyway, here goes: Tak for indbydelsen.

I understand that is supposed to mean, "Thank you for the invitation."

Well, whether it does or not, thank you.

One More Change

After reading the October issue of our Magazine, I could not help but reflect upon the time when I, as an emigrant, heard and read about the Danish Brotherhood. It was called Dansk Broder Samfund — D.B.S. What a pleasant sound that name had to me. It created a desire to belong to that organization and in about a year's time I was so situated that I could and did join the organization.

Of course time changes and so did Dansk Broder Samfund. One of the first main changes was from using the Danish language to English, which was brought about during the First World War. It was not exactly mandatory but was considered good strategy, because at the time there seemed to be a more or less, if not hate, at least ill feeling, toward anything foreign. We of course did not desire to have anyone feel ill toward the D.B.S. lodges.

Some time later it became mandatory that the minutes be kept in the English language as well as all official correspondence so a change of name now seemed necessary as Danish Brother Society did not sound very good. So we called ourselves the Danish Brotherhood.

That sounded pretty good, especially if we wanted our boys to join, and that seemed to be one good way of securing more members.

But it would appear that the Juvenile branch which was established did not bring enough new members, or at least not fast enough, so some bright member started advocating that we should take the ladies in with us. Hence, one more change took place and today it appears that we are taking women as full fledged members. Yes, I see that Lodge No. 255 and No. 337 in Selma and Fremont, Calif., have even chosen a lady for their president. Yes, the ladies are joining us in great style. One might ask why did we not consolidate with the Danish Sisterhood? Well that's a good question. It could be, they did not want to join us, or perhaps the men thought their card game after meetings would be spoiled if the women belonged. I don't know but with the ladies taking over in such great style as they are, it would appear one more change is necessary. We surely cannot call

it a Brotherhood only, when the women play such an important part as being president of a local lodge.

Now then, here is my suggestion for this needed change. Let's go back to the time when the initials D.B.S. were in effect and meant so much to the emigrants arriving in those days. Prior to the First World War, D.B.S. could very easily have been interpreted as **Danish Benevolent Society** in America. Such a name would not only stand for brotherly love but charity and kindness to all members, juvenile, male or female.

Brothers, let's make this name change in effect at the 1967 National Convention, let's list it in the new proposals.

HILMAR W. HANSEN,
Past Supreme Officer.

Looking for Grandma's glasses isn't the job it used to be. Nowadays she leaves them where she empties them.

President's Message

IN ORDER TO continue proper functioning of the promotional department, by authority of the Supreme Board I have appointed Supreme Trustee A. F. Tunsen, Sr., as the interim director effective September 27, 1966, until a successful applicant shall be realized.

THE COOPERATION of all lodges and promotional committees shall be appreciated in order that this important department may function as intended.

VIGGO MIKKELSEN,
Supreme President.

Public Relations Director Wanted

THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA has a position available for an aggressive but personable individual, able to meet people easily. Experience in the field of promotion and public relations is essential. A knowledge of insurance is highly desirable. The successful applicant must be qualified and willing to become a member of the Danish Brotherhood.

The duties include the organization and coordination of public relations work and the development of promotional programs designed to assist our local lodges in gaining new members. He will be responsible to the Supreme Board of the Danish Brotherhood for the operation of his department. Some travel will be necessary.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. Fringe benefits such as pension rights and insurance are also included. This position offers excellent opportunities for a qualified applicant.

Please submit applications and a complete resume of experience to The Danish Brotherhood in America, 908 W.O.W. Building, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, to the attention of the Secretary-Treasurer.



NEWS FROM THE EASTERN LODGES

By OTTO JONASEN, 636 East 33rd Street, Erie, Pa. 16504

Charter Flight in 1967 — Application blanks for the 1967 charter flight to Denmark are now available. If you are interested in participating, just call your lodge secretary he will make sure that you get one.

For details write Brother Elmer W. Jensen, 545 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10017 or Scandinavian Travel Bureau, Inc., 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10020. The flight is scheduled to leave for Denmark on or about June 16 and return to the US on or about July 16.

Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn. — Saturday, December 3, a dance will be held at the Apollo Hall, Sherman Parkway, New Haven. Samuelson's Orchestra will supply the music from 9 p. m., to 1 a. m. Refreshments will be available. Tickets at \$1.25 a person can be had at the door. All Brothers and their friends are welcome. Let us have a big turnout.

Lodge No. 102, Providence, R. I. — Our Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 4, at Elmwood Post No. 60, A. L. Hall, 860 Elmwood Ave., Providence, from 4 to 8 p. m. The committee has planned the biggest and best party yet, so come and have a good time.

Congratulations to Brother Peter Rasmussen on his grand opening of "Peter's Danish Bakery," 869 Broad St., Providence. The only authentic Danish bakery in Rhode Island. Lots of luck, Peter.

Birthdays greetings this month go to the following Brothers: Erling C. Brauman (11-1), Edmund C. Sorensen (11-3), C. Raymond Noll (11-11), Fred Verdich (11-19) and Harbo P. T. Jensen (11-28).

Lodge No. 116, Newark, N. J. — Congratulations are in order for Past GCEL President George Godthaab for a well run convention in Erie.

We hope that everyone of you had a very enjoyable summer. Now let us strive to attend the meetings as often as possible. There are a lot of Brothers who have not been to a meeting in quite a while — how about you? Let us start the fall season by coming and say "hello" to old friends.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa. — This lodge is honored to have its President, Brother Flemming Hinrichsen elected officer on the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges, following the road which was started by Brother Lawrence Knudsen and later Brother Gunnar Froelich.

We remind you of the Christmas party, December 3, at the Drexelbrook Inn, Drexel Hill, Pa. There will be fine food and excellent dancing to the Drexelbrook Orchestra. The Christmas party for the children will take place December 11, between 2 and 5 p. m., at the Latvian Club, 7th and Spring Garden Streets. Adults will be charged \$1.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. N. Malmquist with their newly arrived daughter.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, N. Y. — This lodge had a great fishing party at Harold Hansen's Camp, Galway lake October 8.

Brothers John Johansen and John Larsen are well on their way to recovery from their illnesses, and Brother Kaye Sorensen is convalescing from an operation and probably now resting in his home.

Lodge No. 202, Warren, Pa. — At the regular meeting held October 19, Supreme Trustee Edward Jonasen and

Brothers Walter Christensen and Harvey Pearson of Erie Lodge No. 242 were present. Brother Jonasen presented Mrs. Gladys Nordine a memorial plaque from the Supreme Board of Officers in memory of Supreme Trustee James C. Nordine.

Lodge No. 242, Erie, Pa. — At the dinner party held October 29, the following couples celebrating their silver wedding anniversary were honored: Brother and Mrs. Fred Nelson, Brother and Mrs. Richard Eckard, Brother and Mrs. Ralph McGavern and Brother and Mrs. Knud Pawlik.

Brother Ole Beck brought in an application at our meeting October 14, the first one this year.



Shown above looking over the convention program are left to right: Edward Jonasen, Supreme Trustee; Robert E. Wollman, newly elected secretary of the GCEL; George Godthaab, past president of the GCEL; and John E. Lampe, chairman of the convention. The picture was taken at the recent GCEL convention held in Erie.

Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn. — We here in Hartford are very proud and greatly honored that our good Brother Alfred P. Stark was elected President of the GCEL at the convention in Erie.

Brother and Mrs. George Keller are taking a well-earned trip to Denmark. Brother Aage Jespersen has been named chairman for our 50th anniversary celebration next year. It is going to be a great affair and Brother Anton Mose, our only living charter member, is honorary chairman.

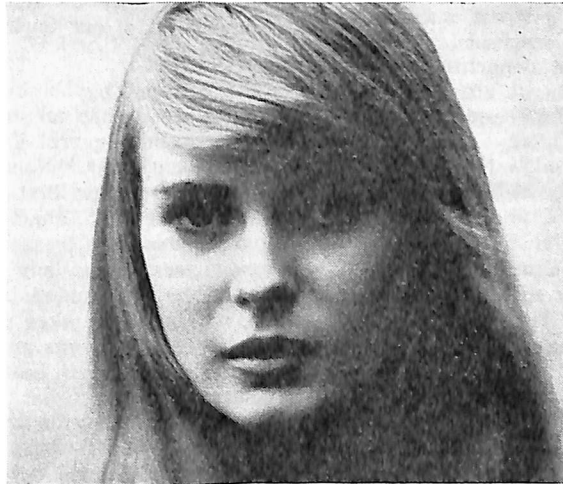
Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N. Y. — We are pleased to inform you that our youngest member, has been awarded a scholarship, issued by the Supreme Board. Congratulations to you, Ingrid, may you reach the goal you are striving for — we are all proud of you.

The young plumber complained to his boss about the fast pace of work.

"This is nothing," the old-timer assured him. "When I was an apprentice, the boss would let us lay the first two lengths of pipe and then he'd turn on the water and we'd have to stay ahead of it."

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- 1.** We're the only airline that flies direct or non-stop to Scandinavia from New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Seattle, Montreal and Anchorage.
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CALIFORNIA NEWS

By A. B. CHRISTENSEN, 4140 Thorton Avenue, Fremont, Calif. 94536

Long before our Magazine arrives at 4140 Thorton Avenue, Fremont, Calif., other mail containing comments on my journalistic efforts have arrived. Why I am constantly the last one in this area to get the magazine, I don't know, but it is so.

First of all, may I correct a mistake in the reporting of the showing of the Tom Knudsen African safari film in Los Angeles, September 15. It was Mrs. Tom Knudsen who made the commentaries on the trip. All of us wish that the article was correct and that Tom was still with us.

Another error, due to misinformation — but I am glad it happened — because it proved that there is still life in the old Brotherhood warrior, Bill Hansen, founder, past president and now secretary of Lodge No. 329, Long Beach, who calls our attention to the fact that his good wife, Esther, served as president of the lodge in 1964 and therefore can justly claim to be the first of her sex to be installed as president of a Danish Brotherhood Lodge.

Also, that Sister Lorraine Edwards took over the job in 1965, thus claiming to be the second — which makes Della Cook of Lodge No. 337, Fremont, number 3 and not number 1 as reported in the October issue.

What is more, No. 329 is again this year ruled by one of the so-called weaker sex in that Sister Olga Nergard is the current president.

So to C. W. (Bill) and Esther Hansen with whom we have had many good times at our General Committee conventions, we say we are sorry that this happened, but glad that we heard from you after missing you at the Bakersfield convention.

Bill is a past president and Esther a past trustee of the General Committee, she being the first Sister ever to hold office in that organization.

From the Fresno monthly bulletin, for which we owe thanks to No. 67's secretary, Lawrence DeLaurant, we learn that the monthly meeting scheduled for November 24, has been cancelled as that day happens to be Thanksgiving day.

Mogens Kragh, from the Royal Danish Consulate General, visited the lodge at a recent meeting and spoke about the European Trade Fair that was to be held there. We understand that the fair was a great success and that several local Sisters and Brothers assisted with the Danish exhibits in the city's largest department store.

The bulletin also calls the Brothers' attention to the annual Christmas dinner to be held December 22.

Word comes from Escondido, Lodge No. 336, that a rummage sale held on September 24-25 was a great success. The proceeds went to the Cultural Center fund.

They also informed us that Sister Connie Olsen has been elected and installed as Inner Guard.

Palomar Lodge No. 336 holds its meetings the second Monday of each month at the VFW Hall, 11th and Maple Street, Escondido, and will welcome visitors.

Anker Lodge No. 337, Fremont, Calif., entered a float in a parade held in the neighboring town of Newark, and captured second prize for an out-of-town float. It is the second year in succession that they have been awarded this prize. Last year they won with the Little Mermaid as the theme and this year they had a rooftop with a stork's nest with two inhabitants.

Sister Nancy Inman has taken over the secretary's

office, as its charter secretary, Sister Shirley Young moved away from Fremont to be nearer her job. She retains her charter membership although she is now unable to attend meetings regularly.

The lodge also had to change its meeting time from the third to the second Wednesday of each month as the third has been taken over by the city which, of course, has priority.

The annual Christmas party, last year an outstanding event, is scheduled to take place December 16th starting at 6 p. m., with a potluck supper. This will be held at the Community Center on Pasco Padre Parkway.

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Lodge No. 39 in conjunction with Sisterhood Lodge No. 17 and the two Oakland Dania lodges are having a whist party Friday, November 11, with good prizes, coffee and cake, all for \$1.25. It takes place in Danish Hall, 164 11th Street, Oakland.

Melvin Oredsen has taken over the secretary job at No. 39 after the resignation of Noel Chrisman. The latter, a member of the faculty at Berkeley, has made a study and written a book about the early Danish settlers in this area.

Also laid on Brother Mel's shoulders is the job of chairman of the General Committee Cultural Center, and we doubt that a more capable man could be found.

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DOTFIR — "Down on the farm in Ripon," Lodge No. 332, they are celebrating the 20th birthday of the lodge with a gala dinner-dance at the Table Room, Hotel Cavel in Modesto on November 19. There will be a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m., followed by a dinner. Make reservations with the secretary, Brother Vernon Olsen, 2128 Scenic Drive, Modesto, Calif., phone 209 LA-3-3351. We have never had a dull time "down on the farm," and neither will you so make your reservations early.

Ripon has another distinction, it is the only member of the General Committee that has two past presidents: Vernon Olsen served as president in 1951-52 and his brother Alvin in 1963-64.

It is also remarkable this comparatively young lodge has a member on the Supreme Board as this is the home lodge of our Supreme Trustee Al Tunsen.

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From our big brother Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, comes word that an error was made in the announcement of the General Committee's charter flight to Denmark next year. Namely, that there would be a \$25 extra charge for first-class accommodations. The fact is, that all SAS charter flights are first-class and all participants are treated alike — that is, as first-class passengers. The only difference in the price, if any, would be determined by the time of departure — that is, whether this takes place in May or June. It further stated that the seats on the plane are allocated on a first come, first served basis. We hope this clears up any misunderstanding that may have been created by previous announcements here or elsewhere.

Lodge No. 126 had a great time October 20, this being their regular social evening. They started with a "Torskegilde" and wound up with dancing, Brother Willy Andersen and Sister Alice Hagner furnishing the music.

All the southern California lodges have been invited to L.A. for a bowling tournament on the lanes in La

Tyira Bowl, Westchester, November 6, and when these bowlers get together everyone has fun.

Another Las Vegas trip — there have been several already — is planned for November 12, with Paul Dalby Andersen as leader. If Paul is as successful in hitting the jackpot as he is in signing up new members he should have a very good bank account.

The Brothers, together with the Sisters are already planning for their annual Christmas party which will take place in the Danish Center December 10. This is a large job as a greater attendance than the 700 children and adults that attended last year's party is expected. This will be principally for the small fry but there will also be something for the grownups as there will be a big dance in the hall the same evening.

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And it is Go-Go-Go to San Diego in '67 to attend the General Committee convention August 17, 18 and 19. And then Go-Go-Go to San Diego in 1971 to the National Convention — we hope.

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From Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, comes word that under the able leadership of Walter and Lily Miller, the Petaluma Brothers and Sisters enjoyed a picnic in Penn-grove the latter part of July.

September 24th the lodge joined with the Sisterhood and the two local Dania lodges in a joint anniversary party where Brother Hans Taft received his 50-year membership pin and two golden and two silver wedding couples were honored. Among those who attended were Supreme Trustee and Mrs. Al Tunsen.

The much talked about joint venture of the Bay Area Brotherhood Lodges, the Halloween costume party October 22, was a great success. There were many good costumes to vie for the excellent prizes, which by the way, were all donated. The first prize winning costume was a 7-foot monster and his mate, worn by Brother and Mrs. Erhardt Rasmussen.

Beside a good time, the party served as a means of

bringing the members of the four participating lodges together, so that new friends were acquired which in the future will serve to boost the attendance at the get-togethers of Lodges 337, Fremont; No. 184, Hayward; No. 39, Oakland and in this event, far-away No. 49, San Francisco.

To all California General Committee Lodges — President Harald Mathiasen is making up his itinerary for visiting all member lodges starting after January 1 and he would like to know if you would care to have him come on any other night than your regular meeting time as given in the General Committee advertisement in "Bien." If so, let him know **now**.

SECTION 19, PARAGRAPH 3(b)—Payment authorized in the laws of the Society under one or more of the laws following sections: Section 17, par. 4 (and/or) Section 18, par. 1; Section 19, par. 10; Section 26, par. 1; Section 26, par. 2; Section 19, par. 3(b) is hereby published:

SEPTEMBER 1966 — Viggo Mikkelsen: Salary, \$125.00 less federal taxes, \$5.25 net \$119.75. For attending annual meeting of the Supreme Board in Omaha, Nebr., transportation \$113.14, per diem \$150.00. Einar Danielsen: 1966 salary, \$309.27; for attending annual meeting of the Supreme Board, transportation \$60.06, per diem \$150.00. Fred Jensen: 1966 salary \$309.27, for attending annual board meeting, per diem \$100.00. Axel Skelbeck: Salary \$966.33, less federal taxes \$200.01, net \$766.32; general office expense \$50.00. Kristen Jorgensen: 1966 salary \$309.27; for attending annual meeting of the Supreme Board, transportation \$216.46, per diem \$150.00; telephone expense \$12.85. Albert F. Tunsen: 1966 salary \$309.27, for attending annual meeting of the Supreme board, transportation \$208.27, per diem \$210.00. Edward Jonassen: 1966 salary \$53.80; for attending annual meeting of the Supreme Board, transportation \$120.00, per diem \$150.00.

If you want a thing done well these days, it will probably cost you more than you can afford.



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—	Chris Mortensen	75	Aalborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1940
Sep 18—	Peter Chr. Boyd	93	Marstal, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1910
Sep 27—	Hans C. Nielsen	90	Broby, Denmark	30	Muskegon, Michigan	1900
Aug 28—	Hans Otto Kofoed	82	Bornholm, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1930
Aug 29—	John P. Hansen	66	Hedehusene, Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1922
Aug 28—	Fred H. Hansen	64	Ryomgaard, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1936
Apr 25—	Carl Jacobsen	80	Randers, Denmark	50	Byram, Connecticut	1912
Aug 27—	Charles Nielsen	76	Kansas City, Missouri	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1909
Sep 26—	Hans Walter Jensen	82	Racine, Wisconsin	64	Rockford, Illinois	1910
Sep 17—	Ronald E. Nielsen	35	Ringsted, Iowa	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1951
Aug 28—	Carl Svendsen	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	183	Troy, New York	1927
Aug 20—	Nels Herrup	68	Skive, Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1922
Jul 9—	Soren Chr. Pedersen	79	Kastebjerg, Denmark	233	Toledo, Ohio	1913
Aug 27—	Lawrence Smith	63	Samso, Denmark	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1945
Sep 11—	Paul T. Christensen	70	Brush, Colorado	254	Brush, Colorado	1925
Sep 15—	Thomas H. Thomsen	83	Randers, Denmark	257	New York, New York	1916
Jun 4—	Mads C. Madsen	82	Husting Fyn, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1909
Sep 5—	Per H. Hansen	37	Kolding, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1963
Sep 12—	Alfred Andersen	66	Cedar Falls, Iowa	329	Long Beach, California	1946
Aug 27—	Nicolai C. dePlace	78	Frederikshavn, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1914
Sep 11—	Jacob A. Jacobsen	83	Thisted, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1904

THE PULSE OF THE BROTHERHOOD

NEWS FROM THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT



TOP SPONSOR
 Three-Way Tie This Month
Thorvald Jensen, 26
Jorgen Mau, 227
Peter Jacobsen, 299

TOP LODGES

Group 1—Lodge No. 26
Group 2—Lodge No. 299

Top sponsor and top lodges are judged by the number of applications submitted to the Home Office for approval by the 20th of the month.



A SINCERE
Welcome
 TO OUR
NEW MEMBERS

AND OUR "HATS OFF" TO THEIR SPONSOR

Introducing Our New Members

BROTHERS

Lodge	Location	New Member	Sponsor
51	Ludington	Chester E. Shapee	Earl S. Jensen
70	Greenville	Afton L. Mortensen	Wesley Kraft
70	Greenville	Paul A. Ridenour	Wesley Kraft
125	W'ping Water	Ted Wilson	Robert Cramer
125	W'ping Water	Edgar O. Mogensen	Robert Cramer
126	Los Angeles	Asger Vilhelmsen	Carl Sorensen
126	Los Angeles	George A. Roug	Eric Roug
147	Newell	Albert C. Buch	Jens Pedersen
217	Humboldt	Niels Schultz	Neils Nelson
227	Detroit	Douglas E. McGraw	Jorgan Mau
227	Detroit	Paul H. Christensen	Jorgen Mau
336	Escondido	K. C. Fitzhugh, Jr.	Anna Pedersen

SISTERS

600	Omaha	Evelyn Christiansen	J. Christiansen
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JUVENILE

10	Co. Bluffs	Norman R. Thomas, Jr.	N. Thomas
36	Milwaukee	Peter D. Jasen	Peter Jensen
299	Solvang	Carlo Bell	Arthur Bell
299	Solvang	Alan Bell	Arthur Bell
299	Solvang	Brett K. Nelson	Nels L. Nelson
319	Bakersfield	Chris P. Vandborg	Alfred Nielsen

GIRLS

301	Akron	Kirsten A. Madsen	Ejnar Madsen
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Honor Roll Listings

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Lodge	Location	Sponsor	Number of New Members to Oct. 20
4	Racine, Wis.	Kenneth Janssen	5
42	Spokane, Wash.	Ingvard Eskeberg	3
43	Denver, Colo.	Svend A. Sonderup	6
51	Ludington, Mich.	Leonard Case	4
51	Ludington, Mich.	Emmett E. Petersen	3

70	Greenville, Mich.	Wesley Kraft	8
95	Ferndale, Calif.	Francis Sweet	6
116	Newark, N. J.	George Godthaab	3
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Paul D. Andersen	24
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Peter Jacobsen	10
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Kurt Moller	6
126	Los Angeles, Calif.	Eric Roug	4
144	Dike, Iowa	Gary Andersen	11
147	Newell, Iowa	Jens Petersen	3
161	Ruskin, Nebr.	Ova L. Schultz	9
172	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mogens Hempel	10
177	Cordova, Nebr.	Dorothy Jorgensen	3
182	Waukegan, Ill.	Carl Danielsen	3
227	Detroit, Mich.	Albert R. Halse	3
227	Detroit, Mich.	Viggo Mikkelsen	9
227	Detroit, Mich.	Jorgen Mau	5
230	Arcata, Calif.	Curtis Larsen	5
255	Selma, Calif.	Hans C. Iversen	3
273	Dillon, Mont.	Arthur Christensen	3
299	Solvang, Calif.	Peter Jacobsen	11
319	Bakersfield, Calif.	Alfred C. Nielsen*	3
325	Nassau County, N. Y.	George Jacobsen	3

LODGES

Lodge	Location	Members
1	Omaha, Nebraska	15
4	Racine, Wisconsin	14
14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	6
15	Des Moines, Iowa	6
17	Chicago, Illinois*	5
29	Seattle, Washington	6
39	Oakland, California	5
43	Denver, Colorado	6
51	Ludington, Michigan	17
70	Greenville, Michigan	11
95	Ferndale, California	11
126	Los Angeles, California	32
144	Dike, Iowa	14
161	Ruskin, Nebraska	11
172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	10
227	Detroit, Michigan	32
230	Arcata, California	5
255	Selma, California	5
299	Solvang, California	15
325	Nassau County, New York	7
328	Vancouver, B. C., Canada	11

* New sponsors or lodges.

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Yes, we are on the way to better days ahead as it will not be long until the Danish Brotherhood in America shall be residing in a home of their own.

After 84 years the Supreme Board did, on September 28, 1966, lay the cornerstone of our new Home Office Building. This was a momentous occasion and the Supreme Officers want all the members to get in on the final scene.

It is quite likely that the building shall be complete the second week in April, 1967.

So-o-o-o let's all keep this date in mind — **APRIL 22, 1967** for a grand **DEDICATION CELEBRATION**.

Plans are now being made through the Promotional Department to make this event a grand one for members from far and wide to enjoy. After all we do not get a beautiful home building to rally round but once in a lifetime.

May your lodge and all its members set aside this date in preparation for a trek to the home of our fraternal society. Plan now to send a delegation and help make this a memorable occasion.

More information and final planning will be in the January issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

1966 Scholarship Winners



Susan Cordtz

SUSAN CORDTZ — I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to the scholarship committee for awarding me one of the scholarships to help finance my education.

At present I am studying at the South Bend campus of Indiana University, and I hope to transfer to Purdue University next fall to pursue an education in the field of home economics.

I have been interested in home economics as a career not only because of the varied fields of study, but also because there is a shortage of qualified home economics teachers.

I became interested in teaching during high school where I took a college preparatory course and majored in home economics, and six years of 4-H club work. While tutoring under-achieving children during high school I further realized teaching was the profession I wanted to follow.

KAREN JORGENSEN — As a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Columbine Lodge No. 43, I am the third generation to be active from our family. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen R. Jorgensen and my grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jorgensen, all of Denver, Colo.

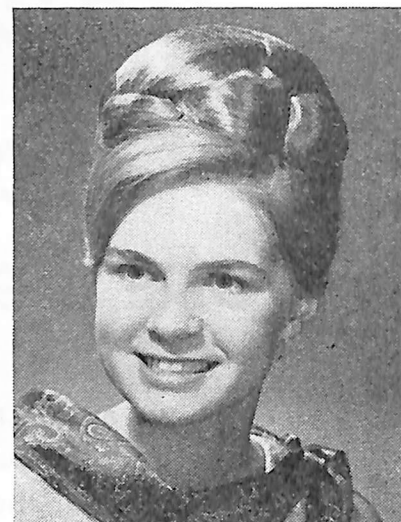
Throughout high school I belonged to many clubs. These included International Relations club, Speech club, Future Teachers of America and the National Honor Society. I've been in Girl Scouts for 12 years and was president of my troop. I attended the National Alternate Girl Scout Roundup in Wyoming in August, 1965.

I am currently enrolled at Concordia college in Moorhead, Minn. I plan to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in history and a minor in biology.

I am very thankful for the encouragement and the financial assistance this award provides. It is an honor and privilege to receive such an award.



Karen Jorgensen



Ingrid Pierce

INGRID PIERCE — For 18 years I have had an invaluable opportunity to travel, to learn and to contribute to three countries and eight schools. In Pennsylvania where I lived on a farm, in Saudi Arabia where I spent two years on an oasis, in Brazil where I attended the Escola Americana of Rio de Janeiro, in North Carolina at Salem Academy, and now in Massachusetts where I am a freshman at Smith college.

Dramatics, glee club, cheerleading, student government, community and church work, and studies have proven to me that the richest, most memorable challenge is becoming part of the people in each community.

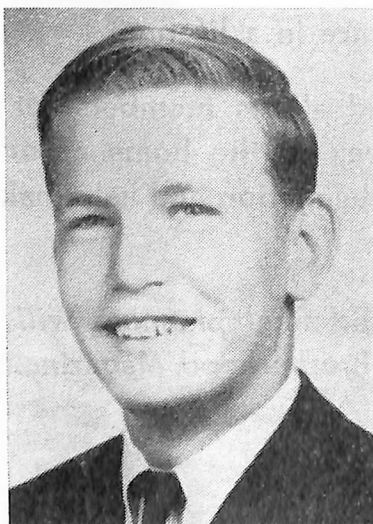
Through my grandfather, a member of the Brotherhood for 38 years and a visit to my mother's birthplace, Copenhagen, smorgasbord at Lodge 325 has become an anticipated event for my family and me. The Brotherhood's interest in helping me to accomplish my goal — to become a pediatrician — is the very encouragement I need most during my college years — Mange Tak.

JAN FRIIS CHRISTENSEN — I was born February 9, 1948, in Randers, Denmark, the second oldest of my parent's four boys. I came to America in September, 1948 and lived five years in South Dakota before moving to New Jersey. After a brief period in Atlantic City we moved to Somers Point, N. J., and have lived there since.

I attended grammar school and junior high in Somers Point and graduated from Mainland Regional high school in 1966 as the president of the senior class and in the upper 10 per cent of the graduating class of 250.

I am presently a freshman attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and am majoring in industrial engineering and math. My plans include graduate school and the navy for which I am studying in NROTC.

Once again I would like to thank the scholarship committee for selecting me as a recipient of the Danish Brotherhood scholarship.



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to the sick list are Brothers Harold Lauridsen, Charles Olsen, Christian Nielsen, Jorgen Jorgensen and Arne Petersen. Belated congratulations to Brother Pete Nielsen who celebrated his golden wedding anniversary in August. Anna, wife of Past Supreme President Otto Nielsen, has received her 50-year emblem in the DSS.

Brother Walter Christensen and wife, Marie, vacationed in Chicago and Duluth this summer. Past District President Martin Rasmussen and wife, Mary, spent some time in California this fall. Secretary Paul Hansen and Sister Wilhelmina Parker were on the SAS inaugural flight from Seattle to Copenhagen. Past Presidents Bob and Kay Wight visited Hurricane Ridge and Mt. Ranier last month. Latest members to join are Brothers Ken-

neth R. Nielsen and Walter O. Nielsen.

Brother Peter Boyd passed away in September after a lingering illness. Fifty-year membership pins will be awarded November 30 (Past Presidents Night). Congratulations to Danish Sisterhood No. 40 of Seattle on the 69th anniversary which they observed October 15. Supreme Trustee Albert F. Tunsen of Stockton, Calif., and District Promotional Director Magnus Esrom of Portland visited DB 29 October 12.

"I know I'm not really much to look at," her fiance admitted modestly.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DB NEWS

By NORBERT E. GROVE, Box 279, Puyallup, Wash. 98371

We are in receipt of a fine report on the 17th annual convention of the Pacific Northwest District on May 13, 14 and 15 in Seattle. For those of you who received this comprehensive resume from Sister Gerda Grimlund, Bellingham, district secretary-treasurer, I would suggest you read every word.

District President Martin Rasmussen presided over all meetings and special guest was chairman of the California General Committee, Brother Edward Aasted.

Brothers Flemming Sorensen, Ed Olsen, Chris Hansen, Jens Nielsen and Ib Rosen represented Seattle DB 29; Brothers C. Fred Christensen and Martin Rasmussen were the delegates from Tacoma DB 33; Spokane DB 42 answered the roll call by Delegates Laurits Mortensen and Ingvald Eskeberg; Brothers Ingvald Nielsen and Henry Hergert answered for Enumclaw DB 113; Brothers Paul Johansen and Ralph Knutzen were delegates from Bellingham DB 155.

Brothers Arne Henriksen and Carl Holm from Portland DB 167; Junction City DB 268 had Brothers Ejner Christiansen and Kristian Sand; Brothers Eigil Kristensen and Erik Gloet answered the call for Vancouver DB 328; and Sigrid Jensen voiced McMinnville's DB 194 vote (winner of the year's attendance contest). There were no delegates from Wilbur DB 152.

A moment of silence was observed for Portland's Brothers Henry Barreth and Alfred Jensen, both staunch members of the district organization. Supreme Trustee Kris Jorgensen officially represented the Head Lodge. Two new members had the privilege of being initiated into the Danish Brotherhood by convention rituals — Brother Eugene C. Sorensen of DB 29 and Brother Eric P. Johansen of DB 328 (son of District Vice President Svend).

Vancouver's centennial year prompted the Canadians to invite the 1967 convention to their city and they actually had a delegation of more than 30 to the Queen City conclave. Joint installation was under the direction of Brothers Kris Jorgensen and Paul Hansen — the latter also being toastmaster at the final banquet. The Portland Floral Degree Team and the Seattle Folk Dancers Danelog performed.

The Danish colony of Seattle entertained the following dignitaries from Denmark September 23:

Minister of Communications and Public Works Kai Lindberg, Director General of the Danish Postal and Telecommunications Administration Gunnar Pedersen, Department Chief of the Danish Foreign Office Hans Kuehne, Department Chief of the Danish Ministry of Communications and Public Works Poul Andersen, President of the Danish Agricultural Board Anders Andersen, and Chairman of the Danish Provincial Chamber of Commerce Joergen H. Petersen.

Pacific Northwest is proud of DB 29 in sponsoring an inaugural flight dinner. Exactly 162 Danes attended.

The annual bazaar of the Northwest Danish Home, held November 5 at Washington Hall in Seattle, featured a roast beef dinner by the ladies of the various circles. Brother Joseph R. Matsen, treasurer of the Home, announces that board and room rates will soon be increased but hastens to add that expanded services to the residents will also be in order. Brother Chris Hansen, secretary of the Home quotes, "your support is greatly

appreciated." Brother Edmund S. Olsen, president of the Home is proud of the 40-year old institution.

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We again devote space to the passing of a "Great Dane":

Past District President Carl N. Grove, born in Denmark, November 9, 1886, was laid to rest in America September 10, 1966. Dad's remains were shipped back to Enumclaw with pallbearers Henry Hergert, Karl Koch, Ingvald Nielsen, Jens Holm, Einar Johanson, Chris Slott, Peter Liane, Martin Johnson and Nels Johnson, all Brothers of DB 113, officiating at the last rites.

It was a very large procession of appreciative citizens who honored him both at the chapel and graveside. Brothers Kris Jorgensen and Otto Nielsen of the Supreme Lodge, as well as a nice delegation from DB 29 were on hand.

It was fitting and proper that a man who always did so much for the Danes (first in South Dakota where he was known as the "King of the Danes" and later in the Pacific Northwest) should have two funerals. Services in Danish with relatives and friends was conducted in Copenhagen before the body was flown to America where he was laid to rest beside Mother.

He will be well remembered for his Danish Fourth of July picnics and Scandinavian dance festivals at Ash Grove Dairy farm in South Dakota and on the West Coast, his untiring efforts in behalf of the Pacific Northwest Danish Home, the Pacific Northwest District of Danish Lodges and the Enumclaw Danish colony will never be forgotten by his contemporaries.

With the passing of Carl Grove, a chapter of a real true Dane has been closed. One recalls Dad's ready smile and brisk walk that seemed always a wellspring of energy directed for good. I shall ever remember my father as an ambassador and a leader among his fellowmen. Sonia remarks: "Dad did everything with such dignity — whether it was executing a real estate transaction or making a speech to an organization."

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Enumclaw's DB 113 Brother George Nelson and wife, Erna, whose sons Greg and Winston are both in the armed services, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary in August with a trip to the Skagit country. Brother Nels P. Rasmussen, past master of Enumclaw's Masons, recalls that he was one of a group who received President Harding in August 1923 when the chief official visited Tacoma and Seattle.

Brother Chris Andersen and wife, Lena, are spending the winter in Arizona. A successful Halloween party was enjoyed October 8. Memorial tributes were acknowledged this month for Brother Peter Molby who passed away at the Northwest Danish Home a year ago this month.

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Vancouver, B. C.'s DB 328 had its Past President John Nielsen, now of California, visit them in September. President Poul Erickson visited Denmark this summer. For the finest in imported Danish cigars, cigarillos, pipes and tobacco, see Past District President Jack Jensen at 5079 Southeast Marine in South Burnaby.

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Seattle's DB 29 new member Keld Zederkof is visiting in Denmark. Brother Ted Kofoed has been installed as post commander of the Ballard American Legion. Added

Pacific Northwest Promotion Director

Introducing Brother Magnus Esrom, Lodge No. 167, Portland, Ore., Northwest District Promotional Director.

He is a classic example of a dedicated Brotherhood member doing his very best to further the cause of our grand organization.



WHAT IS A DISTRICT PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

He is a person who travels in all walks of life in order to build and improve a local lodge, district or the overall Brotherhood.

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We have pictured here Brother Esrom, who is always ready and willing in the Northwest country to lend a hand when and where needed in order that our Brotherhood should prosper and grow.

All he needs is a kind word and a hearty request from any source of command and he will perform to the fullest extent his many talents in helping to realize the benefits of being a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

For those of you in the Pacific Northwest District confines, why don't you call on Brother Magnus Esrom, 11039 N.E. Skidmor Street, Portland, Ore. 97226, today and let him know what is needed in your area in order to prosper and grow.

Michigan-Ohio District News

By **NIELS NEDERGARD**, 22735 Grand River, Detroit

Lodge No. 227 held its 61st anniversary dinner-dance September 24, and it was a big success with 300 attending. Thanks to our chef, Finn Sorensen, for a wonderful duck dinner and also our thanks to Chairman Dick Rasmussen and his committee for a fine job well done.

At the regular meeting of Lodge No. 227, September 28, 18 new associate members were accepted to the Club.

Chairman Carl Jensen of the Danish Old People's Home in Rochester, Mich., reported that they have full house and a very long waiting list on hand. Presently they have 32 happy senior citizens there, in some of the most beautiful surroundings in Michigan. This past summer they buildt a new two-bedroom house for the caretaker and his wife, Andy and Ala Henriksen. The Bell Telephone Company gave us two big bulldozers for seven days to level off the land around the Home, in turn we had permitted Bell to lay a big underground cable through the land. At present the former manager, Mr. and Mrs. Mangsen, are looking after the Home while Mr. and Mrs. Henriksen are on their vacation.

At the regular meeting of Lodge No. 227, October 12, two new members were initiated, Douglas McGraw and Paul Christensen. Past President Carl Jensen bid them welcome to Lodge No. 227 and the Danish Brotherhood. Nineteen new associate members were also accepted to the Club.

The Danish Brotherhood 14th annual Midwest District

five-man team invitational handicap bowling tournament will be held in Detroit Saturday, April 8, 1967. Entry date will be closed March 8, 1967, and we wish to extend this invitation to any lodge who would like to participate in this fine tournament. All inquiries regarding the tournament should be mailed to Niels Nedegard, 1967 Bowling Tournament, 22735 Grand River, Detroit, Michigan 48219. More information will be in this Magazine later, please watch for it.

Resolution

WILLIAM N. JESSEN, Alhambra, Calif.

In memory of our departed Brother William N. Jessen who passed away September 14, the following resolution was adopted by Alhambra Lodge No. 323:

Be it resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of a Brother and we extend to his relatives our sincere sympathy.

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

Hakan Andersen, President.

Richard Rouse, Secretary.

Little wonder today's teenager gets mixed up. Half the adults are telling him to "find himself" and the other half are telling him to "get lost."

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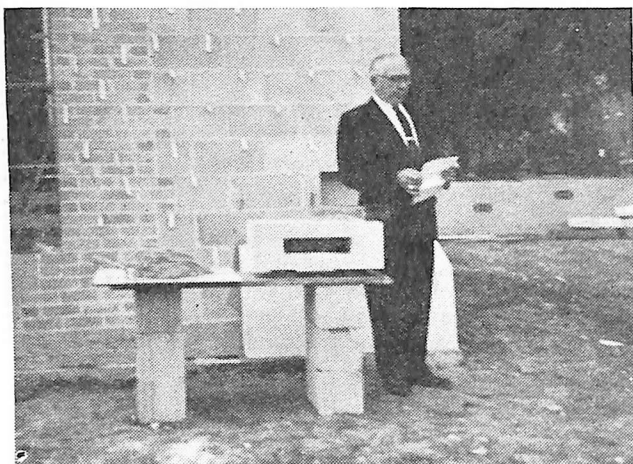
President's Address

The following is the address given by Supreme President Viggo Mikkelsen at the placing of the cornerstone at the National Headquarters Building, September 28, 1966:

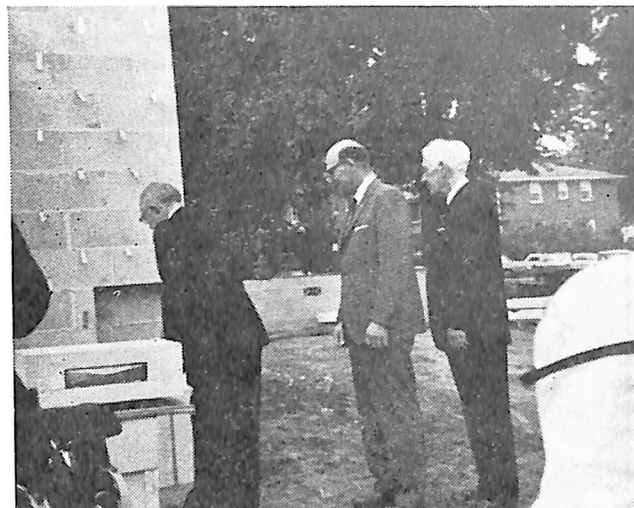
The Danish Brotherhood in America was founded by Danish immigrants in the year 1882, in Omaha, Nebr. Today, our Danish Brotherhood has lodges located in many cities in Nebraska and throughout these United States of America.

We are happy that our founders chose Omaha as their National Headquarters, and I am pleased to state that at no time has there been any attempt made to move it elsewhere. We have been here since our founding 85 years ago.

Because of the faith in our organization and in the city of Omaha's future, we are gathered here today to witness the laying of the cornerstone in the new National Headquarters Building of The Danish Brotherhood in



President Viggo Mikkelsen speaking at the laying of the cornerstone for the National Headquarters Building, September 28, 1966.



President Viggo Mikkelsen using the trowel, spreading mortar for the cornerstone, while Vice Presidents Einar Danielsen and Fred Jensen (left to right) await their turns.

America, a dream, which for many years its members have hoped would someday come true.

We feel we have a right to be proud of our accomplishments. We also feel that we have a right to be proud of the contribution that our organization has made to make Omaha the great city it has become. We hope that our organization will continue to enjoy the respect and admiration that this city and the state of Nebraska has always shown us.

We have placed in this box a brief history of the founding of The Danish Brotherhood in America, and documents pertaining to its accomplishments, its operations and activities up to the present time.

In placing this box in the corner wall of our new home, we hope and pray with all sincerity that this building will be our home for many years to come and shall tend to inspire the organization to prosper and grow in strength and stature.

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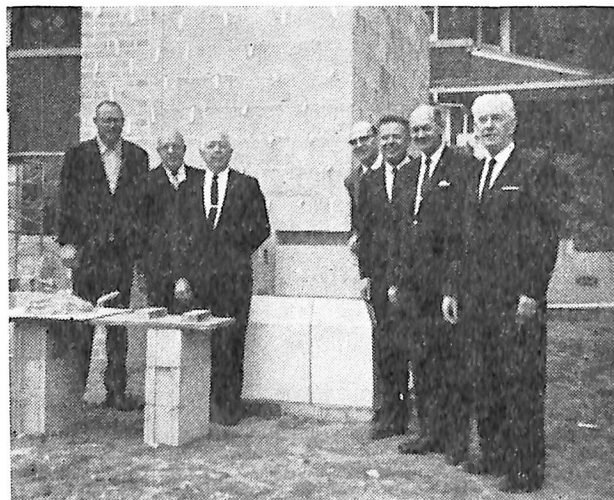
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The cornerstone in place. From left to right we see A. F. Tunsen, Sr.; Axel Skelbeck, Viggo Mikkelsen, Einar Danielsen, Edward Jonasen, Kristen Jorgensen and Fred Jensen.

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