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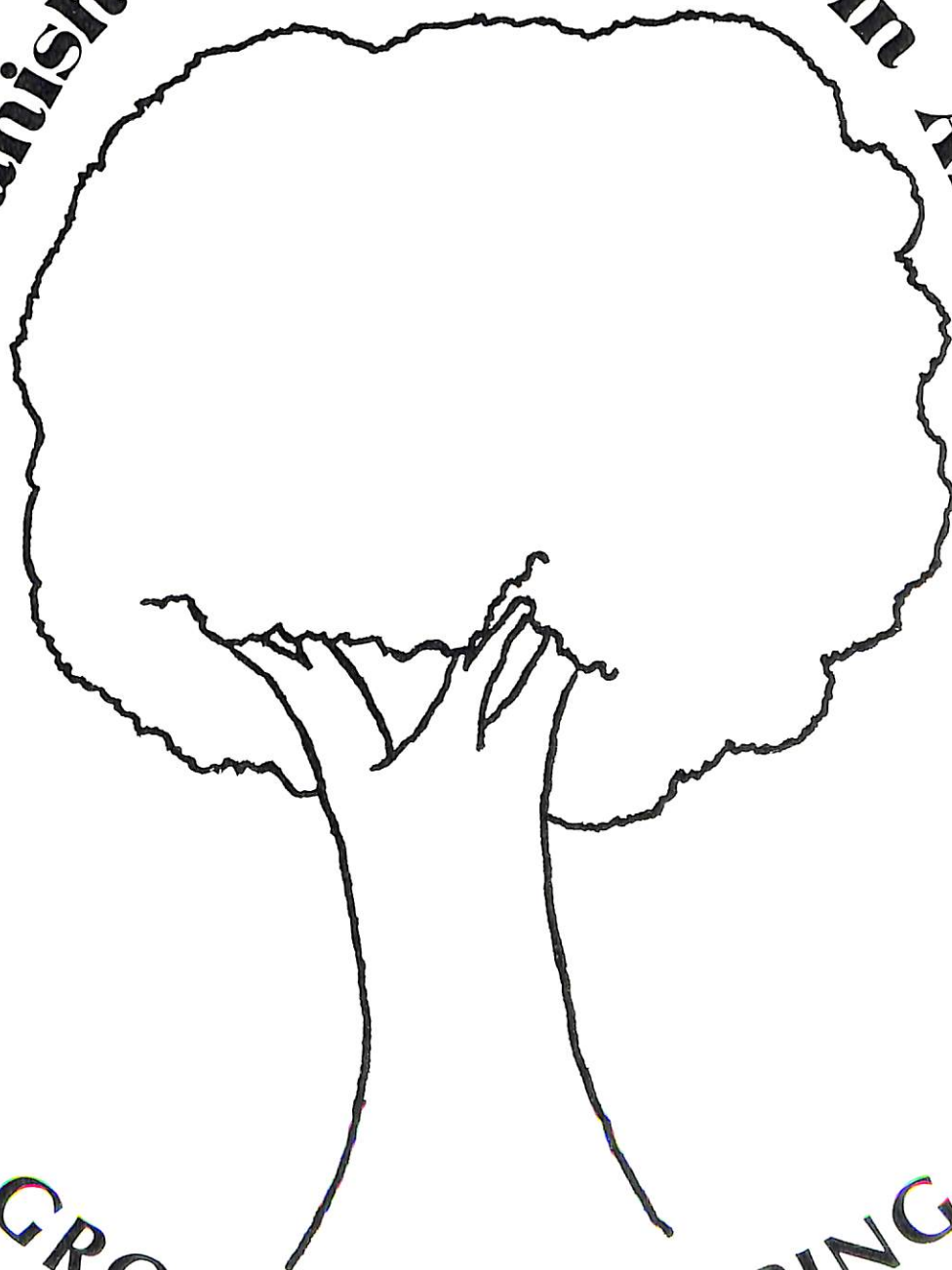
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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

We have now entered the last decade of this century and we can only speculate on where the 90's will lead us but we certainly hope that all of it will be positive not only in our personal lives but within the scope of our Danish Brotherhood and what it stands for.

All of us on the National Board of Directors have committed ourselves to the success of the Danish Brotherhood. Those of you who have participated in District Conventions have heard the positive commentary on our future in the form of the Five-Year Plan. An excellent summary was reported in the September, 1989, American Dane. We're enthused and now I am asking you again to do likewise. We will commence many things in 1990 as a part of our timetable and I can only ask you to be responsive to it. Sometimes we are not sure if the message is getting across as I have seen and heard of many mixed reactions to our commentary. Sometimes we are not sure if the membership wants positive change. Sometimes I am not sure if the membership wants any change at all. If it is simply to be status quo . . . we've got that perennial problem again. Believe me, I won't let you forget.

We have developed a number of things for the membership over the past few years in addition to the various lodge programs, contests, etc. Our District Fraternal Coordinators must be included when I want to refer to something positive for the membership. These are dedicated volunteers who want to learn more about our society (and who are continually learning) and who want to convey their enrichment to all of you but you have got to want to listen to them. I haven't met all these fine people (and members) but I know what they are all doing by the reports and comments I receive. This coming March will be something special to me, the Board of Directors, the District Fraternal Coordinators and Representatives who will be meeting jointly in Omaha for the first time. This will be a magnificent opportunity for all of us to exchange ideas and listen to one another. We are planning some special programs that should benefit all of us and that benefit will be passed on to you, the membership.

In the August American Dane I made comment about some of the things we have going for us and that I was interested to learn how the membership felt about what we are doing and if they had any **positive** thoughts or suggestions to make and that if the writer was willing, I would like to share it with our membership in this column. Well, this will serve as a very gentle admonishment because I heard from no one. No, not one member bothered to comment. I can only surmise that everyone is in total agreement with what we are doing or, at least, attempting to do. That is not what I hear when I am approached privately by members at various functions. Perhaps I am really naive in believing you actually read this page? Maybe you don't read it so I don't have to worry about it? Seriously, I would love to hear from you. Tell me, tell us, what you think!

Some upbeat information should include the coming National Convention in the Rose City of Portland, Oregon. Committees have been formed and plans well underway for a great time. Believe me, I know how hard these people work. For those of you planning to make this a family affair (in spite of school being in session) I know the Portlanders will have something special for every age.

I know this goes without saying but please remember your local charity and continue to do the good work that Danes always do. With that in mind, don't forget to nominate your lodge's "good worker" for the 1990 "Howard E. Christensen" Award by the deadline of February 15th.

During 1989 it was my privilege to represent the Board of Directors for the 100th anniversary celebration of the following lodges: No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut; No. 33, Tacoma, Washington; No. 34, Dwight, Illinois; No. 35, Chicago, Illinois, and No. 36 Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I want to thank all of the members of these lodges for their graciousness and kindness shown me. I feel very fortunate in having been able to do this. Have a great 1990 and let's all work hard during this decade for the betterment of the Danish Brotherhood in America and what it stands for.

Growth By Sharing

The DBIA National Headquarters announces the opportunity for members to participate in the growth of the Danish Brotherhood in America by sharing their membership with family and friends, and, at the same time, share in the exciting rewards!

Here's all you do . . .

Share your heritage by recommending DBIA membership to family and friends and submit their names to your local lodge or the home office. Upon approval of membership, you will be awarded points according to the following schedule:

1 point for every social member recommended

2 points for every insured member recommended.

Points will be accumulated from January 1, 1990 through July 31, 1991.

Here's your rewards . . .

- 1 point — The name of all recommenders and the respective new member will be engraved on a "leaf" and placed upon a five foot, walnut **"Growth By Sharing"** recognition tree on permanent display at the National Headquarters.
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All DBIA members, with the exception of insurance representatives, home office staff and Board of Directors, are eligible to participate. So, start recommending your family and friends now, and reap the rewards of **"Growth By Sharing!"**

Commemorative Membership Awards for 1990

60 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
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45—	Mathias Frasig
49—	Carl J. Petersen
51—	Harold Williamson
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227—	Frants V. Jensen
263—	Axel Madsen
300—	Hartwick Christiansen
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600—	Einer Jensen
600—	Lars C. Madsen

50 Year Pins

Lodge

No.	Name
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4—	Kermit Petersen
4—	Paul J. Bunck
14—	Martin M. Petersen, Jr.
14—	John S. Andersen
41—	Alfred W. Marsch
45—	Elmer Hansen
70—	Herman A. Christensen
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92—	Walter Kusk
116—	Svend F. Sorensen
125—	Talma C Nelsen
126—	Kristian E.V. Sorensen
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600—	Norman E. Frisk
600—	Chester Jensen

600—	Laurits A. Jorgensen
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600—	Sigurd Laanum
600—	Alfred Nielsen
600—	Thorvald Q. Stigsen
600—	Carl R. Thompson

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Lodge

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The Young Judge

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there were two merchants who lived next to each other.

One sold olive oil and the other sold spices.

A thin wall separated the two stores.

One evening, the spice merchant happened to look through a little hole in the wall and saw the oil merchant counting his money.

The spice merchant counted each coin as the oil merchant added it to his pile of coins. He knew that the oil merchant had exactly one hundred gold coins.

Now the spice merchant was a very greedy man.

He wanted the gold coins of his neighbor and he plotted very carefully on just how to get them.

So he ran into the street and shouted, "My money has been stolen! My money has been stolen!"

People heard his shouting and gathered around him and asked, "Who stole your money?"

"I don't know," replied the spice merchant. "Nobody came into my store this evening!"

"Are you sure?" asked one passerby.

"I am very sure," replied the spice merchant. "The only one who has been near me is my friend and neighbor, the oil merchant, who has a store right next to mine!"

The crowd that surrounded the spice merchant all began talking to each other, shaking their heads and wondering what to do next.

"How much money have you lost?" asked another person.

Without hesitation, the spice merchant replied, "One hundred gold pieces!"

The Mayor who happened to be listening in on all of this said, "Then we better search the oil merchant's store!"

The oil merchant heard all of the noise outside, but had no idea as to what was going on.

The Mayor told him that the spice merchant was robbed of one hundred gold pieces and that he had no choice but to search his store.

Of course, the Mayor found one hundred gold coins in the oil merchant's strong box and the oil merchant declared that the gold was rightfully his.

"Then he is the thief!" shouted the spice merchant. "That is my gold!"

"I am no thief!" protested the oil merchant. "That money belongs to me!"

And so, the two merchants were called upon to present their case before the judge.

One said that the money was his and the other stated that the money belonged to him.

The judge, of course, did not know who was telling the truth and who was lying, so he said, "The gold will be kept in our safe. I want you both to go home and come back in one week. I will then tell you who is the thief."

And the two merchants did as they were told.

The judge thought and thought about this case.

He could not come to a decision.

"Who is telling the truth," he asked himself, "and who is lying!"

Several days later, the judge went for a walk.

He was sitting under a tree when he heard children playing nearby. They were talking about the money that was stolen from the spice merchant.

The case became famous throughout the city.

The judge got up and went over to where the children were playing.

One of them said, "Let's play judge. I'll be him and I'll decide which one of the storekeepers is telling the truth."

The judge couldn't wait to hear what they were going to say. He just stood by and listened.

"Yes," said one of the other children. "You can be the judge. You are a very clever judge."

And so, the 'judge child' sat down on a large stone.

Then the 'spice merchant child' came and said, "The money belongs to me!"

Then the 'oil merchant child' said, "No, the money is rightfully mine!"

The young judge continued. "Bring me a pitcher of warm water."

"What for?" asked the 'oil and spice merchant children'.

"You will see," said the 'judge child,' as he took the coins (which were really stones that the children were playing with) and put them into the water.

"But what does this prove?" asked the oil and spice merchant children."

"If there are any drops of oil on the water," said the 'judge child,' "that means that the coins have been handled by the oil merchant because an oil merchant's fingers will be greasy from the oil he handles and some of the oil will remain on the coins!"

The real judge nodded in agreement.

"But," continued the 'judge child,' "if the coins are not greasy that will show that the money belongs to the spice merchant because spices are dry and do not stick to coins when you touch them."

When the real judge heard the decision of the 'judge child' he went over to him. "You are a very clever lad. Now I know how to

pass judgment when the case comes up in a few days. Thank you. I shall now be able to give the right decision."

Within a week, the two merchants appeared to hear the judge's verdict.

Everyone in the town came to find out what the judge would say.

And so, the judge ordered a pitcher of warm water and put the gold coins inside.

Instantly, drops of oil appeared on the surface of the water.

Everyone then knew who the guilty merchant was.

"The oil merchant was right," someone shouted. "The money belongs to him! Long live our clever judge!"

The judge smiled, "Not I," he said, "but a young lad showed me the way to reach a just and righteous decision!"

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Grandfather's Vulnerable Safe

by Tom Christofferson

My grandfather was never one to pinch pennies. Parsimoniousness was certainly never one of his faults. Yet with a sense of fairness which he carried into each one of his own transactions as a building contractor, he expected a fair shake in return. That was what hurt him most the day he came downstairs into the big living room and found that his safe had been robbed.

"Is there no honest man left in this town?" he asked.

Brothers Jed, Willie and myself looked down from our vantage point atop the back of the two-seated sofa. We had just cornered some Huns, a popular word in those days, and were not pleased with the distraction which would allow the hated enemy to escape.

"Mmmmmmm?" we asked.

"Is there an honest man in this town?" Grandpa asked.

"Sure, I suppose so," my brother Jed, the eldest of our trio, said.

"Then tell me, tell me why this safe has been robbed again."

"Has it, Gramp?" brother Willie, the in-between, asked.

"Yes," Grandpa answered.

"Not again?" I asked. "Not again?"

"Again."

"Is this the fourth or the fifth time?" Jed asked.

"Only the fourth," Grandpa replied, "But at this rate, there'll be a fifth before long."

We were about to scramble down from our machine gun nest on this ridge overlooking the advancing German flank, when our Mother came in from the kitchen. She would have lit into us, but she sensed that something more serious was wrong.

"Breakfast is ready, Grandpa," she said.

"In a minute, Meg; in a minute. I'm just trying to see what they got this time."

"Has that safe been robbed again, Grandpa?" Mother asked, her tender affection for her father-in-law just barely overbalancing her impatience with the gentle old man. "How many times have Will and I told you to keep that thing locked — locked tight?"

"I know, I know," Grandpa replied.

"Well, it isn't right," Mother said. "After all, there's no one more honest than you as far as your business dealings are concerned. But you're so careless."

"I know; I know, Meg," Grandpa said.

"Why people come in here and rob you blind even in broad daylight. You send them in, tell them to make their own change — and they do all right. They make ten dollars on the deal!"

"Uh huh," Grandpa said.

"Just because you have your office in the house is no reason why you shouldn't make this a business place," Mother said. "And there's no sense in letting people walk off with money that doesn't belong to them." She was warming up again, but Grandpa shut her off.

"Only got \$17.50 this time, Meg," Grandpa said. "Completely missed the big stack in the back here."

"Only..." Mother tried to say something, but Grandpa had turned from the safe. He was smiling. "What's for breakfast?" he asked.

"The usual," Mother replied.

"Good," Grandpa said, and he winked at us as he followed



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her into the kitchen.

Grandpa was easy-going and he liked people. He trusted everyone. But this fourth robbery in less than six months had, for the moment at least, upset his seemingly infinite trust in human nature.

"There's going to be a safety campaign around here," he announced that night at dinner, "starting tonight. Every window locked. Every door bolted. And the safe will be locked every evening at six-thirty. Anyone who has anything to go in the safe better get it in by six-thirty or else. It won't be opened once it's locked."

Applause resounded from around the big table. My father, Uncle Yens and Uncle Peter were especially pleased. Aunt Christine and Cousin Hans, the other grownups, were equally as appreciative. But my brothers and I, and Grandpa's nephew Lars and his niece Agnes, together with the other youngster there, Mildred — daughter of a friend of Grandpa's — all joined in the louder hurrahs.

"And," Grandpa added after the applause had subsided, "just to make doubly sure that no one gets the money out of the safe, I brought up a trap from the basement. Grandfather Hanson used it when he first came to Butte des Morts." He smiled as he reached under the table and brought forth a huge jagged-tooth bear trap. It was rusty from years of disuse, but the claws looked ugly and cruel — and eager — even now. "This goes inside the safe," Grandpa said. "Hidden under the money. Whoever tries to get the money, gets a broken wrist."

Father, Uncle Yens, Uncle Peter and Cousin Hans laughed. "Not many bears left in the 1920s, Dad," my father said, "even in this 'wilderness' called Wisconsin. But let's hope this thing catches whoever has been taking your money — if he ever manages to get into the fortress."

"I'm sure it will," Grandpa said, well pleased with himself.

The next morning Grandpa was outside working on the porch before we had finished breakfast.

"The money still in the safe?" Willie asked.

"You bet," Grandpa replied. "We've got this thing licked now."

"What you doing, anyway, taking that piece of siding out of the house?" Jed asked.

"I'll tell you, if you boys promise to keep it a secret," Grandpa replied.

"The whole neighborhood must know about it by now, anyway, the way you've been pounding around here, Grandpa," brother Willie said.

Grandpa was displeased, but he ignored that remark. "Do you promise?" he asked.

"Of course," we all said.

"Well," he said slyly, "this is going to be a secret compartment to hide the front door key. With all the people living in this house, who's going to get up to unlock the front door every time someone is out after lock-up time?"

None of us could answer.

"No one will have to," Grandpa said, "after this is finished." He stopped to examine his work and to point out the accoutrements of his planned cache. "You see, I've cut this piece of siding out. Then I'm going to build a little box inside. I'll save the piece of siding, put hinges on it on the inside, and — presto — no one will ever now that there's a compartment here."

"Gee, that's ingenious," Jed said.

"Certainly," Grandpa replied. "We're all Hansons, aren't we? Now run along boys. I'll let you see what it's like when it's finished."

My brother and I, and Lars and Mildred, did our best about

keeping Grandfather's secret compartment a secret. We never actually told anyone about it, although we did show it to many of our friends when we played on the big porch, which we inevitably did every day. We tried, even, to be secretive when we opened the door to that fascinating hiding place. Yet the secret must have gotten out somehow. Anyway, Grandfather's safe was robbed for the fifth time about three weeks after he had installed his key compartment.

"I told you those kids would give it away, Dad," my father told Grandpa. Father had just taken us into the kitchen and was about to apply the strop when Grandfather stopped him. Like Father, he thought a good stropping did a boy some good once in a while, but this time he interfered.

"Put down the strop, Will," he said. "The boys don't deserve it."

"But they let your secret out," Father said.

"Perhaps," Grandfather answered slowly, "but you're forgetting one thing."

"What's that?"

"The trap," Grandfather answered. "The trap."

"What do you mean, Dad?" Father asked.

"Why didn't the trap go off, Will?"

"Perhaps it was rusted shut."

"No. I tried it myself," Grandpa replied, "with a piece of wood. It was fast."

"I don't understand," Father said.

"I think I'm beginning to," said Grandpa.

"What do you mean?" Father asked.

"I think that whoever took that money knew just exactly where it was — and where the trap was, too," Grandfather said. "It stands to reason that anyone going into a strange safe would sorta paw around looking for the money — and set off the trap."

"Perhaps the trap did go off, but the fellow re-set it," Father suggested.

"Why? Why would anyone bother to re-set a bear trap in a safe he was robbing?" Grandfather asked. Father looked sheepish as Grandpa continued. "Why didn't someone hear it snap, if it did snap? There are a lot of people in this house; you'd think someone would have heard it." Grandfather hesitated. He was downcast at what he was thinking. "And with all the people here, why hasn't someone heard this 'burglar' come in the house. Five times! And no one even hears a sound once! Why?" he asked. "Why?"

Father was depressed now, too. He had tried, but he could see the futility of his efforts. Grandfather was right.

"Someone right here in this house has been taking that money all along," Grandfather said.

"But who? Why?" Father asked. "It's ridiculous — stealing from your own family."

"I know it is," Grandfather replied. "And it hurts me more than I can say to even think it. But under the circumstances, all I can believe is that one of my own family has been robbing my safe." He was silent a moment. "If it's a joke, I'll go along with it. But if it is a joke, I wish whoever is doing it would step up and say so and let it go at that."

Jed, Willie and myself had not understood at first, but when we finally realized the seriousness of the moment, we decided to leave the room. After all, if someone was going to be accused of playing a joke on Grandpa, we would be suspects numbers one, two and three.

Father appreciated the significance of our movements and interpreted our action as manifestation of guilt. "Jed, Willie, Freddy! Come back here!"

The three of us cowered into position before our judge. The

jury, Grandfather, was packed in our favor.

"Don't be silly, Will," he said. "These boys couldn't have had anything to do with it."

"Perhaps," Father said, "But now that you gave me the idea, I'd just like to know where these boys have been getting all the money they've been spending lately for candy and the moving pictures?"

"We earned that money, Dad, every cent of it," Jed said.

"And just how have you earned it?" Father asked.

"We shovel Mr. Olson's walk every time it snows. And Mr. Larson's. And Mr. Peterson's."

"It's snowed a lot, too, this winter, Will," Grandfather laughed.

"We run errands for all of them, too," I put in. "And Mr. Johnson gave us two dollars for cleaning out his shed so he can use it for his new automobile."

"These boys are real hustlers, Will," Grandfather said, "but I'm afraid you'd better let them go this time. After all, it is only circumstantial evidence."

Father softened, characteristically, after his hasty blow up. "Alright boys, run along now," he said. "Your Grandfather and I want to talk this thing over."

Jed went ahead of Willie and myself as we left the big house and strolled through the spacious backyard to the shed. This fabulous building had originally been designed as a barn for Grandfather's horses, but he later replaced half of the hay mow with a second floor, in which he had a workshop. A man of stern principles, Grandfather had stubbornly refused to be mechanized, and even in the 1920s had refused to buy an automobile.

We moved on past the stalls and into a small room Grandfather had allowed us for a "clubroom." Crates for tables and chairs, and a candle in a bottle. This was where we found sanctuary when we were in trouble. Here we were safe even from Mother's watchful eye, for she refused to enter our "pig sty." Lars was five years older than Jed; he thought our clubroom was kid's stuff. And Mildred — well, Mildred was a girl.

"Looks like someone is in trouble," Jed said when we had lighted the candle and arranged ourselves around the table.

"For once it isn't us," Willie said.

"Who do you suppose did it?" I asked.

"My money's on Uncle Yens," Willie said.

"Why?" Jed asked.

"You should have smelled his good suit the other Sunday. It reeked of gasoline. He gave me fifty cents to take it to the cleaners without telling Grandpa. I'm not sure, but I think he has a part interest in a car with Harry Jensen, only he doesn't want Grandpa to know. You know what Grandpa thinks of automobiles."

"How about Uncle Peter?" asked Jed. "He's sure been sparking Melly Asmussen lately."

"And buying her fancy presents, too," I said.

"How about Lars?" Willie asked.

"He'd think it was kid's stuff, probably," Jed sneered.

"There's Mildred and Aunt Christine," I suggested.

"They're girls," Willie scoffed. "What would girls be doing a thing like that for?"

"How about Cousin Hans then?" I asked.

"He's always been suspicious to me," Jed said.

"The way Grandfather ran into him in Chicago, sorta

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accidental like," Willie mocked.

"A long lost cousin," Jed said. "Out of a clear blue sky he bumps into Grandfather in a hotel lobby in Chicago."

"Why, I was talking to a fellow the other day," Willie interrupted, "who has been to Chicago. And he says it's even bigger than Milwaukee."

"Suspicious," Jed said. "Suspicious to run into Grandpa like that in a big place like Chicago."

"Especially since Grandfather hadn't heard from Uncle Hans for so long — way out there in California," Willie said.

"And the way he hangs around Aunt Christine. It's disgusting," said Jed.

"They all look suspicious to me — except us," I said. "Who do you suppose really done it?"

"I don't know really," Jed said, "but I'd sure hate to be him if Grandpa ever finds out."

We discussed these and other possibilities at several of our daily meetings after that, but could arrive at no conclusion. Apparently Grandfather was still confused, too, for he continued to be depressed. In fact, the atmosphere of the house, especially as evidenced around the usually noisy, happy dinner table, was somewhat strained to say the least.

It was I who unwittingly broke the tension, and incidentally, inaugurated the series of events that eventually resolved the situation. It was my interest in the theater that precipitated the climax, an interest which I must say is still an important part of my life.

My brothers and I had been sent to town on a routine errand for Mother. Groceries, meat. . . I don't even remember exactly what it was. The important thing about that trip to town, for me at least, was the poster in the box office of the Doty theater. "Vaudeville, 7 Original Acts Direct from the Lake Theater in Chicago on our stage Feb. 8. Tickets on sale at Mortonsen Drug Store."

These roadshows were a big thing in my life then. I wouldn't have missed them under any circumstances and I certainly could not understand how the present emotional condition of our household should be a deterrent. As usual, I prevailed on Grandfather to take me, as Father wasn't interested and Mother said she wasn't either.

Jed and Willie had never shared my enthusiasm for this form of entertainment, and I'm afraid they looked on me as having a sissy streak because of it. Grandfather and I would have gone alone if Cousin Hans had not persuaded Aunt Christine that this

was just the sort of thing she needed to make her re-education complete.

It was a bitter cold night, near blizzard conditions, as we started toward town in Grandfather's sleigh. I sat up front beside Grandfather who was wearing his buffalo coat, in which his five-foot four-inch, 205 pound figure resembled a bear.

Grandfather pulled up in front of the theater to let Aunt Christine and Cousin Hans out. On nights like these I had the privilege of riding a block up the street to Rasmussen's Garage, formerly a livery stable, where Grandfather would leave his horse.

The wind had abated a little, but it was still difficult to see against the lights of the theater entrance. That was why we really didn't understand about the voice that hollered, "Eddy! Eddy Finnegan! What are you doing in this one-horse town?"

As ours was the only vehicle of any sort parked at the curb, and as there was no one buying tickets or going into the theater house, Grandfather and I imagined that the voice was addressing someone in our sleigh.

Our suspicions proved correct when a man, evidently a member of the touring show, dashed from the box office toward the sleigh. "Eddy! Eddy Finnegan!" He was addressing Uncle Hans, who at this particular moment tried to ignore him.

"Don't be stuck-up, Eddy," the man shouted as he shivered in the February cold. "This is your old pal Mike Daly. Don't you remember the good old days when we used to be known as the Stylish Irish-men?"

Cousin Hans could no longer ignore the gentleman standing at the side of the sleigh, looking up at him and calling him "Eddy Finnegan." Cousin Hans reacted quickly to the new situation. He leaped out of the sleigh and broke toward the theater. But Grandfather was too fast for him. He caught the disappearing ankles with the buggy whip, and Cousin Hans was down, with Grandpa on top.

It wasn't much of a fight, because Grandpa was mad, madder than I've seen him before or since.

"My long lost cousin," Grandpa snorted. "Take that for the Danish Brotherhood," and he pushed Hans' face into the snowbank on which they lay. "Eddy Finnegan Hanson! Hanson, my foot!"

Hans' friend was wise enough not to interfere as Grandfather stacked Hans into the back seat of the sleigh and headed his horse for home.

Grandfather literally dragged Hans up the stairs to his room.

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"I gave it to him." It was a tearful, innocent, ashamed and bewildered Aunt Christine standing in the doorway. "He said he wanted it so he could save your valuables in case of fire."

Grandfather graciously made no reply. Instead he helped Hans hurriedly pack and led him out the front door to the sleigh. I tagged along, wondering what was coming next.

I was happy I accompanied Grandfather, for that night I got my first glimpse backstage. Grandfather burst in the stage entrance without a knock and went up to Hans' friend — the man who had called to him — who was innocently standing in the wings, ready for his entrance.

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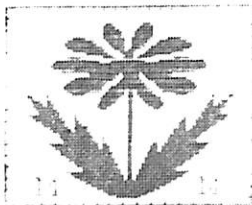
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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — The Brothers kept their November meeting short in order to get to the table with all the home cooked food at the joint potluck meal and mini-bazaar with the Sisterhood. Thanks to Hans Rasmussen for chairing the party.

Among the guests were Bente and Herluf Pedersen from Vancouver, British Columbia Lodge No. 328. We were very happy to see them and hope they will come again. Herluf is the Pacific Northwest District Fraternal Coordinator and is willing to help lodges if they have any problems, especially with membership. Too bad we didn't have more time to let Herluf speak but we hope to see him back soon. Bente won the gift on the mini-bazaar raffle. Congratulations!

The joint installation party will be held on January 13 at the Swedish Club by our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge No. 40. Jerry Jensen will be the chairperson.

The District Bowling Tournament will be held on March 10 at the Bowlero Lanes in Tacoma. Motel rooms will be reserved at the Best Western Tacoma Inn where the banquet also will be held. This bowling tournament is sponsored by the Portland lodges.

Seattle's bowling coordinator, Frank Poulsen, says to get your team together and start bowling to obtain your bowling average.

Frank Poulsen, Cor.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The November meeting came to order with 32 members present. Larry West led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Asbjorn Fisker explained the Danish symbols.

Two candidates were present for initiations; namely Thorben Larsen and Robert McAdams. They were voted upon and accepted into the lodge. A short intermission followed to greet the new members.

Correspondence read by the secretary included a thank you note from the Seaman Center for our help and contribution.

Sheila Hamilton, coordinator for the

The best idea for January goes to Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI. See page 21.



Welcome new members John and Bodil Frank Hansen!

1991 national convention, requested that we need to sign up for committees now. Only 23 months left to plan!

The meeting closed with the singing of the Danish National Anthem.

On Sunday, October 15, we put on a very successful auction. We placed over 60 items up for bid and realized an excellent return for our efforts. The Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul will now receive a donation from our lodge.

Thanks to Co-Chairmen Karlene Thorkildsen and Debbie Turner for a lot of hard work and real leadership in putting this function together. Also, a big thank you to Elly and her kitchen crew for their usual outstanding work making and serving the Danish open-face sandwiches. And how about the work of Steve Hollingsworth as our auctioneer. We are really fortunate to have a member with his natural ability to perform this task for us. Steve never fails to come through with a superb effort.

Space prevents mentioning the names of everyone that worked, contributed or donated to this auction but believe me, we appreciate the participation of every one of you. Your effort did not go unnoticed. Thank you all for helping us make this a very special, successful and rewarding function for our lodge.

Sylvia Hurst, Sec.
Fred Batchelor, Pres.

Lodge #273, Dillon, MT — We began our fall meeting on October 7 with 22 members present and one guest, Mrs. Ruth God-

thaab of Owensboro, Kentucky. She is the widow of the late George Godthaab who was a National President of the Danish Brotherhood. It was a pleasure to have her visit our lodge.

The lodge received a certificate of thanks from the City of Dillon, signed by Mayor Jim Wilson in appreciation for the flower boxes placed about the business district. They were especially appreciated this year as Montana celebrated its 100th anniversary as a state.

The list of committees for 1989/90 were handed out. It was suggested each group try to have some type of entertainment following the regular meetings.

Our November meeting began with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. with 19 in attendance. At 8:00 p.m. President Thomas Andersen called the regular meeting to order. Vaughn and Clara Rasmussen of Shoshone, California, were back in the area visiting and hunting so they attended the supper and meeting. Was nice having them with us again.

Members voted for the lodge to buy a Christmas gift for an under privileged child by going to the Dilmart and picking a tag from the "Giving Tree." The tag states age and what the child would like to for Christmas.

Members helped Brother Arthur Christensen and his wife, Margaret, celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary at an open house on November 11. Arthur joined the Brotherhood in February, 1946. He has held offices in the lodge and served on many committees. He is also very active in the community.

Harry Abernethy, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — There were 62 Brothers present at the meeting in November. We received a donation from Tor International. This prize was drawn and the winner was Henning Hall.

We elected a new representative for the Community Centre, Julius Nicolaisen.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed a nice sandwich, beer and snaps.

The Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood had their yearly bingo on November 18. It was held in the Slovenian Hall on Sprott Street in Burnaby. The Sisterhood began early in making 651 open-faced sand-

wiches. When the evening began, there were approximately 100 people in attendance. It was a great turnout. They played ten games of bingo, with the prizes consisting of ducks and geese. The 11th game was played for our grand prize of half a pig.

After the games the Sisters were busy selling sandwiches, coffee and kringle. When everyone was finished eating, the dancing began. It was a great party and the committee from both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood had put a lot of preparation into it to make it a great success. We would like to thank the people for their kind donations. They were Peter Praegel, Eric Es-mann, Henny's Catering, Karl Madsen, Villy Andersen, and Flowers by Judith.

Everyone had a great time. We would like to remind you that the next party for the Brotherhood will be the Smoker in January.
Peter Praegel, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The November meeting started at 8:00 p.m. with roll call of officers.

John Kristensen read the proposed slate of officers: Past President, Richard Rowse; President, Clarice Christensen; Vice President, Karen Rowse; Secretary, Helene Kristensen; Treasurer, Inger Dix; Conductor, Millie Bech Nielsen; Trustees, John Kristensen, Jens Andersen, and Kate Krake Nielsen; Guard, Viggo Bech Nielsen; and Newsletter Editor, Kate Krake Nielsen.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. followed by a coffee hour.

The Las Vegas trip sponsored by Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 was a howling success! Forty-four happy Danes descended on Las Vegas after a five hour bus trip and "settled in" at the Tropicana Hotel. The bus trip itself was worth the cost of the ticket, playing games where you could win large amounts of silver dollars or the drawing where you could win a free trip, or playing bingo for silver dollars, all while you were eating or drinking. So many people brought food and goodies to share that we really were stuffed but that didn't prevent us from getting off in Barstow to have a "bite to eat."

Karl Duus and his family with some help from the Brotherhood members did a fantastic job balancing through the aisle with bingo cards, refreshments, etc. We were treated royally and the comradery of the people on board really made you feel good.

The trip was arranged by Mette Axelsen

Haydt through Lande Tour and Travel Association. You couldn't ask for a better leader. Thanks Lodge No. 126 for a great time!
Helene Kristensen, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — We held our 1990 election of officers and we want to congratulate the newly elected officers, who will be installed at the January 13 meeting: Past President, Jim Dwyer; President, Gary Gossett; Vice President, Jim Wiegandt; Secretary, Gerry Olsen; Treasurer, Patti Kessler; Conductor, Kaj Bjorn; Inner Guard, Rosemary Allison;

Outer Guard, Floyd Pedersen; Trustees, Irene Everson, Soren Christensen and Alf Jorgensen.

Vivian Schuette reported on her visit to the Christian Temporary Housing Facilities. She was able to buy many bath towels and cloths from the money received, plus taking supplies we provided at the last meeting. Keep those products coming in.

We will be hosting the installation of officers at Knotts Berry Farm on Beach Boulevard in Buena Park on January 13. Hopefully all of our lodge members are planning to attend.
Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Erik Mathiesen passed away November 10, 1989,

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following a heart attack he suffered on November 5 doing one of the things he enjoyed most in life — participating in a bike race. Erik was 70 and he was born in Copenhagen but lived in Yucaipa for the past 33 years. At one of our meetings Erik showed a film he took in secret during the occupation of Denmark while he was working for the Danish Underground. Erik was a bicyclist and a first class photographer and enjoyed camping, kids and his computer.

On January 13 we will have our installation of officers with Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 in Orange County.

Sue Patterson, Pres.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — A big thank you to the officers and spouses for planning the membership dinner held November 7. Eighty-four members and 11 prospective members enjoyed the turkey dinner and dancing (clogging) by the "Heartland Hoe-downers" from Elkhorn, Nebraska. It was especially gratifying to have 11 guests, several of whom expressed an interest in becoming members of our lodge.

Welcome to Dallas Petersen and Sylvia Juhl. They were initiated following the dinner. We hope to see you often!

We congratulate our member, Nis Skau, upon his graduation from a six-week course in clowning. He proved that at age 92 you're never too old to learn something new. Mr. Skau performed before the second grade class at Belle Ryan School.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met at the Community Center on Thursday, November 16, for our Thanksgiving supper with 56 attending. President Wisthi Thomsen called the meeting to order. A short business meeting was held. Pins were presented to those who had brought in new members the past year. Don Thomsen was presented a silver cup, a gift for being chosen King at the state convention. Herman Bjorklund thanked the lodge for remembering him when he had surgery. All signed a get well card for Leonard Anderson.

Charlene Villars showed pictures and gave a very informative talk about her trip to Denmark and other Scandinavian countries.

The serving committee was Alvin and Mildred Christensen, Kenny and LaVon Bundgaard, Herman and Irene Bjorklund, Bruce and Charlene Villars, Fred and Hazel Bronson, Chris and Peter Jensen, and

Willard and Velma Talbert.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our October meeting was "Anita Night" and those of us present were allowed to reminisce about some things we had almost forgotten about. Perhaps it was because by remembering we somehow managed to disclose our age! Some members present, however, were too young to remember, but they soon learned a bit of the "By Gone Days."

Please welcome new member Ninna Engskow of Fremont, Nebraska, presented by Bob and Evelyn Jorgensen. Welcome, Ninna!

Our Lip Sync Contest was held Thursday, November 16, 1989, at the Madsen Performing Arts Center at Dana College in Blair. Our lodge had won a cash award from the National Headquarters for the Best Single Civic Activity for our Lip Sync Contest last year and this year turned out even better!

Doris Stokes, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — At the November meeting we enjoyed a presentation by Don Benson on "Cycling in Denmark" which included a series of most interesting slides. Don has been the coordinator of the annual bicycle ride across Iowa. He was so pleased with his experience in Denmark that he plans another tour next summer.

The 43 members present for the business meeting elected the following officers for the lodge in 1990: President, Curtis Sorensen; Vice President, Elizabeth Ibsen; Treasurer, Edith Paulsen; Secretary, Harvey Andersen; Conductor, Svend Christensen; First Trustee, Wilber Williamson; Second Trustee, Mary Riber; and Third Trustee, Bobbie Jensen.

Newly insured members initiated into the lodge were Eric and Karla Marck. They are most welcome.

Harvey Andersen received recognition from the National Headquarters of the Brotherhood for being the top insurance representative for the month of October in volume of insurance sold. Our congratulations to Harvey and may he have additional insurance sales recognitions in the future.

The members of the lodge brought generous donations of food items to the meeting in response to the appeal for food gifts by the Des Moines Food Pantry. The need is most critical at this time of year.

Special thanks are in order to Virginia Jacobsen and to Marilyn Kramme for the

delicious refreshments served following the meeting. **Wilber Williamson, Cor.**

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Members of the lodge gathered on Saturday, December 1, for their Christmas party at the Senior Citizens Center. President Cliff Petersen conducted the meeting and recognized the volunteers who had worked during the year at the ice cream stand at the Freeborn County Fair, those who had cleaned and treated the Immigrant Statue in Lincoln Park, and those who manned the Salvation Army kettles: Don Levison, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Levison, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Levison, Bob Behrens, Charles Eastlund and Mr. and Mrs. James Tomson. It was noted that the tree behind the Immigrant Statue had been decorated with Christmas lights and was very attractive.

Marcella Minear provided a tape of Garrison Keillor's "Christmas in Copenhagen." This was very interesting as he walked down the streets of Copenhagen, which many of us have done and brought back memories. The Rev. Fred Jacobsen recited the Christmas story and this was followed by the singing of Danish Christmas hymns, accompanied by Margaret Jacobsen and singing led by Alton Neve.

The evening was complete with the exchange of gifts among members and a festive lunch was served by Mildred and Milford Larsen, Helen and Norval Nelson and Orva and Phillip Sorensen.

Grace Tomson, Sec.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — At our September meeting, we were given a deluxe demonstration on making rullepølse. We added some choice bits of pork to a choice section of beef flank. The brine process was stressed as important as the slow cooking. Lenora Madsen, Harold Madsen, Carol Jorgensen and Harris Jorgensen were experts in the rolling of the flank rectangle, making it quite tight. After a thorough instruction session, we were fortunate to have edible samples, prepared at another time, and it was mouth-watering. Hats off to the Madsens and Jorgensens!



The committee demonstrates how to make rullepølse.

At our October meeting, Barbara Andersen dressed as a witch and did a super job of organizing a Halloween costume party

which was well received and enjoyed by children and elders.

Janeen Danielsen told stories to the children appropriate to the occasion. Prizes were given to the children for the best costumes.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — In October we contributed to Operation Care and Share, the nationwide effort to increase public awareness to the problem of hunger in the United States.

City Councilman, Ron Hansen, a member of our lodge, reported on some of Humboldt's ordinances, such as city sidewalks, landfill, etc.

In November, President Harold Jensen had as his guests his sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nyby and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thoren from Colorado. They came especially to help celebrate the 100th birthday of their mother, Cecile Jensen, on Sunday, November 13, at an open house at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Humboldt.

We have participated in supplying the United Methodist Church with names of former Danish pastors to help the Rutland United Methodist Church celebrate its 100th anniversary.

An evening of bingo followed adjournment.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge #263, Askov, MN — We held our Christmas party for members and guests on December 6 at Partridge Cafe's decorated banquet room. Social hour started at 6:30 p.m. with Arol Hansen playing Christmas and ole Danish songs on his accordion. Thanks Arol. After a delicious meal and more music and songs by those in attendance, Mrs. Santa showed up and distributed gifts to every-

one including our two 60-year members, Carl Larsen and George Larsen. We all got up and danced around the tables singing "Nu har vi juligen" and more. All enjoyed a good time. Thanks to the committee of Jim Miller, Roy Sebald, Bob Kenowski and Byron Petersen.

Edna Petersen, Sec.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — On Sunday, December 3, twenty-one members met at the home of Pete and Astrid Petersen in Iowa City, Iowa, for the lodge's annual Christmas potluck dinner. Roast beef and American and Danish goodies were enjoyed by all present.

Members had a gift exchange later in the afternoon. Many fun and nice gifts were exchanged.

1989 was a good and busy year for our lodge. The highlight was hosting the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood in Coralville, Iowa. Lodge members were breathing a "big sigh of relief" for doing themselves proud and a "job well done" for only having 23 members at convention time. A very successful year, indeed!

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — At our meeting in November, President Blair Thornbloom greeted everyone and thanked us for a great year and friendships.

Birthday children were honored. Norma Nietert presented the program "Be Proud of Your Heritage." It was the legend of the Danish Christmas plates. The custom of collecting these plates is popular all over the world today.

Emma Sofley, a wonderful storyteller, translated a thoughtful story from the Danish Almanac. The story stressed that

man should have respect and be king of his home.

A couple of games of bingo were played for Mortensaften and Thanksgiving. Ruth Rosdail won the turkey. A silent auction was also held to make a few dollars. The evening ended with Jean Ross and Sharon Nielsen serving wonderful Danish smørrebrød and Danish lagkage.

Ulla Wall, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

MIDWEST

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — We are over the top! We reached our 1989 goal for membership. Good work, Brothers! Our current membership stands at 404!

We had our biggest Smoker Night ever as 160 men came and enjoyed themselves with cards, food, beer and socializing. We thank the hard-working committee chaired once again by Louis Mellone with help from Harve Cecil, Malcolm Young, Al Aceto and Bob Ibsen.

Before our next Smoker we would like to ask the Brothers for their help. We need poker chips so if you have any spares around the house, we would appreciate you donating them to us. Also, we could use some poker tables if you have one you are no longer using. We appreciate your help.

Our big fundraiser for the year, Christmas Julefest, is now history and was highly successful with about 1200 people in attendance. We fed approximately 800 people our aebleskiver and medisterpølse.

Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance Of Their Service and Fellowship, We Honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since The Last Report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
6-14-89	Bernard F. Lind	93	Jamestown, New York	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1942
10-16-89	Norman M. Pedersen	78	Luck, Wisconsin	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1943
10-25-89	John E. Hansen	84	Kansas City, Kansas	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
11-2-89	Henry C. Bergman	74	Alexander, Iowa	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1948
9-8-89	Louis Lauritsen	94	Kansas City, Kansas	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
10-29-89	Jens Howmiller	90	Sønderhaa Sogn, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1928
11-5-89	Fred Meyland-Smith	81	Hague on Lake George, New York	164	New York, New York	1938
10-18-89	Irene E. Langdon	70	Ribe, Denmark	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1963
10-7-89	Fred Carlson	79	Blekinge, Sweden	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1986
10-30-89	Eva M. Nielsen	65	Exeter, Nebraska	348	Eugene, Oregon	1982
7-31-89	Harry E. C. Svensen	80	Warren, Pennsylvania	202	Warren, Pennsylvania	1962
6-7-89	Fred O. Andersen	81	Brunholm, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1965
11-3-89	Levi C. Jensen	75	Luck, Wisconsin	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1978
10-31-89	Henrik K. Carlsen	75	Hillerød, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1977
9-27-89	Carl C. Andersen	86	Mors, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1969
9-22-89	Anna E. Nussle	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1983
9-21-89	Martin J. Puska	79	Vaasa, Finland	35	Chicago, Illinois	1986
11-8-89	Jacob Ravn	80	Randers, Denmark	299	Solvang, California	1965
11-16-89	Inge Funch	73	Copenhagen, Denmark	155	Bellingham, Washington	1978

A big thank you to all who helped and sold raffle tickets. Once again, it was a tremendous team effort for the benefit of your lodge.

The Stink Club, featuring Cornish Hen and, of course, Limburger Cheese, was another successful event held November 8 at the Club. Thanks once again to Dean Hansen for handling this. The next one will be Thursday, January 25, featuring barbecue ribs and all the trimmings.

A small but enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the visit of the men's and women's basketball teams from Copenhagen, Denmark, who played Carthage College on November 9. The women won and the men lost, but they were both good games. A reception was held at the college after the games to meet the players.

We will hold an aebleskiver and medisterpølse breakfast on Sunday, January 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.00 each which includes kringle and coffee. Bring your friends!

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Our 100th anniversary party held November 4 was a great night — 130 members and guests attended the celebration at the Holiday Inn at Morris. Jim Andreasen was our MC and did a mighty fine job. Clyde Langsted, National President, was our honored guest. He gave us greetings and notes of inspiration and continuance for another 100 years. Mayor Warren Wilkenson greeted us and proclaimed November 5-11 as Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 34 Week! Andy Andersen, National Sales Director from the Home Office, gave us a few words of wisdom. Pastor Steve Lauricella from St. Peter's Lutheran Church gave the invocation and wisely spoke to us about our heritage.



President Jim Andreasen welcomed distinguished guests.



Congratulations to 25 or more year members!

On Saturday, November 18, Jim and Ginny Andreasen, Bud and Margaret Goodwin, Pat and Paul Smith, Leo and Hazel

Pedersen, and Bob Andersen journeyed to Grant Park to the home of Louis Holm. They visited a while and presented him with his 50-year membership pin. Leaving there, they then went to Crestwood to the Rosewood West where they met with 12 others from Dwight to help Chicago Lodge No. 35 and Danish Sisterhood Olga Lodge No. 11 celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Welcome to Sheri Perschnick who was initiated as an adult member. This is the last of a 100% family!

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — We miss two faithful members who passed away this fall. Norman Pedersen was a member for 46 years and Levi Jensen for 11 years.

The November election of officers for 1990 showed the following results: President, Lauritz Jensen; Vice President, Gene Petersburg; Secretary, Esther Nies; Treasurer, Mavis Petersen; Trustee, Arlie Hansen; Conductor, Edna Lawsen; and Inner Guard, Walter Konopacki.

It was voted to change our meeting date to the fourth Monday of the month beginning in January.

Group V will have charge of meeting entertainment and lunch plus other activities for January, February and March.

Esther Nies, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — At our annual Mortensaften goose dinner held on Saturday, November 11, we were honored with the presence of Woody Petersen, National Vice President, and 15 members from two Chicago area lodges including Al Iversen, the Midwest District Vice President. They each presented us with an award for having a unique social activity, which is this yearly goose dinner, cooked with all the trimmings and served in the beautiful Waupaca Country Club. We were truly surprised and honored. Our President, Loyal Lundorf, was Master of Ceremonies and incoming President, Melda Mortensen, distributed prizes. Ella Gudmansen, a charter member, recited our table prayer in Danish. There were almost 100 people present and we were royally

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VELKOMMEN!

We have added more links to our chain — a chain of people who have joined hands promising to stand by each other.



Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Sylvia P. Juhl	1	—Omaha, NE	Clara Froker
Edward C. Werner	14	—Kenosha, WI	John Sullivan
Elliott L. Engberg	14	—Kenosha, WI	Thomas Nielsen
Stephen J. Chodoronek	14	—Kenosha, WI	Henry Studtmann
David E. Stachon	14	—Kenosha, WI	Henry Studtmann
Alex J. Potts	14	—Kenosha, WI	Edgar Gastaldi
Todd W. Christensen	15	—Des Moines, IA	Kurt Christensen
Scott L. Christensen	15	—Des Moines, IA	Kurt Christensen
Gregory R. Lyon	15	—Des Moines, IA	Douglas Lary
Amy Jo Rasmussen	15	—Des Moines, IA	Clark & JoAnne Rasmussen
Lynn R. Mortenson	15	—Des Moines, IA	Harvey Andersen
Alice M. Gibson	15	—Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
William J. Hansen	89	—Superior, WI	Ingvard Paulsen
Karen L. Barney	95	—Ferndale, CA	Daniel Barney
William C. Svendsen	167	—Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Susan M. Svendsen	167	—Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Betty Ann Raschko	167	—Portland, OR	Ingeborg MacHaffie
Ninna Engskow	206	—Blair, NE	Bob & Evelyn Jorgensen
Kevin G. Bertelsen	227	—Detroit, MI	Paul Carlsen
Susanne K. Larsen	325	—Nassau County, NY	Leo Jensen
Karen Madsen McCumsey	348	—Eugene, OR	Kris Sand
William L. Jensen	600	—Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen

entertained by "Yesterday's News," a barbershop quartet. Why do we celebrate? Legend says, some time in the 16th century, St. Martin was hiding from the Germans in a barn when a stupid goose gave his presence away by honking. That's why the bird "lost his neck" and we eat him on Mortensaften. We look forward to this evening every year.

Jean Lundorf, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — November 8 was the night that our officers for 1990 were elected by the 25 Brothers who attended the business meeting. The results were as follows: Past President, Jack Jensen; President, Otto Pedersen; Vice President, Henning Jensen; Treasurer, Paul Carlsen; Corresponding Secretary, Karl Larsen; Recording Secretary, Houghton Smith; Conductor, Preban Hansen; Chief Trustee, George Petersen; 1st Trustee, Ken Christiansen; 2nd Trustee, Ron Hammer; Inner Guard, Bill Andersen; and Outer Guard, Tom Christiansen. Bob Sorensen will remain as the correspondent to the American Dane.

Election of the members to serve on the Building Board will be held at the meeting on January 10.

We fed 61 people at the pre-meeting dinner and 35 Brothers at the meeting during which our charter was draped in memory of John Westergaard and Fred Larsen.

Just so the members will know, January 20 is the date that has been set for the installation of officers dinner/dance. Hope to see a good turnout for this event.

Some of our members recently went out to Brother Gene Jensen's house and built a ramp for him so he can get in and out of his house more easily in his wheelchair. Thanks to all of the fellows who worked on this project.

One last item, our lodge voted at the last meeting to support the district resolution and other district lodges in supporting the new Five-Year Plan that has been proposed by the National Headquarters in Omaha. So please help by getting some of our current members to attend business meetings and participating in the social nights and, of course, always be on the lookout for potential new members.

Bob Sorensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Special thanks go to Art and Vergie Sorensen for

the use of their home to make the medisterpølse for the Christmas party and the beautiful dinner they put on for the committee. It was really appreciated.

Election of officers for 1990 resulted in all our current officers staying on the job for another year. Our January 12 meeting will be installation of officers with our own district president, Chris Simonsen, as installing officer. It was suggested that everyone attending please bring a plate of open face sandwiches.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — Our hall was filled to capacity and a festive evening unfolded when more than 100 people attended our 63rd anniversary dinner/dance on October 28, 1989.

Working to make this a special event were Birgit and George Jacobsen, Evelyn and Leo Jensen, Helen Kofod, Sanne Larsen, Elizabeth and Leif Pedersen (our master of ceremonies), Karen and Anthony Witt and their daughter, Kirsten Marie. Thanks to everyone involved the hall and tables were beautifully decorated with a special Halloween table for the children. There were games with prizes and a door prize for everyone.

The dancing was lively and throughout the evening, we enjoyed a wide variety of music to please everyone: live Scandinavian accordion music alternating with "Tunes East" playing well-known music.

Two people were honored this evening with a certificate of merit: Mariana Andersen for her dedication in working with Operation Care and Share and Carol Rasmussen for her talented way of doing our monthly newsletter.



President Elizabeth Pedersen with Past Presidents from left to right: Tage Wibroe, George Jacobsen, James Mills, John Hjulmand, and Raymond Andreasen.

An exhibition of arts and crafts, drawings and paintings all done by lodge members were on display at our meeting on November 10, 1989. This meeting was also a "Homecoming Party." Five Past Presidents were present and shared their memories with us. A delicious variety of Danish food was prepared and served by Elna and Richard Jamison and Leo Jensen served refreshments.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Philadelphia, PA — More than 50 people came for the bingo game in November and as always we had a very good time. Marge Jensen certainly has become an expert bingo caller, creating at least ten winners for the evening.

Officers for 1990 were also elected that evening. This amounted to the approval of the slate proposed by the nominating committee. They are: President, Bob Lindemann; Vice President, Rick Trust; Secretary, Betty Jensen; Treasurer, Melanie Madsen; Conductor, Tage Kvist; 1st Trustee, Geert Pedersen; 2nd Trustee, Arnold Jensen; and 3rd Trustee, Niels Malmquist.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Payment to Board Members

DECEMBER 1989

Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$240.60; Clyde R. Langsted, Lodge No. 35 100th Anniversary, \$380.50.

1990 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries have been forwarded rules and entry forms regarding the 1990 National DBIA Handicap Bowling Tournament. The dates for bowling are between March 1, 1990 and June 1, 1990.

Prize money will be awarded for the 20 highest teams, high men's individual game, high men's individual series, high women's team, high women's individual game, and high women's individual series.

The winning Young Viking team will be awarded a certificate to avoid conflict with eligibility requirements for school athletics.

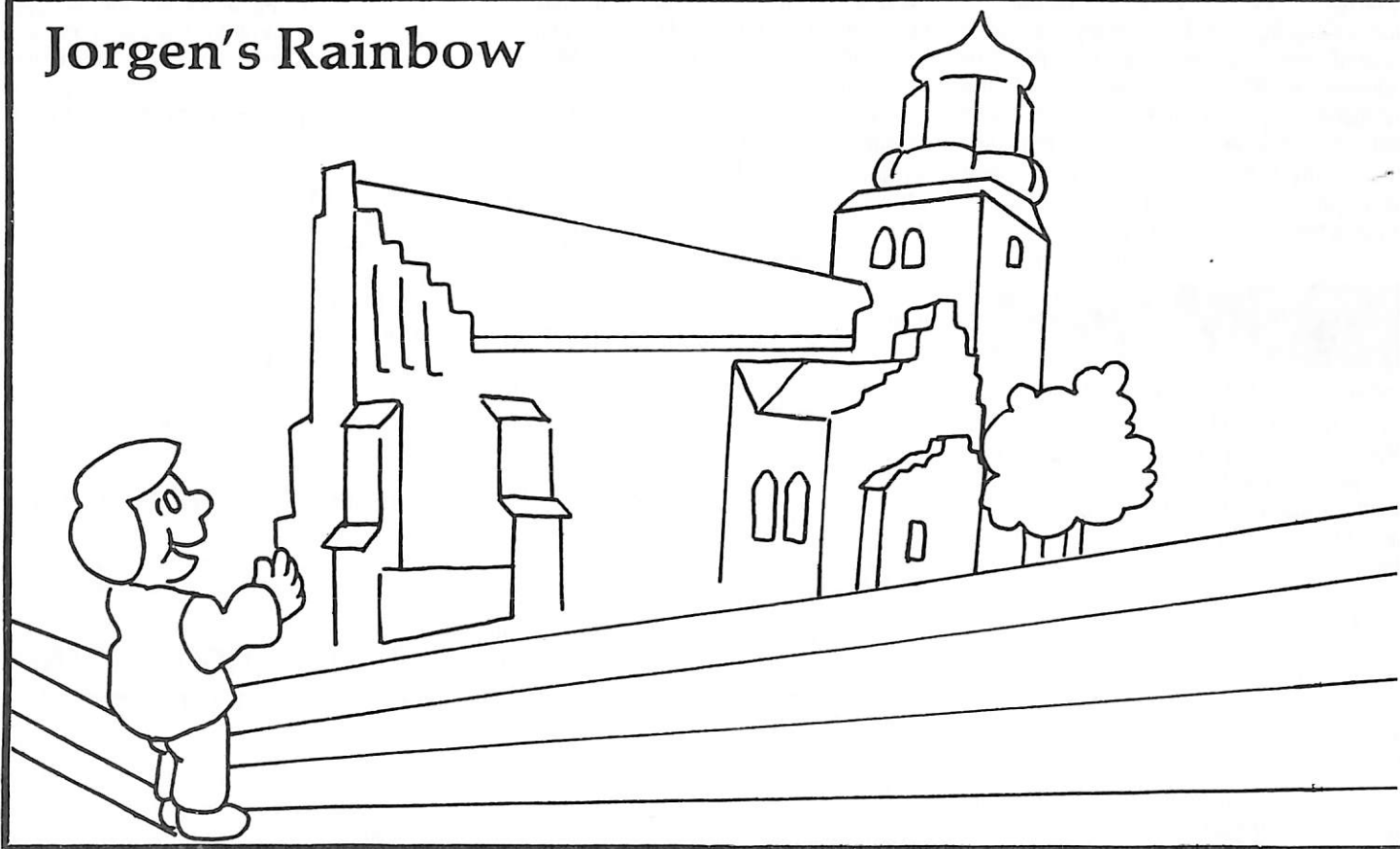
All teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members of the Danish Brotherhood. A lodge may enter one or more teams. No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.

Steps & Stairways

If you thought steps and stairways a rather pedestrian subject — no pun intended — you will be amazed when you pick up the book, **Steps and Stairways**. This breathtakingly beautiful, large format book by Danish-American, best-seller author, Ib Melchior and his wife, the prominent designer, Cleo Baldon, with the dean of American photographers, Julius Shulman as photographic consultant, and published by Rizzoli, abounds with fascinating information, anecdotes, legends, lore and history, in addition to the wealth of beautiful and unusual photographs from

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Jorgen's Rainbow



Jorgen says this church is called St. Botolph. There is complete religious freedom in Denmark, though over 9 percent of the population belong to the "Folkekirken" or "People's Church." This is Lutheran. What church do you belong to?

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. Be

sure to include your name, address and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

December winners: Jared T. Rasmussen and Natalie Jorgensen.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Rosin Roulade

(Raisin Roll)

2½ cups flour	¾ cup raisins
1 cup butter	2 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs	1 tsp. vanilla
½ cup milk	½ cup sugar

Mix flour and butter, add eggs, milk, sugar, vanilla and baking powder. Mix well and roll out ½ inch thick. Spread half of dough with marmalade and raisins. Cover with other half. Cut in pieces and bake on greased pan in a moderate oven 30 to 45 minutes.

Steps & Stairways

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the world over, and covers time from when early man first clambered up a tree to escape some charging beast and discovered the importance of being able to get up, to the gleaming, state-of-the-art circular escalator.

Danish steps and stairways are well represented in the book. Among the more than 450 photographs in both color and black-and-white, the readers will find Hans Christian Andersen sitting on the steps of Friisenborg Manor reading his fairy tales to a group of crinoline-clad young ladies, and the Danish-born Wagnerian tenor, Lauritz Melchior and other great Danes gathered on the steps to the New York City Post Office about to embark on a march down the avenue for the March of Dimes in 1947.

And you will discover steps and stairways from the four corners of the world, from Russia to Australia, from Mexico to Tibet, from Finland to China, including such universally famous stairs as the Spanish Steps in Rome, the unique spiral staircase in the Loretta Chapel in Santa Fe, and the magnificent grand staircase in the Residence Palace in Wurzburg, Germany.

If you appreciate the beautiful and the unusual, the fascinating and informative, the provocative and the surprising, obtain the Rizzoli large format book, **Steps and Stairways** by Cleo Baldon and Ib Melchior.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning Keeping Together — Progress
Working Together — Success



Woodrow Petersen National First Vice President

Woodrow Petersen, or Woody as he is more commonly known, became a member of Lodge No. 35 in 1946 to learn more about his heritage and to provide a background for his children. Fortunately, his bride was also of Danish ancestry and her family strongly urged Woody to become involved in the Danish Brotherhood. He more than responded to their request. Woody quickly advanced through the chairs in his local lodge and, upon completion of those responsibilities, he quickly advanced through the chairs of the Midwest District.

After graduating from Central High School

in Le Mars, Iowa, he began his 28 year career with the United States Navy. During this time, he attended the University of Washington in Seattle, the Gonzaga University in Spokane, St. Mary's College in California, and Flight School in Corpus Christi, Texas. Currently he owns and operates a part-time drapery business. Woody, along with his wife Elsa, have three children, Rhoda, Curtis, and Kent.

Woody is now serving his third term on the National Board of Directors having been first elected at the 1979 National Convention in Vancouver, Canada. He mentioned that it was Past President Einar Danielsen who gave him the idea to run for the Board and Woody is very glad he did. Woody is very proud to serve on the National Board of Directors with such a group of dedicated members.

"Be a member who is proud of your heritage," is the advice offered by Woody. He states that all members should be active and to benefit the most from your membership, take part in all aspects of the local lodge. Speaking from experience, Woody states, "A working lodge and an active lodge is a successful and growing institution." He hopes that all members are proud of the Danish Brotherhood and hopes they promote our fraternal benefit society so we may continue to provide a background for our children and their children.

In addition to his responsibilities as National First Vice President, Woody offers his experience to the President's Awards Committee, the Investment Committee, and the Executive Committee, in addition to serving as Chairman of the Fraternal Donations Committee.

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