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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

We begin 1991 with a majority of lodges in preparation for a good year and I know many of you have been reviewing bylaws, not only for changes in the national but in your local laws as well. I am amazed, however, at the number of lodges whose bylaws date many years ago. Some lodges are comfortable with this and I am sure there are also some who have no idea what their bylaws say or where a copy might be available. There may be meetings where someone will say "according to the bylaws" yet leaving no one with an answer to where that document may be.

Your lodge law committees should be about through with suggestions for the National Convention, as March 3 is the deadline for them to be sent to the Home Office for consideration by the National Law Committee which meets in April. But this doesn't mean that they should be through with local bylaws. Local bylaws should be reviewed on a regular basis but changes should not be made until after the National Convention in order for your own to be current. My own lodge uses the model bylaws and one I would recommend for any lodge. We have found some deficiencies that address our own local situation and will be correcting them. If you have not already done so, request a copy from the Home Office for your own lodges' study and review.

Our National Directors, Ebba Norby and Barry Edmonds, comprise our National Bylaw Committee from the Board of Directors. They review your proposed local changes and then make recommendations for additional changes or approve them as written. This is a tedious job but Ebba and Barry have done an outstanding job and I appreciate what they have done in this area.

Ebba has made some suggestions about bylaws and what you, as lodge members, can do in reviewing and updating yours. For that reason I want to share her thoughtful and well written comments with you:

Now that we are gearing up for the National Convention in Portland, Oregon in 1991, and each lodge has a National Bylaws Committee, maybe it is time to look at your local bylaws. Some lodges may find that their bylaws are so out of date that it would be easier and faster to write a new set. A "Model Bylaws" sample is available from the Home Office and I urge each lodge to send for a copy.

Through my travels over the last three years, I have been amazed how many of our local lodges are operating on very old and outdated bylaws, or no local bylaws at all. History is replete with the doings of man, be they good, evil, brave, craven, beneficial or detrimental. But, when a local lodge built by dedicated men who have in their hearts the will to serve, proceeds to carry on and enhance this dream, one may be

certain that a firm foundation underlies this endeavor.

I have been asked more than once, "Why have bylaws?" Bylaws are structure. A structure is a means to an end. It is a planned, conscious effort to create a system so that each person can participate fully in the lodge, every part of the group performs effectively and the leadership is responsible to the people involved. A structure guarantees that the lodge will be flexible enough to involve many different people, encourage each person's growth, permit a variety of activities, and still remain true to the philosophy and vision of The Danish Brotherhood in America founders. Structure will make the organization last, promote trust, help you grow, and creates opportunities for leaders to develop.

I commend those lodges that have updated their bylaws in the last few years. Through modernization, you are insuring the future, securing a solid foundation, and the ideals remain steadfast for a continuing faith and confidence in the hearts and hands of your members guiding its destiny.

There is an old proverb which I like because of the lesson it teaches.

One evening a cobbler was working late. A wayfaring stranger came in the cobbler's shop and said, "I have a long and imperative journey to make and my boots are in sore need of repair. Can you fix them for me tonight in spite of the late hour?" The cobbler said, "Friend, I will work as long as my candle burns."

The beauty of the message is applicable, indeed, to every indefatigable worker in each local lodge and the organization he has done so much to build. The light will never cease to burn because it will not die with a firm foundation and continuing faith and confidence in its principles.

I want to thank Ebba for her contribution to this month's American Dane. We are not going to let it lay here. Later this year we plan to send model bylaw copies (as a guide) to all lodge law committee chairpersons and we hope your committees will begin the task of reviewing your laws for the future.

It is with deep sorrow that I inform you of the death of Ebba's mother, Bessie Olsen. Bessie died on November 29 at the age of 69. She was a very sweet person and this is a tough loss for everyone who knew her. Please keep Ebba and her family in your thoughts at this time.

Remember Care and Share. There is no good time or bad time for this. Anytime is right for the people you help! For you grandparents out there (or any parent for that matter), please take time to learn about our Young Viking Life insurance coverage. It's the best in the business.

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50 Year Pins

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1	Niels O. Larsen
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4	Nels Jensen
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Revised nomination forms, along with revised guidelines and procedures have been forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to receiving a nomination form from every Danish Brotherhood lodge by the deadline of February 15, 1991. Please note, the same member may be renominated each year, however, may win the national award one time only.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

For further information, contact your local President or Secretary or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

A Poor Man's Plight

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a poor man whose sole wish was to have great wealth. He was willing to do just about anything to accomplish this, even to delve into magic.

He heard that there was a wizard who lived alone in the forest and one day he went to see him.

The wizard lived in a small hut, but when the poor man stepped inside he found himself in a great palace.

"Oh," he gasped, "if only I had wealth like this I would be a happy man!"

He told the wizard of his desires to be rich and asked if there was some way it could happen.

"Yes," replied the wizard. "It can be done, but it is very dangerous. Take my advice and go home and put this idea out of your head!"

But the man wanted to be rich more than anything else in the world and begged the wizard to help him.

"The only way to make this happen is to capture the troll," said the wizard. "Not far from here in the forest is a place where trolls come to dance in a circle. There is a tree in the center of the circle. Go there during the day and hide yourself in this tree!"

The poor man listened eagerly as the wizard told him more.

"Wait there until the trolls come to dance," he instructed, "and stay hidden and be quiet! When they depart and when there is only one troll left, climb down from the tree and grab him, but don't let him go for any reason. Hold onto him until the sun comes up, for then he is powerless and he will give you what you want!"

"Thank you for your help," said the poor man, "and I will be careful!"

The wizard added, "If you do succeed in this, I don't want to know about it. Everything has its price!"

The poor man shrugged and thought that was a strange thing to say, but he was not about to argue with the wizard.

Quickly, the poor man hurried off to find the lone tree that stood in a perfect circle. He climbed the tree and hid in the branches and waited for night to fall.

Time passed and soon he heard the sounds of laughter and shouting and saw a whole group of trolls enter the center of the circle.

The poor man watched all that took place with great fear, for he suddenly realized the dangerous situation he put himself into; and for the first time he began to doubt the wisdom of having come there.

He kept very still, barely breathing, hoping that the trolls wouldn't discover him.

Then during the night, the wind began to blow quite hard. It shook the tree and the poor man was deathly afraid that he would fall out, right into the circle of trolls.

The wind also carried his human scent, which the trolls noticed. "I smell a human!" said one of them, and all of the trolls ran into the forest searching everywhere, while the poor man trembled.

The trolls searched everywhere except for looking in the tree, so they came back to the circle and forgot all about the scent.

At last, many hours later the trolls began to go back into the forest until there was only one troll left. He fell asleep by the trunk of the tree.

The poor man carefully came down from the tree and dropped on top of him. The troll was startled as the poor man grabbed onto him and wouldn't let go.

The troll begged the poor man to release him, but the man held onto him until it became dawn. That's when the troll was powerless.

"What is it that you want from me?" asked the troll.

The poor man then spoke for the first time. "I want you to provide me with someone who will respond to my every command and give me whatever I want!"

When the troll heard this, he roared with laughter.

"Are you sure you want this?" asked the troll, smiling.

"More than anything!" replied the poor man.

"All right," said the troll. "I will give you my personal slave! He's yours! When you arrive home he will be there for your every command!"

The poor man let go of the troll who quickly disappeared into the forest.

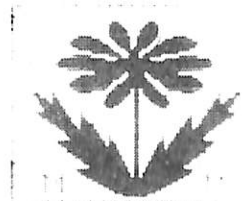
The poor man could barely believe his luck. He survived the night right under the nose of the trolls and when he got home he saw a gigantic troll, as tall as the tree he had climbed, standing outside his door.

The sight frightened the poor man at first, but then he remembered that this troll would be his slave. The poor man had to lean his head all the way back in order to see the troll's face and when he spoke his voice sounded like thunder.

"YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!" said the troll slave.

The man told the troll to make him a palace with every comfort. And no sooner had he made this request, a palace more dazzling than even that of a king stood before him. The man was over-

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whelmed. Never had he seen such beauty.

Before the man got to enjoy his new surroundings, the troll slave said, "YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!"

"I would like a garden filled with fruit trees, flowers and singing birds," said the man, eagerly, thinking that this would keep the troll slave busy; but he had barely blinked his eye when he heard the voice again say, "YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!"

The man saw that the troll had indeed fulfilled his command. Trees, singing birds, lakes and waterfalls were all around the grounds.

He barely had time to appreciate the view when the troll slave said, "YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!"

The man thought long and hard. "I want to be surrounded by servants and singers," he said, and once again the troll slave provided the man with his wish.

Now the man was wealthy beyond his wildest dreams, but he became frightened for he could not think of anything else he needed — the troll slave provided everything and wouldn't stop asking him what else he wanted.

"YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!" said the troll slave, once more.

The man thought and thought. In desperation he said, "The river! The river! Turn it around! I don't like the way it flows!"

No sooner had he finished saying these words, when the troll slave hurried off to the river. He reached into the water and scooped it up and spun it around, but the current kept going in the same direction. Again, the troll slave scooped it up and spun it around, but it did the same thing. He kept trying and trying to turn the river around until the man realized that he had finally accomplished the feat of having the troll slave leaving him alone so that he could enjoy his new found wealth with peace and quiet. Though he did have thoughts that perhaps he did get more than he bargained for.

The Laughing Troll

A short story by Don Peyer

What seemed like laughter came in bursts of staccato like shrieks, not human to Otto's thinking. Perhaps it was an animal or bird scolding some intruder in the forest. The laughing stopped, so he dropped back down on the grass among the beech trees where he had stopped to rest after the long hike from the road where he had parked his rented car. A case of jet lag had overcome him after he ate the lunch packed by the restaurant where he ate breakfast and as he relaxed in the shade, small patches of sunlight reached through the leaves and danced on his closed eyelids. He thought he could feel the movement of the Earth as it revolved beneath him. The grass was soft and he was a boy again, standing on the top of a boulder, then crossing the clearing on the end of a long rope tied to a branch of the giant beech.

Otto Olesen was, in his own words, "Exploring the land of his youth," his youth meaning the first twelve years of his life on the island of Fyn which lies in the sea between Jutland and Zealand. Now, at age sixty-five, a widower with more money than he knew what to do with and old age and infirmities not far off, he had become nostalgic about his early life in Denmark. It had been a good time in his life but it ended when, at twelve years of age, he traveled to America with his mother and father. Now, the big thatched roof farmhouse with its tall white chimney that he remembered with great fondness was gone; burned, someone said. Neither was he able to find the giant beech and he wasn't sure that this was the same boulder strewn hill where he had

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spent so many happy hours with boyhood friends on this island that seemed so big at the time. Still, happy thoughts filled his head as he languished there with his aching stomach and heavy eyelids.

Something tapped him on the shoulder. At first, he thought it was a beechnut that dropped but it was too early in the season for that. Another tap and he looked about. Sitting on a large boulder nearby was what Otto guessed to be a troll for he was very ugly and unkempt, and as big as a man. It was the oddly shaped body, the short stubby legs and arms attached to a long torso that convinced him. The creature was wearing blue trousers and a red shirt. A red velvet cap sat on top of a head of stringy, black hair which came down to the shoulders. A ragged beard flared out across the chest. One stubby hand was filled with pebbles and it, whatever it was, was about to toss another at Otto.

The creature's head rocked back and he let out another burst of laughter. "Goddag Otto!" he shrieked.

"Do I know you?" Otto asked. He had never seen a troll before and though he had heard and read many tales about them when he was a boy, he had always thought it was more nonsense than truth.

"People do not usually see trolls," the troll said.

"So it is a troll," Otto said to himself.

"Humans are more interested in themselves," the troll went on. "They wear blinders. But you are different, otherwise why would you fly across the ocean and return to this spot."

"This spot? Jeg forstaar ikki." Otto looked about him.

"Ja. The spot where the old beech tree stood. It toppled over many years ago. My family lived in the cave under these rocks but our mother wouldn't let us go out to play when you and your friends were here. You seemed to be having such fun that I

wanted to join in but I was afraid. I must confess that we trolls used the trapeze when you were gone. But now I am grown and must act like a troll."

"Excuse my poor use of the language," said Otto. "I usually speak English now and my Danish isn't so good."

"So tell me, just why did you go across the ocean and why did you learn another language?" the troll asked.

"You said I flew across the ocean to return to this spot. How did you know I lived across the ocean?" Otto asked.

"It's not nice to answer a question with a question," stated the troll.

"All right. My mother and father took me. I don't know why they went. I guess my father's work led him there."

"Did your father leave you a legacy?" the troll asked.

"A what?"

"A legacy. Inheritance. Some gift or power passed on to you."

"He sent me to college."

"Is that all? Nothing of his passed on to you? My father left me all of his powers and his wishing cap. He also schooled me in the black art. Would you like to know about your future?" asked the troll as he climbed to the top of the tallest boulder.

"Nej! Nej! Tak!" Otto shouted. "I couldn't live with that."

"Then, perhaps I could grant you a wish — one wish."

"Just like in the fairy tales," Otto said, mostly to himself.

"What did you say?"

"This is almost like a fairy tale."

"We are not fairies," the troll said. "Do you want the wish granted or not?"

"Oh, I'll take it," Otto said. "What have I got to lose?" he thought.

"Well, out with it. I can't grant it unless I know what it is."

Otto was perplexed by the choices which came to his mind. He lay back on the grass and thought for a while. Finally, he thought of what he considered must be the most crafty wish of all wishes. Without getting up, he said, "I wish that every wish that I make comes true."

"Are you sure that is what you want?"

"Ja. I'm sure." Otto said.

He lay there for some time and thought about the wish. . . .

After a while he sat up. The troll was gone. It seemed to him that he may have fallen asleep. His legs and shoulders were stiff. The air had turned cold. Maybe the troll was upset with him. It was rude of him if he had fallen asleep. He waited for a short while and then searched the rocks for a cave but found nothing. If there was a cave, it was well hidden.

Otto took one more look at the spot where he played as a boy. Without the beech tree, the magic was gone. It was true that you can never go back. He longed to be home in America. A cold wind rustled the leaves and the sun went behind the clouds. He started for the car and on the way it started to rain. "I wish this rain would stop," he said without thinking. In less than a minute, the shower stopped and the sun came out. He saw a rainbow ahead.

"This is an awful power," he said to himself and vowed right then to be judicious about his wishes. "I could easily make ill use of it. When I stopped the rain I may have deprived some farmer of his livelihood." When he almost wished that he was

Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the 1991-92 school year will be considered February 15, 1991. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. **No applications received after February 15, 1991 will be considered by the Committee for the 1991 awards.**

Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America. Please note Article V, Section 58, paragraph 5 states:

"College scholarships. The Society may grant scholarships from the resources of the fraternal fund according to rules adopted by the Board of Directors and subject to the following limitations:

(a) Scholarships shall be available to members of the Society only.

(b) Up to sixteen (16) cash scholarships, four of which may be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school, may be granted each year. Each scholarship may be in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Additional scholarships may be granted when donations designated specifically to the scholarship fund exceed a minimum of \$1,000.00. If any scholarships cannot be awarded or scholarships are left unused, the fund allocated for these scholarships will be accrued and may be awarded in subsequent years.

(c) Any insured member is eligible to reapply annually for a scholarship grant. In the case of a recipient, two years must elapse before a new application may be submitted for consideration.

(d) Scholarships may be awarded only for attendance at colleges and universities accredited by one of the six United States regional accrediting associations or accredited technical and vocational schools. Scholarships may apply to attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark upon approval by the Board of Directors.

(e) Scholarships shall be paid from the resources of the fraternal fund. The secretary-treasurer may accept voluntary contributions to be used for defraying scholarship payments. Any contribution so received shall be placed in the fraternal fund and such contribution shall not be used for any purpose except for the payment of scholarship payments to recipients and for any expenses for the maintenance of the scholarship program. The books and records of the Society in the fraternal fund shall be maintained in such a manner as will reflect the amount of contributions so received, the payments made which are chargeable to such contributions, and the balance of such contributions still held available for the support of the scholarship program. The board is authorized to adopt such resolutions not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as are necessary to maintain or restore the tax exempt status of such contribution for the purpose of the maintenance of such scholarship program.

(f) The scholarship program shall be administered by a scholarship committee consisting of at least four (4) members of the board."

back in America, he pressed his lips together as a reminder for he had things to do in Copenhagen. First of all, he had to return the car. "This could get real messy," he thought. Then he became fearful and turned back toward where he had seen the troll. When he came to the place where the old beech tree had stood, he tried to call to the troll. He was embarrassed at not knowing the troll's name.

"Please return, troll," he said. "I would change my wish. I wish that I did not have this wish." His shoes and clothing were wet from the grass. He was cold and his feet were hurting.

The troll did not appear. The wind rushed through the leaves of the beeches and the rain started again. Otto hurried back to his car.

He drove through a driving rain to the ferry which crossed the Great Belt to Zealand. When he reached for his wallet in order to pay his fare, it was not in his pocket. He wondered if the troll had gotten it or if it had fallen out of his pocket when he was resting. He used a traveler's check from his money belt and on the way to

Copenhagen he uttered not so much as one more wish. When he got ready for bed, he discovered that the gold chain he always wore around his neck was also missing. . . .

When Otto was back in America he told a few people about his experience with the troll. Most laughed at him. They told him that he was pulling their legs. One of his friends suspected that he was becoming senile. He was also afraid to make any more wishes for a long time until one day he forgot himself and said, "I wish this heat wave would go away." When he realized what he had said, he waited for the results. Nothing happened. The heat wave lasted another week.

"Maybe when I went back the troll did hear me after all," he said to himself. He remembered saying, "I wish that I did not have this wish." That must have done it. He was relieved and felt like a burden had been lifted, that he was free again. After that he never again worried about saying, "I wish this or that." Wishing did not change things, but it was still fun to wish.



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End of Year	Guaranteed Cash Value		* Projected Dividends		* Total Cash Value	
	One Unit	Two Units	One Unit	Two Units	One Unit	Two Units
	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
2	0	0	107	214	107	214
3	0	0	228	456	228	456
4	645	1,290	365	730	1,010	2,020
5	1,355	2,710	519	1,038	1,874	3,748
10	5,411	10,822	1,764	3,528	7,175	14,350
15	10,313	20,626	4,226	8,452	14,539	29,078
20	16,048	32,096	9,250	18,500	25,298	50,596
Age 60	38,319	76,638	51,014	102,028	89,333	178,666
Age 65	47,024	94,048	81,686	163,372	128,710	257,420
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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — The November meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Mel Hollister. All officers were present except Ove Nielsen, 1st Trustee. The lodge welcomed a new member Elisabeth Caliebe.

After the meeting we played Bingo with ten turkeys for prizes and everyone had a good time.

Installation of the new officers will be on January 12, 1991, at the Danish Center.

Frank Poulsen, Cor.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Asbjørn Fisker, Pacific Northwest District President, addressed the audience that gathered to celebrate our 100th anniversary in Spokane, Washington, on October 6. It was a big success.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.



District President Asbjørn Fisker gives greeting as his wife Diane and National President Clyde Langsted listen.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The November 7 meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. Asbjørn Fisker was pro-tem treasurer for Scott McAdams and Lisa Mortensen was pro-tem secretary for Sylvia Hurst.

Past President Fred Batchelor explained the symbols of the order. The charter was undraped for the death of Ronald Jacobsen but draped again for Hans Junker and a moment of silence was observed. Jens Jensen told us a little bit about Hans Junker.

The minutes from our last meeting were approved as written. The bills were read

The best idea for January goes to Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN. See page 17.

and it was moved and seconded that they be paid. Asbjørn Fisker read the treasurer's report for October which was approved.

Asbjørn gave a financial report on the combined events at the auction. More bills may be coming in and a final report will be given at the next meeting. Larry West announced that half of the income from the auction will go to our scholarship fund.

Joyce Gimbel contributed \$200 to the scholarship fund in memory of Jens.

Jens Jensen introduced his guests, Ida Finely and Walt Collins. Marion Buchholtz introduced Amy Boehlke, a good friend of the family, and Phil Baker introduced Dave Jensen from Lebanon.

Chris Roley reported that the visit to Snowbunny Lodge will take place in February.

The package price for the National Convention was decided at a meeting held on November 5. It will be \$87.50.

Bodil Hansen reminded us of the Fastelavns party for the children to be held in February. Please save your Halloween costumes for this party.

The convention crafts committee has been meeting regularly and almost all the favors are done.

The installation of 1991 officers will take place on January 12 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The following slate of officers was presented by Don Thorkildsen: Past President, Larry West; President, Lisa Mortensen; Vice President, Jan Hansen; Treasurer, Scott McAdams; Secretary, Sylvia Hurst; Conductor, Frank Dally; 1st Trustee, Norm Powell; 2nd Trustee, Steve Sorensen; 3rd Trustee, Marion Buchholtz; Inner Guard, John Hansen; and Outer Guard, Elvin Kasch.

Ed Hirsch announced that if anybody has suggested changes to the national bylaws that they contact a member of the law committee. They will discuss it and present it

to the National Law Committee for consideration and presentation at the National Convention in October.

Jens Jensen reminded us that camp grant applications for this summer should be sent to the Home Office by April 15. Jan Hansen announced that our new local scholarship fund will have \$300 available. Applicants must be seniors in high school. They or their parents must have been members in good standing for at least two years.

Lisa Mortensen, Pres.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, BC — There were 51 Brothers present at our last meeting. It was reported that the Fest Committee had finalized their financial statement and the committee made a motion that the new Fest Committee should have a working capital of \$1,000. The motion carried.

It was brought up for discussion the gold watch that Hans Christophersen had donated to both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood. It will be auctioned off at the bingo with a minimum price of \$400 subject to the Sisterhood's approval.

A motion was made and seconded that we would renew our debenture in the Community Center.

The convention committee has finalized their financial statement. The \$302 profit will be split between the Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

A discussion took place regarding our amendment to our bylaws in regard to our membership fees. It was then moved and seconded to table this discussion until the February meeting.

Herluf Pedersen was elected as our delegate to the National Convention and Peter Praegel was elected as alternate.

A motion was made and seconded that the Brotherhood donate \$200 to Dania Home Ladies Auxiliary.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — President Scott Stefansen called the November 8 meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with approximately 47 members present. There were six applications for membership: Paul and Pauline Petersen, Eugene and Maxine Mikkelsen and James and Ilene Haines. It was moved, seconded and approved to ac-

cept the applicants as members. Paul and Pauline Petersen and Eugene and Maxine Mikkelsen were initiated as new members.

Kris Sand pointed out that the amount of \$289 for social membership dues was omitted from the minutes. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read. It was moved, seconded and approved to pay the bills as submitted and accept the report.

A letter from Emerald Excavating along with a \$500 donation was received. The donation was to be put into a special account for the purchase of a lodge building or for a special project.

The nomination committee reported on the slate of officers: Past President, Scott Stefansen; President, Al Nyegaard; Vice President, Glenn Matson; Secretary, Susie Staats; Treasurer, Kris Sand; 1st Trustee, Otto Jensen; 2nd Trustee, Jim Larsen; 3rd Trustee, Anita Lyngaard; and Conductor, Martin Taekker. There will be an installation dinner on January 5 at the Eagles on the Green at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made to close the nominations. It was seconded and the motion carried.

There was some discussion to start an activity for children during the meetings. Glenn Matson asked the lodge for permission to purchase a wig and beard for the Santa outfit which is approximately \$40.00. It was moved to allow Glenn to buy it and the lodge would reimburse him. It was seconded and approved.

We will be going to a dinner theater on January 20. The play starts at 2:00 p.m. Join us for the Sunday matinee at the Very Little Theater followed by dinner at Ralph's Diner. The play being performed is "You Can't Take It With You."

Susie Staats, Sec.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Some 30 members and 10 guests met at the restaurant owned by Dennis Duus for a fish dinner in October. Members of the Sisterhood and Alhambra Lodge No. 323 joined us for the dinner. We were able to recruit one active prospective member who recently arrived in our area from Minnesota.

Our last meeting was called to order by President Karl Duus at 8 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and all officers were present. We welcomed one guest, Harold Martensen, from Denmark.

Correspondence was read, bills were paid and reports were given. A letter of thanks was received from Bjørn Winberg's family. The letter conveyed their appreciation for our donation.

The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m. after which we enjoyed refreshments and coffee hosted by the lodge.

The joint installation of officers of Alhambra Lodge No. 323, the Sisterhood lodge and our lodge will be held February 23 at the Alamo.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 1991. By acclamation it was voted to retain all officers in their present post for another year. Our officers for 1991 are as follows: Past President, Richard Rowse; President, Clarice Christensen; Vice President, Karen Rowse; Secretary, Helene Kristensen; Treasurer, Inger Dix; Chairman of Trustees, John Kristensen; 2nd Trustee, Jens Andersen; 3rd Trustee,

Kate K. Nielsen; Conductor, Millie Bech Nielsen; and Guard, Viggo Bech Nielsen.

The joint installation of officers of our lodge, Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 68 will be held February 23 at the Alamo, with our lodge as host.

Karen Rowse has been elected to the Law Committee for the National Convention to be held in Portland, Oregon, in October.

Congratulations to our friends of Kodan Lodge No. 346 who won the 1990 President's Award for Best Newsletter along with a check for \$100.

Welcome to new member Marie Christiansen. Hope to see you often.

Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — President Gary Gossett called our November 10 meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Vivian Schuette, Operation Care and Share Chairman, reported that gas vouchers were purchased for the Christian Temporary Housing facility for the month of September. Vivian will be buying \$25 worth of gas vouchers and \$25 worth of children's medical supplies for our next two months' donations to the facility.

It was reported that at our second language class, 17 members were in attendance and this number is sure to grow. The class meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the mobile home park.

Our lodge is trying to recycle aluminum cans and turn the refunds into the lodge's treasury. It was reported that \$39.00 was brought in at the last meeting from our recycling efforts. Also, Helga Bjorn is collecting the tabs from aluminum cans which will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House as a donation from our lodge.

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
10-20-90	Gould Christensen	79	Ansonia, Connecticut	41	Derby, Connecticut	1944
10-29-90	Louis Holm	87	Emington, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1939
11-1-90	Deborah Johnson	34	New Haven, Connecticut	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1961
11-7-90	Karl T. Jensen	83	Oakland, California	39	San Leandro, California	1942
10-15-90	Jerry J. Jameson	53	Upland, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1974
11-11-90	Peter W. Beck	75	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1946
11-22-90	Lawrence Sorensen	67	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1923
11-10-90	Carl W. Sorensen	87	Providence, Rhode Island	102	Providence, Rhode Island	1960
9-10-90	Hans Junker	92	Terpling, Ribe Amt	167	Portland, Oregon	1924
11-5-90	Terrence E. Drumm	69	Chicago, Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1939
11-26-90	Joan Madsen	82	Scotland	116	Newark, New Jersey	1962
11-14-90	Karl Paulsen	95	Lolland, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1944
10-4-90	William B. Thorsen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1945
11-25-90	Edwin Madsen	68	Fowler, Colorado	261	Fowler, Colorado	1946
8-6-90	Esther J. Steffensen	86	Denmark	325	Nassau Co., New York	1965
11-8-90	Rudolf Nielsen	91	Copenhagen, Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1961
11-12-90	A. Clarence Andersen	70	Emmetsburg, Iowa	321	West Palm Beach, Florida	1986
11-30-90	Holger Thomsen	96	Hjorring, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1950

It was reported that our January installation of officers will be a joint event with Riverside Lodge No. 346 on January 12. We will have a meeting on January 26 so that our entire membership can meet together since many will be unable to attend the installation.

The meeting was then turned over to the nominating committee and they presented their slate of officers for 1991. Unanimous ballots were cast for all officers except two and secret ballots were cast for these. Voting resulted in the following: Past President, Gary Gossett; President, Jim Wiegandt; Vice President, Bill Chappell; Secretary, Gerry Olsen; Treasurer, Patty Kessler; Conductor, Kaj Bjorn; Trustees, Soren Christensen, Alf Jorgensen and Ike Kessler; Inner Guard, Irene Everson; and Outer Guard, Bryce Gossett. Please note that our lodge has elected a youth member to the Board. Bryce Gossett was elected to the position of Outer Guard. He will be 17 years old and is anxiously looking forward to serving as an officer.

The membership voted to buy a public address system for the mobile home park as a thank you for allowing us to meet in their rec room.

As the meeting closed, our silent auction and cake walk began. Thanks to everyone who brought items.

Toni Olson Gossett, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — The following slate of officers was presented by the nominating committee and voted on and accepted: Past President, Vikki Garrison; President, Jim Patterson; Vice President, Lisa Piehl; Secretary, Nancy Nielsen; Treasurer, Anne Hansen; Chairman of Trustees, Richard Perez; Second Trustee, Doris Thompson; Third Trustee, Inge Mathiesen; Conductor, Darlene Petersen; Inner Guard, Lynda Jones; and Outer Guard, Bill Johansen.

It was reported that our January installation of officers will be a joint event with

Orange County Lodge No. 345 on January 12. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes a beef buffet, wine and dancing to a disc jockey.

Secretary Nancy Nielsen received a letter informing us that we had won the 1990 National President's Award for Best Newsletter along with a certificate and check for \$100 from the National Headquarters.
Sue Patterson, Past Pres.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center with approximately 70 members and visitors in attendance.

President Herbert Nielsen called the meeting to order. Roll call of the officers was taken, the secretary's minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. Both were accepted as read. The nominating committee presented the ballot. A motion was made that we accept the ballot as presented with the following results: President, Herbert Nielsen; Vice President, Bill Jorgensen, Jr.; Secretary, Marie Nelson; Treasurer, Edith Thomsen; Conductor, Ralph Burchell; Trustee, Lyle Maurer; News Reporter, Lillie Hansen. A thank you was read from the Board of the Iowa-Minnesota District for the \$200.00. We were reminded to bring Danish food to our Christmas party.

Glen Haselbarth mentioned getting a new law book made and suggested it be updated. This is a project for the coming year.

Visitors were Donna (Thomsen) Rehtmeyer and daughter Lindsey of Omaha, Elva Burchell of Minden and Lene Brøgger of Denmark, an exchange student making her home with the Haldine Johnson family.

Glen gave a very interesting talk about the history of Thanksgiving Day. Lene Brøgger also gave a very interesting talk comparing life, school, agriculture, and many other aspects of Denmark and the United States.

Wisthi Thomsen showed a video of the Island of Hawaii which everyone enjoyed.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — The nominating committee brought their slate of officers to the October meeting. The following were voted in and will be installed in January: President, Doris Stokes; Vice President, Jerry Christensen; Secretary, Bob Johnson; Treasurer, Mabel Kastrup; Conductor, Jens Krogh; Trustees, Tage Christensen, Edith Grabe, and Robert Jorgensen.

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Harry A. Nelson	14	Kenosha, WI	Edward C. Werner
Amel W. Bolyard	14	Kenosha, WI	LeRoy D. Anderson
Sally G. Blount	15	Des Moines, IA	Roland L. Jensen
Jeannette V. Madsen	33	Tacoma, WA	Leo H. Madsen
Lyle M. Harbo	33	Tacoma, WA	Leo H. Madsen
Jorgen V. Laursen	35	Chicago, IL	Henry Jepsen
Judy L. Laursen	35	Chicago, IL	Henry Jepsen
Gordon L. Schultz	51	Ludington, MI	Guy A. Wrege
Esther Bayles Truesdell	62	Sioux City, IA	Harold M. Falk
Elmer Bensen	67	Fresno, CA	L. Ove Eskelsen
Richard L. Hanson	75	Albert Lea, MN	Grace M. Tomson
Donna Mae Hansen	89	Superior, WI	Howard C. Christensen
Arnold J. Brodersen	143	Petaluma, CA	Jim P. Larsen
Teena K. Ainslee	167	Portland, OR	Steve Sorensen
Debra A. Kyle	167	Portland, OR	Jean C. Whittlesey
Patricia A. Kruckenberg	167	Portland, OR	Jens N. Jensen
Kristoffer J. Nielsen	167	Portland, OR	Dana S. Nielsen
Dorothy M. Hopper	167	Portland, OR	Patricia A. Kruckenberg
Sarah W. Petersen	182	Waukegan, IL	Beman W. Petersen
Knud Westergaard	299	Solvang, CA	Bent Olsen
Anne L. Christensen	306	San Diego, CA	Gail Perkins
Michelle A. Miller	345	Orange Co., CA	Geraldine Olsen
James L. Haines	348	Eugene, OR	Grace E. Hansen
G. Ilene Haines	348	Eugene, OR	Homer P. Hansen
Eugene L. Mikkelsen	348	Eugene, OR	Bettie L. Matson
Beulah Maxine Mikkelsen	348	Eugene, OR	Bettie L. Matson
Paul M. Petersen	348	Eugene, OR	James E. Larsen
Pauline N. Petersen	348	Eugene, OR	James E. Larsen
Gary G. Miller	600	Omaha, NE	Eigil Andersen
David P. Anholm	600	Omaha, NE	Eigil Andersen
Rachael J. Schnitzer	600	Omaha, NE	Willard Westra
Jeffrey D. Nelson	600	Omaha, NE	Edward C. Nelson
Clifford W. Larson, III	600	Omaha, NE	Alton Neve
Rebecca E. Larson	600	Omaha, NE	Alton Neve

was held Thursday, November 8, with 17 contestants entering. A total of 275 pounds of food, 21 packages of paper products and \$8.00 cash were received.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD
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IOWA-MINNESOTA

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD
BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The November meeting featured a program by Dana White Shaeffer from the Grand View Art Department. Her topic was "Civil War Camp Life." Dana was dressed in the clothing style of the period and showed slides of the re-enactment of the camp life and the battles of the war. It was a most interesting and educational program which prompted a good many questions from the audience.

The business meeting in November involved the election of officers for the lodge in 1991, the plans for selling the stored surplus property owned by the lodge, and the organization of the annual Christmas party held jointly by local Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Our December meeting featured the finalization of the plans for our Christmas party and the installation of the following officers for 1991: President, Wilber Williamson; Vice President, Elizabeth Ibsen; Treasurer, Edith Paulsen; Secretary, Goldie Sorensen; Conductor, Curtis Sorensen; First Trustee, Mary Riber; Second Trustee, Bobbie Jensen; and Third Trustee, Arne Sorensen.

Wilber Williamson, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — On November 3 we held our couple's anniversary banquet. Four couples were recognized for their silver and golden anniversaries. Also at this banquet, James F. Andersen of Apple Valley received his 50 year membership pin.

Our lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 60 joined together at the Senior Citizens Center at 7:30 p.m. on December 1 for their annual Christmas party. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Alton Neve and we all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman LuVerne Clausen of the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers to serve in 1991: Alton Neve, President; LuVerne Clausen, Vice President; Grace



Richard Sorensen presents 50-year pin to James F. Andersen. Also pictured is Soren Sorensen, 78-year member of our lodge.

Tomson, Secretary; Marcella Clausen, Treasurer; Philip Sorensen, Financial Secretary; Waldo Smith, 3rd Trustee and Conductor. A brief business meeting was conducted and it was voted to make contributions to the Danish Immigrant Museum at Elk Horn, Iowa, to the Salvation Army, to Youth For Christ, and to the "Tiny" Sullivan Trust Fund. **The secretary read a letter of thanks from the Salvation Army for members serving as bell ringers for Christmas.**

A very special program was presented by Kenneth L. Nelson showing his video and narration of the harvesting of Christmas trees at his home, which are raised and donated to the YMCA of Albert Lea.

Alton Neve led the group in singing Christmas carols after which Santa Claus joyously entered the hall and distributed Christmas gifts to all present. From a gaily decorated Christmas table, we all enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches and Christmas cookies.

Grace Tomson, Sec.

Lodge #326, West Branch, IA — On Sunday, November 4, a group of 14 members and spouses met at the home of District Fraternal Coordinators David and Judie Neelson in Lone Tree. An interesting film on Denmark was shown.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of six Past President's pins to the following members: Hans "Pete" Petersen, Howard Neelson, Gunnar Krogh,



Six past presidents of Lodge No. 326 were recognized at the November meeting.

Paul Krogh, Stewart Arnold, and David Neelson. President Ruth Kephart presented these pins. Congratulations!

On Sunday, December 2, twenty members and spouses gathered at the home of Ernest and Charlotte Krogh in rural West Branch for the lodge's annual Christmas potluck dinner with all the trimmings.



Deloris Ross receives Georgia pine from the lodge for her many years of service.

After 14 years as secretary, lodge members presented Deloris Ross with a "house warming" gift. Deloris is giving up her position because of the recent retirement of her husband, Winfred, and their recent move to Cherokee Village, Arkansas.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — It was with great anticipation we all went to our monthly meeting on November 15. The main topic was The Danish Immigrant Museum.

Our first speaker of the evening was Alice Gorsch who spoke about Fyn, or Funen in English. This was the last region of Denmark to be covered under "Regions of Denmark."

Because of the importance of this meeting regarding The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Kathy McLaren contacted "The Gazette." This got the attention of others who attended and will continue to do so. The guest speaker was June Sampson, Director of the museum. She has quite a background in historical society organizations. June brought some renderings of the building and explained in detail the future plans for the finished museum.

The presentation was followed by refreshments brought by Jean and George Ross.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

MIDWEST

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — In December, our membership stood at 426 and we had reached our 1990 goal of 50 new members!

Our latest smoker found 122 attending and enjoying cards, food, beer and socializing.

Midwest darts were held in Kenosha with 54 shooters in attendance from Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, No. 17 in Chicago, No. 34 in Dwight, No. 35 in Chicago, and No. 34 in Wood Dale. Todd Barnett and Jeff Bernhardt of our lodge were Men's Champs and Shirley Holzhauser of Dwight Lodge No. 34 and Linda Schroeder of Chicago Lodge No. 17 were Ladies Winners.

That evening we had a spectacular Halloween party with 254 people in attendance. Snacks, free beer and soda were available all evening with great dancing to the Night Shift Band.

Our big fund raiser for the year, the Christmas Jule Fest, was once again highly successful. A big thank you to all who helped and sold raffle tickets.

Our lodge's golf league ended the year with success. Wayne Lubeck and John Deom won the team championship. Andy Smith had low average of 39 for the 18 weeks which is not bad for a man going on 74 years!

President Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Secretary Roger Nelson and Duke Ellingham presented Holger Thomsen with gifts at his 96th birthday party.



Holger Thomsen celebrates his 96th birthday!

Our aebleskiver and medisterpølse breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A \$4.00 charge includes kringle and coffee. No reservations are required. **Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — About 75 people gathered for the 101st anniversary dance on Saturday, November 24. A good time was had by all.

A donation for the new track at the athletic field was discussed. A motion to

donate \$1,000 was made. A donation of this size is recognized by a 12'x12" plaque displayed at the field. The motion was seconded. Voting will be done at a future meeting. **Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — The Operation Care and Share report is as follows: cash collected to date - \$1,183.25; clothing - 1,170 pounds; food - 170 pounds; and furniture - 20 pieces. Thanks to everyone who donates.

At our November 16 meeting, a moment of silence was observed in honor of the late Terrence E. Drumm. Our charter will be draped for 30 days in his memory.

A small attendance at the Dart Tournament was reported.

The report on the dinner-dance indicated that there were 130 present. A profit of \$260 was reported. There was a motion to share profits with Olga Lodge No. 11 which passed. It was reported a good time in Waupaca where Mortensaften was celebrated with a goose dinner. Thirteen from our lodge attended.

Proposed bylaw changes were read. A change dealing with the Nominating Committee being made up of the trustees will be read and discussed one more time before becoming effective. The issue of a dues increase was brought up — members' dues be raised from \$15 to \$20 annually and family memberships be raised from \$35 to \$40 and that members who reside at the Danish Home be exempt along with 70 year old members who have belonged for 35 years or more.

Woody Petersen suggested that any member residing in a nursing home be exempt from paying dues. This will be taken into consideration by the bylaw committee for presentation at the January meeting.

Our officers for 1991 are as follows: Past President, Paul Sloth; President, John Jorgensen; Vice President, Al Iversen; Financial Secretary, Doris Peterson; Treasurer, Henry Jepsen; 1st Trustee, Carl Christensen; 2nd Trustee, Minnie Richard; 3rd Trustee, Ethel Orszulak; and Conductor, Richard Sabey.

Woody Petersen spoke of the National Convention to be held in Portland, Oregon, in October. He suggested that each member look over the bylaws so suggestions could be made for changes. Changes should be given to a Board member and they will be discussed by the National Law Committee who meets in Omaha in March and then presented at the National Convention.

A committee of Eric Jensen, Grethe Jepsen, John Jorgensen, and Al Iversen

will be recommending someone for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

It was voted to send Christmas checks of \$100 each to Dana College, Grand View College, Lutheran Family Mission and the Danish Home.

Thanks to the committee for October, November and December headed by the Connerys. They did a terrific job!

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — All attendees on November 7 enjoyed a potluck supper prior to our business meeting. We thank Betty and Bob Rasmussen for chairing the supper.

At the business meeting, the Nominating Committee of Lars Anderson, Lillian Jensen and Bob Rasmussen submitted their slate of officers for 1991.

Our lodge has won Midwest District President's Awards and a National President's Award for Best Single Civic Activity. Our lodge can understandably be proud of the members who volunteered their time in support of the Pabst Mansion.

Albert Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — The October 8 meeting was held at the Senior Center and called to order at 7:10 p.m. Roll call showed eight officers among the 36 members present. The secretary's report was accepted. There was no treasurer's report. Bills have been paid.

The Board met and decided on plans to redo the bathrooms. Eugene Petersburg will do the work on the railing of the ramp.

At 7:45 p.m. we welcomed guests to enjoy with us the two hour Danish film, Pella the Conqueror. Cake, ice cream and coffee was served by Group III.

Esther Nies, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Eighty-four people met at the Waupaca Country Club for our annual Mortensaften goose dinner on November 10. Among those present were 13 members from Lodge No. 34 in Dwight. Everyone enjoyed a delicious goose dinner with all the trimmings followed by dessert of Danish apple cake.

Harold Rasmussen read the history of Mortensaften. Legend says St. Martin was in hiding when a stupid goose gave his presence away by honking. That is why the bird lost his neck and we eat him on Mortensaften. Esther Engbretson, our oldest member, told us of her memories of meetings at the Dane's Home when she was a young girl. Jacci Durrant and Lindsay and Page Kearl gave a musical presentation on the violin and flute.

Vera Yorkson, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — We will be celebrating our 100th anniversary in September. We need the membership to help in planning a festive event for this milestone.

Elected to the local law committee are Kenneth Johnson, William Kraus, Charlie Peterson, Randy Hansen and Mike Bray. Ken Johnson was elected as chairman and, therefore, will be our delegate to the National Convention in Portland, Oregon. William Kraus will serve as alternate delegate.

The national and district bowling tournaments will be coming up in the near future. Now is the time to start putting your teams together.

Members who received 60-year membership pins in 1990 were Harold Williamson and Hans N. Larsen. Those who received 25-year pins were Richard Enbody, Emmet Jacobsen and Milos Jerabek.

Velkommen to new members Stewart Kieliszewski, Philip Raskey, Kenneth McCarthy and Brian Hackert.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — The November 17 business meeting was held following our monthly pre-meeting dinner. Election of officers for 1991 was held with the following results: Past President, Otto Pedersen; President, Henning Jensen; Vice President, Ray Goeboro; Corresponding Secretary, Karl Larsen; Recording Secretary, Thomas Christensen; Treasurer, Paul Carlsen; Chief Trustee, Ken Christensen; 1st Trustee, Ron Hammer; 2nd

Trustee, Ken Rehan; Conductor, Preban Hansen; Inner Guard, William Anderson; and Outer Guard, Carl Sylvest.

In addition, Harold Capion agreed to take over the job of lodge historian and George Petersen will be the new correspondent to the American Dane magazine.

The lodge agreed to help fund the Jada Program which some of the ladies from the Sisterhood are conducting.

Thirty people were on hand for the social night on November 28. Those who attended enjoyed an evening of card playing and conversation, not to mention the Danish sandwiches and other refreshments that were served. **Bob Sorensen, Cor.**

FLORIDA

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — Our past secretary, Evelyn Hansen, has had difficulties attending our meetings as she works in the afternoon and that is when we hold our meetings. Therefore, at our October meeting, Bill Steffensen agreed to take the secretary job.

At our November meeting, Bill brought up the need for a vice president and nominated Robert Jorgensen for the post. Robert was then voted in as vice president. **Bill Steffensen, Sec.**

GCEL

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — At our September meeting, we elected our local law committee which includes Paul Ifversen, John Jensen, Viggo Nielsen, Chris Mogensen and Don Heckmann. Don Heckmann

was elected delegate and Paul Ifversen was elected alternate delegate.

Don Heckmann, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — The nominating committee, consisting of three young members, presented a proposed slate of officers at our November meeting. The membership followed the recommendations of the committee but also nominated a second conductor from the floor. The slate of officers for 1991 is as follows: Past President, Bendix Christensen; President, Lenius Gottliebsen; Vice President, Joseph Leis; Secretary, Knud Koefoed; Assistant Secretary, Bente Polites; Treasurer, Lizzie Broadbent; Chief Trustee, Joseph Jeantet; 2nd Trustee, Mogens Hempel; 3rd Trustee, Terrence Marshall; and Assistant Conductor, John Keegan.

Our November meeting turned out to be a big success. Members we have not seen too often showed up for the promised smørrebrød and an evening of sociability. Our kitchen elves did a beautiful job and served the delicacies platter style, so the people could make their own sandwiches. Elin Jeantet distributed the text for old "Sailor songs" and the more than 40 voices nearly lifted the roof off the meeting hall. **Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — At the business meeting in October, the following slate of officers was nominated for 1991: James Andersen, Past President; Kaye Sorensen, President; Norman Jacobsen, Vice President; Carl Christensen, Secretary; Lawrence L. Barry, Sr., Treasurer; Lawrence Andersen, Conductor; Peter Nielsen, 1st Trustee; and Olin Yauchler, 2nd Trustee.

The delegates to the annual meeting of the Old People's Home in Edison, New Jersey, are Kaye Sorensen and Lawrence Barry, Sr.

The fall fishing party was held September 9 at Norm Hanson's camp at Galway Lake. Good food, drinks and card playing were enjoyed by all.

Lawrence Barry, Treas.

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — Our monthly meeting took place on Friday, November 9. This was also the evening for our annual arts and crafts exhibit and we enjoyed numerous displays created by some very talented members of our lodge.

Operation Care and Share representative for our lodge, Mariana Andersen, thanked everyone for the food brought in this past month for our semi-annual collection of food.

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A game of "andespil" was run by Vice President Niels B. Hansen, assisted by John Christian and Ian Rasmussen. Prizes of ducks and bottles of wine were arranged by President Elizabeth Pedersen, Birgit Jacobsen and Leo and Evelyn Jensen.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA — At our November meeting, we initiated Phyllis Andreasen and welcomed her as our newest member. Phyllis holds the distinction of being the little blond girl who presented then Crown Prince, later King Frederik IX with flowers during his visit to Perth Amboy when she was a little girl.

The nominating committee presented its slate of officers for 1991 and the proposal was accepted by the membership. The officers for 1991 are as follows: Past President, Robert Lindemann; President, Rick Trust; Vice President, Tage Kvist; Secretary, Betty Jensen; Treasurer, Melanie Madsen; Conductor, Geert Pedersen; Chief Trustee, Arnold Jensen; 2nd Trustee, Niels Malmquist; and 3rd Trustee, Sharon Kvist. The installation will take place in March.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

1991 National DBIA Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries have been forwarded rules and entry forms regarding the 1991 National DBIA Handicap Bowling Tournament. The dates for bowling are between March 1, 1991 and June 1, 1991.

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.

Payment to Board Members

OCTOBER 1990

October Board Meeting: Erling C. Braumann, \$657.00; Robert E. Ibsen, \$530.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$580.00; Paul Carlsen, \$250.00; Clyde R. Langsted, \$688.50; Barry F. Edmonds, \$657.00; Ebba L. Norby, \$578.00; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$397.10.

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$238.35.

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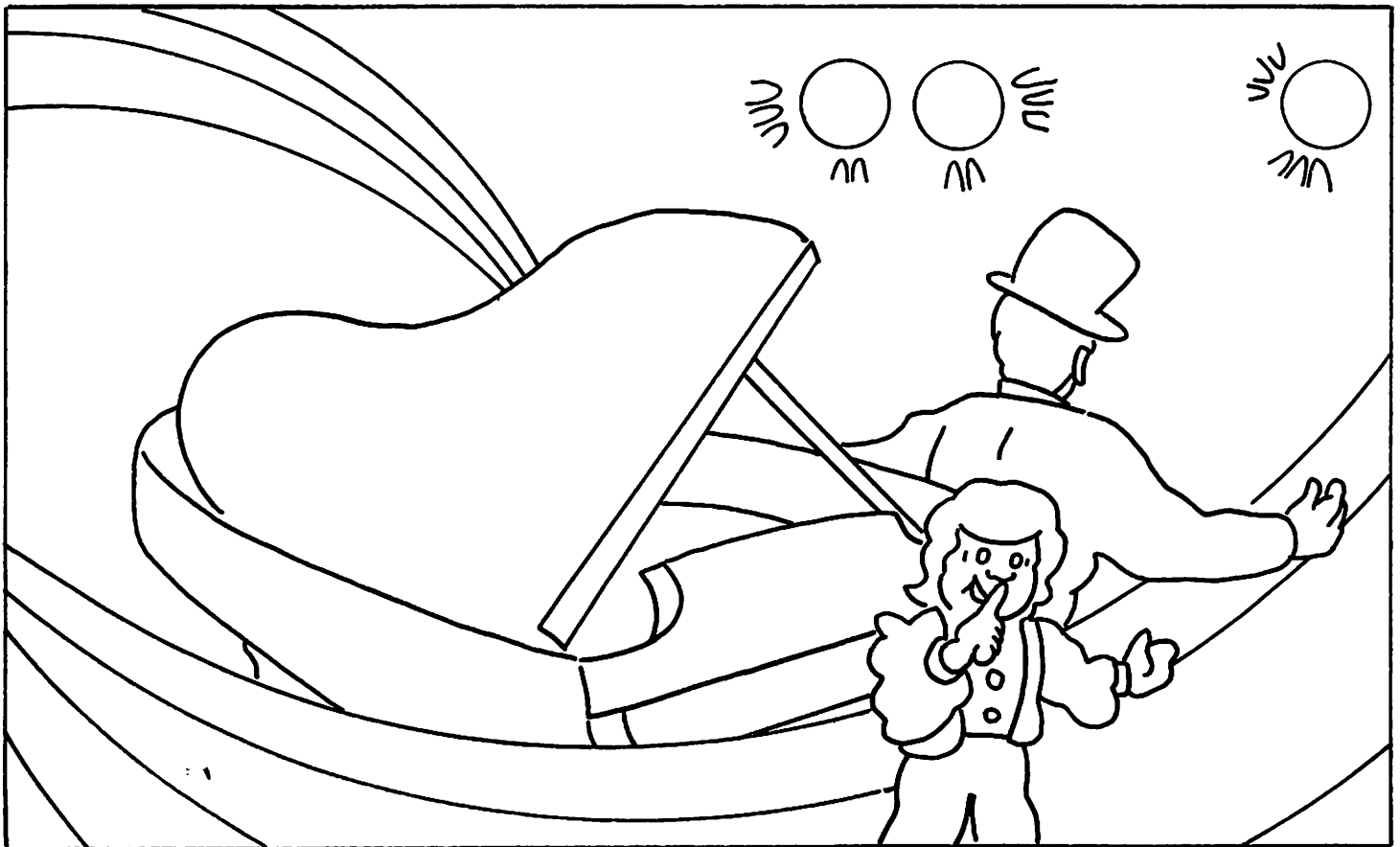
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Grandma's Kitchen

Danish Layer Cake

(Dansk Lagkage)

1 cup sugar	1 tsp. vanilla
1/3 cup butter	2 cups flour
2 eggs	1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup milk	

Cream sugar and butter thoroughly. Add eggs, milk and flavoring. Sift flour and baking powder three times and add to mixture. Bake in five layers at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

When cooled, alternate fillings between layers with jelly and custard filling and crushed almond macaroons. Cover the top with whipping cream. If you cannot purchase almond macaroons in your community, you can make them at home. See the recipe in the September, 1990 issue of the American Dane.

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by Sheila Hamilton

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