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What's New For December

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And what a way to start it all off with the 1980 Winter Olympics right here in our own country. One of our extremely fortunate members will even be a part of the U.S. Olympic effort. He's Robert Nelson, manager of the U.S. Bobsledding team. You can read about Robert and how he came to this honored position, here in this issue.

Another distinguished Dane, Ib Melchior, is paving roads of success for himself with the advent of a new novel. You'll find a review of this latest work within these pages.

One of the ancient heroes of Denmark, Skipper Klement Andersen, is the subject of a factual narrative by Nathaniel Christensen. Nathaniel is a widely published writer with strong credentials in Danish lore. I think you'll find Skipper Klement Andersen to be a truly inspiring character out of the pages of Danish history.

I hope you will enjoy your Christmas holiday, and I hope The American Dane will help make the time even more enjoyable. There are lots of other features for every member of the family. So pleasant reading, and have a Happy New Year!

Oh, by the way, if you are still looking for a Christmas gift for someone, why not take a good look at the ads in this magazine? There are some fine gift ideas, and our advertisers are deserving of some support, as they have given us a good deal of support this past year.

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The lovely Rosenborg Castle with the Danish Crown Jewels is a must on any winter visit to Copenhagen

Photo: Danish Tourist Board

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DBIA President
George Jacobsen

The President's Column

This Christmas will be a special one for our family as it will be the first we have celebrated since my election as your president for the following four years. We are extremely proud to have achieved this position and at the same time gratified to have George Godthaab serving for the first time in the official capacity of Past President of The Danish Brotherhood and providing advice from his years of experience. I'm proud to serve with each member of our fine Board of Directors.

Many exciting changes will occur in our society because of the action of delegates to the 30th National Convention. The Orphan's Benefit described in the October issue and again in this issue is a new benefit we can offer. We have expanded eligibility rules to admit friends of members interested in Danish culture and heritage. Districts will have a vote at future conventions and can receive financial assistance for activities from the National Headquarters. Camp grants and scholarships were expanded.

If you add this to proposals from the staff which were discussed and approved at the board meeting in November, and plans for our centennial celebration already developed for 1982 and earlier, you can easily see why serving as your president has extra meaning during this period. It will be a time when your pride as a member of the society will grow, too. After nearly 100 years, we have only just begun. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the National Headquarters staff, our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Convention Collector's Item

Vancouver Lodge No. 328, British Columbia, Canada, is very proud to have hosted the 30th National Convention. Comments from the Board of Directors, the delegates and the Home Office, have termed it a well-planned and successful convention.

To make it an economical success for our Lodge No. 328, we have to sell 280 Royal Copenhagen Ashtrays with an inscription on the back of each piece. They can readily be used as Chocolate dishes. The inscription reads:

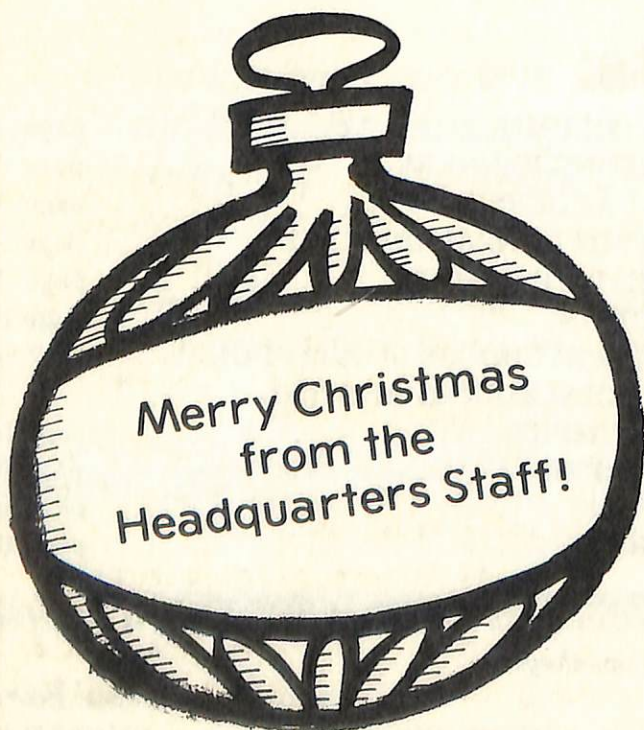
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1979 Creative Writing Winners Announced

With pleasure we announce to you the results of the 1979 Creative Writing Contest. This fraternal event drew entries from all across the United States and involved people of all age groups.

The second place entry in each category will receive a certificate, while the first place entry will receive both a certificate and publication in *The American Dane* magazine.

Our thanks go to all who participated, and congratulations to the writers listed below!

Group I, Fiction

"A Typical Day on the Moon" by Amanda Petersen, Long Beach, California, representing Lodge No. 600, Omaha, Nebraska.

Group I, Non-fiction

"The Visitors" by Judy Christensen, Oaklawn, Illinois, representing Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Illinois.

Group II, Poetry

"Time Machine" by Connie Wickert, Glendale, Arizona, representing Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. First Place.

"A Circle" by Douglas Mirk, Berkley, Michigan, representing Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Michigan. Second Place.

Group II, Fiction

"The Hard Way" by Connie Wickert, Glendale, Arizona, representing Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Group III, Poetry

"My Father's Home" by Florence Meng, Lopez, Washington, representing Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Washington. First Place.

"A Visit Back Home" by Kathryn Anderson, Huntington Beach, California, representing Lodge No. 345, Orange County, California. Second Place.

Group III, Fiction

"The 6:45 Kystbanen" by Aksel Sand Pedersen, Deposit, New York, representing Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, New York.

Group III, Non-fiction

"The Farmer" by Nancy Lyhne, Avon, Connecticut, representing Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Connecticut.



Kaye Sorenson receives gift from the Mayor of Frederiksvaerk.

Danish-American Visits Home

Kaye Sorenson left Denmark at age 14. Recently on his fifth visit since leaving Frederiksvaerk in 1923, he was received by the mayor at the Town Hall and presented with a gift.

Kaye worked in a boarding house in Denmark when he was invited by a Danish American to come to America and receive his education. His parents gave their permission. He worked all day during those years — it was not a life of leisure. At age 18, he became a waiter at a restaurant in Albany where he served celebrities such as New York Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt. Later, he began his career with the Albany Police Department, was named "Police-man of the Year" in 1971 and retired as a precinct captain in 1976.

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SKIPPER KLEMENT ANDERSEN

by Nathaniel Christensen

Strongly influenced in childhood by a son of the commoner, Hans Bookbinder, Christian II, King of Denmark from 1513 to 1523 was of idealistic persuasion — and active friend of the common people, who — and especially the peasants — during the century after Queen Margaret's reign — step by step had come under the heavy heel of a tyrannical upper class of lords and nobles. The king being a danger to their interests, the lords and nobles conspired against him, and their councils had him deposed. They selected the deposed king's uncle, Duke Frederik of Holstein — a man in line with their interests — and crowned him Frederik I of Denmark.

The deposed king went into exile. After an ill-fated attempt to regain his kingdom by force, nephew Christian was induced to meet with uncle Frederik, in Copenhagen, for the purpose of an honorable solution, befitting kings, deposed and reigning. It was a trick, and reigning King Frederik I had his nephew, deposed King Christian II, imprisoned in Sonderborg Castle, on the island of Als.

But the hearts of the people were with their imprisoned king; and there were continuous uprisings, especially among the peasants, against King Frederik and the yoke of ruling lords and nobles. When he died, 1533, and the lords and nobles selected his son Duke Christian of Holstein to become King Christian III of Denmark, open rebellion broke out all over Denmark, in the cities, in villages, and among the peasants; especially in the northern part of Jutland was the pot boiling over. But the uprisings were too scattered, unorganized, and without leadership. A leader was sorely needed, and so were arms and money against powerfully entrenched forces.

On September 14, 1534, a ship left the waters of Kattegat, at Hals, and sailed on the Limfjord toward the old city of Aalborg. On its deck stood Skipper Klement Andersen, looking longingly toward the shores of the land to the north, Vendsyssel, place of his birth. He was of peasant lineage; his mother was of the Kierulf family, famous for its fight for freedom and its independent status. He had, in time of peace, established businesses as a merchant in Aalborg and Copenhagen, and sailed his own ship between the two ports. When war came with the Hanseatic League, Skipper Klement went into the service of his king, then Christian II, and continued to serve him, even after the king was deposed, exiled, and imprisoned. When the reigning King Frederik attempted to gain the Skipper's recognition and confidence, the

Skipper and his men managed to haul two of Frederik's warships out to sea, to fight the Hanseatic fleet, not in name of King Frederik, but — in the name of King Christian II, the only king they recognized. Later, when Skipper Klement had captured two Hanseatic ships at Gote-elv in Sweden, the Swedish King Gustav Vasa sent a letter by special messenger, in which he begged the Skipper to become admiral of the newly built Swedish fleet. But Skipper Klement Andersen could not be bought. He knew what he was fighting for, his imprisoned king — and all that the king had stood for, a free people. But now he was faced with a new challenge, and it could be seen in the firm setting of his weatherbeaten face. He had been fighting on the sea, but — now, now — his battle must be on land, with his people, the peasants. His fame had reached Aalborg many years before, and now it was there waiting for him when he laid into port. Soon he was leading the rebellion, and occupied Aalborg, the seat of power. From Aalborg he went into Vendsyssel, and with a poorly equipped peasant army he set about conquering all of the land north of the Limfjord. Castles and mansions went up in flames, and many of the lords and nobles who had not the time to flee were killed. This became a cruel crusade, as wars against hated oppressors are prone to become. But history has a way of recording the sins of the oppressed, and forgetting the never recorded sins of the oppressor. The Skipper was no angel, but he got the blame for many a cruel deed, of which he knew nothing, or could not have stopped had he known.

The lords and nobles from all over Denmark organized an army in Aarhus to the south in Jutland, and were promised help from Holstein. But before the help arrived they marched north toward Aalborg, confident that they could easily defeat Skipper Klement Andersen and — as they called it — "his peasant mob". They got to the village of Svenstrup, a

short distance south of Aalborg, and stopped for the night. Early in the morning Skipper Klement Andersen with his army of five thousand peasants fell out from Aalborg, and thoroughly defeated the army of the nobility. Those who were not killed or taken prisoners fled south to the city of Randers, where they managed to take up positions and ward off some of the pursuing peasants. Skipper Klement with the main part of his army turned south and west. After he had taken a good part of Jutland, he made his headquarters in Viborg.

Skipper Klement Andersen, friend of imprisoned King Christian II, was becoming a menace to reigning Christian III. The king hastily gave orders to his old feltmarshal of Duke days in Holstein, Johan Rantzau, to march north with his powerful and professional army of Holsteiners and Landsknechte (German mercenary soldiers). With lightning speed Johan Rantzau's army swept north through Jutland, killing, burning, and plundering. Plunder, yes, and rape, at that time was considered — even by a feltmarshal — to be a landsknecht's right as part of payment for his services.

Against Rantzau's army, the scattered and poorly equipped peasants were no match. Skipper Klement Andersen soon realized that defending Viborg was impossible. He hurried north to Aalborg, to prepare for that city's defense. His friend, Count Christoffer, at this time was to cross the Sound from Malmø with an army to attack Copenhagen, and thus draw upon Rantzau's forces to defend Copenhagen. Count Christoffer never moved, Skipper Klement's peasants were left to bear the full brunt of Rantzau's whole army, which had reached the gates of Aalborg, and rested for the night. Skipper Klement's men worked feverishly to improve their defenses.

Early in the morning Rantzau's army attacked. The fighting was fierce, with Skipper Klement's men fighting to the death, almost to the last man. And afterwards Rantzau's army of Holsteiners and Landsknechte killed two thousand of Aalborg's population, which at that time was just about the whole of it. Johan Rantzau barely missed being killed. Skipper Klement Andersen, wounded,

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Danish Efficiency

This story concerning Danish-American industrialist William S. Knudsen, is a long-time favorite when it comes to discussing efficiency. It seems an assistant rushed into Mr. Knudsen's office one day, very upset because a certain report was missing. How could they act?

"There are two kinds of reports," Knudsen said calmly. "One says you can't do it. The other says it has been done. The first kind is no good. The second kind you don't need."

by Wayne A. Symonds

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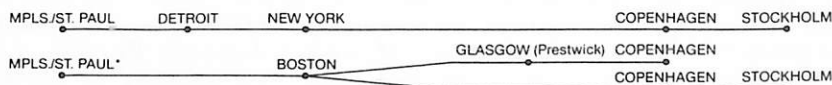
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NORTHWEST ORIENT



Sweet-Singing Bit of Danish Heritage

by Rhonda Sedgwick

Fritz and Doris Neilsen, brother and sister from Douglas, Wyoming, have one priceless bit of Danish heritage which they share with others. It's a violin, or perhaps you'd prefer to call it a fiddle — dark and beautiful, and with a haunting, mellow tone.

In mint condition, the violin gives no visible hint of it's true age, save the unmistakable stamp inside, "1736". "Yep, it's over 240 years old," Fritz proudly affirms. With a serious look he adds, "We really don't know too much about it, though. It's only been in our family a little over a hundred years!" Obviously, there's something Scandinavian here besides just the fiddle!

I met the Neilsen's ("you spell that s-e-n", they pointed out) at the 1979 Old Fiddler's Frolic in Newcastle, Wyoming, where Fritz was competing. Doris was his accompanist, on the Spanish guitar. This is how they share their treasured instrument, through the sweet music vibrating from the strings as Fritz caresses them with the bow.

I pressed for more details on the "short" time they'd known the violin; Doris accommodated. "Our grandparents brought it from Denmark to New York in the 1800's. After living there a while they came West and were some of the earliest settlers in Omaha.

"Then in 1914 they came to Wyoming and homesteaded, northeast of Douglas," Fritz added. "We were raised there, and ranched and farmed there. We made our home on the homestead 'till 1973."

"The work was getting too much for us," Doris put in, "so we finally moved into town."

It was when Fritz was about 10 years old that his father thought he should learn to play the fiddle. "Of course I couldn't touch this one," Fritz recalls, "but he bought me one from Montgomery Ward. It was sort of a beginner's kit; I got the fiddle, bow, case, pitch pipe, resin, and a book on how to play the violin. All for \$9.95! Then when Dad thought I was playing well enough, I graduated to this fiddle, and been playing it ever' since."

"We've played together for dances since in the 30's," Doris tells us, "at homesteads, or community halls, just anywhere they wanted to have a dance. I always seconded on the piano, but sometimes there wouldn't be a piano available. So in 1971 I finally learned to play this," she adds, striking a chord on her guitar.

It would surely be interesting if the Neilsen's violin could talk — but since it can't we'll just have to be content to listen to it sing.

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Fritz Neilsen, Douglas, Wyoming coaxes a tune from his Danish fiddle, made in the 1700's, as his sister Doris accompanies. (Photo by Rhonda Sedgwick)

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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
4-15-79	Aage C. Jacobsen	74	Tranekier, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1954
3-24-79	Helio Wernegreen	72	Holstebro, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1948
8-23-79	Engelhardt Christensen	73	Lokken, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1946
9-17-79	Anton Starcke	70	Norre Sundby, Denmark	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1962
7-17-79	Thorvald Appel	69	Juhl, Michigan	227	Detroit, Michigan	1928
9-3-79	Svend Petersen	77	Roskilde, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1934
8-23-79	Anders K. Prang	64	Mellerup, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1956
8-17-79	Thomas Andreasen	77	Hjorring, Denmark	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1935
9-13-79	Earl S. Jensen	69	Omaha, Nebraska	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1932
10-14-79	Emil C. Molinaro	67	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1944
9-26-79	Hans I. Nissen	89	Aaronsvend Slejvig, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1919
9-11-79	Gunnar Jensenius	78	Gudumholm, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1935
8-24-79	Sinius Andreco Holm	91	Ronne, Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1914
9-20-79	Donald P. Schaefer	43	Waterloo, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1961
9-3-79	Carl E. Nielsen	72	Sorup, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1926
9-13-79	Viggo Jorgensen	70	Horsens, Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1967
1-8-79	Peder Munson	70	Helsingør, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1965
10-14-79	Ole N. Olsen	98	Jorsloy, Mors, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1901
10-10-79	Rasch Paulsen	96	Hunkby, Denmark	42	Spokane, Washington	1923
9-6-79	Joseph E. Andersen	71	Bonelake, Wisconsin	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1979
10-12-79	Anders T. Bernstorff	98	Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1903
9-30-79	Leonard M. Hansen	70	Kasson, Minnesota	255	Selma, California	1965
9-26-79	Mary A. Taft	75	New Haven, Connecticut	294	Barre, Vermont	1964



Our Lodges In Action

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE — Due to the success of our cookbook, we are having a second printing made available in time for Christmas.

Social activities have included attending the "Black Watch," and the Annual Turkey Draw. Plans are underway for a special Christmas party.

We now have both beginning and intermediate Danish language lessons offered twice monthly.

Marilyn Storms, Secretary.

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE — Danish Day came and now is gone. We wish to extend our thanks to all who participated. The event was very successful, thanks to all the help from the committees and some excellent coverage in the local newspaper.

Harriet Betts, Secretary.

Iowa- Minnesota

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA — Our October meeting featured music by Blair Thornbloom while members sang and danced.

Norman and Sharon Nielsen told us of their experiences at the National Convention and how they enjoyed meeting new Danish friends.

Ulla Wall, Secretary.

Midwest

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI — The 30th National Convention is now history. Poul Christensen and his Page 10

committee did a very fine job and are to be congratulated. Everything went off like clockwork from the impressive opening right through to the closing banquet. Out-going President George Godthaab stated that the Brotherhood has paid to members and beneficiaries a total of \$1,169,491 in insurance benefits, \$28,010 in scholarships, \$21,131 in membership awards and \$26,682 in financial aid to needy members.

Our lodge was recognized as one of the lodges with the greatest membership gain from July of 1978 to July of 1979.

Bob Ibsen, Reporter.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL — The 90th anniversary of our lodge and D.S. Lodge No. 11 was celebrated with a festive evening of dinner and dancing on October 13. Paul Sloth, past president, acted as toastmaster and introduced many guests, including Midwest District President James Andreasen. Hjalmar Bertelsen of The Danish Pioneer was also present with a message in Danish. Mildred Morrison of Lodge No. 11, and Woody Petersen, president of our lodge, made opening welcome remarks.

In a touching ceremony, Agnete Pedersen was presented her D.S. 50-year pin, the same pin that her mother had received many years ago.

Five guests from Denmark were made welcome as well as some guests from Florida. One of the Florida visitors, Carl Meyer, was recognized for his many years of service to our lodge.

A Grandfather clock made by brother Bob Jensen was raffled off and won by a non-member from Oak Lawn.

**Elsa Petersen,
Correspondent.**

Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI — Our lodge functions for the coming year are already being planned and they include a Torsk dinner, a fund-raising auction, a steak fry, a Brewer baseball game, and many other activities.

The 30th National Convention was a memorable success. The arrangements were outstanding, and the committee is to be commended.

Lodge No. 92, St. Charles, IL — We will be welcoming members from our lodge as well as other lodges at our Annual Christmas Party. This is quite a gala affair, complete with all the trimmings.

We are proud to announce that our lodge president, Marlowe Seyller, Jr., has become a member of the Midwest District Board of Directors, serving in the position of Trustee.

**Carla Seyller,
Correspondent.**

Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL — In November we celebrated our 90th anniversary with a dinner party. This followed a successful dance held the previous month.

We are just waiting for a District event to go to and show off our new lodge shirts.

Plans are already in the making for our dances next year. Also, we have a nominating committee selected to get a list of candidates for officers in 1980.

Jim Andreasen gave a report on the National Convention and gave alternate delegate Ken Jensen a souvenir booklet from Vancouver. Jim also presented the lodge with a state flag which was given by state representative Tom Ewing to take along to the convention.

**Margaret Goodwin,
Reporter.**

Lodge No. 186, Luck, WI — At our October meeting, the secretary read a letter from Dana College asking for members to send in names of prospective students.

We voted to sponsor a dance in connection with the 75th anniversary of the founding of the village of Luck. The whole community is planning a full week of activities.

Darlene Jensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI — We started folk dance lessons in October, thanks to teacher Inga Hermansen and tape cassettes acquired from the National Headquarters.

Many thanks go to our members who have made separate donations to the Friends of the Museum in support of the Danish Exhibit in the European Village. Because of your generosity, our lodge will be listed on the European Village Honor Roll, a really distinct honor.

Al Larsen, Reporter.

Eastern

News From the GCEL

Erie, PA, Lodge No. 242 has extended an invitation to the GCEL to hold the 56th Annual Convention over Labor Day weekend in 1980. We have accepted the invitation and look forward to being there.

The GCEL has put together a slide presentation of the recent National Convention and is making it available to any Eastern Lodge. Please contact Harry B. Jensen, Jr., Sec., 50 McDonald Drive, Cohoes, NY 12407.

The GCEL is in the process of organizing a fishing trip for this spring in the Long Island Sound area. Let us know what interest your lodge has in this idea.

Harry Jensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 325, Long Island, NY — Our Dinner Dance in October was a huge success as 90 people turned out for the event. Erik Ersboll headed the committee which did a terrific job.

Egon Larsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA — In November we held our "white elephant" auction. We auctioned "fun" things as well as more practical items, baked goods and things for the grab-bag. It was all for a good cause — the Children's Christmas Party.

The Children's Christmas Party also includes a polyanna gift exchange for the adults. The adults have their chance to celebrate at their own party which includes dinner and dancing.



LODGE 116's 80th ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE PARTY — standing, left to right: George Godthaab, Lodge 116 President; John Madsen, G.C.E.L. President; George Jacobsen, National President; James G. Brochu, Toastmaster; Robert Dayke. Seated, left to right: Ruth Godthaab, Marie Madsen, Birgit Jacobsen, Ruth Brochu and Elinor Dayke, Sisterhood Lodge 84 President.

Lodge No. 116, Newark, NJ — Another milestone was reached when the lodge celebrated its 85th anniversary in October with a dinner-dance party. 124 members and guests participated. Guests from other lodges — Nos. 32, 46, 90, 164, 172, and 325 — were recognized.

Viggo Nielsen.

Lodge No. 190, Schenectady, NY — Peter Nielsen, our delegate to the National Convention, gave us an excellent report of the convention activities. He and Kaye Sorensen,

who also attended, said it was very smoothly run, with all the delegates getting a chance to speak their mind.

Our Christmas Party for members on December 19 will feature grab bag presents brought by each partygoer.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA — In November, we had an evening of Bingo (Andespil) with many interesting prizes. Coffee and cake was included in the game cost.

Our Christmas Party is set for December 21, with food and dancing planned.

Denmark's Castles Theme for 1980 DBIA Calendar

12 of the beautiful castles of Denmark have been illustrated by internationally known artist J.O.P. Pedersen. Information about each castle accompanies the illustration with recipes for Danish delicacies on each monthly calendar page, too.

J.O.P. Pedersen has been recognized by the Danish government and several private Danish concerns as well as New York's influential Whitney Museum. He has been a member of our Perth Amboy, New Jersey, lodge since November of 1959.

Notes showing Kronborg, Gavno, Lerchenborg and Fredericksborg castles can be purchased, too. Four of each illustration for a set of 16 notes and envelopes. Order from: The Danish Brotherhood, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. Hurry — supply limited.

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Florida

Lodge No. 257, St. Petersburg, FL — After three months vacation, we are back in action. At our October meeting, we had a report from Elmer Jensen, lodge president, on the convention in Vancouver. To our enjoyment, Danish movie pictures were shown after the meeting.

We expect to have a banquet in the spring to celebrate our birthday. The committee is already making plans.

Bill Steffensen,
Secretary.

California- Nevada

Lodge No. 339, Las Vegas, NV — A picnic was held at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park in October. The park has only been open a few years, so a tour of it taught us much about the early settlers of this area that we had not seen before.

We made plans for a social to celebrate Mortensaften and listened to a report on the National Convention. More plans were made to help with donations to the Hillhaven Convalescent Center. We'll be wrapping gifts for their Christmas stockings to be delivered in December.

Alice Pinkerton,
Correspondent.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA — Skeletons, goblins and pumpkins met you as you entered our October meeting. After the business meeting, an old-fashioned Halloween Party took place. Costumes from the pumpkin to the scariest gorilla you've ever seen made it an exciting evening.

The beautiful afghan displayed at the meeting will be given away in a drawing at our Christmas Party. The afghan was donated and made by Rosemary Allison.

We are still collecting old newspapers and aluminum cans for our paper drive fund. We added over forty dollars to our treasury from this project in October.

Marile Christensen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, CA — For our November meeting, we had an Icelandic Cod Fish Dinner with traditional pastry and coffee. We also made plans for Christmas and elected officers for installation in January. Later, Bingo was played with white elephant prizes.

Frank Jepsen, Secretary.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA — We're going strong in our second year. In September we had a big banquet with guests such as Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weber, Mr. Bob Lassiter and Mr. Sam Jensen, all from Solvang; in October we had a Danish treat, smorrebrød; in November we played bingo and December 1st we are going on a Christmas spree to Solvang. A Christmas party is planned for the Vikings on December 16th and the adults will have a combined Christmas/New Year Dinner on December 29th with gift exchange. We urge all of our members to support us by coming to the meetings and attending the activities.

Kaja Del Grippo,
Secretary.

Pacific Northwest

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA — Fleming Sorensen tells us that we now have a soccer team within the Danish Brotherhood. Max Stavnsjoj, our member and baker at Larsen Bros., is the coach. Fleming says they have won 4 out of 5 games so far. How about taking on Portland sometime?

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR — Ingeborg MacHaffie has been appointed to serve as our historian, especially in preserving information, pictures, etc. of early Oregon Danes and what they have given to the development of Portland and Oregon.

At recent meeting, some officers suggested more local committees for better organization of the new year. This way our increased membership might become more interested and active in the various activities.

In an effort to provide more

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December 1, 1979

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January 1, 1980

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HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

activities for our Young Vikings, parents of the youngsters are being sought to serve on an Advisory Committee. This way parents can more fully understand the programs and help support them.

Michigan- Ohio

Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI — Our corresponding secretary, Nielsen Dally, was elected President of the Scandinavian Ethnic Festival for the second time.

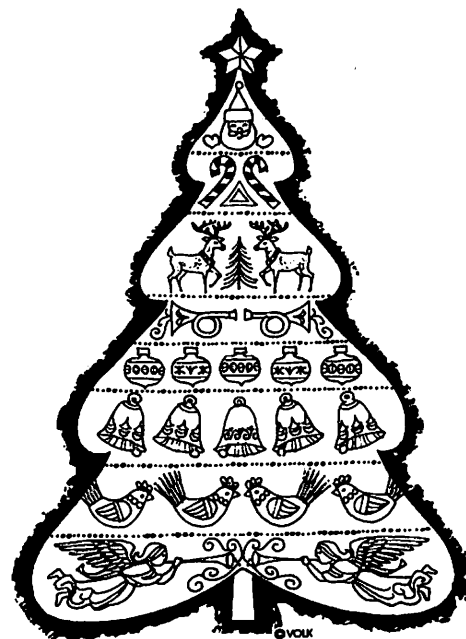
Our Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 26.

What better gift can you give this Christmas than the gift of life? Please donate a pint of blood to our Blood Bank today.

Oluf Jensen,
Correspondent.



Peace on Earth!



Merry Christmas!



Winterfull, Winterfull Copenhagen!

Copenhagen winters have a chilling reputation weatherwise only. Actually, they're milder than winters in New York, warmer than those wicked Chicago winters and not much different from winters in most northern European capitals.

But there is a special beauty about a Copenhagen winter, for it's the time of the year when the city is at its liveliest and most fun loving; the time of the year when the city is carefree and uncrowded, when most tourists go home and leave Copenhagen to the Copenhageners. Winter in Copenhagen is also a time for bargains, reduced prices and very affordable off-season vacations.

Copenhagen Tourist Association and the Danish Tourist Board welcome Winter '79-'80 with the "Winterfull Copenhagen" discount coupon book. "Winterfull Copenhagen" is an expansion of last winter's "Copenhagen a la Carte" program and is valid October 1, 1979 through April 30, 1980. The book contains 16 coupons which equals a \$50 total savings on things to do and see in off-season Copenhagen.

"Winterfull Copenhagen" is a must for anyone spending a minimum one night in the Danish capital. The coupon book can be picked up at any SAS ticket office in the U.S. and Canada, when booking a flight to Denmark, or at the Copenhagen Tourist Association office in Copenhagen.

The Danes recognize that high prices have kept many away from their country and this winter they continue to do something about it. Already this year the country's inflation rate has lessened and the U.S. dollar has grown stronger against the Danish kroner. In a recent survey of 11 Western European nations, Denmark was half way down the list in terms of most expensive country for tourists. That's one contest the Danes are working hard to finish last.

Regional Seminars Planned

A series of regional seminars with both the Fraternal and Insurance Departments participating are being planned for early 1980.

The purpose of the seminars is to allow the home office people to meet with officers, members and insurance representatives from

each lodge to discuss ways in which the home office can be of greater assistance in providing program information and to help increase membership.

Lodges will be contacted prior to the seminars and asked to submit names of members to represent their lodge.

Book Review: Ib Melchior's

THE WATCHDOGS OF ABADDON

[Harper and Row, Publishers]

It all began with a seemingly routine mugging. But as Investigator Harry Bendicks began unraveling the case, it was the murdered victim, not the murderers, who left unanswered questions.

A series of accidents left still more loose ends, leading Bendicks into a massive web of international intrigue. And the spider in the center of that web was the specter of Adolf Hitler himself in the form of a living descendant, waiting for the exact moment to entangle the world in Nazi madness once again.

There have been many rumors persisting since the end of World War II concerning possible offspring of Hitler. In fact, several people today claim to be his illegitimate children, though no conclusive proof has been reached. Author Ib Melchior draws upon this mystery to set the stage for this blockbuster novel.

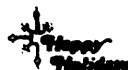
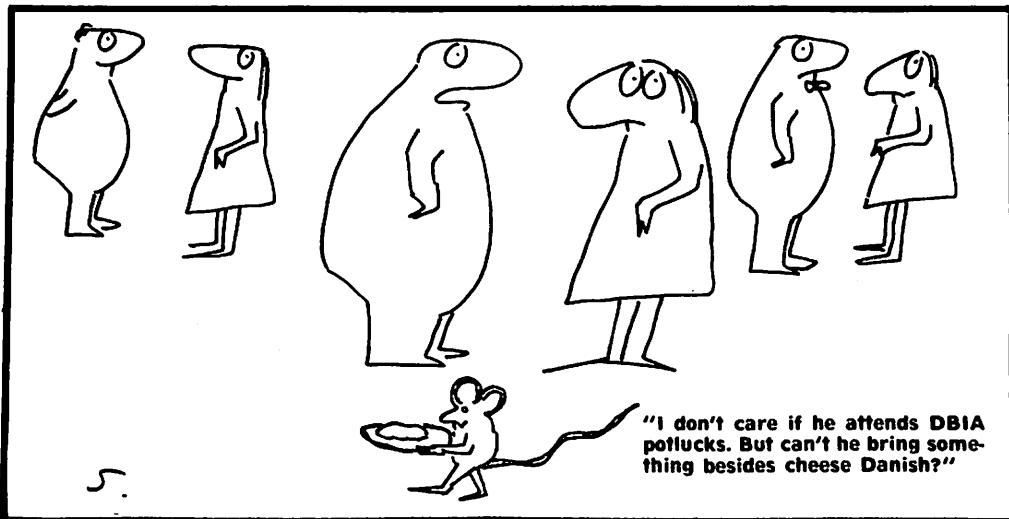
In keeping with the Melchior formula

for success, *The Watchdogs of Abaddon* is action from cover to cover. His skillful manner of writing leaves the reader hanging at every chapter's end, in effect making it difficult to ever put the book down.

But there is also an air of authenticity that lends to the underlying suspense. Melchior, having been in Military Intelligence during World War II, is actually writing of what he knows, and puts a lot of himself into the character of Harry Bendicks (a cop who naturally had been in Military Intelligence during the war.) Melchior's clever use of newspaper clippings from recent years dealing with the rise of Neo-Nazi activities, also strengthens the novel's effect.

The reader may find the plot rather fantastic, bordering perhaps on James Bond, but I believe the manner in which it is delivered makes the novel very enjoyable nevertheless. There are a few extraneous themes scattered about, but none of them seem to slow the blistering pace of the novel as Bendicks races to find the fateful secret so carefully guarded by the Nazi "watchdogs".

Author Ib Melchior, son of the famous Danish opera and movie star, Lauritz Melchior, now lives in California where he works as a film writer and novelist. His experiences as a Military Intelligence officer during World War II formed the background for some of his latest works, including *The Haigerloch Project*, *Sleeper Agent*, and, of course, *The Watchdogs of Abaddon*.



Recommend a Friend for Membership

"Friends of members interested in Danish culture and heritage upon approval of the local lodge" may now become members of The Danish Brotherhood. This change in eligibility requirement approved by the delegates to the 30th National Convention in Vancouver, B.C. in September of this year will allow you to recommend friends for membership in your lodge who were not previously eligible.

Any member can sponsor a friend or relative for membership by completing a membership application —

submitting one copy to your lodge secretary for approval by the members — the other copy to your lodge representative or directly to the home office for follow-up on the choice of life insurance plans.

Ask your lodge representative or lodge secretary for a supply of the applications or request them directly from The Danish Brotherhood, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, Nebraska, 68131.

Your lodge representatives extend Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for A Successful Membership Year in 1980.

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NOTICE

Effective December 31, 1979 the Booster Award for 25 membership points will consist of an attractive wall plaque with the member's name inscribed.

The \$25.00 Savings Bond Series E has been eliminated since it is no longer available from the Treasury Department.

DBIA/DAFI Flight to Denmark

WHEN DOES IT LEAVE? June 20, 1980, at 5:30 p.m.

FROM WHERE DOES IT LEAVE? Minneapolis, Minnesota

WHEN DOES IT RETURN? You can choose either July 5, July 12 or July 19 as your return date

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? \$499 + \$3 tax for adults; \$332 + \$3 tax for children ages 2-11; \$68.40 + \$3 tax for children under 2

WHAT ABOUT EVER-INCREASING AIRLINE RATES? If you pay for your reservations in full immediately, you are guaranteed no increase.

WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION? Write to Margrethe Brown, Danish American Fellowship Institute, 4500 Morningside Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for full particulars.

Yes, you can bring someone back from Denmark at the group rate, but you must purchase the ticket through the DAFI prior to departure. Northwest Airline personnel will carry your extra ticket to Denmark and deliver it for the return flight.

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Robert Nelson, manager of the U.S. Olympic Bobsled team, and, from second left, Jack O'Holland, Bill Hall and Hag Roberts, members of the Vermont Bobsled Club, prepare for an "Old Timers' Race." The team placed first last winter.

Robert Nelson, Bobsledding and the 1980 Winter Olympics

Robert Nelson, best known to members in the General Committee of Eastern Lodges as secretary of Lodge No. 183, Troy, New York, is becoming known as well as manager of the Olympic Bobsledding Team for the 1980 Winter Olympics being held at Lake Placid. As you read your American Dane, European teams are testing Lake Placid's new Mt. Van Hoevenberg bobsled track (From December 1 to December 16). The only bobsled run in North America, the track has recently been rebuilt — retrofitted with refrigeration for a longer training season.

With construction underway in late 1978, the United States Olympic Committee realized the American bobsled athletes would go a pre-Olympic year without training or competition if they did not get to Europe. Quick action was taken to make partial selection of the U.S.A. 1979 World Team and have them on their

way to Germany the day after Christmas, 1978. The remaining twenty men flew to Germany a week later and after another week, Bob, as their manager, flew to Innsbruck for a period of six weeks in Austria and Germany. He arrived in time to join the team for competition in the Austrian National Championship during the weekend of January 20 and 21, 1979. Each of our teams (limited to two) placed in the top ten.

That Monday, the entire team traveled north from the Bavarian Alps to the small village of Winterberg, Germany. The village is 100 miles north of Frankfurt in a mountain area very similar to our own Adirondack Mountains in Upstate New York. It was a two-week stay with competition in the two and four man European Championship. Again, at least one team placed in the top ten of each event.

Then, on February 5, it was back to



Robert Nelson, Secretary of Troy Lodge 183 in his official Olympic blazer.

Innsbruck, Austria, for the Austrian four man championship on February 9 and 10, with similar results.

Back to Germany again, near the southern border in the Bavarian Alps. Here they competed in both the World two man championship on February 17 and 18 and four man championship on February 24 and 25 and placed in the top ten. A mishap occurred on February 25, which placed two of the athletes from one of the four man teams in the hospital. They were released barely in time for the return flight home on February 26, 1979.

Pleased with the results of competition in Europe, Bob feels the teams have to improve their push-off and running start times for a 1980 Gold Medal. An intensive training program started in July. Concentration was placed on the development of the body, which is directly related to bobsledding. Each driver will be selected from his 1979-80 pre-Olympic race results and push off tests. The time clock will, in other words, select the Olympic team members.

Bob, retired from 43 years with the New York Telephone Company, will spend most of his time in a liaison capacity between the United States Olympic Committee and the athletes. Other responsibilities of the team manager include assisting in the selection of the 12 member Olympic team, assisting the coach with the training program, coordination of the provision of U.S.A. Olympic team clothing maintaining contact with the clothiers and development of size lists; and arrangements must also be made to assemble the team members for orientation prior to the Olympic games.

Bob is spending a lot of time, in addition, giving talks to clubs, fraternal organizations and associations. He is a member of the Union College (Schenectady, New York) research group studying sled and run construction and the effect of push off times.

Bob has this suggestion for Olympic game viewers. **"We have stressed the importance of push-off time and its effects on finish time and I would advise everyone watching the bobsled competition during the 1980 Olympic games to give particular attention to this phase of the races."**

Bob became a member of The Danish Brotherhood on July 20, 1950. It was about 9 years later a business trip led him to Lake Placid where he visited the bobsled run. He felt he had to try it, so applied for instructions to drive the run. The following year, he obtained a license and the right to drive the half mile run and then moved to the mile run. With confidence and skill, Bob moved into international competition as driver and brakeman on two and four man sleds. His last international competition was during the Kennedy Memorial Winter Games in 1970. Each year he challenges former bobsledders to what he calls "the old-timers races". He has won these meets for the last two years.

Bob's appointment as manager of the 1980 Olympic Bobsledding Team was arranged for by the National Governing Body for Bobsledding in the United States with the approval of the United States Olympic Committee and the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. Few people receive this honor as only one manager is assigned per competitive

squad. As manager, Bob is officially a member of the 1980 Olympic Team. Something every athlete dreams of and only a handful attain.

Their objective is the 1980 Gold Medal. The winter Olympics will be held in February, 1980, at Lake Placid, New York.

Special Note

Support your United States Olympic teams for the 1980 Games in Moscow by watching for the "Cookbook and Schedule of Events" in your area. This new book was authored by 173 prospective 1980 Olympic participants. An introduction to the book describes the beginning of the games in 776 B.C., why and how they were banished by the Romans, and their revival 85 years ago by French Baron Pierre de Coubertain, how the games are organized, what happens at opening and closing ceremonies and how the U.S. teams' participation is paid for, written by the USOC. The book sells for \$5.00 and recipes include the tempting titles of Chocolate Nut Waffles with Ice Cream Topping and Fly-Off-the-Plate Rolls.



Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1980, will be considered beginning February 15, 1980. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131, and request application forms not later than **December 31, 1979**. No applications received after February 15, 1980, will be considered by the Committee for the 1980 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$150.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$1,200.00.

Eligible for scholarship awards are insured members in good standing within their local

lodge who are attending or planning to attend an accredited college, technical school, or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances, eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award.

Changes approved by delegates to the Thirtieth National Convention of the society have increased the number and amount of scholarship awards available. Eight scholarships may now be awarded annually, two of which must be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school. (See Art. V of the Bylaws.)

**Robert Ibsen, Chairman,
Scholarship Committee.**

LEGO Is Coming To Philadelphia & San Francisco

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Children around the world recognize the name Lego.

From what we hear, it would be well worth making a trip to visit the LEGO shows at Strawbridge and Clothier Department Store in Philadelphia, and the Emporium in San Francisco between now and Christmas. Remember the description of Denmark's Legoland in the April and June American Dane? These traveling LEGO exhibits bring a bit of this faraway world to you.

More exhibits will be held in 1980, but if you're near one now, don't miss it if you don't have to.

(Skipper,)

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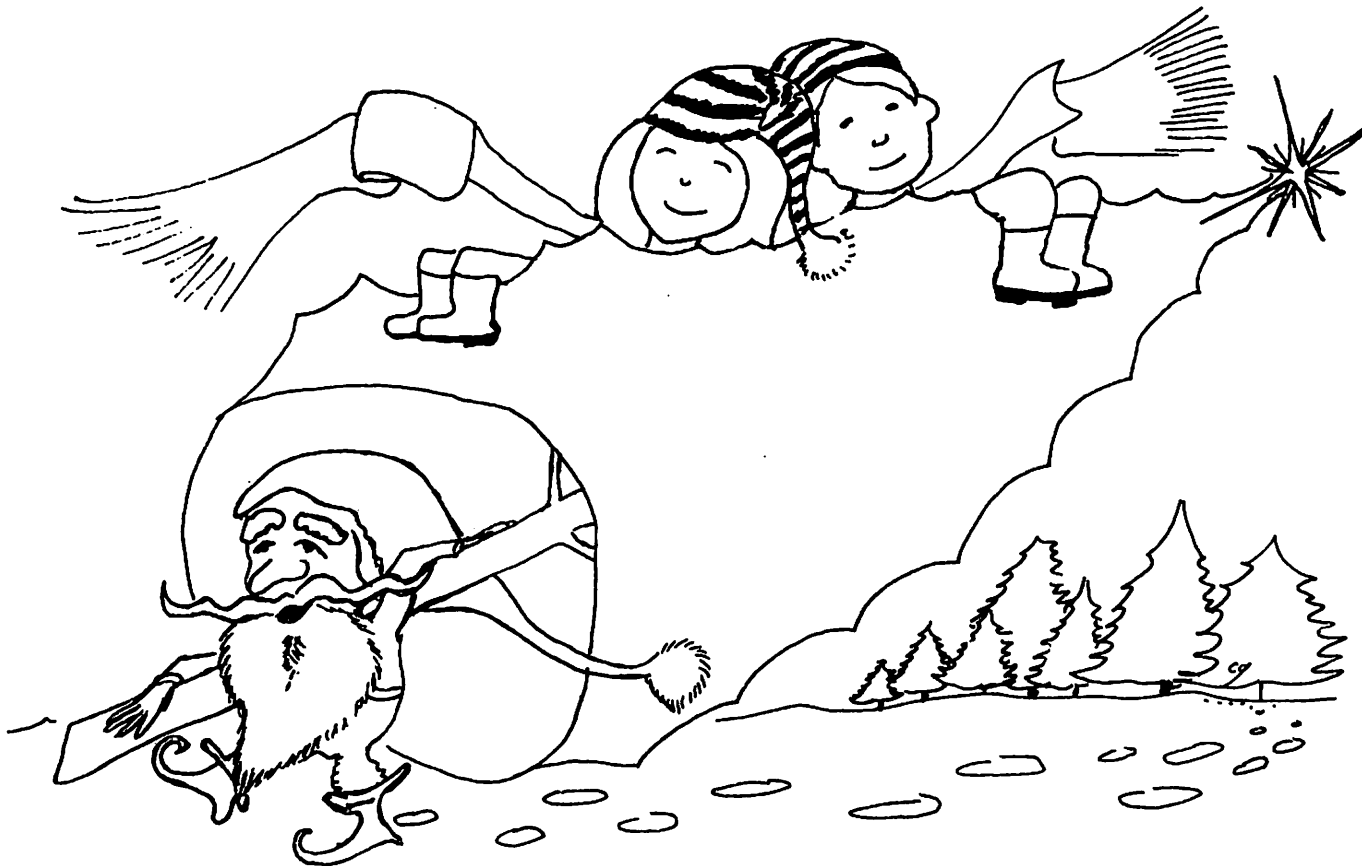
managed to get away on a horse. Later, betrayed by someone for a price, he was taken prisoner. He was brought to the dungeons of Gottorp Castle, in Holstein. For fear that he would escape the Skipper was moved from one prison to another. At last he was taken to Viborg, where he was tortured and put to death. His body was cut in four parts, and each part was hung on a pole, as a warning to peasants and others who would dare to fight for freedom. But high above the darkness of tyranny there was a light that someday would penetrate the darkness, it was the light from the torch of freedom, the torch held so bravely by the hand of Skipper Klement Andersen.

WE'RE HANS AND GRETA!

Color our picture, clip it out and send to — The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. You might win a LEGO building kit. Include:

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You need not be a DBIA member to enter. Three LEGO toy kits awarded in three age groups each month (ages 2-5, 6-8, and 9-12). You may win once during a six month period. *October winners: Tara Tesar, Tina Petersen, and Amanda Hansen.*



Wonder if the Nisse knows Hans and Greta are hiding in the tree?

BLACK CHOCOLATE CAKE

From the "Make It Danish" Cook Book by Bonnie and Merton Kuhr and Emily Kuhr Rath*

6 T. cocoa
1 cup water
2 egg yolks, beaten
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
5 T. oleo or butter
1 cup water
3 cups sifted flour with
2 tsp. baking soda.

Boil cocoa and water until thick and smooth. Then cool. After cocoa and water mixture is cooled, add rest

Grandma's Kitchen

of ingredients as listed. Bake at 350 degrees. When cooled, frost with seafoam made with the beaten egg whites.

*Available from J. Merton Kuhr, 551 No. 25 St., Blair, NE 68008 — \$5.75 postpaid.

Viking Adventures

Coming Together—A Beginning

Keeping Together—Progress

Working Together—Success

Last month we explained the President's Awards program and invited questions from districts or lodges who may not entirely understand the program and how it should be put into effect. Information about the program will be sent to each district in early 1980, but in the meantime, do get in touch with the National Headquarters if you have any questions.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The letter that follows was such an accurate description of a new member orientation program that we decided to reprint it as a program suggestion for your lodge. The letter was part of the regular newsletter mailing for *Lodge No. 167, Portland, Oregon*, and signed by their president, Don Bogh.

October 31, 1979

Dear Member:

You and your spouse and children are cordially invited to participate in our second New Member Orientation to be held on Saturday, December 1, starting at 9:45 a.m. in the lower level Fellowship Hall of Bethany Lutheran Church, N.E. 37th and Skidmore Streets.

What will we do? We shall:

seek to better inform you about the Danish Brotherhood—nationally and locally—its programs, benefits, history, local activities, etc.

seek to help you understand your proud Danish heritage with some information which may prove useful and interesting.

instruct in the making of Danish Christmas tree ornaments... If the group would like, some can be sent to cheer the elderly at the Northwest Danish Home in Seattle, a few can be used at the Danish Brotherhood Christmas party... and also to decorate the tree for the annual December 23 Danish-language "Lillejuleaften" worship service.

enjoy some coffee and refreshments—possibly made there that morning to show how they are made. Recipe will be available.

Last year was great. This is especially planned for YOU. Please let...

Fraternally,
Don Bogh, President

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

FLAGS FLAGS FLAGS

We now have Danish and United States table flags and stands available for \$2.50 per set. The flags are 4x6". Those of you who would like to have a new 3x5' nylon Danish flag for \$25 may also order through the National Headquarters. Still available are the flag garlands and United States and Danish toothpick flags.

IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH

We have replenished our stock of Danish language cassette tapes. And we're really pleased that we were able to acquire more.

Learning or re-learning to speak Danish is fun for the whole family. And it is a wonderful activity for the individual lodges, too.

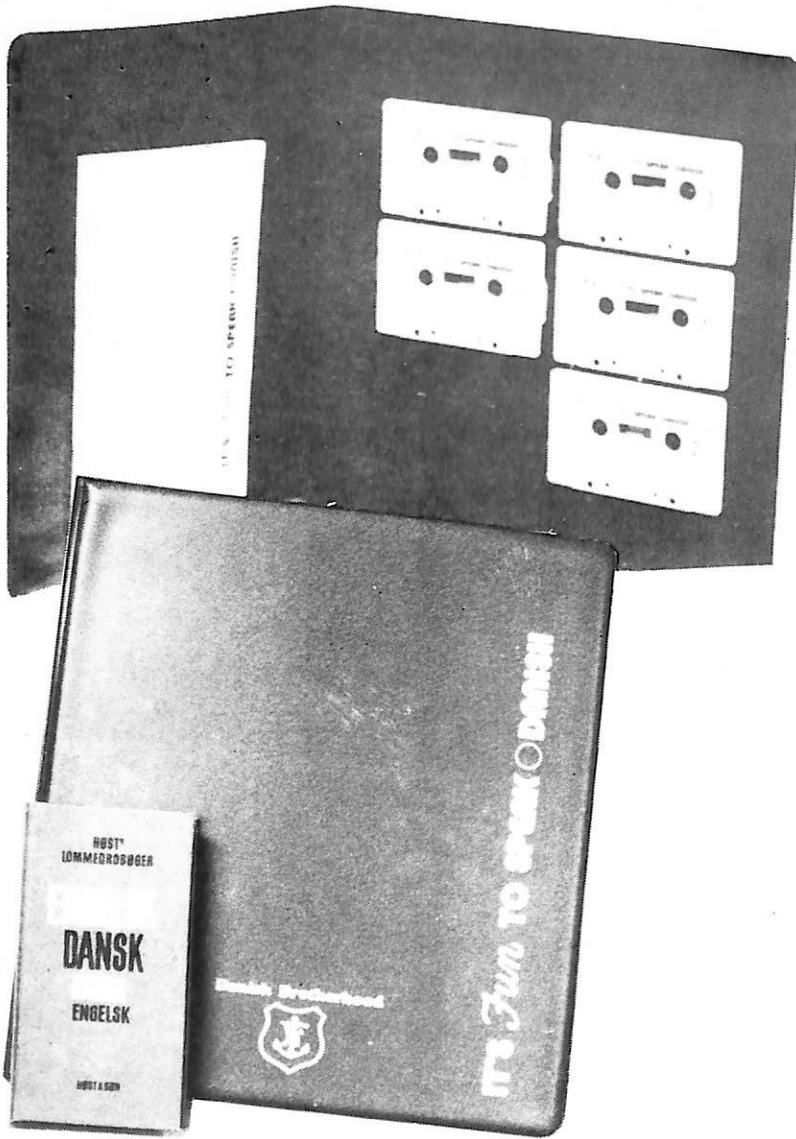
These five full-length cassette tapes fit any standard tape player, and our kits also include a read-along script as well as an English/Danish Dictionary all packaged in a handsome red travel or storage album.

This is a fantastic way for second or third generation Danes to become involved in our Danish heritage. And these tapes are perfect as a refresher course if you're planning a trip to Denmark.

For the convenience of beginners, young or old, both Danish and English are used in the five tapes. The tapes were developed by experts and educators to make the learning process fun. The cassettes are titled: (1) How To Speak Danish; (2) Putting Words Together; (3) What Did I Say?; (4) As We Say In Danish; (5) Sing It, Say It.

An easy, enjoyable way to build a useful vocabulary, learn pronunciations, and hear old Danish sayings and songs.

And all for only \$29.95 including postage and handling. (We are offering a lodge discount if more than five tape sets are ordered at one time. For five or more tape sets, the price becomes \$24.95 per kit.)



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Omaha, Ne. 68131



Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of

\$ _____ for _____ Danish language cassette tape sets. (Nebraska residents — 3% Sales Tax)

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Yes, Please Include Membership Information With My Order.

Proud to be a Dane?

We're proud of our Danish heritage and would like more information about The Danish Brotherhood. We understand we can become members even though we may not be near a local lodge. We will receive **The American Dane** each month as members and be eligible to apply for other membership benefits. Please send information to:

name _____	age _____	other family members:
street address _____	name _____	age _____
city, state, zip _____	name _____	age _____
	name _____	age _____

Mail to:
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