



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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August, 2015

Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

I had the pleasure of attending the annual BBQ at Waller Park in Santa Maria on July 4th. 74 pounds of Tri-tip! It was nice to see GPP's Bob and Mary Jo made the trip as well as our Grand Secretaries Tim and Natalie. It was a very nice day with a good turn-out. Lots of raffle prizes and lots of smiling faces. I rode the motorcycle down on Friday and stayed in Lompoc for the evening with a visit to Solvang before heading to Santa Maria. This is always a fun event for me and I'd sure like to see more people come from other lodges.

Gloria and I took a trip to Alaska to visit with my brother and attend the wedding of my niece so we were away most of the month. It was a great trip that included a cruise and many side trips to see what we could of Southern Alaska. We had a great time.

Installation season is upon us!

First up is Modesto on Saturday, August 1st at the Famiglia Bistro Ristorante at 2501 Mc Henry Ave, Modesto, CA 95350. This is the same location as last year, but with a new name. Sunday the 2nd takes us to Salinas for their installation at the Masonic Temple. I encourage everyone to come on out and support the other lodges. It is well worth the trip.

Petaluma will be retaining their same officers and will not be having an installation this year, but we will be heading to Ferndale over Labor Day Weekend for their installation on Saturday and they always have a nice event with a picnic on Sunday. The travel required is always well rewarded. Get your reservations in early! I look forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming events.

Med venlig hilsen

Tom Martin

Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand President

We enjoyed our 65th Scandinavian Midsummer Festival on Sunday, June 28th. Grand President Dania Tom Martin made a trip up to "behind the Redwood Curtain" to attend. We put him to work by placing him in charge of the raffle drawings (he did such a great job at Convention 2015). Don Christensen was the president and did a wonderful job of organizing the event, which was held in Eureka at the Runeberg Hall. I really enjoyed seeing some members from the local lodges wearing costumes, as well as a Finnish costume on display. Members of local lodges also had displays showcasing four Scandinavian countries (unfortunately, we have no one to represent Iceland). Don asked the flag bearers (all in costume) to stand in a circle and raise the appropriate flag during that country's anthem. Fourteen folk dancers from the Humboldt Folk Dancers group performed four dances plus two (Little Man in a Fix and Skaal) for audience participation. All who attended had a good time. Unfortunately, the attendance was small. Ydun #10 and Valhalla #11 met at Hoppy's Froyo on Main

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Street, Fortuna, (a frozen yogurt shop plus other selections managed by descendants of some of our Danish community). All of us enjoyed our food. We had our second nomination of officers in preparation for our Labor Day weekend installation. The major change is with the presidency. Congratulations to Francis Sweet for offering to take the helm! The schedule remains the same as usual with installation beginning at 4:00 pm on Saturday. Dinner will be served a little later than usual. Bocce and the picnic will take place on Sunday. Christian is in charge. I look forward to attending the installation in Salinas on Sunday, August 2nd. My car is reserved, and I plan to head out on Saturday (the time depends on whether I decide to stay for the local meeting). I will be bringing my dancing shoes in anticipation of learning some new dances! I wish Bornholm #14 a successful installation on August 1st. A reminder for the secretaries of the local Dannebrog

lodges: Please send me a copy of your agenda for the year (noting special activities) and a list of your members with addresses, either by snail mail or by email. Thank you very much for your assistance. (Reno and Santa Maria, I again

thank you for your quick responses!)
 Med venlig hilsen – til September
 Lynn Wachter, Dannebrog Grand President.

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Arlene Nielsen; Thora #11
 Chester Allen Pedersen; Thor #5
 Paul Morrison; Thor #5
 LeRoy Royal Vieregge; Thyra #9

NEW MEMBERS:

Donna Lipoma-Vanderbeck; ; Dannevirke No.9, Reno
 Irene York; Dannevirke No.9, Reno
 Bill York; Valdemar No. 12 Reno

Michael Vanderbeck; Valdemar No. 12, Reno

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

Peder and Doris Hoy, in memory of Arne Rasmussen

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

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TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

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Upcoming Conventions		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 15-16 2016	Stay Tune
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017	Stay Tune
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Upcoming Installations		
Bornholm #14	August 1, 2015 Starting at 11:30	2501 McHenry Ave, Modesto
Freja #6 Dana #15	August 2, 2015 At Noon	Salinas
Valhalla #11 Ydum #10	Sept. 5, 2015 Starting at 4:00pm	Danish Hall Ferndale

Branch Secretaries

Just a reminder to all of the branches who have members receiving assistance through Dania/Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund to start work on their applications so they will be ready to send in by the end of September and to

everyone if you have a member in need now is the time to enroll them. The application is on line or can be sent to you by letting us know. Thank you for looking after our members. Tim and Natalie Heer Grand Secretaries

Local Branches

Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3

Meeting: 2nd. Wednesday every month 7:30 PM Odd Fellows Building; 26 Seventh Street, San Francisco CA 94103

Danmark #2 Secretary Roger Gearhart [E-mail ragearthart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearthart@comcast.net) Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

President Tom Martin opened the June meeting on time. We missed our Vice Marshal Anne Gearhart still busy with teaching. Doug Mercer won the attendance prize.

There was no major business to conduct and the meeting was brief. We have very few members delinquent at this time and we hope that all dues will soon be collected and we will have no delinquent members. And we still need lots of new members. We enjoyed lasagna with all the trimmings and a very special birthday cake for Jim Jensen, Jim was regaled with much singing and good time was had by all.

The July meeting was very brief, timed at 7 minutes. President Tom Martin was on vacation and Acting President Daniel Joensen presided. As is our July tradition, the meeting was held on the 6th floor roof with the great view of City Hall. Daniel's podium was stacked 5-gal paint cans. After the meeting, the members enjoyed our traditional Independence Day celebration with hot dogs and garlic sausages with all the trimmings. The garlic sausages have, in themselves, become a great tradition. Long ago, Knut Ove

Knudsen complained about them because they gave him gas (he actually used more graphic language). They have become an important and indispensable part of our annual celebration---and the story of Knud Ove is always related. The members also devoured a large salami. Inasmuch as the ladies of Thyra #3 were on vacation, we had to cook the sausages and slice the salami ourselves. We greatly missed the ladies---but then, some of the world's greatest chefs are men.

We did suspend several members for nonpayment of dues: Dave Jensen, Norman Roddick, Gordon Pedersen, and Carl Erik Weaver. Missing out on the attendance prize were Michael Fox and Kyle Gearhart.

We start gathering about 6:30 for a beverage and a social hour followed by a brief meeting. Then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. The next meeting is *Onsdag, august 12* Guests are always welcome. We hope to see many of you there

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary

Hejmdal No. 4 & Luren No. 13

Meets four times a year, contact the secretary for further information
Secretary Robert Schall, schallb48@gmail.com

Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

Meeting: 1st. Thursday every month 11:30 AM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.
Secretary: Christie Pettitt poppatango@msn.com Gail Hansen dickgailh@aol.com

At our July 2nd meeting Thora # 11 and Thor # 5 members enjoyed a lunch of fried chicken and berry and peach cobbler (yum) provided by Kay, Betty and Carl Jensen, along with salads provided by the rest of us. In June we lost two members. They were Arlene Nielsen and

Paul Morrison. Each had been long time members. Due to Hope Lutheran having their VBS in August, it was decided to skip our August meeting and meet on Sept. 3rd. We will have Danish open faced sandwiches, salads, and dessert provided by Nellie Envernizzi and Christie Pettitt.

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at Noon.; Installation 1st Sunday in August, Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904. Freja/ Dana Secretary: Judi Heer, jcheer0857@sbcglobal.net

Freja #6 and Dana #15: We will be celebrating another year with our installation on August 2nd. We will be having a luncheon provided by the Portabella Restaurant for \$20.00 per person. We are so looking forward to greeting our members, friends and all. We will all gather at 11:30 am in the Masonic Temple to start the festivities.

Our members Lis Bonde Schmidt and Inger Rasmussen are recovering and Tove Poulsen, Ella and Niels Jessen are always in our thoughts.

September 5th, 6th and 7th is Ferndale's time to celebrate their installation and games with those who venture up to the other Danish community. Many of our members like to support them and so we will be dark for September and will have a great time at our October 4th meeting and luncheon. Mark your calendars and hope to see you all on the 4th.

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Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; 4th Saturday Potluck, IOOF Hall, 2160 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551.

Dannevang #7 Secretary: Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Livermore will not be meeting in August, but we will resume again in September with open face sandwiches. We are having our annual bar b cue on Saturday, August 22, 4:00. Diane

Reinstein has graciously offered up her house for us again this year. Tri-tip will be the meat of choice provided, just bring a side and a beverage (and a swim suit). Hope to see you there. KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street, Hayward CA 94541. President Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra / Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

Hope to see when we meet in September! Susan Gauthier, President

Sønderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

On Saturday July 18, 2015, we held our monthly meeting. It was one week later than normal, due to the 4th July weekend.

As usual, it was a lovely day in Kastanie Park, with 15 members present. We missed the whole Cruger-Hansen Clan, -- John C.H. our Secretary will be travelling for another two months, and in his absence, Karen F. Lysmer will step up as Temp-Secretary.

During the meeting, past correspondence from Grand Secretary Tim Heer was reviewed again, concerning Installation-procedures. Originally we had hoped for an informal Installation, since there are no changes in Officer-positions.

Apparently the 2010 Convention Resolution did not pass, -- so neither a Past Grand, nor current Grand President can preside, without the full Grand Lodge Officers present.

Since our standing Officers are going through another year, we decided at the June Meeting to celebrate the coming year with our traditional "Installation Menu" of the Open faced Sandwiches and Kringle, (Let us know if you want Herring or Scrimp, as the fish sandwich.) but now with no formal fanfare, on August 8th 2015.

We invited Grand President Tom Martin and his wife to join us on that date.

Sato Jorgensen had a fall and is healing from a fracture, --we wish her speedy recovery.

We also honored Svend Baekgaard's memory at our June Meeting, - he died a few days before the meeting. He was an active and generous member, and Past President of Sdr. and will be missed with his great Vest-jysk -wit!

In new correspondence Grand President Tom Martin accepted the invitation, and we look forward to welcome him.

We encourage members to make reservations 5 days prior to our meetings.

Carol Saffro (415-479-4494) and Karen F.Lysmer (510-526-5665)- will make calls to remind members as well.

Birthe Baekgaard won the Membership Raffle of \$30-, and graciously donated it back to the club.

Thank you Birthe!

We wish Sato Jorgensen continued recovery.

After our 12.40 to 1.10 pm meeting, we sat down to an outstanding lunch:

Appetizers; Exotic dip/crackers: by Carol Saffro and Herring by Karen F.L.

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

Meeting: 1st. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall; Ferndale, CA 95536.

Secretary Christian Nielsen ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

August 1st while Medesto and Salinas will be installing their officers, we will be meeting at the Danish Hall for a meeting at 11:00 followed by a potluck lunch.

Our plans for our installation of officers are coming together. September 5th we will hold an installation at the Danish Hall at 4:00 followed by cocktails and fellowship. We will eat at 6:30 with a banquet of either **salmon or prime rib** as the entrée. The cost is \$30 per person for Saturday and \$20 per person for Sunday. Sunday we will have a picnic

Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9

Meeting: 1st. Friday every month at 7 PM, Odd Fellows Hall; 1300 Stardust Street Reno, NV 89503.

Secretary: Sena Maria Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu

July 3 we celebrated our Independence Day a little early with a great BBQ. We started at 7 pm at our standard location, the Odd Fellow Hall. We were a little worried that we were going to be rained out since we had thunder showers a bit earlier in the day. This has been an unusual July month with "lots" (lots - by Reno standards) of rain. Almost every day we start out with sunshine and then thunder, lightning and some areas with flooding in the afternoon. Everyone brought their own meat to grill and a side dish to share. We always have the best potlucks and as usual the food was wonderful and there was enough of it to feed a whole army. A big thank you to Carl-Henrik for bringing a new insert for the fire pit out back. It fit perfectly in our pit and made grilling so much more enjoyable. Also thank you to Glenn Fritz for starting the coals and keeping an eye on them so we didn't have any fires.

Our meeting was short and sweet. Anette knows how to do it just right. We welcomed 4 new members to Valdemar and Dannevirke! Donna Lipoma-Vanderbeck and Irene York to Dannevirke and Bill York & Michael Vanderbeck to Valdemar. Michael Vanderbeck is Lise Vanderbeck's nephew – just in case anyone was wondering? We always welcome new members with open arms.

Lunch: Chinese -Take Out - generously donated by Birthe and GustavSckerl.

Vibeke Jensen brought a refreshing Spinach Salad to compliment the Chinese.

For desserts, Margaret Mayes: Princess-Cake, Birthe Baekgaard: her famous Toscan Cake, Inger Marie Andersen: a Danish Kringle, Jim Hollingshead: a healthy and delicious mixed Fruit-Bowl. A big thank you to all.

The Menu for Aug. 8th 2015 will be Danish Smørrebrød, and Kringle.

There is always an open invitation to members from other branches to visit, just let us know ahead of time- we would love to see you. Lunch is only \$8.00

Respectfully, Karen Friis Lysmer, V.P. Temp-Secr.

lunch at the Danish Hall at 1:00. We will be serving up fried and rotisserie chicken and hamburgers with all the appropriate sides and salads. Make your reservations early to Christian Nielsen at above address. We will need to know how many and what your entrée choice will be so that we can let the caterer know.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we will see you soon, Christian Nielsen

Our next meeting will be Friday August 7th and we will prepare for another BBQ. We enjoy them so much in the summer since most people don't want to cook in the heat. Our St. Hans Fest went very well. We had a smaller group than usual, but about 20 people attended. It was a beautiful evening with no wind and not like last year where it was pretty windy. The bon fire went off without a hitch and we sang "Midsommer Visen" and some other Danish songs. Anette and Sena Marie are going to meet with the Nugget to start on our 2018 convention, June just slipped away from us both and now July is gone, too. ☺

Our sick list is better. Palle Larsen and Ann-Katherine were in attendance tonight and doing better. Ann-Katherine walks with either a walker or a cane. We are so happy she is improving. Soren Christensen, Grandson of Paul and Cindy is out of his cast after breaking his arm. Nina Sawyer is doing well and enjoying her summer break from school. Thank you to Anette, Mariann and Ina for cleaning up after our meeting, I left after the meeting because I had to work the 4th of July at 3:45 AM. Have a wonderful month, Sena Marie

Bornholm No. 14

Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month 7:00 PM Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way Modesto, CA 95351.

Secretary: Ann Stowers, annstowers@sbcglobal.net

See you at our installation on August 1 at Famiglia Bistro Ristorante at 2501 Mc Henry Ave, Modesto, CA 95350 and our Regular Meeting 5 til 9 p.m at the Eagles Hall.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

Laura # 8 and Danneskjold # 17 are doing well. July 26, we held our annual potluck/barBQ at Torben and Jona Rasmussens home in Almaden Valley. The feature event of the day was to present their son Klaus with a \$400.00 scholarship from Dania Grand Lodge and a \$200.00 scholarship from Grand Lodge Dannebrog.

Our August 8th meeting is scheduled to be held at the home of Doris Skow, at 1862 Homestead Road, Santa Clara. This is a salad potluck and will start at noon. Please call Doris by

August 6 to let her know if you are coming. There will be a very short business meeting after lunch and then socializing. Notice: Watch the next Newsletter for a change of date for our Sept. get together.

Good news Eva Rasmussen was released from the Gilroy Rehab center and is now at home. Both her daughter Lisa and son Jens are with her for a while. Good going Eva. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, 473 Alisal Rd. Solvang, CA 93463.

Secretary: Marie Jaeger

There will be no meetings in August, Just to Hot here in Solvang!!

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.

Holger Danske's Secretary: Wayne A. Allen. Valkyrien's Secretary Darlene Iversen

Santa Maria Lodge Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 wish to Thank all members of the Danish lodges and their guests who

attended our 4th of July B-B-Q in Santa Maria. It was made special by your attendance!!