



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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February 2015

Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Wow - It is hard to believe it is already February 2015! January seemed just as busy as December!

January 2nd we were in Reno to join Valdemar No. 12 and Dannevirke No. 9 to welcome in 2015, with a "Torske Gilde". There was a very nice selection of wines, appetizers and desserts. We even sampled deer salami. Everything including the cod was delicious. The decorations were perfect. We all received holiday party poppers with little toys and silly jokes (What do you get when you cross a pig and a centipede? Bacon and legs!). Thank you Reno – a great way to start the New Year, with good food and good friends!

Sunday, January 4th, we had the pleasure to join Freja No. 6 and Dana No. 15 in Salinas for their holiday dinner. We had a traditional Danish Christmas dinner – the roasted pork was cooked to perfection. There were many appetizers and wines to select from. No one went away hungry! For dessert we had Risalmande and the lucky person with the whole almond, got a beautiful plant. We also had the privilege to sing Happy Birthday to one of their oldest members. Thank you Freja No. 6 and Dana No. 15 – we really enjoyed ourselves.

Along with Grand Past Presidents, Mel and Zina Lundberg, we left Salinas and headed to Solvang for Hejls Mindle No. 23 meeting on Wednesday January 7th. We spent the next couple of days shopping, wine tasting, dining and visiting! Bob and Mel enjoyed visiting the Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum. They spent almost two hours looking at the old motorcycles, taking pictures, and talking with the curator about the various motor bikes and cycles. It was very interesting.

On Wednesday we joined Hejls Minde No. 23 for lunch at Bit O' Denmark. We were pleasantly surprised by members of Holger Danske No. 27 and Valkyrien No. 23 of Santa Maria who also attended the Solvang meeting. The meeting was opened with the singing of "God Bless America." Happy Birthday was sung to members and guests. (A little birdie told us Grand Past President Mel Lundberg would be celebrating his Birthday!) Happy 80th Birthday, Mel!!! A nice melody of Danish songs were also sung. We enjoyed a lovely lunch provided by Bit O' Denmark. We had a very nice visit with members of Solvang and Santa Maria Lodges. The business meeting was conducted and delegates to the convention were elected. Thank you Hejls Minde No. 23 for being such gracious hosts.

After a short week at home, we headed to Long Beach to board the Carnival Imagination for Mexico. It was very relaxing and we had a good time. Upon our return, we spent the next few days enjoying the weather in Laguna

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Beach. We went whale watching and toured the Queen Mary before returning home. We left 80 degrees of sunshine for 42 degrees of fog! Oh well—

We have talked about touring the Fire & Light Factory (hand poured recycled glass) in Arcata on Thursday, April 9th (convention time). We are not sure if this is going to happen as Fire & Light has stopped production since January for remodeling. We are keeping in touch with them and hopefully they will be opened by April.

Again, Thank you to Reno, Salinas, Santa Maria and Solvang for your warm welcomes and kindness.

Hope everyone has a Happy Valentine's Day!

Glædelig Valentins Dag

Bob & Mary Jo Schall

Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Merete Wetlesen Laura #8 San Jose

NEW MEMBERS:

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Bette Roberts-Collins in memory of Frank and Matilda Stockholm

Pat Brouillette and Greg Gleeson in memory of Cecilia Pedersen

Beth Cowan in memory of Esther Juhl Jorgensen

E. Slim Juhl in memory of Gerda Juhl Culwell

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Ole and Mitra Pedersen in memory of Gladys Nielsen Lovelady

Doris Skow in memory of Esther Juhl Jorgensen

Doris Skow in memory of Gladys Nielsen Lovelady

Darlene Iversen in memory of Gerda Juhl Culwell

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DANIA/DANNEBROG SINIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Donation from Bornholm #14

Donation from Valhalla #11

Donation from Mel an Zena Lundberg

Donation from Jeannette Richards

Johanne Gade in memory of Knud Jensen

Branch Secretaries

Thanks to all of you who have sent in your annual report and your Semi Annual Tax. For those who may be having a problem with the form please give me a call and I will be glad to talk you through it.

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 ragearhart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearhart@comcast.net)

Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

Æbleskiver. That was the center of attraction at our wonderful spread put on by the ladies of Thyra #3. And what a spread it was. The hors d'oeuvres were unending. There was *lever postej, blaa ost, mange ost, brød, salami* and on and on. *Men denne æbleskiver var fantastisk.* There were all sorts of jams and jellies, many homemade. It all went *mange vel med den vin, kaffe, og et øl.* Then there was something very special---Daniel Joensen's home-made *Akravit*---especially delicious.

Our business meeting went quickly. There were no new winners for the Attendance Prize, now \$60. One of our new members, Lars Christensen, did miss out. It does pay to attend our meetings. Kaj and Eva reported on the Aldersley Annual Meeting that they had attended. Lise Vanderbeck is recovering from cataract surgery and doing well.

Upcoming Conventions		
Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 & Hajmdal #4, Luren#13	April 9-11 2015	River Lodge in Fortuna CA
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 2016	Stay Tune
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017	Stay Tune
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Upcoming Installations		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	February 7, 2015 12 Noon	Spike and Rail in Selma
Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8	February 15, 2015 12 Noon	Marianis' Restaurant, Santa Clara
Danmark No.2 & Thyra No. 3	February 21, 2015 at 4:00 P.M	Grosvenor Hotel.

Johanne Gade in memory of Esther Juhl Jorgensen

Doris Skow in memory of Don Skow

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I am still having a problem with the pay to the order name on checks at the Bank. It needs to say "The Danish Society" it is also acceptable to have "The Grand Lodge of the Danish Society", but it is causing a problem for the Bank.

A committee was appointed to ensure that our Anniversary Party and Joint Installation will, once again, be a great success. Please keep the evening of February 21 open for the Dinner Dance at the usual place. Reservations are to be made to the Secretary, please. The price will be \$35 including dinner, door prizes, wines, and dancing far into the night. We will begin with great hors d'oeuvres at 4:00 PM, installation at 5:00, then dinner at 6:30. We don't have the room-rate as yet but the Secretary will have the information very soon. Please call the hotel at 800-722-7141 for reservations.

Our next meeting will be February 11. We start gathering at 6:30 for a beverage and a social hour, a brief meeting at 7:30. Then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. As always, guests are most welcome at our meetings. We hope to see you there.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary, 209-369-6702.

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 6:00 PM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.

Secretary: Christie Pettitt poppatango@msn.com Gail Hansen dickgailh@aol.com

REMINDER: Thor #5 and Thora #11's Installation is Saturday, February 7th at NOON at the Spike and Rail in Selma. All are welcome with lunch to follow. For more information contact Deanna Dunbar at 559 834-5271. Prior to our meeting we enjoyed Danish sandwiches, salad, and a delicious dessert made by Martha Nielsen. The Charter was draped in memory of Cecilia Pedersen, who passed away on November 19th. At our meeting it was decided to change our meeting time to Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Lutheran beginning March 5th. It is hoped

that we will attract more members who won't drive at night or worry about the fog. Our Thora #11 convention delegates are Martha Nielsen, Deanna Dunbar, Kay Jensen, and alternate, Pam Kjar. Thor #5 delegates are Steen Skjellerup, Dave Willis, and Stan Kjar. Martha Nielsen is our Old Age delegate. Carl Jensen announced that Thora #11 will be 100 years old on March 20. Celebration to follow!

Christie Pettitt.

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at 4:00 p.m.; 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

We rang in the New Year with our Roast Pork "Flæskesteg" with red cabbage and potatoes. Inger Rasmussen, Lis Bonde-Schmidt, Jana Heer Glovaski, Natalie and Tim Heer prepared the Luncheon. We were so pleased to have five visiting Grand Officers in attendance; Grand Past Presidents Zena and Mel Lundberg; Grand Presidents Mary Jo and Robert Schall and Grand Vice President Tom Martin. We also had our members Arne Poulsen who brought six guest with him, and nice to have Arne Graversgaard bring Neils Jessen with him. Unfortunately Lis Bonde-Schmidt, Tove

Poulsen and Ella Jessen were under the weather and unable to attend. The Lunch was such a good way to start out the New Year with a Christmas Dinner that we have decided instead of ending the year with it we want to start the New Year out with "Flæskesteg". It would be like having your dessert first. Our February meeting falls on Super bowl Sunday so we will not meet again until March 1st for a corn beef and cabbage Lunch at noon. Do not forget to pay your dues JHG

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

January's meeting was opened at 7:20, with 13 present, following a delicious New Year's pot luck. No members were reported ill at this time. We decided that since all officers are staying in place, there will be no installation this year. We also agreed the Christmas party was a success and bringing back bingo for prizes is something we need to continue. Reminder that if you haven't paid dues yet, you need to pay \$12.00 to Danebod No. 16 and/or \$22.00 to

Dannevang No. 7. Jackie Nielsen was the happy winner of the attendance prize. Our next meeting's theme will be Danish open faced sandwiches (this is to honor Dorothy Lamee and Audrey Goncalves who for several years hosted in February by preparing delicious traditional open faced sandwiches). We might need some special desserts, hint, hint since it will be Valentine's Day after all. 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 of Valborg Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra Secretary: Greg Gleeson, gleeson2@icloud.com Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

Our first meeting of the New Year was on January 8th. Thank you to Eric Jorgensen, and his lovely assistants, for providing refreshments!

Installation of Officers: Please join us Saturday, March 21st at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. The installation will begin at 12 noon, with no-host cocktails and lunch to follow. We'll have the traditional Cattlemen's fare with the following menu choices: Top Sirloin Steak, Atlantic Salmon, Lemon Herb Chicken or Pesto Spinach & Cheese Ravoli, along with salad, sourdough

bread, ranch style beans and sodas, coffee or tea. The cost is \$30 per person. Checks should be made payable to Thyra No. 9. Please make reservations with Signe Ann McNeil, 510-490-6114, no later than March 13th.

Note from Hayward Treasurers: Remember, dues are due for the coming year. Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, may be brought to the meeting or be mailed to Pat Brouillette, 1400 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo 94580. Checks payable to Thyra #9, in the amount of \$35 for sick benefit members and \$29 for social members, may

also be brought to the meeting or mailed to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia 94510.

Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet on Thursday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiu, Presidents

Sønderjylland No. 10

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

Sønderjylland #10 has no meeting scheduled until Saturday March 14, 2015 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

Meeting: 1st. Saturday every month at noon, Danish Hall; Ferndale, CA 95536.
Secretary Christian Nielsen ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

January we met at Curley's Full Circle in Ferndale for lunch to celebrate Valhalla's 122nd Anniversary. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the outing. Afterwards we held a meeting at the Danish Hall and planned the upcoming events for this year. We also held our Annual Crab and Spaghetti feed at the Danish Hall. The turnout was great and the crab was good.

February 7 we will be serving Aebelskiver and sausage at the Danish Hall at 10:00. We will be showing the movie Mama Mia and hold a meeting afterwards around 12:30. Francis Sweet and his crew will be serving Aebelskiver, sausage, coffee / tea and juice. Come early to help set up and prepare the meal.

March 7 we will meet at 11:00 for a meeting followed by lunch at 12:30. Carol McKibben and Kay Tirsbeck will be serving up an Irish fare. Come early to help set up and prepare the meal. The movie will be the ladykillers and will be shown during lunch.

The registration form for the Dania Dannebrog Convention is on the web page. Please print it out and get it back to our registration committee quickly. Contact Don Christensen at (707) 845-8699 or dtchkhc@gmail.com if you have any questions. Convention dates are April 9 – 11, 2015 in Fortuna at the River Lodge.

Fraternally Yours, Christian Nielsen

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

On Friday January 2nd the Reno lodges celebrated the New Year with our traditional fish dinner. Wow - what a great "Torske" dinner put together by Anette. Cod with potatoes and mustard sauce. Our members brought appetizers and dessert, so there was no shortage of food. Marian and Lars Jensen had made their signature "Kransekage" to ring in the New Year!

We were honored to have our Grand Presidents from Dania and Dannebrog, Bob and Mary Jo Schall attending our dinner and meeting. We really enjoyed seeing them and they told us some of the things that will be going on at the Convention in April. We are all looking forward to another fun convention in Ferndale. Dannebrog's 100th Convention! At the meeting we choose our delegates for the Convention. From Dannevirke we will have Ruth Olsen, Janet Pulsipher, Helen Christiansen, and Eva Demosthenes. The delegates from Valdemar are Pete Olsen, Carl Christiansen and Baxter Swaffar. Sena Marie will represent the Senior Assistance Fund meeting for both Reno Lodges.

We also had two visitors, Alex and Annette, friends of Leif and Bonnie Larsen. Hope they enjoyed visiting with us and that they will be back. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a nice night!

Thank you so much to everyone that helped cooking the fish and preparing the wonderful dinner. I know there was a

lot of help in the kitchen. Jens Christiansen did a great job doing the dishes again and was also our Bar tender, pouring the snaps.

For our February 6th meeting we will be treated to a wonderful dinner prepared by our Swedish friends. We are looking forward to that. For our March 6th meeting we will most likely be treated to dinner by our Finnish friends, but we will have more information in our February newsletter. Just a reminder that dues are due. Dannevirke \$15.00 to be sent to Ina Segesman and the dues for Valdemar are \$30.00 to be sent to Carl Christiansen.

Election of officers is in April with installation of officers on May 1st 2015. Yes, right after the convention. We will have more information in the upcoming newsletters.

Our sick list is pretty good, Glenn Fritz was not up to par, he left early and we hope he will feel better soon. Palle is looking good. He was even on K.P. tonight - he peeled the potatoes. Glad to see everyone doing well.

Have a great month and Happy New Year to all!
Sena Marie

P.S. Dannebrog's Past Grand Presidents luncheon at the Convention will be Friday, April 10th. Same as last year. The price is \$15.00 and that includes lunch, tax and tip. More about that later. Please R.S.V.P. to Anette's e-mail or me at 775-786-1630 or cell 775-224-6230.

Sena Marie, Secretary PGP

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

Bornholm #14 held the first meeting of 2015 January 16. 21 members attended. We started 6 PM with Pizza hosted by Susan & Brian Mefford.

Secretary Ann Stowers read the Minutes of our November 19 meeting, and it they were approved as read.

Anni Champagne won the attendance prize of \$50, which she donated to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank You Anni.

Both Bob Sorensen and Jim Jorgensen were reported at home, and in as good a shape as can be expected.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: It has been voted at the last meeting that we will only be meeting on the second Saturday at noon. There will be no further meetings on the fourth Saturday.

I am sad to report that we lost a long time member on Wed. January 21. Merete Wetlesen passed away peacefully in her sleep. Our sympathy goes out to all of her family. She will be missed.

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary: Marie Jaeger

Hejls Minde #23 held its regular meeting, January 7, 2015 at the restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" Solvang with 21 present.

We were honored to have Mel Lundberg and Zena Lundberg, Grand Past Presidents of Dania and Dannebrog and Robert Schall and Mary Jo Schall, Grand Presidents of Dania and Dannebrog at our meeting. They added some head turning class to our humble gathering.

The menu started off with Cream of Broccoli soup; Main Entrée: Chicken, Rice and Vegetables and Delicious Dessert & coffee. Members with birthdays in January who brought snaps were Birgit Nelson and Erling Grumstrup. Anker Nielsen somehow found some Aalborg Akvavit to celebrate his December birthday. Doris Jensen, a prospective member, also shared a bottle of snaps. A medley of Danish and American songs took place between lunch and the general meeting led by Erling Grumstrup with his great voice. The door prize was won by Birgit Nelson.

The regular meeting began with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel and the singing of God Bless

The Fish-Dinner is coming up on Saturday March 7.

It will be held at the Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way, Modesto, CA 95351.

The No Host bar will open 5:30PM with hors d'oeuvres.

Dinner will be served at 7 PM Including a beer and an Akvavit. The price is \$30 per person.

Reservation is a must. Call Peder Hoy 209 521 8864 or email pedohoy@yahoo.com

Our February meeting will be on February 20. It will be a Potluck and we start at 6 PM. John

NOTE our Installation will be held on Sunday February 15th at Mariani's Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara. We will begin at 12: Noon with a brunch. The cost will be \$30.00.

Reservations go to Doris at (408) 313-7235 or e-mail dws1929@gmail.com. Reservations no later than Tuesday February 10.

America. Treasurer's Report was read by Agnes Larsen and approved as read.

Anker Nielsen reports that wife Kate is recovering nicely from her knee replacement and should be back next month. Alice Quimby has a broken knee cap but should also be back next month. Christian Frederiksen is in the Santa Barbara hospital with gall stones. Arla Høj suffers from a foot problem. We wish all four a speedy recovery. We miss them!

Hejls Minde No. 23 officers will remain the same for 2015. Mel Lundberg spoke about the convention on April 9, 10 & 11. Price will stay the same as last year. The theme will be Danish Immigrants. Grand President Robert Schall gave us the background for his choice of our password for his year in office. It was a very honorable decision. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Danish National Anthem. See you next month on February 4, 2015. Marie Jaeger

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