



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Dannebrog Grand President

My year has gone by very quickly, maybe because I have enjoyed visiting with all the members we visited. With Gunnar's health issues it's been somewhat of a challenge to be able to make most of the events, like Modesto's Fish dinner which I enjoy so much. I love the hors d'oeuvres, I have to have lots of the special mustard and parsley sauce for the fish and you just have to dance on the springing dance floor. This year I missed it as I spent it in Kaiser's ER with Gunnar, with these last two fractures, the pelvis and the tail bone. Having 5 fractures in 7 weeks has taken its toll. I picked up Steen for our drive to Livermore to attend Hayward's installation, which was held at the Cattleman's restaurant in Livermore. We needed to be there early as we both had Dania and Dannebrog meetings.

With that accomplished, Stuart Mahler the President of Valborg #1, had everyone in place so we could start our installation. Our Grand Marshals, Alan Filiu and John Scheuber did their usual performance perfectly of getting the officers in their proper stations. The Cattleman's always does a fantastic job of providing a delicious luncheon for us. I was given a porcelain figure from the "Hans Christian Andersen" book the "Chimney Sweeper" which is very lovely. This was our last installation as Grand Presidents; it's been a good year working with Steen.

A thought about the installations. I do believe the local lodges benefit somewhat from having the various members from other lodges coming to visit, plus as many of the Grand Officers besides the Grand Presidents and Grand Marshals coming in. It reminds you that you belong to a larger organization. Lots of Danes with similar interests and it's a joy to meet them.

Hope to see you at the convention in San Francisco.

Martha Nielsen, Dannebrog's Grand President

Dania Grand President

The first part of March was a busy time for Danes in the Fresno area. On the 2nd was the Dania/Dannebrog meeting. On the 3rd we held a celebration of past member Maja Andersens life at the Wasa lodge, where the Danish Dancers performed some of Maja's favorite folkdances. For the 4th, we went to the fish dinner in Modesto, and the new crew sure did a good job with the food. We were not as many carloads of people from Fresno as in the past. This year, health issues are taking their toll. However, those of us who went enjoyed ourselves with raffle, dancing, visiting and eating.

On the 10th, the Danish American Historical Society held its yearly Frikadelle Dinner in a church in Selma. The next day, the 11th, we went to the Easton smørrebørd dinner in the local church. Many Fresno Dania/Dannebrog members are active in this church.

Hayward had their installation at Cattlemen's in Livermore on the 18th. The meetings started out with an audit of the books at 9 o'clock in the morning, followed with executive

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meeting at 10 to work on the scholarship applications. The results will be announced at the convention.

The installation went off in good style this year, there was just enough space for some nice marching around, and all elected officers were present. This was Martha's and my last installation, and it is with relief and a little sadness that it is over. We are thankful for all the nice treatment which we have received. At all installation sites, people have gone out of their way to make us feel welcome.

Now it will be time to prepare for the convention at SFO Grosvenor Hotel April 20-22. The committees and I will have to finish up all the work which has been done over the year, so we can have a well prepared convention. A number of issues have come up, one close to my heart is how to get more younger members to carry on the traditions of Dania and Dannebrog.

Looking forward to the convention.

By Grand President Dania Steen Skjellerup

Grand Lodge Secretary

NEW MEMBERS:

Darlene Iversen; Hejls Minde No. 23

Fin Runge; ; Hejls Minde No. 23

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Vibeke Petersen in memory of Beth Mortensen

Ole Pedersen in memory of Lillian Soylist

Secretary's

Danish Campers

Flag City RV Park, April 28-30

The Danish Campers are back by popular demand. We're on the road to Flag City RV Park in Lodi. The Park is easy to reach from Highway 5, exit No. 485, "Lodi, Fairfield (Highway 12)," 6120 W. Banner Road. You can check it out at their website flagcityrvresort.com. The rates for 8-10 rigs are \$45 per night for 2 nights or a total of \$108 for 3 nights. A few of us are taking advantage of the 3-night rate and going up on Thursday, so let me know if you are interested in adding the extra night.

The Senior Assistance Fund Raiser

We wish to thank all the members who have supported the fund drive to make it a success its appreciated. just think that ticket you bought may be a beautiful week vacation in the sun, Hotel, meals, beverages all included thank to the generosity

Dannebrog History Committee

Convention Reminder: To all delegates, please remember to bring history items regarding your local branches and local members to the convention for the history table

Dania's nominating Committee

The nominating Committee of Dania is seeking nominee(s) for the position of Grand Vice Marshal. We now have a nominee, who will be announced later, who is interested in the position of Trustee. Remember the requirements: To run for office the candidate must have been a President of the local branch for one year or the Secretary or Treasurer for at least 3 years. It is our goal to have a nominee for each position at least one month before convention, so we can encourage the

Dania's Ritual Committee and Dania's Constitution Committee

In an effort to prepare for convention two committees have been working diligently: One on the topic of updating our Dania Only Ritual and the other on updating our Dania Constitution. By now all Branch Secretary should have received a packet of information on each topic. If for some reason you have not received this information, email us and we will get it to you. It is our goal to get this to the branches to seek out their input and to allow adequate time and information so their Delegates (Representatives) come to convention ready to review, discuss and vote on these crucial items.

The Committees have both worked since last year's convention and have sent their work to the Executive Committee for

Upcoming Conventions		
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 20-22 2017 Notice change of date !!!!	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 19-21, 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Upcoming Installations		
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	May 5, 2017	IOOF Hall Reno, NV

If you're new to RVing and haven't joined us before, then this is the time. We usually have appetizers and wine, or beverage of your choice, on Friday night, and a potluck dinner on Saturday night. If you have any questions, call me at 510 278-9430 or Greg at 510-581-6521. If you haven't made your reservation yet, then please let either of us know as soon as possible if you're planning to join in. Happy Trails to you. Pat and Greg

of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Mahler. Lets show them how much it is appreciated.
Diane Reinstein Co-chair

display. These are all items you can take home again at the close of convention. Thanks, Doris Skow

candidate(s) to place an article in this Newsletter giving their background and stating their interest in the position. If you are interested or know someone who qualifies please notify one of our committee members.

Mel Lundberg, Chair – Ph: 707-822-3787 or email – melandzena@gmail.com; Jana Heer Glovaski –Ph:831-296-9555 or email: juganddana@sbcglobal.net; John Scheuber- Ph: 209-541-4092 or email: john.scheuber@vsi.cc

review. Now that we have that we are sending it to the entire membership so they will have time to review all the data provided. The Committee is open to suggestions and is willing to revise its proposal prior to convention. All the names and contact information are provided in the documents sent. We look to our Branch Presidents and Secretaries to take the leadership on these items. While there is a lot of detail to study, with your understanding we hope to group some of these topics and vote on them in a block. This will only be effective if you all do your homework and come prepared for action. See you at Convention!! John Scheuber, Grand Marshal & Committee Chair

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 209-329-3687 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

Our March meeting was a smashing success. The Jensens came through with spectacular corned beef with all the trimmings. The meat was absolutely great, the carrots received many compliments (generally difficult to get anyone excited about carrots but they were soon gone), the cabbage and potatoes all excellent. The hors d'oeuvres were excellent---but then, they always are. And there were several breads including Irish soda bread. Indeed, it was a great blend of Irish and Danish, the best of both. Suitably, the Jensens were regaled in song. The Jensens always ensure that we are well fed.

We discussed the upcoming Convention and the charge to the delegates. We ran short of time and the topic will be finished at our April meeting, just before the Convention. All seems in readiness for the Convention, registrations are pouring in.

Everyone is excited and looking forward to meeting old friends, making new friends and having a great time. I know

the music is set and there will be dancing far into the night. And we all know that there are also some serious business issues to be decided. And then our President, Daniel Joensen, will become Dania's new Grand President and Stuart Mahler will become Dannebrog's Grand President. Wow!! I'm told that there will be a great party in celebration of that momentous occasion.

All of our meeting are up to visitors and guests. We gather about 6:30 for a beverage followed by a brief meeting (we hope) at 7:30, and then on to having a great time. The Claussens are treating and they are promising a sensational Danish spread. We are looking forward to that and we hope to see you there. A final reminder that we need new members.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary,
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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

Thanks to Steen we will be welcoming seven new members, three Thor #5 members and 4 Thora #11 members. Otherwise, business has been as usual. Happy Easter to everyone! CP

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at Noon; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904

Secretary, Natalie Heer, umandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

We are planning on having a meeting on April 2 which will be our normal Corn Beef luncheon in honor of the Vikings 200 years in Ireland, and also on May 7th with our welcome home to Delegates. Yes we will welcome home our Grand Officers,

Past Grand Presidents and Branch Representatives. We are also working on getting some attendance from some new people at our May meeting. May's Menu is ??? . Skaal! TJH

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; 4th Saturday Potluck, The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore.

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

We are saying good-bye to the Bothswell meeting and are excited about a new place, it is the Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore. We will hold our April 8th meeting

there 6:00 pm. Come join us, and possibly win an attendance prize, Dan Holm was the lucky winner at the March meeting. Have a Happy Easter and we will see you at convention in San Francisco. KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546.

President, Alan D Filiu, adfiliu@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

On behalf of Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 I would like to thank everyone who showed up at our Installation on March 18 at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Livermore, and a big thank you to all of our members who had a roll in putting it altogether.

Our next meeting will be Thursday April 13th at the Round Table Restaurant, and then off to Convention where our Valborg Member will be making Dannebrog History! ADF (ED "Sparrow")

Sonderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma

Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen j.cruigerhansen@comcast.net Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070

Saturday, March 11 we held our meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. We had great weather, ideal to have our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 13 Members and two guests. The lunch consisted of tasty Lasagna and salad,

courtesy of Inger Marie Andersen and deserts courtesy of Holger and Sato Jorgensen. We also enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres and side dishes. Thank you to those who provided these wonderful dishes.

Because of the high cost of the hotel at the Dania Convention in South San Francisco we decided to only have two delegates. Karen Lysmer and John Cruger-Hansen are to be or elected Representatives. Sønderjylland will be making a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Senior Assistance Fund. Karen Lysmer and John Cruger-Hansen were appointed as a committee to decide what Installation Ritual to support. Our next Sønderjylland

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

Our March meeting was a lot of fun, we had a great meal of Corn Beef and Cabbage with all the trimmings. Jr Past Grand President Tom Martin showed up with beer, everything goes better with beer, and we cleaned up the hedge in no time.

April 1: Valhalla – Ydun will be holding a meeting at 11:00 with a ham lunch afterwards. Members signed up for an item to bring, the rest are asked to bring Hygge.

Hygge is a Danish term of Togetherness or Comfort. In the modern world of cell phones and checking your favorite news blog, Hygge is gaining popularity to slow down and visit with people and family face to face.

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

Friday March 3, the Reno Lodges held another outstanding potluck! Some of our new members thought that the appetizers was the full meal, because there were so much. We all walked out stuffed. Anette has the hall dressed up in a Mardi Grass theme. It was really pretty and colorful - thank you. During dessert & coffee we held our meeting in its usual fashion. First order of business was election of officers. The following are voted in for 2017- 2018: Past President Ann-katherine Sawyer, President Anette Christensen, Vice President Eva Demosthenes, Fin. Sec. James Myers, Sec. Sena Marie Freeman, # 43, Treasurers Carl Christiansen and Ina Segesman, Marshal Nina Sawyer, Vice Marshal Erik Jensen, Trustees Jens Christiansen, Helen Christiansen and Ingrid Hedman, Auditors Lars Jensen, Brandur Jensen and Palle Larsen. We discussed our April meeting and it will be an Easter potluck. Sena Marie will open the hall, because Anette will be out of town. We are also going to hold our youth performance. If you have children, grandchildren or know of other children that would like to perform, please contact Ingrid Hedman at 775-972-4251 or email: dasvede@gmail.com so she can add them to the program.

We also discussed our May 5th installation. The price is \$20 00 per person. Anette's famous open faced sandwiches. THEY ARE BACK: Any member that can help come at 2 pm to set up and help with sandwiches would be very helpful and

#10 meeting will be on Saturday May 13 at Kastania Fælled. Lunch will consist of "Danish Smørrebrød."

Membership drawing: Sabrina Wilcox was drawn and she received the \$10.00.

Remember access to Kastania Road has changed and is only available from the off-ramp to Petaluma Blvd South, both North and Southbound directions on Hwy 101. John Cruger-Hansen Secretary

May 6: Valhalla – Ydun will be holding an Æbelskiver breakfast at 10:00 with a meeting afterwards. Francis Sweet and his crew will be starting around 8:00, help is always welcome. Bring more Hygge...

May 13: Sweet Memories Dessert Auction for Ferndale Museum features baked goods and specialty items from over a century of celebrated bakers and cooks: -- lives honored with family exhibits of photographs and memorabilia at Ferndale City Hall. Call 707-786-4466 for more information. Tom Martin, Mary Enos and Christian Nielsen's family will be one of the featured exhibits on Mary Martin and Agnes Enos. Christian Nielsen

very much appreciated! The evening will start at 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner, 8 pm installation, 9 pm dessert and coffee with the introductions of Grand Officers. I am sure it will be an enjoyable evening. Special note from Sena Marie: If you are an officer to be installed - It would be really nice if you could let me know if you are going to be there, because it is nice to see a complete slate of officers, or at least I would know how many substitutes I would need. Thank You so much. Our sick list has improved. Solveig was in attendance, nice to see her after her knee replacement. Nina returned to work and is doing well. Sena Marie is doing really well. I was back in the hospital March 2nd to have the last pin taken out. The pin had moved and lodged itself in the knuckle so the doctor could not get it out in the office. I was home after 3 hours. I can walk on the foot with no pain now. Yeah! Our thoughts are with Gunner Nielsen from Fresno after his fall. Ruth Olsen has some health issues but are improving. Grandpa Pete (as Ruth calls him) is doing well. Congratulations to Jim and Louise Myers on the birth of their 1st great granddaughter. This is Steve (Nisseman) and his wife's 1st granddaughter. Last, our April birthdays are: Irene York, Glenn Christensen, Carl Christiansen, Bill York, Marilyn Christensen, Sena Marie Freeman, Karma Smith, and Brandur Jensen. Have a great month and take care. Sena Marie

Bornholm No. 14

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

Secretary, Ann Stowers, ann.max@att.net

St. Patrick's Day March 17, the exact day for Bornholm #14's meeting. We had corned beef and cabbage scheduled, but for practical reasons we had to change it to a pizza party. 18 members and one guest, Ron Nielsen came to the meeting.

Ann & Max Stowers hosted the pizza party. We started 6 PM and had a great time. The tables were decorated in Irish style, and we found Italian food and Irish decorations fit very well.

As a matter of fact the two flags are almost identical: Green, white and red for Italy, and green white and orange for Ireland. President John Scheuber called the meeting to order 7: 15 PM.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read.

Membership drawing was won by Kirsten Johansen, and she donated the \$50 to the Children's Xmas Fund. Thank you, Kirsten.

Mary Zoller was present and is obviously doing much better.

Peter Hoy was absent. He had a minor outpatient procedure

done and was resting at home. Richard Olsen sent an invitation to the Elk Horn, Iowa festival May 26 – 28. Bente Ellis is on the board of the Festival and recommended if possible, people should go.

The Fish-Dinner was a success thanks to Dave & Merete Meeks. 64 guests came and enjoyed an excellent cod dinner.

President John Scheuber presented David Raube with his 25years pin, very appropriate in front of so many people.

Jerry Zoller gave a report from the champagne tasting night.

Obvious nobody is a champagne expert, since all the cheap champagne ended up tasting the best according to all reports.

The next big event is the Convention April 20 – 22 at the Grosvenor Hotel San Francisco. Bornholm #14 is ready with delegates and preparation.

Our next meeting will be May 19, Welcome Home Delegates. Bente Ellis and Johanne Gade will host open sandwiches. We start at 6 PM. John

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.

President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Lis Lacey

Business Meeting for San Jose branches will be held on April 8 at 12 noon, following lunch served by our hostess Britta Lange. This will be at her home, 5281 Forest Creek Ct., San Jose, 95125.

Her phone is 408-257-5637. It is important that you call to let Britta know if you are coming or not.

We hope to have Dania's Grand President Steen Skjellerup as a guest at this meeting. I hope to see you there. This will be the last meeting before the Convention.

If you have any outstanding raffle tickets or monies, be sure to turn it in at this meeting as the drawing will be held at the convention.

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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 Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 noon with 17 members present. Snaps today were brought in by Erling Grumstrup and Kate K. Nielsen, to celebrate their birthdays. We all sang Happy Birthday to them. Congratulations and SKAAL!

The door prize was won by Marie Jaeger, Congratulation.

The lunch menu: Large hamburger with fried egg on top, red cabbage, cucumber salad, potatoes and gravy and dessert was æbleskivers with all the fixings. A delicious lunch.

Between courses we sang a medley of Danish and American songs led by Erling Grumstrup.

We started the business meeting at 1:08 pm. Our President Hans Kardel opened the meeting with welcome remarks and we sang "God Bless America".

The Secretary Marie Jaeger read the list of officers present.

The recording Secretary Kate K. Nielsen read the minutes from the previous meeting, approved as read.

Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the financial report, which will be filed for audit.

Two new members were initiated after lunch by Hans. They are Darlene Iversen and Fin Runge. Congratulations and welcome.

We were happy to see Arla Hoj: she had been under the weather lately. No sick report from any members. We finished the business meeting by singing "Der er et yndigt land". Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, at the same place.

Hope to see you there!

K.K.

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

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

Holger Danske Secretary, Wayne A. Allen; Valkyrien Secretary, Darlene Iversen