



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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## Dannebrog Grand President

We have had beautiful fall days now with just a little foggy mist some mornings, makes me feel like winter is on its way. I attended the San Francisco lodge meeting and rode over on Bart with my Son, Dennis who lives in Berkeley. The Odd Fellows hall is really an old historic building, my Son was impressed. It just happened that I was the only woman present for the evening. They do have a good time together. They start with a little social hour, then proceed to the meeting. President Daniel Joensen keeps the meeting moving along. They have a committee working on the plans for April's convention that they will be hosting. They follow this with the main course which is served with beer and Akvavit. My son enjoyed the meeting and visiting with the members, he said it was a good party. They have quite a few new members that I had the pleasure of meeting. Later in the week I attended the San Jose Lodge meeting held at Bob and Lis Lacey's home. My daughter Renae Nielsen Fish, from Scotts Valley, accompanied me and was initiated into their lodge. The San Jose Lodge has initiated 4 new member in the last couple months. Very impressive! Lis had prepared a very traditional Danish Frikadella luncheon for us. Even had Bob serving us delicious chocolate cake with ice cream. All of the lodges are planning their Christmas parties and I hope to attend many of them. Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. May your Holiday Season be filled with Joy and Laughter shared with all those Dearest to you. Martha Nielsen, Dannebrog's Grand President

## Dania Grand President

On Wednesday Nov. 2 my sister, her husband and I drove down to visit Hejls Minde #23 in Solvang. We managed to arrive just before their lunch meeting at the restaurant Bit O' Denmark. We were seated at a table with formal white tablecloth and all, with snaps bottles placed prominently between tall snaps glasses. A very nice lunch was served, with much skaal and singing in Danish and English as the meeting progressed. There were at least a handful of Solvang Dania members which were over 90 years, very impressive, and still going strong! On the way back to Fresno we drove out to the Pacific Ocean via Lompoc, and we saw the waves roll up on the coast just like it does on the west coast of Denmark. We took a break in Pismo to look at the Monarch butterflies in the eucalyptus grove south of town on Highway 1. Just when you step out of the car you can smell the trees very strong. A week later I drove my sister and husband to SFO airport, so they could go from 75 to 80 degrees F in Fresno, to below 30 degrees F in with 6 inches of snow in Uddevalla, Sweden. I am pretty sure they got out of their sandals fast.

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From the airport I drove a few miles to Millbrae BART station and got on the train to the Civic Center. With some luck, I quickly found the Odd Fellows meeting room. A mixture of all age groups of Danmark #2 men quickly assembled around drinks and snacks. After the warm up, a formal meeting took place in a very impressively furnished room. After the meeting we had some great food, drinks and a good deal of socializing in Danish. When it was time to break up, a bunch of us ran down under the street to the BART Station to get on the trains in different directions. I stayed overnight with my friend Niels Nielsen in San Mateo, and the next day we had a nice Danish lunch at Copenhagen Bakery in Burlingame (Dyrlaegens nat mad). On, Saturday Nov. 12, John Schueber called a meeting in Modesto so Dania Committee members could work on some improvement/update issues regarding the Dania

constitution in preparation for the Dania convention in 2017.

When we were done, I drove to Downtown Livermore to take part in the Dannevang #7/ Danebod #16 meeting. The small group had a "hyggelig bestemor's koekken "

gathering, where plans for Christmas parties were made as well as finding a new place to meet.

Looking forward to the Christmas parties.  
Steen Skjellerup, Dania Grand President

### Of Special Interest

Hello Fellow Fund raisers

We are on a good start to funding our needy senior members OAF. Total to date is \$1,380.00. Let us make some special person happy to win a 7 day trip [Good stocking stuffer by the way] while giving a helping hand to our needy members. Funds go ONLY to Senior Assistance Fund, nothing else. Happy Holidays to all of you. God Bless everyone Diane co-chair

### Grand Lodge Secretary

#### IN MEMORIAM:

#### DIANA MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

#### DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

#### DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

### Dannebrog Secretary's

Doris Skow will be attending the convention in San Francisco and would like all secretaries and members to bring items for the Dannebrog history table. Last year we squeezed by with 1 table but hope to have even more items this year. Pictures, badges, news articles, etc.

### Local Branches

#### Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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) 209-329-3687 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

The big news is our Christmas Luncheon will be at the Grosvenor Hotel in SSF once again. The date is Saturday, December 10. We will be in the Lounge and the bar will be open at 11 AM. Entrée choices are Sliced London Broil or Grilled Salmon----both are very good. The cost is a very modest \$20 for members and families and \$25 for our guests. As always, there will be singing in both Danish and English. Kids are most welcome. Please call Roger at 209-327-3689 for reservations.

Our November meeting went very well. We started the process of electing officers for next term. We had several birthdays in November--Kaj, Anne and Roger. Several members have missed out on the Attendance Prize

including Henrik Nielsen, Cameron Gearhart, Sven Kjærsgaard, and Paul Tillisch.

We enjoyed a variety of barbequed sausages with sauerkraut and all the other trimmings, mange sennep, kartoffel salat, rot kohlr, fin hors d'ouvres, og en kringler paa deserter. Det gore godt med øl, vin, Akvavit og maaske en kop kaffe at drikke. Again, the singing was excellent and a good time was had by all. Our next meeting will be Onsdag, December 8. We gather at 6:30 for a social hour, a brief meeting at 7:30 and then we settle down for the serious business of eating, drinking and having a good time. *Med venlig hilsen,* Roger Gearhart, Secretary, [ragearthart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearthart@comcast.net), 209-329-3687

#### Hejmdal No. 4 & Luren No. 13

**Meets four times a year, contact the secretary for further information**

**Secretary Robert Schall, [schallb48@gmail.com](mailto:schallb48@gmail.com)**

#### Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday every month 11:30 AM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.**

**Secretary, Christie Pettitt, [poppatango@msn.com](mailto:poppatango@msn.com); Gail Hansen, [dickgailh@aol.com](mailto:dickgailh@aol.com)**

Members of Thora #11 and Thor #5 will be enjoying their traditional Christmas dinner on Friday, December 2nd at Hope Lutheran in Fresno. We will begin with wine and cheese, followed by roast pork, red cabbage, potatoes, and trimmings.

The cost is \$20.00 per person. We are also in the process of getting ready for Installation, Feb. 10th, to be held at Spike and Rail in Selma. More information to follow in next month's newsletter. CP

Upcoming Conventions		
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 6-8 2017	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		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	February 10 2017	Spike & Rail Selma

**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, [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

Happy Holidays everyone! Party time! and ours will be on the second Sunday of the New Year at Salinas Masonic Hall, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas The Christmas rush will be a distant memory and we'll all be ready for a fresh start, right?! Please come on down and join us for Tim'nNat's famous roast Pork with the crispy stuff on top, I think I got the Danish translation right in the November newsletter, but that was a whole month ago! Expect to find all your favorite

side dishes and Rice pudding too. Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, gathering around noon and lunch at about 1:00 P.M. All this for \$5.00, yes, you read that right - five dollars - bring a friend or two! Just let Natalie and Tim know by Dec. 27th. By Phone or email (see above under Grand Secretary) And speaking of yearly things, we'd love to make this an annual event - wouldn't you?? JHG

**Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16**

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

**Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

It's beginning to look (and feel) a lot like Christmas. Unless of course if your a Grinch or a Scrooge, and I certainly hope neither. Livermore will have their Christmas Party, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, gathering at 4:00, at the IOOF hall. We will have our traditional frikadeller meat balls, red cabbage and creamed potatoes. Bring a dessert to share and we will follow with bingo, so please bring prizes if you'd like to join

in. Also bring your own drink of choice otherwise coffee and lemonade will be provided. At our last meeting all current officers decided to remain (after some arm twisting) so we will not have an installation this year. Diane Reinstein was the lucky winner of the attendance prize. Wishing you all Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår.

KRT

**No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

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

**President, Stuart O. Mahler, [smahler52@att.net](mailto:smahler52@att.net) ; #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

Valborg and Thyra had a nice turn out of members at our November 10 meeting, at Roundtable Pizza on Redwood Rd. in Castro Valley.

We will celebrate the Holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and snacks, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you can, please bring your favorite dish to share – appetizers, salads, hot or cold side dishes, or desserts. The cost is just \$10 per person, to off-set the cost of meat and beverages. If you wish to donate a

new/unwrapped toy, George Cumming will be collecting items after the Holiday Party and then delivering to the Salvation Army. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 10 at 510-278-9430, or [pab0718@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pab0718@sbcglobal.net). We hope you will join us! Some of our members have been actively promoting and selling tickets to Dannebrog's fundraising efforts in support of the Senior Assistance Fund. The prize value is \$2000.00+, so get your tickets. What a great idea for stocking stuffers and gifts during the holiday season. Prize is a week in Cabo San Lucas including the all inclusive fee for two. The fee covers all your meals and drinks for the week! Congratulations to Beth Cowan for winning Valborg's attendance drawing. Duane McNeil's name was drawn for

Thyra's attendance but you need to be present to win. Duane missed out on \$40.00 so December's drawing will be \$50.00.

We extend best November birthday wishes to; Judy Wick, Lise Vanderbeck, Scott Filiu, and Shirley Lockman. Congratulations on the 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to Susan and Mike Gauthier. Congratulations go out to Mary Esther and Alan Filiu for their recent installation as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Lake Chabot Chapter of Eastern Star. During the Thanksgiving holiday Lindsey Mirkovich became engaged to Ryan Pursley.

At our October meeting there was some confusion with Roundtable on which group utilizes the room for meetings. That confusion has since been resolved with Roundtable Pizza. However, at the meeting we discussed the possibility of moving to Mountain Mike's Pizza on Castro Valley Blvd. in the Village Center. Some member spoke about their meeting room. Members were asked to stop by and visit Mountain Mikes to check it out and be prepared to discuss at our December meeting to explore if we want to move our meetings to their establishment.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Thursday December 8, 2016 at 7:30PM!

The HAWK

**Sonderjylland No. 10**

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

**Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen [j.crugerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net)**

Sonderjylland #10 had no meeting scheduled in November 2016. The next meeting will be the Christmas Lunch on December 3, 2016 from 11:30AM to 2PM in the Craft Room at the Oakmont Village Retirement Community,

Oakmont Gardens, 301 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 94509, (707-861-0075). The Craft Room has a separate entrance from the main lobby and parking is available across the street. Members are free, guests are \$25.00.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday April 8, 2017 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

**Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536**

**Secretary, Christian Nielsen, [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)**

The Members of Ferndale wishing you all Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår.

**Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu)**

WOW, what an early Thanksgiving meal. Thank you Lars for the great turkey, potatoes, & gravy. Thank you Ina for helping set up in the absent & traveling Anette. Thank you everyone for helping clean up & staying with me, so I was not alone locking up. Eva Demosthenes opened her first meeting as Vice President. Great job. A short & sweet meeting. Final preps for the Christmas party, December 2nd. Please remember to come early & help set up at 2 pm. Thank You per Anette. Remember dues are due in January. Valdemar members pay Carl Christiansen or mail your \$30.00 to 615 Beckwourth Drive Reno Nv. 89506. Thank You. It was approved at our meeting to raise the

Dannervirke dues to \$20.00. Please pay Ina Segesman 1027 Tyler Way Sparks, Nv. 89431. After meeting we had great deserts pecan & pumpkin pies & lots of others. A wonderful evening of fellowship & friendship. So nice to see Marlene Swaffar. She is doing as well as can be after the loss of Baxter in April. We love you. Solveig Asvitt is having a knee replacement soon. We wish her well. Nina Sawyer was not feeling well this evening, she left early. We wish her the best too. A big congratulations goes out to Ina Segesman & Eva Snuffer for getting their Danish Citizenship. Proud of you both. Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. Take Care Sena Marie

**Bornholm No. 14**

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

**Secretary, Ann Stowers, [ann.max@att.net](mailto:ann.max@att.net)**

19 members no guests attended Bornholm's November 18 meeting. We started at 6 PM with a delicious potluck. The general meeting was called at 7 PM by Peder Hoy sitting in for President John Scheuber. At roll call it turned up that John Scheuber was the only officer missing. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. John Scheuber had made copies of the Dania only ritual and some Proposed Amendments to the Dania Constitution, for local Bornholm members to review and comment on. John Johansen won the attendance prize, which he donated to the Children's Christmas Fund for 2017, since the 2016 shopping spree already was in motion with \$120 each for 10 needed children. For 2016 local donations, there were only three this year: Bret Harte School, Hutton House and Pathways. Money was dedicated and personal donations encouraged.

Our next event is the Christmas Party. This year there will be a change in venue:

***Restaurant Papapolloni 1214 West F Street Oakdale. Ph 209-848-1545.***

(The restaurant is on the corner of West F (also 108) & Oak Street)

***We start with no host cocktails at 11:30 AM.***

***Lunch approximately at 1 PM - Members \$20, Guests \$30. No host bar.***

***Reservations to John Scheuber 209 541 4092 email [john.scheuber@vsi.cc](mailto:john.scheuber@vsi.cc)***

We may be without Santa this year since he may be tied up in Switzerland, but we are working on it.

See you at the Christmas Party.

John

**Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.**

**President, Doris Skow, [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com), Secretary, Lis Lacey**

December 10 at noon Laura #8 & Danneskjold #17 will hold their Annual Julifest. We will get together at Bente Ellis' home. Please be sure to call her at 408 -224-4040 to let her know you are coming. There will be NO meeting this time, just a great party.

We are so happy to have Renea Fish as our newest member. Renea is the daughter of Gunnar and Martha Nielsen.

Our Holiday greetings go out to Ellen Jensen and Beth Mortensen who are not able to be with us. Also, to those who are living away from the area and not able to attend. Please mark your calendar for Jan 14. This will be our planning meeting for 2017-18. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, 473 Alisal Rd. Solvang, CA 93463.  
Secretary, Marie Jaeger

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