



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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February 2014

Grand Lodge Dania

Message from the Grand President

What a beautiful month January has been on the north coast with sunny, warm days. Now we start the home stretch of installations before convention. We encourage those interested in running for a Grand Lodge office to contact one of our Nominating Committee members: John Scheuber, Bornholm #14, phone 209-522-1111; Past Grand President Roger Gearhart, Danmark #2, phone 209-329-3687; and Carl Jensen, Thor #5, phone 559-834-5614. The requirements for Grand President are: Past President of your local lodge or serving as your lodge's secretary or treasurer for three or more years. Also, to let you know, Kurt Høj had another setback and is back in extended care. Hejls Minde #23 will not have installations this year. Grand President, Mel Lundberg

Grand Lodge Dannebrog

Message from the Grand President

Here we are in 2014 and Valhalla and Ydun Lodges in Ferndale are working very hard on convention paperwork and decorations. Their time and efforts are much appreciated. Mel and I will be traveling to Fresno for installation and then off to San Jose for installation. Next stops will be for a wonderful cod fish dinner in Modesto and the day following in Livermore for installation See you soon. Grand President Zena Lundberg

Upcoming Installations		
Thor #5 Thora #11	4:00 P.M. February 1, 2014	Spike and Rail in Selma,
Danneskjold #17 Laura #8	Noon February 8, 2014	Marianis' Restaurant
Dannevang #7 Danebod #16	4:00 P.M. February 22, 2014	Odd Fellows Hall
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	4:00 PM March 1, 2014	Grosvenor Hotel.
No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1	12 Noon March 15, 2014	Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore

IN MEMORIAM:

Peder Andersen Dannevang # 7

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Upcoming Conventions	
Valhalla No. 11 and Ydun No. 10	River Lodge in Fortuna CA April 10-12 2014
Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 & Hajmdal #4, Luren#13	River Lodge in Fortuna CA April 9-11 2015
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018

Grand Lodge Secretary

NEW MEMBERS:

Doug Mercer Danmark #2 San Francisco

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP and DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

Richard and Gail Hansen in Memory of Karen Eskelsen

CONTRIBUTION TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

Vibeke Jensen in Memory of Graham Sorensen
Sønderjylland #10 in Memory of John
Champagne

CONTRIBUTION TO DANNEBROG

SCHOLARSHIP:

Branch Secretaries

Thank you to all of the Branches that have
gotten in their Annual reports. If any of the rest

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

Secretary Roger Gearhart E-mail ragearth@comcast.net

We had a great time at our January meeting. The elevator was working but the escalator from BART was not (once again). We struggled to get there but it was well worth it. The ladies of Thyra treated us to *Æbliskiver* with all the trimming. There were plenty of delicious *hors d'oeuvres* to enjoy. The ladies take great pleasure in treating us well. And we really enjoy their great food. And we did sing for them to show our appreciation.

One of our long-time members is not doing so well but he is very tough. All of our best wishes go out to him. Our Christmas luncheon was a great success and we are now looking forward to our Joint Installation on Saturday, March 1, at the Grosvenor Hotel.

There will be dancing! And there will be music! It will be just like the old days at our Installation and our 132nd Anniversary Party. The usual menu choices of Grilled Atlantic Salmon or Sliced London Broil; the cost is only \$30, same as last year. And there will be great door prizes and lots of good friends. Once again, Jim Jensen is providing the fine wines. This is a

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

Thor #5 and Thora #11 members enjoyed meeting at our new meeting place, in a very nice and comfortable conference room at Hope Lutheran. We finalized our plans for Installation on February 1st in Selma at the Spike and Rail. At our February meeting we will be

CONTRIBUTION TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND:

Arne and Tove Poulsen for a Happy New Year
Bornholm #14 Donation
Johanne Gade in Memory of Elsie Christine
Madsen Stuart

of are having any problems with the form please
let me know I am here to help.

Thank You Tim Heer Grand Secretary.

party not to be missed and we hope to see
many of you there. Please call the secretary at
209-369-6702 for reservations.

We will begin with Lise's great hors d'oeuvres at
4:00 PM, installation at 5:00, then dinner at 6:30
and dancing far into the night. The Hotel rate
has gone up to \$98 but we asked them to waive
the parking fee---and there is always a fine
breakfast included. Please call 800-722-7141
for your reservation.

Our next meeting will be February 12 and our
two newest members Daniel Joensen and Uffe
Hellsten will be treating to a true Danish meal.
Sounds like a new tradition! We start gathering
at 6:30 for a beverage and conversation
followed by a brief meeting. Then we get down
to the serious business of having a good time.
This will be President John Jensen's last time to
preside; he has been an excellent leader and
we thank him greatly for all of his hard work.
Tom Martin starts his tenure in March. As
always, guests are most welcome at our
meetings.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary

deciding whether to have our installation next
year in the afternoon. Delegates to convention
were selected. They are Martha and Gunnar
Nielsen, Kay Jensen, Deanna Dunbar, Steen
Skjellerup, Dick Hansen and alternate Gail

Hansen. February meeting hostesses are

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

Our members welcomed in the New Year by enjoying a tasty luncheon at Tarpy's Roadhouse in Monterey. We were pleasantly surprised by the arrival of our Grand Treasurers of Dania and Dannebrog, Greg Gleeson and Pat Brouillette! Thanks for making the trip you two, and "you're welcome" for the fabulous weather we arranged in your honor! A few of our members were unable to attend and they were surely missed.

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

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

Secretary: Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com

Secretary Viola Jensen

We enjoyed a delicious dinner and a cozy evening at the house of Bob & Tracey Lamee for our January meeting. We were honored to have the Grand Secretaries Tim & Natalie Heer join us for dinner. On the 25 there was a memorial service for Peder Andersen. Peder was born in Denmark where he lived until 5 years old. He joined Dania December 7th, 72 years ago. He was a dedicated score keeper for Livermore High School putting in some 60 years and over

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd.Thursday every month 7:30 PM; Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street, Hayward CA 94541.

Secretary: Greg Gleeson gag1234@sbcglobal.net

Secretary Mary Vieregge.

Our first meeting of the New Year was on January 9th. Thank you to Mary Esther Filiau for providing refreshments!

Installation of Officers: Please join us Saturday, March 15th at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. The installation will begin at 12 noon, with no-host cocktails and a hearty lunch following. We'll have the traditional Cattlemen's fare with the following menu choices: Broiled Top Sirloin Steak, Grilled Pacific Salmon, Teriyaki Chicken or Spinach Ravoli with Pesto Sauce. Entrees include salad, baked potato, ranch style beans, coffee, tea or soft drinks, and cake for dessert. The cost is \$30 per person. Menu choices and your check payable to Thyra No. 9 should be sent to Signe

Deanna Dunbar and Kathie Mehrten.

We will not be meeting in February since our meeting day is Super Bowl Sunday, which is a great day to spend on the couch in front of the TV, Right?? Our next meeting will be Sunday March 2nd, Jana will contact members with details.

"GO TEAM!"

JHG

3500 games. On the 26th there was a service for the sister of Viola Jensen and Shirley Vegas. Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 8, 6:00 pot luck, meeting to follow, New date for our Installation, which will be Saturday, February 22. Installation at 12:00, open faced Danish sandwiches to follow. 50 year pins will be awarded to Del Thompson and Karen Faraldo. We will also be initiating new members into Dania at our installation. Hope to see you there. KRT

Ann McNeil, 40759 Creston Street, Fremont 94538 (510-490-6114), no later than March 7th. 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 again on Thursday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiau, Presidents

Sønderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma
Caroline Cruger-Hansen, Secretary, c.p.cruiger-hansen@comcast.net

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 and had a wonderful crab and spaghetti lunch. In February we will meet at 10:00 for a meeting with a potluck lunch following around 11:30. On February 8 we will be holding an open house and re-dedication ceremony of the Danish Hall. The ceremony will start at 12:00 in front of the hall with cake and cookies served after words. March 15 we will be joining the Knights of Columbus for their corn beef and cabbage feed at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at Saint Bernard Church

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 Anette Christensen, achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu

The Reno lodges celebrated our first meeting of the New Year, 2014 on January 3 with our traditional "Torske gilde", Cod, potatoes and mustard sauce. About 25 attended and several had brought appetizers & desserts, so no-one went home hungry. Lars and Marian Jensen had made a beautiful "kranskegale", Marzipan cake/tower and even better – it tasted wonderful! We had the table decorated with dark blue velvet table cloths, candle stars and New Year's decorations.

The meeting opened in usual style, not too much business. We discussed the Convention and passed out the reservation form and information. We also discussed our events for the coming year and there will be a small change in March. We are cancelling our Fastelavn's party this year, mostly because of lack of children attending. We are giving the Cat a rest for this year. ☺

For our February meeting on 2/7/14 we will be privileged to have a treat from our Swedish friends, "Skandia Solsken Activities Club #34". Marlene & Baxter Swaffar, Eva Demosthenes, Ingrid Hedman and their team will host a Pea Soup and pancake dinner for us. For all that wonderful food, it will only set you back \$5.00. That is always a treat and we look forward to that. At our February meeting we will also have election of officers, so start thinking about who you would like to nominate.

in Eureka at 7th and I Street, tickets may be purchased at the door. Remember to get your convention reservations into Don Christensen at 3024 Pigeon Point Road, Eureka CA 95503 or e-mail at dtchkhc@gmail.com so that he can complete the program book and get a better count for the caterers. Remember that guests are always welcome to come; even though they would not be able to attend the meetings, there is lots of shopping and activities to join in on. Fraternally Yours, Christian Nielsen

For our March meeting on 3/7/14 we are happy to announce that we will be celebrating Saint Urho with our Finish friends. This is a tradition that started by Finish emigrants in the US.

(please see attached link for more info.) <http://sainturho.com/>

At our April meeting we celebrate Easter Potluck and Youth Performance; May we have installation of officers. At our June meeting on 6/6/14 we celebrate Danish Constitution Day (6/5) and we also celebrate St. Hans Fest on Friday June 20, 2014 with a Picnic and bon-fire. July 4th we always celebrate with a BBQ.

August Potluck, maybe another picnic; September Harvest fest theme; October we celebrate with Oktoberfest theme and of cause some good beer. November we are celebrating with a Thanksgiving potluck and gearing up for the Christmas party. The month of December is our biggest party of the year – the Christmas Party. - Wow what a year we are in for! Please check out the calendar on the website for all our events. We welcome every one of you to attend some of our fun events!

Last but not least, we welcomed Jens Christiansen as a new member. He is the son of our Treasurer, Carl Christiansen. I also gave a women's application for Jens' sister Nina. Looking forward to next month to see if we get Nina as a member.

The sick list: Nina Sawyer didn't have her surgery, because of a bad cold. She will have it in the early spring. Palle was here tonight and happy to see him. Missed Janet Pulsipher, Ruth and Pete Olsen. Hope Solveig had a great trip to Denmark. Her better half, John, was here

Bornholm No. 14

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

For our first meeting in 2014 we had 20 members and no guests. We started with Pizza Party at 6 PM hosted by Susan and Brian Mefford. As usual, the pizzas were great and we had a good time.

The meeting started at 7 PM by President John Scheuber welcoming everybody to the New Year. He expressed a special welcome back to Anni Champagne and condolence to Bente Ellis, whose husband Ford passed in December. Minutes of the meeting from November read and approved. Sick report: Robert Sorensen is now back from rehab after a back surgery. Shirley Denning is not feeling good, but we hope that she will be better soon.

Reports from our Christmas Party: All praised the good food and excellent service at Jacobs Fine Dining. Our new Santa Claus was outstanding and everybody thought he did a great job.

The main subject for the meeting was organizing the yearly Fish-Dinner.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 1 PM in various homes. President: Doris Skow. dws1929@gmail.com

Danneskjold #17 and Laura #8: We attended and supported Bente Ellis at her husband Fords' memorial on our meeting day. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her and her family.

We held our meeting instead on January 25 and finalized our Installation plans.

We will gather at 12 noon on Saturday February 8, at Marianis' Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, and Installation will start at 12:30, followed by lunch at 1:30 pm. There will be a No Host Bar.

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary: Kurt Høj familyhoj@aol.com

Hejls Minde # 23 held its regular meeting January 8, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit 0 1 Denmark", Solvang, with 22 members present. We were so happy to see so many members from the Santa Maria Lodge. We were also very

tonight. Happy to have Ulla Christensen back from her 18 months Missionary work. Hope to see everyone at Convention in April. Have a great month & take care, Sena Marie

ATTENTION:

The Fish-Dinner is coming up. It is Friday February 21. Due to Hall conflicts, we had to move it up a week.

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 akvavit. The price is \$30 per person.

Reservation is necessary. Call Peder Hoy 209 521 8864 or Email pedohoy@yahoo.com

In February, we will not have any meeting due to the Fish-Dinner, so we also voted for delegates to the Convention in April.

Our next meeting will be March 21. We will have Corned Beef & Cabbage served by the Scheubers, the Stowers and the Meffords. John

The menu choices are Chicken, Filet of Sole or Tri Tip The cost is \$30.00 per person and reservation are a must by no later than February 5th. The space is limited so get your reservation into Lis Lacey-408-379-0844. You may pay at the door.

We will hold our February meeting on February 22, at Jonna's home out at the villages. She will prepare lunch and our meeting will follow.

HAPPY VALENTINE DAY TO ALL.

DWS

happy to see our Secretary Kurt Høj return to his post unassisted at the meeting. I understand he drove himself to the meeting.

The Menu: A delicious green salad, assorted breads, Frikadeller, Mashed potatoes, Gravy, vegetables.

For dessert: Danish Pancakes/ice-cream. Of course Beer and Snaps.

The Birthday people brought in snaps: Anker Nielsen, Kurt Høj (Danish Snaps), John Sorensen, Stoore from Santa Maria, Wayne Allen from Santa Maria. Thank you all • SkAA! ! ! !

The door Prize (\$20.00), was won by Lucille Wulff. Congratulations!

The regular Business Meeting started at 1 PM with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel.

Roll Call by Secretary Kurt Høj, he also read the Minutes from the previous meeting in November, 2013. The Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was read by Agnes Larsen. To be filed for audit.

Cora Vandecar resigned from Dania, due to her difficulties with hearing. We will miss you Cora!!

All officers will serve again for another year. Upcoming Convention to be held April 10-11-12, 2014. Hosts will be: Valhalla No. 11, and Ydum No. 10. The Place: Fortuna, CA. 20 miles from Eureka.

A Dollar Award (Scholarship) will be given to the Santa Ynez Valley High School, from Dania, Hejls Minde No. 23.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

The next regular meeting will take place Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

Please note: A few days after our regular meeting on January 8, Kurt Høj fell and hurt his back. He was admitted to the hospital. Our last report: Kurt is back home again.

Kurt - you are like a cat with nine lives plus-plus-plus!!!! We are all hoping you are feeling better and your back is O.K. Arla you deserve a medal!! (Kurt Høj's wife).

KKN

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information. Secretary: Wayne A. Allen. Darlene Iversen,