



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Dannebrog Grand President

I had an enjoyable Labor Day weekend in Ferndale. I picked up Steen Friday morning for the ride up, it gave me company for the trip. It's a long drive but it went fast for us.

Our installation proceeded well. We had hors-d'oeuvre with the bar open, then we had the installation. Everyone was somewhat relaxed except me and maybe Steen.

The dinner is always a wonderful spread of food, CC Market really does an outstanding job. We topped it off with a visit to Ivanhoe that evening.

We attended Sunday morning service at Our Savior's, the small Danish Lutheran Church in Ferndale. After coffee and refreshments at the church, we drove up to the park to see the Bocce ball tournament that was in progress. Knowing we had a long drive ahead of us home we took a walk down town to see the classic car show that was being held on the Main street of Ferndale. We said our good byes and got on the road.

We came home to a very warm Fresno, as it has to be to dry the grapes that were picked on that Labor Day weekend. After 12 days of drying, they are ready to be rolled up. With all the media talk of increase pay and overtime for the farm workers, it's time for Gunnar and me to move off the vineyard.

This was the last installation of the year until they start again in February. So now I'll try to visit some of the lodge meeting and events coming up.

This weekend will be Solvang's Danish Days, where we will be dancing Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Maybe we will see you there.

Martha Nielsen, Dannebrog's Grand President

Dania Grand President

This Labor Day Martha and I went to Ferndale to install local officers for Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10. Christian Nielsen and committee were out early with a well-planned event, even so early that I forgot to sign myself up (sorry) - thanks Mel for saving me!

It was nice to see so many people participating in the installation and the following Banquet Dinner. The Ferndale group knows how to throw a party!

I had looked forward to playing Bocce Ball but my back would not cooperate, it is now strong again.

This year we took some time to drive north and south of Ferndale to see the ocean and the green grass-filled valley. There were a lot of milking cows out in the open, just like it used to be in Denmark. Now the many small farms with cows out in the field in Denmark are gone, the buildings are still there. Most are not used as the cattle farming has been consolidated into big units and the cows are living in big barns year round.

Every year, the third weekend of September is Danish Days in Solvang. It is the highlight of the year for folk dancing

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for the Fresno Danish Dancers. We have been going down there for the last 35 years, many of us are Dania and Dannebrog members, both dancers and spectators. Some of us rode on the old Danish "4 cylinder inline motor" motorbike called Nimbus in the parade.

In Solvang you can eat like a Dane from your grandparents' time and also eat modern food. I like to go to 46 year book loft and find a book to read. This year I found a brand new book called "How to be Danish." I am only half through it, it is very interesting and inspiring to read how a Brit observes modern Denmark, it makes you proud to be a Dane. Hopefully I can find a way to share some of the highlights with you guys.

The rest of the year Martha and I will arrange some visits to your local meetings. Enjoy the fall.

BY Grand President Dania Steen Skjellerup

Of Special Interest

Hello Danish Lodges; All ticket sales cash, and checks will go to your secretary, plus your ticket stubs which will be deposited in your local lodge account. A check from your lodge in the equal amount of these funds will be written to "OLD AGE FUND" WILL BE MAILED ALONG WITH THE CORRESPONDING TICKET STUBS TO DANNEBROD 16 3894 HARVARD WAY LIVERMORE,CA 94550

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

DIANA MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Sena Marie Freeman in Memory of Ron Freeman

Dania Secretary's

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

James Olef Jensen, our Treasurer, was recently married. In tribute, President Daniel Joensen gave his "Danish Word of-the-Month", "gift". The word has a double meaning in Danish---marriage and poison. The members chuckled but also warmly congratulated James---and we all know his bride, Eileen McAteer Jensen. They make a great couple. Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin was absent as he was to have surgery on his neck the next morning. We now understand that the surgery was a bit more extensive. Tom is home and doing fine but highly restrictive in his movements. We wish Tom the very best but the recovery time is going to lengthy. If you would like his contact info, please contact the Secretary.

John Jensen gave a brief report on the 2017 Convention, still in the early planning stages. We do look forward to hosting the next Convention and we promise everyone a great time.

Palle Thomsen and Jerry Grey's names were drawn but there was no winner. The Secretary donated a case of cold beer that was quickly consumed along with several pizzas. At our next meeting we are promised a rousing *Oktoberfest* with sausages and sauerkraut---and plenty of good beer. There will be lots of Akvavit served and probably some good wines. And the singing will be the best.

Hejmdal No. 4 & Luren No. 13

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

Secretary Robert Schall, schallb48@gmail.com

Lets have fun with this project. If we can sell most of these tickets, we can be assured this much needed monies for our seniors will be funded for some time to come.

Birthdays, Christmas, anniversaries, Graduations, Valentine's Day, Weddings, or just because, Everyone loves a surprise.

Sales ARE NOT limited to Lodge members Sell them to your friends, family Co-workers, neighbors, other organizations you belong to. GO GET EM

Thanks to Stuart, Jana, Kathy, Jackie anyone else who helped get this off and running.,

Diane Reinstein-co chair

Our meetings are always events to be remembered. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11. We gather for a social hour, lots of beer and conversation, much of it in Danish, at 6:30 followed by a brief meeting at 7:30. Then we get down to the serious business of having a good time and a wonderful dinner. Guest are always welcome---we hope to see you there.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary, ragearthart@comcast.net, 209-329-3687

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 4 2017	Spike & Rail Selma

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

After dining on open-faced sandwiches and salads provided by members and dessert provided by Deanna Dunbar, Thor # 5 and Thora # 11 met on Sept. 1 with 22 members present. Our Charter was draped in memory of

Cindy Jensen and Tom Envernizzi. Installation will be Feb. 4th at Spike and Rail in Selma. Mark your calendars! Our Oct. 6th meeting will be hosted by Doris Lastreto, Inga Hansen, and Betty and Carl Jensen. 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, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

Happy Fall everyone! On Sunday the 2nd at 1:30pm Dana & Freja will be welcoming in the season with a BBQ on the Masonic Hall patio. The weather around here at this time of

year is pretty unpredictable so be prepared for anything, good thing though if it rains we can go inside. 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

October already? Hope everyone had a great summer and now look forward to autumn and all the changes it brings. Livermore will have their next meeting October 8, Saturday, 4:00, Odd Fellows Hall, Pot luck to follow.

Bob Lamee was the happy winner of the September attendance prize.

We will decide if we are having an installation, if so we will follow up with details in the November Newsletter.

And now for the big announcement: Christianna Reinstein (yes, my daughter) and Albrecht Kohler (of Germany) were married September 17, at Reinstein Ranch. It was truly beautiful - almost like a fairy tale. September 17 was a special date being that it was PGP Ruth Thomsen's birthdate, and she would have been 100 years old.

We wish them a happy future together.

Hope to see you all soon as we get ready for the holidays, KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

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

President, Stuart O. Mahler, smahler52@att.net; #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

WOW, what a start to our first meeting after the summer. We had 18 people at the meeting. One of them was a visitor from Danmark #2. David Mahler even drove over 420 miles to be at the meeting! Irene Simms treated us to some nice 90th birthday cake...congratulations!

Look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting Thursday October 14, 2016 7:30PM at Roundtable Pizza on Redwood Rd. in Castro Valley.

By now everyone should have heard of Dannebrog's fundraising efforts in support of the Senior Assistance Fund. The prize value is \$2000.00+, so get your tickets. Bring your cash or check book to the meeting and support the Senior Assistance Fund (OAF). Tickets are \$20.00 each or the

bargain rate of three tickets for \$50.00. Such a deal...you will not want to miss out. Tickets will be available at the meeting for your opportunity to purchase perhaps the winning ticket! Buy early and often...you could be the winner for a nice vacation in Los Cabos Mexico.

Hayward has several books of tickets in circulation to promote the fundraising efforts. We hope other branches are out there circulating tickets for purchase. 100% of the proceeds go to assist our seniors. The prize of one week has been donated and the all inclusive fee is donated. Winner pays for airfare to get there.

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

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

Oct 1: Valhalla – Ydun will be celebrating **Ydun's 104th Anniversary** with a family style dinner at Hunan's in Fortuna, time is 6:00 pm. Fortuna will be holding the Apple Harvest Festival with lots of fun and sidewalk sales starting at 10:00 am.

Nov 5: Valhalla – Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 with a Polenta lunch afterwards. Delegates going to convention in April are due to the Grand Lodge.

Happenings and other news... **Oct 7 – 9 Loleta Antique Show** will be the happening place to be. Sunday Deep Pit BBQ will start at 1:00 at the fire house on Park Street.

Oct 10: Ferndale Museum will be showing "Korea: The Remembered War" at the Ferndale Theater at 2 pm. Admission is \$10 and will conclude with a reception and book signing at the Lenz Department Store building. Author

Bob Marin, my uncle, will have his book "Five Years of my Life: To Korea and Back" available for purchase.
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

The Reno Lodges had a wonderful pot-luck on Friday September 2, 2016. A smaller group of 25, which is a little less than usual, met for some great foods and company. We had a short meeting and finalize our Christmas party plans, which sounds early, but since our party is the first Friday of December, there is really not much time. We missed Sena Marie who was busy with the Rib Cook-off at the Nugget. She has had a very busy month. The Month of September is packed each weekend with activities in Reno, starting with the Rib Cook-off, then the Balloon Race (and Camel race in Virginia City), then the Air Race and final Street Vibrations

with thousands of motorcycles. This summer has just flown by and now we are into fall.
The next meeting is Friday October 7, 2016 where we will celebrate Oktoberfest with Sauerkraut, sausage and German Beer among other great German dishes. We will, as always meet at the Odd Fellow Hall at 7 pm. We are also sending a belated happy birthday to Ruth Olsen who celebrated her 80th birthday on August 21. Hope you and the family had a great day!
Till next time.... Anette

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

Bornholm #14's September 16 meeting had its lowest attendance in history, 7 members no guests. Special functions, retreat, birthday, accident & wedding kept the usual faithful crew away.
We started with light sandwiches and later Danish Æblekage. The meeting was held while we enjoyed the food. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with no changes. The membership drawing was won by John Johansen. The money \$50 was donated to the Children's Christmas Fund.
Sick report: Gunver Olsen broke her left arm two places in a car accident in her own driveway. We hope and pray that she will be healthy by next meeting.

The only other subject discussed was the Picnic Sunday October 2nd. It will take place at Doris & Peder Hoy's place. We start as usual 9:30 AM with bloody Marys' (special mix by Ann Stowers) and Danish Æbleskiver made by Brian Mefford.
As usual people bring a side dish, their own wine and beer. No Chairs and tables needed. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, plates and utensils.
We hope for a very good turnout.
Our next meeting will be October 21. We start with October Fest – Hot Dogs and beer at 6 PM.
The meeting will be after the October Fest. John

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.
President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Lis Lacey

It was announced before lunch that our dear member Mabel Brix had passed away peacefully at 11:30 p.m. on Sept 7. We all drank a toast to Mabel and shared memories. We will drape our charter at our next meeting. We send our sincere sympathies to all of Mabel's family.
Our September get together was hosted by Ron Nielsen at his daughter Kim's home. Both Kim and her husband Lenard were very helpful.
We started out at noon with beverages and cheese/crackers. This was followed by a koldebord, complete with herrings, salmon, Hard boiled eggs, liverpaste and sliced pork. There was also a fruit salad and more crackers and cheeses.
It was a lovely day and some sat inside while others sat outside to eat.

Following some good old fashioned visiting we had coffee and kringle.
Thanks so much to Ron and his family for this nice day. We did not hold a meeting but did have some discussion regarding our Oct. meeting. There is once again a conflict of activities on Oct 8. It was agreed by the group to move the meeting to the following Sat. Oct. 15. This was fine with our hostess Britta.
We were pleased to have Erik & Lillian Soylst and their daughter Laila as well as Jona & Torben Rasmussen present. We also had Tim and Natalie Heer, our two Grand Secretaries with us today. So good to see so many, however we did miss Bob & Lis Lacey, Phyllis Allman and Bente Ellis this time.
PLEASE NOTE: We will meet at noon for a Pot Luck Lunch at the home of Britta Lange on OCT, 15. Following

lunch we will have a business meeting. We will be taking in 3 new members at that meeting. We will discuss the future dates for meetings and cover any other business that comes up. Please bring your date books with you as we have some dates to decide on.

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 meeting and Lunch at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark", Solvang with 18 in attendance. We had herring, delicious open face sandwiches and a special ice cream dessert because of Danish Days in September.

The door prize was won by Jean Kardel

We were delighted to have the Danish maid, Natalya Nielsen, and Brenda, her helper, present and they sold tickets for Danish Days. Also a photographer was there taking pictures.

A moment of silence was held for Svend Olesen who died recently. He was the longest serving member of Santa Maria's Lodge. He will be missed.

There were no birthdays in September but Agnes Larsen brought a bottle of snaps for her birthday next month.

The business meeting was called to order by the President Hans Kardel. We were honored to have the owner of Bit O'

We send our embraces to Ellen Jensen and Phyllis Allman who are on our present shut in list.

DWS

Denmark, Henning Sorensen, lend his beautiful voice in singing Danish and American songs.

The treasurer's report was read by Agnes Larsen and accepted.

Marie Jaeger, Secretary, read the roll call of the officers present and also the correspondence. There was a thank you note from Rita Lunde for the funeral benefit for her husband, Ed Lunde. Also a thank you note from Page Jensen who received a Scholarship for college.

Darlene Iversen thanked us for having the Santa Maria Group at our monthly meetings.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 5 at the Restaurant Bit O' Denmark at 12 Noon.

Hope to see your there! Jean Kardel, Guest Recorder

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