



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

April 2018

Dannebrog Grand President

Installations are over, and the next big show will be convention in Sparks Nevada. I heard that some people have not heard the particulars of the proposed concept of blending Grand Lodge Officers from Dania and Dannebrog. It has been in the newsletter several times, it is posted on the Dannebrog page on the web site, and a copy was sent to the various branches for discussion amongst their membership.

For those who have not seen the details or have had a chance to discuss the concept the following is a SUMMARY of the work by Dannebrog and Dania Committees exploring merger options and feasibility.

First recommendation is for ***NO MERGER!*** The committees are recommending the blending of Grand Lodge Officers and the two conventions meeting as one. This is the same thing that all cities with a Dania and Dannebrog branch are currently doing. So the membership should recognize how this would work.

Dania and Dannebrog would each keep their current practice for Member of the Year, 25 and 50 year pins, as well as their scholarship programs. Each will also keep their respective Secretaries, Treasurers, and Trustees.

If this concept is adopted by both Dania and Dannebrog at the 2018 conventions, we would elect one Vice Marshal to start through the chairs. For several years current Grand Officers going through the chairs would remain, meaning two Presidents, two Vice Presidents, and two Marshals. In 2019 we would elect one Grand Marshal and one Grand Vice Marshal until we have only one officer in each of the four positions. The goal is to alternate the positions between Dania and Dannebrog.

The report of the committee work has been forwarded to the two Executive Committees'. Members of both committees made themselves available to come to your meetings to discuss it and answer any questions. At the 2018 convention Dania and Dannebrog will consider conducting a joint session to discuss the plan and answer any questions. They will then reconvene in their regular meeting for further discussion and a vote. Both organizations would need to vote yes in order to implement this concept.

Stuart Mahler Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

Greetings from Wandin, Victoria, Australia where I am on vacation. By the time you read this newsletter, I will have returned and be preparing for the upcoming Convention.

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The first part of March is a busy time of the year for those of us who work with corporations and are involved at tax time. Modesto had the traditional fish

dinner in on the 3rd, and I have heard that it was a great spread. Hayward had their installation at Cattlemen's in Livermore on the 10th. The meetings started out with an audit of the books at 9 o'clock in the morning, followed with executive meeting at 10 to work on the scholarship applications and other matters presented to the executive committee. The results will be announced at the convention.

The installation went off in good style, there was just enough space for some nice marching around that our Grand Marshals executed to perfection. This was my last installation. For the San Jose installation on the 17th, Grand Vice President, John Scheuber, stepped in while I was away in Australia. The year has passed quickly and I am a little sad that it is over. Stuart and I are thankful for all the nice treatment which we have received. The local lodges have gone out of their way to make us feel welcome and appreciated at all installations.

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

NEW MEMBERS

Dannebrog: Dianne Works Geiger, Dana #15

Dania: Ellen Landsman, Sønderjylland #10

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

Secretary's

With Convention this month I thought you might like to read a little history about the most successful Dania Convention almost held in our history. It was back in 1906 when Rock and Roll was King.

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 ragearth@comcast.net Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

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

We met in March at Hope Lutheran for lunch with Vice President Kay Jensen opening the business meeting. President Don Pettit was ill.

We approved the funds to give the delegates and Past Grands for the convention in Reno.

We discussed changing the location of our Christmas party and the installation in 2019. Kay Jensen is in charge and has found a place in Fresno that is available for both.

It is now time to prepare for the Convention at Nugget in Sparks April 19-21. The committees and I will have to finish up all the work which has been done over the year. We will be hearing the report from and addressing the findings of the Blending Committee that was established last year. This report has been distributed to all local lodges and its main points have been presented in the newsletter. We expect delegates to be prepared for an exciting and important Convention.

Looking forward to the convention.

Remember, we need new members!

By Grand President Dania Daniel Joensen

Upcoming Conventions		
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		
Valdemar No 12. Dannevirke No. 9	April 22, 2018 10:00 A.M.	Nugget, Sparkes NV

Looking forward to seeing everyone it Reno!!

Steen Skjellerup made the suggestion that maybe we could have less business meetings per year and more social functions, that it might increase our member participation. We will discuss that futher.

Our next meeting will be held on April 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Lutheran.

Carl, Betty and Kay Jensen will be the Hosts. Martha Nielsen, reporting.

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

**Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at 1:00 P.M.; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA
Secretary, Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net**

Dana 15 and Freja 6 got lucky a little early in March. As the corned beef simmered on the stove and the whiskey carrots finished up in the oven, we sat down to a proper and productive business meeting. Guest Doris Skow was welcomed, annual reports were given, delegates to convention were selected, some Good of the Order was shared, and we even accepted a new member, Dianne Works Geiger who is the daughter of two of our past members, Bob and Arleen Works and cousin of our most recent new members Mike and Sharon Richardson. All this in under 40 minutes! We broke for a recess and enjoyed a hardy Irish lunch prepared by Tim'nNat'n Jana the

representatives of the O'Heer Clan. Doris found the extra treat in her cupcake and took home a shiny silver dollar, the next best thing to a Leprechaun's gold coin. Over coffee we shared our thoughts about the blending of Dania and Dannebrog, we all agreed that whatever it takes to move forward, we will advocate for accomplishing this without any branches of Dania and Dannebrog losing their charters. We adjourned our meeting with full tummies and smiling faces, next meeting will be May 6th when we welcome home our convention delegates with a Pot Luck. See you then! JHG

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**

Happy Easter! Livermore's next meeting will be Saturday, April 14, 6:00, Farm Bureau Bldg. Our newly elected President, Gregg DiMartino did a fine job running his first meeting in March, which shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that was at our installation. He suggests that we as members complete our strategy to complete our 2018 lodge objectives that were expressed at

the last meeting and to please bring our ideas to the next meeting. One of them being to keep the Danish traditions, imagine that, for a Danish organization like ours. We'll get our members eating herring and drinking akavit yet! Or at least to learn how to make aebleskivers. Jackie Nielsen was the happy attendance prize winner. We look forward to seeing everyone at convention. 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 March 10 Stuart Mahler, Grand President of Dannebrog and Daniel Joensen, Grand President of Dania presided over the joint installation of officers for Valborg and Thyra. Stuart presented Joyce Mahler and Pat Brouillette with Dannebrog 25-year pins. Duane McNeil was presented a Dania 25-year pin by Daniel. Thank you so much to everyone who filled in for those who were

unable to attend. Kudos goes to Pat Brouillette, Greg Gleeson, and Signe Ann McNeil for another successful installation and luncheon. A good time was had by all! Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet at 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 12. We look forward to seeing you!
Susan Gauthier, President

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 Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070**

Sønderjylland #10 held their March 2018 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, March 10. We had cool weather, but comfortable enough to have our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 14 Members and one guest.

The lunch consisted of Danish Open-Faced Sandwiches, (Smørrebrød) including Curried Herring and Matjes Herring, all served with the obligatory Jubilæum Akvavit. Everyone was impressed by the open-faced sandwiches, according to the praise and positive feedback received. Several appetizers were provided and Danish "Sandkage" was served for desert. Thank you to all those who helped

make these wonderful sandwiches and who provided the appetizers.

The business meeting was opened at 12:30 by President Karen Lysmer who began the meeting in leading us in singing the Danish National Anthem.

All officers present except for Vice President Margaret Mayes.

Secretary's Report: Report from the February Valentine's Day meeting were delivered by Secretary John Cruger-Hansen and President by Karen Lysmer. It was decided unanimously to not have an Installation of officers in August, as we only have four meetings per year and all

officers have agreed to continue to 2019. The report was accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Vibeke Jensen gave report. Accounting of Sønderjylland #10 checking account at Bank of the West was presented. Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Sick Report: Margaret Mayes has the flu and Jeannie Kjaer reported she may need surgery.

Correspondence: There was no Correspondence

New Business. A new member was accepted, Ellen Landsman of Boulder City, Nevada.

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

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 Marie Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, achristensen@med.unr.edu

On March 2 the Reno Lodges held their monthly meeting. WOW what a snowy night it was and still there was about 20 in attendance. We had a nice Easter potluck. Ham and all the fixings. Great company and wonderful food! Anette opened the meeting during dessert. First thing was election of officers, they are Past President Ann-Katherine Sawyer, President: Anette Christensen, Vice President: Eva Demosthenes, Secretary: Sena-Marie Freeman # 44, Treasurers: Carl-Henrik Christiansen and Ina Segesman, Marshal: Nina Sawyer, Vice Marshal: Erik Jensen, Trustees: Jens Christiansen, Ingrid Hedman, and Helen Christiansen, Auditors: Lars Jensen, Brandur Jensen, and Donna Vanderbeck. Then we discussed the final preparations for the convention. Still lots to do, but we are so looking forward to seeing you all here in Reno. Please don't forget your Viking clothes for the Saturday's dinner. Registration forms are due to Leif Larsen before April 1st (Easter Sunday) for best price. Reservations for the Hotel is made directly to the Nugget. Past Grand Presidents,

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 celebration at Bornholm #14's meeting March 16.

17 members and no guests enjoyed a delicious corned Beef, cabbage & potatoes dinner prepared by the Stowers' s and the Scheuber' s.

Everybody thought it was fabulous. We started at 6 PM and did not finish until there was hardly nothing left.

The General meeting started with a general discussion about our branch Bylaws. The corrections that came back from The Grand Secretary were accepted and hopefully we can get this issue closed very soon.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The member draw ended up going to the Children's Fund after three drawings of members not present. Bills were paid.

Membership drawing: There was no membership drawing. Meeting closed at 1:30.

Our next meeting is the "Welcome Home meeting and lunch after the Convention." It is on Saturday, June 9th, 2018 at 11:30 AM at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

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.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen Secretary

please RSVP to the April 20th luncheon. Sena-Marie would like to know by April 1st, so she can let the buffet manager know how many is attending.

Sena-Marie is requesting that all of Dannevirke#9 & Valdemar #12 officers please attend our installation on Sunday 4/22 at 10AM. If you can't make it, please let her know by April 6th, so she can find substitutes for you. THANK YOU! Also, any of you attending the installation, let Sena-Marie know so we can let catering department know as well.

Our sick list is small - Mike Vanderbeck had neck surgery March 7th and is doing well. We wish him a speedy recovery. Anette closed the meeting as quickly as possible so we all could get home safe. There was at least 6 inches of snow that fell during the time we were there. Our April birthdays are Sena-Marie Freeman, Karma Smith, Brandur Jensen, Irene York, Glenn Christensen, Carl Christiansen and Bill York. Happy birthday to all and safe travels to Reno. Happy Easter and Take Care Sena-Marie

In sick bay: Jim Jorgensen is now getting in-house therapy, so at least he will get some exercise. Shirley is welcoming this very much.

60 people attended our Fish-Dinner March 3. It was about ten people less than signed up. We discussed, that next near we will require prepaid reservation either by check or PayPal. The no shows are killing any party.

We are all set for the Convention in Reno in April.

Delegates are in place and the members briefed about, what will be taken place.

Our next meeting is May 18, Welcome Home Delegates, Johanne Gade is hosting. We start 6 PM with sandwiches. The meeting afterwards.

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

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. 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 Iverse

History

The Following was taken by translating an article from "Danske I California" also from Local Newspaper of the time.

The Convention for 1906 was to be held in San Francisco, hosted by both Danmark #2 and Helga #3. In conjunction with the convention Bien was celebrating its 25th anniversary. All the preparation had been complete in a grand way. Tuesday April 17 was a reception party. On Wednesday morning the meetings were to begin and that evening there was a planned great festivity in the Saratoga Hall, at 814 Geary Street between Larkin and Hyde, to which Bien had invited not only the Grand Officers and Representatives, but all Danes in the State. Thursday evening banquet was planned, along with a Friday cruise of the bay with a landing on Yerba Buena Island. Saturday's evening banquet with plans including dancing to the bright morning. There were special programs for the Families and Friends of the Grand Officers and Representatives to visit Coffee Companies and other points on interest.

The "Bien" had the week before, on 13 April, issued an addition with 28 pages. There were a lot of pictures and articles in which Dania and all other Danish associations, Danish churches and everything else Danish were mentioned. In a pointed article, the magazine concludes with the following remark: "Let us make the Convention 1906 To The most successful in Dania's history."

Wednesday April 18th at 5.15 a.m. The terrible earthquake, which with the ensuing great fire over three days, turned the proud San Francisco into a area of smoking ruins. Bien, which had its printing operations in San Francisco, was destroyed, but did not burned. After all that could be salvaged was moved to Oakland the small newspaper was already on 6. May-three weeks after the disaster. This addition included the following remarks: "Otto Willweber, the owner of Saratoga Hall, had already started to set up tables and chairs for the party table on Tuesdays. We learned that Danish associations and personal friends

had ordered flower bouquets for decoration. Around the area bakeries, delicatessen and the merchants, there were many good things to be covered in the tables, - Part was already delivered To Saratoga Hall. Willweber had commissioned an appropriate supply of Anchor Steam Beer And his brother, Henry, had painted a large sign, which read "Welkommen Danske". All of the decorations and prepared food was lost to the fire and earthquake with the exception of some large dishes with herring salad, which remind in the Hardwick's Home on Hampshire Street and was to be sent to Saratoga Hall on Wednesday morning. Many of the homeless Danes, who in the next day's came to Hardwick's home, were the really good herring salad was now well received by them. While San Francisco was still burning a couple Grand Officers and twenty of Dania Representatives gathered at Hans Hermansen's Kulforætning in East Oakland. The two Grand Officers were Grand President Robert Nelson, he was 38 years old and was born in Odense, Funen, Danmark, the other was Grand Vice President P C Krogh. There was a Meeting; However, as the meeting was not a decision-maker due to the lack of a Quorum, the Assembly only adopted resolutions that were subsequently approved by Grand Lodge. The resolutions consisted of retaining the board as it was composed, except for Grand Secretary M. P. Christensen, who did not want to be re-elected.

In San Francisco, almost all accounting books were burned. However, the book of members was saved. Just before Convention Grand President Robert Nelson had been in Los Angeles, where he on 15 April, opened a new Branch "Vitus Behring" No. 18. Then one of the major Branches within Dania. A few weeks before, Robert Nelson had been in Lovelock, Nevada, where he also opened a new Branch; Three years later, however, it was dissolved.

During the months after the Earthquake many ads showed up in newspaper requiring all members of Danmark #2 and Helga #3 to come a certain location

in San Francisco to be accounted for, and find out if they were in need of any assistance. There were several meeting location changes as well. Although this was a very difficult time and most upsetting to those that live through the earthquake and fire, it was reported

that in August Hayward, Livermore and San Jose Dania Lodges held an annual Picnic in the Park where it said that between 200 and 300 were in attendance. Things were getting back to normal.