



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

June 2018

## Dannebrog Grand President

Enjoy the summer break. Mary Esther and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Ferndale Labor Day weekend in September. Happy and safe summer.  
Alan Filiu, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

It's graduation time. It is a great time of year to see all of our kids, grandkids and in some cases great grandkids hit a milestone in their lives and move on to the next phase. We all need that feeling of fruition. As we settle in after convention it is time to layout our anticipated accomplishments for the year. With the help of all our great committee I hope we can bring about some constitutional revisions that are long overdue. Some of you may remember there was a very active Constitutional Committee that worked much of 2016 for a presentation at the 2017 convention. When "Blending" came up we felt it appropriate to put this on the back burner until that decision was made. Now with that behind us our new committee will review all the work from the previous committee and come up with our final proposed version. I just sent out at packet to those members this week.

We need to do some overall updating, remove some redundancy and eliminate those items that no longer fit us. Maybe we'll finally resolve whether we are "Delegates" or 'Representatives" when we attend convention, and maybe we can find a way to expedite some of our Grand Lodge sessions. I thank those who are willing to serve on committees, you know someone has to do it, as we know some aren't too high on Ritual or Protocol, but want the benefit of our social functions.

I await the day when both Dania and Dannebrog finally agree on one Universal Installation Ritual, with one job description (not two) for each office and one marching pattern. If you've ever been an installing officer you can relate to that wish. As each branch plans for their installation, we will always prefer you use the more formal approach. But in recent years on extremely hot days we have had a dressed down version as well. This past year Stuart Mahler and I helped San Jose with their installation with a more

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abbreviated version since few officers were being changed and the setting was someone's home. We are adaptable and need to be.

I recently requested and received a rather detailed summary of the concerns Dannebrog voiced when defeating the Blending concept. I plan to spend part of my year as I travel to address some of these issues and do some fence mending. As Marge and I plan our year of travel to your branches make sure we know when you deviate from your normal schedule and when you hold a special event. See you soon.

John Scheuber, Dania Grand President

**Grand Lodge Secretary**

**IN MEMORIAM:**

**DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP**

Valborg #1, in memory of Winifred Jensen

**DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

**NEW MEMBERS**

Bobby Lacey, Danneskjold #17

**DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND**

**Secretary's**

The Dannebrog Constitution and the Dania Constitution are available on our web site. Please download them and print copies for your Branches. Remember the Dania per-capita tax will be due on July 1<sup>st</sup> and it is \$15.00 per member as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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) Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

We had another very productive meeting. John Jensen gave a very comprehensive report on the Dania Convention, praising the fine job of the Reno lodges and the Nugget Hotel. He also praised the choices of our latest Members- of-the-Year: Mel Lundberg and Martha Nielsen. Both were very surprised but most deserving. It was fortuitous that Dennis was there as one of our delegates and could witness the honor bestowed on his mother.

We set the "Secondary Membership" rate for Danmark #2 at a modest \$12/year---we will be pleased to welcome new members. And we had three guests, each expressing interest in joining. Tom Martin recently had back surgery, but he was there for our meeting---a real tough guy! Elizabeth Jensen was absent due to her back troubles. We wish them both speedy and complete recoveries. Henrik Nielsen presented his Dania-Dannebrog March. Henrik is formally trained as a musician and the March has some very special features. We heard a full orchestral version, but it could be played on keyboard. The musical score is available; I would be pleased to mail copies. The hope is that the music will be played at local installations for the marching of officers---and to augment the

**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)**

Had our May meeting with the delegates giving their reports from the convention. We missed Carl and Betty Jensen as Betty was still recovering from her hospital stay. Our next meeting will be our annual picnic at Steen's home on Friday, June 1, at 5:00 p.m. Steen will grill beef tri tip and the members will bring salads and dessert. We will not be meeting in July or August. Martha Nielsen Reporting.

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Bornholm #14	2020	
Upcoming Installations		
Bornholm #14	Augst 4, 2018 11:30 A.M.	Famiglia Bistro Mc Henry Ave
Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10	September 1,	Danish Hall in Ferndale
Freja #6 & Dana #15	October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Salinas Masonic Hall
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	February 9, 2019	Grosvenor Hotel S. San Francisco

clapping. With a Bluetooth player or on a keyboard, it can be paused as necessary. The music is very dramatic; we are anxious to try it out. Henrik is now in DK but he will be back for our next meeting.

We had a great meal to welcome home our Grand Officers: Jr. Past Grand President Tom Martin and Grand Trustees Kathy Christensen and Jim Jensen----and all of our Delegates. The meal featured a Honey-baked ham and too many side dishes to detail---*og paa enden, der var Kringler fra Den Copenhagen Bageri. Naturligvis, der var mange snaps, ol, vin, vand, og kaffe at drikke.* And the singing was very spirited. A good time was had by all---and no one went home hungry!

Please mark your calendar for the date of our Anniversary Party, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Grosvenor Hotel.

Our next meeting will be *Onsdag, juni 13*. We gather at the Odd Fellows Hall, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, at 6:30 or so, for a beverage and a social hour. There will be a brief meeting at 7:30, then we will get down to the serious business of having a good time---and a wonderful meal. Everyone is invited but please come hungry.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary, [ragearthart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearthart@comcast.net), 209-329-3687

A note from Carl and Betty Jensen: We were very pleased and reminded of all the many friends we have in the Dania and Dannebrog Lodges by the cards and wishes we received for our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thank you so much. We miss seeing all of you.

Congratulations to Mel Lundberg and our own Martha Nielsen for their much deserved awards. Congratulations to all the new Officers, have a good year. Mange Tak, Carl and Betty Jensen.

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

Our Welcome Home Delegates meeting was very informative and generated much reflection and discussion. Colleen drove the 3 hours down to deliver her detailed report. Jana drove about 6 minutes, well double that, she forgot half way that she had left it at home. We also welcomed our guests Doris Skow and Ron Neilsen, thank you both for your continued support and good company. We had a small turn out, the expected members who couldn't make it unfortunately had good excuses. We hope that Ole Pedersen, Lis Bonde Schmidt, and Arne Graversgaard are up, getting around and feeling much better! We started out with (Colleen's) wonderful smoked fish and Danish cheeses, followed by (Tim'nNat's) Frickadeller and (Jana's) potatoes and Rodkaal. (Ron's)

Carlsberg and (Tim's) Akvavit helped it all go down smoothly. And the afternoon was topped off with coffee and (Doris's) yummy flaky Kringle. I hope everyone is getting ready for a busy summer, the next time we meet will be August 5th when we'll be making final preparations for our Second Annual Dansktøber Fest and Installation of Old Officers. Anyone interested in taking on any new office speak now or forever hold on to your old regalia! And everyone else please mark you calendars now for October 7th in Salinas, details will follow in the coming months, but we'll do our best to even have a better time than last year - and there's a better chance of that happening if YOU join us! Skaal! JHG

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

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Potluck, The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore.  
Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

We enjoyed a belated Cince de Mayo theme for our May meeting. We had reports from the convention as we listened with full tummies. We must have had a lot to talk about (actually some very good discussions and open minds) as our meeting was an hour and a half long. Now for:  
Greetings from the President.  
Special thanks to all the delegates that represented our lodges at the convention. During the May meeting we planned our calendar for the rest of the year. Please attend

the June meeting when we will finalize the dates. Personally, I am excited about our upcoming aebleskiver night. It is important for us to maintain our Danish traditions. Gregg DiMartino, President  
Gregg DiMartino was the lucky winner of our monthly attendance prize, which might come in handy after convention in Reno. Our next meeting will be June 9th, 6:00, at the Farm Bureau Building, with a regular pot luck. See you there 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, Alan D Filiau, [adfiliau@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adfiliau@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

It was wonderful to see our Delegates and Grand Officers back from convention at the meeting in May. Grand Officers from Dannebrog: Grand Past President Stuart Mahler, Grand President Alan Filiau, Grand Vice President Beth Cowan, Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette, and Grand Trustee Mary Esther Filiau and from Dania: Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson. We also welcomed our visitors, the Grand Secretaries of Dannebrog & Dania, Natalie and Tim Heer. It was also great to see Eric

Jorgensen who was visiting from Washington. Kudos to Pat, Greg, Signe Ann, and Mac for coordinating the pizzas and dessert for that evening.  
We hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 pm.  
Please note that the Hayward Lodges will not be meeting in July nor August.  
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](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net) Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070**

Sonderjylland #10 had no meeting in May 2018. The next meeting is on Saturday, June 9, at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled.in Petaluma.  
We are again serving authentic Danish Open-Faced Sandwiches (smørrebrød) for lunch.  
In order to get an accurate count of how much to make, we are requesting you notify Secretary John Cruger-Hansen by phone, 510-232-6998, or email:

[Soenderjylland.10@gmail.com](mailto:Soenderjylland.10@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend and/or will bring a guest.  
At our last meeting in March we agreed that the lunch contribution be set at \$10 per person which, at this meeting, will include four pieces of Danish smørrebrød, a simple æblekage for dessert, and coffee. Beer and Wine will be available for a small donation. Water is free.  
A generous member is donating a bottle of Ålborg Akvavit to be served at lunch.

Please choose between Herring or Shrimp, let me know which one. Please reply before June 6.

Leverpostej, **Leverpostej med rodbedejulienne, karse og sprød bacon**

Roast Beef, **Roastbeef med Remulade og ristede løg**  
Skinke, (ham) Skinke med let Italiensk Salat  
Sild, (herring) or Shrimp, Karrysild / Marineret Sild / Rejer, please choose one.

### **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](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)**

June 2: Valhalla – Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 for a business meeting with a catered lunch at 12:30. No charge for members guests are \$16.00 we need reservations to Mel Lundberg by May 26, call him at (707) 822-3787.  
June 10: Valhalla – Ydun will be showing a Movie Matinee at the Danish Hall. Movie starts at 1:00 on the second Sunday of the month. Popcorn, coffee, tea, cocoa and Carlsberg will be available.  
June 24: 68<sup>th</sup> Scandinavian Mid-Summer Festival will be held at Fortuna Park at 11:00 with a potluck and BBQ

### **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](mailto:achristensen@med.unr.edu)**

On Friday May 4 the Reno Lodges met for a very nice potluck on an 80 degree day and warm evening with 18 in attendance. Every dish was delicious as always. Anette made another one of her famous cakes with fresh strawberries. We celebrated Marian Gndt's birthday and sang Happy Birthday to her. She was surprised. Anette opened the meeting 9.15 pm during dessert. First on the list was – wrap up from the convention. "Wow we did it"! We felt relieved that another convention was in the books and it went well. We all hoped everyone enjoyed it! We congratulated Mike and Donna Vanderbeck with their new positions as Grand Vice Marshals. We handed out the scholarships to Nina and Jens Christiansen from Dania and Dannebrog. Congratulations to you both. The membership prize we received from the Convention was turned over to the Dannevirke #9 Treasurer, Ina Segasman.

In other business we talked about Sankt Hans Fest, which will be on Friday June 22nd at River School Farm, 7777 White Fir St, Reno, NV 89523.

<http://www.riverschoolfarm.org> We start at 7 PM with a picnic. Please bring your own meat to grill, a side dish to share and what you want to drink. The lodge will provide coals, napkins, plates and silverware. When the sun sets, we will have a bonfire and send the "witches" off to the Broken Mountain in Germany. ☺ Everyone is welcome – this is a fun event in a very nice private park by the Truckee River.

Ost, (Cheese) Danbo mellem lagret / med Kommen / Gamle Ole, please choose one.

Before we sit down for lunch we will have a short membership meeting and give reports on the 2018 Dania Convention in Reno.

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/Treasurer

lunch at 12:00. Bring your own BBQ item to cook and a potluck item to share. We are asking for you to bring a Scandinavian potluck item if possible. Music and flag ceremony will be after lunch.

July 14: Help is needed to clean out the 90 years of accumulation in the attic at the Danish Hall. Start at 11:00, were work clothes lunch will be provided.  
Christian Nielsen

On Friday May 18th we held a celebration of life for Palle Larsen. There were 15 of us that gathered at the Mountain View Cemetery to put him to rest. A great big thank you to Anette, Ina, and Carl Henrik for a beautiful tribute to Palle, with the pretty programs, poems and songs. After that we went to Palle's favorite restaurant Mi Casa Too, where we had a nice get together with dinner and Margaritas. As Palle would have said it: "Good show"! Our summer meetings will be a BBQ's at the lodge, starting with June 1 at 7 PM. Everyone please bring you own meat to BBQ and a salad or dessert to share.

I am happy to announce that the Scholarship awards have paid off. Erik Gndt Jensen (our Vice Marshal) graduated UNR Medical School on May 18th. His residency will be in Reno in Internal Medicine. (Erik is the son of Mariann Gndt and Lars Jensen.) Jens Christiansen (our Trustee) Graduated from UNR with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and Renewable energy. (Jens is the son of Carl Henrik Christiansen) We are all so proud of both of you! Our sick list: Barb Iler was in the hospital with pneumonia, but is home now and doing well. Hope that Glenn Fritz feel better soon, he left early from the meeting. John LaRoache had a knee replacement in April and is doing very well. Wishes for a continued speedy recovery.

Our sympathy goes out to the Olsen family. Janet Pulispher and Pete Olsen lost their brother, John on April 16th. John and Janet were twins. Our hearts goes out to the whole family.



June Birthday's: Helen Christiansen, Louise Myers, Courtney Webb, LeRee Purdum, and Hannah

Matuzak. Happy Birthday to all. Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads out there. 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)**

“It was welcome back Delegates, Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents.” Yes all of our Representatives were welcomed and asked to give a report of any crucial items to make our total membership aware of the happenings at the Grand Lodge level. Johanne Gade served us Tri Tip and Chicken Sandwiches from the House of Beef. Ummmm!! Concern was noted over the defeat of Blending as Bornholm has been a staunch supporter of the concept for some time. As we welcomed everyone back it was with a great deal of pride as it was noted that Bornholm now has 4 Grand Officers: the Grand President, the Grand Marshal and 2 Grand Trustees. An update of the Senior Assistance Fund was provided, as well. Mention was also made of the Constitutional change to clarify how primary and secondary memberships are defined for members belonging to more than one Branch. Max Stowers, who has been a Delegate for a few years, voiced his concern of the continued drop in membership, universally, and suggested something be done about it. Ann Stowers noted that ever since the Scandinavian Festival in Turlock was dropped we have had no activity in

our community in which we could participate. One member suggested we consider getting involved in the Annual International Celebration hosted each year at Modesto Jr. College. Ben Hoover is to check into the dates and see how we could get involved.

It was announced that Bornholm has agreed to host the 2020 convention in Modesto and the preparation has begun. A Committee was formed to find a facility that could meet our needs. President Scheuber noted a conflict of the Salinas Installation and our Annual Bornholm picnic scheduled for Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, so we are seeking to find a more satisfactory date. Since we only have one more meeting before our August 4<sup>th</sup> Installation of officers, our nomination process has begun. We will review and finalize our nominations and elect our officers at the June meeting. Please accept our invitation to join our Annual Installation on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Famiglia Bistro on Mc Henry Avenue. For reservations call John Scheuber at 209-541-4092 or send him an e-mail: [john.scheuber@vsi.cc](mailto:john.scheuber@vsi.cc)

Submitted by John S for John J

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

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.**

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

Our welcome home delegates party was held at Jonna Robinson's home presiding our May meeting. We started with a smørrebrød of herring, salmon, roast beef, and cheeses, complete with Beer and akvavit. We also had key lime pie and kringle with coffee. Thank you Jonna. Our meeting opened following lunch. The delegate reports were given. We presented scholarships to Bobby Lacey, Sonja Giacinto and Bryce Fish. Congratulations to all of you.

We were very pleased to take Bob and Lis Lacey's grandson Bobby Lacey in as a member of Danneskjold # 17. Welcome Bobby.

Our June Social will be held at the home of Erik Solyst and his daughter Laila 6720 Landerwood Lane, San Jose. They are preparing lunch so it is important that you CALL AND LET THEM KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING OR NOT. 408-268-6425. Ron Nielsen will be on the committee with them.

We send our greetings to Ellen Jensen and Phyllis and Chuck Allman. Eva Rasmussen had a fall recently and we wish her a speedy recovery.

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### **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 Iverse**

Santa Maria Lodges, Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 wish to invite all members of the Danish lodges and their guests to our 4th of July B-B-Q in Santa Maria. The B-B-Q is held in Waller Park Space # 5. Call Wayne Allen at 805-937 4720 or

Darlene Iversen at 1 805-937-5014. Beans, bread, and meat, will be furnished, please bring a dish to share if you wish. See you all there to Celebrate!! Hope to see you on the 4th of July!! WA