



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

*Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada*

July 2018

## Dannebrog Grand President

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Mary Esther and I just returned from a 10 day cruise to Alaska and Victoria, BC. We must have brought some of the California sunshine with us, enough to get a sunburn. Every day was beautiful, they get over a hundred inches of rain a year, and it is not uncommon to have rain up to 300 days in a year.

Our first stop was Ketchikan where we enjoyed the lumber jack show and a visit to Totem Bight State Park. Beautiful eagles everywhere. Then on to Haines for a visit to Fort William H. Seward, the first permanent Fort in Alaska. The Hammer Museum and Sheldon Museum (a history and artifacts of Alaskan Natives) and more eagles.

Next stop was Juneau. We enjoyed seeing the Menden Hall Glacier and the Glacier Gardens with tis upside down trees. The salmon hatchery was amazing. What a fascinating operation to help preserve the salmon population. Also the trill of seeing an eagle nest with the babies in it they were only two weeks old.

On our way to Victoria, BC we cruised through the Tracy Ann Fjord. Lots and lots of beautiful floating ice. We even saw seals on the ice.

In Victoria, BC we enjoyed the butterfly gardens and the Butchart Gardens. So many gardens to see and not enough time. Mary Esther loved the rose garden best.

Back to sea to return to S.F. on the way we saw the whales we were told wer should see.

Our summer so far has been fantastic. Happy traveling, camping or what ever you enjoy doing during the summer time.

Alan Filiu, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

Summertime!!! Having spent most of my life in agriculture it is such a great feeling to travel up and down this state and see all of our bounty. We should be proud of what we do as a state in providing over 25% of our nation's table food. Summer is also the time where many families travel or venture out to enjoy our surroundings with their friends. We are so pleased that our extended family (three generations) are about the pursue our annual outing at Pismo Beach.

Recently, Marge and I traveled to Petaluma and took part in their recent meeting in their beautiful park setting. I compliment their leadership, particularly Karen Lysmer and John Kruger-Hansen for taking the lead and working their way through some challenges. I didn't know until this trip that John is a "Smorebrod Specialist" and runs quite a crew to create his uniquely presented open-faced sandwiches. What a treat! We even had the opportunity to order in advance of our visit. I, too, was impressed with the organized meeting we participated in, as well.

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I am pleased to report that our Dania Constitution Review Committee has met once and has another meeting scheduled in July. We have a dedicated group including two past Grands: Johanne Gade and Tom Martin and two current Grand Officers: Bente Ellis and myself and we've asked Bob Lamee to join us and he offered his home for our first meeting which was a great midpoint for us all to meet.

Please keep us posted if your branch goes dark during the summer months as we plan our visits. July 4<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Santa Maria BBQ and likely our next stop. Our local branch, Bornholm, here in Modesto, had its meeting on June 15 and we are already working diligently on planning for our hosting of the 2020 Convention.

Thanks for all your support and what you do for Dania. Keep looking for that new member and enjoy your summer. John Scheuber, Dania Grand President

**Grand Lodge Secretary**

**IN MEMORIAM:**

Robert Bradley, Thor #5, Fresno  
Gary Drummond, Dannevang #7, Livermore

**DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP**

**DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

Glenn Fritz in Memory of Palle Larsen

**NEW MEMBERS**

**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.

**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**

Our June meeting was successful. However, the elevator was out-of-service and we met in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge. Consequently, we didn't have access to the kitchen and had to make do with a Microwave. Peter Schakow and Anne Marie Maris combined to serve a very traditional Danish meal med *Frikadeller, Medisterpølse, rødol kobl, kartoffel salat, og meget andet godt*. The appetizers were also very well presented and well received. We always eat and we always have a good time.

John Jensen and Peter Christensen missed out on the attendance prize. We had guests who expressed interest in joining but we have to defer their applications until the August meeting. The lounge is too small for initiations and our July meeting celebration of Independence Day with our tradition of hot dogs and garlic sausages is too informal.

**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)**

**Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. 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)**

Happy 4th! Dana 15 and Freja 6 won't be meeting in July, but we will be in August on Sunday August 5th. We'll gather at the hall at noon for a pot-luck

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Bornholm #14	2020	
Upcoming Installations		
Bornholm #14	August 4, 2018 11:30 A.M.	Famiglia Bistro Mc Henry Ave
Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10	September 1, 4:00 P.M.	Danish Hall in Ferndale
Freja #6 & Dana #15	October 7 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 A.M.	Salinas Masonic Hall
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	February 9, 2019	Grosvenor Hotel S. San Francisco

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>.

We were able to present Henrik Nielsen's Dania March with our newly purchased amplifier. The March is intended to be part of future installations as the musical background for marching. We are anxious to try it our next installation, February 9.

Our next meeting will be *Onsdag, Juli 11*. We will be gathering 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 very brief meeting at 7:30 on the roof with the spectacular view of City Hall, then we will get down to the serious business of having a good time---and a wonderful meal. We always celebrate the Fourth of July with our tradition of hot dogs and garlic sausages, with all the trimmings. Everyone is invited but please come hungry.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary,  
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lunch, and will conduct a little business over dessert and coffee. Have a great July everyone.  
! 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)**

I hope you are enjoying your summer. We have now planned a lodge barbecue For September 22<sup>nd</sup> (more details to follow) & an aebleskiver night (during our November meeting). Please plan to attend. A good turnout for these events will keep our lodge thriving. We look

forward to seeing you and your families there. We might throw in an October frikadeller dinner also. Gregg was the lucky winner of the attendance prize again, he seems to be on a roll. We will have no meeting in July and August. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and all that goes along with it! 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 Filiu, [adfiliu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adfiliu@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

Please note we will not be meeting in July nor August. Hope to see you when we meet in September!  
Susan Gauthier, President

**Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Sønderjylland #10 held their June 2018 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, June 9. We had cool weather, a little windy, but comfortable enough to have our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 13 Members and four guests. We were happy to welcome Dania Grand President John Scheuber and his lovely wife Marge as well as Tim and Donna Christensen, Lavon Christensen's son and daughter-in-law.

The lunch consisted of Danish Open-Faced Sandwiches, (Smørrebrød) including Herring and Leverpostej, all served with the obligatory Danish Akvavit, donated by Debbie Cruger-Hansen. A special thanks to the Cruger-Hansen family for assisting in making the scrumptious smørrebrød and manning the bar, and especially a thanks to our newest member Per Johansen for assisting and supervising making the smørrebrød authentic. Several appetizers were provided by President Karen Lysmer and a Danish "Æblekage" created by Catherine Cruger-Hansen, was served for desert. Thank you to all those who assisted and helped setting up before and cleaning up after the meeting and a thank you to Inger Marie Andersen for doing the dishes and washing up and putting away afterwards. Without all the help from our members, our meetings

would not be as successful as they are. We will have Danish Smørrebrød again at our meeting on August 11. We will 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.

President Karen Lysmer gave a detailed report and Delegate John Cruger-Hansen made some supplementary remarks.

During the desert Grand President John Scheuber spoke about the Dania Convention and the future outlook for Dania and some of his goals for Dania and the various branches. He also spoke about his German/Swiss heritage and his strong connection to Denmark through his wife Marge, who is part of the California Olsen family.

Per Johansen was the lucky winner and received the \$10.00.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 11:30 AM at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma. Remember access to Kastania Road is only available from the off-ramp to Petaluma Blvd South, both North and Southbound directions on Hwy 101. Respectfully submitted, 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)**

June has been a busy month for us here in Ferndale. We had a catered lunch for our June meeting and took in a bunch of new members. We still have a few to initiate but hope to have that done in July. We held a work day to clean out the attic to prepare for the new kitchen hood and ansle fire suppression system that will be installed in July. We are approaching our 90<sup>th</sup> year of owning the Danish Hall and we have only put things in the attic. We found items from old tenants that had been left behind. Play backdrops and costumes, old card tables and chairs, carnival games, lodge initiation devises that we are not sure

who they belong to and a surprise of an old Dania officers photo. Come to our installation to see the photo in September.

July 7 we will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting, followed by a pulled pork BBQ and potluck. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

July 8 we will be showing a movie matinee at 1:00, movie to be chosen that day. Popcorn, coffee, tea and Carlsberg will be available. Bring a snack to share if you want and a friend.

July 14 we will finish cleaning up the attic and start on the side attic. Wear work clothes and bring gloves. The hood construction should be wrapping up and we will need to clean the hall from the construction dust.

Aug 4 Valhalla and Ydun will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting, followed by a smorgasbord potluck. Members are asked to bring open face sandwiches and dessert.

Sept 1 - 2 Valhalla and Ydun Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday 4:00 meet and greet, 5:30 Installation and 6:30 Dinner. Sunday 10:00 Bocce with lunch at 1:00. Reservations are a must. Saturday menu will be Prime Rib or Salmon and Sunday Chicken and Burgers. More to come on this. 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 Marie Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, [achristensen@med.unr.edu](mailto:achristensen@med.unr.edu)**

June 1, 2018 the Reno lodges met at our usual spot – the Odd Fellow Hall with 16 in attendance on a very warm evening. The potluck was very good as always. Lots of different foods and desserts. We sang happy birthday to Helen Christiansen. This is the 3rd month in a row, we have had members celebrating birthdays on our meeting nights. Anette made strawberry short cakes instead of a cake, but still very festive. Anette once again opened the meeting during dessert. The meeting was very short, it was mostly about what was happening the rest of the summer.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saint Hans fest at the River School Farm. For July and August meetings we will BBQ at the Lodge.

Everyone should bring their own meat to grill and an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. We missed Lars and Marian and hope they are having fun in Denmark.

The Saint Hans fest on June 22 had a nice crowd of 30 -35 people who enjoyed the warm summer evening by the Truckee River. We were honored to have 3 guests from the Livermore Lodge. Diane Reinstein, Gregg DiMartino, President and his sister Lisa. We had a nice picnic pot-

luck, grilled some meat, had a beer (or what they preferred to drink) and wonderful conversations. After dinner we had the Bon-fire with two beautiful witches that we sent off to Blocksbjerg. ☺ Anette forgot the songbooks, but thank goodness for all the electronic devices and the internet – we sang the Mid-summer song. We also made s'mores for those with a sweet tooth. ☺

We forgot to mention in the last newsletter that Marie Stafford and Karma Smith have both been member of the Danish Club for 50 year members in May.

Sick list John La Roach was at the meeting after his knee replacement. Doing very good. Barbara Iler is back to work after her bout of pneumonia.

Our July birthdays are Solveig Asvitt, Sharon Cocheba, Debbie Lamb, Brooke Matuzak, and Pete Olsen. Happy Birthday all. Hope everyone enjoys their 4th of July holiday and be safe.

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)**

On June 15 only 9 members attended Bornholm's meeting. We met at 6 PM for a Potluck. Even with limited attendance the food was delicious.

The general meeting was called at 7 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without changes.

Jerry Zoller has been in and out of the hospital several times this month. He is suffering from a lung and breathing problem. We hope he will recover very soon.

John Scheuber has had some blood issues and his doctor has changed his medication. Hopefully this will help.

We are hosting the convention in 2020, so the committee has been out evaluating hotels. We have primarily settled for one hotel in Modesto, and the dates of April 16 – 18, 2019, more details later.

Our yearly picnic is set at September 29 at the Orange Blossom Park. Please mark your calendars.

Election of officers were completed.

We have no meeting in July, so our next get together will be the Installation Saturday August 4. The place:

Familia Bistro Ristorante, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350.

We start with no host cocktails at 11:30 AM Installation is at 12:00 Noon.

Lunch approximately at 1 PM.

Guests \$30. No host bar.

Reservations to John Scheuber 209 541 4092 email

[john.scheuber@vsi.cc](mailto:john.scheuber@vsi.cc)

Have a good summer and see you all at the Installation.

John

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

**Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.**

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

Hi all from sunny beautiful Denmark. As I am writing this article I am sitting in my friends living room near a window with a lovely view of the Kattegat Sea and a beer on the window sill. How much better can life get. This issue will be in print before I get home so I will wish you a wonderful Fourth of July.

Danneskjold # 17 and Laura # 8 will hold our Annual July BBQ at the home of Torbin and Jona Rasmussen at 2:00 PM.ON JULY 28. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME DIFFERENCE AND DATE CHANGE, THIS WILL BE THE 4TH SATURDAY. Please bring your own meat to BBQ and a Potluck dish to serve 10-12, Kringle, watermelon, coffee and drinks as well as table service will be furnished. I am depending on you to call

**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

Jona at 408-268-4429 by Wed. July 25 to let them know if you are coming or not. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE HOSTESS.

Our well wishes go to Lis Lacey who is treating at the Dr. at the present time. Cards would be welcome, her energy is low so No Visitors Please.

By the time you read this Eva Rasmussen and Elaine Henson may have already moved to their new locations out of state. As soon as I get the new addresses I will send them out. We wish you joy and happiness in your new locations.

DWS

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

**The History of Peter Lassen of California**

Peter Lassen was born on October 31, 1800, at Farum, Denmark, a small village located fifteen miles from Copenhagen. Lassen learned the blacksmith trade from his uncle, and this skill proved to be most useful for him throughout his life. He was granted permission to leave Denmark for America. Lassen in 1830 arrived in Boston and there applied his trade as a blacksmith. Lassen continued his westward movement, first to Philadelphia and then, in 1831, to Keytesville, Missouri. In 1839, he left the area with a small group going to Oregon. Lassen arrived in Oregon in the fall and stayed for the winter. In the spring of 1840, he boarded the vessel the Lospanna and sailed down the west coast, entering California at Bodega Bay. From there he went to the Russian colony of Fort Ross and then proceeded to John A. Sutter's Ranch, New Helvetia (Sacramento).

While on a expedition, Lassen came upon the confluence of the Sacramento River and Deer Creek. Lassen was impressed with that country. Lassen obtained Mexican citizenship, allowing him to own property and was subsequently granted five Spanish leagues (22,000 acres) at Deer Creek.

In February 1845, Lassen's Bosquejo Ranch was established there, and it became the northernmost

settlement in California. Lassen established Benton City on the Bosquejo Ranch.

In the spring of 1859, Lassen organized a prospecting party. It was divided into two groups, one led by Captain William M Weatherlow and the other by Lassen that group consisted of Lassen, Edward Clapper and Lemerius Wyatt. The two groups were to meet at the Black Rock Canyon. Lassen and Company arrived first and remained to wait for Weatherlow's party a fatal mistake.

On the morning on April 26, 1859, Lassen's camp was awakened by a gunshot, a fatal one, striking the head of Clapper. Lassen was killed by the second shot. Wyatt escaped and rode horseback 124 miles to Susanville to safety and to relay the tragic event. Who murdered Clapper and Lassen is a question still pondered to this day. Wyatt stated that they had been attacked by Indians. However, many historians are skeptical about Wyatt's story and speculate that he murdered his comrades.

In Memory of his achievements as a colonizer, a county and a national park bordering on Oregon bear his name, and numerous geographic sites are named after him.

Among these is one of America's few active volcanoes, Mount Lassen; quite symbolic of this dynamic Dane.

The Editor