



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Dannebrog Grand President

Hope all of you are having a good summer and staying cool, enjoying the lakes, mountains or coast.

We started off the month with Santa Maria's 4th of July picnic. I was totally amazed to see 74 members and friends attending.

We were served sausage hot off the grill to tide us over until the BBQ meat with beans and hot buttered bread was ready.

Everyone brought a dish of salads or dessert to make it a scrumptious spread. They had 11 members of Dannebrog that were to receive their 25 year and 50 year pins. It was an honor and pleasure for me to present 6 of those attending their pins.

This was a beautiful warm day for a trip and to make it even better I didn't have to drive, Steen was our Chauffeur.

I will be attending the installation of Bornholm in Modesto. They always have a nice turnout of members and Grand Officers.

The following day we will be in Salinas for the Dania/Dannebrog installation. They will be having an added attraction of folk dancing afterward with David and Jo Heald of Solvang. Come out, you will enjoy it.

I have heard that the raffle for a trip that will benefit the Senior Assistance Fund is coming together. We will hear more about it in the following months. Hope to see you here or there.

Martha Nielsen, Dannebrog's Grand President

Dania Grand President

On July 4, Martha, Gunnar and I headed south through western Fresno County on a road I had never traveled before. Through the first city of Avenal, via highways 33, 41, 46 and 101, we made it to the city of Santa Maria. We pretty easily found Waller Park area 5. The BBQ pit was already smoking nicely with a big meat-filled screen on top. With all the meat loaded on the screen, I thought we would all have to carry a big steak home! It turned out that I did not have to worry, close to 75 people turned out, many with Danish t-shirts. I want to congratulate Holger Danske and Valkyrien, for putting together an enjoyable afternoon with very good food, drinks and raffle. I enjoyed visiting and talking about common Danish friends and finding out how they had started their US adventure in Santa Maria and moved to other areas of California. A lot of 25 and 50 year pins were handed over to Dannebrog members. I also handed over a 50 year Dania pin to Wayne Allen, in appreciation of all his years of service and membership.

Of Special Interest

Tickets for the much anticipated trip to Cabo San Lucas will be coming your way soon. Diane Reinstein and her side kick Jackie Nielsen, will be bringing them to the upcoming installations in Modesto, Salinas and Ferndale. If you won't be there other arrangements need to be made to pick them up. They are number sequenced to make tracking the distribution and sales easier. I think we owe a big thank you to Diane for spearheading the fund raiser, to Stuart & Suzy Mahler for donating the trip, and Jana Heer-Glovaski for designing and getting the tickets printed. The best way to thank them is to buy lots of tickets to support our Seniors. Buy early and buy often. See page five for more information.

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Speaking of membership, I would like a postcard size pamphlet, which I (we) could hand out to potential new Dania /Dannebrog members. If the membership committee could be the leaders in putting something like that together, I would appreciate that. Looking forward to the Dania only installation in Modesto on July 30, and Dania/Dannebrog installation July 31 in Salinas. Grand President Dania Steen Skjellerup

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Norman Nielsen; Freja #6 Salinas

DIANA MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

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DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Sonderjylland #10

Gregg and Lise DiMartino in memory of Howard Lamee

Lorens and Pat Midtgaard in memory of Arne Rasmussen

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

The July meeting was very brief, over in less than 10 minutes. However, we did conduct considerable business in that short time with President Daniel Joensen presiding. We reinstated Erik Eickner as a member and we asked the Trustees to transfer funds to our general account. As is our July tradition, the meeting was planned to be held on the 6th floor roof with the great view of City Hall. However, the door to the roof was locked. But there is another way to the roof, through a narrow stairway and a small door (we all had to duck down) but we made it, even our 90 year old member Leroy Larsen. Nearly everyone had a beer so the meeting went quickly---and it was great fun.

After the meeting, the members enjoyed our traditional Independence Day celebration with hot dogs and garlic sausages with all the trimmings. The garlic sausages have become an honored tradition. Long ago, Knud Ove Knudsen complained about them because they gave him gas (he actually used more

graphic language). Since then, they have become an important and indispensable part of our annual celebration---and the story of Knud Ove is always related. The members also devoured potato salad, lever pøsteg, pickled herring, and other appetizers. Inasmuch as the ladies of Thyra #3 were on vacation, we had to cook the sausages and serve ourselves. We greatly missed the ladies---but then, some of the world's greatest chefs are men. Truthfully, we did have two ladies who honored us with their presence---Johanne and Elizabeth---and they were warmly welcomed. One last piece of business transacted as we were enjoying the great food along with a beer and some Akvavit---but before the singing started: Roger won the attendance prize of \$60. He said that it had been a loooong time since he last won. *Med venlig hilsen,* Roger Gearhart, Secretary, ragearthart@comcast.net, 209-329-3687

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 11:30 AM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.

Secretary, Christie Pettitt, poppatango@msn.com; Gail Hansen, dickgailh@aol.com

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

Greetings everyone, hope you are all having a wonderful Summer. Salinas is looking forward to seeing many of you for our installation on Sunday the 31st of July. It will be a red and white event complete with Danish dancing, whether you are kicking up your heels or tapping your foot, we're all in for a good time. We haven't changed officers in quite a few years but we still like to march around and remind each other why we're doing what we do. Plus we love having the opportunity to get together and honor our Grand Officers of Dania and Dannebrog!!!

So, if this isn't already old news and you haven't RSVP'd please call Tim'nNat 831-426-4623 and come on over!!! Gathering at Salinas

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		
Bornholm #14	July 30, 2016	Modesto
Freja #6 and Dana #15	July 31, 2016	Salinas

Masonic Hall, 48 East San Joaquin St. Salinas at 11:30 with light refreshments, installation at Noon followed by lunch, then we'll start the music and you'll grab your partner! Next on our schedule will be an Octoberfest BBQ on October 2nd, please save the date! The location and details will be announced in the September newsletter. 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

Livermore will have a barbecue! Saturday, August 13, starting at 1:00. Meat, dishes and water, ice tea and lemonade will be provided. Please bring either a side dish or a dessert to share, and your own beverage if you prefer something different. Be prepared

to have an enjoyable afternoon out at the ranch, and your swimsuit if you'd like to take a dip in the pool.

Our next meeting will be September 10, 4:00. 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

There is no meeting in August 2016. A lot of our members are away enjoying summer time activities! Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 8, 2016 at 7:30PM at Roundtable Pizza in Castro Valley.

Installations are around the corner so get out there and support your fellow lodge members and branch's. How many will make it to Modesto, Salinas, and Ferndale?

If you have not heard Danish Society Dannebrog is conducting a fundraising raffle to support the Dania Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund. The prize value is \$2,000.00+, so get your tickets. They will be out very SOON! Buy early and often...you could be the winner for a nice vacation in Los Cabos Mexico. The HAWK

Sønderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma

Secretary, John Crueger-Hansen j.cruegerhansen@comcast.net

Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting in July. The next meeting will be on Saturday August 13 at 11:30 AM at Kastania Fælled. Respectfully, John Crueger Hansen, Secr.

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

We had a small turnout for our July meeting, but were able to hold a meeting and make some plans for our Labor Day installation.

August 6 Valhalla - Ydun will meet at 11:00 with a pizza birthday party afterwards. Come and celebrate YOUR birthday and join in on the fun. Members are asked to bring a salad to share. Birthday cake will be provided. No gifts necessary.

Labor Day weekend we will hold our Installation of Officers at the Danish Hall in Ferndale. **Saturday, September 3** we will start with Installation at 4:00 with a cocktail party afterwards followed by a dinner of Prime Rib and Salmon with all the stuff to go with it. **Sunday, September 4** we will be playing bocce followed by a lunch of Hamburgers, Chicken and Salads at the Danish Hall at 1:00. Cost for the weekend is \$55 per person. Reservations are a must so we can make the plans. Make reservations to Christian at (707) 499-3746 or e-mail at ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net with the number of people and which days.

Things to do in Ferndale over Labor Day weekend: **September 1-2** Fern Cottage will be open to the public for guided tours on the hour from 11:00 to 2:00 cost is \$10. Fern Cottage is the home of

the pioneer Russ Family who settled Ferndale. Fern Cottage is located on Centerville Road. **September 4** The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) will be holding Concours on the Avenue. This will be the first year for this event. SCCA has approved a special category for the Victorian Village of Ferndale to view the cars on the street rather than on lawn. We anticipate 100 vehicles to be viewed and judged by a panel of over 20 judges on Ferndale's historic Main Street. This should be something to see if you like viewing classic cars.

September 10 is Bargain Lovers Weekend in Ferndale. It's a Garage Sale, a Barn Sale, a Sidewalk Sale, a Bargain Lovers Weekend. From Main Street to side streets the whole town is getting in on the act. More than 100 different locations offering everything from antiques to zithers. New and used merchandise, toys, tools, gadgets galore, clothing, household items, plants and garden items, games, puzzles, kids' stuff. Look for the BRIGHT YELLOW SIGNS that mark each location. Stop by the Danish Hall and support our pancake breakfast from 8 – noon to keep up the energy to shop. Hope to see you soon, 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

Very enjoyable evening only about 20 people, but maybe a lot of traveling or camping on this 4th of July weekend. The barb-b-que was wonderful, everything from steaks, hamburgers, brats to hotdogs. Side dishes were great too. There was enough for at least 50 people. Anette's pear dessert was great. After dessert Anette canceled the meeting, because there was so much visiting, laughter, and just plain fun. Anette did say we would have another barb-b-que in August, (same as July). Maybe we will do the same in September, because it will be Labor Day weekend and the last bit of summer. We had visitors from Hayward Lodge Lisa Vanderbeck and friend. They were visiting her nephew Michael

and his wife Donna. Michael and Donna belong to Reno lodges and live in Carson City. It was fun for me to listen to Anette, Ina and Lisa talk about how each one of them make their Danish open-face sandwiches. Everyone a little different, but all are great. Sick list Ann-katherine had a night in the hospital with dehydration. She felt faint at her Great nephew's birthday party, and everything was okay. Thank God. She was at the meeting and doing well. Also Glenn Fritz was at the meeting, but left early, because of a sinus infection. Hope you feel better soon. Best regards to Johanna Gade as well. Stay cool, everyone and enjoy the summer. Take Care Sena Marie

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

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Lis Lacey

Laura 8 and Danneskjold 17 are scheduled to meet at Eva Rasmussens home in San Martin, at 12 noon on August 13. Our meeting will follow lunch. Please let either Eva or Lis Lacey know if you plan to attend.

The day after I wrote this we had a BBQ at Torben & Jona Rasmussens. I will report on this in the next newsletter.

I would like to thank Erik Solyst for his talk on Grundlos. We are trying to have different members share information about Denmark at each meeting.

Having just returned and having attended the making of Charcoal, I will be sharing information and pictures of that event. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary, Marie Jaeger

There will be NO meeting in July and August. Kate

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

Seventy-four members, friends, and family met to celebrate the 4th of July in Waller Park, Santa Maria. Thank you **all** for coming. We enjoyed good conversation, saw smiling faces, and ate the best food we could ask for.

Our Bar-B-Q team outdid themselves. Slim Juhl started about 8 weeks early by buying 76 pounds of meat which he transported to Darlene Iversen's extra refrigerator for aging with instructions to turn it every Saturday. Slim then bought all the tablecloths, beans, linguisa, bread and butter. Early on the morning of the 4th the team started the fire and Slim delivered his items to them.

Wayne Allen is head of the Bar-B-crew which includes: Peter Jacobsen, Kenny Jacobsen, Gordon Rowland and lots of people watching and giving advice. Tablecloths were put on by Kenny and Debbie Jacobsen with others helping.

At 1 p.m. we all sang God Bless America and then lined up to start the feast. It was great weather and great food.

The Grand President of Dania, Steen Skejlleup, presided and with Slim Juhl helping, presented Wayne Allen with a 50 year membership pin. Wayne has been the men's secretary for many years. Thank You Wayne. Also a 50 year pin will be presented to Erik Kieler who was absent.

Martha Nielsen, Grand President of Dannebrog, also spoke to the lodge and with the help of Darlene, presented a 25 year pin to

Mona Gros Jacobsen. Those absent but waiting for a presentation are Ann Hoffman, Audrey Mussel and Pam Johnson.

Fifty Year membership pins were given to Dixie Allen, Pat Hansen, Ester Jacobsen and Darlene Iversen. The following were not present and will get their pins at a later date. Pauline Taylor (a 74 year member and the lady that made our Danish Flag for the Alter when she was 16 years old). Agnes Johnson and Ann Christensen.

A raffle was held with a table full of prizes. Everything from wine to coloring books was on it. All prizes were donated by those attending.

Thank you all for coming. We were especially happy to see the following Grand Officers: Martha Nielsen, Grand President of Dannebrog, Steen Skejllerup, Grand President of Dania, Natalie and Tim Heer, both Grand Past Presidents and now presiding as Grand Secretaries, Jr. Past Grand President, Tom Martin, and Past Grand President, Gunnar Nielsen. Also attending were our neighbors from Solvang, Dania President Hans Kardel and his wife Jean.

It was a great gathering and lots of fun. Hope to see you next year.
Darlene Iversen, Secretary

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This fundraising event has been made possible through a member's generous donation. Help support Dania and Dannebrog's Senior Assistance Fund (formerly known as The Old Age Fund) by participating in this exciting raffle! During the month of August, lodge secretaries will receive tickets for members to buy and sell! Please contact Stuart Mahler with any questions. Smahler52@att.net or 925-519-6957. ***"Good luck everyone!!!"***

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