



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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## Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

We hope everyone is enjoying your summer. We certainly are enjoying ours! We just returned from Santa Cruz - wonderful weather, beautiful coastline, giant redwood trees, and of course, the Beach Boardwalk.

It brought back childhood memories for Mary Jo - visiting her Aunt Phyllis and Uncle Chuck Allman and going to the Beach Boardwalk with all of her cousins. Phyllis and Chuck are members of Laura #8 and Danneskjold #17.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the August installations in Modesto, Salinas, Petaluma and Ferndale!

To our mature members - Happy National Senior Citizens Day on August 21st.

*"For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and heartfelt salute."* - President Ronald Regan

Bob & Mary Jo Schall  
Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

## Grand Lodge Secretary

### IN MEMORIAM:

Orville Hansen Thor #5, Fresno

### NEW MEMBERS:

### MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

### DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

### CONTRIBUTIONS

### TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

### TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

### TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

### TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

## Branch Secretaries

In this new era that we live in Our Bank is now making it a requirement that all checks made out to the Grand Lodge Dania must be written to "The Danish Society" or the "Grand Lodge of the Danish Society Dania" but "The Danish Society" must be in the name. Also all checks written to the Senior Assistance Fund need to be written to the "Dania-Dannebrog Old Age Fund". Again this is a new

## Danish Campers

September 26 - 28, 2014 We're on the road again! Back by popular demand, the Danish Campers will meet at Betabel RV Resort on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> for an enjoyable, relaxing weekend. Betabel is located on Highway 101 near the historic town of San Juan Bautista. With our group discount, the rate will be \$38.70 per night, with no additional

## Grand Officers

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Bank requirement put in place to protect you by making sure the check you write ends up in the account you intended it for.

The Dania Executive Committee will hold a meeting in Ferndale on August 30<sup>th</sup>; I will notify those involved with more details later.

Tim Heer, Grand Secretary.

charge for pets. Please let me know as soon as possible if you're planning to attend, so I can be sure we have enough campers to qualify for the group reservation. We'll also have the use of the clubhouse for the weekend. If you have any questions, call me, 510-278-9430. Happy trails to you, Pat and Greg

## **Dannebrog History**

This is the beginning of a group of articles which will be appearing this year. Grand Lodge Dannebrog will celebrate 100 years in 2015. As Historian, I am asking the assistance of all members of Dannebrog as well as those members who were formally members and are now members of Dania to please look through your photos, files, scrapbooks for any information regarding your local branch and let me know what you find.

## **Special Event**

Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 are hosting a membership recruitment event **1pm to 3pm on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> at Camp de Bocce in Livermore.** Dania and Dannebrog members are welcome, but you must bring a potential new member for your lodge as a guest. This event is to attract new members for all lodges! Please join us for drinks, appetizers, and a round of bocce ball! Please RSVP by Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> to John Jensen at [j510jensen@yahoo.com](mailto:j510jensen@yahoo.com) or 510-2991855.

## **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

Danmark #2 has always celebrated the Fourth of July in great style and with time-honored traditions. President Tom Martin opened the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor roof of the Odd Fellow Building with a spectacular view of the SF City Hall the United Nations Plaza. His podium was a stack of concrete blocks. The meeting was brief (it was chilly on the roof), lasting just a little over 7 minutes. We conducted some business, such as paying the rent for 20 months (we had been far behind). Then we got down to the serious business of cooking and eating. Please note that we have had the meeting on the roof for many, many years and it has become a great tradition.

The ladies of Thyra #3 were on vacation so we had to fend for ourselves. We enjoyed our traditional feast of hotdogs and garlic sausages with all the trimmings. Deserts were provided by Johanne Rasmussen Gade and Doug Mercer-- the strawberries in both were really good. There was some great singing, mostly in Danish (a lot of us listen and enjoy

### **Hejmdal No. 4 & Luren No. 13**

Meets four times a year, contact the secretary for further information  
Secretary Robert Schall, [schallb48@gmail.com](mailto:schallb48@gmail.com)

I would like to borrow what you have and display it at the convention in Ferndale in 2015. I will see that you get everything back at the close of the convention. You can either bring it with you, or send it with a delegate, or make arrangements for me to get it there and back. You can contact me at 408-313-7235 or e-mail me at [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com).  
Watch this area for future information.  
Mange tak, Doris Skow

<b>Upcoming Installations</b>		
Bornholm #14	August 2, 2014	Jacob's Fine Dining Modesto
Freja #6 & Dana #15	August 3, 2014	Salinas
Sønderjylland No. 10	August 9, 2014	Kastania Fælled, Petaluma
Valhalla #11, & Ydun #10	August 30-31 2014	Ferndale
<b>Upcoming Conventions</b>		
Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 & Hajmdal #4, Luren#13	April 9-11 2015	River Lodge in Fortuna CA
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 2016	Stay Tune
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017	Stay Tune
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV

the experience). Kaj Kristensen won the attendance prize but he was disappointed to learn that the members had voted in June to limit the amount to \$20 inasmuch as the ladies would be absent---Kaj had missed the June meeting. The prize will be back to \$220 in August.

Our next meeting will be **Onsdag, August 13.** We start with a social hour and a beverage at 6:30, a brief meeting at 7:30, followed by the serious business of having a good time and enjoying a fine meal. Irene, Eva and Elizabeth will be treating and that is always sensational, another of our great traditions. Guests are always welcome and we hope to see you there.

*Med venlig hilsen,* Roger Gearhart, Secretary

### **Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11**

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday every month 6:00 PM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.

Secretary: Christie Pettitt [poppatango@msn.com](mailto:poppatango@msn.com) Gail Hansen [dickgailh@aol.com](mailto:dickgailh@aol.com)

Thor #5 and Thora #11's July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting started with an all American dinner of fried chicken, salads, and delicious berry and peach cobblers made by Carl Jensen. It was also noted that Carl has been a lodge member for 67 years. President Martha Nielsen welcomed Tom Martin, Grand Vice President to our meeting. He had quite a hot ride on his motorcycle to Fresno! She also introduced her

and Gunnar's son, Randy, who was visiting from San Diego. Dick Hansen reported that Orville Hansen, who passed away at 93 years of age had been a member for 51 years. Don Pettitt won the men's drawing and donated his winnings to the Old Age Fund. He said he's getting old and may need it someday!

Christie Pettitt

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

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday every month at 4:00 p.m.; Installation 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August, Salinas Masonic Center,

48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904. Freja/ Dana Secretary: Judi Heer, [jcheer0857@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcheer0857@sbcglobal.net)

None of us are immune from the challenges that life throws our way, but no one is more proud and inspired than this president of the members of Dana 15 & Freja 6 as they face theirs with strength, positivity, and especially, humor. Please come join those of us who can to celebrate another year of friendship, brotherhood, sisterhood and Danish ancestry. We will be gathering on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Salinas

Masonic Hall at 11:30 for light post travel refreshments, installation at noon followed by a buffet luncheon (for \$25.00). Hope to see you there. By the time you read this it will be to late to RSVP, but show up anyway if you can, there'll be plenty of food, and if we run out, we'll get more!  
JHG

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

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Potluck, IOOF Hall, 2160 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551.

Dannevang #7 Secretary: Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)

Hope everyone is having a great summer. No meeting in August, next one will be September 13.

KRT

### **No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street, Hayward CA 94541. President of Valborg Susan Gauthier, [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra Secretary: Greg Gleeson, [gleeson2@icloud.com](mailto:gleeson2@icloud.com) Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)

### **Sønderjylland No. 10**

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma Secretary, Caroline Cruger-Hansen [c.p.cruiger-hansen@comcast.net](mailto:c.p.cruiger-hansen@comcast.net)

Sønderjylland held our regular meeting on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, and welcomed an attendance of 20 Members and Guests!

We enjoyed our Cocktail hour, and great conversation among our members. The lunch was provided by Gustav & Birthe Sckerl, and was a great Chinese take out, which was an unusual, and delicious treat!

The meeting was opened at 12:30 by President Eric Field. We missed John & Debra Cruger-Hansen along with Caroline Cruger-Hansen, and Rich & Kirsten Cohen, who were on an extended Cruise, and visit to Texas. The Installation of #10's Officers Elect was finalized, and the following Officers will be installed on August 9<sup>th</sup>: President-Eric Field, Vice-President-Jim Hollingshead, Secretary-John Cruger-Hansen, Treasurer-Vibeke Jensen, Marshal-Sabrina Wilcox, Auditor-Carol Saffro, Trustee #1-Lori Ham, and Trustee #2-Birthe Sckerl.

All Members welcomed back Lavon Christiansen, after her long recovery, and applauded Jim Hollingshead's news that he is Cancer free, after a scare of the disease.

Gary Ham won the Member Pot for \$20.00, which he then donated to Sønderjylland. Many thanks, Gary! The drawing will revert to \$30.00 at our meeting in September.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

The Installation will be on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Kastania Fælled, All are invited to attend, with a luncheon of open faced sandwiches - Please RSVP with your choice of Herring or Shrimp, and accompanied by Liver paste, Ham, and Cheese sandwiches. Cost is \$22.00/per person. There will be Akvavit, and Kringle for dessert. RSVP-Jeannie Kjaer, [pjfmk656@comcast.net](mailto:pjfmk656@comcast.net), or Lori Ham, [ccfancychance@aol.com](mailto:ccfancychance@aol.com) by 8/2/14.

Respectfully, Caroline Cruger-Hansen, Secretary  
By Jeannie Kjaer

### **Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10**

**Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at noon, Danish Hall; Ferndale, CA 95536.

**Secretary:** Christian Nielsen [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)

August 2 we will hold a business meeting at 11:00 with a potluck lunch at 12:30. Members are asked to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share.

August 30 – 31 we will have our Installation of Officers at the Danish Hall. Saturday installation starting at 4:00 with a social time followed by a banquet at 5:30. Sunday we will offer Bocce at 10:00 with a lunch at the Danish Hall at 1:00. Cost for Saturday is \$30 and \$20 for Sunday. Reservations are a must to Christian at (707) 499-3746 or e-mail at [Danish\\_Hall@suddenlink.net](mailto:Danish_Hall@suddenlink.net) or [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net) Menu choice for Saturday

### **Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9**

**Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu)

I would like to start of this month with a big “I’m sorry” to my cousins Ann-Katherine and Nina for not mentioning that her brother David and wife Betty from Idaho attended our St. Hans Fest. Also Steve Myers (our Nisseman) was at St. Hans as well. It was great to see you all!

Our BBQ potluck for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July meeting was wonderful. Lots of salads, lots of hot dogs, sausages and ribs. A delicious cake decorated with strawberries and blueberries as the American Flag, made by Anette for dessert. Yummy, yummy! At 9:45 pm we all went outside to watch the Nugget fireworks, but it was delayed about one hour due to wind. We did see 2 to fireworks, 1 at the Ballpark and 1 at Silver Legacy Casino. Some of us waited long enough for the Nugget fireworks to start. It was pretty and well worth the wait - it was such a nice evening to be outside.

### **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, [annstowers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annstowers@sbcglobal.net)

Bornholm’s 2014 Installation will take place August 2, at Jacobs Fine Dining. The same place as last year.

Jacobs Fine Dining, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350. Ph. (209) 529 2829.

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

Lunch approximately at 1 PM

Guests \$30.

The menu:

Marsala Chicken.

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

**Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

**President:** Doris Skow [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com)

Our business meeting is scheduled to be in San Martin at the home of Eva and Arne Rasmussen, 13767 Harding Ave. Eva will prepare the lunch. Gather at noon and have the business meeting later. Please call to let her know if you can come or not. [408 683-2803](tel:4086832803). The August 23 Social will be at my home. Please call to let me know if you are coming or

is Fish, Beef or Vegetarian and Sunday is Chicken and Hamburgers with lots of salads and fun included.

September 6 is Ferndale Bargain Lovers Weekend, we will be selling gently used items at the Danish Hall. Hunter’s Hope will be serving lunch in the kitchen. Come out and support this fun weekend event. Time is 9:00 till 4:00.

October 6 the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will hold a meeting to start planning our 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival in June 2015. We will gather at 5:30 with Potluck dinner served at 6:00 at the Danish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Christian Nielsen

We didn’t have a meeting, there were too much going on. However we did decide to have another BBQ for our August 1 meeting, so please bring your own meat to cook and a side dish to share. We start at 7 PM as usual.

On our sick is Glenn Fritz’ daughter and she is doing better since her hospital stay. Nina was at St. Hans Fest and also at our meeting tonight. She really looks well since her surgery May 15<sup>th</sup>. Palle was here tonight, always good to see him.

We missed Janet, Pete and Ruth at our meeting. They have all been busy and a big congratulations goes out to them. Pete and Ruth’s youngest grandson, Scott Laca, was married July 5<sup>th</sup>. Scott is the son of Karen Laca

Last, but not least, I would like to thank the cleanup crew. I left early on the 4th, because I have a dog and cat that hates fireworks. So I left and didn’t help clean up, sorry! See you next month and take care. Sena Marie

(Grilled chicken breast topped with wild mushroom Marsala cream sauce).

Slow Roasted Tri Tip with Wild Mushroom Au Jus.

(Served with rosemary garlic red potatoes and sautéed vegetables).

Please call John Scheuber for reservations: Phone (209) 541-4092 Email [john.scheuber@vsi.cc](mailto:john.scheuber@vsi.cc)

Our next meeting will be August 15. We start 6 PM with a Pizza Party hosted by Susan & Brian Mefford.

not. [408-313-7235](tel:4083137235). I am off to Denmark July 29 and will return August 21.

We send greetings to our house bound members Ellen Jensen and Merete Wettlesen.

DWS

**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

We are on Vacation until September

**Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23**

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.

Holger Danske's Secretary: Wayne A. Allen. Valkyrien's Secretary Darlene Iversen

Thank you for all who attended this years Bar-B-Q