



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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December 2014

Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Christmas is just around the corner and before we know it – it will be “Santa Claus is coming to town,” “Jingle Bells,” holiday parties and crowded shopping malls! But Christmas is a time of love, peace, and joy. So, we hope you take the time to truly enjoy the season! Early November, we spent a week on the scenic Oregon coast, relaxing and enjoying the quiet beach towns without all the tourists. Late Fall is a great time to visit the Oregon coast and watch the magnificent storms with huge waves crashing on the rocks and sea foam spreading across the shore. We even were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a migrating whale at Depoe Bay.

We were invited to Ferndale for their Thanksgiving luncheon and business meeting. We had the honor and pleasure of being present when three new members were initiated. Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 are always such gracious hosts. What a great feast they provided, more food than could have been eaten – although some of us tried. We were also able to attend a convention planning meeting. A lot of fun ideas were shared – hope many of you can attend the convention in April at Ferndale.

On a sadder note, we attended the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Esther Juhl Jorgensen at the Eden United Church of Christ in Hayward. Esther served as president of Dana #15, Salinas and Valborg #1, Hayward. She also held the office of Treasurer for almost forty years. Esther provided a lifetime of love and dedication to her family and friends. Our sincerest sympathies to Esther’s family and friends.

We are also saddened by the passing of Knud Jensen of Sonderjylland #10, Petaluma. Our deepest sympathies go out to Vibeke and his family and friends.

Our sincerest sympathies are also with the family and friends of Peer Jensen of Freja #6, and Dana #15, Salinas. He passed away at his home in New York State.

When a loved one becomes a memory that memory becomes a treasure.

Wishing you and your family the happiest of holidays and a healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year.

Bob & Mary Jo Schall

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FYI: At the beginning of the 1900s tuberculosis was a greatly feared disease, and its harmful effects on children seemed particularly cruel. In 1903, Einar Holboll, a Danish postal clerk developed the idea of adding an extra charitable stamp on mailed holiday greetings during Christmas. The money raised could be used to help children sick with tuberculosis. The plan was approved by the Postmaster and the King of Denmark (Christian IX). In 1904 the world’s first Christmas seal was issued, bearing the likeness of the Danish Queen (Louise of Hesse-Kassel) and the word Julen (Christmas). Over 4 million were sold in the first year at DKK 0.02 per seal.



Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Knud Jensen, Sønderjylland #10, Petaluma
Esther Jorgensen, Valborg #1, Hayward
Peer Jensen, Freja #6 and Dana #15, Salinas

NEW MEMBERS:

Lawrence Lancaster, Valhalla #11, Ferndale

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

Eva and Kaj Kristensen in memory of PGP Svend Christian
Eva and Kaj Kristensen in memory of PGP Graham Sorensen
Eva and Kaj Kristensen in memory of PGP Kurt Hoj
Eva and Kaj Kristensen in memory of Einar Christensen
Irene Simms in memory of Knud Jensen

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Thyra #3 in memory of Aida Larsen
Thyra #3 Past President Club in memory of Aida Larsen
Irene Simms in memory of Aida Larsen
Irene Simms in memory of Esther Jorgensen
Johanne Gade in memory of Esther Jorgensen
Johanne Gade in memory of Knud Jensen
Lise Vanderbeck in memory of Aida Larsen
Lise Vanderbeck in memory of Esther Jorgensen
Rowland & Signa Ann McNeil in memory of Esther Jorgensen
Tim and Natalie Heer in memory of Peer Jensen
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Tim and Natalie Heer in memory of Knud Jensen

Branch Secretaries

Wishing everyone in Dannebrog and Dania a very Happy
Holliday Season filled with Family and Friends.

Tim Heer Grand Secretary
Natalie Heer Grand Secretary

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](mailto:ragearth@comcast.net)
Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

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 6:00 PM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.
Secretary: Christie Pettitt poppatango@msn.com Gail Hansen dickgailh@aol.com

Thor #5 and Thora #11 met on November 6th, beginning
the evening with open faced sandwiches and salads. Dessert
was provided by Pam and Stan Kjar. Our present officers
will remain the same, with the exception of President -
Deanna Dunbar and Vice President - Steen Skjellerup. In

lieu of a December business meeting, we will be having our
traditional Danish Christmas dinner of pork roast and all the
trimmings. We will have a Wine Social at 6:00 p.m. and
Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Our next regular meeting will be
January 8th Christie Pettitt..

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at 4:00 p.m.; Installation 1st Sunday in August, Salinas Masonic Center,
48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904. Freja/ Dana Secretary: Judi Heer, icheer0857@sbcglobal.net

We are sad to report the passing of our long time and
respected Past President of Freja #6 Peer Jensen and
member of Dana #15.

We were a small group for our November meeting, but the
good food and conversation was large.

Our long time Members of Dana #15 Lis Bonde-Schmidt
and head of the Nielsen Family Gladys Lovelady have been
in out of the Hospital in the last few months and we wish
them both speedy recoveries. Lis is home and ready to help

with our Christmas Party and Gladys is at Windsor Gardens
on Romie Lane in Salinas

I hope you have already marked your calendars for
December 13th, Saturday (that's right, not 1st Sunday, but
the 2nd Saturday) for our Christmas Dinner. Tim and Natalie
will be preparing their now famous Roast Pork "Flæskesteg
and members will be filling in the rest of our plates. We'll be
gathering at Noon in the Masonic Hall. Happy Holidays
everyone! JHG

| Upcoming Conventions | | |
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| 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 |

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 enjoyed a fine potluck with 10 members in attendance. We were happy to have received an application for membership from Lise DiMartino, and will install her at the January meeting. Diane Reinstein mentioned that we still have the latest edition of cookbooks from the Grand Lodge available "We Cook With the Danes, Again". They would make great Christmas presents. Speaking of Christmas, we will be celebrating with a Frikadeller, Red Cabbage, and Creamed Potatoes dinner on Saturday, December 13, at 5:00

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd. 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 #9 Thyra Secretary: Greg Gleeson, gleeson2@icloud.com Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

The ladies of Valborg and gentlemen of Thyra will meet jointly again at our regular meeting on December 11. We will celebrate the Holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson on Saturday, December 20th. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and snacks, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you can, please bring your favorite dish to share – appetizers, salads, hot or cold side dishes, or

here at the Veterans Hall in Livermore, followed by a game or two of Bingo, one of our traditions we are bringing back. So if you are planning to join us, which we certainly hope you will do, please bring your favorite Christmas dessert or plate of cookies, and prizes for the Bingo table. There will be no meeting in December. Viola Jensen was the lucky winner of the \$25 attendance prize. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year, KRT

desserts. The cost is just \$10 per person, to off-set the cost of meat and beverages. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 13 at 510-278-9430, or pab0718@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us! We will start the New Year off with a meeting on January 8. Happy Holidays! Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiau, Presidents

Sønderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

Sønderjylland #10 held their November meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, November 8, 2014. We had pleasant fall weather, the Kastanje, (Horse Chestnut), leaves were turning color and it was just warm enough to have our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 23 Members and Guests!

The lunch consisted of BBQ Tri-Tip and Potatoes and we enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Thank you to those who provided these wonderful dishes.

The meeting was opened at 12:30 by Vice President Jim Hollingshead.

The minutes from the October meeting were presented and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Birthe Sckerl and was accepted as read.

Sick report: Knud Jensen is very sick, is at home, comfortable and has a 24 hour nurse. (Note: Knud Jensen passed away on November 12, 2014)

Correspondence: None reported.

Unfinished business: Valentine's Day lunch is still not resolved and there is no decision of where to have it in February. Jim Hollingshead asked for volunteers to research where to hold it and Sabrina Wilcox and Birthe Sckerl volunteered. It was suggested Champagne Brunch at the Oakmont Golf Club, either on a Saturday or Sunday. Sabrina and Birthe will check it out.

New business: Delegates for the Annual Dania Grand Lodge Convention at the River Lodge in Fortuna CA April 9 – 11, 2015. Nominated and elected were John Cruger-Hansen, Karen Lysmer, and Jim Hollingshead with Sabrina Wilcox as alternate.

Catherine Cruger-Hansen won the Member Pot for \$10.00. The meeting adjourned at 1PM.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Lunch on Sunday December 14th from 11am-2pm at the Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa, 2777 - 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Members are free and guest will pay \$42.00 per person. Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen Secretary

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

Meeting: 1st. Saturday every month at noon, 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 Maria Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu

Our November 7th meeting and Potluck started out with a delicious Thanksgiving spread. Lars Jensen cooked the turkey to perfection! I have not seen this done before he showed us, how fast you can cook a turkey. He "butterfly's" the turkey and spread it out on a big pan with the skin up.

He added garlic and other herbs and bakes it in the oven around 450 degrees for an hour and fifteen minutes. (based on the size of the turkey) Cooked this way, you have the best tasting turkey and the skin is so crisp – all of it. Thank you so much Lars, it was very, very good. With the turkey

we enjoyed salads, caramelized potatoes, green bean casserole and gravy along with other delicious side dishes. Everything was to die for!

Our meeting opened with the finishing touches of the Christmas Party. We welcomed 3 new members, Leif & Bonnie Larsen. Leif is the son of Past Grand President Grethe Svendsen, and we also welcomed Patricia Dahlin. We welcome you with open arms. We are happy to report that we don't have any on our sick list – That is great news!

On Friday January 2, 2015 we will celebrate the New Year with a Fish Dinner. Ina and Anette will serve "Torsk med kartoffler og sennep sovs" Cod with potatoes and mustard

Bornholm No. 14

Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month 7:00 PM Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way Modesto, CA 95351.

Secretary: Ann Stowers, annstowers@sbcglobal.net

21 members and no guests came for the Bornholm #14 meeting on November 21.

We started at 6 PM with a wonderful spread of a mix of Hors d'oeuvres and Danish Open Face sandwiches created by Bente Ellis and Beth Mortensen.

It was after 7 PM before we started the meeting. Minutes of October meeting were read and approved as read.

Anni Champagne won the attendance prize of \$50, which she donated to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank you Anni.

The theater trip Sunday Dec 7 was finalized, all reservations are made, and tickets bought.

For the Christmas Party Sunday December 14 Marge Scheuber and Gunver Olsen are in charge of the decorations. It will take place at the Restaurant Jacob's Fine Dining. It is the same place we had our Installation, Jacobs Fine Dining is located at 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350. Ph. (209) 529 2829.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

Laura #8 & Danneskjold #17 will hold their Christmas Lunch on Dec. 5th. We will start at noon at Bente Ellis' home.

Bente will be preparing lunch. I am asking some of our members to help making shut-in calls. Please let me know on the 5th if you would like to help.

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

sauce. There will be a small charge ~ 5-7 dollar for this meal and everyone is encouraged to bring appetizers and desserts to go with the fish dinner.

Also, a friendly reminder that dues are due in January, 2015. Dannevirke #9 dues are \$15.00 and should be mailed to Ina Segesman. Valdemar #12 dues are \$30.00 that should be mailed to Carl Christiansen. Of course you are welcome to bring your dues to the next meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

Everyone in Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 wish to extend our best wishes to friends and family for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sena Marie

We will start with no host bar at 11:30 AM. The Christmas lunch including wine will be served around 1 PM.

The cost is \$30 for guests, members of Bornholm #14 and children are free. For reservations, please call John Scheuber 209 522 1111 or email john.scheuber@vsi.cc

January 21 2015 is the date for Bornholm# 14's 120 years anniversary party. It is exact on the date the Lodge were founded in 1895. We discussed menu details, and all that is left, is to contact members, who were absent from this meeting.

We even completed selection of delegates for the April 2015 Convention in Ferndale.

Max Stowers (Senior Assistance Fund Representative), Beth Mortensen, Bente Ellis, Anni Champagne are the delegates with Kirsten Johansen as alternate.

John

I encourage our members to bring your suggestions for activities for the coming year to our January business meeting.

We wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season, see you at the Christmas Lunch.

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