



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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## Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand President

Ydun #10 and Valhalla #11 met for our scheduled meeting on June 6 (71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of D-Day) at 11:00. We were given a preliminary report of Convention 2015. The really great news was that all out-of-towners seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event – no complaints, only positive comments! That's what I call success! Thank you, again, to all of the attendees. It couldn't be called a success without you!

I was able to attend both of my nieces' graduations this spring. Aliya graduated with a degree in Wildlife from Humboldt State University in May. It was a beautiful day in Redwood Bowl (HSU's football field). Lynae graduated with a Film Making and Editing degree from UC Santa Cruz on the West Field in June. I enjoyed seeing my nephew, Logan, who is now living in Palo Alto. It was fun talking with a Swedish family who brought their Swedish flags to wave for their graduate. Packing Lynae's things and getting her out of the dorm was not fun nor was the traffic on Highway 17! It was good to get home! (I enjoyed eating at "Burger" in Santa Cruz and "Rosine's" in Monterey – excellent food!)

The local Scandinavian Lodges have been preparing for our 65<sup>th</sup> annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival on June 28<sup>th</sup>. It has become a get-together with a potluck at noon, flag ceremony at 1:00 pm and a short folk dance performance followed by public dancing. There is also a raffle. The past three years it has been held at Runeberg Hall in Eureka.

I wish Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 a very successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ. I had hoped to attend, but have been asked to work that weekend. Hopefully, next year!

I have a request for the secretaries of the local Dannebrog lodges. I would like to ask each of you to send me a copy of your agenda for the year (noting special activities) and a list of your members with addresses, either by snail mail or by email. Thank you very much for your assistance. (Reno and Santa Maria, I thank you for your quick responses!) Med venlig hilsen – til August, Lynn Wachter, Dannebrog GP

## Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

Summer is finally here and with it comes a lot of travel. I started off the month with a visit to Salinas on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We had a small group, but they came with big ideas. Ole Pederson presented us with his ideas on how to grow membership and we all know this is the largest challenge facing our Lodge today. I was treated to Natalie Heer's first ever Fridadiller and must say it was fabulous. Served with two different variations on the pea and carrot salad, roasted potatoes and a glass of wine, it was worth the trip all by itself.

The next weekend found me on a motorcycle trip up to the far northern reaches of California with a few friends and more than a bit of excitement. It was nice that PGP Glenn Fritz was able to meet us in Weaverville on his new (to him)

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Harley. It was a bit warm but we had a great time exploring some of California's best motorcycle roads. On the 19<sup>th</sup> I visited the friendly folks in Modesto for their regular meeting. I was greeted with a cold beverage and a nice pot-luck dinner. The warm weather continued as it was in the high 90's when I arrived. I was happy to see so many smiling faces and from the sound of the reports given, the folks in Modesto had a good year and are looking forward to another. Don't forget that Modesto has the next installation coming up on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Time and place yet to be determined as of this writing but should be known in the next few days. Come on out to the valley and show your support for the other lodges.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> I was a guest of the Rebild Society at their Sankt Hans Dag Midsummer event at the home of Bente Ellis. It was a very nice gathering with great food and a lot of Danes I hadn't met before. There were at least 8 Dania Past Grand Presidents in attendance as well as a number of PGP's from Dannebrog. They sure know how to throw a party. I'm sure I can expect a membership application coming my way any time now.

Next up on the calendar is the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bar-B-Que at Waller Park in Santa Maria. This is the big event for Holger Danske and Valkyrien as Wayne and company really put on a great event. It is always a good time and well worth the drive. I hope to see a lot of you there.  
Med venlig hilsen, Tom Martin, Dania Grand Persident.

### **Grand Lodge Secretary**

**IN MEMORIAM:** Svend Bækgaard, Sønderjylland #10

**NEW MEMBERS:** Monica Dahl, Dannervirke #9

### **MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP**

### **DIANA SCHOLARSHIP**

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:**

### **TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:**

### **TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:**

### **DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

Danneskjold #17, in memory of Arne Rasmussen

### **Branch Secretaries**

Branches of Dania your Semi Annual Tax is due as of the first of July. This year as in the past it is \$10.00 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 ragearhart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearhart@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](mailto:schallb48@gmail.com)

#### **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) Gail Hansen [dickgailh@aol.com](mailto:dickgailh@aol.com)

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

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday every month at Noon.; 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)

Freja #6 and Dana #15: We will not be meeting July 5<sup>th</sup> so all can enjoy the celebration of the United States' independence!

At our June meeting we had elections and discussed preparations for our installation on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are planning for a different type of luncheon. Make your reservations by calling Tim at 831-426-4623 or email at [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net). We will all gather at noon in the Masonic Temple to start the festivities.

We welcomed Dania's Grand President Tom Martin to our meeting and luncheon. Our member Ole Pedersen, presented a request for all the Scandinavia groups in our area to work together to try and prevent the different organizations from planning events on the day. Tom was in

<b>Upcoming Conventions</b>		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 15-16 2016	Stay Tune
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017	Stay Tune
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
<b>Upcoming Installations</b>		
Bornholm #14	August 1, 2015 Starting at 11:30	2501 McHenry Ave, Modesto
Freja #6 Dana #15	August 2, 2015 At Noon	Salinas

agreement with working together with other organizations and was going to present this to his home lodge, Danmark #2 the next evening. Tom also instructed the Grand Secretary, Tim Heer, to forward the information to the chair of the 2016 convention hosted by Fresno lodges. We discovered our members Lis Boned Schmidt and Inger Rasmussen had had surgery and Niels Jessen and Tove Poulsen are in need of cheer cards. We enjoyed Frikadeller and Italiensk Salat with roasted potatoes. Thank you to all who came to enjoy our social gathering.  
Happy Independence Day and to those who travel to Denmark to celebrate, Happy Rebild to all.  
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#### **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)

If any of you have been to downtown Livermore lately you may have noticed it is a very happening place, especially on a Saturday night. Therefore it is nearly impossible to find a parking place prior to our meetings. However once we get parked, and manage the elevator to get upstairs, and meet with old and new friends, enjoy some good food, it is worth the effort.

### **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 Susan Gauthier , [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra / Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)

At our meeting in June, Signe Ann McNeil and Beth Cowan provided the delicious refreshments. Please note we will not

That said, we are contemplating changing our meeting time to earlier in the day to avoid the downtown dinner rush. We are also planning a bar-b-cue at the Reinstein Ranch on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. More details to follow. There will be no meetings in July and August, we call that being dark. Enjoy your summer! KRT

be meeting in July nor August. Hope to see when we meet in September! Susan Gauthier, President

### **Sønderjylland No. 10**

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen [j.crugerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net)

Sønderjylland #10 held their fourth 2015 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, June 13. We had great weather for our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 18 Members!

The lunch consisted of BBQ Hamburgers and Hot Dog with potato salad and Caroline Cruger-Hansen had prepared a green salad. We also enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Thank you to those who helped and who provided these wonderful dishes and cakes.

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

The minutes from the May 2015 meeting were presented and accepted with some changes.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Vibeke Petersen-Jensen and was accepted as read.

Sick report: Svend Baekgaard passed away, we honored his memory. Sato Jorgensen fell and broke her leg on a walk.

Correspondence: No correspondence reported.

Unfinished business: Dania Pins: Finn Kjaer (25 year) Jim Larsen (50 year) – already received his pin, Svend Baekgaard would have received his 25 year pin

New business: Due to July 4<sup>th</sup> falling on the first Saturday in July, the Soldier Club has moved their meeting to the second Saturday, July 11. Therefore Sønderjylland #10 has to move their July meeting to the third Saturday, July 18. Please make a note of the changed July meeting date.

July food decision: Chinese food. Karen Lysmer passed around sign-up sheet for appetizers, etc.

Please call Carol or Karen or email John Cruger-Hansen to inform if coming to the July meeting.

Vibeke Jensen suggested changing the table arrangement for VP seating for the July 18 meeting, (to correspond to Dania organization customs). The suggestion was declined.

Membership drawing: Grace Gustofson was drawn but was not present. The July drawing will be for \$30.00

Next meeting is on Saturday July 18. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.

Respectfully, Catherine Cruger-Hansen for John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

### **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)

### **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)

We started with a lovely potluck of lots of food. A lovely pork roast and gravy done by Lars Jensen and Marion. Lovely and delicious cake made by our own Anette. Thank you all.

June 19<sup>th</sup> (Friday) will be our St Hans fest. It will be at the same place, River School along the lovely Truckee River. Really low water, but it is still flowing. Everyone invited. (Anette address)

July 3<sup>rd</sup> we start our summer with BBQ! Everyone bring your own meat to cook and a salad or dessert to share. Lodge will bring the plates, silverware and charcoals as well for St. Hans.

Anette and Sena Marie are going to meet with the Nugget to discuss our convention for 2018 and possibly get the dates as well. The Nugget is really busy with conventions and they have asked us to get our dates down so we are sure of getting a spot.

Thank you Nina Christiansen for helping in the kitchen with dishes. We really appreciate the help. Nice to have young people around.

We welcomed a new member Monica Dahl. Welcome Monica to Dannevirke #9. I handed out 2 more membership forms and hopefully we will have two more to report on in our July's newsletter.

Our sick list is good news and a little bad news. We welcomed Ann-katherine back tonight after a month and 1/2 in the hospital and rehab. She got out of rehab at 4:30 pm on Friday and came to lodge. Welcome back. Happy to see Baxter here tonight, doing well with his treatments. Keep up the good work. Paul Christensen doing well after gallbladder surgery. His is back doing all the things he used to do. Nina Sawyer had a two day stay in the hospital. She is back to her duties at the school. Looking forward to summer break. Paul and Cindy Christensen's grandson Soren fell at day care and broke his wrist. We understand he is doing well. Little ones heal really quickly. Palle Larsen

### **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)

25 members & guests attended our June 19 meeting. We were very pleased to welcome Grand President Tom Martin as our guest. He made it all the way to Modesto on his Motorcycle, beating the heat and the traffic on a Friday night. Thank you Tom it was very nice to see you in our lodge. Tom was kind enough to give us an update on Grand Lodge activities, in specifics, he gave us the exact dates for the next Convention in Fresno, so we could complete our 2015/2016 program.

John & Marge Scheuber brought their five grandchildren, and they stayed to dine with us before they were picked up to go to a movie.

Overall, we had a lively bunch and the Potluck dinner was fabulous and enjoyed by everybody.

During dinner, Ben Hoover showed a video from Bornholm #14's 120-year anniversary January 21 2015. It was fun to recall the great party, we had at that point in time.

The meeting started around 7 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with no changes.

Gunver Olsen won the attendance price \$50, which she

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

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

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

I am happy to report that Eva Rasmussen is recovering well from her foot surgery. She hopes to go home from rehab

### **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

There will be no meetings in July and August

### **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

Santa Maria Lodge 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

has some heart problems. Hope he will recover well. We wish him the best, but he was also here tonight. Good luck Palle.

I would like to add a personal note: At convention Solveig took the saying that the Grand President Lynn read about me when I got Member of the Year. Well, she framed it for me and put a little Danish flag at the bottom and a picture at the top of our whole Reno group and did it with red matting around it. Really, really pretty and thoughtful. Such a nice gift. She gave it to me at lodge Friday night. A great big thank you. I wanted to just say that again to Solveig. Take Care and happy summer, Sena Marie

generously donated to the Children's Christmas Fund.

Thank you so much Gunver. The Children's Fund is doing very well so early in the year, so we are looking forward to be able to do a lot of good things this Christmas. Bills were paid.

For the first time in a long time, we had nobody new reported on the sick list at this meeting.

Nomination and election of officers were completed.

Wishing everybody a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Bornholm's 2015 Installation will take place August 1, at Familia Bistro Ristorante. The same place as last year except the name has changed, 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.

Our next meeting will be August 21. We will start the New Year with a pizza party hosted by Susan & Brian Mefford.

Anni Champagne will take care of dessert.

John

on July 16. Our next meeting will be July 11, at noon at Doris Skow's. Lunch will be served by Doris DWS.

805-937-5014 beans, bread, meat, will be furnished, bring a dish to share if you want.