



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dania Grand President Grand Lodge

On May 5, Thor #5 and Thora #11 had their monthly meeting and it was a great relief for everybody that the convention was now behind us. We voted to support the Senior Assistance Fund and the Grand Lodge General Fund with \$1000 each. This was to qualify for the \$1000 in matching funds from Danmark #2 for both funds. I would like to encourage all brands to take advantage of this generous offer from Danmark #2!

The next morning, I packed snow chains in the car and headed for Reno. The weather forecast promised rain in the valley and snow high in the mountains. The rain was bad from Modesto to Sacramento, but as I got out of Sacramento it started to clear a little. At the top of the mountain, there were only a couple of snow flakes and then the sun broke through for the rest of the way to Reno. We knew that we would not get Anette's (hoj belagte) Smørrebrød, since she was in Denmark celebrating birthdays. However, we were not disappointed! We had a very nice meal (design your own sandwich), and couple of Carlsbergs to calm the nerves for the first installation.

The Grand Marshals came well prepared and did a good job of marching around as required, so the installation went well. Scholarships were handed out to Jens Christiansen and Erik Jensen and a 50 year pin to Paul Christensen. A new Charter for Valdemar # 12, made by Grand Secretary Tim Heer, was handed over to acting President Glenn Fritz.

The next morning, I went over to the new house of Helen and Carl Christiansen, and we had a nice Dansk frokost med sild og snaps.

Carl Christiansen will take a membership in the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, thank you Carl!!

Looking forward to visiting Petaluma for the meeting in Sønderjylland #10, June 11.

Steen Skjellerup, Grand President Dania

Dannebrog Grand President

I started off my year as Grand President of Dannebrog with attending Fresno's "Welcome back Delegates" lodge meeting. The convention was reviewed and the Delegates gave their reports.

We had our Reno installation with the weather forecasting a stormy weekend. We were fortunate that the weather was clear driving over Donner Pass on Hwy. 80; as it certainly was not the case coming home.

Reno has a great hall for the first installation, giving the Grand Marshals, Alan Filiau and John Scheuber space to perfect their marching patterns and escorting everyone to their proper stations. It went very smooth.

Reno was missing Anette Christensen, but Sena Marie and Glenn Fritz with their dinner committee did a great job.

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Glenn also did a fine job of standing in for Anette for the installation.

Congratulations are in order, as it was an honor and pleasure for me to present Ann-katherine Sawyer with her 50 year pin. Steen also presented her brother, Paul Christensen with his 50 year pin. They were both escorted up to the podium by Ann-katherine's daughter, and Paul Christensen's Niece, Nina Sawyer, Reno's Marshal.

Thank you Reno, for our dinner also Gunnar enjoyed coming with me and visiting with all the members. We did miss seeing Marlene, but the Charter was draped for Baxter Swaffer. It was an enjoyable weekend even if it was a little wet. Martha Nielsen, Dannebrog's Grand President

Grand Lodge Secretary

DIANA MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

Elsy Rasmussen in memory of Arne Rasmussen
Erik B. Lardsen in memory of Arne Rasmussen
Finn and Karin Madsen in memory of Arne Rasmussen
Ling I. Bundgaard in memory of Arne Rasmussen
Britta Lange in memory of Arne Rasmussen

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

John & Marge Scheuber in memory of Baxter Swaffer
Johanne Gade in memory of Baxter Swaffer
Johanne Gade in memory of Aase Laugesen
Donations from, Thor #5, Freja #6, Eva Kristensen, and Irene Simms.
Dannevang #7 Donation for 2015 & 2016

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 Welcome Home Party was a great success. We welcomed home our delegates and Grand Officers in grand style with a wonderful potluck dinner featuring Elizabeth Jensens Danish stew (much like an Irish stew). There were all kinds of great food and deserts----truly a spectacular spread. Thanks to everyone who contributed. We were twenty in number but it sounded much larger. The conversations and the laughter were great. And the singing of "Hans Skal Leve" til PGP Tom Martin was very spirited. A great time was had by all. *Mange tak til Elizabeth paa arrangere alt.* By the way, congratulations to Alex Lund who won the Attendance Prize.

The Convention was a great success. Congratulations to Thor #5 and Thora #11. Our own Grand President Tom Martin presided over the Convention. Daniel Joensen was elevated to Grand Vice President and Jim Jensen and James O. Jensen continued as

Grand Trustees. It is always very pleasant to be with so many good friends we don't often see. We need to get together with folks from other branches more often. Perhaps picnics or casual gatherings can be arranged, much like the RV group but without the RV's. The members in SF are always ready to party.

Our next meeting is *Onsdag, Juni 8*. We gather at 6:30 for a social hour, then a brief meeting at 7:30. Then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. The meal is still being planned but is bound to be excellent. Guests are always welcome. Contact the secretary for more information. A number of our members ride BART as our meetings are in the Odd Fellows Hall at 7th and Market, next to the Civic Center Station.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary.

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

Thor #5 and Thora #11 celebrated the return of our delegates from convention. The men's lodge decided to donate \$1,000 to the general fund of the Grand Lodge, and another \$1,000.00 to the Senior Assistance Fund, to be matched by San Francisco's Lodge. One of our long time members, Jeanette Eskelsen passed away this month. Stan Kjar continues to recover. Our June 2nd meeting will be our annual picnic to be held at Steen's. We will not be meeting July and August. Have a great summer!!!

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at Noon.; Installation 1st Sunday in August, Salinas Masonic Center,

48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904. Freja/ Dana Secretary: Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

Freja 6 and Dana 15 welcomed home their convention delegates on the patio of a neighborhood restaurant. Busy schedules kept some of our members away but we were so happy to have Inger Rasmussen enjoying our lunch meeting with us. Detailed and informative convention reports were read and accepted. The two

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 No. 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

resulting hot topics under the umbrellas on that sunny patio were how we can support The Senior Assistance Fund and how we can make our own lodge experience more enjoyable for all and attract visitors from other lodges and (as everyone is trying to do) new members as well! One thing for sure, we all agreed to follow the

suggestion that came from the floor of Dania's convention meeting and donate 1% of Freja's liquid assets to the Senior Assistance Fund. At our next meeting on Sunday June 5th, Tim will be writing the check (if he hasn't done so already!), and we will be discussing some ideas about reducing the number of meetings per year to allow more planning and preparing time to make our meetings more eventful, meaningful and memorable!

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

We enjoyed a delicious feast of Mexican Food at our May meeting. The delegates gave their convention reports, and then were reimbursed for their efforts. There was some discussion about an upcoming fundraiser for the Senior Assistance/ Old Age Fund being spearheaded by Diane Reinstein. It's going to be a good one, pay attention for more details to come in the future.

So with that in mind, please mark your calendars and save the date of July 31st to attend our Installation of Officers at noon in our Masonic Hall meeting place, you know, the one with lots of room for Danish dancing! We all had so much fun last year both dancing and watching and want to make this year even bigger & better! We'll get the final details to you in next months newsletter. Skaal! JHG =

Karen Faraldo was the happy winner of our attendance prize. Our next meeting will be June 11, 4:00. There will be some planning for a summer/fall Barbecue, more details to come on that one also. We will be dark in July and August. Congratulations to all graduates! See you soon 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

At our May meeting of Valborg #1 and Thyra #9, we welcomed home our delegates from convention hosted by the Fresno lodges. One of the big surprises is our new Dannebrog Grand Vice Marshal, Beth Cowan! We are always pleased to welcome the Grand Secretaries of Dannebrog and Dania, Tim and Natalie Heer. As they say...a grand time was had by all! Reminder to our members and friends...Valborg and Thyra will not be meeting during the months of July and August. Too many of our members are on tour or vacationing. Next meeting is Thursday June 9, 2016 at 7:30PM at Roundtable Pizza in Castro Valley. Then the next meeting to follow will be on Thursday

September 8, 2016 at the pizza parlor. Come on over and enjoy the fellowship. We are having a lot of fun at our new meeting place.

Congratulations to Sarah Gauthier who graduated from Ohlone College with a business degree. The proud parents are Susan and Mike Gauthier; cannot forget the proud grandmother...Beth Cowan. Nice Job Sarah!

Have you heard of the big raffle with the winner drawn at next year's convention, headed up by Diane Reinstein? Proceeds to benefit the Dania Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund. The HAWK

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 May 2016 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, May 14. We had cool weather, ideal to have our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 12 Members. The lunch consisted of sausages, potato salad and green bean salad curtesy of Inger-Marie Andersen, Karen Lysmer and Sabrina Wilcox brought garlic bread. We also enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres, side dishes and desserts. Thank you to those who provided these wonderful dishes and cakes.

The business meeting was opened at 12:20 by President Karen Lysmer who moved into the President position because of the resignation of Jim Hollingshead in April.

We accepted the resignation of Jeannie Kjaer as a member of Sønderjylland #10 and Jim Hollingshead as President.

The members concluded that to continue the Branch with four meetings a year would be the best option, if President Lysmer, Secretary Cruger-Hansen and Treasurer Vibeke Jensen were willing to continue serving.

It was agreed that the issue of continuing or closing the Branch should be discussed at the June 11 meeting.

Membership drawing: Jim Hollingshead was drawn but he was not present. Drawing in June will be for \$20.00.

For the Good of the Order: The Dania Convention Report was made by Karen Lysmer, Carol Saffro and Sabrina Wilcox. We will be voting at the June meeting to approve a one-time donation of \$1,000.00 to the Grand Lodge of Dania. Meeting closed at 1:25 Please plan to attend the June 11 meeting at Kastania Fælled. It is very important we get input so we can determine the future of the Sønderjylland #10 Branch. Bring ideas and thoughts. We will be voting on potential nominations of officers and we are looking for members willing to step up. If we manage to get a board of directors, and it looks like we may, we also have to vote on whether to have an installation ceremony.

Please call (510) 232-6998 and leave a message or email at the address above, if you are planning to attend this very important meeting.

John Cruger-Hansen

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

May 30 (Monday) Balder Lodge will be serving a Swedish Pancake breakfast at the Danish Hall. Come and support this fund raiser and take in the Kinetic Sculpture Race. Our own Hans and Don Christensen will be racing.

June 4 Valhalla and Ydun will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting, followed by a BBQ, with potluck of salads and dessert. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. Bocce will be played afterwards around 2:00.

June 26 the 66th Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will be held at Rohner Park in Fortuna at the covered picnic table area. Bring something for you to BBQ and a potluck item to share. Starts around 11:00 with lunch around 1:00.

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

A very nice evening and installation of Officers in Reno. Glenn and I hope you enjoyed your dinner. We know it was not Anette's sandwiches, but we did our best. The installation opened at 8:20 PM. A great job was done by Grand Presidents Steen Skjellerup & Martha Nielsen and Grand Marshals Alan Filiu & John Scheuber. We had a nice turn out with of our members. After the installation, the Grand Presidents presented Paul Christensen with his 50 year Dania pin and Ann-katherine Sawyer with her 50 year Dannebrog pin. It was special because our Marshal, Nina Sawyer escorted her uncle and mom to receive their pins. In May of 2015, Nina brought me (Sena Marie) to the podium to receive my 50-year pin. It was so nice to bring an uncle, mom and cousin to receive their pins. (A family affair).

Dania Grand President Steen Skjellerup then presented 2 scholarships for our Vice Marshal, Erik Jensen and one to our Trustee Jens Christiansen. The gavel was then turned over to our President, substituted by Glenn Fritz, for Anette Christensen. The Dania Valdemar #12 replacement Charter was then presented to our President. It is really nice. It was just so sad that the first official duty for the new Charter was being draped for our beloved member, Baxter Swaffar. We observed a moment of silence in Baxter's memory. Gifts was given to each of the Grand Presidents and Grand Marshals. Glenn then closed the meeting, and we went into the main area for cake, cookies and coffee. The Grand

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

May 20 was Bornholm #14's "Welcome Home Delegates" party. 17 members and one guest participated. The guest was Bente Ellis's daughter Elaine.

Bente Ellis and Johanne Gade served a wonderful spread of delicious Danish "Open Face Sandwiches" from Herrings with Akvavit to "Citron-fromage" desert and everything imaginable in between. We started at 6 PM and were not done until almost eight o'clock.

President John Scheuber called the meeting to order, and explained we had a long agenda to get through, and may have to leave some items for next meeting.

First up minutes of previous meeting. They were approved as read. Marge Scheuber won the attendance prize \$50, which she donated to the Childrens Xmas Fund. Thank you Marge.

Sick report: It was reported that Åse Laugesen had passed away, and a memorial was held Thursday May 12. Shirley Denning is now suffering from heavy Alzheimer. Bob Sorensen cannot walk any longer. There is no change reported for Jim Jorgensen.

President John Scheuber pointed out that our 2016 Installation will take place July 30 in order to accommodate the Grand President, who will be traveling to Denmark in August. The

July 4 (Monday) Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be entering a float in the parade, theme is Danish Mermaid. If you want to ride, let me know.

July 9 (second Saturday) Valhalla and Ydun will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting, followed by a lunch at 12:30. Bocce will be played afterwards at 2:00. Christian Nielsen

Officers and Past Grand Officers were introduced. The evening closed with success. As secretary, I wanted to thank Glenn pinch hitting for Anette, Paul for acting Vice President for our dear friend Baxter. Thank you to the rest of the officers for attending. YEA: I did not need any other substitutes.

Thank you Ingrid, Ann-Katherine, Janet, and Ina for helping set up the tables and help when I was away from the kitchen, sitting by the front door. Thank you Helen, Carl and Jens for taking care of the bar, and everyone else that stayed to help clean up. Glenn and I enjoyed doing this for everyone. Hope everyone had a safe trip home. TAKE CARE, Sena Marie.

A note from Anette: We wish Solveig Asvitt a speedy recovery after her knee surgery. Our June meeting on Friday 6/3 will be a pot-luck. I also want to remind everyone of our St. Hans Fest on Friday June 17, 2016 at the River School Farm, 7777 White Fir, Reno, NV 89523. We start at 7PM with a picnic. Please bring your choice of meat to grill, drinks and a side dish to share. The Lodge will bring plates, utensils, condiments, coals etc. This is a fun event for the whole family and if you have time, feel free to make a witch we can send to "Blocksbjerg" when we have our bonfire. Looking forward to see you there. I want to thank Sena Marie Freeman and Glenn Fritz for covering for me while I was gone. Job well done!

reservation at the restaurant Familia Bistro Ristorante has been confirmed. It is the same place as last year, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350.

Next on the agenda was Convention reports. John Scheuber gave a detailed report of the Convention with the other delegates adding their personal view of convention events. The picture of all the convention attendees was circulated.

Jerry Zoller gave a detailed report of his & Mary's and the Medford's search for a new meeting place. There were in particular one place that looked promising. Jerry will contact the management of that place.

Jerry Zoller is also Chairman for our donation committee, he pointed out that since 2006 Bornholm has donated a total of \$22,500 and 35% or close to \$8000 has gone to the Grand Lodge and the Senior Assistant Fund.

Lastly we nominated new officers for fiscal year 2016/2017.

One issue was left for the next meeting namely our budget discussion. Our next meeting is June 17, and it is potluck time starting at 6 PM.

John

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 on June 11, will meet at the home of Lisa Mc Daniel's home, 1668 Heron., Sunnyvale. Heron is west of Wolfe Rd. Her house is the 2nd house on the right in the second block. There is handicap parking in front of the house. Her phone is 408-733-2781. Be sure to call and tell her if

you can be there. We will start at noon with a pot-luck lunch so bring your favorite dish. Following we will have a meeting and social time.

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Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Hejls Minde #23 held its regular meeting Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at noon with 13 members present. The snaps today was brought in by Agnes Larsen. We sang Happy Birthday to our birthday members. SKAAL!!

The lunch menus: green salad, Frikadeller, mashed potatoes with gravy, red cabbage, cucumber salad and pumpernickel bread. The door prize was won by President Hans Kardel of \$20.00, Congratulations!

We started the business meeting at 1:00 pm. The president Hans Kardel opened the meeting with welcome remarks. The Secretary Marie Jaeger read the official list of officers present. The recording Secretary Kate K. Nielsen read the Minutes from the last meeting. Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the financial report. We were so happy to see our member Alice Quimby back, she had been absent for several months. Good to see you girl!!

Convention was held in Clovis at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building. Our two representatives Knud Jacobsen and Bent Olsen attended the Convention. Knud reported about the convention, wonderful in all aspects. It was run under the guidance of Dave Willis and his wife Nancy, who more or less randed the whole show. There was no change made to the Senior Assistance Fund, it remains the same. The 2016-17 Grand Officers will be listed in the June newsletter.

The 2016 member of the year from Dania is Rowland "Mac" McNeil.

The 2016 member of the year from Dannebrog is Viola Jensen. Thank you Knud for a thorough convention report.

We finished the business meeting by singing "Der er et yndigt land". Our next meeting will be held, June 1st, 2016 at the Bit O' Denmark at noon. Hope to see you there.

This will be our last meeting before summer starts. 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's Secretary: Wayne A. Allen. Valkyrien's Secretary Darlene Iversen

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 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!!