



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Dear Members of Dania and Dannebrog,

Hope everyone is enjoying the end of summer, beginning of fall and the somewhat cooler temperatures!

Sacramento skies have been smoky and the air quality has been poor because of the King Fire in El Dorado County. It has already burned over 80,000 acres and is believed to be the largest wildfire on record to hit the six-county Sacramento region. It is only about 20% contained and has destroyed ten homes and over 3000 people have had to evacuate. Please keep our community and fire fighters in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 another fun-filled Labor Day weekend in Ferndale! Congratulations to the newly installed officers! Their members always make everyone feel so welcome and everyone has such a great time in Ferndale.

Thank you CC Market Catering staff, they did another excellent job on Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. Everyone had a great time at the bocce ball games. It was nice seeing Gunnar Nielsen at the installation. We look forward to seeing and hearing about Gunnar's continued recovery and progress. Grand Past President, Mel Lundberg joked, "it was Ferndale's first **Heerless** installation in many years". The Heer families were missed.

While in Ferndale we attended a 2015 convention planning meeting. A lot of good ideas were shared, a lot of fun is being planned – so plan to attend April 9th, 10th, and 11th in Fortuna. It will be Dannebrog's 100th convention!

Thank you Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 for the fun afternoon on Sept. 13th at Campo di Bocce in Livermore. It was a membership recruitment event with appetizers, wine, and of course, bocce ball. We did meet one new potential member! Everyone had a good time and hopefully we can do it again and have more Branches participate.

We have been very busy with the upcoming Scandinavian Festival. We are the co-chairs of the festival this year. The festival will be held on Saturday, October 4th from 10am to 4pm at Devine Savior Catholic Church, 9079 Greenback Lane, Orangevale CA. There will be food, baked goods, vendors, music, entrainment, and more. Everyone is welcome – adults \$5.00, children under 12 free. Hejmdal #4

Grand Lodge Secretary

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and Luren #13 will serve Abelskivers and Medisterpoise and red cabbage. Our Branches are also in charge of the children's room with crafts and games. Hope as many of you as possible can attend.

Godt helbred til alle (Good health to all)

Bob & Mary Jo Schall

Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

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Branch Secretaries

Just a notice to the Dania Secretaries and Grand Lodge officers, the updated version of the constitution has been up loaded to the web site. Please down load it and print out the

Convention 2015 News

Reserve your rooms now for the 2015 Dania – Dannebrog Convention to be held at the River Lodge in Fortuna, CA. Best Western Country Inn across from the River Lodge has offered us a room rate for two for a Standard Room (1 king or 2 queens) for \$80.99 + 12% tax per night for the dates of 9 (arrival)-12 (departure) April 2015 – 3 nights. You must make reservations by 9 March 2015 to receive this reduced rate and mention the Danish Convention. Do NOT use online booking. Please phone: (707) 725-6822

Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 are asking for your help in preparing for the Convention. We would like information on the histories of your lodges, including any historical photographs of the buildings, charters, and early members.

The Bocce Ball Event was a Success!

It was a hot day in Livermore on Saturday September 13th, but the indoor courts at Camp di Bocce were cool and welcoming. What a great venue for a party, and a party we did have. Members of Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 and their guests enjoyed two hours of Bocce Ball, more than couple bottles of wine (with some akvavit shots mixed in), and a lot of laughs. Our guests included the Grand Presidents Bob and Mary Jo Schall as well as a few significant others. There was excellent Bocce play all around, but some of the best was from our own Poul Andersen who scored 5 at a time in more than one game. Certainly there will be more bocce ball events in the future and we hope to see you there! John Jensen on behalf of Danmark #2 and Thyra #3

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

Potluck dinners bring out some of the very best and most delicious foods imaginable. We thank everyone who contributed to the fine dinner----but that was everyone. We did have a guest, Tom, with a strong Danish heritage. We missed Johanne, house sitting down in San Luiz Obispo.

I received an email about a Danish cemetery in Cherry County Nebraska not far from where I have Danish relatives. None of my family there----and the cemetery has been abandoned. But sometime, I hope to visit there.

Our September meeting started with great excitement about the Attendance Prize, now a record \$260. We drew Kai Sørensen and Marissa Christensen's names. Unfortunately for them, they were not present to collect---but Kai could have well afforded the trip from his home in Florida with his winnings---perhaps now he will move back to SF. Marissa was off working but she certainly comes when she can.

Our members are excited and enthusiastic about translating the Queen's Normandy speech. Sections of the speech have been parceled out. John Jensen has a special talent at

page that was changed to update and make your copy of the Constitution current. Tim Heer Sr. Grand Secretary

We are also looking for information on Danish immigrants arriving in your area, which is probably closely connected to the development of the lodge. You can email information and questions to wachter.lynn@gmail.com.

Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 would like to invite individuals or families to share information regarding your Danish immigrants. We will have an area for displays at the Convention. These are some of the questions to ask: when did your immigrants arrive, how, why did they leave the "old country", from what area in Denmark, what did they do upon arriving, etc., or are you the immigrant? Do you have photos? Any questions: contact Lynn at wachter.lynn@gmail.com or phone (707) 839-2025

Upcoming Conventions		
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

oversatte dansk paa engelsk. And we had the Bocce Ball tournament sponsored by the D#2 Membership Committee. John even managed to have a bit of Akvavit available. Our most talented player was Poul "Luigi" Andersen who claimed never to have played before. We are very sorry if you missed it---we all had a great time. And I understand that there may well be some challenges to other branches forthcoming.

Our next meeting will be *Onsdag, Oktober 8*. That will be our Italian Night with pizza and some special food items. Guests are always welcome and we hope to see you there.

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 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 had 21 members at our September meeting. Prior to our meeting we enjoyed a variety of open faced sandwiches and salads with a choice of cherry, peach, or apple pie for desert. Our charter was draped in memory of Marilyn Johnsen, who had been a member since 1979. Seven of us attended Ferndale's Installation and

reported on what a good time we all had. Thank you to Ferndale's lodge members for their hospitality and delicious food. Plans for our Christmas dinner, December 5th, are completed. For our October Harvest dinner we will be having lasagna, salad, and bread. Happy Fall to all and pray for rain! 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

This Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2pm we will be meeting at Villa Serra, the residence of our long time members, Gladys Lovelady, Roy Sharp and Neils & Ella Jessen. Space is limited in their private dining room but we're hoping to fill it with our local

members. There will be cake and coffee served, a 25th wedding anniversary celebrated, 25 year pins presented and a Hun Skal Leve or two! Skaal! 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

Happy Autumn! It was good to have rain the other day, just hope and pray for more of it.

If you weren't out at the ranch for the bar-b-que at Diane Reinstens, you certainly missed out on a good time and some delicious food. The tri-tip was cooked to perfection by Bob Henricus (Ken Thomsen's son-in-law) ahead of time, and everyone raved about Jackie Niensens beans. All the salads brought by other members were scrumptious. We

were about 25 all together, but it was a little too cold for a swim.

Viola Jensen was the happy winner of the attendance prize at our last meeting. (Did I mention she drew her own name). Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 11, 6:00 potluck, with a theme of open faced sandwiches, and meeting to follow. Hope to see you there. KRT

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

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 September meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, September 13, 2014. We had great weather and welcomed an attendance of 10 Members and one Guest! We had one possible new membership application, Kirsten Petersen.

We enjoyed hors d'ovres and deserts. Thank you to those who provided these. The lunch consisted of Kentucky Fried Chicken brought by Vice President Jim Hollingshead.

The meeting was opened at 12:30 by President Erik Field.

The minutes from the August meeting were presented and accepted.

The Treasurers report was shelved till the October meeting.

Sick report. None to report.

Correspondence. Two letters thanking Sønderjylland #10 for a great installation ceremony were read.

Unfinished business. None reported.

New Business. The Annual Christmas Lunch was discussed and the date, time, and place were suggested as December 14th from 11am-2pm at the Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa, 2777 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. December 7th as second choice.

The Valentine's Day lunch was discussed and it was decided to drop Mr. Magoo's and instead try the Villa Restaurant in Santa Rosa. President Erik Field will explore other avenues also.

Hans Andersen won the Member Pot for \$10.00.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday October 11, 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. Please email me if you

can volunteer to bring Appetizers or Desserts.
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

In August, over labor day weekend, we had a wonderful installation of officers and a great turnout by all of the lodges and grand officers. We had 42 in attendance to see Marji Smith be installed as our president. Grand Presidents Mary Jo and Bob Schall did a wonderful job as well as their Grand Marshals Martha Nielsen and Steen Skjellerup. A good time was had by all.

In September we will be holding a rummage sale during Ferndale Bargain Lovers Weekend, September 6 from 9 – 4. Hunters Hope will be serving lunch from the kitchen and there will be lots of bargains for the taking. No business meeting will take place in September.

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 September 5th meeting and Potluck was such a nice evening with great friendship and food as usual. This month we had a larger group of people – about 25 and we had the honor of meeting four new visitors. Two of them had already decided to become members. We welcomed Peter and Denise Briggs with open arms. Gave Irene and Bob applications as well and hope to see them again soon. They just moved here from Arizona and will be going back to Arizona to sell their house before they finely settle down in Reno. Anette held a nice short meeting and we discussed the plans for the rest of the year. For October we will celebrate Oktoberfest in best German style. Anette will make the sauerkraut and sausage. Members are to bring appetizers, salads or desserts. For November we will celebrate Thanksgiving with a potluck. The crown jewel of the year will be our Christmas Party on Friday December 5th – “Yes Christmas”- can you believe it? More information about that in our next newsletter.

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

Bornholm #14's meeting attendance was on the low side September 19. Too bad since we had many activities to discuss, but Lilian Rasmussen came for her first meeting. Marge Scheuber, sitting in for Ann Stowers, read the minutes of the meeting from August 15. The minutes were approved as read. Susan Mefford won the attendance price of \$50, which she donated to the Children's Christmas fund. Thank you Susan, we are getting very close to our goal of getting Christmas presents for twelve underprivileged children.

On October 4 we will gather at Hunan's Restaurant in Fortuna for a dinner at 5:00. Fortuna will be holding there Apple Festival, so getting a dinner at the end of the day will be nice.

On November 1, Ydun will be celebrating their 102nd Anniversary. We will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting and a potluck following the meeting. December 6 we will be meeting at 11:00 and having a Danish Christmas party following. More to come on these events.

Christian Nielsen

We missed Glenn Fritz, Ann-Katherine Sawyer and Nina Sawyer tonight. Glenn was out of town and Ann-Katherine was visiting her brother David in Idaho together with her other brother Paul and sister-in-law Cindy. We hope they have a wonderful trip. We also missed Eric & Margaret Hansen, they moved further away from Reno, so it's difficult to come in for the meetings. Several others were missed from our “regular group”, but hope everyone is well. We think of you all every month.

We also want to congratulate Pete and Ruth Olsen who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary, September 12th. Their Children had planned a beautiful party for them on September 20 and all the Danish members in Reno were invited. Over a dozen of us went to Fallon to celebrate with them and we had a wonderful time! Wow - to be married 60 years. Congratulations!

Have a great rest of the summer. Take Care, Sena Marie

Jim Jorgensen's condition has not changed, and no other sick report was provided.

This meeting was dedicated to discussing and arranging all our fall activities. Fall is traditionally a very busy time for our lodge.

We start with our picnic Sunday October 5 at Orange Blossom Park, by Orange Blossom Bridge. Details were discussed and a sign up sheet rotated. The biggest change this year was Alvin Olsen, who had to step aside in making Danish Æbleskiver. We will have some replacement for the Æbleskiver. We start around 9 AM with Bloody Mary's.

At noon, we will BBQ Hotdogs & Hamburgers.
Bring your own chairs, utensils and beverages.
The Lodge will furnish the Hotdogs & Hamburgers + the charcoal for BBQ.

We hope to see a lot of members and guests.
The sponsor committee will meet at this event, and work out their detailed plan for the year.
There will be a Sonora Theater trip and dinner Sunday Dec 7.

Our Christmas party will be Sunday December 14 at Jacob's Fine Dining. 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

October 11th meeting will be at Doris's starting with lunch at noon. Doris Will prepare lunch. Please call 408-313-7235 to let her know that you be there. We will follow lunch with our meeting, dessert and coffee.

October 25 th social will be at Bente's. Call her if you plan to attend. 408-224-4040.

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 resumed its first meeting after the summer "Black out", on September 3, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" in Solvang with 23 members present. (1 guest present)

We met at 12 noon for Lunch with the meeting to follow.
Lunch Menu: Green salad, Pumpernickel bread, Hakkebøf with roasted onions and a fried egg on top, Red cabbage cucumber salad, mashed potatoes with brown gravy.

Dessert: Pena Cotta - A delicious Lunch!! Of course, we also had beer and snaps with the Lunch and coffee.

Jean Kardel brought in a snaps in honor of her birthday.
Congratulations Jean!!! Happy birthday!!

Between Lunch and the regular meeting we sang a medley of Danish and American songs under the leadership of Erling Grumstrup and his great voice. We opened the meeting at 1:10 pm by singing "God Bless America." Our Santa Maria group was present as usual, which was much appreciated - "we love you guys." The door Prize was won by Birgit Nelson. \$20.00 Congratulations.

Our secretary Marie Jaeger read the names of officers present.

Kate Nielsen gave the report from our previous meeting, approved as presented.

Agnes Larsen read the treasurer 1 s report. To be filed for audit.

We had a Moment of Silence in honor of departed member Ingrid Winther.

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

For reservations, please call John Scheuber 209 522 1111 or email john.scheuber@vsi.cc

Our next meeting will be October 17. We start at 6 PM with "Oktober Fest".

Kirsten & John Johansen & Bodil Whitehouse are the hosts.
The meeting will follow the "Oktober Fest".

We have a good time so please come join us.

We send our congratulations to Lani Rasmussen on her Oct. 4th wedding. Lani is the daughter of Torben and Jona.

DWS

President Hans Kardel gave a report from the Convention held April 10-12,2014 in Fortuna, CA. The new Grand President is Robert Schall, Hejmdal Lodge No. 4, Sacramento, CA. President Hans Kardel raved about the wonderful Convention, very successful! The food First Class, friendly people, as a matter of fact it was so successful and well run that the Hosts: Valhalla # 11 and Ydun # 10 decided to also host the 2015 Convention, April 9-11, 2015 in River Lodge in Fortuna,CA, with assist from Hejmdal # 4 and Luren # 13.

Hans Kardel promised to bring 4 bottles of snaps to this convention Our secretary Marie Jaeger announced about the Rebuild annual Danish Day Dinner Dance at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Solvang, with Mogens Mortensen and Testa Catering (Hamburgerryg med Tilbehør) Smoked Porkloin with trimmings. Salad, and for dessert: Bent Olsen's famous Layer Cake. Price: \$48.00 per person, starting at 6PM. Dancing to the music by the very popular and local Band the Agin Brothers. Papa Heinz will entertain at the Dinner. Reservations a MUST!!!! Make reservations too Marie Jaeger at 688-5448 or Andy Andersen at 688-5157. Remember we MUST have your check to secure Reservation. Please mail check to Rebuild Solvang Chapter, P.O. Box 857, Solvang, CA. 93464.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

The next regular meeting and Lunch will be October 1, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

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