



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dania

Message from the Grand President

Here we are, the last installation, Thyra No 9 and Valborg No 1, held at Cattlemen's Restaurant in Livermore. In spite of a car on fire blocking the lanes, James Olef Jensen (Clark Kent look-alike) called and guided us around the accident so we were only a few minutes behind schedule. We enjoyed an excellent lunch with good friends. We thank the members of the lodges for their extended courtesies, the Grand Lodge officers for a job well done over our term of office, as well as special thanks to Tom and Lynn for their assistance. At the upcoming convention we look forward to the deliberations and solutions extending the life and security of our fraternal organizations, while enjoying our picturesque Eel River Valley, the Danish Hall and River Lodge, the music, dressing up like a Viking, the special food and drink and the camaraderie. Farvel for nu.

Grand President, Mel Lundberg

Grand Lodge Dannebrog

Message from the Grand President

My year in office has been exceptional; I've been shown heart-felt kindness and generosity. I suggest that a member who's not considered going through the chairs do so because it's been a wonderful experience, with the added reward of being with friends, old and new. See you in Ferndale.

Grand President Zena Lundberg

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Jack G. Fredriksson: Sønderjylland #10

Ejnar Christensen: Danmark #2

NEW MEMBERS:

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND:

Carl and Betty Jensen in memory of Kurt Høj

John and Marge Scheuber in memory of Kurt Høj

Branch Secretaries

I am trying out a new Font this month it is supposed to save on ink and cost. Let me know what you think

If any of the Branches were thinking of making any donations to the Grand Lodge General Fund, now would be a good time.

Thank You, Tim Heer, Grand Secretary.

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Upcoming Installations

Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9	May 2, 2014	Odd Fellows Hall Reno
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Upcoming Conventions

Valhalla No. 11 and Ydun No. 10	River Lodge in Fortuna CA April 10-12 2014
Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 & Hajmdal #4, Luren#13	River Lodge in Fortuna CA April 9-11 2015
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018

Danish Campers

May 16-18, 2014 We're on the road again! The Danish Campers will meet at Smithwoods RV Park on Friday, May 16th, for an enjoyable weekend of fun in the beautiful redwoods. Smithwoods is located on Highway 9 in Felton, close to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Tim and Natalie's home, Fall Creek

State Park, and the Felton Covered Bridge Park. The Covered Bridge just happens to be the tallest covered bridge in the U.S., and a California historical landmark. The rate is \$51.95 per night with our group discount. There is no additional charge for pets. If you have any questions, just call me at 510-278-9430. Happy trails to you, Pat and Greg

Dania Nominating Committee

The Dania Nominating Committee made up of Carl Jensen, Roger Gearhart and John Scheuber, places in nomination Daniel Joensen, San Francisco, for the office of Grand Vice Marshal and Baxter Swafford, Reno, for the office of Grand Trustee. As always nominations from the floor are acceptable as well. We all look forward to a successful convention and to our trip to Ferndale. John Scheuber

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

Secretary Roger Gearhart [E-mail ragearth@comcast.net](mailto:ragearth@comcast.net)

Secretary Johanne Gade

Our new President Tom Martin was welcomed and officiated over the meeting in great style. Past President John Jensen was warmly thanked for his terms of office. A committee was appointed for our April pot luck dinner--- we expect that there will be many excellent specialties from our many great cooks. We briefly discussed Convention issues.

Several members have lost out on the attendance prize lately and it has grown to \$180. Of course, you have to be present to win. At the dinner, we feasted mightily on corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings prepared by the Jensen family. This has become one of our favorite traditions and the Jensens were warmly thanked for their

hard work. It all went well with a snaps and a beer. And it was delicious! And the desserts were very, very good as well. Of course, we sang De Skal Leve to those with birthdays. Indeed, a great time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be April 2 (please note that this is a week earlier than normal due to the Convention). We will be having a pot luck dinner---all the best from some great kitchens. We start gathering at 6:30 for a beverage and conversation followed by a brief meeting. Then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. As always, guests are most welcome at our meetings.

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

We are enjoying our new meeting place at Hope Lutheran. Our delegates are eagerly awaiting convention! Christie

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, jcheer0857@sbcglobal.net

Freja and Dana had a wonderful Lunch at our March Meeting.

Jana and Natalie prepared an Irish soup of Corn Beef and veggies along with Jana's soda bread. Hors d'oeuvre of cheeses and crackers were supplied by Lis Bonde Schmidt,

and everyone brought Wine. Dessert of Strawberry cream cake was brought by Inger Rasmussen.

Next month our meeting will be April 6th and Jana will be letting you know where and when that will be.

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

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

Secretary: Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com

Secretary Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

Our March meeting followed a delicious pot-luck. Our new president, Sue Frederick, did a fine job presiding. We

missed Diane Reinstein who was in Idaho and Virginia Smith who was recuperating from a slight fall. Karen

Faraldo was lucky to be at the meeting since she was the winner of the attendance prize. It was decided to cancel the April meeting since most of the members who attend

meetings will be at convention in Ferndale. Our next meeting will be May 10, with a Cinco de Mayo theme. See you then, have a Happy Easter. 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.

Secretary: Greg Gleeson gag1234@sbcglobal.net

Secretary Mary Vieregge.

The afternoon of March 15th, Grand Presidents Zena Lundberg and Mel Lundberg presided over the installation of officers for Thyra and Valborg. Thank you again to Mary Vieregge, who has retired as Secretary of Valborg, with over 20 years of service. It was great to see so many friends and Grand Officers in attendance. A special thank you goes to Signe Ann McNeil, Pat Brouillette, Greg Gleeson, Mary Esther Filiu and Laura Filiu for their help with arrangements. A good time was had by all!

President Susan Gauthier presented 25-year pins to Valborg members Linda Cumming and Judy Osborne.

We will not meet in April due to the Convention in Ferndale. Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, May 8th for our "Welcome Back from Convention" Potluck. We'll gather at 6:00 pm for liquid refreshments, with dinner around 6:30 pm. Please bring your favorite dish to share (appetizers, salads, hot or cold side dishes, etc.). Meetings to follow.

We hope to see you there! Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiu, Presidents

Sønderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma

Caroline Cruger-Hansen, Secretary, c.p.cruger-hansen@comcast.net

Sønderjylland held our regular meeting on Saturday, March 8th, and welcomed an attendance of 22 Members and Guests!

We enjoyed hors d'ovres brought by Finn Kjaer and desserts. The lunch consisted of wonderful Chicken Cacciatori (Sabrina Wilcox) and salad (Lori Ham).

The meeting was opened at 12:50 by President Eric Field. We missed Vice President Jim Larsen, Treasurer Vibeke Jensen, and Auditor Carol Saffro who were not present at the meeting. The April meeting was tabled due to most of

the members attending the April Danish convention so the next meeting will be Saturday, May 10th.

We send many get well wishes to Janet Thuesen, who had a bad fall, and to Birthe Baekgaard and Lavon Christensen on their upcoming surgeries. Congratulations to Kirsten and Richard Cohen on their new baby boy, Henry Cohen. He joins big brother William Cohen.

Maureen French won the \$10 drawing but was not at the meeting to receive it. Next drawing will be \$20.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

See you all soon, Caroline

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, Anette Christensen, achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu

Our March meeting was dedicated to our Finnish friends and over 50 people attended. Pia Laine and her group had prepared a wonderful buffet and entertained us with games and dances. Pia's son Zack and a couple of his friends helped serve the meatballs and other dishes. A couple danced the tango and showed us how to do it. They had great music, raffle and games. One game was 8 questions about Finland. This was a test for us Danes. Each table worked as a team and one "Reno" table had 5 questions right and the other "Reno" table had more questions right and tied with one of the Finnish tables. We all had a great time and thank our friends from Finland for a great experience!

We didn't have a meeting because of the great Finnish night. For our April meeting on 4/4 we will have our Youth Performance and an Easter potluck starting at 7 pm.

Our May meeting will be our installation of officers, starting at 6 pm with cocktails, 7 pm dinner and installation to follow. Anette and I will have more news about that at the convention. We will serve our open face sandwiches, which seems to always be a hit? Hope to see everyone at the convention. Please drive safe and see you soon.

Sena Marie

P.S. Thank you to our Past Grand President from Dannebrog for the R.S.V.P.'s to Anette and me for the PGP luncheon at the Convention. It looks like we are going to have a pretty good turnout. Again thank you Anette for your help.

Bornholm No. 14

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

Secretary: Ann Stowers

For our March 21 meeting and corned beef and cabbage dinner, we had 23 members. We started at 6 PM with very delicious corned beef and cabbage made by the Stowers and the Scheubers. Before the meeting at 7 PM everything was gone but a few green cookies. Most members were also wearing green or partial green.

President John Scheuber called the meeting to order at seven PM. Jerry Zoller read the minutes from the January meeting, and the Minutes were approved with one correction. Secretary Ann Stowers was present but she still has a problem with her voice. She also told us, she is going in for a heart procedure April 18. This procedure will make the heart pump better, and this should cure her current symptoms.

Alvin & Gunver were reported under the weather, but are getting better. Bob Sorensen got his driving privileges back, and he was present. Jim and Shirley Jorgensen did not come to this meeting, and they are not coming to the Convention either. We were told they are doing ok as long as they stay home.

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 be dark on April 12th due the convention.

April 26 th will be a social at the Lacey's starting a noon.

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary: Kurt Høj familyhoj@aol.com

Hejls Minde #23 held its regular meeting, March 5, 2014, at the Restaurant "Bit a' Denmark", Solvang, with 22 members present.

The Menu: Cream of Chicken Soup. Chicken, Gravy, mashed potatoes, Vegetables. Snaps, beer, coffee.

Members with birthdays who brought in Snaps: Knud Jacobsen, Alice Quimby, Allen Dixie (Santa Maria), Kate Nielsen.

The regular meeting started at 1PM with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel.

Kate Nielsen read the Minutes from the last meeting, approved as read. Mary Harris and Ingrid Winther resigned. Mary too busy and Ingrid hard of hearing. They will be missed! Treasurer's report read by Agnes Larsen, to be filed for audit.

All officers are willing to serve another year.

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information. Secretary: Wayne A. Allen , Darlene Iversen,

Member drawing for \$50 went to Jerry Zoller. He donated the money to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank you Jerry.

Peder Hoy reported from the Fish-Dinner. 91 had signed up and we had 9 no shows. This caused too much food to be prepared. The hors d'oeuvres were outstanding thanks to all the ladies from Bornholm #14. The music was also great. Next year we will go back to a Saturday, which will alleviate the traffic problems, people from out of town encountered. Jerry Zoller presented our donation history from the start in 1998 to this year. It is impressive how much Bornholm #14 has affected and helped our local community. At the next meeting, we will discuss if we should go public with our story.

There will be no meeting in April due to the Convention in Ferndale. Our next meeting will be "Welcome home delegates" May 16. We will celebrate with open- faced sandwiches, beer and Akvavit. The hosts are Johanne Gade, Bente Ellis and Beth Mortensen.

See you then John

Hope to see many of you in Ferndale for a great convention. DWS

Upcoming convention to be held April 10-11-12, 2014., which will be hosted by Valhalla No. 11, and Ydun No. 10. The Place: Fortuna, CA. 20 miles from Eureka. Delegates to the Convention: Hans Kardel, Bent Olsen. Substitute Jean Kardel.

A medley of Danish and American songs took place between the Lunch and the general meeting, led by Erling Grumstrup, with his great voice

Correction: Jens Faarbaek, did not pass away at the Friendship House but at the Atterdag "Care Center" The meeting adjourned at 1:20PM.

The next regular meeting will take place April 2, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark." at 12 noon.

Hope to see you there!!

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