



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

We finished February off right with the installation of Thor #5 and Thora #11 at the Spike and Rail. It's a bit of a drive from the bay area, but with the installation held at lunchtime, it was much easier than driving home late at night and trying to stay awake. The Spike and Rail always does a fine job taking care of us with their staff helping out to set up the room and the food is always good. We were short a few of their members and Grand Officers, but we made it work. The fine folks of Fresno are busy gearing up for the upcoming Convention and I'm sure they will be working hard to make it a success.

Gloria joined me for Bornholm's annual fish dinner and we were glad we made the trip. The dinner was a great success with the new crew taking over the cooking duties. There were, as usual, far too many appetizers. I did my best to eat them all but was unable to complete the task. Johanne Gade made special milk-free sauces for me and Gloria was happy to eat my ice cream. It was nice to see so many faces but the weather took its toll on attendance. This is always a special occasion and as the torch is passed to the next group of chefs, I was happy to see the new team has it down. I look forward to next year!

Lynn and I finished our installation calendar at the Cattlemen's restaurant in Livermore on the 19th. Hayward has held their installation there for several years now and it is a fine place to have it. This year we ran into some logistical issues as the restaurant forgot we were coming and booked another group into our space. With a little cooperation and compromise, we were able to have our event while the other group had theirs. It was different, but it worked. The installation space was quite small but with a little humor, we pulled it off. Dinner in the main part of the restaurant was a bit more difficult and the layout made visiting easier with those you were close to, but harder with those not so close. Hopefully, they will work it out before next year. Thanks to all who made it a success.

I am now in the process of planning for the convention. I still have a lot to do and our committees have been working hard getting everything ready to present their reports. I hope to see many of you there with many good ideas for the future of our Society. Please come and bring your ideas with

Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand President

I began my last trip in February driving in the much-needed rain, enjoyed some sunshine, and returned to the rain. Luckily, we have not had the storm problems that other parts of the state (and country) have been experiencing. Friday, 26 February, I drove to Tom and Gloria's arriving at almost the same time as their other guest, Tim, Tom's twin brother. We had a nice visit – now I have a face to match the name. The next morning, I followed Tom to Selma for

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you. We will have a great time and everyone should be involved. The Convention committee has worked very hard to make this a great time for everyone. Come and give them your support.

See you all in Clovis!

Tom Martin, Grand President Dania

Fresno's installation at the Spike and Rail. After installation, we sat down to a yummy lunch (I ordered chicken covered in a sauce of mushrooms and artichoke). Unfortunately, some members were absent due to a conflict in scheduling for a member's funeral, but we still had a good crowd. I even won a raffle prize!

After spending a very enjoyable evening with Kay Jensen, I continued down the road with Solvang as my destination. Being someone who is easily distracted, I decided to follow the signs to the Estrella Warbird Museum near Paso Robles.

Not only does it have “warbirds” of different eras, it also claims some other exceptional exhibits. The Pfauter “Red Ball Express” building contains vehicles used to supply General Patton. The Woodland Auto Display shows many different cars, including my favorite, which would come in handy for my travels – a 1929 REO Speedwagon – camper. It contains everything I need (except the bathroom). Of course, my travel time would probably increase, but..... I had 2 ½ fun-filled days of shopping and eating in Solvang before joining the wonderful people of Hejls Minde #23 Lodge (as well as some members of the Santa Maria lodges) for lunch and a meeting at the Bit O' Denmark. They made me feel very welcome and even treated me to lunch! Tusen tak! Before departing, I bought some raspberry jam from Olsen's Bakery (as well as a treat for later) and some sausage from Paula's Pancake House next door. As I told a friend, I left Solvang with “a thinner moneybelt and a fatter me”!!! I headed for home with a probably ill-conceived plan of driving to San Francisco on Highway 1. The drive was very enjoyable, as much as I could see of it – unfortunately, darkness overtook me long before I could see the lights of 'the city'. However, I was able to watch many elephant seals lying on the beach and playing in the water just north of San Simeon. What a sight!! My other interesting encounter with wildlife was when leaving the Vista Point north of the Golden Gate. I guess I shouldn't have been surprised to see a coyote in my headlights as I was leaving, but I was! This trip, with spring approaching, I turned to blossom-gazing instead of the autumnal leaf-peeping. I wasn't disappointed! March brought Tom's and my last installation of our presidencies. A long-time friend rode with me as far as Nordic House in Berkeley, where we enjoyed the special of the day, Danish meatball sub, while waiting for his friend. After some shopping, I again found my way to Bjornson Hall, where I partook of a corned beef and cabbage dinner. We listened to some wonderful accordion music. Word has it that the trumpet player may return. If so, I highly

Danish Campers, Casa de Fruta RV Resort, April 29th

The Danish Campers outing will be coming up soon! We're meeting at Casa de Fruta RV Resort on Friday, April 29th for a relaxing weekend after a wonderful convention. The rate is approximately \$40 per night depending on the number of reservations, and several families have signed up already. The resort is located in Hollister, two miles east of the junction of Highways 152 and 156. If you haven't joined us before, we usually have appetizers and wine, or beverage of your choice, on Friday night, and a potluck dinner on Saturday night (bring your own meat/chicken/fish to BBQ, and a dish to share). Casa de Fruta has a lot to offer, including shopping at the Fruit Stand and Casa de Gifts, wine tasting at the Casa de Wine, and rides on the Casa de Carousel and Casa de Choo Choo, so it will be a great weekend. If you would like to make a reservation, or have

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Lynn Troxell III; Thyra #9, Hayward

encourage people to attend! The lodge also has a monthly pancake breakfast. I followed Tom to Livermore and the site of our last installation, the Cattlemen's. We completed our end-of-the-year business in good order before heading to the designated room to perform Hayward's installation. The room was small, and we had many substitutions for officers, which tended to make this installation one of the most relaxed. Jytte brought her brother, Christian, who was visiting from Lolland, Denmark. My salmon with dill sauce was excellently prepared (what can I say – salmon at a steak house??). Sunday morning I headed back to the Nordic House for my passenger. I'm glad it was Sunday and the traffic was comparatively light. Crossing four lanes of traffic within ½ mile to make my exit is not my idea of a good time! In fact, I found it rather “hairy”. We made a lunch stop in Willits at the 101 Drive In (I think it's been there almost forever). The cheeseburger tasted delicious as did my coconut milk shake. It definitely reminded me of 'old times'! We arrived home to clear skies, which changed to thunderstorms that evening. It was fun having company for a change! I apologize if I made it sound as though I haven't been welcomed to the lodges. In fact, Dania and Dannebrog lodges have all been very hospitable and welcoming, and I want to send a “heartfelt thanks” to all of you. My discomfort stemmed from a visit to another Scandinavian group while on one of my trips. It is good to keep in mind that it can be difficult for a visitor to make the first move. Kudos to the Danish Lodges for your hospitality! Having completed my duties of installing Dannebrog's officers at lodge installations, my next duty will be at Convention 2016. I hope to see you in Clovis, CA, on 14-16 April 2016! Med venlig hilsen, Lynn Wachter, Grand President, Dannebrog

any questions, call Greg at 510-581-6521 or Pat at 510-278-9430. Happy trails to you, Pat and Greg

Upcoming Conventions		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 15-16 2016	Clovis Veterans Memorial Hall
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017	Stay Tune
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Upcoming Installations		

NEW MEMBERS:

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:
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DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Mel and Zena Lundberg in Memory of Mary Jo Schall

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

At our February meeting featured a real treat by Uffe Hellsten and Daniel Joensen---a great Danish meal. There was a sensational *flæskesteg* with a crunchy rind, roasted *kartoffel, og, fra desertere rødgrød med fløde*. It truly was a feast and we thank Uffe and Daniel very, very much. Of course, there was plenty of beer, wine, Akvavit, and coffee, everything was very festive. And the singing was, once again, very excellent.

Our March meeting went very well too. Tom Martin opened the meeting and had Daniel Joensen escorted to the podium. Daniel was then formally presented with the plaque honoring him as Danmark #2's 2015 Member-of-the-Year. Daniel was then introduced as our new President. There was much applause for Daniel and for Tom who had served two remarkable years as President.

We had some Convention matters to discuss and those discussions will continue at our April 6 meeting. We decided to sponsor members to attend the Danish American Frontier Award dinner on April 3 at \$100 each. There was great enthusiasm and many members indicated that they will be attending. Sorry but we haven't had a winner for the

attendance prize since Michael Fox took home \$80 in February.

We are pleased to report that our 135th Anniversary Party and Joint Installation went very well at the Grosvenor Hotel. There were 60 in attendance, all enjoyed the great food and the dancing by our DJ. The door prizes were a success---everyone enjoyed that especially when the orchids on each table, donated by Irene Simms, were given away. We can always count on Irene for that special touch.

We thank John and James Jensen again this year for the very special St. Patrick's Day feast of corned beef and cabbage. Johanne baked Irish soda bread for an added treat. And the appetizers before the meal were great. It was absolutely great, even better than last year. And the singing, especially by our younger Danes, was spectacular. Of course, the beer and the Akvavit certainly added to the festivities. Sorry if you missed being there---it was really special.

We are looking forward to the Convention in Clovis and we are beginning to plan next year's at the Grosvenor Hotel.

We will see many of our friends in Clovis.

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

CONVENTION! CONVENTION! CONVENTION!

Welcome to Clovis April 14 - 16! Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. We look forward to seeing all of you and having a great time!!! There are a lot of prizes to be had!

Congratulations to Betty Jensen on receiving her 50 year pin!!!!

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 celebrated our multi-heritage with an Irish meal provided by our part Irish descendants Tim, Natalie and Jana. Their father Al (O'Donoghue) Heer loved to do this for the Lodge every year and in his honor his kids carry on the tradition. We enjoyed the much anticipated corned beef and cabbage with roasted root vegetables and a very chocolaty dessert, Al loved his chocolate too!

Our next meeting will be on Sunday May 1st, May Day! Anyone know how to do a May Pole dance?

Over dessert and coffee we conducted a little business, president Jana Heer-Glovaski's membership transfer from Danmark #2 to Freja #6 was accepted, and she is very honored and excited to be representing Freja #6 as a delegate to this year's convention. Ole Pedersen will also

serve as a delegate for Freja. Dana's delegate will be PGP and Grand Trustee of Dannebrog, Colleen Heer Cave.

Current

Grand Secretaries Tim and Natalie Heer and PGPs Judi Heer of Dannebrog and Arne Graversgaard of Dania will also be attending convention this year. We wish all the current Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Lodge Representatives and Lodge Delegates a fun and productive convention. We extend our sincere thanks to the host lodges Thor #5 and Thora #11 for all their hard work in preparing a convention we are all sure to enjoy and remember. Special good wishes to Grand Presidents Lynn and Tom and also to our quick stepping Grand Marshals Stuart and Daniel! 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

Livermore had a brief meeting, however we missed our treasurers, they were enjoying Spring Training in Arizona. The meeting was at 4:00, the intention was that if we met earlier we might be able to find a parking spot, but alas it didn't make a bit of difference, it is such a busy and happening town. We decided to give 4:00 a couple more tries, but then it makes the pot luck difficult, too early to eat,

but then we have to keep the farm warm if we eat after. What to do, what to do? Our next meeting is Saturday, April 9th, 4:00. The Saturday before Fresno's convention in Clovis. The secretary will not be at the meeting as it will be the annual meeting for Rebuild National Park Society, April 6 - 9, hosted by the San Francisco chapter, which she just happens to be president of. Til we see you again, KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546. President Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra / Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

On March 19, Grand Presidents Lynn Wachter and Tom Martin presided over the joint installation of officers for Valborg #1 and Thyra #9. Thank you so much to everyone who filled in for those who were unable to attend. Kudos goes to Pat Brouillette, Greg Gleeson, Signe Ann McNeil, and Laura Filiau for their help with this event. A good time was had by all!

Thyra and Valborg will not be meeting in April since most of us will be in Clovis for convention. Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, May 12. We look forward to seeing you then!
Susan Gauthier, Past President

Sønderjylland No. 10

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

Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

Because of inclement weather, Sønderjylland #10 cancelled their scheduled March 2016 meeting.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday April 9, 2016 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

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

March brought us lots of rain and made us rejoice with each day we got a little break in the weather. We had a good turnout at our meeting and lunch was served. Chicken and Danish Sausage with potluck sides. We strayed from the normal Corn Beef and Cabbage, we did have Red Cabbage of course. Past Grand President Zena is moving fast after her surgery. Don Christensen, our vice president, is back at it as well. Building a Kinetic Sculpture with his son Hans Christian. I can't wait to see what they come up with. They will be racing for the glory in the Grand Final Race over Memorial Day weekend.

April 2 we will be meeting at 11:00 with a catered lunch following. Leg of lamb and ham will be the on the menu with lots of salads and sides. Cost is \$15 and reservations are appreciated. E-mail me or give me a call at (707) 499-3746 with the number in your group that will be attending. Then we are off to convention in Clovis April 14 - 16.

May 2 we will have a Scandinavian Midsummer Festival meeting at Rohnner Park in Fortuna at 6:00. We will be

planning the setup of the area we will be using. Dinner will be following at Bobs Foot long. The festival will be held June 26 starting at 11:00. We are asking attendees to bring a potluck item to share and something to BBQ (hamburgers, steak, hotdogs) for yourself. Coffee and punch will be provided as well as the BBQ brackets. Bring your own picnic gear and table cloth. Dancing music and a short program will be presented. May 7 we will be meeting at 11:00 with a soup and salad potluck following. Past Grand Presidents Mel and Zena Lundberg will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary in May. We wish them a wonderful anniversary with many more to come. May 30 the final leg of the Kinetic Sculpture race finishes on main street in Ferndale. We will be serving breakfast at the Danish Hall from 9:00 – 2:00. Menu is Swedish Pancakes and Sausage. Come out and enjoy the fun and craziness of the day. The Veterans will be parading down main street with a memorial service at the cemetery.

Wishing you lots of spring fun, Christian Nielsen

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

The Reno Lodges celebrated St. Patrick's Day at our last meeting on March 4, even though we are not Irish! But, boy was that Irish dinner a great one. Anette cooked the corned beef, cabbage, veggies and potatoes to perfection and this was her first time cooking an Irish dinner. There were

plenty of desserts, too. Lars Jensen had made a delicious chocolate mousse pudding. There were mint chocolate chip cookies and the best of all was the Princess cake that Palle Larsen so graciously donated. We were celebrating several

birthdays. Knud Sorensen, Palle Larsen and Ina Segesman birthdays. We sang happy birthday in English and Danish. We had a short meeting discussing election of officers and youth performance for our April 1, (No joke) meeting which will be our Easter Pot-luck, even though Easter was in March this year. Ingrid Hedman is in charge of the Youth Performance and hope she gets some takers? If not, we will have to sing songs ourselves.

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

March 18, St. Patrick's Day meeting for Bornholm #14. The Scheuber's and Stowers' s had certainly made an excellent Corn Beef, Cabbage, Carrots and Potatoes. Everybody liked it so much that everything was gone by the time the meeting was called. Another thing: The decorations were fabulous, and the nice plants were raffled away. Those decorations had a look of a woman's touch, so thank you very much to Marge and Ann.

The meeting was not called until 7:15 PM by President John Scheuber. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The membership drawing was won by Max Stowers, and he donated the money to the Children's Christmas fund. Thank you Max.

Both Bob Sorensen and Jim Jorgensen were reported with no change in their conditions.

Jerry Zoller and Ben Hoover reported the results from the wine tasting. The Pinot Grigio won overwhelmingly as the

Our sick list: Baxter Swaffer is resting at home under hospice care. Our thoughts are with you and Marlene; Ingrid Hedman was unable to attend due to a bad cold. We welcomed two new members to Dannevirke #9, Jennifer Baker and Monica Brooks. Great to have you join and a big welcome to you as well.
Take care, Sena Marie

favorite wine. On the beer side the wheat beer clearly was on the losing side. It was a fun event and we hope to repeat it next year.

The Fish-Dinner had the lowest attendees of any Fish-Dinner, maybe the weather had something to do with this. The dancing was very limited, and it was mentioned maybe music was not needed. Many guests had 2-4 hours driving ahead of them and left right after dinner. These are some of the facts to take into consideration for future arrangements. The rest of the meeting was devoted to a budget discussion. Our investments are doing well, but in spite of that, the lodge has outspent the income for 8-10 years. It was not decided what to dial back. That will be discussed and decided in the May 20 meeting.

That meeting will be Welcome Home Delegates party with Open Face sandwiches. Johanne Gade, Bente Ellis and Beth Mortensen are hosting. John J

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Lis Lacey

Here's hoping everyone had a Happy Easter and that the Easter Bunny left you with a full basket of goodies.

Laura # 8 and Danneskjold # 17 will be dark on April 9, and will hold their meeting on April 23 following the Convention.

We will meet at my home at noon and start with Smørrebrød, beer, schnapps and other beverages. I will prepare the lunch and Elaine Henson will bring the dessert.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can plan the food.

After lunch we will have our meeting, initiate a new member and have the reports from the convention.

I would like to welcome our new member, Maud Hansen, who joined at our March meeting.

We send greetings to those members unable to attend and let you know you are missed. DWS

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

Holger Danske dues are now due \$24,00 Make checks out to Elvin Juhl and send to Elvin Juhl 1321 Ronald Place, Santa Maria Calif., 93458. Wayne Allen