

The Danish Society Dania of California - Nevada

Danes from Denmark - - They came and they came, and all, men and women, came to this new land to start a new life. They emigrated from Denmark because they were ambitious and had a yearning for economic growth and the opportunity to improve their standard of living. True, they were faced with a new language and with different customs and habits; yet, they forged ahead because they had vision and determination. Still, they did not want to forget their native tongue, customs, and habits, and they wanted to help the other Danes just immigrating to America to become adjusted to their new life. So, the Danes met informally in both social and business activities. December 11, 1879, a group of Danish men in Oakland, California formed a Danish Society.

The purpose of this Danish Society was very simple. It was to preserve the Danish language and Danish customs, to provide sick and funeral benefits to the members and to assist members in getting employment.

Those circumstances encouraged the growth of the Danish Society when on January 21, 1882 a second society was established in San Francisco. Since there now were two lodges, and prospects for more, a Grand Lodge was created. Although each local lodge is separate and independent, the Grand Lodge provides for the general and uniform policy for all local lodges and the co-ordination for all statewide activities.

With this beginning, the Danish Society Dania of California and Nevada grew. Twenty-eight lodges were formed throughout California and Nevada.

After Dania's start in 1879 the ladies gradually began to form branches so they could work and attend their meetings simultaneously with their husbands. Their objective was to bring cheer and comfort to Danes in distress and thereby provide support to Society Dania. On April 22, 1914 they organized their own Grand Lodge Dannebrog, which eventually grew to 23 branches of which 12 are today in existence and active.

With this Dania and Dannebrog background we invite you who are Danish, of Danish descent, married to a Dane or just plain interested in our organization to join one of the oldest and most active Danish Societies in America. Through our social activities you can experience the customs, culture and the unique Character of Danes, who have had a significant part in the development of our United States of America.



Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog

Thyra #3, Danmark #2, San Francisco
Luren #13, Hejmdal #4, Sacramento
Thora #11, Thor #5, Fresno
Dana #15, Freja #6, Salinas
Danebod #16, Dannevang #7, Livermore
Valborg #1, Thyra #9, Hayward
Danner #4, Sønderjylland #10, Petaluma
Ydun #10, Valhalla #11, Ferndale
Dannevirke #9, Valdemar #12, Reno
Bornholm #14, Modesto
Laura #8, Danneskjold #17, San Jose
Haabet #19, Hejls Minde #23, Solvang
Valkyrien #23, Holger Danske #27, Santa Maria



Name of Applicant:



Application for Membership

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Name of Branch _____

Branch no. _____

The Danish Society Dania of California - Nevada



(New member)

Initiated _____ 20 _____

President

Secretary

Recommended by _____

Referred to _____



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



Type of Membership _____ Social
(Please check one) _____ Benefit (Must provide medical information)

Name of Lodge: _____ Branch No.: _____

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Place of birth: _____
(City) (State) (Country)

Spouse's Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____
(No.) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home phone no.: _____ Business phone no.: _____

Email: _____ Beneficiary _____

Occupation: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Have you ever been member of Dania _____ If yes, which branch? _____

Signature of applicant

Date

Recommended By: _____

Signature of member

Date

Signature of member

Date