



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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December, 2015

Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

November got off to a busy start with a motorcycle ride to Solvang for lunch with the folks of Heijls Minde and a couple of friends from the northern tribe (Valkerien) in attendance at the Bit O' Denmark. We had a nice lunch with lots of singing and excellent snaps. Bent Olsen arrived a little late as they were filming at the bakery but he made a perfect entrance with a bottle of Svendborg snaps to share. We had a tasty lunch and a short meeting. I had the opportunity to talk with some of the members and share my thoughts on our organization. After lunch, I hopped on the bike and headed for Fresno. I checked the map for some windy backroads but didn't find a lot of them. I headed up 101 to Santa Margarita and east on 58 for a few miles before taking a "shortcut" up 229 to highway 41. 229 is only about 15 miles long, but it is narrow and winding without a centerline for most of the way. It comes out on 41 at Creston and from there it was northeast on highway 41 all the way to Fresno. I spent the evening a guest of Steen Skellerup. Steen and I were joined by his daughter Mary Jane and her friend Taylor for dinner at the Elbow Room and then an early night after a long day.

On Thursday we took a tour of Clovis to see where the convention would be and Steen threw in a trip to the Grundfos factory where he worked for 34 years before retiring a couple of years ago. We then headed off to the Fresno meeting at Hope Lutheran Church. There were many in attendance that I missed when I visited last year. There was much discussion about the upcoming convention and while there is still a lot of work to be done, it looks like they are making good progress. I passed on the opportunity to stay in Fresno to see the Bulldogs play Reno as I had to work on Friday. Friday, after work, I pointed my car towards Nevada and drove up to Carson City. I left my car at Glen Fritz's house and rode with him in the Lincoln to Reno for their Thanksgiving meeting and dinner. There were at least 40 people in attendance and the Thanksgiving dinner was everything

Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand President

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving! My daughter and I enjoyed every bite of dinner at my sister and brother-in-law's house with my Army veteran nephew, Logan, and my niece, Aliya. My other niece, Lynae, has been touring Europe since September 13 (I'm very jealous!).

Now to continue November's newsletter! -----

The crisp air and crunchy leaves underfoot confirmed that fall has definitely arrived! I left my cozy cottage at Camp Norge and followed Tom "down the hill to Orangevale".....and hotter temperatures. I found the site of the Scandinavian Festival by the Viking village, which was set up at the entrance to the parking lot. I'm glad that the festival is held indoors as this Humboldt County born and raised Nordic-blooded individual does not do well in the heat! Unfortunately, I arrived after the flag ceremony so did not see Mary Jo in Mary Esther's convention 2015 costume presenting the Dannebrog, but Tom showed me pictures on his phone and also introduced me to "Tom Martin", the dancer. Later, I spoke with the dance coordinator about the dances, as I had never seen those performed. I thoroughly enjoyed their performance as well as the rest of the festival. I, like Tom, almost waited too long before getting to the great array of food. I was lucky that a

you would expect from the Reno lodge. The members put on quite a feast. If you left hungry, you can only blame yourself. I had the wonderful opportunity to present 3 of Reno's members with their 25 year pins, long over-due, I might add. After dinner, there was a short meeting with discussion of the upcoming Christmas party on the first Friday in December. They will have a very entertaining program and you should attend if you can get to Reno.

Saturday morning I headed out from Carson City (thanks to Glen for your hospitality) and drove to Ferndale. The trip is nearly 400 miles total going up highway 395 and then across 36 from Susanville to Fortuna. I made great time and was in town early enough to get my car's oil changed before heading to Ferndale for a terrific dinner in honor of Ydun's 103rd anniversary. The fine gentlemen of Valhalla paid for the dinner at the Ivanhoe for all in attendance. We then retired to the Danish Hall for a "short" meeting and cake. The meeting ran a little longer than most anticipated, but was lively and full of great conversation. I always enjoy my visits to Ferndale. It will always be home to me.

At our Danmark #2 meeting on the 11th we had a great turnout for a special occasion. We celebrated the 80th birthday of our longtime secretary Roger Gearhart. We combined it with our usual November celebration of St. Morten's Aften. Our chef Henrik Nielsen provided the duck in two styles and several other members contributed to a fine feast. There was plenty of singing in Danish and a variety of snaps from Daniel and Johanne to complete the affair. We sang for the many other November birthdays as well.

I'm looking forward to visiting a few of the lodges for Christmas parties next month. Do I know when you are holding yours? Ser frem til at se dig.

Tom Martin, Grand President, Dania

vendor saved me the next to the last shrimp open-faced sandwich. As for the baked goods, I managed to buy one loaf of Limpa bread. Other highlights for me included the bobbin lace demo and exhibit. Last December I had the opportunity to view the wonderful bobbin lace exhibit at the museum in Toender, but watching live demonstrations was fun. I also visited the wheat weaving table where I was able to make a small decoration. We could choose from three beginner pieces. I spent money at the booths, finally buying the 'Vikings on Tour' t-shirt that I didn't win at the San Francisco Convention raffle, as well as a few other items. It was also fun seeing Mary Jo, Bob, and Jenny—they worked hard (and could use some help representing Danmark). I agree with Tom and encourage our members to attend and enjoy this festival (first Saturday in October).

Tom and I parted ways, and I began my drive to Salinas (I thought). Instead of finding colorful fall leaves, I saw clouds of dust blowing a ways north of Santa Nella. After driving through several of these clouds with minimum visibility and dirt pounding the passenger's side of my rental car, then seeing a truck blown into the center divider, I decided to splurge on a room at Santa Nella and continue the next morning. It was a wise decision as I

was able to visit the gift shop and spend a comfy and safe night. The drive from there to Salinas was very enjoyable – I saw interesting scenery and was no longer pelted by dirt. As Tim wrote in the last newsletter for Freja #6 and Dana #15, we were a small group, but we thoroughly enjoyed the friendship and meal with chef Erik Heer barbecuing the meat to perfection. We celebrated the last day of Munich's Oktoberfest with beer - and wine brought by Lis. The patio was a wonderful place to hold the BBQ and have an informal meeting (once we perfected the shade)! Tim, thank you for bringing out the Watsonville apple gavel for me to use to open and close the meeting. I felt very privileged to use it! After the meeting, I followed Jana to her home in Spreckels, which she shares with husband Doug and dog Louie. Jana showed me how to use the computer to make picture books. The next morning Jana cooked a delicious breakfast using some of the meat from the BBQ. She sent a care package with some cheesecake from the day before so I could have a treat on the way home. I again headed to highway 1 for the drive home and stopped at Elkhorn Slough for a refreshing walk (beautiful scenery, kayakers, shorebirds, a pair of pelicans fishing, and 3" crabs skedaddling for cover) followed by the cheesecake. What a delightful trip I had visiting the four lodges!

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Virginia Smith, Danebod No. 16, Livermore

NEW MEMBERS:

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP:

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Bornholm #14

Danebod #16, in memory of Virginia Smith

Johanne Gade, in memory of Virginia Smith

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 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

We had a very nice meeting with many guests: John and Kirsten Johansen from Modesto, Tim and Natalie Heer from Salinas and Karen Lysmer from Petaluma. Daniel Joensen won the \$80 attendance prize and promised to spend the money making more Akvavit---and his Akvavit is very, very good. The attendance was very large, not quite 40. And what a surprise, Chef Henrik had made very special duck to celebrate *Sanct Mortens Aften* (it was really *Sanct Mortens Dag*). There were some birthdays to honor---Kaj Kristensen at 84, Roger Gearhart at only 80, Anne Gearhart, actually her birthday but she declined to say her age, Henrik, and Doug Mercer. Johanne Rasmussen Gade had made a wonderful *kensekage*, with all the fireworks, that fascinated Roger's grandchildren, Cameron (member of D#2) and Alexis. It was a big hit and it was certainly delicious, the best ever as many reported. Johanne also made the delicious *rot kobl*. *Det var ogsaa*

Hejmdal No. 4 & Luren No. 13

Meets four times a year, contact the secretary for further information Secretary Robert Schall, schallb48@gmail.com

I thank the members of the lodges for their hospitality. I especially thank Martha and Gunnar Nielsen for hosting me in Fresno and Jana and Doug Glovaski in Spreckels. I thought that would be the end of my travels until December, but I decided to visit San Jose for their meeting at Doris Skow's home. Doris provided a delicious lunch followed by Kringle, which Lisa brought from a local bakery. I enjoyed the meeting, especially listening to so many members speaking in Danish or in English with accents. I learned more about Danmark, ie. the Danish preferred way to pronounce Copenhagen in English (and it is NOT the way Danny Kaye pronounces it in the H.C. Andersen movie). They will initiate two new members in January. Congratulations, San Jose! Doris' granddaughter was also able to attend. Thank you, Doris, for asking me to stay with you (and sending some Kringle along for the drive home). I thoroughly enjoyed my visit – Mange tak! I finally succeeded at being a leaf-peeper! The drive to Santa Clara rewarded me with the beauty of gorgeous fall colors
Glaedelig Jul!

Med venlig hilsen,
Lynn Wachter, GP Dannebrog

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		
Thor #5 and Thora# 11	Feb. 6, 2016 12:00 PM	Spike and Rail Selma
Danneskjold #17 Laura #8	Feb. 14, 2016	

mange ol, vin, snaps, kaffe, og kringler fra den Copenhagen Bakeri (meget lækker). And the singing was spectacular, led by Henrik, Kaj, Uffe, and Daniel. Indeed a great time was had by all. Our Christmas Luncheon will be at the Grosvenor Hotel in the Lounge on Saturday, December 12. The choice of entrée will be Grilled Atlantic Salmon or Broiled London Broil. There will be Danish Chocolate Cake for desert. Wines will be furnished by Jim Jensen. There will be a drawing to present the orchards that Irene Simms always provides and Roger has promised a Danish Christmas plate. The cost is the same as last year---\$20 for members and \$25 for guests. We like to say that the more who come, the more money we lose. We always have a great time. By the way, the bar opens at 11:30. Please contact the secretary for reservations, 209-329-3687 or by email.
Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary

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 members enjoyed a delicious soup luncheon provided by Doris Lastreto and Inge Hansen before our meeting. Grand President, Tom Martin, also joined us for lunch and our meeting. Our members are very busy preparing for our Christmas dinner, Installation, and Convention. Our Christmas dinner is December 4th at 5:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. Installation is February 6, 2016 at Spike and Rail in Selma at 12:00

p.m. Convention is April 14 - 16, 2016 at the Clovis Veterans' Memorial Convention Center. Rooms will be available at the Best Western Clovis Cole Hotel at 808 4th St., Clovis 93612; (559) 299-0471. The rates are \$111.99 for 2 queens or \$105.99 for a king. Registration forms will be available in January. Merry Christmas to all !!! CP

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

Dana 15 and Freja 6 Had a wonderful Pot Luck Dinner at our November meeting held at Jana's Home. It was fantastic to see Inger Rasmussen out again. We'd love to have some company (hint hint) so if you'd like to come join us in celebration of Christmas Passed and New Years Present on Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 please contact Tim'nNat by 12/28/2015 so they will know how much pork to buy!

We'll be asking for a small donation of \$10.00 for a Delicious Danish meal that Tim'nNat are getting pretty famous for! The menu will be Flæskesteg, Rødkål, Brunede kartofler and Risala Mande. Please do not forget about your Dues.

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

The festivities are beginning for the Christmas season. Livermore will celebrate Saturday, December 12, gathering at 5:00. We are having frikadeller, red cabbage, creamed potatoes and salad, followed by some thrilling bingo games. Please bring some of your favorite traditional cookies to share and a prize or two for the

bingo table. Of course we will be missing Virginia Smith, we were saddened to hear of her passing and our condolences to her family.

Hope you have the merriest of Christmases and best wishes in the New Year. 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 Susan Gauthier ,

s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra / Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 pm at the Hill & Valley Clubhouse in Hayward.

We will celebrate the Holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson on Saturday, December 19th. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and snacks, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you can, please bring your favorite dish to share – appetizers, salads, hot or cold side dishes, or desserts. The cost is just \$10 per person, to off-set the cost of meat and beverages. If you wish to donate a new/unwrapped toy, George Cumming will be collecting items after the Holiday Party and then delivering to the Salvation Army. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 12 at 510-278-9430, or pab0718@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us!

At the October joint meeting between Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 members, it was unanimously approved to change the venue for regularly scheduled lodge meetings effective January 2016:

January 14, 2016 @ 7:30 pm; Round Table Pizza, Meeting Room 20920 Redwood Road; Castro Valley CA 94546

There is sufficient parking and no stairs to maneuver at the new location. Please note that we will continue to meet at the Hill & Valley Club in November & December 2015.

If you have questions, please contact me at 510-656-4001 or via email s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net.

Note from Hayward Treasurers:

Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Please bring to a meeting or mail to respective Treasurers.

Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, mail to Pat Brouillette, 1400 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo CA 94580. Checks payable to Thyra #9, in the amount of \$35 for sick benefit members and \$29 for social members, mail to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510. Susan Gauthier, President

Sønderjylland No. 10

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

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

Sønderjylland #10 Petaluma held its Nov 14/15 Meeting on another sunny day at our beloved Kastania Park. 13 Members attended in good spirit. At 12.30 the meeting opened and went smoothly with some corrections/additions to the minutes from the September meeting (Oct.was cancelled).

One important issue being rescinded from the Sept. by vote/discussion-- was that "members pay \$20-" and guests \$42.- for our Christmas -Brunch.

Meanwhile - members came back at this meeting, with a rescinding vote to go back to the traditional "Free Brunch for Members,"unanimously! \$42,- for guests-- .

Discussions followed, where to have, the Valentine-Brunch/Lunch in February ?-with a short meeting --is up for discussion/suggestions. Please voice/give your opinion.. Someone suggested a private home, as an alternative- with a potluck. (Sounds nice and intimate) Bring your ideas to the Christmas Brunch please!

Thanks to all the food-volunteers; Appetizers by The Kjaers, The Hams, Lavon Christensen, Maincourse; Ham, Yams and Bread- Vibeke Jensen , Sausages - Karen F. Lysmer Broccoli casserol -Inger-Marie Andersen, Green salad - Birthe Baekgaard . Desserts; Chocolate Cake - Carol Saffro, Tiramisu Cake -Vibeke Jensen, Mixed Fruitbowl- Sabrina Wilson. Thanks to all! Please mark your calendar for Dec 13/15. Christmas Brunch at the Art Deco "Flamingo-Hotel" Santa Rosa 11am-2pm. Free for Members, \$42- Guests. Reservations binding!

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

November we celebrated Ydun's 103rd Anniversary with a banquet at the Ivanhoe in Ferndale with cake and coffee back at the Danish Hall. Grand President, Tom Martin, also joined us in the celebration.

December 5 we will be celebrating a Danish Christmas with a meeting at 11:00 followed by a lunch at 12:30 at the Danish Hall. December 13 we will be gathering with the other Danish Lodges in Ferndale to celebrate a Christmas Dinner and program. A social

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

Wow, what a wonderful Thanksgiving potluck Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 had on November 6 2015. We had 45 in attendance and was honored to have Grand President, Tom Martin from Dania at our meeting. I think he likes Reno – this was his second trip in a row to visit our lodges. ☺

Lars Jensen cooked a perfect turkey in 1.5 hour and it was so delicious! We had stuffing, mashed potatoes, Anette's caramelized potatoes, green beans, cranberry and all kinds of salads that belongs with a Thanksgiving dinner. It was all so - yum, yum! Of cause for dessert we had pumpkin pies, apple cake and thank you to Tom Martin for bringing the famous butter cookies from Olsen's Bakery in Solvang.

After we were stuffed to the gills we went into our meeting. We discussed the final details on our Christmas Party and Anette presided over a speedy meeting, so we could get to the "good of the order" where we would present Paul Christensen, Pete Olsen and Jim Myers with their 25 year pin, which was long overdue! Our Marshal, Nina Sawyer escorted each one of them to the Grand President, Tom Martin, who gave each their pins. Then there was time for pictures and more socializing. Tom Martin,

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

For the November 20 meeting 20 members attended. We started with Hors D'oeuvres at 6 PM, and what fabulous spread the members brought. We treated it almost as a sit down dinner, and it took one and a half hour before President John Scheuber called the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved as read. In sickbay there were no changes reported from any of our sick members.

Reservations by Monday .Dec 7th.

Contact/Reserva.- person : Sabrina Wilcox. Email :

skydiveron@comcast.net or (707) 595-1832

Please bring your annual dues-check for 2016 \$25-.

or if not attending,---- please send dues to our Treasurer Vibeke Jensen by year's end.

Thank you.

Sønderjylland #10 wishes all our friends in fellow branches of Dania/Dannebrog a loving and concerned- PEACE ON EARTH AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Due to our absentee Secretary John Crueger -Hansen I am , Respectfully, Karen Friis Lysmer,V.P.

cocktail party starts at 4:30 with a catered dinner served at 5:30.

We will have a gift exchange and program of singing. Reservations are a must for this fun event.

I hope to be able to have a Crab Feed this year on January 9, but due to the availability of the crab it may just be a spaghetti feed. Fun will be had whatever we do and this will be Valhalla's 123rd Anniversary. Fraternaly Yours, Christian Nielsen

Grand President Dania thanked all for attending and was thrilled to see so many members at a meeting. Thank you again, Tom for coming to Reno 2 months in a row. What a wonderful evening! We enjoy your company very much and you are welcome at all our meetings!

Nina Christiansen helped to clean up the kitchen while we had our meeting – thank you for that.

Just a friendly reminder, dues are due in January. Valdemar #12 members the dues are \$30.00 which goes to Carl Christiansen and the Dannevirke #9 dues of \$15.00 goes to Ina Segesman.

Didn't have anyone on our sick list and that is great news. We did miss Baxter and Marlene.

By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be over. The Reno lodges wants to wish everyone the best and Happiest of Holidays. Happy 2016! Sena Marie

P.S.: Anette, Ann-Katherine and I want to thank Elizabeth Jensen for a wonderful Past Grand President's luncheon. It was so much fun to play and watch the Bocce Ball game.

Thank you Anette for driving -it felt good to sit in the backseat and relax. Sena Marie

Jerry Zoller made a presentation for this year's recipients of donations from Bornholm #14, and we also have \$120ea for 10 needed children's Christmas presents.

Please note the date change for the Christmas Party from Sunday December 13 to Saturday December 19. It will take place at the Familia Bistro Ristorante . It is the same place we had our Installation, located at 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350. Ph. (209) 529 2829.

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

The cost is \$30 for guests, children are free. For reservations, please call John Scheuber 209 522 1111 or email

john.scheuber@vsi.cc

Brian Mefford won the attendance price \$50, which he donated to the Children's fund. Thank you Brian.

We had a discussion concerning the Fish dinner for March 5 2016. Since Peder & Doris Hoy and Merete Meeks are in Denmark at

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

The members of Laura #8 and Danneskjold #17 were happy to have a visit from Dannebrog's Grand President Lynn Wachter at our November Harvest meeting.

NOTICE: Our next meeting will be our Annual Christmas Party and will be on FRIDAY, December 11,

It will be at Bente Ellis' home and she will be preparing

lunch.. Please NOTE that we will gather at 11:30

for an adjustment time before lunch.

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, October 7, 2015, at 12 noon at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" in Solvang with 19 members present. John Sørensen and Darlene Iversen (Santa Maria) each brought in snaps (Norwegian). Bent Olsen brought Snaps from Svendborg, Denmark. Bent just returned from a recent trip to Denmark, where he visited Æro. He told us that things have changed in Denmark: Before the Coastal Committee did not want tourists to build on the coastline, all that has changed. The Coastline Committee lost the Election to the Conservative Party, and they are now going to build large hotels up and down the Coast.

Bent Olsen also reported that Denmark has taken in 5000 Refugees.

The Lunch Menu; Sildeanretning, pumpnickel bread, Biksemad with a Spejleag on top, Spinach.

Dessert: Crepes with Whipped Cream and stewed apples, coffee.

We really enjoyed the Sildeanretning -and drank enough Snaps to help the fish Swim. Thanks for the snaps!!!A delicious Lunch!

The door prize was won by. Ove Andersen, \$20. Congratulations!!

While waiting for Lunch, we sang a Medley of Danish and American songs, led by Henning Sørensen.

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

that time many members did not think it was possible to pull it off. However, Dave Meeks is not going to Denmark and he offered to cook the fish with the help of Brian Mefford. They need a lot more help, but based on the information it was decided to go ahead with the Fishdinner.

Our next general meeting is January 15 and we are having a Pizza Party hosted by Susan & Brian Mefford. John

Be sure to bring a wrapped ornament or decoration for the exchange.

We will be making our traditional holiday visits to our shut ins this month.

Be sure to save Sunday February 14, for our annual Installation. Details in the January Newsletter.

We hope all had a great Thanksgiving and we wish you all a wonderful Christmas Holiday.

DWS

We felt. very honored by the visit of The Grand President of Dania, Torn Martin -who is buzzing around from Lodge to Lodge on his beloved motorcycle.

We opened the business meeting by singing "God Bless America", led by Henning Sørensen,

President Hans Kardel opened the business meeting with welcome remarks, before the meeting started at 1:15 P.M.

-The Secretary, Marie Jaeger read the list of officers present. The Recording Secretary Kate Nielsen read the Minutes from the previous meeting, they were Approved as read. The Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the financial report and was filed for audit. Angelique Heron was the lucky winner of the \$500. Scholarship awarded by Dania, Hejls Minde #23. Congratulations!

Arla Høj is moving up near Sacramento, to stay with family. We finished the business meeting by singing "per er et yndigt Land".

The meeting closed at 1:50 pm. The next meeting will take place Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at

the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark", Solvang, at 12 Noon. Hope to see you there.

Again this year we are joining the Rebild Society for a Joint Christmas Party, December 20, at the Rancho Santa Ynez Mobile Estates Clubhouse. Cost: \$35.00 per person. KK