



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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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

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Laura #8; Alice De Smet

Thor #5; Alvin Quist

NEW MEMBERS:

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP and DIANA

SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTION TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

Danmark #2 in Memory of Art Reinstein

Grand Lodge Dania

Message from the Grand President

Our visit to Solvang and Hejls Minde No 23 was relaxing...two days of 80° weather... and a delicious lunch with liquid refreshment. It was made special by Past Grand President Kurt Høj in attendance. It was nice to see several members from Holger Danske No 27 and Valkyrien No 23, as well as Peder Hoy and his wife from Bornholm No 14. On Thursday we drove to Carl and Betty Jensen's home where we had coffee and refreshments with them and Carl's sister-in-law Kay Jensen before leaving for Thor No 5 and Thora No 11's meeting and more good eats. Thank you so much. Saturday we drove to Petaluma for Sønderjylland No 10's meeting and lunch. The traffic was horrendous from Novato going north due to the new casino in Rohnert Park. Despite that we had a great visit, a tasty lunch with liquid libations. Thank you all. As the year comes to a close we wish all our Dania-Dannebrog family a 'Glaedelig Jul...' Mel Lundberg, Grand President, Dania.

Grand Lodge Dannebrog

Message from the Grand President

What a pleasure visiting our Hejls Minde friends at the Bit O' Denmark in Solvang and seeing Kurt Høj and his wife. We always find time to go shopping in friendly Solvang. Following our visit with the Jensens' in Fresno, we attended the meetings for Thor and Thora. Delicious open-face sandwiches and cake. Then back to the northwest for Sønderjylland in Petaluma for a meeting and delicious frikadeller dinner. After a stay in Alameda, it was back up 101 and home. We'll be on the road come December first and a visit with the members of Freja No 6 and Dana No 15 in Salinas. Looking forward to their Christmas celebration. We'll be picking up Tom Martin if he has his thumb out. Zena Lundberg, Grand President, Dannebrog.

Upcoming Installations

Thor #5 Thora #11	February 1, 2014	Stay tune
Danneskjold #17 Laura #8	February 8, 2014	Stay tune
Dannevang #7 Danebod #16	February 8, 2014	After the installation in San Jose
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	February 15	Stay tune

Danmark #2 in Memory of John Champagne

CONTRIBUTION TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

CONTRIBUTION TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR

ASSISTANCE FUND:

John Scheuber in memory of Mable Olsen

Johanne Gade in memory of John Champagne
Gail & Dick Hasen in memory of John Champagne
Doris & Peder Hoy in memory of John Champagne
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Zena & Mel Lundberg in memory of John Champagne
Laura #8 in memory of Alice De Smet

The Per Capita taxes for Daina and Dannebrog are to be paid to the Grand Secretaries after Dec. 31, 2013. Dania is \$10.00 per member and Dannebrog is \$6.00 per member.

Thank You Tim Heer Grand Secretary.

Convention 2014

The cost of a room for the 2014 convention (April 10, 11, 12) is \$79.99, plus tax, queen or standard king, for one or two persons. An extra person is \$5.00 per night. Rooms are at the Best Western Country Inn, 2025 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna; about a block away from the River Lodge

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

We had a very busy and very pleasant meeting. We had nominations for officers and delegates---the election will be in December. We welcomed a guest, Stig Hansen, and we hope he come again soon. President John Jensen announced his Danish Word of the Month as "Følselsdag". He then wished *Glædelig Følselsdag* to Lise Vanderbeck as it was her birthday. We celebrated *Sanct Mortens Aften* in grand style.

Henrik Nielsen related the traditional story and shortly later, we all sat down to a wonderful dinner of Roast Duck. The entire menu was *laksepostej, leverpostej,, rugbrød, sild, og naturligvis Henriks andesteg, brun sovs og kartoffelmos, flødekartofler, tranebærsovs, snaps, vin og øl, og til desert var der kringler og kaffe.* Indeed everyone ate very well and we all had a great evening.

We also helped Jim and Elizabeth celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary by singing *De Skal Leve*. In fact,

Conference Center, site of the convention. For reservations, call 707-725-6822 and ask for the 'Danish Convention.' A deposit is required for a guest's dog. Features include swimming pool, spa and breakfast buffet. For those with a trailer (or use tent), the Riverwalk RV Park (707-725-3359) is next door to the Best Western Country Inn. The base daily rate is \$38.00 (tent: \$25.00). If you'd prefer a one-room log cabin, the base daily rate is \$55.00; a two-room log cabin is \$65.00. An extra person is \$5.00 per night. A pet requires a deposit. The Eel River Brewing Company is less than two blocks away...good brew...good food. For those who feel lucky, there's a free shuttle to the Bear River Casino, a few miles away. Information and forms for the convention will be available in December. For additional information, questions and answers, contact Don Christensen by email: dtchkhc@gmail.com(checked daily) or by phone: 707-845-8699 (voice mail checked irregularly).

there was lots of singing. Henrik, Kaj Anne, and Roger were thanked for treating and we also celebrated their birthdays.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be December 14 at the Grosvenor Hotel. Choice of entrée is Grilled Salmon or Sliced London Broil. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. Wines are included, thanks once again to the generosity of Jim Jensen. There will be some kids there and we will try to get Santa to make a visit.

Our next meeting is **Onsdag, December 13**. We start gathering at **6:30 PM** for a beverage, then a brief meeting at **7:30**, and finally, we sit down for the serious business of having a good time. The Past Presidents of Thyra #3 will be treating and that is always an event not to be missed. 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. American Legion Post 509 Club, 3509 N. first Street, Fresno.

Secretary: Christie Pettitt poppatango@msn.com Gail Hansen dickgailh@aol.com

Twenty members were present for our November meeting. We were visited by Grand Presidents Mel and Zena Lundberg, who invited us to convention in Ferndale, April 10-12, 2014.

We are sad to report that Alvin Quist passed away on Oct. 29th. He was a well known dairyman and civic leader. Betty Green continues to recover from her

surgery. Martha Nielsen was in charge of refreshments, providing garnishes and dessert. Everyone else provided sandwiches or salad. Our December meeting will be our traditional Danish Christmas dinner, December 6th, at Hope Lutheran.
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 jcheer0857@sbcglobal.net

This year's Thanksgiving Feast was a potluck, Judi brought the turkey, and members had plenty of side dish. With our meeting the 1st of December we have already enjoyed our Pork Roast, red Cabbage and glazed Potato's all supplied by the hard working cooks of our Branches. We were pleased to have the Grand Presidents Zena and

Mel Lundberg along with Grand Marshal Tom Martin in attendance.

Are two Branches here in Salinas look forward to having a Merry Christmas and a bright New Year, and wish you the same. Jana will be sending out information about our January meeting. N&T

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 Viola Jensen

Hope everyone enjoyed their thanksgiving together with friends and family. 7 of us enjoyed a tasty meeting around the kitchen table for our November meeting. We did accomplish a lot. We choose new officers, Viola Jensen will be stepping down as secretary, we certainly were lucky to have her all these years. We invite you to attend our installation on February 8, 4:00 to support our officers, enjoy tasty Danish sandwiches and Kringle. There will also be new members initiated into Dannevang No. 7. Our Christmas dinner is Saturday, December 14th, gathering at 4:00, frikadeller dinner with red cabbage,

creamed potatoes, salad and rolls at 5:00. Dinner is free of charge, all we ask is that you bring a desert and your Christmas cheer. There will be no meeting that night. Don't forget dues will be due the first of the year. \$12.00 to Danebod 16 and \$22.00 to Dannevang 7. Mail to Bob or Tracey Lamee at 1413 Lillian St. Livermore, CA 94550. Kathy Thomsen was the lucky winner of the attendance prize. Our January 11th meeting will be a Complete Turkey dinner, 6:00, at Bob & Tracey Lamee's house. We just can't get enough of the holidays. Be well and Merry Christmas to all. 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.

At our meeting in November, Signe Ann McNeil and Susan Gauthier provided the refreshments. A big thank you to everyone who serves on the refreshment committees!

Valborg and Thyra will not be meeting on December 12, but we will celebrate the Holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson on Saturday, December 21st. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and snacks, with dinner around 7 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share – appetizers, salads, hot or cold side dishes, or desserts. The cost is just \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 14 at 510-278-9430, or pab0718@sbcglobal.net. We will also be collecting unwrapped toys to donate to the Salvation

Army. George will deliver the barrel on Sunday. Last year's contributions were outstanding, and we know this year's needs are great. We hope you'll join us!

If you are interested in holding an office, please let us know. Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, January 9th at 7:30 pm. Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiau, Presidents

Note from Hayward Treasurers: Remember, dues are due for the coming year. Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, should be mailed to Pat Brouillette, 1400 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo 94580. Checks payable to Thyra #9, in the amount of \$35 for sick benefit members and \$29 for social members, should be mailed to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia 94510.

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, November 9, and welcomed an attendance of 26 Members and Guests! We had one new membership application, Maureen French, which was accepted.

We enjoyed hors d'ovres and deserts. Thank you to those who provided these. The lunch consisted of wonderful frikadeller brought by Finn Kjaer, rødkål brought by Inger Stecher, and potatoes.

The meeting was opened at 12:40 by President Erik Field. The Christmas Day lunch was discussed and the date,

time, and place were finalized (December 8th from 11am-2pm at the Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa, 2777 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Phone (707) 545-8503). Gary & Lori Ham, Jim Larsen, and John Cruger-Hansen graciously offered \$450 in donations for the Christmas Party cost. The cost is \$40 for guests and free for members. Member dues of \$25 (or \$20 for members over 80 years old) will be collected at the Christmas lunch.

The Valentine's Day lunch was discussed and tabled until Erik hears back from Mr. Magoo's. The Ferndale Danish

Convention is April 10-12. More information will be available at the end of November or early December.

Jeannie Kjaer opened nominations for delegates. Jim Hollingshead, Jeannie Kjaer, and John Cruger-Hansen were nominated and voted in to be delegates for the Ferndale Danish Convention.

Finn Kjaer won the Member Pot for \$10.00, which he then donated (plus \$40) to the Christmas Party cost. Many

thanks, Finn! The drawing will revert to \$10.00 next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM. The next meeting at Kastania Fælled will be on March 8, 2014.

December 8, 2013 is the Christmas Party.

No meeting in January 2014. The February 2014 meeting is the Valentine's Day Party.

Respectfully, Caroline 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

December 7 Valhalla and Ydun will be celebrating Christmas with a meeting at 10:00 followed by a lunch at 11:30. Lynn Wachter is asking that members bring a potluck item to share.

January 4 Valhalla and Ydun will be holding their annual Crab and Spaghetti Feed. Reservations are a must to the secretary listed above. Cost is \$15 for Crab; \$5 for Spaghetti or \$20 for both. All lunches include a lettuce salad, bread and deviled eggs.

February 8 the Ferndale chapter of The Native Sons will be presenting us with a plaque to rededicate the Danish Hall at noon. An open house and reception will follow to celebrate our 85th year of hall ownership. The Ferndale Danish Hall will be documented in their archives. If you can't make this date, we will be holding a reception for the convention on April 10th at the Danish Hall.

April 10 - 12 Dania and Dannebrog Convention will be held in Fortuna at the River Lodge. Reservation forms will be out soon. Contact person is Don Christensen at dtchkhc@gmail.com or (707) 845-8699. Get your delegates to him as soon as possible so that we can get the info out to them quickly.

Fraternally Yours, 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 Anette Christensen, achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu

First of all WHOW! What a fest; turkey, gravy, dressing, caramelized potatoes, salads and desserts. We all walked out of the hall stuffed to the gills. Thank you Lars for doing the turkey, it was so moist and delicious.

Our meeting opened during dessert and coffee. A little business, but mostly about our Christmas Party, refer to the November newsletter for all the information. I know it will be a fun filled night and as always the food will be great. Please all local members that can come and help and setup, please be there by 2 pm and don't forget to bring raffle prizes. Hope to see as many of your there. It is always such a nice time. We handled out member of the year forms, we reminded everyone to have them to Natalie by December 31st. Address on the bottom of the form.

Our sick list is about the same. Nina had her surgery, October 9th, and she returned to work teaching October 28th. She will be having more surgery in December during Christmas break from school. Palle is doing pretty well. He was with us tonight, always good to see him. Ann-katherine on a crutch tonight, she twisted something and could hardly walk. Hope she improves soon. No news on Erik and Margaret Hansen, Pete and Ruth Olsen, hope

they are all ok. Hopefully we will see them at our Christmas Party. We miss you all! Last but not least we at Reno want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

Take care and see you in 2014,

Sena Marie

P.S. On behalf of Anette, Ann-katherine, Ina and me, we would like to thank Collee for the delious Past Grand Presidents luncheon. The Danish lunch was to die for. Judi, your house is such a nice place. Thank you for allowing us to come. Thank you to everyone for hosting such a nice day. Happy belated birthday Tim from the Reno bunch.

I personally would like to thank Anette for driving us down and back and Ina as the navigator. Ann-katherine and I really enjoyed the ride. The weather was really, really nice especially the summit. Then on Monday, snow on the summit, chains or snow tires required. How weird is that. I picked Peyton (my dog) up Monday and boy did it rain all the way to Pyramid Lake and back. We are all home safe and sound though. Thanks again for everything. Sena Marie

Bornholm No. 14

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

Dania meeting November 15 generated 20 members and no guests. It was Thanksgiving theme so we started with the meeting at 7 PM and had desert afterwards. Thanks to Bente Ellis with help from Beth Mortensen.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Bills were paid, and we had no sick report this time.

The members voted to award The Donation Committee the extra \$ 1000 to place in one lump sum to a charity of their choice.

Sign-up sheet for our Christmas Party was circulated. Our Christmas Party will take place at the Restaurant Jacob's Fine Dining. It is the same place we had our Installation, and the food was very delicious.

Jacobs Fine Dining is 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, members of Bornholm #14 and children are free. For reservations, please call John Scheuber 209 522 1111 or email john.scheuber@vsi.cc The Children's Christmas Fund has \$1440 to spend this year for underprivileged children in our area. That is 12 children at \$120 each.

Our next function is the Christmas Party Dec 15, and our next meeting is January 17, 2014. We start at 6 PM with a pizza party hosted by Susan and Brian Mefford.

ATTENTION!!! The Fish-dinner 2014 will take place Friday February 21. More details later.

Happy Holidays

See you there, John

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 1 PM in various homes. President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

On November 23 we had a great soup lunch made by Lis Lacey and Phyllis Allman. Thanks gals.

Following an afternoon of cards, we celebrated Phyllis' birthday. We welcomed Ellen Jensen back with us.

December 14 we will have our Christmas Lunch and party at the home of Bente Ellis starting at 11:30. Be sure to

call her at 408-981-3562 by Dec. 10, to let her know if you are coming.

We wish everyone a very happy holiday season and we will be together again in 2014.

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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, Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark", with 30 members present. We were so happy to see so many members from Santa Maria Lodge. Plus we had some of the higher echelon of Dania, such as: Grand President Mel Lundberg and His wife Zena, Grand President of Dannebrog. Their Lodges will host the Convention in April 10 through 12, 2014, Valhalla No. 11 and Ydun NO. 10. The Convention will take place in Fortuna, CA. (20 miles from Eureka).

Also present at Hejls Minde #23 were Past Grand President Peder Hoy and his wife Doris, Peder served as a Grand Trustee and also was member of the year.

The above Grand Lodge members came to visit with Kurt Høj, whose health has been vacillating up and down. We were all so happy to see Kurt back at his old job as secretary.

We were saddened to hear that Past Grand President John Champagne, from Modesto, passed away. He was such a nice guy, he will be missed! Please accept our Sincere condolences!

Grand President Mel Lundberg told about the upcoming Convention April 10-11-12, 2014.

Now back to Hejls Minde #23

The Lunch Menu: Soup, assorted breads, Cabbage Rolls, Potatoes, Veggies,

For dessert: Aebleskiver, Coffee .. Of course beer and snaps.

Birthdays: John Sorensen brought a snaps.

Erna Andersen

Mary Harris.

-Congratulations -and thank you John for the snaps.

Secretary Kurt Høj read the Minutes from the last meeting. Approved as read.

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

Christmas Party; Dania and Rebild Society will hold a joint Christmas Party, Sunday, December 15 at 4 PM. at the Santa Ynez Mobile Home Park in Solvang.

The business meeting started with welcome remarks by President Han Kardel. The meeting finished at 1:10 PM. We finished the meeting by singing: "Der er et yndigh land".

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, December 4, 2013. at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 Noon. Hope to see you there! KK

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information. Secretary: Wayne A. Allen 5400 Stillwell Road Santa Maria, CA 93455. Darlene Iversen, 5550 Stillwell Road Santa Maria, CA 934