



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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## Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Well, here we are welcoming in 2015, 2014 has flown by! We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and you were on Santa's good "Ebelskiver" list and not on his "Frikadeller" list!

Just like all of you – We had a very busy December!

We want to thank Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 for the lovely Christmas luncheon at the Grosvenor Hotel. We were able to meet new friends and reminisce with others. We enjoyed the Christmas Carols sung in Danish and English and listening to many of your members' great singing voices!

Dannevang #7 and Danebod #16, thank you for the enjoyable Christmas Party. Thanks to the cooks and volunteers in the kitchen for the excellent frikadellers, red cabbage, creamed potatoes and many delicious desserts. We had a lot of fun playing Bingo after the great meal!

Bornholm #14, the Christmas lunch and party at Jacob's Fine Dining was wonderful, thank you for allowing us to join you for your celebration. We enjoyed singing Christmas Carols and seeing some of the children take the stage and perform their favorite song! The children truly enjoyed their visit with Santa – each receiving a present and a candy filled goodie bag. It took me, Mary Jo, back in years, when I was a child and would attend the Danish Christmas Party at Turn Verein Hall in Sacramento with my Grandmother, Christina Peterson. John Scheuber announced that many underprivileged children would receive Christmas presents because of the generous donations made by their Children's Christmas Fund. Good job Bornholm #14, that is what Christmas is all about!

Thank you to Thyra #9 and Valborg #1 for the enjoyable Christmas party and evening spent with your members. Pat and Greg were awesome hosts! The ham, side dishes and desserts were delicious - so was the wine and Akvavit, well, Mary Jo enjoyed the wine and Bob the Akvavit! It was an honor and a privilege to present a 25 year membership pin to Janis Shock – Congratulations Janis! Many guests brought toys to be donated to the Salvation Army. It was heartwarming to see that the members found it in their hearts to donate to the less fortunate. Way to go Thyra #9 and Valborg #1 for your generosity. We are sure you brightened many children's Christmas! A special thanks to Linda and George Cumming for collecting and delivering the gifts.

Again, thank you to Hayward, Livermore, Modesto and San Francisco for being such gracious hosts and treating us so royally! We look forward to visiting other lodges!

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We want to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Gladys Lovelady, Past Grand Trustee, who recently passed away. "Life can be the same after a trinket has been lost – but never after the loss of a treasure."

Godt Nytay,

Bob & Mary Jo Schall  
Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

## Grand Lodge Secretary

### IN MEMORIAM:

Gerda Juhl Culwell, Valkyrien #23, Santa Maria  
Cecilia Pedersen, Thora #11, Fresno  
Gladys Lovelady, Dana #15, Salinas  
Hans Sorensen, Thyra #9, Hayward

### NEW MEMBERS:

Danmark #2: Lars Christensen  
Danmark #2: Darwin Dichmann  
Danmark #2: Tom Schroeder

### MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

#### DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

#### TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

#### TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

#### TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

## Branch Secretaries

Wishing everyone in Dannebrog and Dania a very Happy New Year.

Tim and Natalie Heer Grand Secretaries

## Local Branches

### Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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

Danmark #2 has been very busy lately and there is a great deal to report.

We initiated 3 new members: Lars Christensen, Darwin Dichmann and Tom Schroeder. Lars and Darwin are DK natives. We certainly are pleased to have them join with us. We also elected new (old) Officers for the ensuing term with everyone staying in place. We have had great fun with the attendance prize that had grown to \$260. Inasmuch as the ladies of Thyra were on vacation in July, the members had decided to limit the prize that month to be just \$20---Kaj Kristensen's name was drawn. He was disappointed not to have won the big bucks and, when Robert Fox won it all a couple months later, he asked that the prize be split with Kaj, a very generous gesture. Then Robert won it again next month but only \$20 that time. Robert suggested that we dispense with the drawing and just present him with any further prizes. Marissa Christensen's name was drawn once again---her name comes up very often---but she was not present this time. Then Lisa Jensen's name was drawn but, alas, she showed up but too late to collect. She is a Rescue Captain with the SFFD and, on occasion, she can stop by for a few minutes. All of us, including her parents, are always pleased to see her.

We have enjoyed some spectacular meals of late. We had one of our fabulous potluck dinners in October. Everyone

### Hejmdal No. 4 & Luren No. 13

Meets four times a year, contact the secretary for further information  
Secretary Robert Schall, [schallb48@gmail.com](mailto:schallb48@gmail.com)

Upcoming Conventions		
Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 & Hajmdal #4, Luren#13	April 9-11 2015	River Lodge in Fortuna CA
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 2016	Stay Tune
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	February 7, 2015 12 Noon	Spike and Rail in Selma
Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8	February 15, 2015 12 Noon	Marianis' Restaurant, Santa Clara

Just a reminder about your annual Dues and Annual Reports are now Due.

knows what that means---everyone brings a favorite dish to share and to dazzle. We thank everyone for their generosity---they know who they are. In November, we celebrated Sankt Mortens Aften with fantastic roast duck, *rot kohl*, mashed and scalloped potatoes, great *bors d'ouvers med kringle fra deserte*. Many thanks to Chef Henrik Nielsen. Then in December, the Thyra Past Presidents treated us to an enormous spread---salami, herring, cheeses, breads and crackers, *lever postej*, roast beef, salads, 4 kinds of cookies and a Crème de Menthe cake. There was much more and no one went home hungry (or thirsty). As always, it went very well with a snaps, a beer, and a glass of wine along with coffee.

Our Christmas Luncheon was a great success with 40 in attendance. Grand Presidents Bob and Mary Jo Schall were there to help us enjoy the day. The singing was spectacular, the champagne and wines (courtesy of Jim Jensen) made the afternoon very festive. And the food seemed even better than in past years. Santa showed up with gifts for the children (only 3 this year) but he was certainly a big hit.

We truly have had an exceptional year and we are very grateful for that. And we look forward to the New Year with our President, Tom Martin. Of course, we all look forward to being in Ferndale for the Convention.

*Med venlig hilsen,* Roger Gearhart, Secretary

### **Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11**

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday every month 6:00 PM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.

Secretary: Christie Pettitt [poppatango@msn.com](mailto:poppatango@msn.com) Gail Hansen [dickgailh@aol.com](mailto:dickgailh@aol.com)

Thor #5 and Thora #11 members enjoyed a delicious traditional Danish Christmas dinner and walk around the Christmas tree. We also had two guests from Denmark, Stan Kjar's cousins, and Christie Pettitt's brother from Arkansas. Installation is Saturday, February 7th at NOON. (Note the change in time). It will be at the Spike

and Rail in Selma. Lunch will follow with a choice of Sirloin Steak or Chicken Brochettes. The price is \$30.00. There will also be a raffle. Rooms are available at the Holiday Inn (phone # 559 891-8000). For more details call Deanna Dunbar at 559 834-5271. Christie Pettitt..

### **Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15**

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday every month at 4:00 p.m.; Installation 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August, Salinas Masonic Center,

48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904. Freja/ Dana Secretary: Judi Heer, [jcheer0857@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcheer0857@sbcglobal.net)

We are sad to report the passing of our long time and respected Past President of Dana #15 and Past Grand Trustee of Dannebrog, Gladys Lovelady.

We were unable to hold our annual traditional Christmas Dinner this year in December so we are going to hold it on

January 4<sup>th</sup>. . Tim and Natalie will be preparing their now famous Roast Pork "Flæskesteg" and members will be filling in the rest of our plates. We'll be gathering at Noon in the Masonic Hall. Happy New Year to everyone! JHG

### **Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16**

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

Dannevang #7 Secretary: Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)

The Christmas dinner consisting of frikadeller, red cabbage, creamed potatoes and salad was enjoyed by many, and the bingo to follow with several prizes was great fun. Thanks to all who worked hard to make the night a success. I'd mention names but I know I'd leave someone out, so just

know that you are appreciated. We didn't have a meeting in December, but our next meeting will be January 10, beginning with a pot luck. I'm sure a few games of hands and foot will follow. Happy New Year to you all, be safe and stay healthy. KRT

### **No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street, Hayward CA 94541. President of Valborg Susan Gauthier ,

[s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra Secretary: Greg Gleeson, [gleeson2@icloud.com](mailto:gleeson2@icloud.com) Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)

It is with sadness that we report the passing of two long-time members Esther Jorgensen and Hans Sorensen. We would like to extend sincerest sympathies to their families. At our joint meeting in December, Beth Cowan and Sarah & Susan Gauthier provided the refreshments. A big thank you to everyone who serves on the refreshment committees!

A note from Hayward Treasurers: Remember, dues are due for the coming year. Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, may be brought to the meeting or 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, may also be brought to the meeting or mailed to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia 94510.

Please join us at our first meeting of the New Year, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiau, Presidents

### **Sønderjylland No. 10**

Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma

Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen [j.crugerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net)

### **Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10**

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at noon, Danish Hall; Ferndale, CA 95536.

Secretary Christian Nielsen [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)

**December** we had a wonderful brunch to celebrate a Danish Christmas. The tables were decorated with fresh green tree branches, red ribbon and red candles in brass candle holders. There were oranges and red beads tucked in between the branches. The tree was decorated and we had candles in the windows. Thanks goes out to our president **Marji Smith** and her crew for chairing this event.

**January 3** Valhalla and Ydun will hold a meeting at 11:00 at the Danish Hall; followed by a **lunch at Curley's Full Circle**, on main street, to celebrate Valhalla's 122<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. **January 17**, we will hold our annual **Crab and Pasta Feed** at 12:30. Reservations are a must and the price will be \$25. Menu of Crab, Spaghetti, Green Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Make reservations at above

address. A **Convention meeting** will be held after lunch at 2:00.

**February 7** Valhalla and Ydun will hold a meeting at 11:00 at the Danish Hall, followed by a **Sweet Hart Brunch** of waffles and strawberries at 12:30. We will be showing the movie *Mama Mia*.

Remember that **dues are due** starting in January. You can pay at the meeting or mail them into the address above. Ydun \$10; Valhalla \$18 and dual membership \$28.

**Convention workshops** will start in January to paint and assemble the table decorations and other decorations. If you want to participate, contact Carol McKibben at (707) 441-1381 for more information.

### **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](mailto:achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu)**

On December 5 the Reno lodges, Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 held our Christmas party. Wow, what a wonderful Christmas Party it was with around 115 in attendance. The tables and centerpieces were so pretty, thanks to Anette, Ina, Solveig and John for making the decorations.

We started the evening at 6 PM with Gløgg made by Baxter Swaffer and æbleskiver (some call them Danish pancakes).

At 6:30 PM the St. Lucia girls and boys performed in their white dresses and caring candles, led by Ingrid Hedman. We had a total of 16 Lucia girls and Star boys aging from 3 – 14 years. Included was also a Tomte Nisse. A huge thank you to Ingrid Hedman and the St. Lucia girls and boys for an always beautiful performance.

Then it was time for dinner and what a great variety of Danish traditional Christmas foods. We served Herring & curry salad, Liverpostej, (liver pâté) fridadeller (meatballs), medister (Danish sausage), pork roast and much more. Thank you to Ann-Katherine for the delicious Fano cabbage, Janet Pulsipher for the Red Cabbage, Marian Gndt for the rice pudding, Solveig Asvitt, Sena Marie Freeman and Anette Christensen for the cookies. After dinner Steve “Nisse” Myers played with the children and passed out presents. Thank you Steve for the great job - the adults enjoy you just as much as the children do! We ended the evening with the raffle of all the nice prizes that our members donated.

Last but not least, we like to thank the clean-up crew. Jens Christiansen and Brandur Jensen for washing the dishes and cleaning the kitchen. Thank you to Lars Jensen, Anette Christensen and Ina Segesman for your hard work in the kitchen. Also, thank you to Carl Christiansen for being the bartender.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this party possible. We hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

**Danmark lays claim to the North Pole.** The North Pole is located at the most northern point of Greenland on an ice cap that due to the wobble of the earth is currently in Danish territory this year.

The members of Valhalla Lodge #11 and Ydun Lodge #10 wish each and every one of you a happy new year. See you in April for a lot of family fun at Convention. Applications will be out soon for more information contact our Convention Registration committee Don Christensen at [dtchkhc@gmail.com](mailto:dtchkhc@gmail.com) or (707) 845-8699.

**Christian Nielsen**  
Secretary

Now what is going on in January? We will celebrate New Year on Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup> with a “Torske gilde” Cod, potatoes and mustard sauce. There will be a small charge \$5 to \$7 dollars. Members please bring appetizers and desserts to go with the fish dinner. Also a friendly reminder, dues are due, \$15.00 for Dannevirke #9 members and please mail to Ina Segesman. \$30.00 for Valdemar #12 members and please mail to Carl Christiansen.

On a sad note, our sympathies go out to Peer Jensen’s family and to Esther Jorgensen’s family. Our hearts goes out to all of you, especially at this time of the year with the holidays.

P.S. I want to say one thing to these families. I know the holidays are always the worst. Believe me; I know the holidays are hard I lost a dear sister-in-law December 16<sup>th</sup>, my dad December 7<sup>th</sup> and my dear Ron December 13<sup>th</sup>. A dear friend told me “Remember they aren’t in pain anymore and it will be a good holiday and New Year”. They are doing a big holiday dance with the “angels”. I thought I would pass this on. I remember this every holiday and anniversary. Thanks for a great year.

Sena Marie

I’m sure you have heard by now - Dual citizenship is a reality!

On December 18, 2014, the Danish Parliament passed a law allowing dual citizenship in Denmark. The Social Democrats, Radikale Venstre with support from Venstre, Socialistic Folkeparti, Enhedslisten and Liberal Alliance passed the bill with the votes of 89 for and 19 against, that the Danes can now be dual citizens. The law will come into effect on 1. September 2015. I’m very excited about that! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and may 2015 be a Happy and Healthy New Year! Anette Christensen

### **Bornholm No. 14**

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

Secretary: Ann Stowers, [annstowers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annstowers@sbcglobal.net)

In December, we do not have any general meeting, but we do have other activities.

On Sunday December 7 we were 22 happy members joining a bus ride to Sonora, the historic Columbia Park for a theater visit. It was appropriate to the season a Christmas play, which everybody enjoyed. After the performance, the bus took us to the National Hotel in Jamestown for a very nice dinner.

Everybody had a great time, because it did not take long before we heard some of the well known Christmas songs from our members.

The bus was back in Modesto by 8:30 PM, just in time to go home and enjoy the rest of the evening.

Sunday December 14 we had our Christmas party. We had a larger crowd than usual, of members and out of Towner's. We appreciate everybody taken the ride to Modesto.

After a very nice lunch, Santa appeared to the delight of the many children.

We all enjoyed the time with each other, and by 3 PM everybody left and made it home in daylight.

Our next meeting will be January 16. Susan & Brian Mefford are hosting a Pizza Party.

January 21 the exact day our lodge is having 120 years anniversary, we are all going to celebrate it with a nice dinner at the Galletto Ristorante. Members are free; guests are actual cost, which will be close to \$85 per person.

John

### **Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8**

Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

President: Doris Skow [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com)

Jan 10 business and planning meeting at Doris', pot luck lunch at noon. Phyllis will bring desert, Jan 24 social at Doris', she will fix lunch and Bente will bring desert. Watch for last minute info on our upcoming installation Sunday Feb. 15 at 12 noon. It will be held at

Marianis' Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, starting at noon with a self service lunch. Make reservation to [ews1929@gmail.com](mailto:ews1929@gmail.com) or call Doris at 408- 313 7235. Reservation by Feb. 7

Hope all had a good holiday DWS

### **Hejls Minde No. 23**

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

Secretary: Marie Jaeger

Note from the Editors: Kate, our trusty correspondent from Solvang, had a knee replacement that was initially infected, but is doing better after surgery in November. We expect Kate to be back in January so the News Articles should begin once again. We wish her all the best in the coming years, Tim and Natalie Heer.

### **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