



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dania

Message from the Grand President

Here we are again, another year has passed; with all the great times we had throughout our travels. We also pause to remember those less fortunate who were met by illness, and the sorrow for the loss of their loved ones. Thank you to Freja Lodge No 16 and Dana Lodge No 15, to Tim, Natalie and their committee for the delicious Danish Christmas dinner. Tom Martin rode with us and we actually got there early this time. Danmark Lodge No 2 and Thyra Lodge No 3's Christmas luncheon at the Grosvenor Hotel was a very festive party. We hope everyone had a joyous Christmas, and we wish you a happy and memorable New Year. Skol!

Grand President, Mell Lundberg

Grand Lodge Dannebrog

Message from the Grand President

What a wonderful year this has been. We have made new friends and had support from all of you. Thank you. We also send our prayers to the families that have lost loved ones. On a happier note we thank Freja and Dana Lodges for a spectacular Danish Christmas dinner hosted by Tim and Natalie and all of their helpers. We enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Grosvenor Hotel in San Francisco hosted by Danmark and Thyra Lodges, and also enjoyed the caroling. We will see you next in February for the installation of Thor and Thora Lodges in Fresno. Have the happiest of New Years! Grand President Zena Lundberg

Upcoming Installations

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Thor #5 Thora #11	4:00 P.M. February 1, 2014	Spike and Rail in Selma,
Danneskjold #17 Laura #8	February 8, 2014	
Dannevang #7 Danebod #16	4:00 P.M. February 8, 2014	Odd Fellows Hall
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	March 1, 2014	Stay tune
No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1	12 Noon March 15, 2014	Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

J.L. Morrison Jr. Thor #5
Peder Andersen Dannevang # 7

NEW MEMBERS:

Doug Mercer Danmark #2

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP and DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

Betty and Carl Jensen in Memory of Art Reinstein
Betty and Carl Jensen in Memory of John Champagne

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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

CONTRIBUTION TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

Dorothy Petersen in memory of Dorothy Paris

CONTRIBUTION TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Betty and Carl Jensen in Memory of Graham Sorensen
Betty and Carl Jensen in Memory of Karen Eskelsen

CONTRIBUTION TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR

ASSISTANCE FUND:

Zena and Mel Lundberg in Memory of John Champagne

The Grand Past President Johanne Gade has called for an executive meeting to be held before the installation in Fresno on February 1, 2014. Please let me know if you can make the meeting.

Thank You Tim Heer Grand Secretary.

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 unusual meeting. As we arrived at the Odd Fellows Hall we were told that the elevator was not operating. Inasmuch as we have a room on the sixth floor, this presented an unsurmountable problem---too many steps. The Hall graciously offered us the lounge on the second floor---but still nearly 40 steps up. But we made it---and special recognition to Irene Simms who charged up in great shape. President John Jensen had a pool table for his podium---we should have given him a pool cue as a gavel.

We elected some new officers: President Tom Martin, VP Daniel Joensen, VM Anne Gearhart, Auditors Uffe Hellsten and John Jensen; the other officers stayed in their present chairs. And we initiated a new member: Doug Mercer from Lodi was welcomed into membership.

The Past Presidents of Thyra #3 presented us with a spectacular spread of many cheeses, cold cuts, great breads, *leverpostej*, smoked salmon, herring in wine sauce, salads, great deserts, and lots of *øl*, *vin* og *snaps*

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. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.

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

In lieu of a regular December meeting, Thor #5 and Thora #11 members enjoyed a delicious traditional Danish dinner. We were entertained by Hans Christian Andersen, aka Randall McGee, who performs in Solvang. There was also dancing around the Christmas tree. All in all a very enjoyable evening! Beginning in January, we will be meeting at a new place, Hope Lutheran's conference room. Hopefully, this will become our permanent meeting place. We have also been

men ikke kaffe. It would have been too much trouble to bring the big coffee pot down stairs (and back up). Many thanks to the younger members who did carry stuff back upstairs. Under the circumstances, everyone still enjoyed the meeting immensely.

A brief report on our very successful Christmas Luncheon at the Grosvenor. We were 40 and enjoyed the Christmas Carols in Danish and English---and the great friendship. It was a very nice day but then we always have a good time.

Our next meeting is **Onsdag, January 8. Please note: the elevator is working again.** 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 fine ladies of Thyra #3 will be treating to *Æbleskiver*---that is an event not to be missed. We hope to see you there.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary

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

Happy New Year to all our friends in Dania and Dannebrog!

I'm sure that all our members are equally as surprised as I at Tim's amazing psychic abilities. But, there were a couple of things that he didn't pick up on in his December newsletter report of our Christmas Party that happened AFTER he sent it out in cyberspace! So, in addition, we all enjoyed generous helpings of ris a l'amande prepared by Inger Rasmussen, and after much close inspection and comparisons of pieces of almond it was decided that Grand Prez Mel was the winner, I think. Plus, last but not least, we were visited by our very own, very colorful Jul Nisse! and if she had kept her beard on I'm sure no one

informed of the passing of another member, J.L. Morrison. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Installation will be at the Spike and Rail in Selma, CA at 4:00 p.m. with cocktails and dinner to follow. The menu and price have yet to be determined. Dinner reservations are due January 27th. Martha Nielsen is working with the hotel next door to try and get a reduced rate. For further information contact Martha Nielsen at (559) 266-2962. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!
Christie Pettitt

would have ever guessed who she was. Many thanks to Tim and Natalie for the Crispy Pork roast, to Lis Bonde Schmidt for the tasty red cabbage, to Judi for the salad and pies, to Inger Rasmussen for saving the day by bringing the gravy and also saving me from embarrassment by looking over my shoulder and guiding me through my first attempt at caramelized potatoes! (I missed you Inger, when I tried it again for the family on Christmas Eve. At least now I know what NOT to do.) A special thanks to Mel and Zena for traveling so far to celebrate with us, and thanks for picking up Tom Martin along the way!

At 11:30 on Sunday, January the 5th our members will be gathering at Tarpys Restaurant in Monterey for our 3rd New Year's Luncheon. Freja and Dana have contributed to the cost of the meal so that our member's price will be \$15.00 per person. Nice way to start out the New Year! And on more personal note: on December 13th the Heer family together with lodge members and close friends of

Gladys Lovelady gathered to celebrate her 97th Birthday in the lovely private dining room of her residence Villa Serra in Salinas. There were lots of hugs and smiles and well wishes for our favorite member of 63 years! We love you Aunt Gladys and I hope you'll forgive me for telling all of Dania and Dannebrog your age!!!
JHG

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

Time to bring in the New Year! We will be changing things up a little. Our next meeting, January 11th, will take place at Bob & Tracey Lamee's house. Beginning at 6:00 with a turkey dinner, meeting to follow. We will be choosing delegates for the upcoming convention in Ferndale. We have already elected officers. They will be installed February 8, at the Odd Fellows hall. Installation 4:00, Danish sandwiches to follow. Hope to see you there. We are sorry to hear of the passing of our longtime member Peder Andersen on December 29. Peder was 91-

1/2 years old, he was a 72 year member of Dannevang No. 7, having joined December 7, 1941. Our sympathy to his wife Margaret and sisters Edith and Helen. Peder loved Frikadeller and was looking forward to the annual frikadeller dinner prior to being struck by a bicyclist Christmas before last. No information on services as of this time.

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.

Sønderjylland No. 10

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

Caroline Cruger-Hansen, Secretary c.p.cruger-hansen@comcast.net

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

Jan 4 Valhalla and Ydun will hold their annual Crab and Spaghetti Feed. Reservations are a must for this event. Ticket price is \$15 for Crab only; \$5 for Spaghetti only or \$20 for both. All lunches includes a lettuce salad, bread and deviled eggs. Contact the secretary listed above no later than January 2, 2014.

Feb 8 The Ferndale chapter of the **Native Sons** will re dedicate the Danish Hall at noon with a plaque presentation. A reception and open house will follow to celebrate our 85th year of hall ownership. It is a real honor to receive this award. A few years ago I documented our history of our lodge and lodge hall in our Dania and Dannebrog history archive as well as the Ferndale Museum. We will now be added to the Native Sons records. If you want to receive your own copy of Valhalla and Ydun Lodge History or the Ferndale Danish Hall History e-mail me for a digital copy. You will hear more about this April 10, 2014 at the Dania Dannebrog Convention.

April 10 – 12, 2014 Dania and Dannebrog Convention will be held in Fortuna at the River Lodge. Thursday's welcome reception, senior assistance fund meeting and early registration will be held in Ferndale at the Danish Hall. Bocce tournament will be held in Ferndale at the park, Golf will be in Fortuna. The convention activities for Friday and Saturday will all be at the River Lodge. Lots of Viking fun planned for this event.

Reservations forms are now available. If you have not received one from your local lodge secretary, e-mail Don Christensen dchkhc@gmail.com for more information. A note of correction, Roger Gearhart's phone number was typed in error on the registration forms. Contact Roger by e-mail at ragearthart@comcast.net

Fraternally, 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

The Reno lodges held our Christmas Party on December 6 and it was another success with 113 in attendance. The set-up crew showed up around 2 PM to set up tables,

chairs & decorate for the party and everything was done by 5 PM. Then Anette and Lars Jensen worked in the kitchen setting up for the great fest. The evening started

out with the Glögg and Æbleskivers made by Baxter Swaffar, before we watched the St. Lucia performance. This year we had around 20 Lucia girls and star-boys including one Santa's helper. Thank you so much to Ingrid Hedman for her great job as always!

After that, everyone was getting hungry for dinner that included everything from Herring with curry salad, meatballs (frikadeller), Danish sausage (medister), pork roast (Flaeskesteg med Svaer), Anette's Liver pâté and caramelized potatoes (Brunede Kartoffler), Ann Kathine made her famous "Fanoe cabbage" and much more, - everything was yummy as always!

Great Job to our "Nisse Steve" (Steve Myers) who arrived and thrilled the children as always while we were enjoying the wonderful Rice pudding (Ris á l'amande) made by Marian Gndt. The food was plentiful and outstanding as always! We ended our evening with a raffle of lots of nice items donated by our members. Thank you

Bornholm No. 14

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

Dania Bornholm held its Christmas Party December 15 at the restaurant "Jacob's Fine Dining".

Over 50 people including children and out of town guests participated. We started around 11:30 AM with a no host bar, Christmas music and Cozy atmosphere, where people enjoyed each other's company. Notable out of town guests included Past Grand President Lilian Rasmussen with her husband Jack and Grand Marshal Tom Martin.

This year's Christmas dinner was Prime Rib, which you could order to your liking. Desert had a local whole Almond, and the winner was Peder Hoy. He received extra 25 raffle tickets for being lucky.

Santa was so nice to stop by with presents for all the children. The children had a great time and Santa was in a very good mood joking with them.

The entertainment by the children was very entertaining, just having them coming forward in their cheerful outfits and start singing a Christmas song was the tops.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

The members of San Jose had a great Christmas Dinner at the home of Bente Ellis. Thank you so much.

We are glad to report that Merete Wetlesen is doing very well and is planning to attend the January 11 meeting at Doris'.

I am sorry to report that Bente's husband passed away on Dec. 22. We send our sympathy to Bente and her family.

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

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

Last, but not least - thank you to our youngest members Jens & Nina Christiansen and Joel Jensen for doing all our dishes and clean up after us. Thank you to everyone on the cleanup crew as well. I ducked out because it started to snow and I had to go to work in the early AM. Sorry for not helping everyone. Great job everyone!

We missed a few people that were on our sick list: Janet Pulsipher and Palle Larsen stayed home and we missed you, hope you are feeling better soon. Glad to see Pete and Ruth Olsen here and Erik and Margaret Hansen. Nina Sawyer will have surgery on December 29th. We wish her well as always!

Our January meeting will be on Friday 1/3/14 and we will serve Wild Cod fish with mustard gravy and potatoes. Everyone is to bring appetizer or desserts. There will be a small fee to cover the price of the fish and potatoes and please RSVP so we know how much to prepare. Happy New Year and take care,
Sena Marie

Our President John Scheuber did an excellent job as MC. Our next regular meeting will be January 17, 2014. We are having a Pizza Party and Susan & Brian Mefford are the hosts.

ATTENTION:

The Fish-Dinner is coming up. It is Friday February 21. Due to Hall conflicts, we had to move it up a week.

It will be held at the Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way, Modesto, CA 95351.

The No Host bar will open 5:30PM with hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served at 7 PM Including a beer and akvavit.

The price is \$30 per person.

Reservation is necessary. Call Peder Hoy 209 521 8864

or email pedohoy@directv.net

See you in 2014 John

At noon Jan. 11 we will start with a lunch prepared by Doris. This will be followed by our business meeting.

Please call if you are coming.

408-313-7235. Be sure to bring your check book as dues are do.

HAPPY NEW YEAR. DWS