



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

July 2017

Dannebrog Grand President

Dania at their April convention have instituted a committee to look into the feasibility of a merger between Dania and Dannebrog. They requested Dannebrog do the same. The Dannebrog committee is Anette Christensen, Tracey Lamee, Signe Ann McNeil, Doris Skow, and myself.

The Dannebrog Merger Exploration Committee will meet July 3, 2017 to explore the topic and feasibility of a merger. We would appreciate it if you have questions, concerns (positive or negative), or ideas related to this subject that you share them with any of the committee members so you are heard. We want to hear everything so we are able to conduct viable discussions and to provide a thorough investigation into a potential merger.

At this time there are no decisions made either way to merge or not to merge. We are looking into it to see how best to serve our members now and into the future. **YOUR** input is valuable. We would like to hear from you soon!

Stuart Mahler

Dania Grand President

During the month of June, I helped my wife move her mother. We spent a week packing and then a second week with the actual move, unpacking and settling in.

I went camping with friends in a redwood forest by Portola Valley. We enjoyed music and singing around the non-existing camp fires, good food and cold beer. There was a severe weather warning for the peninsula and fires were banned during our entire stay. Temperatures were very high and it was too easy to keep warm. We stayed in the shade during the day.

There are no installations planned for July. I look forward to going to Modesto in August for the Bornholm installation.

Daniel Joensen, Grand President Dania

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Cora Vandecar, Hejls Minde #23, Solvang
Edel Christensen, Thyra #3, San Francisco

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

Irene Simms in Memory of Edel Christensen
Thyra #3 P. P. Club, in Memory of Edel Christensen
Thyra #3 in Memory of Edel Christensen

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Johanne Gade in Memory of Edel Christensen
Johanne Gade in Memory of Peter Caroe
Lise Vanderbeck in Memory of Edel Christensen
Lise Vanderbeck in Memory of Peter Caroe

Secretary's

Dania Secretaries now is the time for all good Branches to send in their annual percapita tax of \$20.00 per member as of July 1st. I have received the shipment of 25 year pins but they are going fast out of the 50 I ordered I only have 15 left.

Grand Officers

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NEW MEMBERS

George Dutra, Bornholm #14, Modesto
Cristin Holt, Thora #11, Fresno
Rebecca Holt, Thora #11, Fresno
Jens Andersen, Thor #5, Fresno
Aaron Holt, Thor #5, Fresno

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

Bette Roberts-Collins in memory of Frank Stockholm
Bette Roberts-Collins in memory of Mathilde Stockholm

The 2017 Dania's Annual report is on our web site and Dannebrog's is in the mail.

Natalie and Tim Heer

Spicial Notice:

Greetings from Past Grand President Glenn Fritz I would like to thank Danmark # 2 and Thyra # 3's convention committee for a very good and successful convention. Thanks to Roger and team Jensen's and all of the other members behind the scenes, who helped to make all of this convention, come together. Congratulations to our own Danmark # 2's Grand President Daniel Joensen. I also enjoyed Daniel's Danish

Moonshine. Congratulations to Stuart Mahler as Dannebrog's new Grand President. Stuart has always been there to help wherever needed. I also would like to thank all of the members, who selected me to be Member of the Year in 2017. This award was most unexpected and a complete surprise to me. THANK YOU one and all. P.G.P. Glenn A. Fritz

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 ragearhart@comcast.net 209-329-3687 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

Hejmdal No. 4

**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 11:30 AM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.
Secretary, Christie Pettitt, poppatango@msn.com**

Thor#5 and Thora#11 members enjoyed our annual June picnic on the second, at Steen Skjellerup's house. The weather was perfect! We were surprised with special guests, Tim and Natalie Heer. To cap off our evening, we initiated four new members. Have a GREAT SUMMER and we'll see you in September!!! CP

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

**Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at Noon; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904
Secretary, Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net**

At the last minute, due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to postpone our regularly scheduled June meeting for the following Sunday, which unfortunately meant that most of our usual attendees were unable to be there. Our first order of business was discussing whether we had a quorum or not, and decided since our President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee were present (the only ones present) we could conduct the rest of our business.

We decided after much discussion, well not that much since we've been tossing this idea around since our last installation, we decided to have our installation in the Fall instead of the Summer (as we have for, I don't know, 'ever?) We're hoping that all those who couldn't attend before because of Summer vacations will have their calendars open on the first Sunday in October. We checked with the Grand Presidents and Grand Marshals first, and the date works for them, hope it works for you too. We're wondering what a Danish Oktoberfest would be like??? Certainly a lot of Danish music and costuming, right? Then the medisterpølse, kartofler and rodkaal and plenty of Kronenborg! And since more of you will be able to come, the folk dancing will be even more fun than usual to learn and watch! Please mark your empty October calendar for Sunday the 1st now and we'll be providing more details as our planning

Upcoming Conventions		
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 19-21, 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Upcoming Installations		
Bornholm 14	August 5, 2017 11:30 A.M.	Modesto
Sønderjylland #10	August 12 11:30 A.M.	Kastania Fælled Petaluma
Valhalla Lodge #11 Ydun Lodge #10	September 2 3:00 P.M.	Ferndale
Dana #15 and Freja #6	October 1 12:00 noon	Salinas Masonic Center
No. 9 Thyra and Valborg No. 1	March 10 th 2018	Cattlemen's Livermore

continues. We also heard and discussed the reports from our convention representatives, this will prove to be another year of careful deliberations regarding the future of our lodges. Dana #15 and Freja #6 extend our best wishes and full cooperation to the committee members who are generously donating their time and effort to this important and worthy effort.

Our members have been invited to join the San Jose Branches Danneskjold #17 & Laura #8's social meeting on July 15. Please see their article for more details.

Dana and Freja's next meeting will be on Sunday August 6. Happy Fourth everyone!!! jhg =

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; 4th Saturday Potluck, The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore.

Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

Hope everyone is having a great summer! Actually so far you could say it has been sizzling hot, a little too hot. Livermore isn't meeting until September, and we don't have any news so

we'll leave it at that. There are a couple installations this summer so we should go out and support the other lodges. Take care and stay cool, KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546.

President, Alan D Filiu, adfiliu@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

Dannebrog Grand President Stuart Mahler was at the meeting feeling and looking much better. We had a visit from the Grand Secretaries Tim and Natalie Heer, thank you.

It was good to see Don Osborne at the meeting, haven't seen him for a while, and he had such fun calling his dad to let him know that he missed out on winning the \$50.00 drawing because he wasn't at the meeting.

We missed not seeing our three ladies, Irene, Lise and Jytte who were under the weather. Hope you are feeling much better.

Don't forget that Valborg and Thyra will not be meeting in July and August.

We hope to see some of you in Ferndale, and all of you at our Sept. 14th meeting at Round Table Pizza at 7:30 pm.

Have a very enjoyable summer! Alan

Sonderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma

Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen j.crugerhansen@comcast.net Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070

Sønderjylland #10 held its last meeting May 13, 2017. Both Karen and Sabrina were absent due to illness, and have since recovered.

The next meeting is Saturday August 12, 2017, starting with refreshments at 11.30 am, At 12.00 pm we will have an Installation followed by a short local business meeting. We will then proceed with lunch.

Since our last Installation, we have lost 50% of our membership, and therefore reduced our meetings to four times per year, plus two holiday parties. For these reasons we have decided on a much simpler and modest version of our past installations!

All current officers are willing to hold their positions for another year.

They are: President Karen Friis Lysmer, Vice President/Trustee Margaret Mayes, Treasurer Vibeke Jensen, Secretary/Trustee John Cruger- Hansen, Marshal Sabrina Wilcox, Auditor Inger Marie Andersen.

Note to Board and Sønderjylland Members: please come early for preparation/set-up. Thanks!

Remember access to Kastania Road has changed and is only available from the off-ramp to Petaluma Blvd South, both North and Southbound directions on Hwy 101. Our menu will be Hamburgers. Please make reservation no later than Saturday, August 5th, with Karen at 510-526-5665, or MorKarenInUsa@Yahoo.com.

We wish everyone a Happy and Safe 4th of July.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary, and Karen Friis Lysmer, President

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

June we had a potluck BBQ at the hall and it was so good we will be having it again on July 3. Meeting at 11:00 with a BBQ Potluck lunch following. June 25 we will be holding our 67th annual midsummer picnic at Fortuna Park. Gather at 11:00 with potluck lunch at 1:00. We will have the BBQ ready, guests are asked to bring a potluck item to share and something to BBQ for themselves. As always bring your own picnic gear, coffee and juice will be provided. We will not be meeting in August, so our next gathering will be over labor day weekend for our installation of officers. September 2 we will have

appetizers and drinks at 3:00 with installation at 4:00 and dinner at 5:30. Cost is \$35 for Saturday and \$20 for Sunday or \$55 for both days. Sunday we will have a lunch at 1:00 with Bocce at 10:00. This year the Humboldt County Fair will be still going on and will end on Monday September 4. Plan accordingly so that you can secure a motel room. Reservations for the weekend are a must and can be e-mailed to me at ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net or mailed to 3329 I Street, Eureka CA 95503 phone (707) 499-3746. I hope to see you soon, 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 Marie Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, achristensen@med.unr.edu

The B.B. Que was really great. There was lots of salads and desserts to share. Nice evening had by all 25 members. Anette opened the meeting at 9:25 during dessert and coffee. Mostly about how nice the installation was. Then the final prep for the San Hans Fest. June 23rd, at 7 pm. Please bring your own meat to B.B Que, your own drinks and a salad or dessert to share.

Witches will be burnt around 9:15 or 9:30 pm and off to Germany they go. Remember a light jacket. Also beware of the fast moving river, be careful around it, with the melting snow our Truckee river is really high and flowing hard. Anette also brought up about forming a committee for our 2018 convention April 19, 20 and 21st. Remember to stay over or

late check out for installation on Sunday around 10 or 10:30 am. We will be working on a theme. It will be Valdemar's 125th birthday. It was also brought up on ideas about the merger of Dania and Dannebrog, since Anette is on committee, we will give her our ideas. Our July meeting will be another B.B.Que. Same as the June meeting and San Hans Fest. A special thanks to Mike Vanderbeck for doing all the B.B.Queing. I understand he will do our San Hans Fest as well. Thank so much. Sick list: not many Helen Christiansen hoarse

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

Bornholm #14 June meeting was held June 16. 17 members and one guest Erling Grumsted from Solvang accompanying Bente Ellis.

We started 6 PM with a delicious potluck. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by president John Scheuber. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The attendance prize of \$50 was won by Bente Ellis, who donated the money to the Children's fund. Thank you Bente.

Our new member George Dutra was initiated. Welcome George.

In sick bay Doris Hoy was reported to have severe back pain. We hope she will recover soon. No news on Bob Sorensen and Jim Jorgensen.

All officers for the next financial year 2017 - 2018 are now in place.

Secretary Ann Stowers will request 25 year pins had to present some at our next Installation August 5 at:

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.

President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Lis Lacey

Laura#8 & Danneskjold#17 held June 17, social at the home of Maud Hansen. Nine members and one guest were present for lunch and an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

On July 15, I will be hosting cocktails for my birthday before lunch. We will gather at the home of Eva Rasmussen, 13767 Harding Avenue, San Martin. We have invited the members of FREJA #6 AND DANA # 15 to join us. We will have a short business meeting after lunch. Please call Eva at 408-683-2803. She needs to know how many are coming.

June 29, we will hold our annual BBQ at the home of Torben & Jona Rasmussen, 1101 Culligan Blvd, San Jose, call 408-268-

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary, Marie Jaeger

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.

Holger Danske Secretary, Wayne A. Allen; Valkyrien Secretary, Darlene Iversen

Santa Maria Lodges, Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 wish to invite all members of the Danish lodges and their guests to our 4th of July B-B-Q in Santa Maria. The B-B-Q is held in Waller Park Space # 5. Call Wayne Allen at 805-937

tonight . Hopefully she will be better soon. Solveig doing well. Walking well after her knee surgery. Sena Marie walking better after her foot surgery, but learned I can't tippy toe yet. Ouch, but this too will pass. Congratulations to all the members in both California and Nevada, who have graduates from high school and collages. Our July birthdays are Pete Olsen, Solveig Asvitt and Brook Hansen-Matuzak. Have a safe and wonderful 4th July weekend. TAKE CARE Sena Marie

Familia Bistro Ristorante, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350.

We start with no host cocktails at 11:30 AM Installation is at 12:00 Noon. Lunch approximately at 1 PM. Guests \$30. No host bar. Reservations to John Scheuber 209 541 4092 email john.scheuber@vsi.cc

The Scheubers and the Stowerses had been on a trip to Elkhorn Iowa and the Danish Immigrant museum and gave the members details about the trip.

Our picnic this year at the Orange Blossom Park is Saturday September 30. Please mark your calendars.

Our next regular meeting is August 18. Susan and Brian Medford are hosting a pizza party. We start at 6 PM.

There's no meeting in July.

John

4429 to let them know if you can come or not. You need to bring your own meat and a side dish for 10-12 people. Dessert and beverages will be supplied.

We will be awarding our scholarships awards at this event. Also if you like the water, please bring your swimsuit and enjoy the pool.

If you have any questions you can call the hostess or me for information.

Happy Fourth of July to all.

DWS

History of the Old Age Fund

The following is taken from "Dania 1879-1933" by Carl Plow PGP and PG Secretary

Vi har her i California en Lov om Alderdomsunderstøttelse fra Staten; men den er omgærdet af saa mange Betingelser, at det er ret vanskeligt at faa Understøttelse bevilget, og i alle Tilfælde maa man Være Statsborger. Det har vist sig, at mange ældre Mænd og i Særdeleshed Kvinder indenfor Dania og Dannebrog ikke har været forudseende nok med at sikre sig Borgerret, og denne LigeGYldighed fra denros Side udelukker dem altsaa fra Alderdomsunderstøttelse fra Statens Side. Der er jo endnu den Udvej at gaa til Fattigvæsenet; men vi Danske har jo en udpræget Afsky imod attighjælp fra det offentlige. Saa var det, at Tanken opstod om at yde saadanne uheldigt stilled Medlemmer' en fast, maanedlig Understøttelse i deres eget Hjem, den Rede, hvor de fleste Gamle ogsaa helst vilde forblive.

Denne Tanke blev fostret i Aaret 1927 af den daværende Overpræsident, Finn Andersen, og anbefalet ai ham i sin Rapport til Overafdelingen under dennes Konvention i Reno, Nevada.

I sin Rapport udtalte han bl. a. følgende: "Jeg tror, at alle Medlemmer af Dania er enige om, at vi bør gøre noget for bedre at hjælpe de af vore Medlemmer, som uden egen Skyld finder sig i trange Kaar i deres Alderdom og ude af Stand til at klare sig selv "Jeg vil anbefale, at en Komite bliver nedsat til nøjere at undersøge og overveje denne Sag og rapportere tilbage, før Konventionens Slutning." En Komite, bestaaende

The following is an attempt to translate the article above, regarding the start of the Old Age Fund. Some words did not translate; I think you can follow the thought behind those who came up with the reasons for the fund, and the way they expressed themselves.

"We have here in California, a law on old-age support from The State; but it is surrounded by so many Conditions that it is right difficult to obtain support for granted, and in all Cases shall be be a Citizen. It has been shown that many older men and, in particular, Women in Dania and the Dannebrog have not været foresight enough in securing civil rights, and this Indifference from denros Page exclude them so then from the old-age support from the State Page. There is, of course, yet the resort to go to Poor care; but we have a distinctly Danish Revulsion against Poor help from the public.

So it was that the idea arose to provide such disadvantaged Members a fixed, monthly Support in their own home, the Reason, where most Olds would also prefer to remain. This idea was spawned in the year 1927 by the then President, Over Finn Andersen, and recommended by him in its report to the Department During its Convention in Reno, Nevada. In his Report he stated, inter alia, the following: "I believe that all Members by Dania agree that we should do something to better help those of our members who, without their own sake, find themselves in a narrow crutch in their old age and unable to handle themselves ... "I would recommend that a

af Carl Jørgensen, Viggo C. Dahl, Martin Eriksen, C. M. Petersen og A. J. Berthelsen blev udnævnt. Denne Komite afgav Rapport den næste Dag med den Anbefaling, at et Alderdomsfond bliver oprettet, samt fremlagde nogle nødvendige Lovforslag, som, hvis vedtagne, i sig selv vilde oprette et Alderdomsfond for Dania og Dannebrog i Fællesskab, forudsat at sidstnævnte Forening ønskede at slutte sig til Sagen.

De foreslaede Love blev vedtagne i Dania's Overafdeling, og Begyndelsen til et Grundfond blev gjort, idet der blev bevilget 10 Procent af Aarsskatten til Formaålet; dette vilde andrage omtrent \$480.00 aarligt. Fra de lokale Afdelinger forventedes frivillige Bidrag, tilvejebragt ved Afholdelse af Fester. Dania-Kvindeforeningen Dannebrog, der samtidig afholdt sin aarlige Konvention, blev indbudt til at slutte sig til Sagen og anmodet om at udnævne en Komite paa fem, der sammen med en lignende Komite fra Dania skulde fungere som Fondets første Værgeraad indtil næste Konvention.

I Mellemtiden skulde dette første Værgeraad formulere Love og Regler for Fondets Administration, naar det to Aar senere skulde begynde at træde i Virksomhed og fremlægge disse Love og Regler til Behandling af de to Overafdelinger i 1928. Samtidig blev Komiteen bemyndiget til at paabegynde en Indsamling af Midler til Grundfondet.

Committee will be set up to further investigate and consider this matter and report back before the end of the Convention." A Committee, consisting of Carl Viggo Jørgensen, c. Dahl, Martin Eriksen, c. m. Petersen and a. j. Berthelsen was named. This Committee gave its Report the next day with the Recommendation that an Old-age insurance fund will be created, and presented some necessary Bill, which, if adopted, In itself would set up an old age fund for Dania and Dannebrog jointly, provided that the latter Association wanted to join the Case.

The proposed laws were adopted in Dania's upper section (Grand Lodge), and the beginning for an initial fund was done, since there were allocated 10 percent of the annual tax for the purpose; This wild apply approximately \$480.00 per year. From the local departments, voluntary contributions were expected, provided by parties. The Dania Women's Association, Dannebrog, who held its annual convention, was invited to join the case and asked to appoint a committee of five who, together with a similar committee of Dania, should act as the Fund's first Board of Directors until the next Convention. In the meantime, should this first Board of Directors formulate laws and regulations for the Fund's Administration, where two years later should begin to enter into Business and present these laws and Rules for the treatment of the two Chief departments in 1928. At the same time, the Committee was authorized to begin a Collection of funds for the Reason Foundation.