



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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## Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Congratulations to the newly installed officers of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9. It was a special honor to install Sena Marie Freeman, who has served as secretary for the past forty years!!

We always have a good time at the Reno Installation and May 2<sup>nd</sup> was no exception! The smørrebrød was fantastic (Almost to pretty to eat!) The luscious layered cake melted in our mouths. Thank you Reno for your kindness and making us feel so welcome at our first installation as Grand Presidents.

Thank you to the Past Grand Presidents who so willing substituted for the Grand Officers who were unable to make it. We also want to thank our dedicated and committed advisors, Mary Esther Filiu and Johanne Gade, for being there for our first installation. They both helped with the floor work rehearsal and practice runs. Several of us had sore, tired feet, but we knew the routine!

It was wonderful marching to the piano music provided by Nancy Mayer, she was awesome!

It reminded us of how Anne Dalgaard used to play at the installations.

Finally, we would like to thank the Grand Officers serving with us, especially Dania Grand Marshal, Steen Skjellerup, who did an exceptional job! We look forward to having Dannebrog Grand Marshal, Martha Nielsen, at our next installation. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gunnar for a quick recovery. We are hoping that happier, healthier days are coming his way soon!

Again, congratulations to all the officers and members of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 for a successful coming year!

*Positive influences bring about good feelings: Surround yourselves with positive things.*

Bob & Mary Jo Schall

Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

P.S. Last month we forgot to thank Rachael and Hannah Hagquist for their nicely executed floor work during the Ferndale Convention Installation. Both of you beautiful young ladies truly added to the ceremony.

Thank you Francis Sweet for lending us your wonderful twin granddaughters for the afternoon.

## Grand Lodge Secretary

### IN MEMORIAM:

Lilly Victorine: Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10

### NEW MEMBERS:

### MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

### DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

## Grand Officers

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## Upcoming Installations

Bornholm #14	August 2, 2014	Jacob's Fine Dining Modesto
Freja #6 & Dana #15	August 3, 2014	Salinas

## 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

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

Irene Simms in memory of Ejnar Christensen  
Robert Sorensen  
Danneskjold #17  
Thor #5  
Bornholm #14

### TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

### TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

### TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND:

Valhalla #11  
Bornholm #14 in memory of Ejnar Christensen

## Branch Secretaries

The New Dania/Dannebrog web site is up and running!! Please visit our site and let us know how you like it. John Johansen has put lots of time in to it, and had to find a new web host platform for the new site. We have signed up for five years at a lower rate, so between renewing our domain name and a new web host we

are set for the next five years with no other web associated expense.

Thank you to all of those who have made good their commitment to make donations to the Grand Lodge Dania, if you are one of the few that have not that is OK I will still except your check. Thank You, Tim Heer, Grand Secretary.

## Dannebrog History

This is the beginning of a group of articles which will be appearing this year.

Grand Lodge Dannebrog will celebrate 100 years in 2015.

As Historian, I am asking the assistance of all members of Dannebrog as well as those members who were formally members and are now members of Dania to please look through your photos, files, scrapbooks for any information regarding your local branch and let me know what you find.

I would like to borrow what you have and display it at the convention in Ferndale in 2015. I will see that you get everything back at the close of the convention. You can either bring it with you, or send it with a delegate, or make arrangements for me to get it there and back. You can contact me at 408-313-7235 or e-mail me at [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com).

Watch this area for future information.

Mange tak, Doris Skow

## 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

The meeting following the Convention is always very festive with our Welcome Home Party. And this year we had so much to celebrate. San Francisco now has seven Grand Officers. Heartiest congratulations to GVP Tom Martin, GVM Daniel Joensen, Grand Trustees Kathy Christensen, Vibeke Jensen, Elizabeth Jensen, James Olef Jensen, and Jim Jensen. Please note all of those fine Danish names. And Roger Gearhart was awarded the Dania Member of the Year. We had a lot to celebrate.

It was agreed that the Convention was wonderful. We congratulate Mel and Zena Lundberg and the lodges in Ferndale for the wonderful time. We know a great deal of effort went into the planning and execution---thanks to all who worked so hard. Eva Kristensen gave the report on the Senior Assistance Fund, John Jensen and Irene Simms gave reports on the Dania and Dannebrog Conventions, respectively. The reports were well received and there was many interruptions of applause. The meeting lasted a full hour but it seemed much shorter. No one

claimed the attendance prize, Norman Roddick and Irma Jordan missed out---it will be a record \$220 next meeting. That alone ought to be incentive enough to come to the meeting.

The food for the evening was spectacular, coming from a Peruvian Restaurant in San Francisco. Daniel Joensen arranged for the food---chicken and two beef entrées, salad and special sauces. For dessert there was pound cakes and several delicious cookies. It all went well with a beer, Akvavit, wine, and coffee. There was great singing to honor our new Grand Officers and Roger Gearhart. A great time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be **Onsdag, June 13**. We start with a social hour and a beverage at 6:30, a brief meeting at 7:30, followed by the serious business of having a good time and enjoying a fine meal. The Christensens will be treating and this has become a great tradition. This is a meeting not to be missed. Guests are always welcome and 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](mailto:schallb48@gmail.com)

### *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 and Thora members welcomed home our delegates with champagne. Our delegates had a great time at Convention! During our meeting we got word thar Gunnar Nielsen had fallen at home. He has a broken hip and we hope for a quick

recovery. Our June 5th meeting will be our picnic at Hope Lutheran. Our menu will be tri-tip, beans, pilaf, a variety of salads, and dessert. We eat at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!!!  
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### **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](mailto:jcheer0857@sbcglobal.net)  
The Delegates from Freja 6 and Dana 15 held their May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at a local restaurant, There were just a few of us, but we had a very nice lunch and all the reports were excelant.

Our Next was going to be June 1<sup>st</sup> but we are going to put that on hold in favor of holding a meeting with our four members who live in Villa Serra. More details of this will be coming soon. Skaall!

### **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)  
Our May "Cinco de Mayo" potluck/meeting was attended by 10 members. Delicious food as always. No members reported sick which is a good thing. Reports were given by the delegates of the convention in Ferndale. It was brought up by some of our younger members that we need to do more traditional Danish things. How about that? I agree! It was also brought up that we should have

information about our lodge in the local Livermore paper. We are searching ideas for a theater trip for the summer. Any ideas out there. Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 14, 6:00 potluck with meeting to follow. To acknowledge flag day, our theme will be all American, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and all the trimmings. Be well! 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)

Thank you to everyone for bringing a delicious dish to share for our "Welcome Back from Convention" Potluck in May. Thank you to Mary Cumming for providing the delicious cake after our meetings.

Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, June 12 at 7:30 pm. Please note that the Hayward Lodges will not be meeting in July or August. Hope to see you at the meeting in June! Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiau, Presidents

### **Sønderjylland No. 10**

Meeting 2nd Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma Secretary, Caroline Cruger-Hansen [c.p.cruiger-hansen@comcast.net](mailto:c.p.cruiger-hansen@comcast.net)  
Sønderjylland held our regular meeting on Saturday, May 10th, and welcomed an attendance of 14 Members and Guests!

Carol Saffro served her delicious salmon dip and Finn Kjaer made his wonderful tuna dip with crackers. The delegates John Cruger-Hansen, Jim Hollinshead, and Jeannie Kjaer gave excellent reports about the convention and Grand Lodge news and also covered the fun they had. On a local level, we will communicate more through e-mail to get our luncheon better synchronized and organized. We

also held nominations for the upcoming year. Afterwards, we all enjoyed tri tip, coleslaw, and potato salad, followed by chocolate cake and pecan pie.

Our next meeting will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Eric will grill hamburgers and we are still looking for members to bring hors d'ouvres or desserts. See you all there.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Cruger-Hansen Secretary

### **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)

The members of Valhalla and Ydun lodge want to thank everyone who made the trip north to the Dania-Dannebrog Convention in Ferndale. We all enjoyed hosting the convention and are looking forward to co-hosting 2015 Dania-Dannebrog Convention with Hejmdal and Luren Lodge. The theme will be Danish Immigration and the dates are April 9 – 11 at the River Lodge in Fortuna.

May we had a wonderful Aebelskiver feed with Danish Sausage. Pastor Lament said grace before Francis Sweet and his crew put out a wonderful brunch. We held a business meeting afterword's

where we honored the loss of one of our members. Lilly Victorine passed away after a short stay in the care home.

June 7 we will be meeting at 11:00 am for a business meeting with a Lunch following around 12:00, Dorothee Lancaster is our committee chair and it will be a Danish Potluck.

Summer is here and we will be holding our annual Scandinavian Midsummer Picnic at the Runneburg Hall in Eureka. Potluck Lunch will start at noon with the Flag Ceremony at 1:00 on June 22. A short program will follow with public dancing.

### **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)

Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 held their installation on May 2, 2014 at the Odd Fellow Hall in Reno. Oh, what a great evening we had and it was such nice weather that day. Even though we had just seen many of you at the convention, it was nice to see so many of you from coming over the hill from California to Reno. We started the evening with cocktails, then we all enjoyed the abundance of "Smørrebrød" before the Installation of our officers. Grand Presidents, Robert & MaryJo Schall, Grand

Marshal Mary Esther Filiau and Steen Skjellerup did a wonderful job and everything went well! Thank you Mary Esther for "subbing" for Martha Nielsen who couldn't come due to Gunner's unexpected surgery. We wish Gunner a speedy recovery! Also thank you to all our local Reno members for being present. For the first time in my 39 years as Secretary, we didn't need "subs". Thank you for the standing ovation for my 40 years, I will continue to do my best as secretary - I promise!

Thank you Glenn Fritz for the donation of the bottle of V.O. and for being the bar tender. It was very much appreciated. Debbie Lamb was presented with her Past President's pin and Baxter Swaffer presented Erik Jensen with his scholarship from Dania.

Anette introduced her family Poul-Erik, Glenn, Lisa and Granddaughter Zoey (age 4) almost 5. Lovely dessert and coffee was served after the installation and the cakes were made by Anette.

On our sick list is Nina Sawyer who had surgery May 15<sup>th</sup>. We wish her well and hope for a speedy recovery. We were also glad to see Peter Jensen here tonight after his hospital stay. Last, but not least, we want to thank the Ferndale lodges for a wonderful convention! The Reno people which was at the convention, want to thank Mary Jo and Robert for a wonderful cocktail party!

### **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)**

Our "Welcome Home Delegates" party and meeting took place May 16. Twenty members and no guests attended. We started 6 PM with "Danish Open Face" Sandwiches. What a delicious spread the three hosts Johanne Gade, Bente Ellis & Beth Mortensen presented. Thank you all so much. Everybody liked it and did their best to empty all the serving trays, but despite that, there were still some left when we finished 7:30 PM to start the meeting. We enjoyed Carlsberg beer and Akvavit with the sandwiches.

Jerry Zoller, who substituted for Ann Stowers, read the minutes of the previous meeting March 21. Ann & Max did participate in the "Danish Open Face" sandwich dinner, but Ann is still not feeling 100% after her heart surgery and needs to take it easy. The members approved the minutes as read.

Kirsten Johansen won the attendance prize \$50 and donated them to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank you Kirsten.

Bills were presented and paid. This time we had quite a lot of expenses to cover due to the Dania Convention.

### **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)**

Let me start out by thanking Pat and Greg for setting up such a nice location for our Camp out that was held from May 16-19. We had a wonderful time and the weather in Felton was great. Thanks again.

At Laura #8/Danneskjold #17, May 10 meeting which was held at the home of Bente Ellis, we began with a beautiful cold table lunch, then meeting which included welcoming members Torben and Jone Rasmussen, Erik and Lillian Solyst back to a meeting and our newest member Ron Nielsen we also had Klaus Rasmussen with us.

Klaus was presented with a scholarship from Dania and one from Dannebrog. Congratulations.

### **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**

Hejls Minde No. 23, held its regular meeting May 7, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark", with 16 members in attendance. (We missed the Santa Maria Gang!!)

We also want to congratulate Roger Gearhart and Mary Ester Filiu for receiving the 2014 Members of the Year award. I know it will be another great year - 2015. Reno is looking forward to Ferndale again next year. We want to wish Anette and family a great trip to Denmark. Ina will also be going to Denmark soon. Hope all of you will have a wonderful trip.

Reminder for June: We will have our potluck on the first Friday, which will be June 6. We also celebrate St. Hans midsummer fest with a BBQ and bonfire. This will take place on Friday June 20, 2014 at the River School Farm, starting at 7:00 PM. Please bring your own picnic basket and the lodge will provide plates, silverware and coals for the grill. Feel free to bring a Witch to send off to "Blokstbjerg". We usually have some creative ideas for our Witches.

See you there! Sena Marie

The delegates for the Convention gave their reports. President John Scheuber, Bente Ellis, Kirsten Johansen, Doris Hoy. The last delegate Anni Champagne was not present. The highlight was that our own President John Scheuber was elected Grand Trustee. Congratulations to John, who will continue the tradition always to have a Grand Officer from Modesto.

All reports gave high marks to the Ferndale local lodges for the arrangement of the Convention. The New Grand Officers Installation was also the best we have seen for a long time. It was also noted by several delegates the emotional discussion about the Grand Lodge's finances, which luckily got a temporarily relief by donation from several other local Lodges. A new web site was presented. It will go live in May and replace the current.

We nominated the sitting officers for a new term 2014 - 2015. Our Installation will take place August 2 at Jacob's Fine Dining Modesto. Mores details will come later.

We also welcomed home our delegates at this meeting and heard the reports of the convention.

We did not meet on May 24 as it was Memorial Weekend. Hope everyone had a great holiday.

Our June 14 meeting will start at Doris Skows' at noon with a salad potluck, followed by our meeting. Please.

June 28, we will gather at the Lacey's at noon for a prepared BBQ. Please call them at 408-379-0844 to let them know if you are coming.

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The Menu: Salad, Pumpnickel Bread, Hakkebøf with roasted Onions, and a fried egg on top .. (Hakkebøf a la Holstein??). Red Cabbage, Roasted potatoes, Agurkesalad.

Dessert: Danish Applecake. Delicious!! Of course we also had beer and snaps for the Lunch.

Viggo Sørensen brought in a Danish Snaps, much appreciated. Between Lunch and the regular meeting we sang a medley of Danish and American Songs led by Erling Grumstrup. The regular meeting started at 1:10 pm with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel. He gave a report from the Convention held April 10-12, 2014 in Fortuna, California. The new Grand President is Robert Schall, Hejmdal Lodge No. 4, Sacramento, CA. President Hans Kardel raved about the wonderful Convention, very successful. The food First Class. friendly people, as a matter of fact it was so successful and well-run that the Hosts: Valhalla # 11 and Ydun # 10 decided to also host the 2015 Convention, April 9-11, 2015 in River Lodge in Fortuna, CA with assist from Hejmdal #4 and Luren #13. Hans Kardel promised to bring 4 bottles of snaps to this Convention. Kate Nielsen read the Minutes from the previous meeting. Approved as read. Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the Treasurer's report. To be filed for audit. She also reported that all the dues has been paid!!!

### **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**

Remember that everyone is invited to our 4th of July B-B-Q--- it will be held at Waller Park area #5, the same place as always.

Membership dues are now due and payable for 2014. \$24.00 for Holger Danske and Valkyrien \$5.00

Dania, Hejls Minde # 23, has gotten a new Secretary: Marie Jaeger. She is a top of the line secretary! As with everything else!!!! Thank you Marie.

The door Prize was won Jean Kardel. \$20.00 Congratulations.

Correction: Donations from Dania, Hejls Minde # 23, to Elverhøj Museum in Memory of:

Hans Skytt \$50.00, Elisabeth Jacobsen \$50.00

Donation to "Atterdag Care Center", in Memory of: Olga Klibod, \$50.00 and Kurt Høj, \$50.00

Hans and Jean Kardel will be leaving for Denmark, and will not be at the June meeting. Have a great trip. Jean remember you can take over my previous job in Nyhavn. it is only part time!

There will be no meeting in the months of July and August.

Santa Maria Lodge will celebrate July 4th with a party in Waller Park, Area 5. Starts at 1 PM. Cost \$5.00. Look for 2 Danish Flags ! Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

The next regular meeting will take place on June 4, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit 0' Denmark" at 12 Noon. Hope to see you there!

KKN