



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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## Grand Lodge Dania

### Message from the Grand President

February started to the tune of Willie Nelson 'On the Road Again.' First stop was Fresno to visit Thor #5 and Thora #11 for their installation and dinner. We had lovely hors d'oeuvres prior to the main course. After dinner there was music for dancing and everyone had an enjoyable time. Mange tak. The following Saturday we were in San Jose for Danneskjold #17 and Laura #8 for their installation, luncheon and lots of good food and camaraderie. Following a two week break we're headed for and looking forward to Bornholm #14's fish dinner in Modesto. The next day we will be in Livermore for Dannevang #7 and Danebod #16's installation and smørrebrød. That's it until we next go to San Francisco in March for Danmark #2 and Thyra #3's installation and dinner. You're encouraged to "dress like a Viking" Friday evening, April 11, at our upcoming convention. Zena and I send our sincere condolences to Arla Høj, her family and all of Solvang in the loss of Past Grand President Kurt Høj. He will be missed by our entire Danish community.

Grand President, Mel Lundberg

## Grand Lodge Dannebrog

### Message from the Grand President

It was wonderful to see our friends at Thor #5 and Thora #11 in Fresno and at Danneskjold #17 and Laura #8 in San Jose. Mel and I much enjoyed your thoughtful gifts of sweets and dried fruits. We'll soon be on our way to Dannevang #7 and Danebod #16 in Livermore in February and then to Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 in San Francisco in March. If you haven't, don't forget to send in your reservations for the convention in April, less than two months away and en god tid for alle.

Grand President Zena Lundberg

Upcoming Installations		
No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1	12 Noon March 15, 2014	Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore

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:

PGP Kurt Høj: Hejls Minde #23

Jens Faazbeck: Solvang

John Struve: Freja #6

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**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:**

**TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:**

**TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:**

**TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND:**

Johanne Gade in memory Elsie Christine Madsen Stuart

Johanne Gade in memory of Kurt Høj

Bornholm #14

Natalie and Tim Heer in memory of Kurt Høj

Anni Champagne in memory of Kurt Høj:

## **Branch Secretaries**

Convention is coming around fast and I still need some Annual reports. I do use the Annual report to file the federal and State taxes forms so it is very important to get them to me. If any of the rest of are having any problems with the form please let me know I am here to help. Talking about convention we will have at least one proposed change to our Constitution, and discussion on

how I bill Branches for insurance and changes to our web site, so we should have plenty to talk about. If any of the Branches were thinking of making any donations to the Grand Lodge General Fund, now would be a good time.

Thank You, Tim Heer, Grand Secretary.

## **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**

**Secretary Roger Gearhart [E-mail ragearth@comcast.net](mailto:ragearth@comcast.net)**

**Secretary Johanne Gade**

Our new President Tom Martin was welcomed and officiated over the meeting in great style. Past president John Jensen was warmly thanked for his terms of office. A committee was appointed for our April pot luck dinner----we expect that there will be many excellent specialties from our many great cooks. We briefly discussed Convention issues.

Several members have lost out on the attendance prize lately and it has grown to \$180. Of course, you have to be present to win. At the dinner, we feasted mightily on corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings prepared by the Jensen family. This has become one of our favorite traditions and the Jensens were warmly thanked for their hard work. It all went well with a

snaps and a beer. And it was delicious! And the deserts were very, very good as well. Of course, we sang De Skal Leve to those with birthdays. Indeed, a great time was had by all. Our next meeting will be April 2 (please note that this is a week earlier than normal due to the Convention). We will be having a pot luck dinner----all the best from some great kitchens. We start gathering at 6:30 for a beverage and conversation followed by a brief meeting. Then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. As always, guests are most welcome at our meetings.

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)**

A big THANK YOU to all of our Grand officers who did our installation on February 1st. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended. At our February meeting we

discussed having a luncheon installation next year in hopes of bringing out more of our members. CP

### **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)**

Freja and Dana had a wonderful Lunch in January and our February meeting was the same day as Supper Bowl Sunday so we were dark on that meeting day. Our March Meeting was held on March 2 where we elected our Convention Delegates.

Jana and Natalie prepared an Irish soup of Corn Beef and veggies along with Jana's soda bread. Hors d'oeuvre of

cheeses and crackers where supplied by Lis Bonde Schmidt, and everyone brought Wine. Dessert of Strawberry cream cake was brought by Inger Rasmussen. Next month our meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> and Jana will be letting you know where and when that will be. We were saddened by the passing of our long time member John Struve. TH

### **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.**

**Secretary: Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com)**

**Secretary Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

February is ending with a much needed rain and snowfall. Let's hope and pray that it continues. At our February meeting Bob Lamee was the lucky winner of the attendance prize. On February 22 the Grand Officers came dressed in their finest attire to install our new

officers and feast on a Danish sandwich and salad buffet with delicious Kringle for dessert. We were delighted to have about 40 people in attendance. Viola Jensen handed over the secretary's briefcase to Kathy Thomsen after doing a superb job for several years. A big thank-you

to Viola for her dedication, however we still expect to see you here at our meetings. Sue Frederick is taking over the reign as president. Let's give her our support and

encouragement during her term. Next meeting will be March 8, 6:00 pot-luck with meeting to follow. Hope to see you there. 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.

**Secretary:** Greg Gleeson [gag1234@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gag1234@sbcglobal.net)

**Secretary Mary Vieregge.**

Installation of Officers: Please join us Saturday, March 15th at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. The installation will begin at 12 noon, with no-host cocktails and a hearty lunch following. We'll have the traditional Cattlemen's fare with the following menu choices: Broiled Top Sirloin Steak, Grilled Pacific Salmon, Teriyaki Chicken or Spinach Ravoli with Pesto Sauce. Entrees include salad, baked potato, ranch style beans, coffee, tea or soft drinks, and cake for dessert. The cost is \$30 per person. Menu choices and your check payable to Thyra No. 9 should be sent to Signe Ann McNeil, 40759 Creston Street, Fremont 94538 (510-490-6114), no later than March 7th.

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 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, may also be brought to the meeting or mailed to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia 94510.

Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiau, Presidents

### **Sønderjylland No. 10**

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

**Caroline Cruger-Hansen, Secretary, [c.p.cruger-hansen@comcast.net](mailto:c.p.cruger-hansen@comcast.net)**

We had our usual Christmas champagne brunch on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Flamingo Hotel with 32 members and guests attending. President Eric Field presented past officers Finn and Jeannie Kjaer with a beautiful trophy in appreciation for their tireless service and successful membership drive. Also, we celebrated John Cruger-Hansen's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday so it was a festive get together. There was no meeting in January.

On February 15 we celebrated Valentine's Day with brunch at McGoo's Restaurant in Petaluma. 17 members and one guest attended, everyone had a good time. Our next meeting in March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in Kastania as usual. Sabrina will prepare Chicken Cacciatore with rice and Lori will make salad, and there will be plenty of desserts.

Our well wishes to Lavon Christensen upon her upcoming surgery.

See you all soon, Caroline

### **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)**

February we held a rededication ceremony of the Danish Hall. The Ferndale Native Sons presented us a plaque commemorating Ydun with their efforts in purchasing the property and remodeling the old warehouse into a social hall. Their Grand Officers and members held a ceremony and talked about the history of the Danes in Ferndale. After the ceremony we served lunch for about 75 of Danish open face sandwiches and cake. March we will not be meeting, but instead attending the Corn Beef and Cabbage feed put on by the Knights of Columbus at their hall in Eureka.

April 10 – 12 is **Dania Dannebrog convention**. Our committee is busy putting the final touches on the weekend. If you have your delegates, please get the list to Don Christensen [dtchkhc@gmail.com](mailto:dtchkhc@gmail.com) so that he can get the program book to the printers. If you need a reservation form, he can help you with that as well. Vikings is the theme for the 2014 convention and we will have Vikings in attendance showing how they lived and survived. They will have a Viking tent and displays of their clothing and armor. 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](mailto:achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu)**

The Reno Lodges were hosted by our Swedish friends at our February meeting on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>. What a great meal provided by Marlene & Baxter Swaffar, Eva Demosthenes, Ingrid Hedman and their team. They served great snacks before the pea soup with "Knækkebrød" & cheese. For dessert they served pancakes with cream and lingonberry and what a nice

treat it was. The tables were decorated beautifully in blue and yellow colors along with some Swedish traditional center pieces like the Dala horse etc. Thank you, thank you!

Our meeting was opened and closed in 35 minutes. Got a lot done in that short time.

Election of Officers: Past President Debbie Lamb; President Anette Christensen; Vice President Baxter Swaffar; Financial Secretary James Myers; Secretary Sena Marie Freeman #40 (everyone clapped for me on 40 years); Treasurers: Carl Christiansen & Ina Segesman; Marshal Nina Sawyer; Vice Marshal Erik Jensen; Trustees Jens Christiansen, Ann-katherine Sawyer & Helen Christiansen; Auditors Lars Jensen, Janet Pulsipher & Palle Larsen.

We also welcomed 2 new members to the Dannebrog lodge, Joan Topoian & Daniella Myers. Welcome to both of you! 2 more applications were handed out, 1 Dania and 1 Dannebrog. Hopefully we have more members in March. Now Valdemar has 19 members and Dannevirke have 37. So the Reno lodges are finally getting bigger, yeah for us!

For our meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> we will be hosted by our Finnish friends for Saint Urho – This is actually an American invented celebration that is celebrated the day before St. Patrick's Day. For St. Urho, you are supposed to wear Green and Purple. <http://sainturho.com/origin.htm> Pia Laine and her team will treat us to a lovely dinner and this Annual Finnish cultural celebration includes Finnish buffet, bake & gift sale, music, artifacts, games etc. and for all this, they only charge \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 6-12 years and 6 years under, Free. Please RSVP by March 1st and make checks payable to Pia Langley, 126 Mt. Rose St., Reno NV 89509.

We are all looking forward to that!

Our April meeting will be an Easter potluck and Youth Performance. The month of May will be Installation of

Officers. We decided to keep the same menu as in years past - Open Face sandwiches. There will be more information in the upcoming newsletters.

Our sick list: Palle doing pretty well and was here tonight. Nina Sawyer will have her surgery in early spring. We wish her well. Janet Pulsipher is in Arizona; hopefully she is having a good time. We are sad to announce that Ulla Christensen is moving to Iowa to be close to her family. Ulla recently came back from an eighteen months mission to Salt Lake City and we were excited to have her back, but we understand that it is important for you to be close to your children. She is still a member of Dannevirke #9 and we will miss her very much. Good Luck Ulla, we love you.

See everyone at the Convention in April. Thank you everyone for the 39<sup>th</sup> year as Secretary and now 40 years of having me do this. I really enjoy this job! Thank you much, Sena Marie

Have a great month & take care,  
Sena Marie

Attention Past Grand Presidents of Dannebrog you will be receiving an e-mail from my buddy Anette about the Past Grand Presidents luncheon. Please RSVP by March 15<sup>th</sup> so I can let the caterer know how many we will be.

On a sad note we are sending our sincere condolences to Arla Høj in the loss of her beloved husband Kurt's passing. May you find comfort in the memories and find strength through your family and our Danish community.  
Sena Marie

### **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**

Our yearly Fish dinner was moved up to Feb 21, a Friday night, and we were a little concerned about attendance since people had to drive home at night.

It turned out we, did not have to worry at all about attendance. 90+ people came from near and far and we had one of the best Fish Dinners in many years according to most people.

The bar opened at 5:30 PM and at 6 PM the hors d'oeuvre table was ready. The Modesto ladies had gone out of their way to put up a fantastic spread.

At 7 PM Dinner was served, and as usual the Hoy Family did a superb job with food. After dinner the dance floor was very busy. Everybody had a great time.

Our next meeting is March 21 where the the Scheuber's/ the Stowers' and the Mefford's will serve Corned Beef & Cabbage. Dinner starts at 6 PM. 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)**

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

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

**Secretary: Kurt Høj [familyhoj@aol.com](mailto:familyhoj@aol.com)**

Hejls Minde # 23 held its regular meeting February 5, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark", Solvang, with 24 members present. We were so happy to see so many members from the Santa Maria Lodge and from The Fresno Lodge Carl and Betty Jensen. Welcome!! You all come back, you hear! We had a run on snaps this month: Carl and Betty from the Fresno Lodge brought a Danish Snaps, so did Bent Olsen. Erling Grumstrup, Slim Juel, Pat Hansen and Marie Jaeger all brought Norwegian

Snaps. I am sorry I missed Birgit Nelson giving a snaps in January-sorry Birgit. Thank you all for your donation. Our President Hans Kardel and his wife Jean brought their niece with them, her name Kristi Knudsen welcome!! Hope you enjoyed your visit, and hoping you will be back! Menu: Tomato Soup, a delicious warm Fiskefilet with Remoulade Sauce on pumpnickel Bread, you can serve that again -anytime!! Along with potato salad, followed with dessert of Pennacotta with caramel sauce.

We sang a medley of Danish and American songs while we were waiting for Lunch, led by Erling Grumstrup. The regular business meeting started at 1 PM with welcome remarks by President .Hans Kardel In the absence of our Secretary Kurt Høj, Kate Nielsen read the Minutes from our previous meeting. They were approved as read. The Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the Treasurer's report. To be filed for audit. All officers will serve again for another year. Upcoming Convention to be held April 10-11-12, 2014, to be hosted by Valhalla #11, and Ydum #10. We will be

sending 2 Delegates to the Convention: Hans Kardel and Bent Olsen.

Jens Faazbeck Passed away at the Friendship House in January. Aeret vaeret hans Minde. Kurt Høj passed away Sunday, February 16, 2014 at the Atterdag Village of Solvang "Care Center". Our thought and prayers go to Arla and her family at this difficult time.

Our next meeting will be held March 5, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit 0 t Denmark" at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

KKN

**Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23**

**Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information. Secretary: Wayne A. Allen, Darlene Iversen,**