



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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## Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Time really does fly when you are having fun and February was a month of fun! March is here and spring is very near and our year as Grand Presidents is coming to an end. As the end of our term approaches, we want to thank everyone for their support and friendship in making this a truly great year.

February started off with a fun Super Bowl Party, good friends, good food and a good game! On February 7<sup>th</sup>, we had the honor to install the officers of Thor No. 5 and Thora No. 11 at the Spike and Rail restaurant in Selma. Thank you so much for hosting such a lovely installation party. It was so nice to visit with your Branch members. Thank you also to Jackie Nielsen, Diane Reinstein and Kathy Thomsen for filling in for our absent Grand Officers.

February 10<sup>th</sup>, Mary Jo hosted her sorority, Beta Sigma Phi at our home. Since the theme this year is Family Heritage, she served a Danish lunch of Medisterpølse, Frikadella, Rod Kaal, Agurkesalat, Ris A La Mande, Aevleskiver and Olsen's assorted Danish Butter Cookies. Her program highlighted her Danish ancestry. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and went home with a 'Little Mermaid' magnet – thanks to our recent trip to Solvang!

February 15<sup>th</sup> took us to Santa Clara at Marianis' for a fantastic champagne Brunch with Danneskjold No. 17 and Laura No. 8. We had the pleasure to install their officers including Mary Jo's Aunt – Phyllis Allman as Vice President. It was an honor and a privilege to present a 25 year member pin to Lisa McDaniel – Congratulations Lisa!! It was nice to have lunch with such great company.

It was on to San Francisco to the Grosvenor Hotel to install Danmark No. 2 and Thyra No. 3 on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Good thing we left early as traffic was horrible. But we arrived in enough time for Bob to go shopping. Bob was at Penny's about to purchase a bow tie when John Scheuber came to his rescue and arrived at the Grosvenor Hotel with a spare one. So Bob was dressed properly when we installed Danmark No. 2 and Thyra No. 3!! Thanks John! Mary Jo will be more diligent and make sure Bob does not forget his bow tie again! (At least it wasn't as bad as our first trip to Ferndale for the weekend – He remembered his tux, but did not pack any other clothes!) We did have a very nice installation and lunch with Danmark No. 2 and Thyra No. 3. It was very nice to visit with a lot of friends we had not seen in a while.

Congratulations to all the newly installed officers, we know you will do a good job and make your branch and the Grand Lodge proud. Thank you again to Thor No. 5 and Thora No. 11, Danneskjold No. 17 and Laura No. 8 and Danmark No. 2 and Thyra No. 3 for your gracious hospitality.

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During February we missed a lot of friends and members who could not attend the installations because of health or other reasons. We hope you are feeling better and we will see you soon!

*lykkelig forår – Happy Spring*

Bob & Mary Jo Schall  
Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

## Grand Lodge Secretary

### IN MEMORIAM:

### NEW MEMBERS:

Brandur Jensen; Valdemar #12, Reno  
Susanna Power; Dannevirke #9, Reno  
Irene Schack von Brockdorff, Dannevirke #9, Reno  
Alice Rem Olsen; Bornholm #14, Modesto  
Doris Jensen; Hejls Minde #23, Solvang

### MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

### DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

### CONTRIBUTIONS

### TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

### TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

### TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Signe and Roland MacNeil in memory of Judy Osborne  
Lise Vanderbeck in memory of Judy Osborne  
Valborg #1 in memory of Judy Osborne

### DANIA/DANNEBROG SINIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

## Branch Secretaries

Both Grand Lodge's Executive Committee will be meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Livermore prior to Hayward's installation of Officers. The Audit of the Senior Assistant Fund and the Books of the Grand Lodges will start at 9:00 A.M.

If there is any last minute nomination for Member of the year or a Scholarship, please get them to the Grand Secretaries no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

## 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

We had a wonderful time at our last meeting. Uffe Hellsten and Daniel Joensen combined to serve wonder food, all Danish. *Det var frikadeller, frisk-bagt brød, salater, deserter med Æblekager, smaalkager, og meget---det var meget bevendt. Men det gaar godt med et øl, en glas vin og en kop kaffe, Ogsaa det var Daniels hjemmelavet Akvavit---meget fine.* The singing in Danish was another real treat. As you can tell, a great time was had by all.

James O. Jensen won the attendance prize---odd, having the Treasurer winning. We had a guest, Alex Lund, from Esberg, DK, ----we hope he will be joining soon. We had several members out with various ailments---Irene Simms was home with the shingles (ugh-we don't like hearing that), Don Gearhart broke his hip and Jim Gearhart had minor surgery.

Because of a double booking at the Hotel, we had to compromise with a luncheon, with the Joint Installation at

### 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		
No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1	March 21, 2015 12 Noon	Cattlemen's Restaurant Livermore

I am still having a problem with the pay to the order name on checks at the Bank. It needs to say "The Danish Society" it is also acceptable to have "The Grand Lodge of the Danish Society", but it is causing a problem for the Bank.  
Tim and Natalie Heer Grand Secretaries

Noon, followed by lunch in the lounge. Fortunately, the bar opened at 1 PM. Jim Jensen provided the wine and indeed, another great time was had by all. Grand Presidents Bob and Mary Jo Shall and Grand Past Presidents Mel and Zena Lundberg were there to officiate and to enjoy the festivities. The door prizes were almost one for one. Tom Martin was again installed as our President. We apologize for those who had conflicts and were unable to attend. We will work things out and never have this problem again.

Our next meeting will be March 11. We start gathering at 6:30 PM for a beverage and a social hour, a brief meeting at 7:30 PM. Then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. As always, guests are most welcome at our meetings. We hope to see you there.

*Med venlig hilsen,* Roger Gearhart, Secretary, 209-369-6702.

### **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)

Thora # 11 and Thor #5 members would like to thank everyone who attended our installation and especially the Grand Officers for installing our officers. After the

installation we all enjoyed a delicious lunch and visit. Raffle prizes were won by seven lucky attendees. 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)

Greetings from Sunny Salinas! On Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>, Dana 15 and Freja 6 will be having our pre-convention meeting at the Masonic Hall. Members are needed to select delegates and discuss any concerns that they would like our delegates to bring up in Ferndale. And since this will be our first official meeting of the year, it would be a perfect time to make some New Year's resolutions about ways to make our

meetings more enjoyable and meaningful to our members. To help in this process, the Heer family will be providing a "gift of the gab" with an Irish Ale or two and some "Luck of the Irish" fare. We will be gathering for luncheon at noon. It is also a good time to remind you to pay your dues. 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)

We enjoyed a scrumptious array of mostly Danish open face sandwiches on Valentine's Day, followed by a brief meeting. The delegates to this year's convention in Ferndale for Dania will be Robert Lamee, Greg DiMartino and alternate Jackie Nielsen. Dannebrog's delegates will be Tracey Lamee, Karen Faraldo and Diane Reinstein. Diane will be the Old

Age representative. Remember to pay your dues if you haven't done so yet. Sue Frederich was the winner of our monthly attendance prize. Our theme for March in honor of St. Patrick's Day will be corned beef and cabbage and all the trimmings. See you then. 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)

Our first meeting of the New Year was on January 8<sup>th</sup>. It is with sadness that we report the passing of Judy Osborne, a long-time member of Valborg. We would like to extend sincerest sympathies to her family.

At our joint meeting in February, Pat Brouillette and Greg Gleason provided the refreshments.

Please join us Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, for Installation of Officers at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. The installation will begin at 12 noon, with no-host cocktails and lunch to follow. We'll have the traditional Cattlemen's fare with the following menu choices: Top Sirloin Steak, Atlantic Salmon, Lemon Herb Chicken or Pesto Spinach & Cheese Ravioli, along with salad, sourdough bread, ranch style beans and sodas, coffee or tea.

The cost is \$30 per person. Checks should be made payable to Thyra No. 9. Please make reservations with Signe Ann McNeil, 510-490-6114, no later than March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Note from Hayward Treasurers: Remember, dues are due for this 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 on Thursday, March 12<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)

Sønderjylland #10 has no meeting scheduled until Saturday March 14, 2015 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

Respectfully, John 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)

February we had a pretty good turnout for our Aebelskiver brunch. Thanks to Francis Sweet and his crew for putting on a wonderful traditional brunch.

March 7, we will gather for a meeting at 11:00 with a lunch following. Baked Potatoes with lots of toppings and salads will be served by our committee of Carol McKibben and Kay Tirsbeck. We will be showing "The Best Little Whore House in Texas" as the movie choice.

March 14<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Convention meeting at the Danish Hall. The registration forms and agenda are posted on the web. Please fill out a form and get it back to us so

## **Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9**

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. 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)

For our February meeting the Reno Lodges were treated to dinner by our Swedish friends. Ingrid Hedman had cooked gallons of the split pea soup with help from Pat Dahlin. Baxter & Marlene Swaffar baked the pancakes and Eva Demosthenes was helping flipping the pancakes. Soon she was named the "master flipper". The pancakes were of course served with lingonberry and whip cream. The tables were decorated with Swedish trinkets and together with the blue and yellow napkins it was a lovely setting. Wow, what a nice dinner they put on for us. Jens and Nina Christiansen were on kitchen duty. What a great job done by all.

After dinner we had a short meeting and among other things we discussed the next couple of meetings.

For our March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be treated to dinner by our Finnish friends. Pia Langley and Susanna Powers are in charge and they have a whole program in store for us. Starting at 5:30 PM with Cocktail hour and Appetizer's. 6:30 PM dinner and program. The theme this year is "FinnFacts". There will be a charge of \$15 per adults and \$10 for children 6 years and older. Your reservation must be received by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information call: Pia

## **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)

16 members attended Bornholm #14<sup>th</sup> meeting February 20. We started with a Potluck dinner at 6 PM. There was a very delicious spread, and everyone had a great dinner.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Nobody won the attendance prize of \$50, so it automatically went to the Children's Christmas fund.

In sickbay: Jim Jorgensen's condition has worsened now by having problems walking. Aase Laugesen is seriously ill with Lou Gehrig's disease. We hope and pray for the best. Max Stowers was at the meeting, he is recovering after a three day stay at the hospital.

that we can finalize the plans. We have two great bands for the weekend. Merv George who played last year will be back on Friday night by popular request. Merv is planning on retiring but has graciously agreed to play for us, because he enjoyed it so much last year. On Saturday night we will have the Road Masters playing country music for your dancing enjoyment. There will be lots of fun for the whole family, so bring them along. We are working on some tours for Thursday, more to come on that soon.

Christian Nielsen Secretary

Langley 775-742-9173 or Susanna Powers 775-544-0424.

We are looking forward to that and to see and try something new.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have an Easter potluck, but before dinner we will have our Youth Performance spearheaded by Ingrid Hedman. If you have any children or grandchildren that would like to perform a song, dance or read a poem, please contact Ingrid at 775-972-4251. We will also have election of officers that night, so we can be ready for our installation in May. What a busy month.

More information about our Installation of Officers on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We took in 3 new members at our last meeting. Brandur Jensen, who is the son of Marian and Lars Jensen; Susanna Powers and Irene Schack von Brockdorff. Welcome to all of you! I passed out 2 Dania applications and 2 Dannebrog applications, hopefully Reno will have more to report later. Sad news, Barbara Iler and Sena Marie Freeman lost our Aunt Betty, February 5<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed. Take care everyone!

Sena Marie

The main topic of the evening was the Fish-dinner March 7. All details are now in place and we are ready to host just another successful ***Fish-Dinner:***

***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 an Akvavit.***

***The price is \$30 per person.***

***Reservation is a must. Call Peder Hoy 209 521 8864 or email [pedohoy@yahoo.com](mailto:pedohoy@yahoo.com)***



We initiated a new member Alice Rem Olsen. She is Anni Champagne's sister from Denmark. She will be visiting Anni for 6 weeks and therefore be at our Fish-Dinner and at the Dania Convention in Ferndale. As a member she can now join the meetings together with Anni.

### **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)

We had a very nice installation on Feb. 15, beginning with a great brunch. There were 35 present on this nice sunny Sunday.

March 14, we will begin with homemade soup lunch made by Lis and Phyllis and it will be held at the Lacey's home starting at noon.

### **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 #23 held its regular meeting, February 4, 2015 at the restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" Solvang with 23 present. The menu started off with Roasted Tomato Soup; Main Entree, Boiled Cod with potatoes and mustard Sauce, broccoli and carrots and Delicious Danish Apple Cake & coffee. Members with birthdays who brought snaps were Marie Jaeger, Edith Plam, Hans Kardel, and Lucile Wulff. Also, Pat Hansen and Slim Juhl from the Santa Maria lodges. Bent Olsen, Ove Andersen and Knud Jacobsen also had birthdays.

Edith Plam who celebrated her 92nd birthday had her son Bill and wife Marian along with their two sons, Hans and Eddie, join us. Wonderful and thoughtful way to celebrate her birthday! A medley of Danish and American songs took place between lunch and the general meeting led by Henning Sorensen, Lucille Wulff and others. Erling Grumstrup, Our

Our next meeting will be March 20 with a St Patrick's Day Irish feast. The Scheuber's and the Stowers are the hosts.

See you there.

. John

On April 9th our delegates for Danneskjold 17 and Laura 8 will head out for convention in Ferndale. I look forward to seeing you there.

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usual song leader, was home sick. Other missing sick members were Kate Nielsen, Arta Høj, Alice Quimby and Christian Frederiksen. We hope to see them next month.

The door prize was won by John Sorensen.

The regular meeting began with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel and the singing of God Bless America. Marie Jaeger read the minutes from the last meeting and was approved as read. Treasurer's Report was read by Agnes Larsen and also approved as read. A new member, Doris Jensen, was initiated into the lodge.

Welcome! As a youngster member we expect many years of membership and leadership! The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Danish National Anthem. See you next month on March 4, 2015.

Marie Jaeger

### **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