



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand Presiden

February began with the Celebration of Life for Mary Jo Schall. The thoughtful and heartfelt planning by Bob and Jenny made it truly a “celebration” of Mary Jo's life from the words spoken in her honor to the pictures shown and the songs sung. The testaments by those she influenced confirmed the special qualities of caring, thoughtfulness, and giving that were Mary Jo's. Qualities that complemented the fun-loving “prankster” that she also was. I was very glad to see so many members of Dania and Dannebrog attend the celebration. Not only was the attendance a great tribute to a special person, but it also showed Bob and Jenny how much the members care. Thank you, Carol, for being my companion and support on the trip.

I made a slight detour while driving to Tom and Gloria's the following Friday. I managed to find my way to Bjornson Hall in Oakland where I was able to enjoy the music of Kai Robert Johansen, a “renowned Norwegian trumpeter”. He also had a very nice voice, which was sometimes used to get the audience involved in singing along with him. His daughter spoke about the school system in Norway. Later, I stayed and visited with the members. It was a very entertaining evening! We were kept quite busy on Saturday and Sunday with two installations. The first was held at the IOOF Hall in Livermore. Prior to the installation, a group of us met to discuss the Senior Assistance Fund. Then it was lunch time with quite an array of open-faced sandwiches, herring, salads, etc. what a feast! I felt a little “rusty” performing the installation ritual after five months of vacation, but we managed to “lawfully” install the officers. Then it was time for desserts! The next day, Valentine's Day, we met at the Mariani Restaurant in Santa Clara to install the officers of San Jose. They serve a spectacular brunch buffet on Sundays! We performed the installation at one end of our reserved dining room. Thank you, Steen, for gathering a 'Danish Choir' to sing the song of the season, 'Fastenavn er mit navn', directly after installation. I definitely enjoy learning about Danish customs, but I'm glad that the barrel no longer holds a live cat!

February 20 saw us at the Grosvenor in South San Francisco. I joined two committee meetings before installation. We are definitely making progress on some items of business remaining from last year's convention! Grand President Tom and Grand Marshal Daniel had to do some fancy steps to act as Grand Officers as well as be installed as officers in their local branch! It actually went quite smoothly with the help of Grand Past President Bob Schall. I am so glad to see Bob remain active in the Grand Lodge and to see Jenny also attend. My salmon dinner with mashed potatoes and green vegetables was delicious, as usual. I wonder if the Brussel sprouts were from 'Russel's Brussels'.....(as in the US Cellular ad). The next day I managed to find the Swedish American Hall on Market

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Street in San Francisco, thanks to Tom and Google maps. I attended the Founders' Day program for the Swedish American Patriotic League. Two fiddlers, Anders Holtsberg from Sweden and Jeanne Sawyer, entertained us with traditional music. We made room for some couples to dance the polskas and schottisches! The remodeled hall (including elevator) will soon be open for a tour. I have learned that I need to initiate contact with the members of other lodges. Once I have done that, the members can be very friendly. Otherwise, I tend to be ignored – something to remember when we have visitors to our lodges! Crossing the Golden Gate Bridge tends to give me 'goosebumps' – just the majesty of the bridge (especially when I don't have to worry about the toll). What a beautiful evening to stop at the northern Vista Point! The nearly full moon reflecting its light on the bay with the lights of the cities and Bay Bridge in the background was absolutely spectacular! A sight I will remember always!

I would like to encourage the members of Dannebrog to seriously consider going 'through the chairs'. It has been a very rewarding experience, and I have learned a lot – knowledge which will benefit me in all of my future

Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

Well folks, it's been quite a month. A little re-shuffling of installations was necessary to accommodate the Celebration of Life for our dearly missed Grand Past President Mary Jo Schall. Gloria and I travelled up to Rancho Cordova for the service. We were joined by John Jensen for the ride. I was impressed by the turnout of Dania and Dannebrog members who came to share their support for Bob and Jenny and to pay their respects to Mary Jo. We will all miss her greatly. The second weekend of February brought us two installations. First we went to Livermore for theirs on Saturday and enjoyed a nice lunch followed by the installation. Most of the Grand Officers were in attendance and only a couple of substitutions on the branch side. The local lodge members outdid themselves with the variety of open-faced sandwiches and other fare. It was nice to see everyone there. On Sunday, Gloria joined me as we attended the installation for the San Jose lodges. The installation was held at Mariani's restaurant. They put out quite a spread for their Valentine's Day brunch and everyone seemed to take advantage. We were in a much larger room than previous installations held there and it was very much appreciated by the Grand Officers. The installation went well and I think everyone had a great time. On the 20th, it was time for my local branch installation. We were a bit confused on how to work it with both the current Grand President and Grand Marshal being installed as local branch officers. I was the local President and our Grand Marshal was the incoming local President. John Jensen

Danish Campers, Casa de Fruta RV Resort, April 29th

I know we haven't camped in quite a while, but now is the time to bring the trailers and RV's out of storage. The Danish Campers are on the road again. We'll be meeting at Casa de Fruta RV Resort on Friday, April 29th for a weekend of sunshine and relaxation. The resort is located in Hollister, two miles east of the junction of Highways 152 and 156. If you're new to RVing and haven't joined us before, then this is the time. We usually have appetizers and wine, or

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

NEW MEMBERS:

Nadine Sjogren; Valborg #1, Hayward
 Kristen Petersen; Sønderjylland #10, Petaluma
 Ehlert P. Larsen; Sønderjylland #10, Petaluma

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Mary Esther and Alam Filiau in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Susan Gauthier in Memory of Mary Jo Schall

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Jim and Elizabeth Jensen in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Ole and Mitra Pedersen in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Karen Faraldo in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Karen Faraldo in Memory of Virginia Smith

Local Branches

endeavors.

I hope to see you at Convention in April!
 Lynn Wachter, Grand President, Dannebrog

described it best when he called it a "square dance". We enlisted the help of Grand Past President Bob Schall to conduct the swearing in of the officers and to install me as Past President. With the Marshals switching duties to march GM Daniel Joensen around, we were able to install him as our new Branch President. It all worked out much better than we anticipated. I was honored to have Grand Past President Bob Schall present me with my Past-President's pin. The Grosvenor did their usual good job with the food and our DJ provided a nice variety of music for the attendees. It was a long day as we had two committee meetings before the installation and I think we made a great deal of progress on our two main issues. The Ritual committee has finalized the remaining work on the joint installation and we believe it is ready for the membership to vote on at Convention. The Web committee was presented a new solution to our lingering issue and I think that will be accepted as well.

We have one more installation in February; the Fresno lodges will hold their installation on the 27th at noon at the Spike and Rail in Selma. This is always a memorable event and though there will be some unusual circumstances to deal with, I expect it to be an enjoyable event for all who make the trip.

March will start off with the annual Fish Dinner at the Modesto Eagles Hall. You don't want to miss it so get your reservations in to John Schuber right away.

I look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events,
 Tom Martin, Grand President

beverage of your choice, on Friday night, and a potluck dinner on Saturday night. If you have any questions, call Greg at 510-581-6521 or Pat at 510 278-9430. Please let either of us know as soon as possible if you're planning to join in. The rate will be approximately \$40 per night depending on the number of campers. Further details will follow. Happy Trails to you. Pat and Greg

Upcoming Conventions		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 15-16 2016	Clovis Veterans Memorial Hall
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017	Stay Tune
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Upcoming Installations		
Thyra #9 Valborg # 1	March 19, 2016 12 Noon	Cattlemen's Livermore

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](mailto:ragearhart@comcast.net) **Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

Our business meeting went very well. Congratulations to Michael Fox---he won the attendance prize. The Trustees will transfer some funds to the checking account.

Our Joint Installation/134th Anniversary Party went very well with 50 happy folks enjoying the great hors d'oeuvres prepared by the hard working ladies of Thyra #3. The bar was open and many enjoyed the cocktail hour.

The installation was one of the best with much fancy work by the Grand Marshals Daniel Joensen and Stuart Mahler. Daniel Joensen was installed as our new President. Tom Martin was presented with his Past President's pin by Grand Past President Bob Schall. Officers for the ensuing term include VP John Jensen, Marshals Kathy and Peter Christensen, VM Anne Gearhart, Thyra's

Secretary/Treasurer Johanne Gade, and Denmark's Secretary Roger Gearhart and Treasurer James Olef Jensen. The Trustees are Jim Jensen, Uffe Hellsten, Jim Gearhart, and Irene Simms and the Auditors are Michael and Robert Fox, Anne Gearhart and Eva Kristensen. Kaj Kristensen remains our Custodian.

The food at the Grosvenor Hotel was excellent by all reports. Music for Dancing was provided by a DJ and there were always many folks out on the dance floor. There were door prizes including the many orchards donated by Irene Simms---thank you Irene. A great time was had by all.

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

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 Gail Hansen dickgailh@aol.com

Thor #5 and Thora #11 members continue to prepare for Convention. An interesting tour of the Grundfos pump factory is being planned. Grundfos is a Danish company with a factory in Clovis. Margaret Raven has worked on a genealogy book on the history of all the Past Presidents of

Thor#5 and Thora #11 from 1891 to the present with help from the Fresno Co. library. They will also be getting a copy of the books for their help. Sadly, we have lost two members in the last two months. They are Joan Hansen and Hanne Dykes. We will miss them!!

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at Noon.; Installation 1st Sunday in August, Salinas Masonic Center,

48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904. Freja/ Dana Secretary: Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

Our March 6th meeting will be our traditional Irish Dinner in Honor of Father Heer and the rest of the Danes that settled Ireland. We will also be electing our Delegates and looking

forward to Convention in Cloves in April. Visitors are always welcome at our lunch time dinner and meeting. tjh

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; 4th Saturday Potluck, IOOF Hall, 2160 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551.

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

Thank-you to all who worked diligently to make the Livermore installation a success. You know who you are! It was a fine afternoon, the food was delicious and the Grand Officers did an outstanding job of installing our fine slate of officers, we even got two new faces in for trustees.

Congratulations to our 50 year pin recipients, Carol Hansen and Sherrill Esposito. Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 12, 4:00. Remember 4:00! See you then, KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

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

s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra / Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

We welcomed the Grand Secretaries of Dannebrog & Dania, Natalie and Tim Heer, at our meeting in February It was great to see you both at our meeting!
We welcomed new member Valborg, Nadine Sjogren, at the meeting in January.

Please join us when we meet again on Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 pm.

Installation of Officers:

Please join us Saturday, March 19th at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. The installation will begin at 12 noon, with no-host bar and lunch to follow. We'll have the traditional Cattlemen's fare with the following menu choices: Steak, Salmon, Chicken or Ravoli, 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 11.

Note from Hayward Treasurers:

Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Please bring to a meeting or mail to the respective Treasurers. Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, mail to Pat Brouillette, 1400 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo CA 94580. Checks payable to Thyra #9, in the amount of \$35 for sick benefit members and \$29 for social members, mail to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510.
Susan Gauthier, President

Sønderjylland No. 10

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

Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

Sønderjylland #10 held their Valentine's Day Lunch on Sunday February 14 at the lovely Oakmont Village Retirement Community.- the residency of our President Jim Hollingshead, Carol Saffro, as well as Birthe and Gustav Scherl. The craft room was decorated by both the staff, and Sabrina and Birthe. The menu included Cocktail-Scrimp on platters, Blitzes and Eggs Benedict, for appetizers. Main course consisted of Green Salad, choice of either Beef or Salmon, followed by the best Chocolate Mousse I have had in years! We enjoyed Champagne, Bloody Marys or Beer. All free of charge for members. After the meal, Gustav showed one of Victor Borge's concerts, on a large screen, to everyone's delight! Thank you to Jim Hollingshead, Birthe and Gustav Scherl, and Sabrina Wilson and Carol Saffro for

making this such a special day. President, Jim Hollingshead conducted a short meeting, Two new members were introduced and approved, Kristen Petersen was present, but Ehlert P. Larsen, was absent, but we look forward to meet him and his wife next meeting. We also welcomed two guests; Margrethe (Birthe Baekgaard's lovely daughter) and Inger Larsen a resident of Oakmont. We were 19 altogether. Delegates for the 2016 Convention were elected: Jim Hollingshead and Karen Friis Lysmer, and Carol Saffro as the Alternate Delegate. Our next meeting is March 12, 2016, at Kastania Fælled, 11.30 am. Secretary John Crueger-Hansen was absent, Respectfully submitted by Karen Friis Lysmer, V.P

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

This month we find the following members recovering from surgery. Past Grand President Zena Lundberg and our Vice President Don Christensen, both had minor surgeries and are home recovering.

We have some major issues to discuss at our meetings, so we ask that members attend to partake in the discussion. We will be honoring one of our members, Clara Sherrill with a lifetime membership for her 25 years of service with Ydun

Lodge #10. A presentation will be awarded at our March meeting. A Job well done Clara.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 5 at 11:00 at the Danish Hall. An Irish lunch of Sausage and Chicken with a potluck of salads and desserts will follow around 12:30. Members are asked to bring a potluck item to share. April 2 we will meet at 11:00 with a catered lunch after words. Reservations are a must and cost is to be determined. 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 P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu

What a wonderful night we had with the Swedish members serving us wonderful snacks before the great split pea soup and Swedish pancakes for dessert. The tables were done in all Swedish tablecloths and blue and yellow napkins and plates. Thank you Ingrid Hedman and Eva Demosthenes, you did a great job. Thank you Jens Christiansen and your girlfriend who did the dishes. Anette Christensen, you did a great job bartending.

No meeting because it was Swedish night, we wanted to continue with the fellowship and great time. It was decided that our March meeting will be Irish with Corned beef and cabbage. Members please bring snacks and desserts that would go with our Corned beef dinner.

I did hand out two applications for Dannevirke; hopefully we will have two new members next month. Our sick list: we understand Pete Olsen is doing better, we wish him well. Baxter Swaffer had surgery and we wish him and Marlene our very best. To the Schall family, it was a wonderful Celebration of Life in memory of Mary Jo. She was a wonderful person and friend of our Danish families. We love you all. She will be missed. It was nice to see so many attending. Take care, Sena Marie

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 held its meeting February 19. 22 members attended and one guest Erling Grumstrup from Solvang. It was tasting night hosted by Mary & Jerry Zoller, Ann & Max Stowers and Ben Hoover. We started at 6 PM with wine and beer tasting and a delicious spread of appetizers between the tasting. Everybody enjoyed it, and there were lively conversations concerning the various wines and beer. When the tasting was over, the remaining wines and beer were auctioned off. That yielded \$72 which was donated to the children's Christmas Fund.

About 7:15 PM President John Scheuber called the general meeting to order. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved with no changes. The attendance prize of \$50

was won by Kirsten Johansen. She donated the money to the children's Christmas Fund. It was a good night for this fund, and we are almost up to the goal for the year. Five delegates and one alternate were elected for the Convention in Fresno.

The Fish-Dinner is coming up on Saturday March 5. It will be held at the Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way, Modesto, CA 95351.

The No Host bar will open 5:30 PM.

6 PM 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 John Scheuber 209 541 4092 or email john.scheuber@vsi.cc

To accommodate the incoming Grand President Steen Skjellerup Bornholm's Installation has been moved to July 30. More details later.
John

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

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

San Jose's Business Meeting will be held at the Lacey's home on March 12. We will begin at noon with a homemade soup lunch put on by Phyllis Allman and Lis. Following lunch we will hold our meeting. We will be initiating 2 ladies at this meeting.

Our delegates for the convention will be Robert Lacey and Ron Nielsen for Danneskjold # 17 and Doris Skow for

Laura # 8. Doris and Robert will be the representative to the OAF Meeting.

We look forward to a interesting 2016 so come join us when you can. We are thinking good thoughts for those members not able to get out and join us.

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Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary: Marie Jaeger

Hejls Minde #23 held its regular meeting Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 noon with 20 members present. Snaps were brought in by Bent Olsen, Marie Jaeger, Edith Plam and Pat Hansen, to celebrate their birthdays. We all sang Happy Birthday to them. Congratulations and SKAAL! Now it is hard to get the Norwegian Snaps Linie Akavavit.

The lunch menu: Pea soup, pumpernickel, Biksemad with a fried egg on top – where was the meat??? Plenty of potatoes.

Fortunately we had æbleskivers and beer to wash it down.

Bent Olsen, the Danish baker brought in some fantastic "Fastelavnsboller", they were huge, filled with cream and whipping cream, with a dusting of powdered sugar, topped with a red cherry. Uhm, Uhm! Bent said it was his donation from him to Hejls Minde. Thank you!

We started the business meeting at 1:02 pm. Our President Hans Kardel was absent; Bent Olsen was acting President for the day, and welcomed all the members. He asked Erling Grumstrup to lead us in singing "God Bless America" before the meeting started, thank you Erling.

The Secretary Marie Jaeger read the list of officers present.

The recording Secretary Kate K. Nielsen read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the financial report, which will be filed for audit.

In sick bay: Svend Olesen, not feeling up to par at the present time. We were told that Ove and Erna Andersen

both are in a nursing home in Lompoc. We are hoping they are both getting better. We miss you! "Slim" Hope you will soon be up and around again. Arla Høj was at the meeting.

Amazing! So good to see her up and around again, the medicine must be working. Keep it up! We miss Alice Quimby – we haven't heard or seen in a long time.

Bent Olsen suggested we form a Fastelavns Committee. He said that it is one of the Danish traditions we don't have in Solvang, and why not? He suggested the following for the committee: Bent Olsen, Kate K. Nielsen, Marie Jaeger, Agnes Larsen, Erling Grumstrup and maybe Pastor Chris Brown would be interested?

Jens Agergaard suggested we have a Fastelavnsris contest. It is made with branches from bushes or trees, decorated with colored strips of colored paper and candies or maybe a small toy gift included. How about it? Sounds good to me!

Also "Slå Katten af tønden" – Kattedronning og Kattedronning, We have a year before it comes around again. Please think about it.

Hejls Minde #23 elected two delegates to the Convention, Bent Olsen and Knud Jacobsen.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 12 noon at the same restaurant.

Hope to see you there.

Kate

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

Holger Danske dues are now due \$24,00 Make checks out to Elvin Juhl and send to Elvin Juhl 1321 Ronald Place, Santa Maria Calif., 93458. Wayne Allen

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