



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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May 2014

Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

The 134th Annual Dania & Dannebrog Convention was truly put together beautifully and perfectly in every way.

The River Lodge was a beautiful setting; the food was delicious; the music was fantastic; and the reminiscing with old friends and making memories with new ones was wonderful. Thank you Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10!!

We both had a wonderful time and could not have asked for a more memorable Installation/Convention as the incoming Grand Presidents. A sincere thank you to all the members for allowing us the honor of serving as your Grand Presidents. We will do our best to serve you, Dania, and Dannebrog.

A special thanks to Grand Past Presidents Mel and Zena Lundberg – They will be a tough act to follow!

A big thank you to the many people who donated all the great raffle prizes, and congratulations to all the winners (you know who you are, the ones with the big smiles!!).

It was an honor and privilege to present Dania Member of the Year Award to Roger Gearhart and Dannebrog Member of the Year Award to Mary Esther Filiau. Both are well deserving members for their commitment and dedication to Dania and Dannebrog. Congratulations to both of them!!

We look forward to visiting all the lodges and installing their newly elected officers. We are planning to attend at least one business meeting or social event at each lodge during our term.

Special thanks to Johanne Ervin-Gade, Karen Faraldo, Jana Heer-Glovaski, and Glenda Lloyd for helping with our reception.

A huge thanks to Robin Bell and our daughter, Jenny Schall-Nevarez for setting up, serving and cleaning up at our reception. We could not have done it without you! You went the extra mile to help our guests have a memorable evening. (We still owe both of you a spa day for all your help!)

Thank you again to Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 for an over all fantastic Convention. Velkommen Forår (Welcome Spring)

Bob & Mary Jo Schall, Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Grand Lodge Dania

Message from the Grand Past President

Now that the 134th Annual Grand Lodge Dania and Dannebrog

Convention is over, we hope everyone had a joyous time. We sure did. Our deliberations during the meeting were fruitful. The discussion regarding the joint installation ritual verbiage is finally resolved thanks to the committees from Dania and Dannebrog and the ratification by the members. The changes and upgrades to our website are now resolved. Thank you, John, for your work and the website display at convention. An annual membership and program directory is a work in progress. Best wishes to the officers for the ensuing term. The theme for the 2015 convention is 'Danish Immigrants to Humboldt County.' More specifics in future newsletters. We thank everyone for your support and encouragement, including a special Thank You to Grand Marshals Tom and Steen, and congratulations to my adviser and Dania Member-of-the-Year Roger Gearhart. It was one hell of a fun ride! Tak så meget. Grand Past President Mel Lundberg

Grand Lodge Dannebrog

Message from the Grand Past President

As this is my final message, I wish to personally thank all of the Grand Lodge officers for a job well done. Our year was exceptional, to say the least. The many friends that we made will be in our hearts forever. I could not have made it without the help of Mary Esther as my adviser. I was so happy when she was chosen as Dannebrog's Member-of-the-Year. It has been a learning experience, and I want to apologize for my chairing of the convention meeting, as my health restricted my ability to do so. Thank you all for putting up with my lack of concentration. Again, thank you to all the lodges for the wonderful gifts and hospitality making my year in office an unforgettable experience. In closing, a very big Thank You to the members of Ydun and Valhalla Lodges for hosting an outstanding convention and I'm looking forward to next year.

Grand Past President Zena Lundberg

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Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

NEW MEMBERS:

Ronald Nielsen; Danneskjold #17

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

Danmark #2 in memory of Ejnar Christensen

Jean Kjaer

PGP Robert Lacey

GVP Thomas Martin

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND:

Karen Faraldo in Memory of Art Reinstein

Karen Faraldo in Memory of Kurt Høj

Danneskjold #17

Elizabeth Jensen

Eva and Kaj Kristensen

Branch Secretaries

I would like to thank all of the delegates at our last Convention for all of their attention, effort, and good discussion that was exhibited by them on all of the issues that came up for a vote. As always the decisions that were made by the Delegates were made with the best interest of the Grand Lodge in mind.

The decisions that were made at convention, one was to only use email address as contact information for Grand Lodge Officers

Danish Campers

May 16-18, The Danish Campers are circling the wagons at Smithwoods RV Park, Friday, May 16th for fun in the redwoods, which means it's time to fill up the tanks, load the pantry and the wine cellar, slather on the sunscreen, and start your engines. There's a lot to do in the Santa Cruz area during the day, and a lot of food and drink to enjoy in the evening. We're counting on a

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

President Tom Martin opened the meeting with a moment of silence for our departed member, Ejnar Christensen. Ejnar was born in Kolding, DK, back in 1922 and he had been a member of Danmark #2 for 62 years and he was a life member. He had been our President, long-time treasurer, our Member-of-the-Year, and a frequent delegate to the conventions. His many fiends will miss him deeply.

When we arrived at the Odd Fellows Hall, we found our meeting room occupied by another group. The Hall Management recognized their error and graciously offered us their lounge---and half-price on the beer! Also, there will be no rent for April. Marissa Christensen and Norman Roddick lost out on the attendance prize and it has now grown to \$200. Of course, you have to be present to win. The potluck dinner was fabulous---so many great things to eat. Certainly, no one went home hungry. We sang De Skal Leve to all those with birthdays. Indeed, a great time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be our Welcome Home for our Grand Officers and Delegates on Wednesday, May 14. A special

Upcoming Installations

Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9	May 2, 2014	Odd Fellows Hall Reno
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Upcoming Conventions

Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 & Hajmdal #4, Luren#13	River Lodge in Fortuna CA April 9-11 2015
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 2016 Stay Tuned
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017 Stay Tuned
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018

and Lodge Secretary's in the Newsletter. I have complied with this with one exception. Another was to change over to the new web site has been delayed due to family issues in Danmark, and I will continue to place the newsletter on the old web site until John is able to activate the new web site at which time he will take over that task.

Thank You, Tim Heer, Grand Secretary.

campfire sing along too, Don and Joyce. I haven't heard "otherwise," so we'll have appetizers Friday evening and a potluck BBQ Saturday evening. Smithwoods is located at 4770 Highway 9, Felton. The rate is \$51.95 per night with our group discount. There is no additional charge for pets. If you have any questions, just call me at 510-278-9430. Happy trails to you, Pat and Greg

congratulations to the New Grand Vice Marshal, Daniel Joensen, Tom Martin as Grand Vice President and Kathy Christensen, Elizabeth Jensen, Jim Jensen and James Olef Jensen, as Grand Trustees we now have six Grand Officers! As luck would have it, Daniel is in charge of the meal and we know we will be having something very special. 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 all of our meeting.

We took time to remember Ejnar Christensen and to toast his memory. Many spoke fondly in recollections of Ejnar and his unique sense of humor. Glenn Fritz brought a bottle from Ejnar's stash and we toasted his memory. *Æret vare hans minde.*

A very special thanks to the Ferndale lodges for a spectacular Convention and to Mel and Zena Lundberg and many others for making it most memorable. *Til Lykke. 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 6:00 PM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.

Secretary: Christie Pettitt poppatango@msn.com Gail Hansen dickgailh@aol.com

Members of Thora #11 and Thor #5 made final plans for our delegates to convention. They are looking forward to heading to Ferndale and having a great time! We are anticipating their reports and will have a "Welcome Back from Convention" celebration at

our May meeting. Plans are also in the works for our picnic in June. We are planning on having it June 5th, our regular meeting night, at Hope Lutheran Church.

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

The Delegates from Freja 6 and Dana 15 wish to express our gratitude to the lodges of Valhalla 11 and Ydun 10, for the most recent fun filled, action packed, well planned and organized convention! As usual you left no stone unturned and no expectations unrealized. CAN'T WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR!!!!

We were proud to represent our Salinas lodges and very thankful

for their support and confidence in our ability to not totally embarrass them! We are looking forward to meeting together on Sunday, May 4th at the Masonic Hall in Salinas at 2:00 P.M. We are going to try meeting a little earlier in the day this month and see if it makes it better for members to get an earlier start and then earlier time to head back home. Let's try a Danish Pot Luck! Jana will be contacting members with details.Skaal!

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

Congratulations to Ferndale for putting on a great convention, and to all the new grand officers.

Our next meeting will be May 10, 6:00 pot-luck, meeting to follow. We will have a Cinco de Mayo theme, even though we will be a few days late. Hope to see you there. KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street, Hayward CA 94541.

#9 Thyra Secretary: Greg Gleeson, gleeson2@icloud.com Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

We're back from a wonderful convention, hosted by Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 of Ferndale.

Congratulations to the Dannebrog Member of the Year 2014, Mary Esther Filiau! Mary Esther has been an active Valborg member since joining in 1972. She has served as President of Valborg and as a Trustee. Mary Esther served the Grand Lodge as Grand President for the 1995-96 term and Grand Trustee from 2003 through 2006.

Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, May 8th for our "Welcome Back from Convention" Potluck. We'll gather at 6:00 pm for liquid refreshments, with dinner around 6:30 pm. Please bring your favorite dish to share (appetizers, salads, hot or cold side dishes, etc.). Meetings to follow. Hope to see you there! 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

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

Meeting: 1st. Saturday every month at noon, Danish Hall; Ferndale, CA 95536.

Secretary Christian Nielsen ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

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

Our April meeting on the 4th started with a great Youth Performance by 3 young people, Nikolas Powers who played Piano: Finlandia and Peanuts. Joel Jensen also played Piano: Bach, Italian Concerto, 1st movement and Bartok, Allegro Barbaro. Zoey Christensen was a little shy, but did Sing Happy Birthday to Sena Marie. Zoey is Anette and Poul-Erik's 4 year-old Granddaughter. Thank you Zoey for singing to me.

After our Youth Performance we enjoyed a wonderful Easter dinner. Whow – So much food - if you left hungry it was your own fault. Thank you Anette for the wonderful birthday cake and

Zoey singing happy birthday and helping me blow out the candles. At my age you need all the help blowing them out. Ha, Ha We had a very busy meeting. Last minute discussions to finish the installation preparations for May 2nd. Sena Marie will be cashier and the price is \$20.00 per person. We start at 6 pm with cocktails, 7 pm dinner. Installation of officers to follow that and then coffee and dessert.

Hope to see everyone. The sandwiches are always a great treat. Our sympathies went out to Lilian Rasmussen in the loss of her husband Jack. Also Danmark #2 in the loss of a wonderful and

longtime member Ejner Christensen. Our hearts also goes out to our own Glenn Fritz. Ejner and Glenn were best friends. They rode motorcycles together for years and even to Reno Installations. Our sick list: Peter Jensen had a stroke and was in hospital for a few days. He is now slowly getting back to work. We hope you will have a full and speedy recovery. Best wishes to

Suzie and his girls as well. Missed Palle Larsen at this meeting and hope you feel better soon.

By the time you read this our convention will be over and Reno hopes everyone had a wonderful time and safe travels. 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, annstowers@sbcglobal.net

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

Now we are all home from the convention, let me say that Ferndale/Fortuna did a great job. It was truly a fun convention. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it that way.

Laura #8 and Danneskjold # 17 will hold their meeting on May 10, at the home of Bente Ellis. Her phone is 408-224-4040, please call to let her know if you are coming.

We will begin with a coldbord lunch at noon, followed by our meeting and socializing. Please come to welcome home our delegates as well as our newest member Ron Nielsen.

NOTICE: There will be NO SOCIAL this month. Our next meeting will be June 14 at Doris'

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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 April 2, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" with 25 member present.

The Menu: Green Salad, Potato soup, pumpernickel bread. The Entree: Salmon, Rice, Vegetables. Dessert: Flan with Whip. Cream, all with Snaps, beer, and coffee. No snaps donation today - no birthdays.

Door Prize: \$20.00, won by Viggo Sørensen Congratulations!

The regular meeting started at 1 PM with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel and he introduced our visitors, his grandson Erland Kardel, Nice young man! Other visitors were: The Grand Secretaries Tim and Natalie Heer from Santa Cruz, CA. They were here due to visiting and attending Rebuild Annual Meeting 2014. Good to see you there.

Kate Nielsen read the Minutes from the previous meeting, were approved as read.

Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the Treasurer's report. To be filed for audit.

Bent Olsen is unable to attend the Convention April 10-12, 2014 to be held at Fortuna, CA. 20 miles from Eureka, CA due to business.

The Delegates to the Convention will be as follows: Hans Kardel, Jean Kardel (Alternate).

Donations from Dania, Hejls Minde # 23.

To Elverhøj Museum, in memory of: Hans Skytt \$100.00 and Elisabeth Jacobsen \$50.00

To Atterdag Care Center in Memory of: Olga Klibo \$100.00 and Kurt Høj \$50.00.

A medley of Danish and American songs took place between lunch and the general meeting, led by Erling Grumstrup.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 P.M. The next meeting will take place May 7, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit O' 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.

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

Call for reservations for BBQ Wayne Allen 805-937-4720

Wayne