



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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## Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog

### Grand Past Presidents

April 2015 Grand Past Presidents Final Report

As Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra and even Rod Stewart sang, "Thanks for the Memory."

As our term as Grand Presidents comes to an end, we would like to give our warmest thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you. There have been so many people who supported us along the way – we wish we had time to personally mention each of you by name!

Thank you Ydun No.10 and Valhalla No.11 for another outstanding convention and for all the you do for Dania and Dannebrog. (Better be careful – Fortuna may become the permanent convention location!)

Congratulations to Johanna Gade and Sena Marie Freeman on receiving the Member of the Year Awards. Your achievements are an inspiration to us! It was a pleasure to see both of you receive the recognition you deserve. Kudos, Johanna and Sena Marie on this outstanding accomplishment!

Thank you to all the Grand Officers who served with us. It was an honor to get to know you. We truly appreciated the way you stood by us and supported us.

Congratulations and good luck to the 2015-2016 Grand Officers! We know you will do an awesome job and represent Dania and Dannebrog with pride.

Johanna and Mary Esther – Thank you so much for your commitment of time and energy as our advisors. Your assistance, guidance and friendship was greatly appreciated.

We also want to thank our daughter, Jenny, for helping at the conventions, taking care of our pets while we traveled to installations and for just being a loving daughter!

Thank you again, every one, for supporting and celebrating with us over the years. Our time as Grand Officers were made extra special because we were able to share them with you – our friends. We will always hold our "Grand" year memories close to our hearts and hope to share good times and make more memories in the future.

Bob & Mary Jo Schall

Dania and Dannebrog Grand Past Presidents

### Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

The 2015 Dania/Dannebrog convention is now over and what a time we had. Kudos to the Ferndale and Sacramento lodges for a spectacular convention. Our new grand officers are all installed and John Scheuber is our new Grand Vice Marshal. James Olef Jensen was elected to complete John's term as Grand Trustee number Two and Mel Lundberg was elected to complete our trio of Grand Trustees.

The River Lodge in Fortuna was the site for most of the activities and I can't imagine a better facility for our convention. The good folks from CC Market in Rio Dell catered our dinners and the Grand President's reception.

The convention started with six for golf at Fortuna Golf and Country Club and while we all expected a very cold start, the day warmed up and a good time was had by all. The golfers enjoyed a fun outing followed by the winner buying lunch at the Eel River

### Grand Officers

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"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Mark Twain

Brewery. Then some of us were off to Ferndale for the Senior Assistance Fund meeting and then the host lodge's reception at Valhalla's Hall. The appetizers (it looked like a complete buffet to me) were great, the company enjoyable and the convention was off to a great start.

Friday's business meetings went smoothly with now Grand Past President Bob Schall at the helm. We did manage to beat a few dead horses to a pulp but much progress was made on some very contentious issues. Friday evening was completed with a fine buffet dinner and music with the Merv George Band. We all enjoyed them so much last year that we had to have them back. They did not disappoint.

Saturday morning we nearly finished our business and had our elections with no surprises. The installation went well with the fine drill team of Mary Esther Filiu and Lise Vanderbeck. My old

friend Bill Gilmore from Eureka provided the piano accompaniment for a very memorable afternoon. The Grand President's reception was a big hit with music from a trio of folk musicians and some home-made beers from the Grand President to go with the appetizers.

Our Saturday evening dinner was complete with far too much food, nearly 40 raffle prizes and music from the Roadmasters for **Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand President**

I thank all of our Convention 2015 attendees for traveling behind the "Redwood Curtain" for a second consecutive year to attend the Danish Societies' Dania and Dannebrog of California and Nevada annual convention. I would especially like to thank Carol McKibben of Ydun #10, Don Christensen of Valhalla #11, Mary Jo Schall of Luren #13, and Bob Schall of Hejmdal #4 for all of their hard work.

Many of us, men as well as women, attended a tour of 'Fire and Light', a company which uses recycled glass in making their own line of glassware, arranged by Mary Jo for Thursday afternoon. Some also visited a local jewelry-making company called 'Holly Yashi'. Both are located in Arcata, about a 45 minute drive north of Fortuna.

Friday evening's dance with Merv George produced a very special visitor on skates dressed in white with blinking lights. The ladies in particular were excited to see "Elvis" appear on the dance floor gyrating his hips in beat to 'Jailhouse Rock' and 'You're Nothing but a Hound Dog'. Later, "Elvis" agreed to having many pictures taken of him with his fans in the Sunny Nights Photobooth (check

### **Grand Lodge Secretary**

#### **IN MEMORIAM:**

Hans Andersen, Sønderjylland #10, Petaluma.

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Alex Lund, Danmark #2, San Francisco

#### **MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **DIANA SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### **TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:**

Bornholm #14

#### **TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:**

#### **TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:**

#### **DANIA/DANNEBROG SINIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

### **Branch Secretaries**

One of the questions that came up this year at Convention was "Did Grand Lodge receive enough donations to operate next year without additional donations?" The answer is no. Last year when it was decided that instead of raising or changing our Tax system, but support or activities with donations from the Branches, I still need to ask for donations. To get this started this year Danmark

### **Members of the Year**

Oh Wow, what an honor to be the Member of the Year for 2015, along with the other elite group Doris, Irene, Diane, Signe Ann and Mary Esther.

I would like to thank Dannebrog for choosing me. It is a great honor to be a part of this great lodge. Also, what an honor it is to be on my 50<sup>th</sup> year as well.

I would also like to thank my own lodge in Reno for all the love and support I have gotten over all these years.

dancing. The Grand Presidents presented Member of the Year plaques to two very deserving members, Johanne Gade for Dania and Sena Marie Freeman for Dannebrog. The party went on well past the Grand President's bedtime.

We are all looking forward to a big turnout in Reno for our first installation on May 1, 2015. Be there!

Thomas Martin, Grand President Dania

out the photos).

Sam McNeil, from the aforementioned trio of folk musicians at the Grand Presidents' reception, told about some of the instruments he plays, including the nikelharp and the Hardanger fiddle. Summers he can often be found in Sweden learning more about Scandinavian instruments and music.

Dannebrog's members applauded loudly when the nominating committee informed us of the proposed officers-elect for Grand Marshal and Grand Vice Marshal. We have broken new ground with the installation of Stuart O Mahler as Grand Marshal and Alan Filiu as Grand Vice Marshal. All are excited to have them join us! Our Grand Trustees are: Kathy Christensen, Elizabeth Jensen, and Colleen Heer Cave.

I'm looking forward to Tom's and my first installation on 1 May in Reno – and to the wonderful smørrebrød the Reno lodge always serves!

Med venlig hilsen –

Lynn Wachter, Grand President, Dannebrog

<b>Upcoming Conventions</b>		
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
<b>Upcoming Installations</b>		
Valdemar No 12. Dannevirke No. 9	May 1 2015 6:00 PM	Odd Fellows Hall Reno

#2 has offered a \$1,000.00 donation and to match any other Branch's donation of \$2,000.00. This challenge only applies to the first Branch to make such a donation and does not include a combination of Branches donating a total of \$2,000.00 between them. This is a very generous donation and a grand challenge, but please keep in mind that every amount your Lodge can donate is appreciated in any amount. Tim Heer

I love all, all of you. Also another tidbit, my adopted Dad, Norm Dalgaard, received his Dania Member of the Year in Ferndale. I know he was there in spirit.

Last but not least, Congratulations to Johanne Gade in receiving the Dania Member of the Year for 2015.

Love you all,  
Sena Marie

Dear Dania Members, I thought it was the supreme honor to have gone through the chairs and be elected Grand President, but the

### 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

So much good news to report for the past month. We have a new member, Alex Lund, a Dane from near Esberg, DK. He and his family now reside in San Jose. Alex has been to a couple of our meetings and he fits right in with everyone. President Tom Martin initiated him in the time-honored Dania tradition. Alex spoke of his pleasure in joining DANIA. Welcome, Alex. Danmark #2 had promised some years ago to have new DANIA lapel pins made and now we have them----and they are very nice. Alex joined all of our other newer members in accepting one of the new pins. Later in the month, I had the pleasure in presenting a pin to my brother and long-time member, Donald Gearhart, while I was in Omaha.

The pins all available to everyone at \$3.50 each. Branches can order for their members at the reduced price of \$2.50 each in quantities of 20 or more. Several members of Danmark #2 purchased 5 so that they might know where one is when needed--a good idea. We would be pleased to see all members wearing theirs frequently----who knows, it may lead to DANIA getting new members!

Now to the really great news of our own Tom Martin being installed as DANIA's Grand President---and what a celebration

#### 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)

#### Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday every month at Noon.; 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, [icheer0857@sbcglobal.net](mailto:icheer0857@sbcglobal.net)

Welcome Home Delegates and Congratulations to Colleen Heer Cave, our new Dannebrog Grand Trustee and Congratulations to Ferndale and Sacramento on another successful convention!

We've seen some interesting photos flying around the internet and now the members of Freja 6 and Dana 15 are looking forward to

#### 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)

May 9<sup>th</sup> will be our welcome home delegates meeting. We will gather at 6:00 for Mexican food to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, (a few days late). Thanks to Tracey Lamee for making the

#### 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 Susan Gauthier, [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra / Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)

We are back from another wonderful convention, hosted this year by Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 of Ferndale and Hejmdal #4 & Luren #13 of Sacramento. A good time was had by all!

Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, May 14 when we celebrate several of our members who will be receiving their 50 year pins. We will also welcome back our

#### 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 held their second 2015 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, April 18. We had cool spring

ultimate, is receiving Member of the Year. So many others are more deserving. Thank you again. Johanne Rasmussen Gade.

we had at Ferndale with the fresh brewery beer, champagne and food treats without end. *Til lykke* to Tom and Lynn and may they have a very successful year. And a very special thank you to Bob and Mary Jo for a highly successful term----they did a tremendous job. And, we cannot forget nor can we ever thank the fine folks of Ferndale enough for a spectacular convention. Who will ever be able to forget Elvis himself on roller skates? Wow, what a show! Thank you Ferndale again and again.

At our last meeting, we were relegated to a basement room of the Odd Fellow Building. Inasmuch as we were without kitchen facilities, we ordered pizza---what a hit that was! We left totally full of pizza, beer and Akvavit; there was only a single piece left over.

We start gathering about 6:30 for a beverage and a social hour followed by a brief meeting. Then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. The next meeting is *Onsdag*, May 13. This is our Welcome Home Party to celebrate a spectacular Convention. As I write this, I'm not certain what the menu will be but it will be great. Guests are always welcome. We hope to see many of you there.

*Med venlig hilsen*, Roger Gearhart, Secretary

hearing all about it over a Pot Luck Lunch on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon at the Masonic Hall in Salinas. Please come, join the fun, and bring your favorite dish/pot of "Anything" and let's see how lucky we get. And so what if everyone brings cookies? hey - we can always order in a pizza, no problem . . . JHG

arrangements and picking up the food. Sounds like we might need a few Corona's to go along with it. The meeting is to follow shortly after dinner, hope to see you there. KRT

delegates from the convention and our newest grand officers from Valborg #1. We'll gather at 6:00 pm for liquid refreshments.

Dinner will be provided by Valborg #1 at 6:30 pm. Meeting will be held at 7:30. Visitors are always welcome!

We look forward to seeing you then! Susan Gauthier, President

weather, the Kastanje, (Horse Chestnut), leaves were fully developed and it was just warm enough to have our meeting

outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 16 Members and 1 Guest!

The lunch consisted of tender BBQ Baby-Back Ribs prepared by Lori Hamm, Jeannie Kjaer provided Potato Salad and Sabrina Wilcox provided garlic Toast. We also enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Thank you to those who provided these wonderful dishes and cakes.

The business meeting was opened at 12:30 by Vice President Jim Hollingshead.

The minutes from the March 2015 meeting were presented and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Vibeke Petersen-Jensen and was accepted as read. There were three free guests at the March meeting. The rent check for Kastania Fællid was mailed and cashed and Dania Semi Annual Dues and Insurance were mailed.

Sick report: Finn Kjaer had spoken to Svend Baekgaard and reported that Svend was sick.

Correspondence: President Eric Fields submitted a letter of resignation effective immediately. Several other communications were read and filed.

Unfinished business: None reported.

New business: Nomination of President to serve remainder of Eric Fields term. Vice President Jim Hollingshead was nominated and elected by acclamation. Nomination of Vice President to serve

### ***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)

I hope everyone had a wonderful convention, we sure enjoyed co-hosting it with Sacramento lodges. If you want to see the photos from the photo both here is the link.

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.818539828242408.1073741862.398319846931077&type=1&l=fd07f5f242> share the

photos if you want.

### ***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)**

Wow, what a wonderful fest for our April Easter potluck on April 3. There was lots of excellent hors d'oeuvres, meats, salads, and desserts. A ham was cooked by Anette and a wonderful leg of lamb were baked by Lars Jensen. If you left hungry - it was your own fault! The evening started off with our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth performance. Yes, Reno still has talent! Elisabeth Hermansen performed on piano "Take 5" by Paul Desmond; Nikolas Powers sang "Light" by Journey; Xander Borg played the Ukulele and sang "Let it be" by the Beatles; Nikolas Powers played the piano "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven; Elisabeth Hermansen played the violin "Concerto in a Minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement, Op3, #6" by Vivaldi. Our heartfelt thanks to Ingrid Hedman for a wonderful job in getting this put together. Thank you, again!

Our meeting opened in its usual fashion at 9:20 pm, election of officers was held. Not too much to report in changes. The officers for Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 for the 2015-2016 year are: Ann-Katherine Sawyer Past President, Anette Christensen President, Baxter Swaffer Vice President, Jim Myers Financial Secretary, Sena Marie Freeman Secretary, Carl Christiansen and Ina Segesman Treasurers, Nina Sawyer Marshal, Erik Jensen Vice Marshal, Trustees Jens Christiansen, Ingrid Hedman and Helen Christiansen, Auditors Lars Jensen, Janet Pulsipher and Palle Larsen.

Once we had our officers in place, we discussed the final arrangements for our installation of officers on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We start

remainder of Jim Hollingshead's term. Karen Lysmer was nominated and elected by acclamation. New slate of officers is as follows: President, Jim Hollingshead, Vice-President, Karen Lysmer, Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen, Treasurer, Vibeke Jensen, Marshal, Sabrina Wilcox, Trustee #1, Lori Ham, Trustee #2, Birthe Sckerl, Auditor, Carol Saffro

Report from Dania Convention April 9 to 11, 2015. Delegates John Cruger-Hansen, Sabrina Wilcox and Jim Hollingshead gave report.

It was mentioned that Dania Lodge Danmark #2 has procured a number of new Dania pins for sale. It was requested that Sønderjylland #10 obtain about 20 of the new pins for Sønderjylland members and also some 25 and 50 year pins and Past President pins. Secretary John Cruger-Hansen will look into how to obtain such pins.

Member suspensions. Members Cody Hill and Maureen French were suspended for non-payment of dues. Several attempts to contact them went unanswered.

Moment of silence for deceased member Hans Andersen.

Next meeting is on May 9. Finn Kjaer and John Cruger-Hansen will provide BBQ Hamburgers and Hotdogs for the May meeting lunch. Jeannie Kjaer will provide Cole Slaw.

Debbie Cruger-Hansen won the \$20.00 April drawing. Congratulations. The May drawing will be for \$10.00.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

May 2 we will be holding a business meeting at 11:00 with lunch following at noon. Lunch is a potluck with Bingo after words for prizes. Members are asked to bring a potluck item to share and a gift for bingo. Our Grand's will be in Reno for installation.

Christian Nielsen

with cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm of open face sandwiches with installation of officers to follow. Dessert and coffee to close out the evening. The cost will be \$20.00. Please come and enjoy the evening.

Our sick list: Ann-Katherine is in the hospital after having a heart valve replaced on April 21. The doctors didn't think it would be wise for her to travel to the convention, therefore she was missed this year. Baxter Swaffar also had surgery on April 8. We all wish them well and pray for a speedy recovery! Right before our meeting was ready to close, Sena Marie received an application for membership to Valdemar #12, Dania from Ann-Katherine Sawyer. Yes, Ann-Katherine - welcome! She said that her dad would be proud to know she joined Valdemar #12.

Take Care, Sena Marie

We had quite the group from Reno at the convention, this year and I'm very proud to announce that Sena Marie Freeman was honored as Dannebrog's Member of the Year! This has been - and is quite the year for her. She will be receiving her 50 year membership pin at our May installation. If that is not enough - she also celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> year working for the Nugget. They had a celebration for her also. Sena Marie, we are very proud of you and thank you for all your hard work as secretary for the 40+ years! Congratulations to Johanne Gade for receiving Member of the year from Dania!

Thank you, Anette Christensen



## **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)

April 17 – “Welcome Home Delegates”. 21 members came for this party, “Danish Open Face” sandwiches hosted by Johanne Gade, Bente Ellis and Beth Mortensen. What a spread of delicious sandwiches these ladies served. They also included the traditional beer and Akvavit. We started at 6 PM and were not ready for the meeting until 7:30 PM.

The members congratulated Johanne Gade with the “Dania Member of the Year” award, and John Scheuber with the election to Grand Vice Marshal. Two Bornholm #14 members got a scholarship of \$600 each. They are Kendall Hoy and Ben Hoover. Congratulations.

Ben Hoover brought the video from Bornholm #14’s 120-year anniversary. It will be shown to the members at the next meeting. All the delegates gave their convention report, and many interesting things and observations came up. One that several delegates talked about was the fact that San Francisco Denmark #2 donated \$1000 to the Grand Lodge, and challenged all other

## **Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8**

**Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

**President:** Doris Skow [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com)

Laura # 8 and Danneskjold #17 will meet at noon on May 9 at Bente's for lunch. Please call to let her know if you are coming. The meeting will follow, and then we will have a social time.

## **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 monthly meeting and lunch at the Restaurant “Bit O' Denmark”, Solvang, April 1, 2015, with 19 members present.

The menu: Green salad, Fish filet with Tartar Sauce, potato salad. Dessert: 2 Aebleskiver with Raspberry Jam and Whip Cream with Coffee. Of course we had snaps and beer to help the fish swim. A delicious Lunch!

The snaps was donated by Kate Nielsen, who had a birthday in March, but had forgot the snaps. Thank you!

The door prize, \$20, was won by Lucille Wulff. Congratulations. Between lunch and the business meeting we sang a medley of Danish and American songs, led by Henning Sorensen. Erling Grumstrup was away on a trip. Thank you Henning!

We are always so glad to see our friends and members of Dania at our monthly meetings. Hi gang!!

Secretary, Marie Jaeger read the names of the officers present. Kate Nielsen, Recording Secretary, read the Minutes from the previous meeting. A correction was noted: I did not mention that the former meeting room from the previous owner was renamed to “Dania Hall”. The former owner was Rabobank, bought by Rene Kaerskov who renamed the building “The Copenhagen House”. The Minutes were approved with corrections. Bent Olsen informed us that the “Copenhagen House” bought by Rene Kaerskov, owner of the Danish newspaper “BIEN”, now will move “Bien’s” headquarter to the “Copenhagen House” in Solvang.

## **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

Santa Maria Lodge Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23 wish to invite all members of the Danish lodges and their guests to our 4th of July B-B-Q in Santa Maria. The B-B-Q is held in Waller park space # 5. Call Wayne Allen at 805-937 4720 or Darlene Iversen at 1 805-937-5014

beans, bread, meat, will be furnished, bring a dish to share if you want.

lodges to combined donate \$2000. If this challenge is met Denmark #2 would add another \$2000 donation to the Grand Lodge. This will give a total of \$5000 to the cash strapped Grand Lodge.

Bornholm #14 took this challenge up and donated \$1000 to the Grand Lodge during our meeting.

Other business: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Alvin Olsen won the attendance prize of \$50 which he donated to the Children’s Fund. Thank you Alvin.

We had a scare at our meeting. Elouise Degrendele got dizzy and we had to call 911. She was taken to the hospital where she stayed overnight for observation. We do not know what caused the dizziness, but we hope she is home and fine by now.

Our next meeting is May15. The Zoller’s and the Stower’s will host a tasting night. This is always fun. See you all there.

John

Eva Rasmussen is on the committee.

DWS

Agnes Larsen read the Treasurer’s report. To be filed for audit. The regular business meeting started at 1:15 PM with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel.

It was decided that the club donate \$200 to the Grand Lodge of Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund. (Formerly Old Age Fund)

President Hans Kardel and his wife Jean will be delegates from Hejls Minde #23, to the Dania Convention to be held April 9-10-11, 2015 at the River Lodge in Fortuna, CA, hosted by Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 and Hajmdal #4, Luren #13.

Our Delegates will bring Pastries from Olsen’s Bakery in Solvang. Hans attended the 2014 Convention and promised to bring 4 bottles of SNAPS to the 2015 Convention. This will be our donation to the 2015 Convention.

Poul Hanberg attended the meeting as an observer. Bent Olsen said he would sponsor Poul to become a member. So we may have an Initiation next month.

We finished the meeting by singing the Danish song: “Der er et yndigt land.”

The next regular business meeting and Lunch will be Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Restaurant “Bit O' Denmark”, Solvang, at 12 noon.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Kate Nielsen