



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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November 2016

Dannebrog Grand President

Now that our raisins bins have been hauled in to the Sun-maid packer, we are going forward into the fall/holiday season.

I attended the Bornholm picnic held at Peder and Doris Hoy's lovely home. There was a nice size group attending plus visitors from Denmark. I drove on up to the Sacramento area to visit my Sisters before coming back to attend Fresno's lodge meeting.

I attended the Past Grand President's luncheon hosted by Zena and Mel Lundberg, held at the Campo di Bocce in Livermore. There were 26 of the Past Grands and spouses attending. Kay Jensen accompanied me and it was nice to have someone to visit with on the drive up. I was glad to see Tom Martin up and getting around, doing well following his recent back surgery.

I've noticed many of our lodges are beginning to show the effects of our membership aging out, the attendances is getting smaller. We need to look at making changes within our lodges that will attract more Danes and non-Danes to want to become involved. I'm reminded of attending Santa Maria's 4th of July celebration, being so surprised at having 74 attending. I was told that the members will come out for something like this, but not for a lodge meeting.

Think about ways we can make our functions more inviting for our members and newcomers.

Martha Nielsen, Dannebrog's Grand President

Dania Grand President

Saturday, October 1, I drove to Orangevale to participate in the Sacramento Scandinavian Festival. I had been asked to be the Flag Bearer for Denmark. In Danish folk costume, with high hat and all, I proudly carried the flag to the stage followed by all other Scandinavian flags and finished with USA's Stars and Stripes. As each flag was carried up through the hall the respective national anthem was played, it was a very solemn moment, as all in the hall were standing and listening with right hand on the heart.

This year's festival was dedicated to Mary Jo Schall for all her contributions over the years. Bob Schall had managed to organize the Heimdal #4/ Luren #13 Altar cloth to be used as the Danish flag, which made it very special.

Next day it was off to Doris and Peder Hoy's place at Texas Road in Modesto for Bornholm's yearly BBQ. We started with aebleskiver and Bloody Marys and at noon John Scheuber cooked up a storm of hamburgers

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and hot dogs, all very good eating. We all sat in the Hoy garden house (Danmark's Haven) and enjoyed conversation with guests and members. By now all local secretaries should have received information on the work of the Ritual Committee, for an update of the installation ritual for the Dania-only branches. Please discuss it at your local meetings and come prepared to vote at the convention in April. I am looking forward to hearing from the Membership Committee (Carl, Jana, James) and to see the pamphlet/postcard that each branch can distribute to prospective new members. There are two ladies on my street I would like to participate in Dania /Dannebrog, but I need something I can invite them with. Looking forward to local meetings in November. By Grand President Dania Steen Skjellerup

Of Special Interest

I have been told that with the tickets sales being slow it has been making Jackie just sick, but we can all make her feel better by remembering that the tickets make a good Stocking stuffer at Christmas. How about hiding the luck winning ticket under a plate when your family is gathering around a table at Thanksgiving? I hope you passed them out

instead of Candy during Halloween. OK that last one may be just a little over the top and too much to ask for, but there is only one good reason to buy a ticket and that is to help build the Dania/Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund. Thank you for your support, Diane Reinstein-co chair

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Mabel Brix, Laura No. 8, San Jose.
Ella Jessen, Dana No.15, Salinas.
Anker Juel Nielsen, Hejls Minde No. 23, Solvang.

DIANA MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Doris Skow in memory of Mabel Brix and Ella Jessen
Thomas and Elaine Hansen in memory of Mabel Brix
JR and Shirley Lincoln in memory of Mabel Brix
Lis and Bob Lacey in memory of Mabel Brix
Maud Hansen in memory of Mabel Brix
Ron and Lori Saxon in memory of Mabel Brix
Jeffrey and Terri Vore in memory of Mabel Brix
Johanne Gade in memory of Mabel Brix and George Whitehouse
John and Marge Scheuber in memory of Shirley Denning
Ole M Pedersen in memory of Ella Jessen

Dannebrog Secretary's

Doris Skow will be attending the convention in San Francisco and would like all secretaries and members to bring items for the Dannebrog history table. Last year we squeezed by with 1 table but hope to have even more items this year. Pictures, badges, news articles, etc.

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 209-329-3687 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

We enjoyed our Oktoberfest. James Olef Jensen presented us with great brats with all the trimmings. Of course, there were great appetizers and desserts. It all went well with beer and Akvavit, as always. And the singing was also very good. Truly, a great time was had by all.

Our November meeting with feature nominations for officers for the next year.

Kaj and the Gearharts promise that something will be filling the table. It may well be a surprise, Our next meeting will be November 9. Guests are always most welcome. We hope to see you there. Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary, ragearthart@comcast.net, 209-329-3687

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

Upcoming Conventions		
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 6-8 2017	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 19-21, 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Upcoming Installations		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	February 4 2017	Spike & Rail Selma

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at Noon; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904

Secretary, Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

Ok, the Trick'r treaters have retreated and now the Fall season has officially begun!

At the beginning of the month Dana and Freja enjoyed a perfect sunny Fall afternoon BBQ.

We were thrilled to have Ron Nielsen come down to Salinas and join us, and also our member Liz Schmidt's brother Jes Bonde visiting from Denmark was able to attend and treated us to the most wonderful Danish salt he'd brought from "home". The food was delicious and the beer nice and cold. It's become our "tradition" to have our meetings informally over coffee and dessert, guess we should think about making some changes to our Bylaws to make it legal. Don't tell anyone, but we're tossing around the idea of hosting Convention 2020, and the first item on the list is "HOW?"

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

We will be meeting at the same time, same place, Saturday, November 12, 4:00, IOOF Hall. We are checking different places out for our meetings, but haven't succeeded yet.

Parking is a big issue here in the happening town of Livermore, the time change has made no difference. We will once again be deciding on an installation, and making plans for the Christmas party. Mark December 10 on your

Our membership roster is pretty short now, and 2020 is still a ways away. Ole Pedersen suggested we reach out to the young folks in the community and get them involved - lots of possibilities with that line of thinking - new interests - new members - a new direction??? hmmm . . .

We're going to take it easy for a couple of months - skipping a Christmas party and saving our efforts and energy for a Happy New Year's Party! Please think about joining us and mark your calendars for Sunday, January 8th. 2017.

We'll have more details next month, but if you've been hearing stories about Tim and Nat's delicious "Flæskesteg med svær" then it's time you came over and tasted it for yourself! Jhg

calendar, for Frikadeller and all the fixings, and a good ol' game of bingo or 2. Stand by for more details in the December newsletter.

We are happy to say that Ken Thomsen is home after having back surgery.

Happy Thanksgiving (and don't forget to actually be thankful) see you soon. KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

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

President, Stuart O. Mahler, smahler52@att.net ; #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

Valborg and Thyra had a nice turn out of members at our October meeting, Thursday October 14, 2016 7:30PM at Roundtable Pizza on Redwood Rd. in Castro Valley.

Some of our members have managed to sell and purchase tickets to Dannebrog's fundraising efforts in support of the Senior Assistance Fund. The prize value is \$2000.00+, so get your tickets. Prize is a week in Cabo San Lucas including the all inclusive fee for two. The fee covers all your meals and drinks for the week!

Mark your calendar for our annual Holiday Party on Saturday December 17, 2016 at Greg Gleeson's residence in Castro Valley. It will be a potluck as in previous years. We will also participate in the Toy Drive for the Salvation

Army...so bring some toys! Thank you George Cumming for making the toy drive possible for deserving young kids! Congratulations to Rowland "Mac" McNeil(sen) for winning Valborg's attendance drawing. Wayne Sorensen's number was drawn for Thyra's attendance drawing but he was not there, need to be present to win.

Happy October birthday's to Pauline Harvey and Lindsey Mirkovich. Also, Happy 43rd wedding anniversary to Signe Ann and Rowland "Mac" McNeil(sen)! Laura Filiau was appointed one of the Deputy Grand Matron's for the State of California for Eastern Star, congratulations.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Thursday November 10, 2016 at 7:30PM!

The HAWK

Sonderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma

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

Saturday, October 8th. We had great weather to enjoy our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 8 Members and two guests.

The lunch consisted of wonderful Cioppino, prepared excellently by Margaret Mayes....It consisted of three different crab meat, mussels, scallops, and Salmon, with a delicious wine base sauce. Carrot Salad (Vibeke Jensen), Chinese Salad (Inge Andersen), Green Salad (Grace Gustofson), and Sourdough Bread (Lavon Christensen)

rounded out a beautiful luncheon! Cheesecake (Grace Gustofson) and Cookies (Lavon Christian) topped it all off. We also enjoyed appetizers provided by Finn Kjaer, and another volunteer I did not remember. (So sorry) Thank you to those who provided these wonderful dishes!

Our Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen, and all of his family could not attend the meeting, as his Mother-in-Law passed away in Texas. All members extend heartfelt sympathy to them.

Sick Report: Sabrina Wilcox is down with Pneumonia following her Hawaii Trip. Holger Jorgensen still recovering from an operation.

Our Delegates for the 2017 convention in San Francisco are #1 - Vibeke Jensen, Delegate #2 - Margaret Mayes, and Alternate Delegate - Inge Andersen.

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

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

I understand we had a wonderful October fest party. Lots of food, with 30 in attendance. Good meeting as well.

November 4th will be our Thanksgiving potluck. Lars Jensen will do his famous turkey in 1 hour and 30 mins. So, so good. There was final preparations for our Christmas party first Friday in December. We are doing this different this year, each member can bring 1 guest. Email Lars Jensen at ljensen@tmcc.edu with the amount of members and guest coming and if any children and their ages. Lars will Email you back with the total amount you owe, also whether they are members or not. The cost will be \$20.00 for non-members and \$15.00 for members \$5.00 for children 12 to 5 and 4 and under free. Make checks to Dannevirke # 9, all by November 20th. We also had a visitor to our meeting Daniel Joensen, Dania's Grand Vice President. He brought his homemade snaps. I heard he handed out his receipt for it. Sorry I missed two meetings, I promise I won't do that again. The Nugget has had two great business months,

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

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

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

The members of Laura #8/ Danneskjold #17 will meet for lunch at 12 noon on November 12 at the Lacey's, 101 Calle Marguerita, Los Gatos, 95030. Their phone is 408-379-0844. Lis will be preparing the lunch so please call her by November 8, to let her know if you are coming.

There will be a short meeting following lunch, this will be followed by a social time. I want to thank Britta Lange for the nice day we had at her home at the last meeting.

We welcome our new members Kim Nielsen Giacinto, Laila Solyst and Carol Bassoni into our lodge. On Nov. 12 we expect to initiate Renae Nielsen Fish into our group. All

Membership drawing: Caroline Cruger-Hansen name was drawn, however she was absent, so the next drawing will be for \$20.00.

Our next meeting will be in December, and we will be letting you know as to time and place.

Remember access to Kastania Road has changed and is only available from the off-ramp to Petaluma Blvd South, both North and Southbound directions on Hwy 101.

September and October were great. Lots of overtime. Now it is time for me to relax for a while. Anette also asked me to put in the newsletter that any member that wishes to help set up the Christmas party December 2nd to come at 2 pm. Thank you. November 4th Anette, Lisa, Glenn (son and daughter) and 2 grandchildren age 7 and 1 will be in Denmark for Anette's parents 60th wedding anniversary. We wish them a safe trip and an enjoyable time. We will miss you, but we will hold down the fort. Last I would like to add a BIG thank you to Mel and Zena for the great luncheon for the Past Grand Presidents October 15th. Anette, Ina and I had a wonderful time. Lots of rain both ways, but no problems driving. Thank you Anette for driving. Sure missed Ann-katherine, our sympathy goes out to her in the loss of her best friend, and Nina's God mother Missed you CUZ. See you in November and take Care. Sena Marie.

four of our new members are 100% danish gals. We are so glad to have these new members and hope that they will be able to attend often.

Our best wishes for speedy recoveries go out to Ellen Jensen and Phyllis and Chuck Allman. I am glad to report that Ellen is now home from the hospital. I also extend the thanks of the Brix family to those who were able to attend the beautiful celebration of life for our dear Mabel.

Hope all had a safe and sane Halloween.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary, Marie Jaeger

We held our meeting and Lunch at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark", with 16 members in attendance.

We welcomed a guest Finn Gundee. We hope to see him again sometime soon.

We had a delicious Lunch: Fish fillet and potato salad.

Pumpnickel bread and dessert.

The following members brought in snaps: Kate Krake Nielsen, Aria Høj, Jean Kardel, Agnes Larsen, Judith Thompson. Thank You, Thank you!!

The door Prize was won by Marie Jaeger. \$20.00

Congratulation.

A moment of silence was held for Anker Juel Nielsen, who passed away September 13, following a fall. Rest in Peace!

During Lunch we sang a medley of Danish/American songs, led us by Erling Grumstrup. Thank You!

The business meeting was called to order by President Hans Kardel.

The secretary, Marie Jaeger, read the roll call of officers present, and also the correspondence.

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

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" Solvang at 12 noon. Hope to see you there! Kate Krake Nielsen.

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.

Holger Danske Secretary, Wayne A. Allen; Valkyrien Secretary, Darlene Iversen