



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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## Grand Lodge Dania

### Message from the Grand President

On behalf of Dania's Grand Lodge officers and members we extend our sympathy on the loss of Past Grand President John Champagne, and sincere condolences to Anni.

Come November, Zena and I will be visiting Hejls Minde, Thor, Thora and Sønderjylland Lodges. Wishing everyone a festive Thanksgiving  
Mel Lundberg, Grand President, Dania.

## Grand Lodge Dannebrog

### Message from the Grand President

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. I wish all officers and members a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Since my last message, we've enjoyed a lovely dinner in Ferndale with fellow members of Valhalla and Ydun Lodges. Looking forward to getting together with members in Solvang, Fresno and Petaluma, as well as Freja and Dana Lodges' Christmas celebration in Salinas.

Zena Lundberg Grand President, Dannebrog

### Upcoming Conventions

Valhalla No. 11 and Ydun No. 10	River Lodge in Fortuna CA April 10-12 2014
Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 & Hajmdal #4, Luren#13	River Lodge in Fortuna CA April 9-11 2015
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018

### Upcoming Installations

Thor #5 Thora #11	February 1, 2014	Stay tune
Danneskjold #17 Laura #8	February 8, 2014	Stay tune
Dannevang #7 Danebod #16	February 8, 2014	After the installation in San Jose

## Grand Lodge Secretary

### IN MEMORIAM:

PGP John Champagne; Bornholm #14

Mable Olsen; Bornholm #14

### NEW MEMBERS:

### MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP and DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

Thor#5's Door prize from Carl Jensen

### CONTRIBUTION TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

Irene Simms in memory of PGP John Champagne

Irene Simms in memory of PGP Art Reinstein

### Grand Officers

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### CONTRIBUTION TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP: CONTRIBUTION TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND:

John Scheuber in memory of PGP Svend Christian John Scheuber in memory of PGP John Champagne Bornholm #14 in memory of PGP Svend Christian Bornholm #14 in memory of PGP John Champagne Bornholm #14 in memory of Mable Olsen

Thank you to all of the Members and Branches who have made donations to the Dania/Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund, for this fund is running low on the much needed funds to keep our commitment to those members in need. At the same time both Grand Lodges General Funds are also running low. If your Lodge is able to make a donation, this may be a good time to share with these three worthwhile funds so that they will be able to continue to meet our financial responsibilities. Some of our Scholarship programs are funded by our General Fund

which is a large drain on both Grand Lodges Funds. At the same time they are very important to our organizations. As we go into this New Year, please remember the important mission of Dania and Dannebrog. Thank You Tim Heer Grand Secretary.

### **Danish Campers**

Just as predicted, we did have a sunny fun filled weekend at Marble Quarry RV Park. We were a small, but enthusiastic group including, in alphabetical order, the Brouillettes/Gleesons, the Mahlers, McNeils, Rhodes, and the Schalls with Johanne and Doris. Friday evening Johanne's friend and former Hershey's co-worker, John Etheridge joined us around the campfire. He brought

### **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**  
**Secretary Roger Gearhart E-mail [ragearhart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearhart@comcast.net)**

We welcomed back President John Jensen. He announced the sad news of the passing of Past President John Champagne and a moment of silence was had in his memory.

We had several guests. Daniel Joensen introduced his mother, Bjørg Joensen. and his aunt and uncle. Poul and Elsebeth Eriksen, all visiting from DK. We also had visitors from Santa Maria, Carlyn and Janet Jensen. They are members of Holger Dansk #27 and Valkyrien #23, now living in Berkeley. They spoke of being pleased to be at our meeting, so different than the informal gatherings in Santa Maria. Poul Eriksen also spoke and mentioned that, although the Dania motto is "Not for Pleasure Only", we all seemed to be having a great time (very true). It was good to have visitors and we hope they will return.

We greatly enjoyed our annual Oktoberfest med *bratwurst, sauerkraut, kartoffelsalat, sennep, brød og*

#### **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. American Legion Post 509 Club, 3509 N. first Street, Fresno.**  
**Secretary: Christie Pettitt [poppatango@msn.com](mailto:poppatango@msn.com) Gail Hansen [dickgailh@aol.com](mailto:dickgailh@aol.com)**

Thor #5 and Thora #11 members enjoyed a Mexican dinner hosted by Lona Taylor and Hana Dykes at our Oct. meeting. Betty Green continues to improve after her surgery. We were also glad to see Miriam Eskelsen, Nancy Willis, Peter Hansen, and Cecilia Pedersen in attendance. Carl Jensen won the Men's drawing and is donating his winnings to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund. Our new officers for next year are the following:  
Past President - Sharon Andersen; President - Martha

snacks and wine and beer to share. We liked him immediately! Saturday we walked into historic Columbia to check out the shopping and the Annual Poison Oak Show. I hate to say it, but you probably had to be a regular at Bixel Brewery to truly appreciate the show. The entries were "interesting." I'm sure an ample sampling of Bixel Brew makes the entries more "interesting." But, the shopping was good in town. My favorite, of course, was the rummage sale at the Native Daughters Hall. We ended the day with a delicious potluck dinner and a toast to good friends. Skaal!

Watch for news of our next campout sometime in the spring. Until then, Happy Holidays and Happy Trails. Pat and Greg

*smør, leverpostej, mange oste, salami, og flere desserter med kaffe.* John Jensen was in charge and it was great. Many pitched in to help set up and to clean up---thanks for the effort. Tom Borck and Cliff Gade missed out on the attendance prize. The President appointed a committee to select Danmark's Member of the Year Award. Our Christmas luncheon is set for December 14 at the Grosvenor Hotel. Next month we will be nominating officers and delegates.

Our next meeting is **Onsdag, November 13**. We start gathering at **6:30 PM** with a beverage, then a brief meeting at **7:30**, and finally, we sit down for the serious business of having a good time. Kaj, Anne, Henrik, and Roger will be treating and celebrating their birthdays. We hope to see you there.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary

## **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, [icheer0857@sbcglobal.net](mailto:icheer0857@sbcglobal.net)**

Happy Fall everyone! Many of our members enjoyed Rebuild's Oktoberfest on October 5th among the Santa Cruz redwoods in historic Paradise Park. We decided not to have our regular meeting that weekend so as not to over schedule ourselves, many members of Freja and Dana are also active members in Rebuild, and some of us enjoy going along for the ride as guests.

We will be meeting at the Masonic Hall for our November meeting on Sunday, November 3rd, at 4pm to kick off the holiday season, WHAT? Holidays? How is that possible? This year our Thanksgiving Feast will be a potluck, Judi will be bring the turkey, and members are requested to bring a side dish, and Jana will have contacted you so that this isn't the first you've heard of it ! Happy Thanksgiving everyone! JEG

## **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.**

**Secretary: Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com)**

**Secretary Viola Jensen**

Happy autumn everyone. First off we need to congratulate Bob & Tracey Lamee on the birth of their new granddaughter, Samantha, and Nathan & Carol Lamee on the birth of their new granddaughter, Breelan. Eight of us enjoyed a brief meeting in September with roasted chicken, salad and French bread. Jackie Nielsen was the happy winner of the attendance prize. No members reported sick for

cheer committee which is always a relief. Of course we had to play a round of hands and foot afterwards to close out the night. Our next meeting will be October 12, starting with a baked potato and chili pot luck. Congratulations to Ken Thomsen on his upcoming birthday in October. Stay well and happy, 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.**

**Secretary: Greg Gleeson [gag1234@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gag1234@sbcglobal.net)**

**Secretary Mary Vieregge.**

At our meeting in September, Lise Vanderbeck and Mary Esther Filiau provided the refreshments. In October, Pat Brouillette and Beth Cowan provided refreshments after the meeting. A big thank you to both committees. I truly appreciate your support!

November will be the first nomination of officers for the next term, so if you're interested in holding an office, please let us know. Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Valborg and Thyra will not be meeting on December 12, but we will celebrate the Holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and snacks, with

dinner around 7 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share – appetizers, salads, hot or cold side dishes, or desserts. The cost is just \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 14 at 510-278-9430, or [pab0718@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pab0718@sbcglobal.net). We hope you'll join us! Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiau, Presidents

Note from Hayward Treasurers: Remember, dues are due for the coming year. Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, should 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, should be mailed to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia 94510. SG

## **Sønderjylland No. 10**

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

**Caroline Cruger-Hansen, Secretary, [c.p.cruiger-hansen@comcast.net](mailto:c.p.cruiger-hansen@comcast.net)**

Sønderjylland held our regular meeting on Saturday, October 12th, and welcomed an attendance of 18 Members and Guests!

We enjoyed hors d'ovres and desserts brought by Finn Kjaer, Svend & Birthe Baekgaard, and Carol Saffro. The lunch consisted of wonderful Honey Baked Ham & Smoked Turkey (Knud & Vibeke Jensen) and potato salad (Holger Jorgensen), with an additional Macaroni Salad (Gus & Birthe Sckerl). Dessert (Grace Gustofson, and Lavon Christiansen.

The meeting was opened at 12:30 by Vice President Jim Hollingshead. We missed Erik Field, who was on a

hunting trip, John & Debra Cruger-Hansen visiting Denmark, and Caroline Cruger-Hansen with work obligations. The Christmas and Valentine's Day lunches were discussed and tabled until Erik Field's return.. Grace Gustofson & Jeannie Kjaer graciously offered \$250 in donations for the Christmas Party cost. Preferred date for the Christmas lunch is December 8 and the Valentine's Day lunch is February 16.

Members voted to send \$50.00 to the Dania Scholarship Fund on behalf of John Champagne, who passed away. We send many get well wishes to Karen Lysmer, who underwent Shoulder surgery.

Jim Larsen won the Member Pot for \$20.00, which he then donated to the Christmas Party cost. Many thanks, Jim! The drawing will revert to \$10.00 next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

The next meeting will be on Saturday October 12 at Kastania Fælled...Finn Kjaer will be providing his wonderful Frikadelle.

Respectfully, Caroline Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

By Jeannie Kjaer

### **Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10**

**Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at noon, Danish Hall; Ferndale, CA 95536.

**Secretary Christian Nielsen E-mail** [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)

October we had a small gathering, but a wonderful time celebrating fall by dining at the Ivanhoe. Our November 2nd meeting we will start with brunch being served at 10:00 with a meeting following around 11:30. December 7th we will celebrate a Danish Christmas. **Marji Smith** and crew have once again volunteered to serve up lunch at 11:30. Our meeting will start at 10:00. January 4 we will be

holding our annual Crab and Spaghetti Feed, reservations are a must. Cost is \$20 - menu is crab, spaghetti, green salad, bread, coffee or tea. Contact our local secretary for more information.

Fraternally Yours, 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 Anette Christensen,** [achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu](mailto:achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu)

October 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our annual Oktoberfest potluck and it was so, so good. We had so much good food and desserts. We were all so stuffed after a great evening. We had a great meeting with lots of things going on. First of all we welcomed a new member to Dannevirke #9. A big welcome to Glenn Fritz. Yes, we said Glenn, what a nice addition to our group. Welcome!

Then we went into the unfinished business of our Christmas Party!

As usual we celebrate Christmas the first Friday in December, which is December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

We start at 6:00 pm with Glögg and Æbleskivers; – 6:30 pm St. Lucia Performance; – 7:00 pm traditional Danish Smørrebrød; – then raffle with great prizes.

After dinner we will sing and dance around the Christmas tree. Our “Nisseman”, Steven Myers, will arrive and hand out gifts to the children. (Please bring a wrapped present with their name on for each of your children)

NEW price structure this year: Members only pay \$15.00 and includes Grand Lodge members.

Adults: \$20.00 per person

**Adults, Members only:** \$15.00 per person

Children: \$ 5.00 per child 4 – 12 years old  
3 years and under free, incl. all St. Lucia Performers.

You **must R.S.V.P.** and pre-pay by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mail checks with list of names of attendees including names of “free children” to Ina Segesman, 1027 Tyler Way, Sparks, NV 89431. 775-358-7870.

Again this year, we are blessed with Ingrid Hedman's leadership of the Lucia performers. If you have children or grandchildren that would like to participate, please call Ingrid. 775-972-4251. Some boys may not want to be part of Lucia, but they can still participate by being elves. We have accessories for them.

Questions: call or email Anette 775-771-5424

[achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu](mailto:achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu)

Other news will be our Thanksgiving potluck at our November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The lodge will supply the turkey that Lars Jensen will cook for us and members will bring other food items to fit around the turkey.

On our sick list we understand that Pete and Ruth Olsen haven't been feeling well, but are better and we are hoping to see them at our Christmas Party. Palle has aches and pains, but is here tonight and it is always nice to see him. We miss Erik and Margaret Hansen. We hope they are doing well and hope to see them at our Christmas Party as well. Nina Sawyer had surgery October 9<sup>th</sup>. Still some more to come, but her spirits are great and doing pretty well. We wish everyone well and a speedy recovery.

We had 2 guests here tonight, Jack and Vickie. Vickie is Norwegian decent and we hope to see them again. As I was finishing this letter I received a phone call that John Champagne had passed away. Our heartfelt sympathy to the Champagne family from all of us in Reno. Have a great month and take care,  
Sena Marie

### **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**

22 members and one guest attended our October 18 meeting. The guest was Bodil Whitehouse's friend Hanne from Denmark. She was our guest at our September meeting as well.

We started at 6 PM with pulled pork sandwiches, sauerkraut, and October-fest beer. Everybody had a good time, and we did not get to our meeting until after 7 PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The membership drawing of \$50 went to Doris

Hoy. Doris donated the money to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank you.

Since our September meeting both Past Grand President John Champagne and longtime member Mabel Olsen have passed away, and we paid respect to them.

Members approved donations to the Dania Senior Assistant Fund in the name of Svend Christian, John Champagne and Mabel Olsen

Also approved was the Donation Committee's proposal for local organizations. In addition, members agreed to an extra donation of \$1000. The recipient will be decided by vote at our November meeting. The Beyer High School donation in the name of Chris Meeks remains. December 15 is the date for our Christmas Party at Jacob's Fine Dining. We do need a new Santa after the

passing of Graham Sorensen. We hope to accomplish this at our next meeting. Sign up for this event will also start in November.

Our next meeting is November 18. Bente Ellis will be hosting desert after the meeting, which starts at 7 PM. See you there, John

### **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)**

San Jose members will meet at Doris' on November 9, at noon. Doris will fix lunch. We will follow that with our Meeting, cards and dessert. Call 408-313-7235 to let me know if you are coming.

November 23<sup>ed</sup> will again be at Doris' please bring a potluck dish for lunch. Elaine Hensen will bring dessert.

Please come prepared to tell us about your history. Let's do something different.

Our greetings go to Merete and Lorraine who have not attended recently.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE. DWS

### **Hejls Minde No. 23**

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

**Secretary: Kurt Høj. E-mail [familyhoj@aol.com](mailto:familyhoj@aol.com)**

Dania Hejls Minde #23 held its regular meeting Wednesday, October 3, 2013 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" with 25 members present. We were so happy to see group of members from the Santa Maria Lodge – eight in all. Thank you for coming and thanks for the Halloween candy.

I would like to make a correction for the newest member of Santa Maria. His correct name is Bill Stoore. Sorry Bill! The Lunch Menu: Celery Soup, Pumpnickel bread, Codfish, Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Curry Gravy. (It would have been more Danish with mustard sauce). Dessert: a delicious Danish Apple cake. Yum, yum! Coffee. Of course we had beer and snaps to help the fish swim!! A delicious Lunch!!

Talking about snaps – what is the real story why we can't get Aalborg Aquavit anymore????

Agnes Larsen brought in one bottle of snaps, so did Darlene Iversen from Santa Maria. Les Leal from Santa Maria brought a Norwegian Snaps. Thank you all for fringing in the snaps.

Ove Andersen became an honorary member of Dania. Congratulations Ove, an honor well deserved.

In sick bay: Cora Vandecar feeling better. She is back in her own apartment.

Kurt Høj has been a patient in the Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara for a couple of weeks. He was in the Cottage Hospital Rehab Center. Monday, October 7, he was transferred to "Atterdag Care Center". It is a part of Atterdag Village of Solvang. Formerly named Solvang Lutheran Home. He had fallen at home and broken a couple of ribs. Due to his Dialysis he was unable to take pain medication. Kurt is down to weighing 126 lbs. His address at Atterdag Care Center: Kurt Høj, c/o "Atterdag Care Center, 636 Atterdag Rd., Solvang, CA 93463. Get well wishes to Kurt from Hejls Minde #23 and the Santa Maria Lodges!!!

We opened the business meeting at 1:10 pm with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel. We sang a medley of Danish and American songs between Lunch and the meeting, led by Erling Grumstrup, with his great voice. Thank you Erling.

We had no Secretary's report this month.

Our Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the Treasurer's report, and will be filed for audit.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 noon.

Hope to see you there! KK

### **Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23**

**Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information. Secretary: Wayne A. Allen Darlene Iversen,**