



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

September, What a month!

We started out with a nice trip to Ferndale for the installation of officers for Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10. As is always the case in Ferndale, we were treated to a wonderful event with hosted bar and appetizers from the friendly folks of CC Market. Nearly all of Ferndale's officers were present and we had the installation without a hitch. Dueling gavels ensued. With the new officers in place it was more beverages and then a fabulous dinner. Sunday morning brought us to the Fireman's park where once there were vicious softball games now replaced with bocce ball. A few ringers were brought in to hide the sand-baggers and I didn't win a game. A great time was had by all who attended. After the bocce ball, we all assembled at the Danish Hall (sounds great, doesn't it) for a BBQ lunch, again catered by our friends at CC Market.

After the BBQ, Gloria and I had the pleasure of attending a 75th birthday party for our friend Sandra Mesman. Sandra and her husband Marlin own the Pearly Gait in Ferndale. They owned and operated the Golden Gait Mercantile for over 40 years before selling last year. The event was a dinner in Eureka and then cake and ice cream at their home in Fortuna. I had the surprise of two of my cousins attending as well, one I hadn't seen in over 35 years. The following Saturday was a busy day...I attended the Rebuild BBQ at Arne Graversgaard's in Salinas and then raced to Livermore for their business meeting. The BBQ was a lot of fun, great food, good people and a wonderful setting. It is a bit of a haul from Hayward but Arne has a very nice place up in the canyon. The meeting in Livermore was a bit informal, but a small group makes it hard to use the big meeting room. There were open face sandwiches to try to stuff into my already stuffed belly and a few other goodies to go with it. One of the nice young ladies stepped up to fill Kathy Thomsen's shoes while she was out partying it up with her family. I'm happy to see the young people not just attending the meetings, but actively participating! They closed the meeting with a scrumptious looking desert that I was thankful had pecans. I'm allergic, but I had no place to put even one more bite. Nice folks there, I wish more were at the meeting.

I just returned from a 4 day camping trip to Sequoia National Park with 5 of my motorcycle club buddies. We were very concerned about the smoke from the fires, but it was not an issue at all. The fire kept us from going into the Kings Canyon area, but we found a lot of good riding, swimming, and company in the smoke-free Sequoia side of the park.

I returned home to some disappointing news, my brother Albert passed away this morning after a long battle with lymphoma. He has lived in Anchorage, Alaska for more than 25 years. I was quite lucky to visit him in July when his daughter got married. I'm looking forward to a busy first weekend in October. If all goes well, I will be in Reno on the 2nd, Sacramento on the 3rd and in Modesto for their picnic on the 4th. I encourage you all to come and join me at any or all of these events.

Ser frem til at se dig.

Tom Martin

Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand President

Labor Day weekend marks the traditional end of summer. In Ferndale, we celebrate by holding our Valhalla #11 / Ydun #10 installation. We thank those who made the journey to attend, especially since we've been asking you to

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drive the distance numerous times these past two years. The turn-out was smaller than usual, but those attending had a very good time with fabulous meals prepared by our favorite caterers, CC Market, reminiscing about installations of the

past, and playing bocce on Sunday before the picnic meal. I brought my own “gavel” since Tom and I each had gavels at Salinas (but his was 100+ years old with the head of an apple – I was envious!). I brought my family's walnut cracker – I have very fond memories of seeing my dad using the ball-pein hammer and Grandma's old handle less iron (they did the job)!! Stuart Mahler and John Scheuber were wonderful as the Grand Marshals – both of them for the first time. Stuart had previous commitments for the first two installations (with Alan Filiau very capably substituting); John filled in for Daniel. Congratulations to all of the installed officers, especially to Francis Sweet, who has volunteered to be the President. Thank you to the Sisterhood for graciously allowing us to use the wooden heart votive candle holders painted like the Dannebrog. And a special “thank you” to Steen for bravely helping me cover my faux pas (plural). For those of you in Ferndale who have been wondering about my comment to Steen, I

mistakenly introduced the husband (who was not present) of one of my Grand Officers in Salinas. Steen was sitting beside the officer and good-naturedly covered for me. “And that's the rest of the story!”

As I write this, autumn quickly approaches. The nights are cooler. The few deciduous trees here are beginning to show change. I prepare to take a drive – maybe I can be a “leaf peeper” in another part of the state (or the neighboring one). At any rate, we have a break throughout the fall and most of the winter from installations. Next is Fresno in February.

I send my condolences to the families and friends of two members of Valborg #1. I know the lodge will certainly miss Jonna Villadsen and Mary Cumming, daughter of Linda and George Cumming.

Med venlig hilsen,
Lynn Wachter, GP Dannebrog

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Mary Cumming; Valborg #1

NEW MEMBERS:

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP:

Valborg #1 in memory of LeRoy Vieregge

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Valborg #1 in memory of Jonna Villadsen

Valborg #1 in memory of Mary Cumming

Irene Simms in memory of Mary Cumming

Pat Brouillette & Greg Gleeson in memory of Jonna Villadsen

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

We are in need of donations to this fund

Branch Secretaries

Just a reminder to all of the branches the Dania/Dannebrog Senior Assistance is running low on donation. Right now we are helping those in need with \$1,000.00 a month so you can

see why I am asking for some donations to the fund. Thank you. Tim and Natalie Heer Grand Secretaries

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 ragearth@comcast.net Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

President Tom Martin opened the September meeting on time. We missed our Vice Marshal Anne Gearhart still busy with teaching. We were saddened and distressed to hear of the untimely passing of Mary Cumming. Our members offer our best wishes to the Cumming family.

We were delighted to have guests from Livermore: Diane Reinstein, Jackie Nielsen and Gregg De Martini. The President appointed committees for our Christmas Luncheon, for the 2017 Convention and for our Member-of-the-Year. There were no recent winners of the Attendance Prize----you have to be present to win.

There was no major business to conduct and the meeting was brief. Then we were treated to great feast of sandwiches from the Copenhagen Bakery by Tom Martin and James Olef Jensen. They were a great treat. Johanne added some great *hors d'ouvres* including *lever postej*. It all went very well *med et øl og en snaps*. And the singing, once again, was very nice. A great time was had by all.

We start gathering about 6:30 P.M. 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

Upcoming Conventions		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 15-16 2016	Clovis
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017	Stay Tune
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Upcoming Installations		

meeting is *Onsdag, Oktober 14*. Guests are always welcome.
We hope to see many of you there

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

Sept. 3rd. We will have Danish open faced sandwiches, CP
salads, and dessert provided by Nellie Envernizzi and
Christie Pettitt.

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

Hey waddaya know, it's October already! Time for our
Oktoberfest BBQ on Sunday the 4th. Hopefully there's still a little
Indian summer sunshine left to enjoy our patio at the Masonic
Hall, if not, and instead we get some much needed rainfall, we can
always escape to the inside - that's what's so great about the Hall,
we always have a plan B. Please let Tim'n Natalie know if you'd
like to come down to Salinas and join us, we'll start gathering at
noon and make sure there's enough meat on the fire, and beer in
the cooler! There will be a \$5.00 donation for all. So, for a good
time call - 831-426-4623 or click timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

We send a speedy recover to Mitra Pedersen after her
surgery. Inger continues to improve. Lis looked wonderful
at the latest Rebild BBQ at Arne Graversgaard's.
Please let us know of any of our members who need a card
or call.

Our sympathies are extended to Grand President Tom
Martin and his wife Gloria on the loss of his brother.
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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

The Livermore gang enjoyed open faced sandwiches
followed by a short meeting. We were honored to have
Grand President Tom Martin ride in on motorcycle and
attend our meeting. Most of the discussion was planning the
Christmas party which we will give out the details later on.
Two scholarships were awarded, one to Kindle Frederich
and one to Brandon Reinstein. Congratulations to you both
and study hard.

Get well wishes to Shirley Rambow who is going in for knee
surgery.

Bob Lamee was the happy winner (again) of the \$25.00
attendance prize.

Gregg, Diane and Jackie enjoyed a trip to San Francisco and
their meeting.

There will be no meeting in October due to officers being
out of town. 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. President Susan Gauthier ,
s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra / Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

It is with sadness that we report the passing of another
member, Mary Cumming passed away in August after a brief
illness.

We would like to extend sincerest sympathy to her parents,
George and Linda Cumming, and to her brother, Andrew
and his family. Mary will be missed!

Eric & Connie Jorgensen became grandparents for the first
time on 9/3 at 5:08 AM in Everett, WA. Their daughter Lise
delivered Margaret Esther Niggemyer, she was 8 lbs, 20
inches and bright pink at birth. Congratulations!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8 at
7:30 pm. We hope you can join us to discuss a change of
venue for future joint meetings. 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 September 2015 meeting at
Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, September 12. We
had cool weather, ideal to have our meeting outdoors. We
welcomed an attendance of 17 Members.

The lunch consisted of frikadeller prepared by Lavon
Christensen. We also enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres, side

dishes and desserts. Thank you to those who provided these
wonderful dishes and cakes.

The business meeting was opened at 12:35 by President Jim
Hollingshead.

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

The Treasurer's report was presented. We have no one to report on our sick list.

It was suggested we either return to the Flamingo Hotel as last year or the Oakmont Golf Club for our annual Christmas party. Birthe Seckerl and Karen Lysmer will research and report next meeting. Watch for more details next month.

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

September we held our installation of officers over Labor Day weekend. We had a wonderful turnout and lots of fun socializing and playing bocce. Many Grand Officers were in attendance representing the various lodges. We were grateful to receive an almost complete set of officers badges from the Grand Secretary Tim. We could not find the presidents emblem. If anyone has an extra president (double gavel) emblem, we would be interested in it. Like most of the local lodges, our sashes have given their all and need to be preserved as part of our history. It was interesting to find out from Steen Skjellerup that the word "afdeling" at the top of our membership badges translates to "department" like in a department of aid which relates to Dania being a sick benefit society. Although not a Danish word used today, it did bring us back to our roots and remind us that we need to remember why we really exist. September also is the month that Ferndale has a town wide yard sale (weekend after labor day). We had a yard sale fundraiser at the Danish

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

Boy, what a night! At 6:30 there was no food other than desserts. Then all of a sudden there were chicken salads, meatballs, casseroles and it turned out to be a heck of a fest. After dinner Anette had a short and sweet meeting. We took in 2 new members Alex Andreasen and Annette Lancaster (husband and wife). We welcomed them with open arms. We discussed what we were doing the rest of the year. October will be our Oktoberfest, November we will have our Thanksgiving potluck, Lars Jensen will do his famous turkey. So, so good. In November we will be giving 3 of our men members their 25 year pins, long overdue. They are Jim Myers, Paul Christensen and Pet Olsen. After the meeting we did desserts. We sang Happy Birthday to Anette (9-11) as we were singing we found out that our new member Anette Lancaster's birthday was September 5th. Happy birthday to you both. Remember the dates for our 2018 Convention are April 19 – 21st, 2018. It will be Valdemar's 125th Anniversary.

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

For Bornholm's September 18 meeting, only 14 members and no guests showed up, however that resulted in more

Membership drawing: Birthe Baekgaard was drawn and donated the \$10.00 back to Sønderjylland.

Note: the October 2015 meeting is cancelled. Next meeting is on Saturday November 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

Hall and even rented out a few tables. We got rid of a bunch of stuff and made some money as well. Thanks to all who helped by working the sale, cleaning up and just stopping buy to purchase a few things. Remember to get your "Old Age Fund" senior assistance fund applications in this month, it is part of why Dania exists...

October 3 we will be meeting at 5:00 in Fortuna at Hunan's BOOFet for dinner. Fortuna has their annual Fall Harvest Festival, hay rides, pumpkins, farmers market, craft booths and apple cider. Let me know if you are planning on attending (707) 499-3746.

November 7 Valhalla will be celebrating their anniversary with a dinner at Ivanhoe in Ferndale. Also let me know if you will be attending. December 5 we will be having a Danish Christmas at the Danish Hall and on January 9 we will be holding our annual Crab and Spaghetti Feed, all are welcome.

Fraternally yours, Christian Nielsen

We missed Ina and Debbie, they are in Denmark and Ingrid Hedman is in Sweden.

Glad to see Peter and Denise Briggs. It has been a while since we have seen you, Welcome.

Our sick list! Ann-katherine is doing well, Baxter is doing pretty well with his cancer treatments, and Palle is doing pretty well as well.

We want to send our love and sympathy to Linda and George Cumming with the loss of their daughter Mary. I know it is a great loss to the Hayward Lodge as well.

After the meeting and dessert, I left because of the Rib Cook Off. I had to be at work at 5 am. It was a really long week and lots of hours.

Thank you everyone for cleaning up.

Have a great month!

Take care,

Sena Marie

sandwiches and delicious Danish apple pie made by Bodil Whitehouse to the rest of us.

We started at 6 PM, and enjoyed the company and the food. President John Scheuber called the meeting at 7 PM. Ben Hoover purchased a new portable microphone-speaker system. It was used first time in this meeting, and it worked just great. We have two microphones to this system, so one can be passed around.

After roll call, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Kirsten Johansen won the attendance prize of \$50, which she donated to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank you Kirsten.

In sickbay, we have quite a few unfortunately.

Jim Jorgensen: The family is trying to move him & Shirley back into the Modesto area, so the family can better help Shirley out. Jim is tired all the time, sometimes nocturnal, loss of energy, tires easily when walking with walker, shortness of breath, difficulty concentrating.

Bob Sorensen: Bob has now no control of his legs, but he is still trying to renew his drivers license.

Elouise Degrendele: She has now moved to the assisted living Samaritan Village in Hughson, so we probably will not see her to any of our events.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

On Sept. 11 we held our social at the home of Ron Nielsen, in the Los Gatos/Santa Cruz mountains. It was a lovely afternoon although still very warm.

This was a day when we all sat around and visited and enjoyed the view and the company. There were 12 present and Ron set up a Koldbord on the kitchen island.

Phyllis brought Danish Kringle and homemade butter cookies.

Mabel Brix celebrated her 97th birthday on Sept. 24, We all wish you well.

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, resumed its first meeting after the summer "Black-Out", on September 2, 2015 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" in Solvang with 25 members present.

A special Lunch was prepared to welcome us back.

The Menu:

En sildeanretning with three different kinds of herring, 3 pieces of smørrebrød • Ham with Italian salad, 1 shrimp salad, 1 cheese. Potato salad, Apple cake for dessert, Beer, Snaps and coffee.

A delicious Lunch!

The snaps were donated by Jean Kardel and Svend Olesen. Thank You!

The door prize was won by Agnes Larsen. \$ 20.00
Congratulations!

Åse Laugesen: Still under Hospice care and now she is bedbound all the time.

Sunday October 4 is the time for our yearly BBQ picnic at Orange Blossom Park. Everything is ready, and we hope for perfect weather and many members & guests.

The yearly Fish dinner was discussed. Doris & Peder Hoy are going back to Denmark to celebrate Peder's mother's 100 years birthday in the beginning of March, the same time of the dinner. Without the Hoy family, there is simply nobody who can take on such a massive project, so we may have to skip 2016 or do something else later in the year. Stay tuned.

This year we will skip the members Theater trip, but still have a Christmas party and do donations.

Next meeting is October 16. We are celebrating Oktober Fest. Bodil Whitehouse and Kirsten & John Johansen are in charge. We start at 6 PM with Beer and Hot Dogs.

See you there. John

Erik and Lillian Soylst celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Sept.29. Congratulations.

On October 10 we will meet at the home of Britta Lange for a Pot-luck lunch, meeting and cards. Bente Ellis will serve dessert in the afternoon. Be sure to call Britta by Oct 8 to let her know if you can come or not. her number is 408-257-5637.

We send our thoughts to Eva Rasmussen and Lillian Soylst who have recently had surgeries.

DWS

Between Lunch and the business meeting we sang a medley of Danish and American songs, leading us Erling Grumstrup.

The regular business meeting started at 1:15pm with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel. .

We are always glad to welcome our members and friends from, Santa Maria. Hi Gang!

We opened the business meeting by singing "God Bless America." Secretary Marie Jaeger read the names of the officers present, Kate Krake Nielsen, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting. Approved as read. Agnes Larsen read the Treasuer's report. To be filed for audit.

In sick Bay. - ArIa Høj has been in and out of the hospital, but is now at home under the watchful eye of her son and a caregiver. I believe her trouble is with her stomach. We are

hoping you will soon be better and up and around. We miss you!

The Lodge had offered a scholarship in the amount of \$500

- It was won by a former Danish Maid Angelique Heron.

Congratulations.

We finished the meeting at 1:45 pm and closed the meeting by singing the Danish song: "Der et yndigt land". The next regular business meeting and Lunch will be held Wednesday, October 7, 2015. at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark", Solvang, at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

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