



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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September 2014

Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

August has proved to be a very busy month for us.

Saturday, August 2nd we traveled to Modesto. Bob installed the officers of Bornholm #4. Mary Jo enjoyed a very nice visit with her Aunt Phyllis Allman from Laura #8 in San Jose. Thank you Bob and Liz Lacey for bringing her!

We enjoyed another delicious lunch at Jacobs Fine Dining. We think their food gets better every year.

Marge Scheuber did an excellent job on the beautiful table decorations. They contained information about the history of the Danish Lodge.

Marge also did an awesome job with the raffle. Grand Past Presidents, Mel and Zena Lundberg sure were lucky!

Sunday, August 3rd, we traveled to Salinas for Freja #6 and Dana #5 joint installation.

The room was a great size for our Grand Marshals, Steen Skjellerup and Martha Nielsen to show off their floor work. They looked very professional and the installation went very smooth ... almost perfect!

The appetizers, lunch and dessert were tasty and the crepes were mouthwatering. The table decorations were very beautiful (thank you Heer ladies)! Thank you, also, for the decoration you gave us to keep as memory of our great time in Salinas.

Saturday, August 9th we traveled to Kastania Faelled in Petaluma. Bob had the honor of installing the officers of Sonderjylland #10.

A special thanks to Grand Vice Marshal Daniel Joensen, who served as my Grand Marshal in Steen's absence. Daniel did a fantastic job! We are sure Daniel Joensen and Pam Kjar will do great as next year's Grand Marshals.

Lunch was delicious----Danish open faced sandwiches and of course, Akvavit. Lots of nice gifts were raffled off. Luck continued to shine on Grand Past Presidents, Mel and Zena -- winning several of the raffle prizes.

Again, thank you to Bornholm #14, Freja #6, Dana #15, and Sonderjylland #10 for being such gracious hosts and treating us so royally. We look forward to visiting your lodges in the future.

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

NEW MEMBERS:

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

Danmark #2

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Hope to see a lot of you over Labor Day weekend in Ferndale.

Haber du har sikkert rejser. - Hope you have safe travels.

Bob & Mary Jo Schall
Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:
TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:
TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Branch Secretaries

At our last Convention it was pointed out that for the Grand Lodge to survive, in a manner that it is used to, more income was needed. Different methods of collecting per capita taxes were presented to the delegates to bring more funds into the Grand Lodge. These suggestions were rejected due to promises from some of the Lodges to make sizeable donations to the Grand Lodge. I would like to thank PGP Robert Sorensen, PGP Robert Lacey, GVP

Danish Campers

The Danish Campers will meet at Betabel RV Resort on Friday, September 26th for an enjoyable, friend filled weekend. Betabel is located at 9664 Betabel Road, San Juan Bautista 95045, north of the historic town, and approximately 8 miles south of Gilroy. Did you know that Alfred Hitchcock's movie "Vertigo" was filmed at the Mission San Juan Bautista, and Saturday, the 27th, is Vertigo Day at the SJB State Historic Park!

Dannebrog History

This is the beginning of a group of articles which will be appearing this year. Grand Lodge Dannebrog will celebrate 100 years in 2015. As Historian, I am asking the assistance of all members of Dannebrog as well as those members who were formally members and are now members of Dania to please look through your photos, files, scrapbooks for any information regarding your local branch and let me know what you find.

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

We enjoyed another great meeting with the ladies of Thyra #3 back from vacation. In fact, three of the ladies, Irene Simms, Eva Kristensen and Elizabeth Jensen all celebrated their birthdays and combined to serve a veritable feast. We enjoyed sandwiches, gourmet pizzas, salads, great hors d'oeuvres, and elegant deserts. It all went especially well with a beer or a glass of wine and coffee with the deserts. We had several visitors: Mary Esther Filiau was introduced by Irene--one Dannebrog Member-of-the-Year introducing another; Uffe Hellsten introduced Lars Christensen and Karl Bach. We look forward to having more new members soon.

Kyle Gearhart now out of the US Army and studying in Georgia was reinstated to membership. Those missing out on the \$220 Attendance Prize were Tom Jordan and Peter Allan Bauer; it will be a record high \$240 at our next

Thomas Martin and Jean Kjaer for their personal Donations. I also would like to thank Danneskold #17, Thor #5, Bornholm #14 and Danmark #2. Danmark # 2 did match the donations made by the other three Branches. In all a total of \$10,200.00 was donated.

Thank you all for your willingness to support the Grand Lodge. Tim Heer Sr. Grand Secretary

With our group discount, the rate will be \$38.70 per night, with no additional charge for pets. Please let me know as you're reading this if you're planning to attend, so I can be sure we have enough campers to qualify for the group reservation (510-278-9430). We'll also have the use of the clubhouse for our Friday wine and appetizers and Saturday night's potluck feast. We're looking forward to a great gathering on the 26th. Happy trails to you, Pat and Greg

I would like to borrow what you have and display it at the convention in Ferndale in 2015. I will see that you get everything back at the close of the convention. You can either bring it with you, or send it with a delegate, or make arrangements for me to get it there and back. You can contact me at 408-313-7235 or e-mail me at dws1929@gmail.com.

Watch this area for future information.

Mange tak, Doris Skow

Upcoming Conventions		
Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 & Hajmdal #4, Luren#13	April 9-11 2015	River Lodge in Fortuna CA
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

meeting. We agreed to pay our Odd Fellows Hall rent two years in advance. And it was Nickel Beer Night. And when we counted the money, it seems that we must have consumed over 140 beers. More likely, someone overpaid. In any event, the funds were presented to the Flower Fund.

The Membership Committee has announce the Bocce Ball gathering sponsored by Danmark #2 on September 13 in Livermore. More to follow.

Our next meeting will be *Onsdag, September 10*. We start gathering about 6:30 for a beverage and a social hour, a brief meeting at 7:30, then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. Our meal will be a potluck--and you know what that means---some of the best dishes to be enjoyed. There will be *frikadeller og rot kobl* among

many other great items. We look forward to seeing 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 6:00 PM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.
Secretary: Christie Pettitt poppatango@msn.com Gail Hansen dickgailh@aol.com

Our August 7th meeting was preceded by a light supper of open-faced sandwiches, salads and dessert provided by Doris and Rene Lastreto and Inga Hansen. We had 14 members and one guest present. Sarah Nielsen, Martha and

Gunnar's granddaughter, was our guest. We have several members who are ailing, one of whom is Gunnar Nielsen, who fractured his back. We wish them all a speedy recovery!
Christie Pettitt

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

As this newsletter goes to press I'm reminded that Dana and Freja has two events to celebrate, one is a Silver Wedding Anniversary of a member and the other is the presentation

of a 25 year pin to a member, and both of those members is ME! So, looks like I need to start contacting all the other members and start making some plans . . . JHG

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

Happy September! Hope everyone had a great summer. Livermore will meet again after a couple of months off September 13, pot luck at 6:00, meeting to follow. We hope

to be planning some fun activities for the year, so bring your ideas along with one of your favorite dishes to share for dinner. 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. President of Valborg Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra Secretary: Greg Gleeson, gleeson2@icloud.com Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

Please note we did not meet in July or August and will not be meeting in November. However, we will meet jointly, on a trial basis, in September, October and December. Hope to

see you at the meeting in September 11th! Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiau, Presidents

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 the installation of officers on Saturday, August 9th. We were presented with an absolutely gorgeous day, and welcomed an attendance of 56 Members and Guests!

Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen
Treasurer, Vibeke Jensen
Marshal, Sabrina Wilcox
Trustee #1, Lori Ham
Trustee #2, Birthe Sckerl
Auditor, Carol Saffro
Treasurer's Authorized Signer, Knud Jensen

Installation of Officers by the Grand Lodge President. Past President, Finn Kjaer officiated in President Eric Field's absence, and opened the meeting at 12:30 PM, welcoming the Grand Lodge Officers and transferred the gavel to Dania Grand President, Robert Schall, who with the help of Vice Grand Marshal, Daniel Joensen, officially installed our Officers as follows:

The gavel was transferred back to Past President, Finn Kjaer, who presented thank you gifts to the Grand President and Grand Marshal. Finn Kjaer thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 1:20 PM.

President, Eric Field
Vice-President, Jim Hollingshead

After the Installation all were invited to the tables for lunch and Aalborg Akvavit. The Danish open-faced sandwiches

were delicious with many compliments made. Thanks to all our wonderful Caterers for their sandwiches: Vibeke Jensen-(Ham & Italian Salad), Birthe Sckerl-(Liver Paste), Inger-Marie Andersen-(Herring & Shrimp), and Finn Kjaer-(Cheese).

Many Grand Officers from both Dania and Dannebrog were present. Introduced were Grand Presidents, Robert & Mary Jo Schall, Grand Past President, Mel & Zena Lundberg, Grand Vice- President, Thomas Martin, Grand Marshal, Martha Nielsen, Grand Vice Marshal, Daniel Joensen, and Pamela Kjar, Grand Trustee, James Olef Jensen and Kathy Christensen. Also in attendance were Past Grand Presidents, Johanne Gade, Tim & Natalie Heer, Vibeke Jensen, and Roger Gearhart. If I have forgotten someone, please forgive the oversight.

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

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

Secretary Christian Nielsen ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

In August, over labor day weekend, we had a wonderful installation of officers and a great turnout by all of the lodges and grand officers. We had 42 in attendance to see Marji Smith be installed as our president. Grand Presidents Mary Jo and Bob Schall did a wonderful job as well as their Grand Marshals Martha Nielsen and Steen Skjellerup. A good time was had by all.

In September we will be holding a rummage sale during Ferndale Bargain Lovers Weekend, September 6 from 9 – 4. Hunters Hope will be serving lunch from the kitchen and there will be lots of bargains for the taking. No business meeting will take place in September.

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

Reno's August 1st meeting was one of the smallest gatherings we have had in a long time! It was still very nice and there was 8 of us, so we fit perfectly around one table. I know that some lodges doesn't meet in the summertime, but the Reno lodges hold our meeting every first Friday of each month, no matter, if it falls on a holiday or how few people attend. This weekend was the Hot August Night event and that may have prevented some from coming? Normally we will mention, if we missed some of our members at our meetings, but this time it's easier to mention who was there. Palle Larsen, Knud Sørensen, Sena Marie Freeman, Ann Kathrine Sawyer, Ingrid Hedman, Eva Demosthenes, Paul Larson and Anette Christensen. We had a nice time, grilled some hotdogs and enjoyed some side dishes. Ingrid had

The raffle, (thank you to the many donors), took place and lucky Romel Aguilar won the Patina Beveled Mirror, Jim Hollingshead the 2 Giants Tickets, John Scheuber won the Beach Blanket Babylon Theatre Tickets and the Framed Bear Picture! Many other gifts were won, and the Raffle was a big success. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday September 13, 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. The Meal will be Col. Sanders Chicken. Please email me if you can volunteer to bring Appetizers or Desserts.

Respectfully,
John Cruger-Hansen
Secretary

On October 4 we will gather at Hunan's Restaurant in Fortuna for a dinner at 5:00. Fortuna will be holding there Apple Festival, so getting a dinner at the end of the day will be nice.

On November 1, Ydun will be celebrating their 102nd Anniversary. We will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting and a potluck following the meeting. December 6 we will be meeting at 11:00 and having a Danish Christmas party following. More to come on these events.

Christian Nielsen

made a wonderful apple cake for dessert. She also brought some fresh dill that we had with a salmon spread she made. It was so good and there was still dill leftover for us to take home. We skipped lightly over the meeting, but did agree to have a Harvest pot-luck for our September 5th meeting. I know this is not fair to say, but I can't help it - when September comes around, it's almost Christmas? We have to start planning it soon, anyway. Sena Marie Freeman is off her writing duties for this month, but she will be back next month. Forgive me if I forgot something. We will add it to the next newsletter. I hope you are all having a wonderful summer and look forward to see you soon. "Mange tak"! Anette Christensen for Sena Marie Freeman.

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

August 16, 2014 the first meeting of the new Dania year. We were 20 members, no guests. We started with a pizza party at 6 PM hosted by Susan & Brian Mefford. As usual, the pizzas were delicious and we cleaned out all the boxes. President John Scheuber called the meeting to order 6:50 PM. Brian Mefford was acting Marshal for Bente Ellis. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read. John Scheuber won the attendance prize \$50, which he donated to the Children's Christmas Fund.

Bob Sorensen has had a fall, but is recovering at home. Jim Jorgensen is now Nocturnal, which means his body clock has reversed, and this is giving Shirley problems. Ann Stowers is now doing better. She was at the meeting and we can see improvement every time we see her.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

NOTICE: The Sept. 13th meeting moved to Sept 12th.

Sept. 12 we will have a potluck at noon at my home.

JONNA will bring dessert.

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary: Marie Jaeger

We are on Vacation until September

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

We are paying membership to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Iowa, and it was decided that Marge Scheuber should be the one with access to their library.

Our new 2014/2015 program was distributed.

A decision was made to celebrate our 120 years anniversary in January 2015 with a Show and a Dinner. John Johansen will be presenting a proposal next meeting.

Our next meeting is September 19. Bodil Whitehouse is host, and will serve Danish Apple-pie. This will be after the meeting, which will start at 7 PM.

Sept. 27 we will have a potluck at Britta Lange's home and she will serve dessert. Please call her at 408-257-5637 to let her know you are coming.

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