



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

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## Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand President

August brought the Salinas installation on the second. What a great way to begin the month! I began the trip with an ash-covered Altima rental and ended with beautiful orange-rose skies (unfortunately the result of numerous wildfires in the area). Luckily, friends whose properties had to be evacuated were spared! While driving past the exit to Tom and Gloria's house about 8:30 Saturday evening, I definitely questioned my wisdom in choosing to camp at Laguna Seca Recreation Area west of Salinas for the installation, but I'm glad I did. My tent site was under some oaks overlooking the Mazda Raceway (races didn't begin until 9:00). Driving to the Masonic Hall couldn't have been easier – only one turn to get onto E. San Joaquin! Installation was fun (with marching music provided by Niels and his accordion); lunch catered by Portobello's was delicious; Jana's decorations were wonderful (incorporating motorcycles and folk dancers); and the folk dancing lessons afterward were lots of fun (provided by David, a friend of the Djernaes'). Monday saw me packing my camping equipment and heading up highway 1 from Monterey to the Golden Gate. I ate lunch at Mobo Sushi where I partook of Valhalla Maki and the Tsunami (very tasty). I visited the seven remaining rooms of Mission Santa Cruz (where I met a birthday brother – although not the same year). I saw and stopped at the picturesque Pigeon Point Light Station. Hopefully funding can be acquired to save the lighthouse. All in all, it was an absolutely enjoyable trip.

I hope to see a good turn-out at our local Valhalla/Ydun installation on Labor Day weekend. We definitely appreciate those who can make the long trek up to see us!

I continue to remind the secretaries of the local Dannebrog lodges: Please send me a copy of your agenda for the year (noting special activities) and a list of your members with addresses, either by snail mail or by email. Thank you very much for your assistance. (Reno and Santa Maria, I again thank you for your quick responses! Salinas, I would like an update from 2013.) Mange tak!  
Med venlig hilsen – til Oktober,  
Lynn Wachter, Dannebrog Grand President.

## Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

August has been a busy month. We started the month off right with installation for Bornholm #14 on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup>. We had a nice turnout on a very warm day in a familiar place. Jacob's Fine Dining is now the Famiglia Bistro Restaurante. The restaurant has changed names but they accommodated our event as if nothing was new. There were visitors from several lodges present and the meal was quite good. Several lucky winners came away with the nice raffle prizes. Bornholm always puts together a nice event. On Sunday, I travelled down to Salinas for the installation of Freja #6 and Dana #15. The Masonic Temple has a truly great room, perfect for installations. The marching is so

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much nicer when you have a big room. Our Grand Officers got their exercise. We started with a warm up session, had the installation, and then a nice lunch. There was a dance presentation after, but I was to be at a dinner in San Francisco and had to leave early. The traffic on the way home was so bad it took more than three hours to get back to Hayward and I missed the dinner I was supposed to attend. I should have stayed for the dancing. On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>, I travelled up to Petaluma for their meeting at beautiful Kastania Fælled. They were not changing any officers and opted to not have an installation, but they did put on a terrific lunch of open-faced

sandwiches like they do when they have their installation. The lunch was terrific and a great bunch of people made me feel quite welcome. A few shots of Karen Lysmer's home-made Aquavit had me in just the right spirit. A brief meeting followed and then I was back on the road. Our next installation will be in Ferndale on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. I encourage all to make the trip. The folks of Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 work hard to make it worth your while. The installation starts at 4:00 on Saturday, there will be dinner after with great food catered by the friendly

folks of CC Market. They always serve a great meal. Sunday morning there will be bocce ball at the Fireman's park and a BBQ lunch (also catered by CC Market) afterwards at the Hall. I was just up there visiting friends and attending a wedding. If you are worried about smoke from the fires, don't. The roads are all now open and there was no trace of smoke north of Willits.

I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces, so please come and join us.

Tom Martin, Daina Grand President.

### **Grand Lodge Secretary**

#### **IN MEMORIAM:**

Jonna Villadsen; Valborg #1  
Grace Petersen Sautter; Laura No. 8

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

#### **MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP**

Arne Graversgaard, in memory of Arne Rasmussen

#### **DIANA SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

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

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

Signe Ann & Rowland McNeil in memory of Jonna Villadsen

#### **DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

<b>Upcoming Conventions</b>		
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
<b>Upcoming Installations</b>		
Valhalla #11 Ydun #10	Sept. 5, 2015 Starting at 4:00pm	Danish Hall Ferndale

### **Branch Secretaries**

Just a reminder to all of the branches who have members receiving assistance through Dania/Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund to start work on their applications so they will be ready to send in by the end of September and to

#### **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

President Tom Martin opened the August meeting on time. We missed our Vice Marshal, Anne Gearhart, still recovering from surgery.

The business meeting was brief. We did ask the Trustees to transfer some much-needed funds to the General Account. The members directed the Secretary to respond to a member requesting sick benefits.

We had three ladies celebrating their birthdays by treating us to a fabulous array of great food. The hors d'oeuvres were spectacular followed by great sandwiches---choice of roast beef and ham and cheese. And the deserts featured a huge

everyone if you have a member in need now is the time to enroll them. The application is on line or can be sent to you by letting us know. Thank you for looking after our members. Tim and Natalie Heer Grand Secretaries

*kringler* from Sonoma. The ladies were then regaled in song led by our young Danes. The music indeed set the mood for the evening and everyone left well fed and very content. Truly, a great time was had by all.

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, september 8*. 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](mailto:schallb48@gmail.com)

#### **Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11**

Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday every month 11:30 AM. 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)

Due to Hope Lutheran having their VBS in August, it was decided to skip our August meeting and meet on Sept.

3rd. We will have Danish open faced sandwiches, salads,

and dessert provided by Nellie Envernizzi and Christie Pettitt.

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## **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](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)

Judging by the smiles on everyone in the "dance hall" and the sweat on the brows of the dancers, I think it is safe to say that everyone enjoyed the Danish dancing instruction which followed our Installation and luncheon on Sunday August 2. David Heald and his wife Jo got us out on the floor, and within no time all the ladies wanted to have a turn being David's partner! According to Beatriz Djernaes, the Solvang Dancers don't even want to think about what they would do without David's leadership! We're hoping they will be willing and able for a repeat visit next year - mark your calendars now for August 7, 2016! The lunch got rave reviews too; our caterer for the last 4 years did not disappoint us. We haven't had many changes in any of our officers for the last several years but we still enjoy marching around and celebrating another year of membership and friendship in Dania and Dannebrog. Tim and Jana arranged a display of photos and memorabilia honoring members past and present, and highlighting activities enjoyed by Dana 15 and Freja 6 "throughout the ages"! We were pleased and

honored to have so many Grand Lodge officers and members come down to Salinas, many, many thanks to everyone for making the trip! And we were especially happy to see our member Natalie Heer receive her 25 year pin from Dannebrog's Grand President Lynn Wachter. I know! only 25 you say? Natalie does so much for our lodges it feels like 50 years' worth! Right?! We always skip a meeting in September so our members can enjoy their favorite Labor Day event - like, for example Ferndale!? But, plans are in the works for an October Octoberfest BBQ for our next gathering on Sunday October the 4th, let Tim'nNat know if you'd like to come down to Salinas at the Patio area of the Masonic Temple and join us for a mid-day BBQ and we'll make sure there's enough meat on the fire, and beer in the cooler! There will be a donation of \$5.00 for all. For a good time call 831-426-4623 or click

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## **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)

First off I think we need to thank Diane Reinstein for hosting our annual BBQ. About 25 of us enjoyed a day out on the ranch. Diane had back surgery 4 weeks ago and we had a hard time keeping her from over doing it. Thanks to Dan Holm for cooking the tri-tips, to Jackie for her delicious calico beans and to the rest of the crowd that

brought all the other side dishes we enjoyed. There was no shortage of food. Several of our members were missing; I think they know who they are. We will resume our meetings on Saturday, September 12, 6:00 for a pot luck of Danish sandwiches, meeting to follow. Hope to see you there, 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. 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)

It is with sadness that we report the passing of two long-time members Jonna Villadsen and Leroy Vieregge. We would like to extend sincerest sympathies to their families.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 pm. Refreshments after the meeting will be provided by Lise Vanderbeck and Mary Esther Filiau. We hope you can join us. 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](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net)

On Saturday Aug. 8th 2015, SDR #10 held it's meeting at Kastanie Park as usual.

A lovely summer day, not too hot or breezy.

President Jim Hollingshead opened the meeting at 12.30pm and led us in The Pledge to the Allegiance.

He then welcomed 4 guests (out of 22 participants) Our guest of Honor, Grand President Tom Martin, who said "he always enjoyed Kastanie-" and told us about a motorcycle-adventure he had been on recently.

Other guests included: Annegrethe Kisling (friend of Carol Saffro) and our old friend Glenn Fritz and his companion Martha, from Reno.

Karen F.Lysmer (temp Secr. for John Cruger-Hansen,) read the Prev. Minutes, and Jeannie Kjaer presented the Treasurer's report for absentee Treasurer Vibeke Jensen.

Both the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report were accepted unanimously, as presented.

We still miss Sato Jorgensen, who fell several months ago, and wish her well.

There was no new Correspondence, Un-finished nor New Business- The meeting was adjourned at 12.50pm After enjoying great appetizers by Lori Ham and Carol Saffro, we settled down to a fabulous lunch of "handcrafted" smørrebrød, made by Inger Marie Andersen, Vibeke Jensen ( who brought sandwiches although she couldn't participate) -as well as Karen F. Lysmer, and Finn Kjaer.

Sdr.#10 provided a couple of Snapses to add to the feast! Kringle was brought from Sonoma by Birthe and Gustav Sckerl, and fresh strawberries by Sabrina Wilcox.

Thanks to all, - for job well done.

We encourage members and guests from other branches (always welcome), - to call no later than Tuesday before our Saturday meetings.

Next meeting will be Saturday, September 12th 2015.

Please contact Carol Saffro at (415) 479-4494 or Karen F. Lysmer at (510) 526-5665 by Tuesday Sept. 8th.

The Menu will be Frikadeller by Lavon Christensen, and side-dishes and desserts by others.

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

**Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall; Ferndale, CA 95536.

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

September 5<sup>th</sup> we will hold an installation of Officers at the Danish Hall at 4:00 followed by cocktails and fellowship. We will eat at 6:30 with a banquet of either **salmon or prime rib** as the entrée. The cost is \$30 per person for Saturday and \$20 per person for Sunday. Sunday we will have a picnic lunch at the Danish Hall at 1:00. We will be serving up fried

P.S. Congratulation and Happy Birthday to our President Jim Hollingshead, who turned 80 years young Aug. 13th. Sorry we missed the date, but we will sing and toast you next time, Jim!

Respectfully, Karen Friis Lysmer, V.P. Temp-Secr.

and rotisserie chicken and hamburgers with all the appropriate sides and salads. Make your reservations early to Christian Nielsen at above address or (707) 499-3746. We will need to know how many and what your entrée choice will be so that we can let the caterer know.

Fraternally Yours, Christian Nielsen

### **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)

On Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> the Reno lodges, Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12 held their BBQ meeting and it went well, even though it was raining in the morning. The weather cleared up, so we could hold our BBQ at the perfect time. We all had a nice evening socializing with each other. We didn't have a meeting because there were too many people out of town. There were only 15 people in attendance and we didn't have a quorum. Anette Christensen was in San Francisco picking up her mother and sister from Denmark. Glenn Fritz was in the Bay area and after that he was going to the Petaluma's Installation. Lars Jensen was camping with friends. Ann-Katherine, Nina, Paul and Cindy were in Idaho for David and Betty Christensen's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. (David is Ann-Katherine and Paul's brother) I handed out 2 new applications for membership to Alex and Annette Andresen, which are friends of Leif and Bonnie Larsen. Hopefully we will have two new members to report in September.

Our September meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> will be a Harvest Fest potluck starting at 7 p.m. As usually we meet at the Odd Fellow Hall, 1300 Stardust St, Reno. NV 89503. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

We can also announce the dates for our 2018 Convention at the Nugget; which will be on April 19 through 21, 2018. We are also reserving Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> for possibly having our installation of officers of Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12. May 4, 2018 would be the first Friday and our normal date of installation, but we don't want everyone to come back a few weeks later. A lot more information will follow later. We were so glad to see Margaret and Erik Hansen at our meeting. It has been such a long time since we have seen them. It was also great to see Palle and that he was doing well.

We are so sorry to hear that Jonna Villadsen from the Hayward lodge passed away. Our prayers and hearts go out to the family at this difficult time and to everyone at the Hayward lodge.

Thank you to Ina, Carl Henrik and Helen for closing up our August meeting, I had to leave early because it was Hot August Nights and had to be at work at 5 a.m.

Thank you all.

Have a great month!

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, [ann.max@att.net](mailto:ann.max@att.net)

August 21 was the first meeting of Bornholm #14's new fiscal year 2015/2016. Sixteen members and one guest came to enjoy the pizza party hosted by Susan & Brian Mefford, and delicious homemade desert by Anni Champagne. The guest was Tove Jensen a friend of Beth Mortensen from Elsinore Denmark.

President John Scheuber was not present; he was on vacation on a river cruise on the river Rhine. He did send us a message from the ship wishing us a good meeting. Vice President Peder Hoy presided over the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Bente Ellis won the attendance prize, which she donated to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank you Bente.

On sickbay, we still have Åse Laugesen under Hospice care. Jim Jorgensen is still struggling with multiple issues none of them life threatening. Bodil Whitehouse reported she talked to Bodil and Hugo Rasmussen, and Bodil is having some health issues.

The Orange Blossom Park is now reserved for our picnic Sunday Oct. 4; however, we may have to accept a \$4 parking charge this time.

Ben Hoover presented a new PA system, which will be available for our next meeting. Ben did a great job researching, what we needed, and the members unanimously approved the purchase.

At the end of the meeting, Peder Hoy made a surprise announcement. He and his family will no longer be able to

host the yearly Fish-dinner. Peder suggested Brian Mefford to take over.

The new program for season 2015/2016 was distributed to all members.

Next meeting will be Friday September 18. Bodil Whitehouse and Kirsten & John Johansen are hosting light sandwiches and Danish Apple Pie. We start at 6 PM. JJ

### **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)

NOTICE:--- Our Sept. Meeting will be held on FRIDAY SEPT. 11. This is a change of day from our regular Saturday.

This will be a Danish Koldbord Lunch, served at noon, at the home of Ron Nielsen, 14650 Stetson Road, Los Gatos. I will contact members to arrange car pools or give you driving directions. This is a lovely location with beautiful views so I hope you can come.

Several of our members, Eva Rasmussen, Lillian Soylst and Lis Lacey have recently had surgeries but are now home and we wish them well.

Our long time member Grace Petersen Sautter passed away recently at the age of 98. We send her family our sympathies and support. Although Gracie was not able

to attend in recent years she had always remained a steadfast supporter of the lodge. She will be greatly missed.

Chuck Allman had a fall, nothing broken, just badly bruised. We all wish him well.

Gary Skow also a long time member, along with his wife Matece and son Theron left on Saturday August 22, to move to Bloomington, Indiana. We wish them well in their endives.

Hope to see many of you at Ron's.

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### **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

### **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