



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

December 2017

Dania Grand President

Last month, I drove to Salinas on October 1st to join Stuart for an impressive installation of the new officers for Dana #15 and Freja #6. The hall provided a grand space for marching and we were in good hands. A feast was served and we had beautifully crafted centerpieces celebrating the “first all-male GP duo”. Afterwards PGPs Steen Skjellerup and Martha Nielsen gave a tutorial on Danish Folk Dance. We sprung around as best we could and burned a few calories while having fun.

My brother and his small family visited at the end of October and traveled down the coast all the way to San Diego. They originally wanted to go north as well, but the terrible fires changed their plan. November was quiet as we did not have any installations. I had my mother visit for a couple of weeks and we went up into the foothills enjoying a bit of quiet nature before she headed home. In December we are off to a few Christmas parties. Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 are having their party in Pleasanton on December 9th. Members from all lodges are welcome with their guests. Please RSVP to Roger Gearhart.

Daniel Joensen, Dania Grand President

Dannebrog Grand President

Susan and I are enjoying a vacation in Puerto Vallarta where we are resting up for the holiday season and the start of installations in 2018 with convention in Sparks Nevada to follow, and looking forward to seeing many friends on the road as we journey towards convention.

In the mean time Susan and I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Stuart Mahler, Dannebrog Grand President

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

NEW MEMBERS

Nina Christiansen, Valdermar #12

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

Branch Secretaries

Dania Secretaries on January 1st we start the new year and with that annual event the first half of your Branches’ per capita tax is due. At our Convention last year it was approved to increase the tax to \$30.00 per member per year paid semi annually. The first payment based on the number of members as of January 1st 2018 at \$15.00 per member is due on January 1st.

I will be sending you your copy of the Annual report to be filled out and returned to me as soon as possible. It will come with an instruction sheet like last year, but if you have any problems please give me a call.

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Upcoming Conventions

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

Dana #15 and Freja #6	October 1 12:00 noon	Salinas Masonic Center
No. 9 Thyra and Valborg No. 1	March 10 th 2018	Cattlemen’s Livermore

Dannebrog Secretaries your Annual report will also be sent out this month as well. Tim and Natalie.

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 ragearhart@comcast.net 209-329-3687 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

The Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday, December 9 at the Pleasanton DoubleTree Hotel, 7050 Johnson Dr. The bar opens at 11:00 am and lunch will be at noon. Choice of entrée is a Fillet Mignon or Grilled Salmon. The cost is a modest \$30 for guests, less for our members. We hope to see you there. Reservations to Roger.

The location for the hotel is Southeast of the I-580 / I-680 intersection. Coming down the Dublin Grade from the Bay Area, exit onto Foothill then a quick right turn onto Johnson. The number for the Hotel is 925-463-8000. Coming down the grade, you will have noticed the hotel nestled in the trees to your right.

We had a great meeting in November with more than 25 members in attendance. There was much Danish to be heard. A big hit for the evening was Eva Kristensen receiving her 25-year pin. She was roundly applauded. Jerry Grey and Glenn Fritz's names were drawn but they were not among the 25. We

held nominations for officers---elections will be in December. Roger, Anne and Kaj provided sliced roast beef for barbeque or a jus sandwiches. Vi har ogsaa spist fransk grønt bønner, kartoffel salat, meget aperitif, og nød som kringle for dessert. Der var ogsaa kaffe, øl, Akvavit, og vin at drikke. The singing was outstanding. Certainly, a great time was had by all.

The next meeting will be Onsdag, December 13. We gather at the Odd Fellows Hall, 6th floor, at 6:30 or so for a beverage and a social hour. There is a brief meeting at 7:30, then we get down to the serious business of having a good time and a wonderful meal. The Past Presidents of Thyra #3 will be treating---and we always look forward to the occasion.

Visitors are always welcome.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary,
ragearhart@comcast.net, 209-329-3687

Hejmdal No. 4

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

The members of the Fresno Branches join in wishing everyone a Glædelig Jul og Godt Nyt Årl.

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at 1:00 P.M.; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904

Secretary, Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

The members of the Salinas Branches join in wishing everyone a Glædelig Jul og Godt Nyt Årl.

As a reminder the Annual Christmas dinner for Freja and Dana will be held on Sunday January 7th at noon. We will also be

celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Natalie and Tim's Wedding, and you are all invited to attend, but please RSVP to us at 831 426-4623 We are celebrating Christmas a month late and the Anniversary a month early.

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; 4th Saturday Potluck, The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore.

Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

Livermore's November meeting was short and sweet. After enjoying chile and corn bread, we put the finishing touches on our Christmas party. Which will be Saturday, December 9th, 6:00 at the farm bureau building, 638 Enos Way, Livermore. We will start with frikadeller at 6:00, followed by bingo. Please bring Christmas cookies and prizes for bingo. Hope to see you there.

Our January meeting will be hosted at Bob and Tracey Lamee's house. Bob was the winner of the attendance prize so he can afford to have us over!

I'd like to raise a glass and say Skål for some holiday cheer, maybe with my new favorite drink which is a Tivoli special, Aquavit, lemon juice and ginger ale. Enjoy and Glædelig Jul og Godt Nyt Årl! KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

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

President, Alan D Filiu, adfiliu@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

Thyra and Valborg will celebrate the Holidays and the 70th Birthday of Greg Gleeson with a potluck dinner at his home on Saturday, December 16th. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and appetizers, with dinner around 7 p.m. Greg and Pat will provide the ham and birthday cake. Please bring your

favorite dish to share, appetizers, salads, or hot or cold side dishes. We would also like to continue the tradition begun by George Cumming by donating new, unwrapped toys to the Salvation Army. Mary Esther will collect the items after the party and deliver them on Sunday. Greg has asked that you just

bring gifts for the Salvation Army families. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 8th at 510-278-9430, or pab0718@sbcglobal.net.

Thyra and Valborg members' dues are due in January 2018. Valborg members should send their dues to Pat Brouillette and Thyra members send your dues to Stuart Mahler in Benicia.

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 Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070

Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting scheduled in November 2017. The next meeting will be at the Christmas Lunch on December 2, 2017 from 11:30AM to 2PM at Aldersly in San Rafael. Members are free, guests are \$45.00.

We will also have a Valentine's Day lunch in February. Date and location to be determined. See the January 2018 newsletter for details.

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

Our November meeting was well attended, the dinner was good as always. We have gotten off to a slow start with our Movie Matinee showing of a Danish film "Brothers" a film in Danish with English subtitles. The movie was enjoyable and easy to read the subtitles. I even learned a few Danish words. In December we will be having a live performance of a Lucia Festival in Eureka at the Lutheran Church. In January we will be showing another Danish film "Adams Apple" in Danish with English subtitles. Popcorn, coffee, tea, cocoa, spiced cider and Carlsberg will be available. The movies will start at 1:00 on the Second Sunday of the month at the Danish Hall. December 2 we will be having a Danish Christmas potluck at 12:30. Meeting will be held before lunch at 11:00. On

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 Marie Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, achristensen@med.unr.edu

On Friday November 3 the Reno Lodges held an early Thanksgiving pot-luck - Wow, what a wonderful Thanksgiving feast. Lars Jensen roasted a yummy turkey with delicious gravy and carrots. We also had caramelized potatoes, dressing, sweet potatoes, all the trimmings and salads. Lots of desserts to die for. During coffee and dessert, Anette opened the meeting. It was pretty short, but we covered a lot. Our Christmas party will be on December 1st. We discussed a lot about our convention and installation for next year's convention. Convention info and registration will be in January's newsletter. Sena Marie read an application for membership for Nina Christiansen for Valdemar # 12. She is the daughter of Carl Henrik Christiansen and sister of Jens Christiansen who is a member as well. We voted and accepted her with open arms. Anette initiated her into Valdemar # 12 right then, since there is not a meeting in December. Congratulations Nina, we are so

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 the November 17 meeting 19 members and one guest attended. The guest was Clayton Maclellan, grandson of Johanne Gade. He donated \$5 to the Children's Christmas

Their addresses are in the lodge roster. You can also bring them to the January 11, 2018 meeting at Roundtable Pizza in Castro Valley. We usually start gathering around 7 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Valborg dues are \$12 and Thyra dues are \$29 for social members and \$35 for sick benefit members. PB

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday March 10, 2018 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

We wish all our members, our friends and our sister associations a Merry Christmas/Glædelig Jul and a happy New Year/ Godt Nytår 2018. Respectfully John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

December 10, we will be co-hosting the Brotherhood and Sisterhood for a Christmas party at the Danish Hall. 3:30 decorate / setup with the social starting at 4:30 and a catered dinner at 5:30. Menu is Prime Rib and Turkey with all the sides and pie for dessert. Reservations are a must and we will have a Yankee gift exchange of \$20 value. Bring your gift wrapped, gift exchanging will be exchanged with Yankee rules, stealing gifts is part of the fun.

January we will be having our annual Crab and Spaghetti feed. Let me know if you will be attending, crab will only be served if available... Have a great holiday season, Christian Nielsen

honored to have you and have known you since you were a little girl. Thank you all for a wonderful dinner and evening. A friendly reminder that dues are due in January \$ 20.00 for Dannevirke #9 goes to Ina Segesman and \$30.00 for Valdemar #12 goes to Carl Christiansen.

On our sick list is Paul Christensen (Brother to Ann-Katherine Sawyer) he had some heart problems and had a stent put in. He is doing well. Mike Vanderbeck will have surgery on his neck November 22nd. We wish him well. More in January newsletter about his progress. December birthdays are: Grae-Marie Biggs, Cindy Christensen, Eva Snuffer, Marie Stafford, Heather Matuzak, Irene Schack von Brockdorff, Monica Brooks and Michael Vanderbeck. Happy Birthday all! All of us in Reno are wishing you Happy Holidays and best wishes for a healthy 2018. Sena Marie Freeman

Fund. Thank you, Clayton. We were joined by some members, who rarely come to the meetings: Lilian Rasmussen, Merete Meeks and Henning & Elsy Rasmussen. Thanks for coming.

We started with potluck and there were many great dishes and the hall had also gotten new round tables, so we were seated like in a real restaurant. Very cozy.

At 7 PM President John Scheuber called the general meeting. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The Sunshine report: Marge Scheuber said she brought flowers to Alice Olsen, Anni Champagnes sister just a week before she was returning to Denmark. Alice, who is a member of Bornholm #14, unfortunately had an illness during her visit this time, and had to be hospitalized.

Jim and Shirley Jorgensen reported that they are moving to Turlock to be closer to their family, but it is not likely we will see them at a meeting.

Max Stowers won the attendance prize \$50 and donated it to the children's Christmas Fund. Thank you, Max.

Ten Christmas Shoppers for needed children signed up.

Donations for 2017 was closed with the following recipients: Hutton House: A state licensed temporary shelter for runaways, homeless and youth in crisis who are ages 13-17.

Pathways: A transitional living and supportive services program for young adults ages 18-21 years.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.

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

Laura #8 and Danneskjold #17 will hold their Annual Julefest at Bente Ellis' home beginning at noon on FRIDAY (please note the day) Dec. 15, beginning at noon. Be sure to call and let her know if you are coming or not. Her number is 408-981-3562.

Elaine Henson has been in the hospital, then moved to Vasona Rehab Center I do not know if she is home yet. I am

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 held its regular meeting November 1, 2017 , at 12 noon at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark", in Solvang, with 14 members present. We only had 2 members from Santa Maria .. The door Prize of \$20.00 was won by Marie Jaeger. Congratulations .

While we were waiting for Lunch, we sang a medley of Danish and American songs, led by Erling Grumstrup.

The Lunch Menu: Soup - Red Pepper Soup with pumpnickel bread and butter. Main Course: "Stjernesud" (Shooting Star).

A Menu out of this world. Beer and snaps. Very fitting!

Dessert: Carrot cake with Whip Cream. Coffee. This Luncheon was a winner -out of this world. Thank You!!

We opened the business meeting by singing "God Bless America". President Hans Kardel was absent so the Vice-President Erling. Took over and did a good job.

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

Sending our Christmas Cheer from Santa Maria.

Franklin Elementary School: A public elementary school in Modesto. 50% of the Franklin Elementary School students have "limited English proficiency."

Now to the fun Stuff:

The Theater trip is finalized: We leave Sunday December 3 at Noon from VSI. The theater show "Just another night before Christmas": starts at 2 PM. Dinner at the National Hotel Jamestown at 5:15 PM, and back in Modesto VSI at 8 PM.

Christmas party is Saturday December 16.

Familia Bistro Ristorante, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350.

We start with no host cocktails at 11:30 AM.

Lunch approximately at 1 PM.

Guests \$30. No host bar.

Reservations to John Scheuber 209 541 4092 email

john.scheuber@vsi.cc

Our next meeting is January 19, 2018. We are having a Pizza Party starting 6 PM. Susan & Brian Mefford are hosts.

John

out of the state and have not been able to visit her. WE wish her well with her recovery. We send greetings to Phyllis, Chuck and Ellen and wish you happy holidays.

If you know of any member that is ill, please let me know.

I wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and please stay well. I am looking forward to a great New Year.

DWS

Roll call was taken by Marie Jaeger. Kate Nielsen read the Minutes from the previous meeting. Approved as read. The Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the financial report. To be filed for audit. In sick bay -John Sorensen. I believe he is at Mission Terrace in Santa Barbara . I don't know what is ailing John.

John you missed a Free Birthday Lunch. You didn't show up on your birthday - I am sure the club will compensate you, one way or the other, We missed you, you are always present.

Happy belated Birthday from the Dania members.

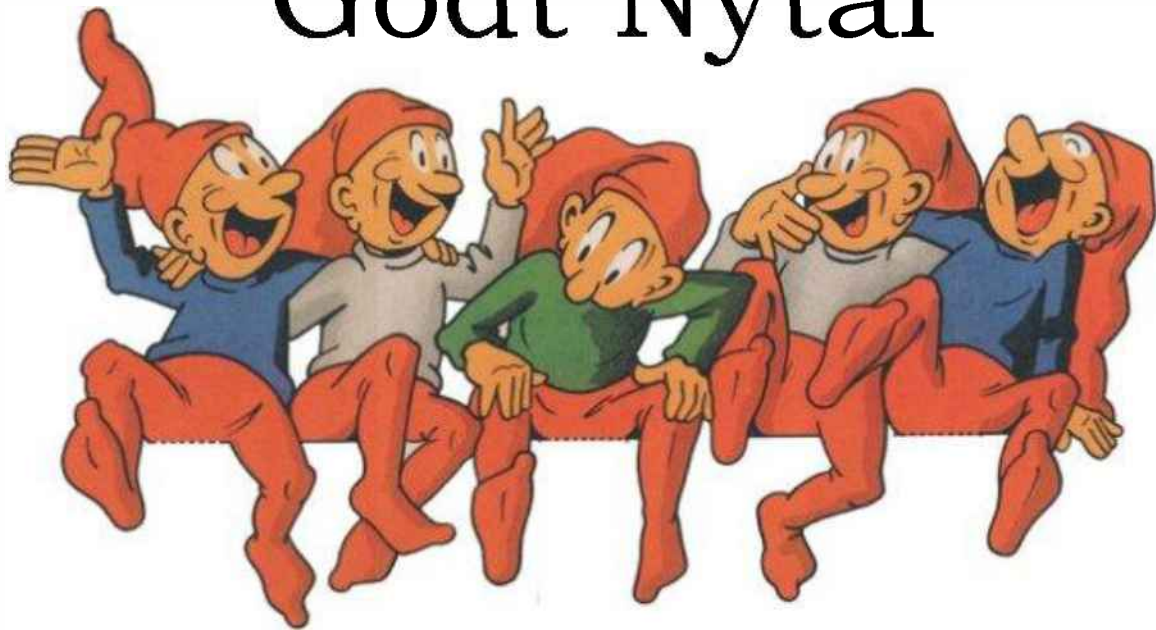
Our Christmas Party will be at the Clubhouse as last year. I don't know the date yet.

We finished the meeting by singing: Der er et yndigh Land:

The next meeting will be held December 6 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 Noon . Hope to see you there!! KK



Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår



From the Staff at the Dania & Dannebrog
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