



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

February 2018

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

Dannebrog Grand President

Early January I ventured down to Salinas for the wedding anniversary for Grand Secretaries Tim and Natalie Heer. It was a great celebration accompanied by some stories from the crowd and from Tim. 50 years is quite an accomplishment! Again, congratulations to Tim and Natalie! Usually when we leave Salinas on a Sunday afternoon there is a lot slow moving traffic heading back to the bay area. The commute was great as the traffic was light and maintaining a speed limit was no effort at all. ☺

Next up is Fresno's installation on February 3. I am looking forward to the event and hope to see a lot of friends there. Next is Livermore but unfortunately I will miss their installation. Prior to them announcing their date I committed to teaching two classes that day, if only I knew sooner. However, Grand Vice President Alan Filiu will take over the reins that day. Hayward's installation will be March 10 and I am looking forward to installing officers in my home lodge. Have not heard anything nor seen anything about a San Francisco installation. Did I miss something???

Until next time... Stuart Mahler, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

January was a quiet month without any Installations. We are now getting into another busy part of the year before Convention.

My advisor, PGP Peter Hoy, reminded me that I should check in with my committees on how they are progressing. The convention meeting ran late, and some appointments did not make it into the convention report.

The new member for the executive committee is PGP Roger Gearhart, who joined PGP John Johansen, and PGP Glen Fritz, on the committee. I welcome their experience.

Membership Committee: Carl Christiansen, James Olef Jensen, GM Jana Heer Glovaski Ideas for membership drive are requested as well as a membership contact person from each of the remaining lodges!

Nominating Committee: Chair, PGP Mel Lundberg, PGP Johanne Rasmussen Gade, and PGP Bob Schall
Nominations are requested, call Mel at 707 822 3787

February and March have four installations: February 3rd in Fresno, February 17th in South San Francisco, February 24 in Livermore, , and March 10th in Livermore... and I believe that Bornholm will have its Fish Dinner on March 3rd.
Please consider celebrating these installations with the lodges. The food is great and the company even better! We always have a good time. Grand President Dania - Daniel Joensen

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:
Palle B. Larsen, Valdemar #13, Reno
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DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND
NEW MEMBERS
DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

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

We will be back to the Grosvenor for our 136th Anniversary Party and Joint Installation. The date is Saturday, February 17; the festivities start with the Installation at 4:00 PM, followed by a Social Hour---the bar will be open---and there will be hors d'oeuvres, a long-standing tradition. Dinner will be about 6:15 and the choices for entrée will be Grilled Salmon or Sliced London Broil, always nicely prepared by the Hotel. There will be music by a DJ for your dancing pleasure. The cost is the same as last year \$35 for guests, a bit lower for members. And there will be wines! Folks are invited to bring contributions for the door prizes. Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 are always delighted to host this annual party and we hope to see you there. Reservations to Roger ASAP. For our last two meetings at the Odd Fellows Hall, the antique elevator (c. 1908) has been under major repairs. We were able to meet on the second-floor lounge, a nice and very cozy place but lacking a kitchen and all our supplies. President John Jensen and some of the other younger members braved the innumerable steps to the 6th floor to get supplies---they did not forget the Akvavit! We managed to survive but we are looking forward to being "home" again. An interesting complication for those of us coming on BART; there were outages of the escalators causing us to struggle up the stairs or to detour

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 Fresno Lodges met at noon on January 3, 2018 at Hope Lutheran Church for salad and sandwiches, then followed with the business meeting. We had 3 members that haven't attended a meeting for a while, Jerry Hansen, Roseanne Jensen and Norm Jensen. We were happy to have them and hope to see them at more meetings. Don Pettitt Vice President, conducted the meeting in our President's absent.

We discussed our installation which will be Feb. 3, 2018, at Spike and Rail in Selma at 11:30. We will have the installation followed by lunch. Choices are Mushroom Chicken or Tri Tip for \$30.00. Need to make reservations with Nancy Willis at 559-408-4631 or Martha Nielsen at 559-266-2962 or 559-970-0313 by January 25.

We elected delegates for the convention. Thora #11 delegates are Christie Pettitt and Deanna Dunbar. Martha Nielsen will be the Senior Assistance delegate.

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

Thor No. 5 and Thora #11	February 3 2018 11:30 A.M.	Spike and Rail, Selma
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	February 17 4:00 P.M.	Grosvenor Hotel So San Francisco
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	February 24th, 2:00	Odd Fellows Hall, Livermore
No. 9 Thyra and Valborg No. 1	March 10 th 2018 Noon	Cattlemen's Livermore

to Eighth Street. Hopefully, the repairs will be done soon and we will be back to "normal".

We managed to get all our business done. Bob Schroeder won the Attendance Prize. He was recently in DK visiting relatives and brought back a nice bottle of Akvavit for us. We are busy planning for the Installation; Tom Martin will be President and Peter Schakow VP---most of the other officers will remain in place. We are also anticipating the Convention in Reno. We hope that 2018 will be a good year for us with many new and active members---we did very well in 2017 with five new members

The next meeting will *Onsdag*, February 14. We gather at the Odd Fellows Hall, 6th floor, at 6:30 or so for a beverage and a social hour. There will be a brief meeting at 7:30, then we will get down to the serious business of having a good time---and a wonderful meal.

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

Thor #5 delegates will be Don Pettitt and Steen Skjellerup. Carl Jensen has been updating our membership list and contacting all the members in 2017 that haven't paid their dues.

At our Christmas Dinner Grand Past President Martha Nielsen initiated two new Dannebrog members, Taylor and Mary Jane Skjellerup. We are happy to have new members.

Gail and Richard Hansen were hosts for lunch and Gail made wonderful pastry and cake for dessert.

We will not be having a business meeting in Feb. as our installation will be taking place.

Hope to see many of you at our installation. Martha Nielsen the new reporter.

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

Happy February all, on January 7th we welcomed in the New Year and raised a glass or two to Tim'nNat for their 50th anniversary. Good Danish food was enjoyed, songs were sung, speeches made, a pink piggy won, but best of all, dear friends gathered and celebrated the New Year ahead with wishes for good health and many more wonderfully fun times together. We are so thankful for all that could make the trip down, up and over to Salinas to join us! We always take a break in February to allow members the chance to hang out on their own couches for the BIG GAME. Our next meeting will be on March 4 when we'll be stirring up a Pot o' Irish Luck.

just had a thought - shall we try having a quick meeting before lunch? Say start at 12:30 and eat at 1:00, which means we'd have to have everything ready to eat, warming in the kitchen for a half hour while we quickly do some

"business" with a simple "opening" around an empty table. a report from Treasurer and Secretary, we should select delegates. Then later over dessert we can have more lodge related chatty stuff that sometimes happens during business time, then we can officially close when everyone's done with eating and before anyone needs to go. This might be a good time to try it out since an Irish meal can wait in a pot better than most others. If so then . . . Members please arrive between 12 and 12:30 when we'll sit down for a quick business meeting at 12:30 and ready or not, eat at 1:00. This will be our 1st attempt at a New Years resolution to find a better way for our small group to balance business and pleasure. Until then - I hope your team wins!! Don't forget to pay your Dues
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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 will be celebrating and installing officers Saturday, February 24, 2:00, at the Odd Fellows Hall followed by a spread of open face Danish/American open face sandwiches. Our new location at the farm bureau building is too small so we are going back to the Odd Fellows Hall for the occasion and we are crossing our fingers that the elevator will be in working order. Here is our list of new officers:

Past President - Sue Frederich

President - Gregg DiMartino

Vice President - Diane Reinstein

Secretary - Kathy Thomsen

Treasurer - Dania – Bob Lamee

Dannebrog – Tracey Lamee

Marshal - Ellise Edwards

Vice Marshal - Kindle Frederich

Trustees - Dania - Gregg DiMartino and Dan Holm

Dannebrog - Sue Frederich and Viola Jensen

Auditors - Dania - Jackie Nielsen and Nathan Lamee
Dannebrog - Diane Reinstein and Ellise

Edwards

Delegates to convention for Dania are Gregg DiMartino and Bob Lamee. Dan Holm as alternate.

Dannebrog's delegates are Tracey Lamee, Diane Reinstein and Kathy Thomsen, with Jackie Nielsen as alternate.

Bob and Tracey Lamee will be the Old Age Fund delegates.

Remember to pay dues if you haven't done so yet.

Kathy Thomsen was the happy winner of the January attendance prize.

Thank you to Bob and Tracey for hosting the meeting at their house. So much more cozier than a hall. Next meeting will be March 10th, 6:00 back at the Farm Bureau building for some good home made soup. Hope to see you soon 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 Filiau, adfiliau@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

Please join us Saturday, March 10th, for the Installation of Officers at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore (Interstate 580; exit Airway Boulevard). The Installation will begin at 12 noon, with no-host bar and lunch following. We'll have the traditional Cattlemens fare with your choice of Top Sirloin Steak, Grilled Atlantic Salmon, Lemon Herb Chicken, or Pesto Spinach and Cheese Ravioli. Entrees include salad, ranch style beans, coffee, tea or soft drinks, and cake for dessert. The cost is \$30 per person. Please make your reservations with Signe

Ann McNeil, 510-490-6114 or Seence@aol.com, no later than March 2nd. We look forward to seeing you.

Thyra and Valborg members' dues for 2018 are now due.

Valborg members should send their checks to Pat Brouillette and Thyra members send your checks to Stuart Mahler in Benicia. Their addresses are in the lodge roster.

You can also bring them to the next meeting, February 8th 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.

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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

Sonderjylland #10 had no meeting scheduled in January 2018.

The Sønderjylland #10 Annual Valentine's Day lunch will be on Sunday February 11, 2018 at the Quail Inn, Oakmont Golf and Country Club, 7025 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

Phone (707)-539-9215.

We will meet in the Bar area at 11am with seating at noon.

Members are free, guests are welcome and are \$25.00.

Directions: Take Highway 12 East from 101. Exit

Fairgrounds and then Farmers Lane, and follow signs to

Highway 12 East, (also called Sonoma Highway). Go several miles and turn right on Oakmont Drive, follow through the Oakmont Community. The Golf Club will be on the left side, and difficult to miss!

Cancellations: please call John, 510-232-6998 if you are unable to make it, as we need to notify the restaurant ahead of time how many we will be.

After the lunch there will be a short business meeting.

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

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

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

January brought us disappointment with our Annual Crab Feed, the commercial crab season was not open. We did have a good turnout for a Spaghetti feed. The second Movie Matinee was more successful than in November. We set the next movie as the Majestic, a film shot in Ferndale. The next movie matinee will be February 11 at 1:00 at the Danish Hall. We will also be showing a documentary on the 1964 flood produced by Cal Trans.

February 3 we will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting followed by a rotisserie chicken lunch with potluck sides and dessert at 12:30. Later on in the month Balder Lodge will be hosting a Fish Fry with potluck sides on February 17 at 12:30. Contact me if you need more information.

We have applications for scholarships that need to be turned in soon. Let me know if you will be attending college and I will get you an application. 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 Marie Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, achristensen@med.unr.edu

January 5, 2018 the Reno Lodges celebrated the New Year with "Nytaars torsk" Cod, potatoes and mustard gravy.

What a wonderful treat for the New Year! The tables were decorated in beautiful blue and silver New Year's decor.

Thank you Ina and Anette for a great job. Oh and I can't forget – thank you to Knud and Sena Marie for peeling the potatoes. The side dishes and desserts were wonderful as well. During coffee and dessert, Anette opened the meeting.

Anette thanked everyone who helped put such a wonderful Christmas party on. Most of the meeting was discussions about the upcoming Convention. Valdemar #12 is celebrating their 125th anniversary and it is only 2 and half months away. Sena Marie read the yearly report and we picked delegates for the convention. They are as follows: From Dannevirke, Donna Vanderbeck and Ingrid Hedman. Glenn Fritz will be the alternate.

Valdemar's delegates are Michael Vanderbeck and Leif Larsen. Alternate Carl H. Christiansen. Sena Marie will be the S.A.F. representative.

Installation of Dannevirke #9 & Valdemar #12 officers will take place on Sunday 4/22/18 following the convention at the Nugget. A continental breakfast will be

served at 10 AM and The Nugget will allow guests to checkout late.

Our February 2nd meeting will be hosted by our Swedish friends. Ingrid Hedman, Eva Demosthenes and Ingrid Nolan will serve Pea soup and Swedish pancakes. It is always such a delicious treat for us and NO DANES are allowed in the kitchen. ☺

For our March 2nd meeting we will celebrate with an Easter Potluck and election of officers.

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report that our dear friend Palle B. Larsen passed away Saturday January 13, 2018 after a short illness. Palle was in the company of Ina, Carl Henrik and Anette when he peacefully slept in. There will be no service, but we are planning a lunch/Dinner at Mi Casa Too at a later date. This was his favorite restaurant where we always celebrated his birthday with a margarita. He will surely be missed by all of us! "Æret være hans minde"!

On a lighter note: Our February Birthdays are Lisa Christensen, Eric Hansen, Ann-Katherine Sawyer and John LaRoache. Happy Birthday to all of you. Happy Valentine's Day and have a wonderful month. Sena Marie

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

The first meeting of 2018 was January 19. We started at 6 PM with a delicious Pizza Party hosted by Susan & Brian

Mefford. The general meeting started 6:45 PM. Minutes of the previous meeting from November 17 were read and

approved as read. Nobody was reported sick before this meeting. With all the Flu going around that is pretty good. The Theater trip Dec 3 to Sonora and Jamestown was a success and could be repeated next December if enough members vote for it.

January is dues time. We decided to raise the dues retroactively from January 1 2018 to \$30 per member to be in line with the member tax to the Grand Lodge.

The proposal of starting to blend Grand Officers in 2018 won support, now we must wait and see if the proposal wins support at the Convention April 19 –21 in Sparks Nevada.

For the Convention 5 delegates were elected.

Our next meeting is February 16. We start the meeting at 6 PM. Tasting is after the meeting. The Stowers & the Zoller's are in charge.

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 held their planning meeting on January 20.

We will be holding 5 business meetings and 7 socials during 2018-19. We had 13 members present and set up a very nice schedule for this year. Our social in February will be at Maud Hansen's home on Feb. 17, starting with

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 with a lunch, January 5, 2018 at 12 noon at the Restaurant "Bit o' Denmark" with 19 members present. We sang Happy Birthday to Erling Grumstrup who is going to be 98 years old on January 26, 2018. He walks a mile every morning. The Menu: Potato soup with pumpernickel bread. Main Course: Hamburger topped with a fried egg, potatoes, red cabbage, agurke salad and gravy.

Hans Kardel won the door prize \$20.00 Congratulations! The business meeting started at 1:05. We sang "God Bless America".

Dues are due \$25.00

The Secretary Marie Jaeger read the roll call of Officers.

Kate Nielsen read the minutes from the previous meeting. Approved as read.

Agnes Larsen, our Treasurer. Approved, to be filed for Audit.

Report of sick members: Niels Dejernaes has been in the hospital suffering from a stroke. He is now back home. (This is all I know.)

Glad to see John Sorensen back again. Apparently it was something with his knee, the reason he was not here for

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 Iverse

Details of the Fish-Dinner were discussed and agreed upon. A signup sheet was send around for participation, hors d'oeuvres and helping. The day is March 3 in Eagles Hall as usual. An invitation will be sent to all branch secretaries.

Here are the details:

Saturday March 3 at the Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way Modesto CA 95351.

The No Host bar will open 5:30 PM.

6 PM hors d'oeuvres.

Dinner will be served at 7 PM including a beer and an Akvavit.

The price is \$30 per person.

Reservation is a must. Call John Scheuber 209 541 4092; email john.scheuber@vsi.cc

Deadline for reservations is March 1.

John

lunch at 12 noon. Call her at 408-266-6306 by Wed. the 14 to let her know if you are coming.

We send congratulations to Eva Rasmussen on her 75th birthday. We were happy to have Elaine Henson back with us after a long recovery. Phyllis Allman is recuperating in Vasona Creek Rehab. She likes visitors. DWS

his birthday. Arla Hoj moved to Fresno to stay with her two nieces.

Alice Quimby moved to Carmel to stay with her son.

All officers agreed to serve another year.

Bent Olsen donated "Brune Kager" & jødekager for our Coffee. Thank you!

Knud Jacobsen served both in the Danish Army as well as the American.

Birgit Nelson brought in a Jubilæum Snaps. She has been absent a couple of times, so she was not aware about the changing of the donation of snaps on your birthday. We informed her and told her that she could bring it back home. She refused stating that she does not drink the stuff, neither does her son when we told her that now the club takes care of the snaps and bring it when needed. We finally took the snaps and thanked Birgit.

The business meeting finished at 2:03 p.m.

The next meeting ill be February 7th at 12 noon at the same restaurant. Hope to see you there. We finished by singing "Der er et yndigt land".