



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

*Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada*

March 2018

## Dannebrog Grand President

Fresno installation was a nice affair. It was nice working with Dania Grand Vice President John Scheuber, filling in for Dania Grand President. As always it is enjoyable chatting with long time friends and reminiscing about some of the old stories of days gone by. Even though we are still in Winter it was a lovely day for a journey down to Selma and back. Thank you Fresno!

Next on the list was installation in San Francisco. Not quite the crowd as in past events but perhaps the three-day weekend may have been a factor. Even though a smaller crowd we still had a great time. I am sure there will be more next year. There have been a lot of San Francisco events at the Grosvenor Hotel but from what I experienced as well as others I feel this was one of their best dinners. Hopefully a sign for the 2019 Convention to be held here! Hayward's installation will be March 10 and I am looking forward to installing officers in my home lodge. It is not too late to make reservations! After that a short trek to San Jose the following Saturday.

Until next time...

Stuart Mahler, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

This February we had three installations - on the 3rd in Selma for Thor #5 and Thora #11, on the 17th in South San Francisco for Danmark #2 and Thyra #3, and on the 24th in Livermore for Dannevang #7 & Danebod #16. John Scheuber filled in for me in Selma and in Livermore while I was away on travel and he did a splendid job. In San Francisco, we had a good crowd. Once again the event took place in the evening with lot of time for visiting with nice dining and dancing. I would hope that we could have more evening installations in the future.

The Blending Committees are preparing for convention where they will provide additional updates about their hard work. At this time, the results should

## Grand Lodge Secretary

### IN MEMORIAM:

### DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

Marlene Swaffer in Memory of Palle B. Larsen

### DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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have been shared and discussed in the local branches, so that all are ready for the Convention.

Looking forward to the installation in Livermore The Hayward Lodges, Thyra #9 and Valborg #1

By Grand President Dania, Daniel Joensen

## DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Sena Marie Freeman in Memory of Palle B. Larsen  
Benta Ellis in Memory of Edel Christensen  
Benta Ellis in Memory of Lise Vandereck  
Benta Ellis in Memory of Gunnar Nielsen

## NEW MEMBERS

## DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

### Secretary's

With Convention just next month and the Grand Lodges' Executive Committee meetings on March 10, your opportunity to submit an application for either a

Dannebrog or Dania Member of the Year for your deserving member, will be coming to a close. I want to thank those Branches that have already submitted to us your annual report.

### 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**

[ragearhart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearhart@comcast.net) **Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

We made an error scheduling our February meeting on St. Valentine's Day. We were absent several members who had better things to do, closer to home. Hopefully, we will avoid that in the future. In the absence of John Jensen, VP President Tom Martin assumed his position. Several members were reported having medical issues: Tom Martin continues to have severe back pain, Tom Schroeder reported having had a successful heart artery shunt installed and Dennis Nielsen was reported that he had had inner ear surgery and has to limit his movements for a while. We hope all will be fully functioning very soon. We did conduct the Branch's business. Peter Schakow declined to accept the office of VP and Anne Gearhart was elected. She then resigned her position of VM and Alex Lund accepted. Tom Schroeder and Michael Fox have recently won the attendance prize. And the elevator is running but the BART escalator is still under construction.

Nearly 50 of us enjoyed the 135<sup>th</sup> D#2 anniversary Party and Joint Installation. We missed some the regulars but the fun and dancing went on past 10 pm. There were many compliments on the food at the Grosvenor, the DJ was excellent and the company just great. We started with the installation, installing John as PP, Tom Martin as P, many repeats as Secretaries, Treasurers, Trustees, and auditors. The new guys are VP Anne and VM Alex. We thank everyone who came and we are looking forward to next year.

#### 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)**

We replaced our regular meeting with our Feb. 3, installation held at the Spike and Rail Restaurant in Selma. We had a nice attendance of Grand lodge Officers and other lodge members. So glad that we had so many out of town members attending.

Grand President Stuart Mahler and Grand Vice President John Scheuber did an outstanding job of installing our officers, even though we had a number of substitutes.

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		
No. 9 Thyra and Valborg No. 1	March 10 <sup>th</sup> 2018 Noon	Cattlemen's Livermore

Danmark #2 sponsored the dinner and we enjoyed a wonderful spread of appetizers, lasagna, salad and great deserts. Of course, there was plenty of wine, beer, coffee, and Akvavit--- and great singing. A great time was had by all.

The next meeting will *Onsdag, Marts 14*. We gather at the Odd Fellows Hall, 6<sup>th</sup> 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. We will be having corned beef, cabbage, and on and on---the Jensen Brothers always do a fantastic presentation and this has become one of our great traditions. Come hungry. Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary, [ragearhart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearhart@comcast.net), 209-329-3687

Grand Marshals Beth Cowan and Jana Heer-Glovaski did a good job of seating the Officers, even with the small marching area.

We were glad to see Arla Høj attending with her niece, hope to have her at our regular meetings now since she's in our area. Happy to have Allen and Mary Thomsen join us, they were just back from a 3 month RV trip.

We missed Kay and Betty Jensen, both were ill and couldn't attend.

March 1 will be our regular Thursday meeting, held at Hope Lutheran at 11:30 a.m. We will have a potluck of

Salads and Sandwiches, with Hostess Martha providing the dessert. Martha Nielsen reporting.

### **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**  
**Secretary, Natalie Heer, [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

I'm enjoying the sound of rain as I'm typing this, HooRAH! Hope this is a good thing for all of you, especially all our Danish friends who are trying to grow stuff! As always, Dana and Freja took February's Super Sunday off, did your team win too? We'll be meeting this Sunday, March 4 at the Masonic Hall and at 11:30 start a

quick business meeting as our Irish meal waits warming in the kitchen. I encourage all members, old and new, to join us, and of course, guests are always welcome. You might even get lucky . . . this 25% Irish Lass is pondering a few fun ways to make it happen! jhg=  
Remember if you haven't paid your dues yet please do so to Tim

### **Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16**

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Potluck, The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore.**  
**Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

At our February meeting we enjoyed an array of delicious homemade soups and finalized our installation plans. We are excited to have Gregg as our new president (who by the way won the attendance prize). Remember if you haven't paid your dues yet to do so to Bob and Tracey Lamee. We will be back at the Farm Bureau Hall in March, 6:00. wear your Danish green! KRT

"From the Prez." (Gegg DiMartino shares some thoughts) We had a cozy installation on the 24<sup>th</sup> attended by 30 members arriving from Ferndale to Fresno and points in between. Thank you to those who conducted the event; you are not only grand officers, but also grand people. We

do appreciate your dedication and commitment. I personally wish to thank those who organized our installation. We have many unsung heroes here at Dannevang/Danebod. I am proud of our Danish smørrebrog tradition practiced at every installation. I think our founding fathers and mothers are smiling down upon us.

The theme of our March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be St. Patrick's Day. We will discuss our new lodge objectives of increasing membership, maintaining Danish tradition, and establishing a Danish legacy exhibit at our local museum. Please plan to attend this meeting; we need ideas and feedback from all of our members.GD

### **No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>.Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546.**  
**President, Alan D Filiau, [adfiliau@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adfiliau@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

ATTENTION. Members!! Valborg#1 and Thyra #9 meeting on March 8th has been cancelled. Hope to see many members at our Installation on March 10th at the 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 [Seenee@aol.com](mailto:Seenee@aol.com), no later than March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to seeing you. Alan

### **Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma**  
**Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen [j.cruigerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.cruigerhansen@comcast.net) Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070**

Sonderjylland #10 held their Annual Valentine's Day lunch on Sunday February 11, 2018 at the Quail Inn, Oakmont Golf and Country Club in Santa Rosa. Eleven members enjoyed a great lunch and drinks. Thanks to President Karen Lysmer for bringing a wonderful desert and strawberries and to Sabrina Wilcox for the Valentines for everybody.

Before the Valentine's lunch President Karen Lysmer called for a short meeting to discuss some Branch business.

At 12:15 the meeting was called to order. All officers were present and treasurer Vibeke Jensen gave a financial report. Annual membership dues were discussed and it was decided to revisit dues and lunch rates at the March 10 meeting. President Karen Lysmer gave report on the

Dania/Dannebrog blending proposal. M.S.C. to accept the Dania/Dannebrog blending proposal. Karen also asked if all officers would continue serving and all officer agreed to continue for one more year.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:33.

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

Remember access to Kastania Road has changed and is only available from the off-ramp to Petaluma Blvd South, both North and Southbound directions on Hwy 101.  
Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen Secretary

**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)**

February we had a good turnout on our movie matinee with the showing of the Majestic. On **March 11** we will be showing a Swedish movie called **“a man called Ove”**. Ove is the quintessential angry old man next door. An isolated retiree with strict principles and a short fuse, who spends his days enforcing block association rules that only he cares about, and visiting his wife's grave, Ove has given up on life. Enter a boisterous young family next door who accidentally flattens Ove's mailbox while moving in and earning his special brand of ire. Yet from this inauspicious beginning an unlikely friendship forms and we come to understand Ove's past happiness and heartbreaks. What

emerges is a heartwarming tale of unreliable first impressions and the gentle reminder that life is sweeter when it's shared. Movie starts at 1:00 and as always popcorn, coffee, cocoa and Carlsberg will be available. March 3 we will meet at 11:00 with a Soup and Salad potluck lunch at 12:30. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. Soup will be provided by the committee.  
March 17 Balder Lodge will be serving up a Corn Beef and Cabbage lunch at 12:30.  
Guests are welcome, please bring a dessert to share and were some green. 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 Marie Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, [achristensen@med.unr.edu](mailto:achristensen@med.unr.edu)**

Friday February 2, 2018 the Reno lodges was treated to Pea soup and pancakes prepared by our Swedish friends, Ingrid Hedman and Eva Demosthenes. First they served great appetizers, then came crackers, bread, and cheese platter to go with the pea soup. For dessert they served pancakes/crepes with whipped cream and lingonberry & coffee. Ingrid announced that this is a traditional Thursday dinner in Sweden. The tables and walls were decorated in beautiful Swedish colors and artifacts. Thank you Ingrid and Eva for this great treat! During dessert Anette opened the meeting and we started with a moment of silence for our dear departed member Palle Larsen who would have turned 87 on Valentine's day. There will be a celebration of life at a later date and it will be announced if anyone would like to participate.

Convention preparations are moving along. The registration forms is online and due by April 1. Starting Thursday April 19 with Senior Assistant Meeting at 4 PM. Don't forget to email Anette to sign up for Golf. Sena Marie checked on entertainment for Friday night for

those that want to do something on their free night. Dwight Yoakum will be in the ballroom April 20 2018 <http://www.nuggetcasinoresort.com/events-en.html> Call reservations regarding the 8 PM show. Prices range from 45 - 85 dollars per person. Remember Saturday night to dress in your best Viking outfit. Sunday morning 4/22 Installations of Reno Lodges. Breakfast at 10 AM is 11 dollars. per person. Please RSVP to Sena Marie Freeman. Dannebrog Past Grand presidents, please RSVP to Sena Marie for the Friday luncheon. We are looking forward to welcome everyone to our convention!  
Our March meeting will be an early Easter potluck and election of officers, so we are ready for the April installation.  
On our sick list is Mike Vanderbeck who is scheduled for neck surgery. We wish him well. We hope Carl Henrik had a wonderful and safe trip to Denmark. Our March birthdays are Margaret Hansen, Barbara Iler, Janet Pulsipher, Ina Segesman, Ellen Webb and Cynthia Birk. Happy March to all of you. 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)**

16 members and one guest attended Dania Bornholm #14's meeting Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. The guest was Mr. G. Principal for Franklin Elementary School. He came to thank for the Dania donation that helped kids attend a 3-day educational trip. A trip they otherwise could not afford. Mr. G. stayed during the meeting and the wine tasting as well.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. On the sick list Peder Hoy reported that Doris Hoy most likely will have a surgery for a herniated disc. Doris was attending, but had pain standing. We wish her the best.  
The last details for the Fish-Dinner were discussed and decided. We will be ready.

**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](mailto:john.scheuber@vsi.cc)**

**Deadline for reservations is March 1.**

**Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8**

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

**President, Doris Skow, [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com), Secretary, Lis Lacey**

We met at Maud Hansen's home on the 17th of March for a social. Due to illness and some travels we were only 7 members present but, we had a good time eating and visiting. Maud along with Lee Dove prepared a nice lunch and Ron Nielsen brought Kringle for coffee, which we all enjoyed.

Tom Henson, husband of our member Elaine Henson, passed away recently. His memorial will be held Saturday March 10, at 2 p.m. at the Saratoga Federated Church, 20390 Park Place, Saratoga. Members are all welcome. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Elaine and her family.

**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**

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> we were meeting for the Luncheon meeting at the restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 noon but only 13 members showed up.

Unfortunately both the President and the Vice President were absent.

Instead of a meeting we decided to skip it, and just have a regular social luncheon. All agreed. So we ate a leisurely

**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**

After the meeting we enjoyed wine tasting hosted by the Stowers' & the Zoller's.

As usual it was very organized with great hors d'oeuvres. The wines were carefully selected, and with a wide variety of taste. Everybody enjoyed it.

Our next meeting is Friday March 16. We are going to enjoy St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage. The Stowers' & the Scheuber's are hosting.

John

On March 17 we will have lunch and hold our business meeting and an informal installation of officers at the home of Bente Ellis starting at noon. It is important that you call her by Wednesday March 14, so she knows how many to set up for. Her number is 408-224-4040 or 408-981-3562 cell phone. You can also e-mail her at [BAELLIS@gmail.com](mailto:BAELLIS@gmail.com).

As I am writing this, I want to send a special greeting on behalf of the members to Ellen Kolte Jensen, who is celebrating her 90th Birthday today.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 17th, HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY.

DWS

Lunch, chatted a while before we decided to break up. We sang Happy Birthday to "Slim" who has a birthday this month. Our next luncheon will be Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the "Bit O' Denmark". Hope to see you there!! K.K.