



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

September 2018

Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings everyone,
 Hope you are enjoying the great summer weather.
 On August 4, Mary Esther and I traveled to Modesto for the installation of the Bornholm #14 officers. Congratulations to Bente Ellis on becoming the new President. I hope you have a great year.
 For Labor Day weekend, we will be in Ferndale for their installation of officers. The food and fun is always top notch. A bonus for me was having our son Mark and his Fiancée Sayle, join us for the fun and fellowship. We will then follow them back to Oregon to see our youngest son Timothy for a short visit.
 Our next installation will be in Salinas on October 7, at 11:30 am. Hope to see many of you there.
 Safe travels, Alan Filiu, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

Oh the excitement of back to school! It is that time of year when our kids and Grandkids head back to school and a sign of the end of summer. Yes, it is time to get back to the hustle and bustle of school and work and all the routine that goes with it. As a farm kid, when school started I would reflect back on whether I had accomplished my summer goal of buying another cow or two with the money I earned working for the neighboring farmers. It was time to buy new clothes and decide what to wear that first day. Hopefully, all your families had some time to relax or take that special trip that you always wanted.

As Grand President, I recently received an email from a relatively new member who had attended our recent convention and he had lots of questions. They included: Is the agenda for convention sent out ahead of time? What are the responsibilities as a Delegate and how do I prepare myself? What is that table in the middle of the room with a Danish flag draped over it? What are these hand gestures all about when one enters or leaves the room? Who gets to vote? Why do we clap our hands? Is there a pamphlet or booklet that explains all of this?

Well, I answered all of his questions by email and called him a couple days later to tell him he was to be complimented on his interest in our organization and found it refreshing that he took that much interest. I am pleased to announce that the Dania Constitution Review Committee has just sent out their revisions for the Grand Officers to peruse before the document is sent to each Branch for feedback. We hope each local Branch President will appoint a committee to review it, then share their thoughts with their entire Branch to come to a

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consensus and send those suggestions all back to our Committee. The Committee will refine the revisions and send them out at least 2 months before convention, so the Delegates will all come prepared to act on this final document. It is likely that we will group the revisions into 5 or 6 motions. We solicit your input.

Soon many of us will trek to Ferndale for their installation and Labor Day Weekend activity. It is always a good time surrounded by Happy Cows. And don't forget Danish Days in Solvang on September 15 & 16. Followed by the Livermore BBQ on the 22nd. There is no lack of opportunity to enhance your Danish Culture. Marge and I continue to travel to these functions and meetings and hope to see you soon.

John Scheuber, Dania Grand President

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

NEW SECONDARY MEMBERS

Wayne Allen; Hejls Minde No. 23

NEW MEMBERS

Jessica Jobe Sea; Danmark No.2

Aidan Jobe Sea; Danmark No.2

Lena Humber; Sønderjylland No.10

Minna Williams Sønderjylland No.10

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

Secretary's

If your Branch has a member who is receiving assistance from the Senior Assistance Fund or if your Branch has a member in need please download the form from our web site and mail it to Tim and

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 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

The food for our August meeting was spectacular---baked chicken, mac-n-cheese, salads, baguettes, great deserts, cheeses, and on and on. The Fox brothers, Michael and Robert did all the hard work. We were small in number, but all had great appetites---and we truly enjoyed the feast. Many thanks to our Foxes and to all who helped. We had the great pleasure of initiating two new members, Jessica and Aidan Jobe Sea. They are good friends of Anne Gearhart and Roger knows Aidan's father from Stanford. They met in Denmark when they were there as students. And President Tom Martin has already put them on a committee! It is always a pleasure to welcome new members and they are always initiated in the traditional manner. It takes time to do it right---but it also reminds us of our traditions. We welcomed guests---Tom Gundershaug, A Norwegian friend of Roger's and Jon Rinard, a friend of Anne's visiting from Madison, WI. Glenn Fritz and Stig Hansen missed out on the Attendance Prize but Lars Christensen won it in July. The

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

Your next meeting is September 6th hope to see you then.

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

Wow! It's September already! Hope everyone had a great summer and are excited about getting back to your regular meeting schedules. Remember several months ago and we asked you mark your October calendars for the Sunday the 7th? Well, here we are, a month away from our 2nd Annual Dansktoberfest! Medisterpølse and Beer - come on, what better way to start the end of the year and join Dana #15 and Freja #6 in celebrating their 98th and 126th

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Bornholm #14	2020	
Upcoming Installations		
Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10	September 1, 4:00 P.M.	Danish Hall in Ferndale
Freja #6 & Dana #15	October 7 th 11:30 A.M.	Salinas Masonic Hall
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	February 9, 2019	Grosvenor Hotel S. San Francisco

Natalie Heer, 487 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 before the end of September.. Thank you for taking care of your Membership. Tim

President appointed a Committee for the annual Christmas Luncheon at the Grosvenor Hotel, December 8. Please mark your calendar---we don't want you to miss this wonderful event.

Roger Gearhart resigned as Financial and Recording Secretary effective at the end of August. He has been the Danmark #2 Secretary for more than 22 years, succeeding Knud Ove Knudsen. Good luck to the new Secretary. Our next meeting will *onsdag, 12 september* (note: In Danish, the days of the week and the months are not capitalized). We gather at about 6:30 for a social adjustment hour, a brief meeting at 7:30, and then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. The Claussens are treating---that has always been a spectacular event, not to be missed. We hope to see you there. Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary, ragearthart@comcast.net, 209-329-3687

year of Danish fellowship and fun. We are very grateful to our newest members Sharon and Mike Richardson for their enthusiasm and willingness to jump in head first and assume the official duties and obligations of membership. This year we will be installing our list of New officers, in addition to the regular Old ones. We will be ready to welcome you at 11:30 at the Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin St. Salinas with light refreshments, begin

our installation when everyone is ready at about 12:ish followed by more food and fun (\$25). We'll round out the day with some Danish dancing, and if we haven't lined up someone to lead us, there's always the Chicken Dance! We hope to see as many of you as possible (Grand Officers included) in your favorite Danskattire. Last year everyone added such a festive touch in their choices of red and

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

Next meeting for Livermore will be Saturday, September 8, 6:00, starting with a potluck. Keep in mind that we have planned a barbecue and hope you join us Saturday, September 22, 12:00 at the home of Bob and Tracy Lamee. 1413 Lillian, Livermore. Hamburgers, hot

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546. President, Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13 at 7:30 pm. We hope you can join us!

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 held their August 2018 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, August 11. We had warm weather, very comfortable for having our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 16 Members and two guests.

The business meeting was called to order at 12:26 by President Karen Lysmer who began the meeting in leading us in singing the Danish National Anthem.

Roll call: All officers, except Vice President Margaret Mays were present and there was a required number of officers present to form a quorum

Secretary's Report: Report from the June meeting was presented by Secretary John Cruger-Hansen. The report was accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Cruger-Hansen gave report. The report was accepted as presented.

Correspondence: We received a nice thank you note from Dania Grand President John Scheuber, thanking us for inviting his wife and himself to our June meeting.

Karen Lysmer sent a request to the San Francisco Chapter of the Rebild Society asking that Sønderjylland #10 again this year join the Rebild Society for their Christmas party at Aldersly and Karen received a confirmation from Natalie Heer combining the Sønderjylland and Rebild groups for the Aldersly Christmas Party in December and it was voted on and unanimously agreed that we join with the Rebild Society for the Christmas Party. Reserve the date for the Christmas Party: Saturday December 1 at 11 AM at Aldersly in San Rafael. More information to come.

white clothing and costuming that we could have gone without decorations! But, Salinas traditions would never allow that to happen :) Please RSVP by Oct. 22 to Tim'nNat, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net 831-426-4623 so we know how many places to set and most importantly how much Beer and Sausages to buy! SKAAL! jhg

dogs and non alcoholic beverages provided. BYOB, please bring side dish, salad or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Bob (robertlamee@yahoo.com) 925-819-2784 or Tracy (tnlamee@yahoo.com) 925-819-2785 Hope to see you there, KRT

We hope to see some of you at the Ferndale Installation Labor Day Weekend. Enjoy your day, Susan

Debbie Cruger-Hansen was nominated as our new Vice President, and members voted unanimously to accept Debbie to the Board.

Jeannie thanked everyone for a great meeting and Karen thanked volunteers Lavon, Grace and Debbie for appetizers, and Deb and Per for their fabulous Stjernes kud, and John for the other choice of Open-face Sandwiches and Catherine for the Æblekage dessert.

Our guests, Lena and her sister Minna decided to join Sønderjylland #10. They were duly voted in immediately. Lena is a retired nurse and former hotel and restaurant owner and Minna is an attorney and owns a vineyard in Napa Valley, (Calistoga). Both are from Aarhus in Denmark which made Per very happy as he is also from Aarhus.

Secretary John Cruger-Hansen recapped his and Debbie's recent three-week trip to Denmark, where they attended the Rebild Bakker July fourth Celebration.

The \$10.00 drawing was won by Deb.

The meeting concluded at 12:58 with all singing God Bless America.

The lunch consisted of Danish Stjernes kud Sandwiches, (a Danish specialty) which includes shrimp, smoked salmon and fried and steamed fillet of fish. The Stjernes kud were the suggestion of Deb and Per and were fantastic. A few members opted for traditional Danish Smørrebrød with Leverpostej, Roast Beef, and Herring. The food was all served with the obligatory Danish Akvavit donated by Debbie C-H. This time it was a special aquavit, Brøndums Akvavit.

A special thanks Deb and Per for not only suggesting, making and creating the beautiful and delicious Stjernesked Sandwiches, but also for donating all the ingredients and labor in making them.

A thanks to the Cruger-Hansen's for assisting making the smørrebrød, to Caroline C-H for manning the bar and to Catherine C-H for making the Danish "Æblekage" that was served for desert. Thank you to all those who assisted and helped setting up before and cleaning up after the meeting and a thank you to Inger Marie for doing the dishes and washing up and putting away afterwards.

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

Having fun in Ferndale at our Installation of Officers Sept 1 - 2 Valhalla and Ydun Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday 4:00 meet and greet, 5:30 Installation and 6:30 Dinner. Sunday 10:00 Bocce with lunch at 1:00.

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

Friday August 3, 2018 the Reno lodges added some more smoke to the smoky skies. 18 was in attendance for our "Hot August Night" BBQ and 4 of which were visitors. We had a wonderful spread of everything from tri tips, pork roast, chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers. Salads and dessert as well. Thank you again to Glenn Fritz, for "babysitting" the grill. Didn't want to take any chances for more fires in the area. Also, thank you for cleaning the BBQ and packing it away till next year. Anette opened the meeting during dessert. It was a short meeting and mostly about what will be doing the rest of the year. Anette introduced our 4 visitors. Irene Schack von Brockdorff's cousin Henrietta and her daughter, Angelina was visiting from Denmark. Glenn Fritz's son Glenn Jr. and his girlfriend Shannon also joined us. It was great to meet them all and hope they had a good time.

For our September 7 meeting we will have a Harvest Fest potluck. For October 5, we celebrate October Fest with a potluck. In November we will celebrate Thanksgiving early with a potluck. "We have to talk to Lars Jensen to see if he can make his great turkey". I don't think we will have to twist his arm too much. ☺ Believe it or not – then its December and time for the Christmas Party. "Yes the holidays are just around the corner".

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 Dania Bornholm's August 17 meeting was also Bente Ellis's debut as President. She did a great job, and the meeting went smooth.

We started at 6 PM with light sandwiches and Danish Æblekage for desert. At 7 PM President Bente Ellis called

Without all the help from our members, our meetings would not be as successful as they are.

The menu for the October 13 meeting we will be Varme Pølser (Danish Hotdogs), with all the trimmings. Again Per will step up to the plate and help out, which is fortunate since Per operated a "Pølsevogn" in Aarhus for a while and has lots of experience in how to make and serve the Varme Pølser. We will all again be in for a real authentic "Danish" treat.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 11:30 AM at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

Respectfully submitted, John Cruger-Hansen. Secretary

Reservations are a must. Saturday menu will be Prime Rib or Salmon and Sunday Chicken and Burgers. More to come on this. Christian Nielsen, Secretary

We heard from a little "fairy" that there will be a special birthday party for a special lady. We want to wish Anette and her family a great trip to Denmark. Sena-Marie will open the hall for our September 7th meeting. Safe travels and have fun in Denmark. We will miss you.

At the time of our meeting we didn't have anyone on our sick list, but Ann Kathrine did "stop" by the hospital for tightness in her chest. All tests came out good and she is back home. Sena Marie talked to her and she sounds great. We are also glad that John La Roache is doing better. Here is some good news - we are proud to announce that we have a future new member.

Congratulations to Carl and Helen Christiansen on their 1st Granddaughter! Helen's daughter Grae-Marie, who is also a member, gave birth to Lilla-Marie Roberts on July 25th. Lilla-Marie weighed in at 8 lbs. and 20 inches. Helen wasn't at our meeting, but reports that both mom & daughter is doing great and that the baby has very cute dimples and is very sweet! ☺ We missed you, but you had a good reason to be absent. Our September Birthdays are Leif Larsen, Anette Christensen, Eva Demosthenes, Glenn Fritz, Jennifer Baker, and Bonnie Larsen. Happy Birthday to everyone. Safe Labor Day Holiday and safe travels to Ferndale installation. Take Care Sena-Marie

for the general meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with no changes. The membership draw went to the children's Xmas Fund after no winner was found.

In sick bay we still have Jerry Zoller in the hospital with breathing problems. We hope and pray the doctors soon find and cure the reason for his breathing problems. Mary Zoller is suffering from back problems. She has enough to see to with Jerry, so hopefully she will be well soon. The California wildfires did touch one of our members. Bodil Whitehouse's grass field burnt about 1 acre but was quickly put out. Bills were paid and the membership to the Danish Emigrant Museum renewed. Our Installation on Saturday August 4 was the smallest group we have ever had. Many officers had to be substituted for. It didn't help that we had two key Grand Officers (belonging to Modesto): The Grand President and Grand Marshal to also substitute for. If this is a trend,

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

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

The members of Laura 8 and Danneskjold 17 will hold our next business meeting on September 15, at the home of Bob and Lis Lacey. Lis will prepare lunch and it is important that you call her at 408-379-0844 or e-mail her at lislacey@yahoo.net to let her know if you are coming or not. This will be an important meeting, so I hope most of you will attend.

We have been invited to join the members of the Livermore Branch at the home of Bob and Tracey Lamee on Sept 28. More details at the meeting.

We have had some changes recently in San Jose, Eva Rasmussen has moved to Bend, OR. and Elaine Henson has moved to Seattle, WA. We will miss them and wish

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary, Marie Jaeger

Our next meeting will be held September 5th at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 Noon hope to see you then. Kate Nielsen.

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

it is not worth to have an Installation. The whole ceremony is not working.

On the brighter side we discussed to take a theater trip December 2. The play is very funny and Christmas oriented. The name is "Away in the basement – A church basement ladies Christmas" The play itself and the dinner afterward were in agreement with all the members. The transportation is still up for debate. In the next meeting we need to decide.

Our BBQ September 29 is cancelled due to lack of participation.

Next meeting is September 21. We start with pizza party at 6 PM. Do not miss it.

John

them the very best. Great well wishes go out to Phyllis and Chuck Allman who are all house bound. Good news from Lisa McDaniel, her foot is totally healed from her fall. I spoke with Ellen Jensen today and she is recuperating from a bad fall she had a couple of weeks ago. I hope to make the next meeting as I am waiting for a schedule for back surgery.

Happy Labor Day Holiday to all.

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