



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

November 2018

Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings from Dannebrog:

To start the month of October, Mary Esther and I traveled to Salinas for their installation. We enjoyed the Dansktoberfest and great hospitality.

Next we traveled to Moab, Utah to visit with our daughter Laura and her family. What a beautiful Red Rock Area.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Alan Filiau, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

My month started with a visit to the Fresno to partake in their monthly meeting. They had a nice buffet spread for lunch followed by a meeting lead by Don Pettit, their Combined Branch President. I was impressed by the efficient to get through their business. We had an open discussion about some of the constitutional revisions being suggested by our Committee. This was followed by a trip to Salinas to carry out their Combined Installation with our Grand Officer Team. We were offered some nice appetizers prior to getting on with the show. I am always impressed when we visit a branch that has a large floor space to maneuver all our Grand Officers and local officers-elect. Reno and San Francisco also has this spacious benefit. After the installation a very nice buffet lunch was served and there was ample time for some socializing which is always a great benefit for all of us.

A few days after this meeting I received a memo on a couple of deviations the installing officer made during the Salinas Installation. The reasons were explained and, if needed, they will be addressed in the future. I also received considerable input questioning why there is so much duplication when we install the same officer for Dania as we do for Dannebrog. I have long been an advocate of agreeing to combine these into one universal ritual we all find acceptable. I suggested we pursue that this year, but Dannebrog questioned the timing on this concept. I await the day we can come to that compromise, which I believe will eventually happen.

With these two meetings behind us Marge and I ventured to South Carolina where I attended a National Board of Directors meeting for our Buying Group. The storm that blew through the Southeast missed us by about 100 miles. We trekked on to Florida to see some of our Snowbird friends, from Indiana, who winter there.

Upon our return I got an email from Roger Gearhart regarding an idea he has to set up a Legacy Committee to provide a way for some of our members to contribute to our Danish Society Coiffures. He has asked me to appoint a committee to do some research and come to convention with a proposal. I will do that in the immediate future. I

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want to thank Roger taking on the initiative to for come up with this concept which should be helpful for our long term financial stability.

Recently John and Kirstin Johansen announced that they would be moving back to Denmark by the end of this calendar year. Both of them have been very involved with Dania over many years. John went thru the Chairs as a Grand Officer and became our Grand President, and he has continued to serve as our Webmaster for many years. He also served on many statewide committees in the interest of the Grand Lodge. At Bornholm John was our President and Past President, and he has served as our Key Trustee and provided us with a monthly update on our investments. He was instrumental in providing us with detailed spreadsheets when we did our annual audit. He and Kirstin arranged for and hosted many of our meetings and they always offered to set up prior to each meeting.

They will be truly missed and we wish them well in their move back to their homeland.

John Johansen is drafting a list of the duties for our Webmaster. We will be seeking an immediate replacement for John. I would like to hear from anyone who has the interest and capability to fill this important position. As your Grand President, I will be filling this appointment soon and hope that John will assist in this decision before he leaves.

My final note is a reminder for each Branch President to make certain that our Dania Constitutional Review Committee gets your branch feedback by December 1. If you have any questions please call one of our Committee members. Please check the Newsletter for upcoming holiday parties put on by our various branches and try to get involved to share in the Christmas spirit.

Your Dania Grand President , John Scheuber

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Bornholm #14	2020	
Upcoming Installations		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	February 2, 2019	2085 W. Bullard, Fresno.
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	February 9, 2019	Grosvenor Hotel S. San Francisco
Danneskjold #17 Laura #8	February 17, 2019	Mariani's Inn 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM: The Grand Lodges of Dania and Dannebrog offer our most sincere condolences to Past Grand President Roger Gearhart on the loss of his wife Kathleen.

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

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NEW SECONDARY MEMBERS

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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 John A. Jensen, E-Mail jajensend2@gmail.com Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

October seemed to go by too quickly, but we managed to stop and have a great time at our October meeting. The food and friends were plentiful. Our President Tom Martin and Treasurer James O. Jensen spared no expense in treating us to a wonderful feast. It was indeed a day to break the diet.

The highlight of our business proceedings was preparing for our Christmas Luncheon. If you are reading this, then you are invited! Here are the details, and they may seem familiar to some – It will be in the longue at the Best Western Grosvenor Hotel (380 S Airport Blvd, South San Francisco) on Saturday December 8th. The no-host bar opens at 11:30am and lunch with wine will be served at 12:30pm. Selection is beef or salmon. And as is our tradition, we will follow lunch with Christmas carols, both

in Danish and English. So bring a guest and your best singing voice. There will be a contest for the ugliest Christmas themed sweater, or the most beautiful depending on how you look at it. The price is a measly \$25 for D#2 and T#3 members, \$30 for guests. RSVP with your lunch selections to John Jensen at the email address or phone number below. It's not too early to say *glædelig jul!* Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 14 november*. We gather at about 6:30 for socializing before our meeting at 7:30, and then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. Our long-time member Henrik Nielsen will be treating this month and we are looking forward to another great meal. We hope to see you there!
 Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
jajensend2@gmail.com , 510-299-1855

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

They say the days fly by when you are having fun. We must be having lots of fun here in Fresno.

We had a great turn out of members for our October meeting.

We were glad to have our Dania Grand President John Scheuber come to visit. He spoke about the updating of

the Constitution. We need to read and discuss it in our lodge so we will be able to make an informed decision at the convention in April.

Our Christmas party is coming up and we set the price at \$20. per person. With this low price we are hoping to encourage more of our members to come out and join

us. Our lodge will be picking up the balance of the price. This will be December 7, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. with lunch served at 2:00 p.m. We will have it at the Grand Banquet Room of the Fresno Breakfast House, 2085 W. Bullard, Fresno. You will need to make your reservation with Kay Jensen at 559-289-3461 or Carl Jensen at 559-834-5614, by December 2, 2018. They will need your selection of Beef Tri-tip or Chicken. Cards will be sent to out.

A few of us attended Salinas's installation. The Grand Presidents and Grand Marshals did an excellent job of installing the officers.

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

Dana 15 and Freja 6 is so grateful to everyone who was able to get down to Salinas for our 2nd annual Dansktoberfest and installation of officers. We were very honored to have almost all the Grand Officers in attendance. Everyone looked so festive in their red and white Danskattire! And absolute best dressed as always was Martha and Steen in their traditional Danish costumes.

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

Happy Fall, the holidays are approaching fast, whether we are ready for them or not, so let's just enjoy!

A delicious pot luck was enjoyed at the October meeting. Get well wishes sent out to Rick Reinstein and Bernice Via. Dania paid per capita on 22 members, we are getting smaller and smaller. There was discussion on the revised constitution which will be passed on to the committee. Sue Frederich was the happy winner of the attendance prize.

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

At our meeting held in October, we had a productive discussion regarding the 2019 Convention. Plans are being finalized and we intend have the information and registration form online, and out to the lodge secretaries, by the first of the year.

Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, November 8 at 7:30 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Save the date for our Holiday Party! We will celebrate the holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson, 22211 Cameron Street, Castro Valley CA 94546, on Saturday, December 15th. We'll gather around 6 p.m.

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 held their October 2018 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, October 13. We had wonderful weather, completely calm, and very

Salinas had their now famous guessing game. This year it was how many almonds in the large glass jar, last year it was cotton balls. The closest to the number was our own Grand Marshal Deanna Dunbar. Steen had brought music for folk dancing so Jana, Steen, Jerry Hansen and myself did "Ril Fra Donna" this is a Danish Schottische, which was fun.

I have this hanging on my door, "There is always something to be thankful for" . There are times when we need to be reminded.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!! Martha

The food was tasty and plentiful, we could easily have welcomed a whole tableful of last minute guests! Many thanks again to Ron Nielsen for donating all the beer, which really put the FEST in Dansktoberfest! The next time we gather will be for our New Years holiday feast on January 6, 2019. Hard to believe that's just two short months away! "SKAAL" JHG

Our November meeting will be a little bit out of the ordinary, we will be meeting in Tracy at Kathy Thomsen's house, 4:00, to make aebleskivers. We will be trying out a variety of different recipes, some with buttermilk, or yeast or even bisquick. Making them at Christmas morning will be a breeze now!

Just bring a side dish and your favorite topping. Mine is pomegranate jelly and sugar. Yum! See you, KRT

for beverages and snacks, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you can, please bring your favorite dish to share – an appetizer, salad, hot or cold side dish, or a dessert. The cost is just \$10 per person, to off-set the cost of meat and beverages. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 7 at 510-278-9430, or pab0718@sbcglobal.net. We would also like to continue the tradition begun by George Cumming of donating new, unwrapped toys to the Salvation Army. The gifts collected at the party will be delivered the next day to the Salvation Army. We hope you can join us! Susan

comfortable to have our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 12 Members.

The lunch consisted of Danish "Varme Pølser" (Danish style hotdogs) with all the trimmings, served with the obligatory Danish Akvavit donated by Debbie Cruger-Hansen.

The business meeting was opened at 12:20 by Vice President Debbie Cruger-Hansen by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: All officers, except President Karen Lysmer and Marshal Sabrina Wilcox were present and there was a required number of Officers present to form a quorum.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Cruger-Hansen gave report. There was no new activity of Sønderjylland #10 checking account at Bank of the West as well as no new activity of the Morgan Stanley account. Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Sick Report: Karen Lysmer was unable to attend as she had a flareup from her prior surgery and Sabrina Wilcox is recovering from eye surgery.

Unfinished business: Christmas Lunch will again be at Aldersly where we will join with the San Francisco Chapter of the Rebild Society. Each Sønderjylland member attending will have to pay \$20.00. Our chapter will pay the balance charged by Aldersly. The \$20 is to be paid to the treasurer. The Rebild Society will be sending out invitations. Guests will be charged \$50.00 per person.

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

October we enjoyed a salad potluck lunch. November 3 we will meet for a business meeting at 11:00 with a catered lunch at 12:30. We are starting our food drive for the Ferndale Food Pantry run through Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Money donations are the best so that they can buy the food as they need it. With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, it is this time that they need the donations the most. December 1 and January 5 we will be

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

We met at the Odd Fellow Hall on Friday Oct. 5th - a cloudy rainy night. YEAH - we appreciate the rain. With 26 in attendance as the tradition goes, we celebrated October Fest with a pot-luck dinner. Lots of great food from Sauerkraut & sausage, Sausage & red cabbage, potato salad and much more. Tonight the 5th of October, it was Leif Larsen's birthday and his wife Bonnie brought a huge "Black Forest cake". We also celebrated Anette Christensen's belated birthday and for that, Ina brought a Princess cake. We sang happy birthday in both Danish and English. Very special night for both!

Anette opened the meeting from her "temporary wheelchair" during dessert. We talked about the next 2

Membership dues: The \$30.00 Annual membership dues are usually collected at the Christmas party. The entire \$30.00 amount is then paid to Dania. We pay \$50.00 to the Danish Soldiers Club for each time we use their facility. Lunch fees and Drink money help pay those fees.

New Business. Valentine's Day Lunch: It was suggested we return to the Oakmont Golf Club for the Valentine's Day Lunch. A \$20 per person fee will be charged for each member attending. There were no other suggestions put forth for the Valentine's Day Lunch.

We will have a short meeting at the Christmas Party to elect delegates for the Annual Dania Convention in Modesto in April 2019. Usually the President of Sønderjylland attends the convention. Sønderjylland pays up to \$300 for hotel etc. per person and pays the attendance fee. It was suggested the Vice President and Secretary could attend also.

It was discussed if we should have an Installation of Officers in August 2019. M.S.C. unanimously to have an installation of officers. There was no installation in 2018.

Membership drawing: Member Deborah Johansen's name was drawn but since she was not present, the prize will be \$20 at our next regular meeting on Saturday March 9, 2019.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 11:30 AM at Kastania Fæled, Petaluma.

John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

having catered lunches, so get your reservations in so that the committee can plan for the event. Remember that December 9 we will be holding our Christmas party with the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood and on December 15 we will be holding a Lucia Festival at Calvary Lutheran Church in Eureka sponsored by Balder Lodge. The holidays are upon us, take time to enjoy family and friends. Happy holidays from Ferndale. Christian Nielsen

months meetings. November 2nd will celebrate an Early Thanksgiving feed. Lars is roasting his "yummy" turkey. Anette asked members to bring food to share that goes with a Thanksgiving dinner.

Then it is time for the big Christmas party on Friday December 7th. We will start at 6 pm with Gløgg and Aebleskivers, 6:30 pm St Lucia performance. Around 7 pm dinner, Traditional Danish Smorgasbord. After dinner we will sing and dance around the Christmas tree. Steve Myers, our "NISSE" will perform for Kids and Adults alike, then pass out presents to the children. Members are asked to bring a small gift for each of their children or grandchildren, with their name on them, so the "Nisse"

does not have to guess. We will finish the evening with a raffle!

You Must R.S.V.P and prepay by Friday November 30th! Each member can bring one (1) guest. Prices are as follows: \$20.00 for non-member, \$15.00 members, \$5.00 per child 4-12, children 3 years and under free along with Lucia performers. Please E-mail Lars Jensen lgj100@gmail.com with all the names of all the attendees, incl. free children. Any questions Call Anette at 775-771-5424. Anette asked any able bodies to help set up tables and anything else that needs to be done. We will be meeting at 2 pm.at the Lodge.

Good of the order: Great news, the Valdemar Lodge has a new member. Ted Johnsen, WELCOME.

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

Hoping you all had a good Halloween with lots of little ghosts and goblins and goodies. We had a great time at our October 19th meeting with an Octoberfest theme and dinner. We celebrated October birthdays for members Matthew Meeks, Jim Jorgensen and Alvin Olsen. We also welcomed back two members who have not been able to attend over the last few months—Danielle Higby and Jerry Zoller. We missed you and hope to see more of you in the future.

We were saddened to accept the resignation of our current Trustee John Johansen effective the end of the year. He and his lovely wife Kirsten have decided to return to the “Motherland” to be with family and friends. They have

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Laila Solyst, lailaspring@hotmail.com

Nov. 17, Laura # 8 and Danneskjold # 17 will meet for lunch at noon at the home of Bente Ellis, 5410 Estrada Olnos, San Jose.

This will be a Business Meeting and nomination of officers for the coming year. I hope we can all make it and don't forget to call Bente to let her know if you will be attending or not. We will also make final plans for our Christmas Lunch.

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 November 7th 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

Our sick list: Nina Sawyer was in the hospital with stomach problems and a week before that, she hurt her leg and was on crutches. She was in attendance at our meeting and doing well. Donna and Mike said that Janet Pulsipher had fallen again and now has a caregiver. Hope she will be better soon. Anette is doing well after her ankle surgery. Thanks to her son, Glenn and daughter, Lisa, they drove her to and from the meeting. For our November birthdays: Lone Webb, Susanna Powers, Grand Vice Marshal Donna Vanderbeck, Denise Rosaia, and Nina Christiansen. Happy Birthday to all! Before I close I want to thank Nina Sawyer for helping her “stupid cousin” with my new phone that is smarter than me. Happy Thanksgiving to all. Enjoy the family. Take Care. Sena-Marie

both been very active for years and always participated in all of our events. They will be missed by all.

We ask for your prayers for members Jerry Zoller and Max Stowers who are experiencing some serious medical conditions over the next few months.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 15th at Familia Bistro, 2501 McHenry Ave. We start at 11:30 with a no-host cocktail hour. Cost is \$30 per person. Reservations should be made with John Scheuber at (209) 541-4092 or e-mail him at john.scheuber@vsi.cc Deadline for reservations is December 8. Please let us know as by that date if you need to cancel. We look forward to seeing you all again. submitted by Ann Stowers, Secretary.

I am now living in my lovely Hollister Ranch House and enjoying every minute here.

Maud Hansen was in the hospital but is home now and feeling some better. Britta was also in the hospital for some surgery but is also home now.

I heard from both Eva Rasmussen and Elaine Henson, who have both moved out of state, and they are both well and adjusting to their new surroundings.

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